



Photo by Susan McKinney

Gary Smith finds his new sister Anne, a Vietnamese orphan, full of fun. Anne's doll is a gift from a friend of the Clarks.

No Rice, Please; Pizza Will Do

By BONITA BALDWIN

"Our home is open only to love of God, love of man, smiles and positiveness."

This motto is printed on a sheet of blue paper and taped to the front door of the home where Gary and Beverly Clark live with their six children. Six children since April 18, that is. Before that Friday evening the Clarks had five children: Michaelle, 10; Kristin, 9; Gary, 8; Andrew, 6; and Thomas, 3.

Gary and Beverly had always hoped to have six children, they said last week at their home in Rochester. They wanted to adopt one, but most adoption agencies do not place children in families that have five children already. The Clarks applied to an international agency for an overseas child and said that they would accept a child of mixed blood, an older child, or a child with a handicap that they could handle.

They applied and waited. April 18 their international agency contacted them saying all adoptions were off and to please reapply in three months. That was Wednesday.

Friday, Miss Catherine Wobus, casework supervisor at Catholic Family Center called them late in the morning. There was a child on a plane leaving Los Angeles. Would they accept her?

The airline's stork delivered the Clark's daughter eight hours later. They named her Anne Joan. She is six years old, tall, skinny, black, and active. She came with a Barbie doll, two oversized dresses, a blanket, and a toothbrush.

Right now the Clarks don't know much more than that about their little girl from Vietnam, and they probably won't until she learns to speak English. To date she says everyone's name, including Mommy and Daddy; no, O.K., and I'm sorry.

The Clarks said they think she may have come from a Catholic orphanage. She is apparently Catholic since she came through the International Catholic Relief Services, enjoys Mass, and crosses herself. Anne was apparently well cared for in Vietnam. "She loves. She's an imp and a showoff and

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Death Knell for CICP?

The Executive Committee of the Council of Inner City Parishes has recommended to its member parishes that the organization be disbanded. The member parishes and organizations are voting on the proposals this week and if two thirds agree, the CICP will be dissolved as of June 30.

The member parishes are Holy Redeemer, Immaculate Conception, Mount Carmel, St. Bridget's, St. Francis Xavier, St. Lucy's, St. Michael's. Also members are the Office of Human Development and the Spanish Apostolate.

The executive committee in a meeting April 27 at St. Francis Xavier parish accepted a resolution which stated that "recommendation be made to parish councils and member organizations for the total dissolution of CICP as of June 30, 1975 or as is legally advisable."

It further stated that "part of this recommendation is that the CICP delegate immediately to a coordinating team consisting of four members from inner city parishes appointed by the ordinary of the diocese to work with three diocesan representatives to begin immediately to set up a process to help develop, generate and evaluate proposals for funding programs related to the seven inner city parishes now considered a part of CICP. Furthermore they would be our spokesmen for possible future funding."

The members thus are voting on two possibilities — dissolving the CICP and, in that event, on whether to establish the coordinating team to carry on in its stead.

The executive committee action came because "we just seemed to be bogged down on getting programs started or generated," said Father Anthony J. Valente, CICP chairman. "We had been geared primarily to handle the schools problem. Now

when we had to start whole new fund-processing procedures we did not feel that the proper vehicle was using the CICP Executive Committee."

Because of the bleak financial picture, the CICP in February voted to close its schools, also as of June 30. At that time the diocese said that its annual \$200,000 payment was still committed to the CICP.

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The diocese moved one step closer to the DPC last week when Bishop Hogan presented Sister Binsack with the letter appointing her as its executive secretary.

Sr. Binsack Named To DPC Position

Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM, religious education coordinator for St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street, last week was named executive secretary of the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

The 31-year-old Sister of Mercy has been a member of the Pastoral Council Formation

Committee since it first met in June 1971.

Her one-year term of office begins with the convocation of the DPC on June 13.

Besides her administrative and secretarial tasks, Sister Binsack

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FATHER KRAUS

Father Kraus Ordination Scheduled

The words of Jesus "I will make you fishers of men," have been taken as the theme for the ordination to the priesthood of Stephen R. Kraus. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will ordain Father Kraus at St. Andrew's Church on Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The newly-ordained will celebrate his first Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Sunday, May 11, at 12:15 p.m.

Father Kraus is the son of George and Lucille Kraus of Colebrook Drive. He attended St. Andrew's Seminary, St. John-Fisher, Becket Hall, where he received a BA in English and a BS in Music; and St. Bernard's Seminary where he received an M. Div.

His field education includes work at the Monroe Community Hospital and County Home and at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Father Kraus served his CPE at Hillcrest Medical Center, Tulsa,

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Our Farmers... Lest We Forget

My dear People,

The crush of so many urban problems which cry out to us for justice and reconciliation can easily distract us from that other more invisible group, the rural poor. We must be aware, and always with gratitude, of the men and women who labor to put food upon our tables.

Our diocese is basically a nonmetropolitan diocese. We take great pride in the rich fruit belt along Lake Ontario, the breath-taking scenery of the fields along the Finger Lakes, the truck farms, and the dairy farms that blanket our 12-county diocese.

Have you noticed also the stark trailer homes of the rural poor; long dilapidated sheds that sometimes house the migrant and his family; the burned-out remains of a home which resulted from an inadequate heating unit; older persons who remain in the country living lives that

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