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#### BISHOP BUDDY AWARD GRANTED TO TWO ALUMNI

The eighth annual Bishop Francis Buddy Award to outstanding alumni of the University of San Diego was awarded December 8 at a special alumni mass to Father Neal Dolan, Class of 1960, and David Eugene Clements, Class of 1977.

The Bishop Buddy Award was created by the USD Alumni Association to recognize members whose lives are marked by outstanding contributions to their career fields, community, and the University.

Father Dolan has served since July 1982 as episcopal vicar and dean of the university deanery in the Diocese of San Diego. Described during the presentation ceremonies as "an outstanding human being and an extraordinary priest," Dolan is involved in the ministry to priests and in work with newly ordained priests. His background also includes parish work in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, San Bernardino, and Ascension Parish in Tierrasanta. Among his posts have been director of vocations for the Diocese, during which time he was cited as the country's most outstanding vocations director, director of Pre-Cana, faculty member of St. Francis Seminary, and director of the permanent diaconate program, and vice president of the National Association of Diaconate Directors.

"Through all these assignments and many more unassigned works," said 1982 winner Ned Wilson in making the award, "he has demonstrated extraordinary initiative and enthusiasm for bringing Christ to people and people to Christ."

Sharing this year's award with Dolan was David E. Clements of Mira Mesa's Good Shepherd parish. Clements teaches at Muir and Revelle Colleges at the University of California, San Diego, where he pursues his doctorate in English. A member of the USD Alumni Association board for two years and of the Alliance Francaise for six years, Clements is active in the Planetary Society and local right-to-life organizations. In his parish, he assists in the religious education program and has been a group leader in RENEW. A quadraplegic suffering from a rare muscle disorder, Clements had been confined to a wheelchair for the past 16 years. "Those who know him well," Alumni Director Tom Martz said, "point to his perseverance, sense of humor, and willingness to give."

The Bishop Buddy Award bears the name of the founder of the University of San Diego and first bishop of the Diocese of San Diego.

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