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The sixth annual Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award honoring alumni of the University of San Diego was recently presented to the Rev. Benjamin J. Carrier, a 1959 graduate of the University and currently pastor to the Mountain Parish, with residence in Descanso.

The award, created by the USD Alumni Association to recognize members whose lives are marked by outstanding contributions to their career field, community, and the University, was presented on July 4 by A. Jackson Muecke, director of alumni relations. In making the presentation, Muecke highlighted Fr. Carrier's service as instructor in biology and University chaplain from 1968 to 1973, as well as his longstanding devotion to the people of the parishes to which his assignments have taken him. A native of Maine, Fr. Carrier's work in Southern California has included drug abuse counselling and rehabilitation of former prison inmates. He has served as pastor in Holtville, Coachella, San Bernardino, and Descanso. Statements accompanying his nomination for the award typically describe Fr. Carrier as "a dedicated, selfless man who has given his life blood for the love of others."

Occasion for the presentation was the first annual all-alumni reunion, held on the University campus in Alcala Park. Rosemary Masterson Johnson, graduate of the class of 1970 and recipient of

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the Bishop Buddy Award in 1980, accepted the award in behalf of Fr. Carrier, who was in Salt Lake City officiating at the wedding of another USD alumna. "This award is accepted," Mrs. Johnson said, "in celebration and thanksgiving for the gift of life Father Ben has been to each of us and to the University of San Diego."

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