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Beginning on page 13, our Fall Bridal section offers a look at a wedding from a bygone era, a papal address on married life, and some suggestions to complete fall wedding plans.



File photo
Videotape footage broadcast Aug. 6 by Britain's Independent Television News Network shows Muslim prisoners in a Serbian-run detention camp in Northern Bosnia-Herzegovina.

NEVER AGAIN?

'Ethnic cleansing' elicits religious leaders' concern

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"Never again!"

That phrase has long been the battle cry of Jews who survived the Nazi-perpetrated Holocaust of the 1930s and '40s.

It demands that the world never more stand idly by as a government slaughters a whole race simply because it disdains their existence.

Yet as Serbian forces roaming over the former Yugoslavia continue to kill, displace and disown those who once were their fellow citizens — Bosnians, Croats and several other non-Serbian ethnic groups — the international community bemoans their fate and struggles to determine whether "Never again!" will change from an affirmation to a question.

Here in the Diocese of Rochester, more than 400 Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Muslims gathered on Wednesday night, Aug. 19, at Temple B'rith Kodesh for an interfaith prayer vigil intended to ensure



Holocaust images like this one shocked the world in 1945.

that "Never again!" remains an affirmation. Bishop Matthew H. Clark served as one of the vigil leaders.

Hundreds of participants signed petitions calling officials of the U.S. government and the United Nations to do all in their power to stop the slaughter and dislocation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, one of the independent republics that have broken away from Yugoslavia.

In particular, vigil participants focused their concern on actions taken by Serbian paramilitaries and Yugoslav federal army forces. Such actions have created more than two million refugees, the largest refugee crisis in Europe since 1945.

The policy of "ethnic cleansing" currently being carried out by Yugoslav federal army and Serbian units amounts to the forced removal of hundreds of thousands of non-Serbs — Bosnians, Croats, and others — from their homes and communities. Critics of the Yugoslav government contend that the Serbs are simply carving out a "Greater

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