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BISHOP FUREY ON THE FUTURE OF UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- The Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, Bishop of San Diego and Chancellor of the University of San Diego, said Saturday (Oct. 19) that the diocese of San Diego would continue to support the University.

"The University is the responsibility of the diocese. It was built and maintained by the diocese, it is, and will continue to be for the best educational interests in this ecclesiastical jurisdiction," he said.

He called, however, for more general community support for the future development of the campus.

The Bishop's statement came with the announcement of the first lay members of the Board of Trustees of the College for Men and School of Law at the University, Alcala Park.

Bishop Furey said the University remains the responsibility of the diocese, "but no great institution of higher learning can endure, especially in this period of history, if it must rely solely on tuition fees. This is what the University has been doing. We must find other means of wider support among the community in general."

Appointed to the Board of Trustees, which previously consisted entirely of clergy, were three lay men and two women, and the president of the College for Men,
the Very Rev. John E. Baer.

The lay members are: Mrs. A. J. C. Bert Forsyth, Coronado; Mrs. Roy G. Fitzgerald, wife of Municipal Court Judge Fitzgerald; Robert L. Sheeran, La Jolla; Clarence L. Steber, La Jolla and Joseph A. Sinclitico, Dean of the School of Law.

Bishop Furey said that the expansion of the Board of Trustees for the College for Men was "one of the most important steps in the effort to improve our educational and financial operation."

The University campus consists of a College for Men and School of Law, administered by the Catholic diocese of San Diego, and the College for Women, administered by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Recent steps towards closer cooperation of the colleges included coordinated coeducational courses, a unified system for catering, joint bookstore and certain combined student and maintenance services. Last Thursday (Oct. 17) the two undergraduate student bodies held a joint meeting to discuss the question of unification of ASB's.

Full text of Bishop Furey's statement attached.

Biographies of new Board members attached.

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