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BAKER, DAWSON, MCMAHON JOIN USD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two prominent San Diego business leaders and the head of the Society of the Sacred Heart's United States Province have joined the University of San Diego's Board of Trustees for three-year terms effective in the Fall 1993 semester.

The three new trustees are:

-- Robert H. Baker, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bob Baker Enterprises, Inc.

-- Sr. Barbara Dawson, RSCJ, the newly-named Provincial for the Society of the Sacred Heart in the United States

-- John A. McMahon, Executive Vice President of Johnson & Higgins

"We are very grateful that these distinguished people have agreed to serve as trustees of this University," said Daniel W. Derbes, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"With the imminent departure of our President and our Provost, USD is entering a period of leadership transition," Derbes added. "The guidance of our Board will be especially critical over the next few years, and we are certain that the counsel of Mr. Baker, Sr. Dawson, and Mr. McMahon will be invaluable to us."

Baker began his legendary career in the automotive industry as a car salesman 40 years ago. Today, he owns a variety of automobile franchises in San Diego and Imperial Counties. He is a recipient of many awards, including the 1991 Distinguished

Service Award from the New Car Dealers Association of San Diego County. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, the Catholic Diocese Finance Council, and the board of the Academy of Our Lady of Peace. He was recently knighted into the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He and his wife, Sherrill, reside in Rancho Santa Fe and are the parents of five children.

Sr. Dawson, a member of the Society of Sacred Heart since 1968, is an educator and an attorney-advocate of human rights. A graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law, she served as the Directing Attorney for the Mental Health Advocacy Project in San Jose from 1980 to 1982, when she was named Director of Ministry for the Society of Sacred Heart in the United States. In 1988, she became Director of Immigration Programs for Catholic Charities in San Francisco. This August, she left the faculty of Atma Jaya University in Jakarta, Indonesia to return to the United States and head her order's national province.

McMahon has spent the past decade establishing a San Diego presence for Johnson & Higgins, a privately owned international insurance broker with 226 offices and 12,500 employees worldwide. In 1974, he joined Pacific Mutual Life as a group insurance and pension representative. Shortly thereafter, he was named manager of the General American Group Insurance office in San Diego. In 1984, five years after joining Johnson & Higgins, he was named senior vice president and manager in San Diego and, in 1992, he was made Executive Vice President and invited to become one of the 40 owners of J&H worldwide. He recently became manager of Johnson & Higgins in Los Angeles, its largest branch in the world, and he now resides in Manhattan Beach, California.