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Father Brian Cool (wearing dark cap), Tim Jensen and Chris Hart (wearing light cap) enjoy a golf outing at Victor Hills Golf Club. The trio hit the links frequently during Father Cool's three-year internship at St. John of Rochester Church in Perinton, where Tim and Chris are parishioners.

ster Institute of
ology's Catholic
is Parish.
er Cool, 30, had
experiences as a
ith Father Catanise.
t time, Father
se was serving in Fa-
ool's home parish of
ry's in Auburn.
would go to concerts
er. It was more than
eing him on Sundays,"
Cool recalled.
"buddy system," so to
is employed by priests
ges. A good example is
Gennaro Ventura, a re-
riest who frequently
diocesan retreats.
er known as "Ace" Ventu-
he younger set, the 77-
d priest makes a regular
e of livening up retreats
is wit and enthusiasm. Dur-
losing Mass at Camp Stella
last month, he even per-
d a dance step resembling a
el Jackson moon walk — to the ap-
g roars of the young congrega-

ought he was hysterical," said
Ernst, 16, from St. Cecilia's
h in Irondequoit.
en also got a chance to chat with Fa-
ventura earlier that weekend as she
me friends set out for an early-morning
y Conesus Lake.
ended up talking to him for 10 or 15
es. He was just very friendly, asking us
e were doing on the retreat," Karen re-

re Rochester Diocese, this friendly atti-
egins right at the top. Bishop Matthew
rk stayed for entire weekends at the past
iocesan Youth Conventions, and in 1993
rneyed to Denver with hundreds of dioce-
uths for World Youth Day.
noted that the bishop, by going jogging
ome teens at last year's Diocesan Youth

Convention, revealed a side unlikely to surface
when he attends to administrative matters.
"He seems a lot different, a lot more open. A
lot of my friends said that, too," Ben remarked.
Ben added that the efforts of these priests
are well worth the time invested.
"When the priest and bishop talk to the
youths, they make it a lot more personal. It's
not just church on Sundays," Ben remarked. "It
helps people get in better touch with the
church."



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