



Mrs. Patricia Walker, the new executive director of the Council of Inner City Parishes (CICP), prepares to tackle the job of raising sufficient funds for CICP schools from area foundations, donations and candy drives.

CICP's New Director

By MOLLY JUDGE

Mrs. Patricia Walker, former program director and staff coordinator of the Genese Settlement House, is the new executive director of the Council of Inner City Parishes (CICP).

Mrs. Walker, who has replaced Robert Molinari, primarily will be a fund raiser for the CICP. "I will write proposals to area foundations and urge them to make contributions to the CICP," she said.

The CICP has recently received a two-year grant of \$135,000 from the Marie C. and Joseph C. Wilson Foundation.

Currently, Mrs. Walker is attempting to raise \$12,400 from a

chocolate drive sponsored by the CICP. Inner City school children will be selling candy bars at \$1 each along with an attached coupon for a hamburger from a quick-food restaurant. In order to reach their goal, the children must sell 900 boxes with 30 chocolate bars in each box.

In addition to the candy fund, Mrs. Walker must raise \$12,000 to add to the \$200,000 the CICP receives from the diocese. According to Mrs. Walker, the CICP may hold a golf tournament or sponsor a concert to help reach the goal.

"The job will be quite a challenge, but since I am a former teacher and interested in quality education for inner city children the challenge is well worth it," she said.

Children in private schools of the inner city seem to score higher on achievement tests than the public school students, according to Mrs. Walker. She believes that the high test scores reflect the better disciplinary program offered in the Catholic schools.

The CICP operates four K-6 schools, St. Michael's, Immaculate Conception, Holy Redeemer and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Recently St. Michael's was converted from a junior high to a K-6 school and St. Bridget's K-6 school was closed because of lack of adequate funding.

THE OPEN WINDOW

Father Louis Holman

Dear Father,

After being happily married for x years, my past is still haunting me to the point of severe depression. I need some help or answers fast. I was raised with only religious instructions, no church, by my separated mother. I had an affair with a married man at 17 years old. Then went with whomever I chose and at 18 I became pregnant. I managed to find pills to end it. Later I met my husband, a good Catholic and understanding man. He knows about my past. I could never have any children so we adopted some. We have gone to Mass every Sunday since we met; but I cannot believe that God can forgive me for what I did.

Now with all this abortion talk and our priest saying God would not forgive murder, I am about ready to crack. They used to say God welcomed sinners who came to him — now I feel guilty going to communion. I believe he can

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FORTY HOURS

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forgive other people, but I just know I'm going to hell. I feel that even leaving the Catholic religion will not help me because my guilt complex won't leave. I just feel that I should forget all religion, but I don't want to. I am so depressed, crying doesn't even help. What should I do? Please hurry. Please, I really can't sign this, just please help me.

Dear friend,

I hope I'm not too late, but a once a week column is pretty slow isn't there anyone you can talk to on this matter?

It is hardly worth dealing with the theological aspects of this problem because for you there is no solution in that. At least intellectually you must know that THE ONLY SIN GOD CANNOT FORGIVE IS THE REFUSAL TO REPENT BECAUSE FORGIVENESS BY ITS NATURE REQUIRES IT. But you also should know that there is NO SIN WHICH GOD WILL NOT FORGIVE WHEN WE ARE TRULY SORRY. The priest who said God does not forgive murder is VERY WRONG. He probably was trying so hard to get his point across about the evil of abortion that he made this stupid statement in an effort to nail it down.

NOW TO YOUR PROBLEM: you have what seems to be an acute emotional problem. It is important that you see a professional counselor or psychiatrist at once. Nearly every large community has mental health facilities. Why not check on them, perhaps through your own physician. There is an enormous difference between guilt and guilt feelings. The latter are unreal and are what you have.

P.S. This woman's letter contains an implicit warning to us priests of the dangers of overkill in our homilies and instructions, i.e. of making exaggerated or downright false statements which can do much harm. Enthusiasm for our cause is necessary but let's not get carried away or people like this woman might end up being carried away.

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centered around the topics of Drugs, Leadership Development, Family Relations, Music, Sexuality and Student Rights. All interested are encouraged to attend.

Celebration is meant to facilitate communication between parish and neighborhood youth groups and youth-serving adults from various agencies and churches of Monroe County. It will involve a program of informal discussion groups of youth and sensitive adults

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