

# Rev. Gerbino Resigns As St. Francis Pastor

The Rev. Richard A. Gerbino, who has served as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church since its inception in June 1961, has resigned due to health reasons, according to an announcement from Bishop George H. Guilfoyle, of the Camden Diocese.



Fr. Gerbino has assumed the position of associate pastor of St. Rose of Lima parish in Haddon Heights.

The Rev. Joseph H. Burns, associate pastor of St. Francis since September 1976, has been named pastor of Our Lady of Victories parish, Landisville.

Father Burns replaces Monsignor Francis A. Spreccace, who became pastor at St. Martin de Porres, Hammonton, on Nov. 12.

The Rev. Carmen A. Carlone, associate pastor of St. Stephen's, Pennsauken, since February 1974, has been appointed administrator of St. Francis of Assisi.

In making the announcement of Father Gerbino's resignation as pastor of St. Francis, Bishop Guilfoyle has "great gratitude for Father Gerbino's priestly ministry to the people of Vineland and the building up of the outstanding parish of St. Francis."

The Bishop also said he hoped

Father Gerbino will improve in health in his new assignment without the heavy burden of parish administration.

Father Burns was ordained in Camden in June 1960 after completing seminary studies at St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Pa. He served as associate pastor at Sacred Heart, Camden, from June 1960 until his appointment to graduate studies at Villanova University.

Father Burns served on the faculties of Camden Catholic High School, Cherry Hill, and at Holy Spirit High School, Absecon, where he was assistant principal. He also served on the faculty of Sacred Heart High School in Vineland.

From June 1970 to April 1976, Father Burns served as principal of St. Joseph's School, Hammonton, then undertook graduate studies at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.