

# Cody Replaces Msgr. Lahart

## Names Fr. Carroll OLP Administrator

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John Cardinal Cody will announce Friday that Rev. Clement Carroll has replaced Monsignor Joseph Lahart as administrator of Our Lady of Peace Parish, 7851 Jeffery, The Daily Calumet has learned.

A group of dissident parishioners which has called itself the Committee for Parish Survival, has demanded the removal of Monsignor Lahart as pastor for the last two years.

Rev. Joseph Forst, an assistant at Our Lady of Peace, said yesterday that

Monsignor Lahart and Rev. Carroll, associate pastor, met with Cardinal Cody last Friday. At the meeting, the cardinal named Rev. Carroll administrator of the parish, although Monsignor Lahart will stay at the parish with the title of pastor.

"He still has the title of pastor but not the power," Rev. Forst said. He said the cardinal's action is not a precedent.

"It's been done before, I've forgotten the name of the parish, but it has been done," he said.

Rev. Forst, in a mass on Sunday, April 19, publicly encouraged the parish to seek Monsignor Lahart's removal.

He and Dr. Edward Schaaf, one of the leaders of the dissident group, have charged that Monsignor Lahart did not meet the needs of the parish.

"I think it's definitely a good thing for the parish," Rev. Forst said yesterday. "I'm sorry for the monsignor that it had to happen this way."

Rev. Forst said yesterday that Monsignor Lahart will apparently stay at the parish. The 58-year old Monsignor had repeatedly stated that he would not back down from the dissident group.

After a lull in the opposition against the pastor, Schaaf's group staged a

walkout from the 12:15 p.m. mass Sunday, March 29, to demonstrate in favor of the monsignor's removal as pastor. The dissidents have also had several meetings with Cardinal Cody, which apparently culminated Friday.

Neither Monsignor Lahart, nor Rev. Carroll were available for comment yesterday.

Although the official announcement of the action is expected Friday in the Archdiocese newspaper, the "New World," a spokesman from the Archdiocese said yesterday that he was "unable to confirm or deny" the report.



REV. CLEMENT CARROLL



MSGR. JOSEPH T. LAHART