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BISHOP APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF ETHNIC AFFAIRS FOR DIOCESE

SAN DIEGO, Calif.----The Diocesan post of Director of Ethnic Affairs has been created and a director appointed, announced the Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, Bishop of San Diego.

The Rev. Patrick Henry Guillen will take office August 1, Bishop Furey announced Wednesday, July 20. Father Guillen is at present administrator of San Salvador Parish, Colton.

The post for ethnic affairs was created on the recommendation of the Chicano Federation and the Diocesan Priest's Senate, Bishop Furey said.

Following a meeting Tuesday with Pete Chacon, president of the Chicano Federation, The Very Rev. I. Brent Eagen, chancellor of the Diocese, and Bishop Furey, Father Guillen said, "We came from the meeting so elated because so much was done in so short a time."

As director of ethnic affairs, Father Guillen said, his first task will be that of getting scholarships for Mexican-American students. He will also work for the inclusion of Chicano studies in the curriculum of junior and senior high schools in the Diocese and at the University of San Diego. He noted there will be a two-week workshop on Mexican-American Culture at the University later in August.

Father Guillen said he will meet August 5 with the Very Rev. John E. Baer, president of the University of San Diego College for Men, the Very Rev. John A. Dickie, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, and Father Eagen to discuss the educational needs of the Mexican-American community.

A temporary office will be established in the chancery, he said, with a permanent office to be established in the community possibly in Our Lady of Angels Parish.

Father Guillen is a graduate of the Immaculate Heart Seminary, San Diego, and did his graduate work in Rome. His previous assignments were as a professor at the Immaculate Heart Seminary; chaplain, California Rehabilitation Center, Chino; assistant, St. Edward's parish, Corona; and assistant pastor, St. Anne's San Diego.

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