



## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Mayor John Tory**

**Seconded by: Councillor Gary Crawford**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Father Pier Giorgio Di Cicco on December 22, 2019.

Father Di Cicco was the City's Poet Laureate from 2004 to 2009. During his time as Poet Laureate, Father Di Cicco centred his work on the "civic aesthetic", a term used to describe City-building through citizenship, a civic ethic and urban psychology.

Father Di Cicco was known for his "creative manifesto" that he delivered to national and municipal arts planners in 2004. Father Di Cicco defined the building of a City based on a creative ethic that seeps into all sectors of City enterprise.

Father Di Cicco will be remembered for his vocation to the priesthood and as a key figure in Canadian multiculturalism through his work with the Multiculturalism Directorate, the Canada Council and the Ontario Arts Council.

Father Di Cicco's legacy lives on in the 20 collections of poetry and prose he authored over his lifetime, including the first anthology of Italian-Canadian writers and *Municipal Mind: Manifestos for the Creative City*.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Father Pier Giorgio Di Cicco's family, friends and colleagues.

January 29, 2020