

on the MOVE

Youth ministers

are many things to many people

— and they're all good things, according to

people interviewed for this story.

We caught up with numerous teens at the Diocesan Youth Convention, held Aug. 4-6 at SUNY College at Geneseo, to ask them what they like best about their youth minister.

"I think she's a really good leader, she relates to teenagers really well. She plans really good field trips and she's good at getting teams involved."

• Devin Callan, St. Paul's in Webster, on Kristine Mich



Sue Drexel (left), youth minister at St. Joseph/St. William in Livonia and Conesus, swings around one of the teens from her youth group, Rachel Maier, 16, at the Diocesan Youth Convention at SUNY Geneseo on August 5.

"I want to be a youth minister, and I learn from Sue. She tells me the good things about youth ministry — she shows me by example."

• Greg LaForest, St. Joseph/St. William in Livonia/Conesus, on Sue Drexel

"She's caring of our group. She's got a lot of good stories that talk about our faith."

• Jonathan Hema, Transfiguration in Pittsford, on Maureen Piles

"They're always inviting us over to watch a movie, or going out with us. And they're always there for us. I'm always talking to them about something, personal problems or whatever."

• Meghan Murphy, Tioga Catholic Community, on Dan and Anita Martin



Carla Lorenzetti (left) dances with her youth minister, Kitty Peterson, of St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls, during the Saturday-evening "Fun for All" at the Diocesan Youth Convention on August 5.

"She's very easy-going. She's fun and she does a good job."

• Teresa Wilcox, Roman Catholic Community of the 19th Ward, on Kathleen Kalinowski

"She's very involved and is always available for us to call if we have a problem."

• Colleen Foley, St. Margaret Mary in Irondequoit, on Corky Wightman

"She's into the kids and she does what we want to do instead of having her run everything."

• Amanda Pasciak, St. Dominic's in Shortsville, on Andrea Record

Jen. Curatolo, a volunteer youth-ministry assistant from St. John's in Spencerport, hugs a teen during the Diocesan Youth Convention.



"She's like a kid. we can relate to her. She makes it a lot of fun!"

• Korie Martin, St. Michael's in Newark, on Mary Dundas

"You can trust her for every word she says and she won't judge you for your actions. I think the most important aspect is how trusting she is. (And) she wears (trendy) black Filas."

• Mark Perkowski, St. John's of Rochester in Fairport, on Maryellen Bashaw

"She really gets you going when you don't feel like doing anything."

• John Fisher, St. Mary's in Bath, on Mary Carol Wall

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