

Guest Editorial:

The following was written by a 17-year-old Vietnamese boy presently in foster care with the Catholic Family Center. He and his brother escaped from Vietnam to a refugee camp and came to the U.S. three and a half years ago through the CFC's Refugee Un-accompanied Minor Program. At that time they were 13 and 14 years old.

My name is Huong Doan. I was born on February 21, 1968 in Saigon, Vietnam. I came over to America with my older brother on September 29, 1981. My parents wanted us to leave Vietnam to go find a better life, a better future and more freedom in another country where there would be no communists around. My parents tried all they could to get us out of Vietnam. My brother and I tried four times together and finally succeeded. On the second and third times, we got caught and they retained us in jail for three days each time.

The plan to sneak out of Vietnam is quite complicated to explain. We left on January 18, 1981 with 57 other people on a boat headed for Thailand where they had a few refugee camps. The boat was about 15 meters long and 4 meters wide.

In the morning of the second day on the sea, we got robbed for the first time by the fisherman of Thailand. They took all the valuable things they could find from us, then went away.

On the morning of the third day, we got robbed again by two boats from Thailand. They took all the valuable things they found, hurt people with deadly weapons (knives, axes, and hammers). They threw most of our food and water into the sea, broke the motor of our boat, and raped the women on our boat. After they left us, we couldn't go anywhere with a broken motor, but stood in the middle of the ocean.

Once in awhile another boat came and robbed us. On the morning of the fifth day, three girls got kidnapped by another boat from Thailand. All three were about 20. We haven't hear or found them ever since. There was nothing we could do but stay calm and wait for someone to help us. We wanted to fight back, but it would be useless and we could get in big trouble with their govern-

ment for hurting their people in their territory.

Sometimes we met some good fishermen. They said there was nothing they could do to help but give us some food and water to help us survive. They said their government would not allow them to pull us into their land.

Day after day we were on the sea, filling with hopelessness. Each day if we were lucky, we would get a little handful of food. Sometimes we went without food for days. However, water was the most important aid to us. There was no hope at all of a chance to survive. Sometimes at night, the waves were so high that it could knock our boat over.

On the morning of the sixth day, every one of us was shocked by the sight of land. We were so happy! As we came closer, we saw a guard ship of Thailand headed toward us. After a long conversation, they said they would pull us in. However, they didn't actually — they pulled us along the land till it was dark, then they left us and went away without saying anything. The next morning, all we could see around us were the big blue sky and water. The next day, a woman on our boat died — we didn't know for sure why. (On the ninth day, another guard ship towed the boat away again).

Around midnight on the tenth day we got onto the land. Every one of us was so happy and feared what would happen to us. Our tears kept dropping down. We had finally set our feet again onto the land (they destroyed the boat so they could not be sent back out).

After two weeks, we got transferred to a Vietnamese refugee camp called Songkha on the most beautiful beach I have ever seen. Life there was kind of rough. The tents were crowded with people. All we got was a place big enough to put a hard wood bed and some stuff we used to cook our meals. Each day we got just barely enough food to fill our stomachs. Another problem we had was between our people and their people. We had to protect ourselves carefully all the time, especially at night.

After seven months at this camp, my brother and I got transferred to another camp for one month, where life was pretty much the same, and then came to America. We stayed in San Francisco for three days, then

came to Rochester.

We had a very hard time trying to learn new things. English was the hardest problem we had. English and Vietnamese don't go together all the time. After a while, we made a lot of new friends and got used to life here. We found that America is a beautiful country and a beautiful place to live.

Santa Mision

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celebran el servicio paraliturgico, el Padi, Paul Freemeser y los diáconos: Carlos Vargas, de San Francisco de Asis, Nemesio Martínez, de Monte Carmelo, Juan Lebrón, de San Francisco Javier y Julio Vázquez, de San Miguel, todos de Rochester.

El Hermano Chamorro es presidente de su Orden, mejor conocida como Hermanos Cheo, nombre de sus fundadores.

La Santa Mision continuará todas las noches de esta semana, en la iglesia St. Francis DeSales, a las 7 p.m.. La proxima semana la mision pasara a la iglesia San Miguel en Newark a la misma hora. El Obispo Matthew H. Clark estará presente para la ceremonia de clausura, el sábado 10 de agosto a las 7:30 p.m.



Brother Rocabel Chamorro

Entranceway Completed At St. Joseph's Hospital

The Church at High Street entranceway to the Emergency Care Center at St. Joseph's Hospital reopened Monday, July 15, following brief ceremonies at 11 a.m.

The temporary entrance on Dewitt Avenue will now be limited to rehabilitation patients and restored to its original purpose.

With the reopening of the emergency entranceway comes the completion of the first of many construction projects commenced in 1983. The renovated expanded Emergency Care Center has barrier-free access for all patients and additional patient parking area under a fully covered, brightly lit enclosure.

The 24-hour staffed Emergency Care Center offers the services of board-certified and eligible emergency care specialists and staff trained in advanced life support services.

An improved dimension to the center is the inclusion of "X Press" care which offers speedy care for minor hurts. A new reception area, pretreatment assessment and direction to either emergency services or "X Press" care services will follow.

The medical director for the emergency care center, Dr. Joshua Nagin, said "It is our intent to build upon these strengths in order to offer the best possible emergency care to those who look to St. Joseph's for that treatment."

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General

Good of Thanks

THANK YOU St. Anne, Holy Spirit, St. Jude, Blessed Mother, Sacred Heart for prayers answered. D.C.A.

THANKSGIVING All Saints, All Souls, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, Saints Joseph, Jude, Maria Goritta. F.B.C.

THANKS TO Holy Spirit, St. Jude, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus for favors received. A.E.H.

The Courier Journal regrets that it can no longer publish any prayers to the Holy Spirit.

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