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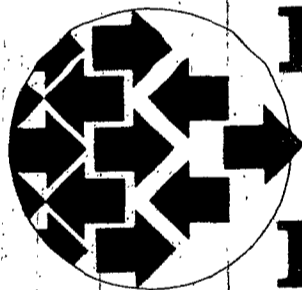
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Photo by Susan McKinney

The James Gillette family grew larger last week when they welcomed the Than Dac Gnos, the first Vietnamese refugees to be placed in the area by the diocesan Catholic Family Center. The Gillettes are James Jr., Bernadine, James, and Lita. In front are Tram Thai, An Thai, Dung Thai and Than Dac. The families were brought together Saturday, June 21.



**REFUGEES—
A PLACE TO LIVE
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The Refugees Arrive

By JOHN DASH

Holley — They do not smile, the little ones. They come only reluctantly to the front steps of the house to have their picture taken. We do not see them at play. The story goes that on their first night here, An and Tram took the pillows from their bunks and stole silently into the room where their parents lay sleeping to lie all night on the hardwood floor.

These are children who remember the last day of Saigon.

Out here, on a back road some distance from the rural com-

munity of Holley, Than Dac Gno, his wife Dung (Isoong) Thai Gno, and their two children are starting a new life.

They are guests of James and Volita Gillette and family.

It comes up at a faculty meeting at SUC at Brockport, Gillette says. Somebody makes a joke about helping the refugees from Vietnam, which suddenly makes him realize it isn't a laughing matter.

He talks it over with Lita that evening and she gets on the phone to Father Robert Collins

whom she knows through Marriage Encounter. Soon the Gillettes are on the roster the Catholic Family Center is keeping of families who are able to help the Vietnamese refugees.

Three a.m. in Indiantown Gap, Pa., Saturday, June 21. After two months of processing and waiting in this refugee camp, the machinery will again turn and carry them to yet another strange place. Than and Dung speak softly in Vietnamese. They share their hopes, their fears, their courage. They worry out the night over the Gillettes, Dung recalls. They decide, on trust, on hope, Gillette adds.

Later in the day they disembark at the Monroe County Airport and are taken in tow by the Travelers Aid.

"Are you the Gillettes?" the agent asks.

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Report on LaPaz: We Should Go Back

By JOAN M. SMITH

A repressive government which is "sour" on foreigners, centuries of Inca superstitions, Bolivians' distrust of their fellow countrymen, and extreme poverty are obstacles the Rochester Diocese's parish of St. Joseph the Worker in LaPaz, Bolivia is fighting.

The weapons to combat these difficulties, according to Father James J. Marvin, pastor of St. Ambrose and president of the Priests' Council, are evangelization, social education, and work with the young. These tasks are now being tackled by a Bolivian parish administration headed by the national soccer star, Jorge Jimenez.

A year ago Father Marvin visited Bolivia to help transfer St. Joseph's parish to the Archdiocese of LaPaz. This entailed the removal of the Rochester missionary teams. He recently returned from an evaluation visit to the parish with recommendations for further diocesan personnel commitments there.

"We have a need here," he emphasized. "We have to show our concern with people" to remind us here that the church is bigger than just Rochester."

He has discussed his report with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, and his recommendation will be studied by the Pastoral Office along with other proposals which include advertising for applicants. The work is painstaking and frustrating, he said, with the seeds of accomplishment perhaps not sprouting for generations. "Tell it like it is," he stressed.

He proposed a thorough screening of applicants and proper training, which he suggested could be achieved through affiliation with the Maryknoll Association. He also will recommend at least a five-year commitment on the part of the applicant.

Sacramentally the LaPaz parish is taken care of by three Bolivian priests who visit on week-ends to say mass, baptize, and perform weddings. What is needed are teachers and social workers to help change the environment.

Presently, the most important work is with the catechists who through other lay people spread the word of the gospels.

Of the 40,000 LaPaz Catholics an estimated 200 go to mass, but this contrast in figures isn't a concern. There isn't a logical

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Your Heritage

The Courier-Journal today begins a series of bicentennial snapshots of American history as it involves Catholic life. The series has been prepared by the Diocesan Bicentennial Commission under the supervision of Father Robert F. McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary, historian for the diocese.

July 2, 1829. Four black Catholic women of Baltimore, at least three of them exiles from Santo Domingo, took their vows as members of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. This was the first religious order for black women established in the U.S.A. (Two other similar orders were founded here later: the Sisters of the Holy Family, in New Orleans, 1842; and the Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, in Savannah, 1917.) The Oblate Sisters (and those of the other two communities) have from the start engaged in educational and charitable work among black Americans. During the desegregation years of the 1950s, all three orders opened their doors to young women of white and other races.

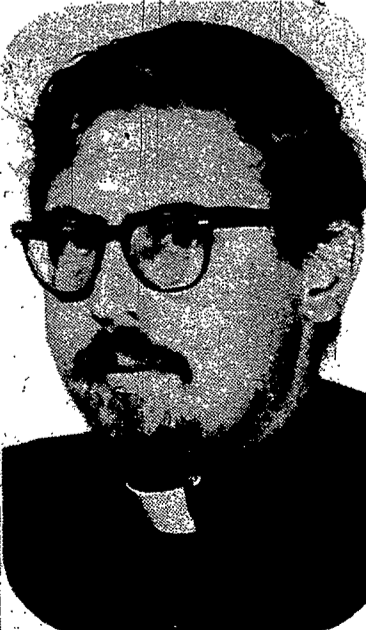
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Jesuit Ordained In Eastern Rite

Williamsville, N.Y. — Father Tomas F. Sable, SJ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Sable of Rochester, N.Y. was recently ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Michael J. Dudick of Passaic, N.J.

The ceremony took place during a Pontifical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 29, at St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church here where Father Sergius Bachovsky, OSB is the pastor.

Father Sable recently completed his studies at the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago. Previously he taught Latin and Greek at McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester and at Canisius High School in Buffalo. He did his undergraduate college work at Boston College and obtained a master's degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.



FATHER SABLE