

on the MOVE



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Upcoming Supplements

ARMCHAIR COLLEGE FAIR

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(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

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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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'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 reverence through 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 advocacy as the young people are fully integrated into these various liturgical ministries.

Two and a half years ago, Nick Gambino ceased his altar-serving duties at St. Pius X Church in Chili. He did so reluctantly, due to a parish policy requiring altar servers to step down after eighth grade.

And, because St. Pius X teens were not permitted to serve in such roles as lectors and eucharistic ministers, Nick's liturgical ministry involvement came to a complete halt.

"It was a lot different. I didn't feel I was as involved at Mass," said Nick, 16.

However, beginning last spring, youth minister Amy Wilson formed a coalition of teens who are eucharistic ministers and lectors at a special monthly Sunday Mass. From the start, Nick has filled both roles at these Masses.

"I was happy. I felt like I was doing something else to help the church," Nick said.

Although these teens aren't integrated with adults serving regularly in liturgical roles, this trend may soon change at St. Pius X - and many other diocesan parishes - following a recent announcement by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

In a Jan. 15 letter to diocesan pastors and pastoral administrators, the bishop called for each parish to include youth in all phases of liturgical ministry.

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

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