

Vietnamese in Diocese

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St. Mary Our Mother Church. Coletta said that they made two bedrooms available to the Nguyens but that the children preferred to sleep with their parents. "Some things you change and some things you don't," Coletta chuckled. Nguyen works part-time for Coletta in the Italian Pantry.

Jim and Bonnie Yannie of Perkinsville sponsored a young couple and then their parish, Sacred Heart, sponsored the husband's mother and three brothers. Now they are all living together in an apartment in Perkinsville. Huang works part-time for a farmer in Perkinsville and struggles to learn English, but two of his more recently arrived brothers, one a former seminarian, are depressed because they have no work.

The Nurnbergs family expects to move to its own apartment soon. Dinh, who speaks English, is employed as an order clerk for Brady Supply Co. in Elmira.

Nga and Phuong live in the housekeeper's quarters in the Clyde rectory. Phuong is still without a job, but he wants to work to buy a car.

An apartment has already been found for the family sponsored by St. Thomas More. Everyone in that family speaks English and the father is highly educated, having a degree in animal husbandry. Mrs. Harer said that he has a good chance of working in a biology lab at the University of Rochester.

The sponsors enjoy telling stories of their experiences with the refugees. Brown took the Vietnamese children to the circus. He had children's tickets for them, but the girl taking tickets questioned the age of the oldest child. When she asked his



Mr. and Mrs. Le van Phuong with Father Coonan.

age he could only reply, "I'm fine thank you. How are you?"

Coletta said that it is like eating out when Mrs. Nguyen cooks. Mrs. Nunberg agreed that Vietnamese dishes are delicious and explained that in Vietnam only the very poor eat lobster, crab, and clams because they can catch them themselves. Chicken is a delicacy. Dinh wanted to fish in the Chemung River to help feed the family. They had to explain that a fishing license for an alien would cost more than the fish.

Mrs. Harer said that the St. Thomas More group is making plans to teach their family how to shop in the U.S. One person has volunteered to take them to the public market each week. "We're trying to expose them to the things that seem most familiar," she explained.

The Vietnamese have reacted differently to the American culture. Dinh has learned enough English in the past five weeks to tell Coletta how impressed he is with the friendliness here.

The former colonel is surprised by the fast pace of life and finds Americans always looking to the future. In Vietnamese culture people tend more to look back. For example, here birthdays are celebrated and there days on which relatives and friends died are commemorated.

Dinh continues to ask the Nurnbergs what papers he should carry in case the police stop him. His family was also harassed by frequent bad checks in Vietnam. They can hardly believe the freedom here.

In Clyde, Nga explained that they miss Vietnam, but that here life is better. She often mentioned children in Saigon with not enough food to eat. Nga has no idea what has become of her own large family.

Miss Boella at CFC said that sponsor-refugee relationships have been excellent. She added that more sponsors are needed. Coletta advised anyone considering sponsoring a family, "Do it! Do it for yourselves." With true optimism he added, "In a few months there won't be any left!"

The Church 1975



Fr. Andrew Greeley

The Jesuit magazine "America" has completed its sell-out to romantic enthusiasm. Its recent symposium on charismatic healing shows that the editors have abandoned all restraint, all intelligence, and all good taste in favor of simple-minded emotionality. For those of us who remember the "America" that used to be, such a sell-out is a first-rate tragedy.

The Catholic Church has always been cautious and restrained in the face of claims of the miraculous. It demands carefully-documented evidence, conducts long, careful and precise investigations and then ends up with the very moderate announcement that there is nothing in the marvels that is contrary to faith.

The contributors to the "America" symposium are utterly innocent of such restraint and caution. They have seen the marvelous; they have tasted the power; they have found the answer. Documentation and evidence are useless; they feel the power of faith, and in the joy which comes from such feeling moderation is thrown to the winds.

There is no mention of the convulsions which affect some of those who have been the targets of charismatic healing; no reference to the lawsuits which have been entered against some self-anointed healers; no hint that in Ann Arbor (charismatic land par excellence) healers have been barred from hospitals because of the guilt they create among patients whose faith is not "strong enough" to respond to the power of healers.

And if the editors of "America"

are aware of the very considerable literature on faith healing — a literature which, to say the least, dictates caution — they certainly don't show it.

Indeed, the only caution that "America" has displayed in recent years has been saved for ethnicity and for serious and careful social science. "America" has been very cautious indeed on these subjects and has urged caution on everyone else.

One article comes dangerously close to blasphemy. The author compares Jesus to Hitler and Mussolini and uses the cry of "Duce" as appropriate for Jesus. The Lord, he tells us, gives us a sense of corporate power not unlike that which the Fuhrer and the Duce gave to those hypnotized crowds which chanted their praise. Only the power of Jesus, he quickly adds, is a "good" power and not bad.

The comparison is enough to make one want to vomit. The power of Jesus is not of this world. He was meek and humble of heart and fled the cries of the power-dazed crowds who wanted to make him king. The response Jesus seeks from us is not one of power but one of faith and love. Jesus did not come to distribute to us marvelous powers of healing.

He used his own with caution and used his own with caution and restraint. Jesus came to preach service to the least of the brothers. The only power in the Gospel is the power of service. To confuse service with wonder-working is to fall victim to the temptation of the scribes and pharisees.

