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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ARRIVAL AND INSTALLATION OF BISHOP LEO T. MAHER

SAN DIEGO, Calif.-----The new Bishop of San Diego, the Most Rev. Leo T. Maher, will be greeted by more than 1,000 children and hundreds of civic and religious representatives when he arrives at Lindbergh Field at 2:40 p.m. Friday (Oct.3). Schoolchildren from many parts of the diocese are making special preparations to give him a colorful welcome.

The bishop will be officially installed as Bishop of San Diego by the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the Most Rev. Luigi Raimondi, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Saturday (Oct. 4) in ceremonies starting at 11:00 a.m.

Among the crowd of more than 1,000 persons at the airport representing civic and religious organizations and private groups will be the red-robed Bishop's Boys Choir and Knights of Columbus. The reception area will be in the fenced off portion of Lindbergh Field adjacent to Gate 17. The Bishop will arrive on PSA flight 330 from San Francisco with a large contingent of priests and lay people from the diocese of Santa Rosa where he has been bishop since 1962. He will be welcomed officially by the Most Rev. John R. Quinn, administrator of the diocese following the departure to San Antonio of Archbishop Francis J. Furey.

After a short speech to the crowd Bishop Maher will leave for his private residence and will later meet with the Diocesan Consultors at the El Cortez Hotel.

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On Saturday, Oct. 4, James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles will preside at the Installation and celebration of Mass before a congregation in St. Joseph's Cathedral representing all sections of the community.

During the concelebrated Mass civil and military representation will be a feature. The offertory procession of gifts of water, bread and wine will be carried to the altar by a uniformed policeman, fireman and nurse. Also in the procession will be young children carrying products representative of the natural wealth of California, while teenagers will carry representations of the life of our times, including a book on social justice and a model surfboard.

At the installation the new bishop will be greeted by a family, a priest, a nun, a doctor and a papal knight representing various communities which make up the diocese.

The La Jolla Civic Chorus will sing three parts of the Mass in Spanish-- the "Lord Have Mercy," "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "Lamb of God." Apart from a few silent sections in Latin, the entire ceremony will otherwise be in English, in conformity with current liturgical practice.

The entire Mass and installation will be video-taped by KOGO TV for replay in color at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5.

The Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Ramindo will preach, and Bishop Maher will give a homily.

Concelebrants in the Mass in addition to the Apostolic Delegate will be: Archbishop Joseph McGucken of San Francisco, Coadjutor Archbishop Timothy Manning of Los Angeles, Archbishop Francis J. Furey of San Antonio, Bishop Leo T. Maher, Bishop John R. Quinn, Rev. Raymond Maher, brother of

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the new Bishop. Also concelebrating will be the Diocesan Consultors: Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Purcell, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Bradley, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel Ryan, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Lynch, Very Rev. I. Brent Eagen, Chancellor of the diocese, Very Rev. Msgr. Donald F. Doxie, Very Rev. Edward Creighton, Rev. Thomas Maloney, Rev. Donald Kulleck, Rev. Peter Minaugh, Rev. Rudolph Galindo, Rev. Thomas Meagher.

Following the installation ceremonies there will be a special reception and lunch in the International Room of the El Cortez Hotel to which more than 1,000 guests from all over the diocese have been invited. The diocese includes San Diego, Imperial, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Speakers at the lunch will include Cardinal McIntyre, Bishop Maher and Bishop Quinn.

A feature of the program design is the use of the 200th Anniversary seal as the occasion also celebrates the official 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic faith in California. The feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4, had previously been set aside for the celebration which now coincides with the installation of the new Bishop.

The first mass which Bishop Maher will celebrate as bishop of San Diego will be in the church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 1770 Kearny Avenue, San Diego, on Sunday morning (Oct. 5) at 9:15 a.m. It will be specially offered for minority communities. His second Mass will be offered at the chapel of the University of San Diego College for Women, at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, for the Sisters of the diocese.

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