

New Refugee Program Launched

By U.S. Catholic Conference

Washington — An appeal for assistance in relocating 11,000 additional refugees from Southeast Asia — now living in "dreadful conditions" in Thailand — has been issued by Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference.

In a letter to all U.S. bishops, he said that initial emphasis in the project — a continuation of the already massive U.S. Catholic Church effort to relocate Southeast Asian refugees — will be on "the reunion of families."

Approximately 4,000 of those still in refugee camps are members of families whom American Catholics have helped to resettle, according to John E. McCarthy, Director of USCC Migration and Refugee Services, which will coordinate the program. McCarthy said the 4,000 were separated from their families in the frantic flight from Vietnam related to the South Vietnamese military collapse in the spring of 1975.

After the "family unification" project is completed, Archbishop Bernardin's letter said, "consideration will be given to refugees who were former citizens of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam."

In all, McCarthy's office will be expected to find relocation opportunities by October for 6,000 of the 11,000 refugees granted admission to the U.S. The balance will be resettled by other American volunteer agencies.



Sponsors Sought for Vietnamese

The Catholic Family Center is seeking sponsors for Vietnamese families who wish to move to the Rochester area. Those requesting sponsors are, for example, interested in living in a large city, want to be united with relatives here, or are looking for a better job market. The Nguyen family, pictured above, is living in the Philippines, and their brother, who lives in Rochester, has only recently discovered their whereabouts. He wishes to bring them here, but a sponsor is needed. Persons and parishes wishing further information should contact the Catholic Family Center (716) 546-7220.

After completion of this effort, U.S. Catholics will have sponsored 66,000 Southeast Asian refugees out of a total of 146,000 coming to this country, McCarthy reported in March that, of the 60,000 residing here then, 60 per cent were "independent of further assistance."

Meanwhile, the total number of refugees in Thailand is 80,000. France, Australia, Canada and Germany also are making arrangements to provide homes and jobs for those displaced by Southeast Asian turmoil.

Liturgy Office Plans Workshops

Instead of staging its usual August Liturgy Institute, the diocesan liturgy office will be "putting the show on the road," by holding liturgy workshops in various regions of the diocese this year.

The announcement was made this week by Father Robert Kennedy, director of the office, that plans are in the works to organize "Focus on Parish Worship" workshops during the Fall and Winter "to provide comprehensive dialogue with parish liturgy committees."

He said the workshops will have the same format as the usual institute: General sessions and small

group workshops will assess the work and responsibility of parish liturgy committees and provide some practical help for committee concerns.

He also noted that prayer, Eucharist and social time will occasion "the building of a spirited community of friendship."

"We hope that 'putting the show on the road' will maximize the benefit to parishes and reach people who have been unable to attend the institute in the past," he said. A priests' day will be slated for each of the sessions, Father Kennedy noted.

Villa Honors Volunteers

A buffet supper honoring volunteers at St. Joseph's Villa was held last week. The event is a small way to show our appreciation for the many services performed by the dedicated men and women of our community who give of their time and talent to youngsters in need of someone to care. Sister Phyllis, director of volunteers, observed.

Honored this year were 134 volunteers who serve to visit families, as big brothers and sisters, tutors, recreation and clerical aides.

Guest speaker for the event was Max McCarthy, a volunteer associated with the villa for 17 years. He and his family first served as a volunteer family in the children's visiting program. McCarthy is vice chairman of St. Joseph's Villa Advisory Board.

Business in the Diocese

Peter Carpino, has been appointed communications director of the United Community Chest of Greater Rochester. He previously was assistant to the director for community affairs at Rochester Mental Health Center. A graduate of St. John Fisher College, Carpino received his MA degree from the University of Texas School of Journalism. He also worked as a public information specialist at the Austin (Texas) State School for the Retarded, the Texas Department of Health, and the Texas Commission on Alcoholism.

The Brown Square Development Award for outstanding improvement in new construction was presented to Rochester Gas and Electric Corp. in recent ceremonies.

The award provides recognition for RG&E's modern architectural treatment of a structure housing the electric substation at State and Commercial Streets.



Rochesterian Honored

Brother Ralph Carpenter, a Rochester native from St. Andrew's parish, recently was honored for 30 years of service as a Brother. Archbishop Jean Jadot, the apostolic delegate to the United States, presented the award to Brother Ralph at a recent ceremony in New Orleans. Brother Ralph is a member of the Missionary of Sacred Heart order and is stationed in Aurora, Ill.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

I have written about the practice of certain economies in this space before. Some of them, for yours truly, were precisely what Ben Franklin under the guise of Poor Richard was speaking about when he coined "penny wise and pound foolish."

There was the salad dressing I picked up last weekend on the shelf on one of Rochester's largest and most respected supermarket chains.

A quart marked from 89 cents down to 39 cents was a house brand and since a lot of the salad dressing I use goes into a mixture of catsup and green tomato relish and comes out disguised as thousand island dressing I took a chance.

Besides, I just knew, that this wonderful supermarket chain wouldn't try to pull a fast one; no matter that the potato chips they marked down were so limp and damp that even the birds wouldn't eat them.

So I put it in the cart and wended my way home. Curious to see what exactly I had purchased I unscrewed the cap before stowing away the jar and took a taste on the end of a teaspoon.

I have never tasted crankcase oil but this is somewhat the way I imagined it would be. Harsh, pungent and unpleasant. Since returning it would take far more gas than the cost of the dressing I am looking through my household hints box for a homemade furniture

polish which suggested using mayonnaise. I do not plan using it on anything of value but the rider-mower looks like it could stand a little shining up.

There have been other such "bargains." The wonderful, inexpensive shampoo that turned all our heads into the texture of thatched nests; the breakfast cereal that turned limp and soggy before the milk was even added; and the discount store sheets which continue to smell of the permanent press solution through 10 washings.

Not all of my economies, however, have turned out so disastrously. One of them has worked fantastically, healthwise, price-wise and satisfaction-wise; to speak in Madison Avenuese.

A year or so ago, if you remember, the sugar processors decided to take us all to the cleaners. It may have been one of the best things that could have happened. Balking at the price of \$3 per five pounds we limited our use to an occasional teaspoon of the white stuff on morning cereal.

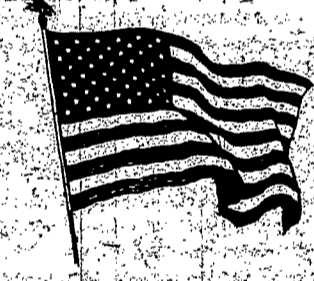
Six months ago we decided not to make any more desserts; figuring fruit was best and the sweet tooth could be sated once a week or less by visiting the local ice cream emporium for a cone.

Iced tea brewed from bags, cooled and sweetened with artificial sweetener became the house drink.

I bought sugar only when the supermarket speialed it for 88 cents. I had not realized just how successful the campaign to desugar the kitchen had been until the other day when I found hidden behind the canned goods two five pound sacks forgotten and untouched. Dr. Yudkin (the respected British physician who says sugar is akin to poison) would be proud.

FIELD MASS

The 59th annual Field Mass of the Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary will be offered at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Sunday, June 27, at 10 a.m. The celebrant will be Bishop Dennis W. Hickey.

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