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NEWLY APPOINTED BISHOP OF SAN DIEGO

ARRIVAL AND INSTALLATION OF BISHOP MAHER

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—The new Bishop of San Diego, the Most Rev. Leo T. Maher, will arrive at Lindbergh Field at 2:40 p.m. Friday, October 3. He will fly from San Francisco.

Bishop Maher will be installed as the third bishop of the San Diego Diocese at St. Joseph's Cathedral, at ceremonies starting at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 4. The Mass will commemorate 200 years of the Catholic faith in San Diego. It is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

It is expected that 30 Bishops from many parts of the United States will come for the celebration, including the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the Most Rev. Archbishop Luigi Raimondi and James Francis, Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles. Archbishop Francis J. Furey, who left San Diego in August when he was appointed to the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas, will return to be one of the concelebrants at the eucharistic celebration (Mass) in the cathedral and installation. Pope Paul's official notification of Bishop Maher's appointment will be presented during the ceremony.

A crowd of more than 1,000 persons from the four counties of the diocese will attend the installation and Mass. Closed circuit television will be used to transmit the scene from the cathedral to the hall adjacent to the church for the overflow audience.

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When Bishop Maher arrives at the airport on October 3 he will be greeted by religious, laity and civic leaders from all over the diocese. The red robed Bishop's Boy's Choir will sing a welcome. Leading the reception will be the Most Rev. John R. Quinn, administrator of the diocese since the departure of Archbishop Furey.

After his arrival Bishop Maher will meet with the Diocesan Consultors at the El Cortez Hotel. A luncheon in his honor at the International Room of the El Cortez will follow the installation ceremonies on October 4.

Bishop Maher was named bishop of San Diego by Pope Paul VI on August 27. He was appointed bishop February 21, 1962 and was made the first ordinary of the new Diocese of Santa Rosa, in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He was educated at St. Joseph's College, Mountain View, Calif., and St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park. He was ordained to the priesthood December 18, 1943. He later became chancellor of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He was born July 1, 1915.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: This is a preliminary announcement on this arrival by PSA flight from San Francisco. More details of personalities, dignitaries and others involved will follow as replies to invitations are received.

It is likely that Bishop Maher will make a statement at the airport after he arrives. He will be available for interview at a news conference at the airport. The Cathedral ceremonies on Saturday, October 4, will start at 11:00 a.m. and finish about 12:30 p.m. The lunch at El Cortez will follow.

If you have any particular wishes regarding facilities at any of the functions, please let me know.

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