

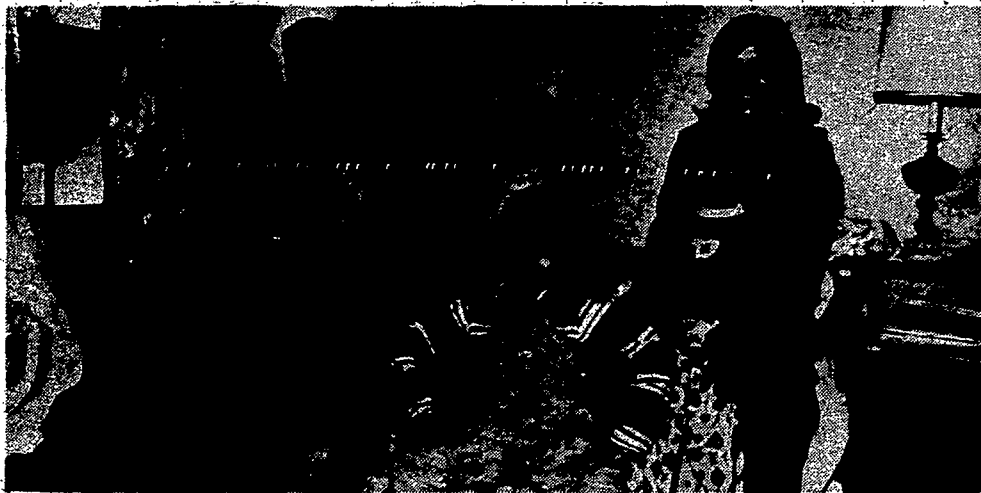


# All Together!

Posing for a group portrait are the 20 Indochinese adults and children who have been sponsored in the United States by St. Thomas More Parish. They are members of the Nguyen, the Le, and the Maokhamphion families. First to arrive in the U.S.

under the egis of the Brighton church were the Nguyens, who have in their three years here purchased their own home, obtained employment and enrolled their eldest son, Khang, at McQuaid Jesuit High School. The Nguyens were also helpful in establishing the Le family and Mrs. Le's two family members. Le is now employed and highly praised by his employer. The two relatives also are employed and the entire family is learning English. The six-member Maokhamphion family are the most recent arrivals. He is now employed as an apprentice mechanic. The parish found, cleaned and furnished all four households,

assisted the refugees with legal and medical needs, and although they all are Buddhist, transports them to religious services. The families are assisted to self-sufficiency through the St. Thomas More Family Fund which accepts unsolicited contributions and organizes fund-raising activities. Of the latter, there will be a gala Italian Night on Saturday, April 19 at the parish school. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Marcia Calabrese, (716) 385-2116. The parish Indochinese Refugee Committee meets alternate Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Chairing the meetings is Mrs. Charles G. Schantz.



The Xamountry family: Bounsou, father; Khomphy, mother; Lamphou, Amphone, Phetsamone, Phitsamay and Malayvanh, their daughters; Soulene and Somvang, the father's brothers.



Hayden, program coordinator, Father Foster Rogers, associate at St. Alphonsus, speak with Bounsou.

## ... and in Auburn

Auburn — St. Alphonsus parish has helped a family find a new home.

Under the egis of the parish Human Development Committee, chaired by

Charles King, and the direction of program coordinator, Mike Hayden, a Laotian family of Buddhists has been resettled here from a refugee camp in Thailand.

The Xamountry family consisting of a father, mother, five daughters, and the father's two younger brothers, are now adjusting to their new homeland.

The family arrived in late February, as it happened, earlier than expected by the more than 300 participants in the parish-wide project. And it took some scrambling by parishioners to shift into high gear.

Nevertheless, the Xamountrys have settled in well now and have even taken up a favorite Auburn pastime — bowling.



Soulene (left) plays with one of little Amphone's toys, as Somvang evidently gets a charge out of his brothers clowning.



Television transcends all languages. Photos by Steve Taylor