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For release after 5 p.m., EDT, Sunday, June 8th:

New York, N. Y., June 8 --- Francis Cardinal Spellman joined the University of Notre Dame today (Sunday) in honoring industrialist Frank M. Folsom as one of the nation's outstanding Catholic laymen.

The New York prelate conferred Notre Dame's Laetare Medal for 1958 on the former president of the Radio Corporation of America at a ceremony in the Archbishop's Room of the Chancery Office (451 Madison Avenue) at 5 p.m. Folsom is the diamond jubilee recipient of the award which the University established in 1883 to honor American Catholic men and women who have exemplified the ideals of the Church in their professional and private lives.

President Eisenhower, in a message read at the ceremony, described Folsom as "a leader in business and civic affairs" who "is inspired by the highest ideals of his faith. It is most fitting," the President said, "that he be selected as the outstanding layman of his Church in this the seventy-fifth anniversary of Notre Dame's coveted award."

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, read the citation accompanying the award. Folsom, who is now RCA's executive committee chairman, was cited as a celebrated salesman who has "sold the principles of the ideal Christian family" as well as "the cause of the poor and the underprivileged in this city." As permanent Vatican City representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the citation continued, Folsom has the opportunity to "sell to the nations of the world the ancient counsel of the Prophet, to turn their swords into ploughshares, their missiles of death into missives of peace and mutual good will."

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The Laetare Medal has been awarded to sixty men and sixteen women through the years. It is generally regarded as the most significant annual award conferred upon Catholic laymen in the United States. Among its recent recipients are Clare Boothe Luce, former U. S. ambassador to Italy; Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, president of the American Red Cross and former NATO commander; and George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO.

Folsom has been associated with RCA since 1944 and became fourth president of the communications firm in 1949. A veteran of more than forty years in the field of merchandising, he is credited by many with the phenomenal growth of the American television industry in the last decade. For his World War II service Folsom received the Medal of Merit as well as the Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service Award.

A militant Catholic layman, Folsom is a trustee of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York and a member of the Board of Governors of the Extension Society of the United States. He has been honored many times by the Church and her institutions. He is a Knight of Malta and a Knight Lieutenant of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher. Folsom has received the Catholic Action Medal of St. Bonaventure University and the Bellarmine Medal of Bellarmine College. He holds honorary degrees from Notre Dame, Fordham, Manhattan College, the University of San Francisco and St. Joseph's College of Philadelphia.

Born in Sprague, Washington, Folsom married the late Gladys Jordon Folsom in 1917. He has three daughters: Mrs. Edward Leslie, Jr., Scarsdale, N. Y.; Mrs. William Cook, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and Mrs. Robert Macrae, Hudson Heights, Quebec, Canada.

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For release in PM's, Monday, June 23rd:

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Notre Dame, Ind., June 23 -- The University of Notre Dame's largest summer session got underway today (Monday) with an enrollment of approximately 2,300 students. Among the 1,800 graduate students attending summer classes are an estimated 1,200 nuns who teach in the nation's Catholic schools and colleges during the regular school year.

The summer session opened formally Sunday with a Solemn High Mass celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the campus by Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., executive vice president. The summer classes will continue through August 5th when commencement exercises will be held in the University Drill Hall.

Teacher training programs are being offered at Notre Dame this summer in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, the social sciences, and foreign languages. The Summer Institute for High School Mathematics Teachers is being supported by a grant of \$96,600 from the National Science Foundation. The techniques of teaching foreign languages to grade school children will be the subject of a special workshop sponsored by the Modern Languages department.

Other summer session activities include graduate programs in sacred theology, spiritual theology and liturgy, Workshops in Writing, and two education department workshops on "Catholic Education Faces the Future" and "College-High School Relationships."

Several conferences and special events are scheduled to be held during or following the summer session. Among them are the Vocation Institute, July 17-20; Institute of Spirituality, Aug. 6-12; Catholic Bandmasters' Convention, Aug. 8-9; the Catholic Students Mission Crusade convention, Aug. 21-24; the Christian Family Movement convention, Aug. 28-31; and the National Catholic Social Action Conference, Sept. 4-7.

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For release after 7:30 P.M., Thursday, June 26:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 26 -- The appointment of a religious superior and two vice presidents at the University of Notre Dame was announced tonight (Thursday) by Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., provincial superior of the Holy Cross Fathers. The obediences of 438 priests and Brothers were read in Sacred Heart Church at the conclusion of a triennial Provincial Chapter on the Notre Dame campus.

Rev. Richard Grimm, C.S.C., was named superior of the Holy Cross priests and Brothers associated with the University. He succeeds Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., whose term as superior was limited to six years by canon law. Father Hesburgh was re-appointed Notre Dame president last April. A native of Peoria, Ill., Father Grimm has served as assistant superior and professor of religion at Notre Dame since 1953.

