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BISHOP FUREY'S TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--The Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, Bishop of San Diego, in a tribute to President Eisenhower Monday (March 31) said it was the former president's humility which was an outstanding quality. The bishop recalled several occasions when he had met the late president, particularly at Palm Springs, which is in the San Diego diocese.

Paying tribute at a concelebrated memorial Mass in the Immaculata Chapel of the University of San Diego, Bishop Furey said: "One quality of Dwight David Eisenhower which comes to my mind and which has not been mentioned was his humility.

"It was responsible for all his other qualities. Humility is the primary virtue of all. Gen. Eisenhower was a humble man, and therefore a truthful and dedicated man. As Americans we are proud of him."

The Bishop, addressing approximately 300 students and faculty of the University in the chapel, said Gen. Eisenhower had faith in the youth of today, especially American youth. The Bishop recalled the words of Pope Paul delivered in Rome Sunday addressed to youth in which he appealed to them not to be so negative.

"General Eisenhower would have made those words of the Pope his own," said Bishop Furey. "Young people should achieve not by tearing down but by building up."

He concluded his tribute to the late president: "May his noble soul rest in peace."