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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESIDENT OF USD CORPORATION NAMED

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--The Rev. Msgr. John E. Baer has been appointed president of the corporation of the University of San Diego. The corporation governs the USD College for Men and the School of Law.

Msgr. Baer succeeds the Most Rev. Leo T. Maher, bishop of San Diego, as president of the corporation. The appointment was agreed at a meeting of the USD board of trustees. Bishop Maher remains chairman of the board of trustees and chancellor of the university.

Sister Nancy Morris is president of the San Diego College for Women. The colleges on the Alcala Park campus are coordinated academically, with joint academic and business functions.

Msgr. Baer, 39, was named the fourth president of the College for Men on June 17, 1967. A native of Streator, Ill., he attended schools in Elsinore, and was a student at San Diego State College.

He entered St. Francis College, El Cajon, in 1947 to study for the priesthood. He completed his theological studies at North American College and Gregorian University, Rome, where he earned the bachelor and licentiate degrees in sacred theology. He was ordained to the priesthood in December 1956.

After pastoral work in the Diocese of San Diego and part-time teaching in a San Bernardino high school, he undertook graduate work at Loyola University, Los Angeles. He received a master of arts degree in education in 1960.

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He was next appointed principal of Marian High School in Imperial Beach. After a year there, he returned to Gregorian University to take doctoral studies in theology. He was awarded his degree in 1963. His doctoral dissertation was on fundamentalism in American Protestantism.

Before his appointment as USD College for Men president, Msgr. Baer was president for three years of St. Francis Seminary College, El Cajon.

Investiture ceremonies naming him one of eight "honorary prelates" with the title of reverend monsignor were held Nov. 16 in USD's Immaculate Chapel.

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