

MOVE on the

Story by Mike Latona • Photo

HELLO



When you simply can't get your viewpoint across to your parents, how many times has this short phrase appeared in your mind and on your lips?

You just don't understand!

To a certain degree, the words are true. Parents can't possibly understand everything going on in a teen's life. It can also be equally perplexing for teens to figure out where their parents are coming from.

However, as the following families point out, the key factor in good communication is to at least *try* to see each other's perspective.

Karen Barg, 16, said that her parents "don't like my music at all — not at all."

She added that neither seems too thrilled about her wish to get her eyebrow pierced.

Yet Karen said these differences are mild compared to the comments she heard while taking a class on par-

ent-teen communication.

The exercise was held last month as part of her religious-education studies at St. Patrick's

Church in Macedon.

"A lot of the kids said they don't talk to their parents at all — just to

their friends," Karen noted. She added that some of the issues that teens avoided with their parents were "sex, boyfriends and girlfriends."

On the other hand, Karen said that her parents, Tom and Kitty, consider no topic to be taboo in their household.

"I'm very grateful I can talk to my parents like that," Karen said.

Her father stated that because society has become increasingly permissive, parents cannot afford to shelter their teens from issues previously considered to be "adult"

topics. "Everyt... seems to b... dangerous... threatenin... absolutely... ferring to... kids have... light drug... cocaine an... give your... possibly g... "You've... discussion... "Karen gi... a while, b...



Keeping the lines of communication open at the dining room table are (left to right) Melissa Minelli.

Upcoming Supplements

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.

TRAVEL & PILGRIMAGES

Publication Date: May 15 - Deadline: May 1

As readers look ahead to summer plans, this supplement will tempt them with choice locations while serving as a planning guide for domestic and foreign journeys. In addition to offering tips for choosing sites and making arrangements, this supplement will highlight shrines and other religious sites of special interest to Catholic travelers.

GRADUATION

Publication Date: June 13 - Deadline: June 1
(Bonus distribution to graduating students)

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