

ON THE MOVE

Youth Convention 2002: Lots of thrills and chills

For the last eight years, the Diocesan Youth Convention took place on a rural college campus in the middle of summer. However, shorts and sandals gave way to parkas and chattering teeth when the convention's Mass kicked off near the Liberty Pole in downtown Rochester April 6.

Approximately 300 teens and 85 adults braved 35-degree temperature — and a biting breeze to boot — for a special beginning to the convention's Saturday-afternoon Mass. Despite the chill, conventioners' joyful spirit was evident: They willingly complied with celebrant Father Bob Werth's numerous urgings to shout "Hallelujah!" and "Thank you, Jesus!" as curious passers-by stopped to check out the commotion.

Father Werth, pastor of Rochester's Roman Catholic Community of the 19th Ward, then led a renewal of baptismal vows, concluding with the sprinkling of holy water — practically holy *hail* by that point — over the throng.

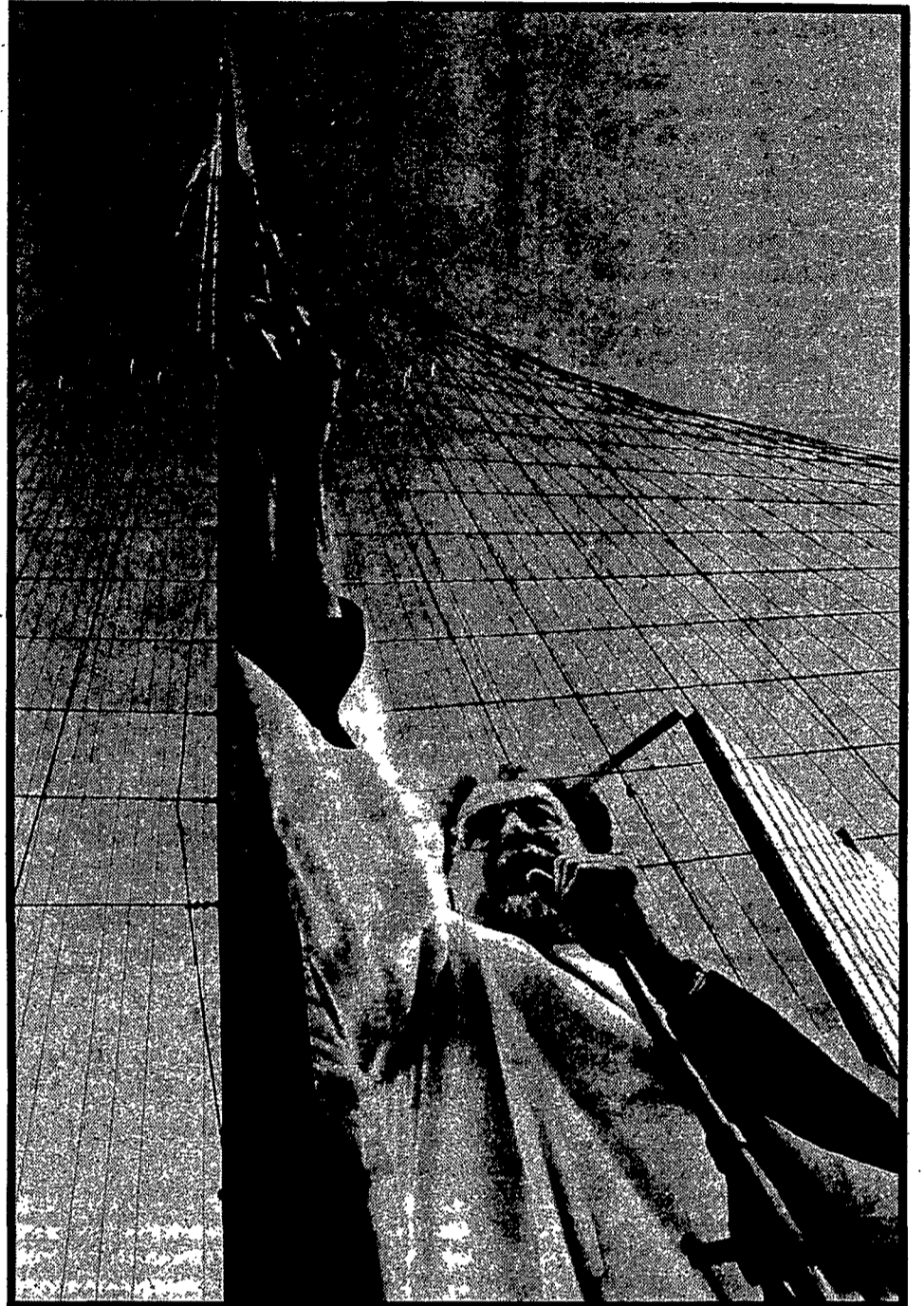
"It was kind of a John the Baptist thing — except he was in the desert and was warm," 17-year-old Greg Barbieri later remarked. A parishioner at St. Margaret Mary in Apalachin, he said he caught the holy water "full in the face, even the short person that I am."

From 1994-2001, the Diocesan Youth Convention had taken place in early August at the State University of New York at Geneseo. The date and location were changed this year because a large diocesan contingent will be busy in late July with another major event — World Youth Day with Pope John Paul II in Toronto.

Moving to downtown Rochester meant a return to the long-time setting for Bishop's Day with Youth, forerunner to the Diocesan Youth Convention. That daylong event took place each spring until 1993 and featured several workshops as well as an appearance by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Those elements, and much more, were visible April 6-7. Convention organizers took full advantage of the urban setting by conducting an April 6 "Mindfulness Walk," in which participants split into several groups and prayed at such notable downtown sites as the Public Safety Building, Federal Building, Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial, and Rochester Public Library. From there, the groups walked in prayer to the Liberty Pole to meet and begin Mass.

The Liberty Pole scene was a major highlight of the weekend for Tabita



Father Bob Werth of the Roman Catholic Community of the 19th Ward gets the crowd going at the start of the April 6 Mass opening the Diocesan Youth Convention. Nearly 400 teens and adults gathered near the Liberty Pole in downtown Rochester, then marched to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center for the rest of Mass.

Torres, 17, a member of the Roman Catholic Community of the 19th Ward. Being with hundreds of people publicly celebrating their faith made her "proud to be part of something so special, so meaningful," Tabita told the conventioners during a closing talk she gave April 7.

The large crowd then proceeded down Main Street to continue Mass inside the Rochester Riverside Convention Center,

where the convention had begun earlier that day. As part of the opening program, Bishop Clark and Rochester Mayor William A. Johnson Jr. had addressed the youths and had been followed by energetic music from keynoter Vince Nims, a nationally acclaimed, self-titled "Roamin' Catholic" musician.

Following Saturday's Mass, participants set out on a dinner experience that was far different than

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