



Huy-v-Tong meets Bishop John E. McCafferty after the Vietnamese people's Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

A New Home For Vietnamese

The first Christmas in a new home is always something special. And the coming together of 140 Vietnamese refugees in Sacred Heart Cathedral to celebrate their first Christmas Mass, Dec. 22, was just such an occasion.

The cold evening and the imposing structure of the cathedral formed a strange background to the Vietnamese language. The handshakes and smiles were as warm as any called for by the traditional American Christmas spirit.

Many of the participants in the Mass were from the Rochester area. Several were from

Buffalo, including Father James Linh, the celebrant.

Following the Mass an informal party took place in the parish hall. There, adults and children enjoyed cookies, punch and candy. One table featured a small, solitary snow man surrounded by dozens of candy canes.

Fathers and mothers held shy youngsters as they were introduced to new American and Vietnamese friends.

For many, especially the younger children, our established traditions were a new experience.



Father Joseph D'Aurizio offers a youngster a bag of Christmas candy.



Christmas cookies and candy were popular with youngsters.



Sister Theresa Tuyet of Buffalo greets Huy-v-Tong after mass.