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Note: Leger rhymes with Mayday

Cardinal Leger To Accept Degree

At Waterloo Lutheran University Nov. 2

Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, one of the world's best-known and best-loved churchmen, will accept an honorary doctor of divinity degree Nov. 2 during fall convocation at Waterloo Lutheran University.

Also receiving honorary degrees that day will be Her Excellency, Mrs. Roland Michener, wife of the governor-general; and Dr. Frederick W. Minkler, retiring director of education for the Toronto borough of North York.

Cardinal Leger, for 14 years the Roman Catholic archbishop of Montreal, left Canada late in 1967 for the role of missionary priest to the lepers in Cameroon, Africa. He will be returning to Canada for the first time this fall for a brief visit.

When he made his decision to become a priest to the lepers, Cardinal Leger said, "If the gospel must be proclaimed to all men, it is directed first of all to the poor in spirit."

He added that Christianity must strive to narrow the gulf between the "silent suffering" in underdeveloped lands and the affluence of "sophisticated civilization."

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And when asked by a newsman how a cardinal could make the transition to simple missionary, he quipped, "I don't think that being a cardinal is a hindrance to doing good."

Cardinal Leger will be the speaker for Waterloo Lutheran's bacculaureate service, conducted on campus at 9:30 a.m. The service is attended by the 400 students who will later receive their degrees at the convocation at 2:30 p.m. in the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium. Both events are open to the public.

Dr. Frank C. Peters, Waterloo Lutheran president, said the university wished to pay tribute to Cardinal Leger for his outstanding example of Christian concern for the suffering of the world.

"We are honored that he has agreed to come to our campus and delighted that he will preach the sermon at the bacculaureate service."

Mrs. Michener, making her first visit to campus, will preside at the dedication of WLU's new five-storey central teaching building following the bacculaureate service.

Speaker at convocation will be Mr. Minkler, for 15 years head of a school system now educating 100,000 students in primary and secondary schools.