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Refugees to Come . . .19

Three Southeast Asian refugee families, sponsored by parishes or parish groups, will arrive in the diocese sometime next month. The Catholic Family Center has been helping with the efforts and is looking to diocesans for greater participation in the resettlement program, especially in light of recent reports of the Vietnamese "boat people."

Pope Stresses Rights .15

Pope John Paul II, in a missive sent to the United Nations recently, has stressed the need for recommitment to the principles of human rights, especially of rights of freedom of worship.

New Guidelines10

Considering Judaism to be an "incomplete faith" or to try overtly or subtly to convert Jews to Christianity are unacceptable to the Diocese of Brooklyn's ecumenical endeavors. Guidelines for ecumenical dialogue in Brooklyn shortly will be published and will contain these admonitions.

IRS Draws Fire3

The Internal Revenue Service has drawn fire from many Church groups which operate schools. The service is holding public hearings on a proposal which would allow it to tax private schools operating under the guise of religion but actually promoting segregation. Church groups, including Catholic, are commending IRS's intent, but blasting its methods.

Exceptional Religion .21

St. Michael's Parish in Newark has an unusual program operating, one of ecumenical religious instruction. There is another distinction the program holds. All of its students are mentally retarded.

Christmas Effort20

Father Neil Miller has a list of more than 200 families who needed assistance at Christmas last year. Unable to meet the need himself, he enlisted the aid of the Chemung County parishes. The cooperative effort worked so well, he's repeating it this year.

Bishops Act10

The nation's bishops have decided to permit reception of Holy Communion in both species. Mail ballots returned by prelates who missed the November meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops carried the proposal, which failed to pass at the meeting. A proposal for a national collection to underwrite use of the communications media in evangelizing also was approved when the absentee votes were counted.

CHD Time19

It's time again for self-help groups to write their resumes if they're going to ask for financial help from the Campaign for Human Development. Applications are available at 750 West Main, and must be filed by Jan. 31.

Another Kind of Christmas

This week, the Courier-Journal concludes its listing of the diocese's 100 neediest persons and families. Those 100 stories however, are only a fraction of the stories of misery, loneliness and impoverishment being lived each day in our diocese.

These stories sober us in the midst of merriment, of the holiday shopping, the decorating, the sending of greetings to friends.

For many of our brothers and sisters, the standard trappings of the holidays either are a wistfully remembered happiness long ago, or are cruel reminders of the harshness of lives endured at the edge of desperation.

Ten years ago the Courier-Journal, in conjunction with diocesan Catholic Charities instituted the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund to help such people at this time of year.

All monies donated during the appeal are channeled through various of the Catholic Charities' agencies directly to those most in need. None of the money donated is used for administrative costs.

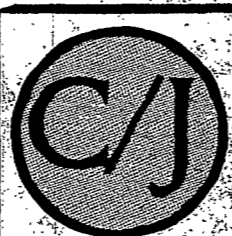
Those wishing to do so may contribute to a particular case, but because some receive a great deal of attention and others none, the administrators of the fund must use their expertise to make sure that as many people as possible are helped.

Contributions should be sent to:

Courier-Journal
Christmas Fund
Care of
Catholic Charities
50 Chestnut St.
Rochester, N.Y. 14604

Deadline

Today, Wednesday, Dec. 20, is the deadline for next week's issue. Because of the holiday schedule, news releases and letters intended for publication Dec. 27 must be in the Courier-Journal office by noon.



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