There is something terribly blasphemous about the whole healing cult. God alone works miracles. Occasionally saints seemed to have had the power, but they have used it with caution and restraint — never to beat others over the head with it in an orgy of romantic enthusiasm. To publicly claim such powers for oneself, to use these powers indiscriminately, to demand that others acknowledge that one has the power, is to make oneself like God. I believe the archangel Michael had an appropriate response to a previous claimant.

Charismatic Gatherings

The following Prayer Groups are predominately Roman Catholic in attendance. This directory has been compiled and will be maintained by the Communication Committee of Catholic Charismatics in Rochester. Additions or deletions should be mailed to Mrs. Donald Mikel, 3000 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester New York, 14617

SUNDAY

St. John the Evangelist (Spencerport)
60 Martha St
Spencerport
Frank Ferris 352-4218 8 p.m.

MONDAY

St. Rose's Church (women)
1985 Lake Ave
Lima
Jean LaBore 582-1319
following 9 a.m. Mass

St. Stephen's Charismatic Community
DeSole's High School
cor Pullney & High Sts
Geneva
Mrs. San Venuti 789-8557 8:15 p.m.

TUESDAY

St. Augustine Rectory
410 Chili Ave
Rochester
John & Betty Bunce 235-0235 8:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Prayer Group
3681 Lake Ave
Rochester
William & Mary Buechel 663-7645 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Maranatha Prayer Group
7369 E. Main St
Lima
Bill & Bobbie Buechel 624-4259 8 p.m.

Chadash Prayer Community
830 Clarkson-Hamlin Townline Rd.
Hamlin
Helen & Warren Lynch 964-2498 7:30 p.m.

Holy Cross School
4488 Lake Ave.
Rochester
Frank Kirchgessner 865-2650 8 p.m.

Sept 5—Mass, 8 p.m. Father James Moynahan celebrant, St. Lawrence Church, 1000 N. Greece Rd., Greece Sacred Heart Prayer Group

Sept 12—Introduction to Life in the Spirit Seminar (in addition to weekly prayer meeting), 8 p.m., St. Lawrence Church, 1000 N. Greece Rd., Greece Sacred Heart Prayer Group

Sept 18—Mass, 8 p.m. Father Ronald Harley celebrant, St. Paul's Church, 783 Hard Rd., Webster St. Paul's Prayer Group

St. Michael's Prayer Group (women)
3681 Lake Ave
Rochester

Mary Buechel 663-7645 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Prayer Community
479 Covewood Blvd.
Webster

Dick & Mary Mahany 671-1845 8 p.m.

Emmanuel
132 Illinois St
Rochester

Judy Costello 654-9597 9:30 a.m.

Donald & Mary Lou Mikel
3000 St. Paul St
Rochester

266-3749 8 p.m.

St. Pius X Prayer Community
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester

Bob Dunning 247-3740 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

St. Anne's Prayer Group
1600 Mt. Hope Ave
Rochester

Margaret Whitnev 461-1656 8 p.m.

Santo Spirito
St. Francis (old school)
314 Bay St
Rochester

Jose Malave 342-7759 7 p.m.

Israel Santana 482-1252 7 p.m.

Upper Room Prayer Group
St. John's School
W. DeZerg St.
Clyde

Joseph DiSanto 923-7865 7:15 p.m.

St. Charles Prayer Group
St. Charles Borromeo Church Nursery
3003 Dewey Ave.
Rochester

John Taffner 663-4851 8 p.m.

Women at the Well (women)
151 Dalia Lane
Rochester

Mary Termini 544-5211 12:45 p.m.

St. Paul's Prayer Group
St. Paul's Church
783 Hard Road
Webster, N.Y.

John Paille, 671-6090, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

St. Augustine Rectory
410 Chili Ave.
Rochester

Marty Lynch 385-1035 8 p.m.

Armand & Kathy Tanquay
311 Tobey Rd.
Pittsford

381-1949 8 p.m.

Oct 5—Mass and teaching, Father Allan Lammany special guest, Diocese of Albany, afternoon and evening, St. Paul's Church, 783 Hard Rd., Webster. Additional information to follow St. Paul's Prayer Group

Oct 10-12—1975 Eastern General Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Atlantic City, N.J. Details from Eastern General Conference, P.O. Box 356, Rutherford, N.J. 07070

Listings for future events may be submitted to Mrs. Frank Ferris, 31 Ballard Ave., Spencerport, N.Y. 14559.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Group
St. Lawrence School
1000 N. Greece Rd.
Greece
Klaus Schulz 392-9646 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Burgess
W. Union St Extension
Newark
331-3847 9 p.m.

St. Monica's Church
34 Monica St
Rochester

John & Rita Donnelly 328-1332 4 to 5 p.m.

John & Rita Donnelly
9 Ellicott St
Rochester

328-1332 8 p.m.

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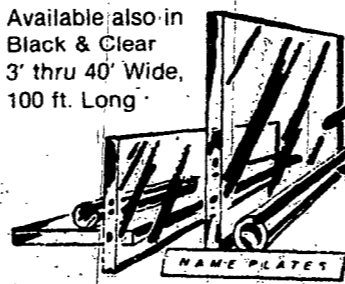
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