

DIOCESAN NEWS

Parishes needed to help settle refugees

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

Catholic Family Center's Department of Refugee, Immigration and Employment Services in Rochester is asking Catholic parishes to consider sponsoring Afghan refugees, as well as other refugees, who may be resettled to the Rochester area in the coming months.

The federal government is currently not allowing any refugees into the country from any nation, pending a review of admissions procedures. The moratorium began Oct. 1 and was ordered by President George W. Bush in response to concerns raised about immigrants by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. As a result, roughly 22,000 refugees already approved for entry to the United States have not yet been allowed into the country, and most refugee processing overseas has been halted, according to Migration and Refugee Services of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

However, if and when the moratorium is lifted, CFC wants to be ready for an expected 350 new refugees, including 50-70 from Afghanistan, said Jim Delaney, assistant director of the refugee department. CFC has already helped to resettle 200 Afghans in the Rochester area since the mid-1980s, he said. Delaney noted that the refugees from Afghanistan are most likely to be mothers and their children whose fathers were killed by the Taliban, Afghanistan's rulers who are currently fighting with U.S., British and Afghan opposition forces.

"They don't have a great social services system over there," he said of Afghanistan, noting that many widows are reduced to begging in the streets to support their families.



Reuters/CNS

Afghan refugees leave Khonabad, in the only remaining Taliban controlled northern province of Kunduz in Afghanistan, Nov. 21. While Pakistan has sent thousands of troops to the border to discourage new refugee arrivals, Catholic aid workers continue to feed the most vulnerable incoming refugees.

A parish interested in sponsoring a refugee family needs to supply five to eight people to form a resettlement team, according to information from Delaney's office. At least two team members must be willing to devote up to 15 workday hours per week for eight weeks to provide initial resettlement services. As a back-up to these two members, one or two of the remaining members should have a few hours of daytime availability during the work week. The remaining team members may provide after-hours and weekend companionship; tutoring for children and adults; cultural orientation; transportation to markets; and recreational and other activities.

CFC will provide on-site training and ongoing guidance throughout the resettlement period. Ideally, adult refugees should be employed full-time within two to four months after their arrival. The team's commitment to monitor and follow-up on the refugees extends no longer than six months after their arrival.

Parishes can also help by forming "hospitality teams" to clean and prepare apartments for new refugee arrivals. Additionally, CFC can always use individual volunteers to do such things as driving refugees to appointments, Delaney said.

For information on how you or your parish can help resettle refugees, call Jim Delaney at 585/262-7070.

Aquinas reaches state football title game

Aquinas Institute's offense has been smoking throughout the post-season. In their latest game, the Little Irish needed every bit of that offense — and got just enough to advance to the state Class A football final.

AQ's Ian Goodberlet kicked a 37-yard field goal with only three seconds remaining — his first field goal all season — to give his team a 37-34 win over Christian Brothers Academy of Section 3 on Nov. 23. The state semifinal contest was played at Syracuse's Carrier Dome.

AQ, with a record of 11-1, will now face Horace Greeley of Section 1 (10-1) for the state title. That matchup, also, will take place at the Carrier Dome. It's scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

The Little Irish made a stirring comeback late in the fourth quarter against Syra-

cuse's Christian Brothers Academy. Mark Magliocco threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Shawn Jemison with 1:24 remaining, and Goodberlet's extra-point kick knotted the score at 34-34. The Little Irish defense then forced CBA to punt, and AQ got the ball at its own 40-yard line with 46 seconds to play. The Irish drove quickly to CBA's 20-yard line — and with time running out, Goodberlet's field-goal attempt barely cleared the crossbar for the deciding points.

Magliocco led the offense by throwing four touchdown passes, all to Jemison. He completed 15 of 21 passes for 273 yards. Calvin Hall ran for AQ's other touchdown.

Aquinas has averaged 37.3 points in four post-season games. The Little Irish have already won the Section 5 Class A crown, and they're now one victory away from

their second state title in four years. Earlier this fall the AQ girls' soccer team won a state championship as well, in Class B.

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In individual competition, Elmira Notre Dame's Molly Huddle has advanced to the national girls' cross-country championship meet.

Huddle, a senior, placed second at the Foot Locker Northeast Regional meet Nov. 24. The top eight finishers became eligible for the national race that will take place Dec. 8 in Orlando, Fla.

Huddle posted a time of 17 minutes, 59.3 seconds over the 3.1-mile course at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City. The only girl to finish ahead of her was last year's regional champ, Natasha Roetter of Massachusetts, in 17:48.4. The Northeast was one of four regional races held across the U.S.

In addition to finishing as the second-best runner in this part of the country, Huddle won the state Class D and Federation (all public, private and New York City schools) championships this fall.

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Obituary

Father Taney, missionary

Maryknoll Father Francis Joseph Taney, a Geneva native who spent most of his priestly life as a missionary in the Philippines, died of cardiac arrest Nov. 10, 2001, in Tampa, Fla. He was 71.

Father Taney attended Geneva's St. Francis DeSales School and graduated from Geneva High School. He entered the Maryknoll Society in 1948 and earned his bachelor's degree from the Maryknoll Seminary in 1958, the same year he was ordained a priest.

For the next six years Father Taney served in the Philippines, where he founded St. James Parish in Compostella. He also led a movement to construct the town's first high school, St. James Assumption Academy.

He came back to the United States to do promotional work for the Maryknoll order in Seattle (1964-68) and in Buffalo (1969-72). Father Taney then returned to the Philippines, where he served at Our Lady of the Assumption in Davao del Norte (1972-76) and St. James of Cateel (1976-81). His final 13 years as a missionary were spent in the Archdiocese of Davao, where he was a chaplain and campus minister for five non-sectarian colleges and also served at San Antonio Parish.

Due to his heart condition, Father Taney moved in 1995 to Hawaii where he continued his ministry with Filipinos. He retired in 1998 to Tampa where he worked among Filipinos and Hispanics.

Father Taney is survived by his sister, Alice Le Brun of Waterloo, and brothers, Alfred and Cornelius Taney of Waterloo, and Robert Taney of Geneva.

Father Taney's funeral Mass was held Nov. 16 in Our Lady Queen of Apostles Chapel at Maryknoll Society Center in Ossining, N.Y. Interment was at Maryknoll Cemetery in Ossining.

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