



### Refugees Become Citizens

Three-year-old Ngoc Lai licks off the remains of a donut as she sits on her father's lap, as he awaits the final interview prior to becoming a naturalized American citizen. Nam Lai of Vietnam and his family were only one of some 25 families representing 15 diocesan parishes that were sworn in at ceremonies last Friday at St. Boniface School Hall. Rep. Frank Horton was on hand to perform the rites that welcomed the 200 new Americans.

Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window



### Gun Control: Some Reflections

The question being asked by almost everyone: How does one explain this flow of violence from handguns?

Some reflections on guns and violence:

We glorify our nation's greatness in:

— The slaughter of the Indians.

— The lawlessness of cowboys and frontiersmen.

— The "victories" of our nation in eight wars.

We place before our male children the gun as an attractive option for play and fantasy.

We cater to a national need for emotional stimulus by an inordinate display of gunplay and violence in our cinematic, television and other media, done not only by the "bad guys" but equally by the "good guys."

We arm our police and security guards who display

their weapons openly which in turn becomes awesome to most of us.

We encourage our children to "get even," "not let them get away with it," "fight back" — in other words, answer violence with violence.

Our nation bases its greatness in large measure on the number of our weapons, the superiority of our armed forces, the "power" we wield in the world.

Far too many people reacted to the hostage crisis with such sentiments as nuke — destroy — punish.

### \$600 Check Being Sent To Haiti

Seneca Falls — A check for \$600 is being sent to Sister Isabel Lumpuy in Port Au Prince, Haiti, the results of Planned Famine, a youth project of St. Patrick's Church here.

Announcement of the check was made by Father Michael Bausch in The Patrician, the parish bulletin.

# Council Discusses Permanent Diaconate

By Martin Toombs

Livonia — The Diocesan Pastoral Council heard a report from the director of the Permanent Diaconate program and from two men in its first class at its meeting Saturday at St. Joseph's Haggerty Hall.

Msgr. George Cocuzzi, director of the program, described the historical basis for the diaconate, and the work establishing it in the Rochester diocese. The first ordination in the diocese will be April 17, 1982.

Two candidates and their wives appeared at the meeting: Ken and Mary Agnes Scarciotta from St. Ambrose Parish, Rochester, and Bill and Winnie Maune from St. Lawrence, Greece.

Scarciotta called his involvement a natural growth from his varied parish activities. As a deacon, he said, he will be able to bring an "added grace and spirit" to his work.

With his ordination he is accepting obedience to the bishop, he said, the same as the priests do, except that the vow does not change his relationship to his family or his employment.

Maune sees his future role as being a link between the liturgy and everyday life, and between the clergy and the laity. He said that fellow-workers at Kodak who know he's in the program have started general conversations which have become counseling sessions.

In response to the need he has seen, Maune said, he hopes he can retire as soon as possible and devote himself full-time to the ministry.

Sister Eileen Broad questioned the fact that the faculty list supplied as part of the presentation was entirely male, and why it is that women are not allowed in the program. She stated her disappointment that the candidates' wives participate fully in the classes, but end with nothing to show for their effort.

Msgr. Cocuzzi said that the diocese is not permitted to accept female candidates for the diaconate. The wives are invited to join the classes, and have done so in larger numbers than expected. Possible decentralization of the program would make it possible for others, including pastoral assistants and other pastoral workers, to participate in the academic portion of the program, he said.

Sister Eileen commented that she sees it as a "profoundly sad thing that the Holy Spirit" can only speak to males, and remarked that the two wives present had not been asked to speak.

Mrs. Maune noted that she accepts the fact that she cannot be a candidate herself, while women might be admitted in the future. She said that she will continue her volunteer work, and therefore the courses have been beneficial.

Mrs. Scarciotta said that she enjoys the classes, but is not interested in being ordained.

Msgr. Cocuzzi added that there are some wives in the program who would like to be ordained, and, in the opinion of the faculty, would be well qualified. They have discussed finding opportunities for them to use their training, he said.

In a related item, Bishop Matthew H. Clark informed the DPC of discussions which are taking place with the Colgate Rochester-Bexley Hall-Crozier Seminaries in Rochester concerning the establishment of a St. Bernard's Institute at that institution. Father Sebastian Falcone is heading that effort, he said. The institute would be the new location for the permanent diaconate and continuing education programs.

Bishop Clark also told the DPC about his meeting with Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas, archbishop of San Salvador, at the provincial meeting on Long Island earlier this Spring. Bishop Clark reported the archbishop's wish that no arms be imported into his country.

The DPC also heard reports from several groups. Richard Wardell of the Ministerial Review Committee reviewed the diocesan semi-annual reports. Sister Rita Sullivan reported on the work by a committee developing a process which can be used to amalgamate parishes.

Bishop Clark also noted his approval of the DPC-proposed diocesan Board of Education, and asked the DPC Education Committee to begin designing it. He also said that Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, will be heading the effort to write a pastoral on Women in the Church.

DPC members also learned that Italo Rodriguez, Spanish Apostolate director for five years, has resigned; and that bids for the purchase of St. Bernard's Seminary will be opened June 15. The DPC also gave approval to a joint meeting of the three consultative bodies in the fall.

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