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BISHOP MAHER RECEIVES AN HONORARY DEGREE --

The University of San Diego will present the Most Reverend Bishop Leo T. Maher with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, at the undergraduate commencement ceremony, Sunday, May 25.

Maher, Bishop of the San Diego Catholic Diocese since 1969, has served as chairman of the USD Board of Trustees for the past fourteen years.

He was ordained a priest in 1943 and named Bishop of Santa Rosa in 1962. In 1971, he served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews presented Bishop Maher with an award in 1973 "for distinguished spiritual leadership and outstanding service" to advance community and human relations.

Honorary degree recipients are selected by committees made up of students and faculty members, and are approved by the Board of Trustees and USD President Author E. Hughes.

Demonstration of a commitment to the values for which USD stands and an impressive contribution in the area of one's career of volunteer endeavor, are among the criteria for choosing honorary degree recipients.

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Bishop Maher plans to address the undergraduates at their commencement ceremony beginning at 2:30 p.m. He will also speak briefly at the School of Law commencement, May 24 at 10:30 a.m., and the Graduate commencement, May 25 at 10:30 a.m.

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