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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BISHOP LAUDED FOR SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AND DIOCESE

SAN DIEGO, Calif.----The Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, the next Archbishop of San Antonio, was lauded Sunday for his six years of leadership of the Diocese of San Diego and as Chancellor of the University of San Diego.

The trustees of the University hosted the brief open air ceremony, which shared attention with man's walk on the moon.

The ecumenical program included speeches by Rabbi Joel S. Goor of Temple Beth Israel; Superior Court Judge James E. Cunningham of Riverside; the Rev. Mother Frances Danz, RSCJ; Francisco P. Marty; and the Rev. Louis H. Evans, Jr. of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for being such wonderful people during the past six years," Bishop Furey said. He asked the people for the same "spiritual cooperation for the next bishop that you have shown me." However, Bishop Furey said he had no news about his possible successor.

Marty, a trustee of the University of San Diego College for Men and School of Law spoke in Spanish for the people of San Diego. He expressed the feeling of warmth and love the people have for their departing bishop. He included in his sentiments the Mexican-American community of San Diego and the people of Tijuana and Mexicali.

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The Rev. Mother Danz said the bishop was like Abraham, answering a call to leadership and exhibiting his belief in God, "a lesson to increase our frail faith." The Rev. Mother Danz is chairman of the USD College for Women Board of Trustees.

Judge Cunningham called the Bishop a man of all seasons, lauding his career in the diocese.

Master of ceremonies was the Very Rev. I. Brent Eagen, chancellor of the diocese.

Taking part in the program were the Bishop's Boys' Choir, led by Dr. Joseph Rossi, and the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard and Band. Students from the USD College for Women were ushers.

Associated student president Brian Riley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees of the USD colleges present included the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Purcell; the Very Rev. John E. Baer, president of the USD College for Men; Mrs. Roy G. Fitzgerald; Mrs. A.J.C. Forsyth; the Rev. Donald Kulleck; Robert Sheeran; Joseph A. Sinclitico, Jr., dean of the USD School of Law; Clarence L. Steber; Mrs. William J. Doyle; Gilbert R. Fox; Sister Sally Furay, RSCJ; George W. Hickman; Mrs. Michael Lorch; Sister Nancy Morris, president of the USD College for Women; and Mrs. Timothy Parkman.

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