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#### Convention **Draws 1.000**

Members of the Junior Auxiliary No. 17 from Washington, D.C., right march during competitive drills last Saturday at East High School as part of the 62nd annual International Convention of the Knights of St. John. The convention. based at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn, lasted five days and drew more than 1,000 people from across the country as well as numerous delegates from Africa and around the world. Below, members of Commandery No. 313 from Maria Stein, Ohio, kneel in position during the competitive drills Below right, Archbishop Thomas J. McDonough of Louisville, Ky., the Supreme Spiritual Director of the Knights of St. John, gives the homily during the Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Michael's Church on Clinton Ave. Sunday.







hungry, tired and

scared; but at the same time,

happy, thankful and filled

with joy. The Human Development Committee

hopes that Sisouphan will be

able to start working in

about two weeks, and the

children to start school this

fall," the release said.

# New Home

## Seneca Falls Parish Welcomes Lao Family Falls Saturday evening they

Seneca Falls After more than six months preparation on the part of some 75 parishioners at St. Patrick's Parish here, a Laotian refugee family has been welcomed into a "new home, new life and new hopes," according to a release published last week by the parish.

The family's arrival had been anticipated as im-minent for several weeks; and as late as press time for the June 29 edition of the parish bulletin Father Michael Bausch, assistant pastor, wrote an advisory to "please be patient and keep the project in your prayers. There has been a hold-up for a number of reasons, the biggest being international. politics." -

A subsequent special insert prepared June 28; stated that the family was due that evening at the Rochester airport, and that it was not the family. originally anticipated.

The Sae Chao family who had been expected was detained for several weeks in Thailand because of health problems, the insert said.

As it happens, "The new family's last name was listed as NLN which means they have no last name. There are a number of reasons why

they may not have a last name, but the most common is that the husband was probably in the Laotian Army as an officer and in order to be safe after Laos, he needed to drop his last name," the bulletin insert said.

The subsequent parish news release revealed, "The family left the Nong Khai refugee camp in Thailand on Monday, June 23, and had a one day stopover in Bangkok for completion of paperwork. On Wednesday, June 25, they left Bangkok and flew to the Refugee Control Center in San Francisco for final clearance, where they were turned over to the officials of the United States Catholic Conference.

"The new family's nationality and ethnic group is Lao and their religion is Buddhist. They left Laos about three months before the fall of the government in 1976 and arrived at the Nong Khai refugee camp on July 15, 1976," the press release said.

The family is headed by Sisouphan and Sanga. Sisouphan is 39 years old, a carpenter, has four years of English. His wife Sanga is 31, a weaver, and has no formal education. They have a boy. Vanxay, who is nine, and a daughter, Soukhaya,

"When Sisouphan and his family arrived in Seneca

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