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ANOTHER LAYMAN JOINS USD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--Another layman has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the University of San Diego, filling a vacancy formerly held by a priest. The Most Rev. Bishop Francis J. Furey, Chancellor of the University, announced that Francisco P. Marty of San Diego has accepted the appointment which became vacant on the death of the Right Rev. Msgr. Luke Deignan.

The appointment of Marty brings to six the number of lay trustees on a board of 18 members. The first five laymen were named by Bishop Furey in October, 1968.

Marty (4211 Ridgeway Dr.,) was born in Mexico in 1933 and came to San Diego in 1948, where he has resided ever since. He was the first student body president of the University of San Diego in 1954, re-elected in 1957, and has held office as President of the USD Alumni Association.

Bishop Furey said: "This appointment is one further step of many we are taking these days to give laymen greater participation in the University's affairs, in keeping with trends elsewhere in Catholic institutions. The challenge of greater lay action was contained in pronouncements from Vatican II.

"We welcome Francisco Marty not only as a great San Diegan, but also because he represents a very important and fine group of people--those of Mexican origin--who are so close to us and who have formed such a vital segment of our University and San Diego life over the years."

Marty is resident manager of the Dempsey-Tegeler brokerage company in San Diego. He attended St. Augustine High School, Brown Military Academy and
San Diego City College before USD. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959.

The other lay members of the board are: Mrs. A. J. C. Bert Forsyth, Mrs. Roy G. Fitzgerald, Robert L. Sheeran, Clarence L. Steber and Joseph A. Sinclitico, Jr., dean of the USD school of law.

"In recent months we have made considerable progress towards unification of the undergraduate colleges on the campus," said the Very Rev. John E. Baer, president of the College for Men. "This has no doubt been helped by the active interest shown by the lay members of the Board, who have met with their counterparts on the College for Women board.

"With the start of the new academic year in the fall we shall have completely coordinated courses and the unification of many departments," said Father Baer.

The two undergraduate colleges on the Alcala Park campus, 20 years old this year, became coeducational in 1968. This week sees the end of the first full academic year of the new system, with Commencement exercises in the Civic Theater, Sunday, June 1, to be addressed by moonflight astronaut Lt. Col. William A. Anders. Degrees will be awarded to 308 graduates of the undergraduate colleges and the School of Law. Anders will be awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science.


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