

# CICP Executive Director Announces Resignation

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

Robert J. Molinari, the executive director of the Council of Inner City Parishes (CICP) since April 1973, has resigned effective Aug. 30.

Molinari, who is taking a position with the Prudential Insurance Company, sees his leaving as helping to clear the air between the diocese and the CICP in their disagreement over funding procedures.

The diocese-CICP dispute became public last June when the diocese acted to close Mt. Carmel and St. Bridget's schools, both CICP schools, because of financial difficulties. The action

was taken after the CICP disclosed a projected deficit of more than \$80,000 for the fiscal year ending last June 30.

The diocese gives the CICP an annual grant of \$200,000 which it may use in whatever way it deems appropriate.

The diocese pointed out in a special report at the time that in addition to the \$200,000 the Rochester inner city is supported by the services of the Office of Human Development, Diocesan Missions, Spanish Apostolate and Catholic Charities.

"Of the total diocesan budget for the 12-county area, 23 per cent has been earmarked for the

inner-city parishes," the report stated.

A two-year grant of \$135,000 to the CICP from the Marie-C and Joseph C. Wilson Foundation, announced in July, will enable the CICP to reopen Mt. Carmel-St. Bridget's, however, will close.

Before the dispute the CICP had planned a fund drive but after meeting with diocesan officials dropped it in favor of a concerted campaign after the new office of development is established.

Molinari sees the diocesan development plans as a "step forward."

"But I still feel there is a critical need in the inner city and while it doesn't represent all of the diocese, it certainly is a significant part. It should be stabilized and I don't think the stabilization that the CICP sees and the diocese sees are one and the same."

Molinari feels that diocesan priorities are not clear enough.

"There is still an assumption that CICP is a priority — \$200,000 is an obvious priority — but \$200,000 isn't what it takes to run the operation."

He also "firmly believes in a single diocesan fund drive with specific programs throughout the whole diocese" but fears the CICP will suffer during the interim in which such a drive can be mounted.

He praised the work of Father Raymond Booth of Mt. Carmel, CICP president, and the executive committee, which he sees as "a more viable voice not only in its own sphere but in the total diocese."

Before joining CICP, Molinari was director of development for Program Funding Inc., a statewide organization that deals with migrant labor in New York State.

### SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board of St. Mary's will hold its meeting here Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.

## ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Father Paul J. Cuddy

I'm forwarding a letter to you from Ann Landers. It is her response to you concerning some nice things you said about her in a June column. I took the liberty of sending it to her.

In a quote from one of your recent columns, Bishop Sheen puts a bite into his taped conferences in which he expresses his discontent with priests and Sisters who have left their vocations, and with Sisters who have discarded the religious habit. Jean Montemorano Vetter apparently is circulating a set of the tapes and she said she will let us hear them soon. I'll be glad to hear them.

From Ann Landers:

James Earley of Clyde, N.Y., sent me that flattering column you wrote on June 26, 1974 in the Courier-Journal. Might I tell you, I was immensely pleased. My principal Catholic consultants were Father Theodore Hesburg of Notre Dame and Father Eugene Kennedy of the Maryknoll Order, who teaches at Loyola and does a good bit of writing. Please accept my warm thanks for your kind sentiments. I only hope I am worthy of a small part of them.

To James Earley:

The Bible says: "A faithful friend is a strong defense, and he who has found one has found a treasure." You are that treasure to many people; and I am ever grateful for your faithful support during my Clyde pastorate, and for your good friendship ever since. Fond greetings to the family and all the Wayne County friends.

Oh, yes, Jean is an apostle, and so is her husband, Leo. I meet them occasionally here in Webster or at North Rose. I do wish Abp. Sheen had omitted some of the "bites" in his conferences. While he may be correct in what he says, because of it many mod persons, religious and lay, just close their ears to anything he says. It's as foolish as

the days when Father Feeney had his run-in with the Church, and over-zealous religious cut out his poetry and essays from collections of Catholic literature books. Weird, isn't it!

To a Colleague:

Aren't you a bit behind schedule getting so worked up over the Exorcist? Why, that was the "in" thing four and five months ago. Then Watergate took over. And who knows what's next? I wish Our Lord, His Mother and the Church would be the objects of the interests of the people with the same intensity.

Why of course I believe in the devil. Our Lord certainly did; the apostles did; all the saints certainly did. Just because some mod yahoos deny him doesn't make him cease to be. Did you see Father Malley, the McQuaid Jesuit in the TV Channel XXI interview which opened up with the interrogator asking: "Do you believe in the devil?" For some strange reason he expressed an agnosticism about the devil's existence. Then toward the end of the interview the interrogator asked him if he would be willing to perform an exorcism. With dramatic agitation he replied: "I should say not!" But I think he must have been getting tired from all the badgering he was getting from his own involvement. Have you heard the joke? "What happens if you don't pay the exorcist?" "You get repossessed." Cheer up. Get to confession every month. Say your rosary every day. And don't take yourself very seriously. The Lord loves a cheerful person, and the devil doesn't. And do keep me in your prayers. Priests need and want prayers.

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