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BISHOP FUREY ON INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO SPAIN

SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- The Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, Bishop of San Diego, will fly with a group of churchmen and newsmen to Spain Sunday (Oct. 20) on the inaugural flight of Iberian Airlines from New York to Madrid.

Bishop Furey will celebrate Mass at the tomb of San Diego (Saint Didacus) in Madrid, Spain Tuesday. The next day he will accompany the group to Palma de Mallorca, where Father Junipero Serra, founder of California, was ordained. Bishop Furey will offer Mass in the Cathedral there.

The group will also visit Petra, where Fr. Serra was born.

Bishop Furey said on his departure for San Francisco Saturday, at the start of his tour, "My whole journey is closely connected with Father Serra and San Diego. In a matter of days I will span his life history. Starting from San Diego where he founded California as we know it today, I will go through Monterey, where he is buried. Then next week in Spain we will visit his birthplace and the city where he became a priest."

Also on the inaugural flight among west coast representatives will be Milford Chipp, Executive editor of the Union-Tribune.

Bishop Furey will return to San Diego Oct. 30.