

# On the MOVE

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## Upcoming Supplements

### TO LIFE

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The Consistent Life Ethic, which promotes dignity of all human life from conception until natural death, is a key priority for the Diocese of Rochester. This special section, timed in conjunction with Respect Life Month, will deal with protecting and nurturing life through advocacy and direct action on such issues as abortion, infanticide, capital punishment, euthanasia and aid to the poor.

### RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

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This special supplement will address various aspects of vocations and mission work in today's church - from the motivations of young men studying for the priesthood to the efforts of women religious mapping the future of religious life; from the dwindling vocations statistics in the United States to the burgeoning numbers entering religious life abroad.

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For some people, striking up conversations with a roomful of strangers is the most natural act in the world.

For others, the mere thought of mingling can provoke genuine fear.

Such was the case with Faith Pleckan, a parishioner at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Greece. Not too many months ago, there was only one comfortable spot for her to sit during Sunday Mass: between her parents.

"At church I was so nervous. I

didn't talk to the people," Faith, 13, remarked.

Fortunately, Faith found that shyness is not incurable. She said she purposely challenged her social ills by spending more time with parish youth-group members.

"Inside, I wasn't sure if I could be myself - or wanted to be myself - in front of them," Faith said. "I was kind of scared they were going to do something like ignore me, or not let me participate."

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