

# Area Parishes Respond To Asian Refugee Plight

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An immediate response can be made to the horror stories which seem to appear daily in the press about the more than 20,000 refugees floating in small boats in the South China Sea, the "boat people." That response is to call the diocesan Catholic Family Center.

The CFC is the officially designated Catholic agency in the area for resettling refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia (Kampuchea).

As a matter of fact, through the offices of the CFC, three families will arrive next month, under the sponsorship of three area parishes.

Sometime in the middle of January Fairport's Church of the Resurrection will welcome the six-member family of Ly Chan Kiet, a former businessman in Vietnam.

St. Mary of the Assumption in Scottsville has sponsored the eight-member family of Quach Nam Vue, who traded in herbal medicines in Vietnam.

Also in January, the family of Huynh Van Thoi, an 11-member group will be welcomed by a number of parishioners at St. Salome's Church.

Angelina Boella, who, with Jim Guinan, heads up the CFC effort for refugees, said last week that her office is able to make presentations to parishes considering sponsoring a refugee family.

Guinan noted that the primary responsibilities of a sponsor include finding housing, and furniture, arranging for schooling or training, and helping with employment and medical care.

"Through the United

States Catholic Conference, the refugee family is given some small financial assistance to help with initial resettlement," he noted.

It also was pointed out that the federal government provides for the transportation costs to this country.

The sponsor's commitment "is more a matter of time than money," James Maloney, CFC chief, said last week.

Persons who are interested in sponsoring Southeast Asian refugees are asked to call Angelina Boella at (716) 546-7220.

Quoting an anonymous source, Miss Boella observed that "Sponsoring a family can be a joy rather than a burden, a lesson learned far more than a lesson taught and a spiritual enrichment totally unexpected."



## Holdes Classes

An unusual program of continuing education for the residents of St. Ann's Home/The Heritage, being conducted by SUC at Brockport on the St. Ann's premises recently featured a lecture on gerontology by Mrs. Marjorie A. Brooks, a Brockport faculty member.

## Budget Review, Selection of Bishop Only DPC Topics

Sister Mary Ann Binsack, Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) executive secretary, has announced that in concurrence with Bishop Hogan's wishes as the apostolic administrator, the DPC "will be continued for the sole purpose of participating in the Selection of Bishops process."

Also, Bishop Hogan said that the "diocesan planning process will continue through the Ministerial Review Committee."

Therefore, Sister Mary Ann has notified members, the scheduled DPC meeting Jan. 20 will have only those two items on its agenda. All other business presently before the DPC will be postponed until a new bishop is selected and installed, she explained.

The status of the scheduled March 17 meeting will be discussed at the January meeting.

The Selection of Bishops Committee, which is now coordinating the effort to determine the needs of the diocese and a profile of the type of bishop the diocese wants, derives from the DPC.

The council recommended formation of the committee, after hearing Bishop Hogan support it, at their Nov. 20, 1976, meeting.

Since then, the committee has been reporting regularly to the DPC. DPC members also were asked to complete questionnaires themselves.

The Ministerial Review Committee is involved in year-long deliberations on the diocesan budget. The DPC comments periodically through the year on the committee's work.

DPC members also received a copy of a letter sent by Brother Brian Walsh, DPC chairperson, to Bishop Hogan. The letter includes several items for which he thanks Bishop Hogan, and the statement, "The disappointment that we feel at your retirement is overshadowed by our delight that after nine years of 'rejoicing with those who rejoiced, and weeping with those who wept,' you will be afforded the time and energy to restore your own health."

## Christmas At the Cathedral

Bishop John E. McCafferty has scheduled eight Christmas Masses at Sacred Heart Cathedral, all with music except the one at 7 a.m. Christmas Day. Each celebration will begin with the blessing of the crib.

As he has for many years, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will offer the Family Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday, Christmas Eve, and he will decorate the tree with home-made ornaments the children bring him. The parish folk group will sing carols.

Carolling will begin 15 minutes before the 7:45 p.m. Mass planned for teenagers and young adults.

The rector and his associates will begin a High Mass at midnight; after an hour-long concert by the adult choir. On Christmas Day the Masses will be at 7, 8:30, 10 and 11:15 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.



## Tidings of Great Joy

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

And the angel said to them "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;

for to you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

St. Luke 2:8-14

## Action Groups Alerted To CHD Deadline

The Campaign for Human Development now is receiving applications from self-help groups for grants to help them carry out their work. Applicants should obtain the necessary papers before Dec. 31, Carol Lloyd, diocesan director advised last week. Filing deadline is Jan. 31.

"Funding priority is given to projects that attempt to bring about positive institutional change in situations where people are poor and deprived of participation in the decision-making process," she said.

CHD money collected each November in the Catholic churches of the nation is allocated on a non-denominational basis to

groups involved in health care, legal aid, housing, social and economic development, education, transportation and communications. Priority is given to projects that directly involve poor or oppressed people, attack the basic causes of poverty, foster institutional change, can serve as models for other efforts and will benefit large numbers of people. Applications are available at the local CHD office, 750 West Main, Rochester, N.Y. 14611; telephone 716-328-6400.

The Campaign for Human Development was begun in 1970 by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The national office is at 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

## Life Mass

A Eucharistic "celebration of life," will be observed at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor, will celebrate the Mass which is sponsored by the North Region Ad Hoc Family Life Committee. It is expected that the committee will sponsor other such events throughout the new year.

## New Years

There will be dancing New Year's Eve in St. Mark's Church hall. Reservations should be made by Dec. 23 with Nan Apsey, 392-9142, or Agnes Frank, 392-2370, days; Shirley Mulliger, 227-5036, after 4 p.m.