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duties at St. Pius X Church in

And, because St. Pius X teens were not

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permitted to serve in such roles as

lectors and eucharistic ministers, Nick's

liturgical ministry involvement came to a

"It was a lot different. I didn't feel I

However, beginning last spring, youth

minister Amy Wilson formed a coalition

of teens who are eucharistic ministers

Mass. From the start, Nick has filled

both roles at these Masses.

and lectors at a special monthly Sunday

"I was happy. I felt like I was doing

something else to help the church," Nick

with adults serving regularly in liturgical

roles, this trend may soon change at St.

Pius X – and many other diocesan

announcement by Bishop Matthew H.

In a Jan. 15 letter to diocesan pastors

and pastoral administrators, the bishop

called for each parish to include youth in

parishes - following a recent

Although these teens aren't integrated

was as involved at Mass," said Nick, 16.

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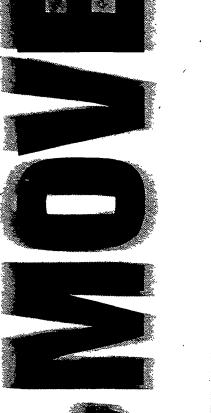
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parish policy requiring altar servers to

Gambino ceased his altar-serving



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# Story by Mike Latona

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# Upcoming Supplements

## ARMCHAIR COLLEGE FAIR

Publication Date: Feb. 20 - Deadline: Feb. 6 (Bonus distribution to high school juniors & seniors) Our Armchair College Fair supplement provides an up-to-date review of higher education for readers young and old - from the high school junior just starting to consider college options and the senior who's been postponing her decision, to the empty-nesters looking for ways to broaden their horizons.

## RETIREMENT

**'GIFTED TO SERVE' GUIDELINES** Parishes in the Diocese of Rochester are encouraged to fully integrate their young people as liturgical ministers to serve as lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers, greeters/hospitality ministers, music and art ministers using the following as guides:

- All young people, with particular focus on adolescents, will be provided the opportunity based on their baptism, to volunteer for liturgical ministry in their parishes.
- The candidates should show physical, mental, and spiritual maturity appropriate to their age level.
- The parish will provide proper, adequate, and age-appropriate training for the respective ministries.
- The candidates will be expected to show respect and reverencethrough proper behavior and attire that is age-appropriate.
- The parish will provide ongoing support from the adult community that encourages a sense of welcome and advocay as the young people are

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Bishop Clark stated in his letter that it is his "hope and expectation" that parish leaders will begin implementing new diocesan guidelines "immediately."

all phases of liturgical ministry.

### Publication Date: March 20 – Deadline: March 6

The approach of the "golden years" is of special interest to Courier subscribers. This special supplement will offer retirement information from the unique perspective provided by Catholic teaching and values. Areas to be covered include financial planning and money management, volunteering as a way of keeping active, travel and health-related issues for seniors.

## MILESTONES

## Publication Date: April 17 - Deadline: April 3

This third-annual supplement will honor the significant achievements of priests and religious celebrating jubilees of their vocations, and of those who are retiring from active ministry. It will provide biographical sketches of those in the diocese celebrating such milestones, and will focus on their lives as models for others considering vocations.

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