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Diocesan Family

Gathers for

CHRISM MASS

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The diocese gathered as a family, filling Sacred Heart Cathedral last Tuesday evening, for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass, the occasion when Bishop Joseph L. Hogan consecrates Sacred Chrism and blesses the holy oils used in the anointing of catechumens and the anointing of the sick.

Present at the cathedral were nearly 130 priests who joined religious and laity from around the diocese. Also noted in the congregation were several members of the Protestant clergy.

Concelebrating with Bishop Hogan were the Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty, and the regional coordinators: Fathers Albert

Cason, Bernard Dolen, Joseph Gaynor, Emmett Halloran, Richard Hart, Elmer Heindl, Foster Rogers, Walter Wainwright, Anthony Valente and Msgr. William Roche.

Readers for the evening were Robert Connors, Dorothea Denninger and Deacon Timothy Horan.

By coincidence, the day of the Chrism Mass celebration also fell on the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach. Noting the occasion, Father David Fedor, who played the organ for the rites, played Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C Major, prior to the grand entrance procession.

The music for the Chrism Mass included Latin hymns, a responsorial by Cathedral choirmaster Anthony T. Continued on Page 2



Bishop Hogan raises his hands in prayer over the vessels containing the holy oils and Sacred Chrism as Father Michael Conboy, his secretary, holds the text of the rites at last week's Chrism Mass.

Photo by Susan McKinney

Joining the bishop in the blessings are Auxiliary Bishop McCafferty, left, and Auxiliary Bishop Hickey. Other photos page 18.

Asian Refugees Face Deadline

The Office of Human Development is looking for sponsors for two Southeast Asian families, "to get them in under the wire," as Kevin Cullen puts it. The refugee quota is filling rapidly, he said, and these are large families.

One of them, 11 Laotians in three generations, faces a double deadline. The mother is six months pregnant; in the eighth month, no airline will accept her as a passenger, Cullen said.

The others, eight Vietnamese, are "boat people."

Cullen said that any local family or parish that might act as sponsors would have the direct assistance of Catholic Relief Services, through an agency "visitor" stationed in Buffalo.

According to CRS information, the Laotians have been in a Thailand refugee camp since they fled the communists two years ago. The father is Seng Vue, 36. He and his wife,

Chue Vue, have three daughters and three sons, ranging in age from 18 to 2 — the youngest having been born at the camp. In addition, there are two grandparents and another grandson. They are Catholics.

The "boat people" are Buddhists. They escaped Vietnam last Jan. 15 and are in a Singapore camp. The father, Thai Nguyen, 40, was a businessman, but he adopted the fisherman's life to construct a cover for the

boat maneuver. The family includes his 36-year-old wife and five daughters and a son, ages 13-2.

Cullen said the currently filling quota was 7,000 persons to begin with — an extension of the 15,000 limit that Congress set last October. "It is possible," he observed, "that this is the last chance" for Southeast Asians to get into the United States.

"We know," he continued, "that there are at least 150,000 refugees in camps in Thailand alone, and we know that these people were displaced as a result of the Vietnam war."

Anyone interested in the details of sponsorship may call him at the OHD, 328-6400, or Gail Kowalski at 599-3898. She heads Refugee Resettlement of the Genesee Valley, an ecumenical group, and she and her family have sponsored a Southeast Asian family.



Dr. Cassidy in New York

Dr. Sheila Cassidy, the British physician who was imprisoned and tortured in Chile in 1975, speaks at a recent New York press conference. The 40-year-old physician and would-be Catholic nun, who just completed her autobiography, *Audacity to Believe*, said she had made a decision to enter religious life during her Chilean stay. She is now trying to lead a monastic life, stripped of worldly possessions and is following a structured routine of prayer, study and manual labor, in a small cottage on the grounds of the famed Benedictine Abbey at Ampleforth, England. (RNS)



State Champs!

The 1978 New York State Class A Basketball Champion Notre Dame Crusaders, from left, front, Mike Gustin, Carl Schiefen, Steve Agan, Coach Michael Johnston, Lacey Fulmer, John Kelley, and Phil Matthews; back, John Long, Jim Duncan, Jeff Sobkowski, Steve Ramich, and Dan Sowers. Missing is Terry Brophy.

Series Continues

Next week, the Courier-Journal concludes its two-part series on the impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the civil rights of black Americans. Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Francis of Newark will explore the meaning Dr. King and his movement had for black Catholics, and how they responded to his call to justice and equality.