



Participants in the St. John Parish Family Retreat pray for healing in their community.

## Parish Retreat Draws 200 to Week-long Event

Spencerport — More than 200 parishioners of St. John's Parish each evening in a recent week attended a special parish family retreat entitled "Set My People Free."

The unusual program was team led by Father Edward Palumbos and Fred and Bette Brown, and hosted by Father Robert J. Winterkorn, pastor, and Father Matthew Kawiak, associate.

Each evening during the week was focussed on a different sacrament. The

highlights of the week were the penance service and the communal anointing service.

A parish spokesman said that the goals of the retreat were to provide "a time to be quiet and a time to build community — to be for all people in the parish."

The retreat "was very much a community building time," the spokesman said.

Father Palumbos, associate at the Church of the Annunciation, is well known for



A banner proclaimed the retreat's theme.

his work in Marriage Encounter. The Browns also are leaders in Marriage Encounter.

# 258,868 Refugees Await Resettlement

More than a quarter million people are waiting in Southeast Asia for resettlement in a permanent home, the Catholic Family Center revealed last week in the first issue of Refugee Resettlement Report, a newsletter for Asian refugees here and their sponsors.

The report states that, as of Jan. 30, there were 141,335 refugees in Thailand; 53,842 in Hong Kong; 30,872 in Malaysia; 29,808 in Indonesia; and 8,000 in the Philippines, Singapore, Japan and other countries.

The newsletter is the work of Barbara Letvin, a staffer for resettlement at the Catholic Family Center, who also works in sponsor recruitment and follow-up.

According to Angelina Boella, program supervisor, the newsletter will be published each quarter.

In an introductory message, Miss Boella stated:

"Since June 1979 alone, we have resettled more than 225 Laotian and Vietnamese refugees sponsored by their own family members, their friends, or by church or civic organizations. Thirty-eight churches from the 12-county region of the Diocese of Rochester have become sponsors. We could not accomplish this without the support and help of so many volunteers throughout the diocese.

"This Year of the Family has special meaning for refugees and sponsors. We are given the opportunity to help

one family begin a new life again in this country: a life of promise, hope, hard work and sacrifice — and of loving support from American friends."

The refugee resettlement program is headquartered at 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604; (716) 546-7270.

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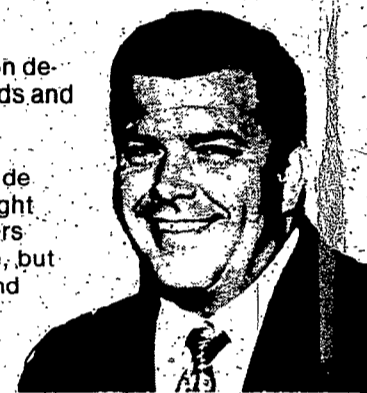
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Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

## 'Healing' Is A Mystery

Dear Father Hohman, I believe that there are priests, ministers and others who are able to heal people. I realize that not all healing "works," but why aren't the healers going into hospitals and institutions where I am sure there are many people who have the faith to be healed? Many of these people are unable to get out and wouldn't know how to go about a healing.

I would like to know how to get in touch with a healing priest or other legitimate healer. Every once in a while I hear of people being healed, but it is never publicized as to how one can go about it.

I have an uncle who has been hospitalized with emphysema for four years, and will be until he dies. If it weren't for this disease he would be a very active person. However, since he is barely able to breathe, he cannot move about. I would like to see him have a chance for an improvement, if not a complete cure.

(Signed) M.G.

Dear M.G.,

I am sure you mean by your first sentence not that priests and ministers are able to heal people, but rather that they are God's instruments in healing. The question of healing itself is a great mystery in many ways, since it is a reality which can hardly be denied and it is certainly a part of the Christian ministry to those

in need. But you make it sound as though every person who has a physical ill has the possibility of being physically healed. That is not necessarily true. If it were, then Jesus in His ministry would simply have healed everyone in sight. I do not know whether lack of faith is the only obstacle to healing. I think not, because probably the healing which takes place in eternity is simply a delayed form of the healing which may take place here and now. Physical healing has to be seen within a more total picture of life and its meaning. In Jesus' death we have the beginning

of His resurrection, in the sense that His surrender of Himself to suffering in accordance with God's will opened the possibility of a new and higher life. That is equally true for people who suffer in this life.

I cannot give you any real answer to the mystery of healing any more than I can give you an answer to the mystery of suffering.

It cannot be disputed, as I have said, that healings do take place. It is therefore not only legitimate but a beautiful act of faith to seek healing for your uncle. The thing that must be done, however, is to place yourself entirely in the hands of an all-loving God who will determine the nature of the healing and the time thereof. Once we believe fully in the love God has for us we will be certain of healing in the form that He determines.

## Deaths

### R.J. Crego

Mass of Christian Burial took place Monday at St. John of Rochester Church in Fairport for Richard J. Crego who died April 2.

Mr. Crego was director of audit and assistant treasurer at the University of Rochester. He was 64.

He joined the university staff in 1946 and served successively as assistant

bursar, associate controller, associate director of budgets, and director of budgets. He was audit director in 1966.

A native of Utica, Mr. Crego was graduated from Fordham University in 1938 and served in the Navy from 1944 to 1946. He is survived by his wife Gertrude, five sons, a daughter and several grandchildren.

### M. Schiavo

Michael Schiavo, 84, of Hollywood, Fla., formerly of Rochester, died Sunday, March 23, 1980.

Mr. Schiavo owned and operated the Schiavo Shoe Repair on Dewey Avenue for more than 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mrs. Mary J. Schiavo; a son, Col. Sam

Schiavo of California; a daughter, Mrs. Stephen (Lucille) Caramia; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Mass of Christian Burial was conducted March 25 at the Nativity Catholic Church in Hollywood with burial at Westlawn Memorial Gardens in Fort Lauderdale.

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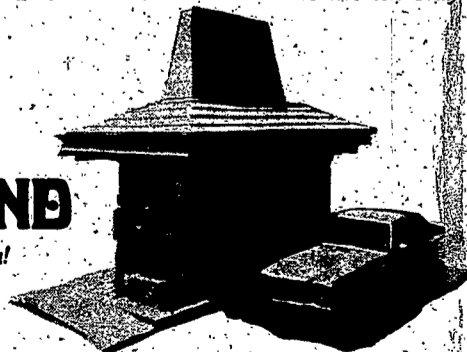


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