

Fairport, Newark youths do chores with cheer

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FAIRPORT — When it comes to cleaning bedrooms or taking out the trash, many teenagers move about as slowly as rush-hour traffic along the Interstate 490 East construction zone.

Thus, parents may actually be shocked to learn that there's actually a group of Fairport youths who willingly sacrificed a week of their summer vacation to perform chores — for seven hours each day.

Fifteen members of the St. John of Rochester parish youth group spent Aug. 7-13 performing a variety of service duties in Hartford, Conn. They were accompanied by adult chaperons Maryellen Bashaw, Marilyn Johnston and Father Brian C. Cool, who serves as St. John's parochial vicar.

During this effort, titled "Young Neighbors in Action," St. John of Rochester joined forces with approximately 100 other youth workers from various parts of the United States.

St. John's youths prepared for the Hartford excursion by attending workshops and performing service projects in the Rochester area over a three-month period, working with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. The group raised funds for the trip by sponsoring car washes and candy sales.

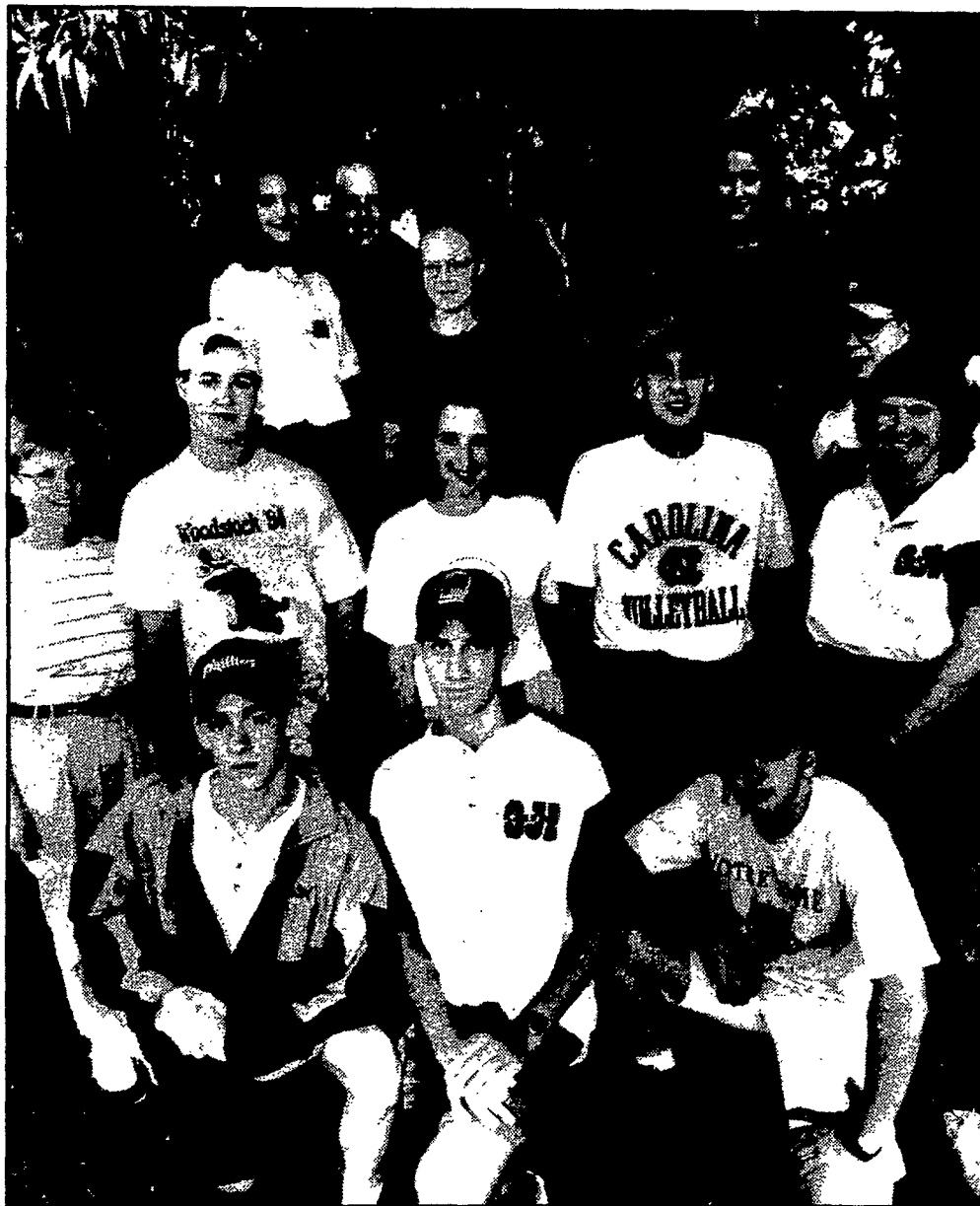
During their one-week stay in Connecticut, St. John's workers stayed at the University of Hartford. Each day began with a morning prayer at 7 a.m., followed by community work from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Evenings consisted of educational sessions and more prayer.

Much of the youths' efforts were concentrated on three sites in the Hartford area: St. Agnes House, a facility for single mothers; St. Elizabeth House, a shelter and soup kitchen; and the Salvation Army building.

Primarily their work consisted of painting and maintenance. They also had the opportunity to mingle with various city residents who utilize these facilities.

For Johnathan Woika, one of his most vivid memories occurred when he "played with the kids at St. Agnes House."

Karrie Butera noted that this was her first extensive exposure to inner-city life. "It was a great learning experience. When you come home it really hits you,



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Teenage and adult members of the St. John of the Rochester youth group spent Aug. 7-13 volunteering for 'Young Neighbors in Action,' a service project which took place in Hartford, Conn.

western New Yorkers and a group from Green Bay, Wisc. "They call water fountains 'bubblers,'" he remarked.

Big team effort in Newark

While Fairport's teenagers took their goodwill efforts on the road, a youth contingent from Newark's St. Michael Church recently performed similar labors of love right at home.

A total of 47 youth-group members set up a massive work camp at a house on Newark's East Avenue while the family residing there — a single mother and her four children — was attending Kamp Koinonia in Yates County.

St. Michael's youths spent July 31 to Aug. 3 renovating the house. They were assisted by 12 adult supervisors, as well as several additional volunteers from the parish, the neighborhood and the Cur-sillo movement. According to St. Michael youth minister Debi Housel, approximately 200 people in all contributed their time to the project.

This group collaborated to repaint the house's exterior, caulk windows, make electrical repairs, and perform extensive landscaping. To celebrate this effort, an outdoor Mass was held on the property Aug. 2.

Housel noted that youth workers viewed their experience not as an infringement on their free time, but as a worthwhile educational opportunity.

"They were thankful because they learned skills," said Housel.

She added that St. Michael's teens will continue their volunteerism efforts this fall, when they go back out into this Wayne County community to help prepare senior citizens' residences for winter.

how much you have," she said.

"It basically opens your eyes and heart to what happens elsewhere," added Jason Scheerens.

Yet David Yuhas discovered that, for some, the Hartford area serves as a safer environment than in other cities. "I met one guy who moved from Brooklyn to Hartford because he constantly had to look behind his back while he was in Brooklyn, because he thought somebody was going to rob him or shoot him," Yuhas recalled.

On a more humorous note, Yuhas compared cultural differences between

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