Former MCC head to be honored

Richard J. Dowling, the former executive director of the Maryland Catholic Conference, will receive the Della Strada Award from the Ignatian Volunteer Corps June 11.

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien will celebrate 5:30 p.m. Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Cardinal William H. Keeler will concelebrate. Jesuit Father William J. Byron, a professor at St. Joseph University whose Catholic News Service columns appear in The Catholic Review, will give the homily.

A reception and presentation of the Della Strada Award will follow at the Catholic Center. There is a suggested donation of \$100. For more information, telephone 410-752-4686.