Rev. Chester A. Soleta, C.S.C., head of Notre Dame's English department since 1953, has been appointed vice president for academic affairs. He succeeds Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., who will serve as academic assistant to the president. Father Soleta is a native of South Bend, Ind., and a specialist in critical theory and the English literature of the Romantic period.

Rev. George C. Bernard, C.S.C., was named vice president for student affairs at Notre Dame succeeding Rev. James E. Norton, C.S.C., who becomes director of the University of Portland (Ore.) Foundation. Father Bernard, who was born in Springfield, Ill., has been serving as an assistant professor of religion and rector of Stanford Hall on the campus.

Rev. Glenn R. Boarman, C.S.C., also a native of Springfield, Ill., was appointed Notre Dame's prefect of religion. A member of the philosophy faculty, he succeeds Rev. Charles Carey, C.S.C., who will resume teaching at the University.

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Other Holy Cross priests receiving new appointments at Notre Dame include Rev. Ferdinand Brown, C.S.C., assistant religious superior; Rev. John H. Wilson, C.S.C., administrative assistant to the president; and Rev. Robert Lochner, C.S.C., assistant prefect of religion.

Rev. Lawrence A. LeVasseur, C.S.C., has been appointed superior of Holy Cross Seminary on the Notre Dame campus. He succeeds Rev. Harold W. Riley, C.S.C., who has headed the seminary six years and who becomes assistant director of the Office of Province Development. Father LeVasseur, who has been assistant superior of the seminary, lived in New Orleans, La., before studying for the priesthood.

Rev. John J. Harrington, C.S.C., was designated superior of the Holy Cross Fathers' Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington, D. C. A native of Eureka, Utah, he has been serving for ten years as a missionary in East Pakistan. He succeeds Rev. Alfred J. Neff, C.S.C., who will work in the Pakistan missions.

Rev. Thomas D. Richards, C.S.C., was named superior of the Community Infirmary on the Notre Dame campus succeeding Rev. Michael J. Early, C.S.C., who becomes chaplain at Notre Dame High School, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Father Mehling also announced the re-appointment of several major superiors of institutions and activities conducted by the Holy Cross Fathers. They are Rev. Howard J. Kenna, C.S.C., president, University of Portland (Ore.); Rev. Bernard McAvoy, C.S.C., Holy Cross College, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Paul Rankin, C.S.C., Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, Ind.; Rev. Charles Callahan, C.S.C., Holy Cross Mission Band, Notre Dame, Ind.; Rev. James d'Autremont, C.S.C., Notre Dame High School for Boys, Niles, Ill.; and Rev. Francis A. Provenzano, C.S.C., St. George's College, Santiago, Chile.

Five South Bend parishes are affected by the obediences announced tonight. Rev. Bernard J. Niemier, C.S.C., was named pastor of St. Casimir's Church succeeding the late Rev. Casimir Witucki, C.S.C. Rev. George Baxter, C.S.C., is transferred from Christ the King Parish to St. Patrick's Church, and Rev. John A. Driscoll, C.S.C., formerly of St. Patrick's, is assigned to Christ the King parish. Rev. Joseph Murphy, C.S.C., formerly of St. Joseph Church, is assigned to Holy Cross parish, and Rev. James B. Gillis, C.S.C., is transferred from Holy Cross to St. Joseph.

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Father Grimm, who holds an electrical engineering degree from Notre Dame, entered the novitiate of the Holy Cross Fathers in 1929. He joined the Notre Dame faculty following his ordination in 1937. From 1941 to 1950 he was superior of Holy Cross Seminary on the campus and from 1950 to 1953 he was prefect of religion at Notre Dame.

Father Soleta joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1946 after receiving his doctorate at Yale University. He entered Holy Cross Seminary in 1929 and was graduated from Notre Dame in 1938. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1942. He is a member of the Modern Language Association and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Father Bernard, a specialist in moral theology, began teaching at Notre Dame in 1952 after receiving a doctorate in sacred theology from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. He enrolled at Notre Dame as a layman in 1939 and entered the Holy Cross Fathers' novitiate in 1942. He was graduated from Notre Dame in 1945 and was ordained four years later. He has served as rector of Breen-Phillips and Stanford Halls on the campus and is a member of the American Catholic Theological Society.

Father Boarman, who will coordinate religious activities on the campus and edit the Religious Bulletin, has been serving as assistant director of admissions and assistant professor of philosophy at the University. In earlier years he was coordinator of summer conventions. He began his studies for the priesthood in 1941, was graduated from Notre Dame in 1946, and was ordained in 1950. He received a master of arts degree from St. Louis University in 1952 and joined the Notre Dame faculty the same year.

Father Brown, a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, has been a member of Notre Dame's mathematics faculty since 1946. He began his studies for the priesthood at Notre Dame in 1930 and holds three degrees, including a doctorate, from the University. He was ordained in 1942. He has been serving as rector of Walsh Hall on the campus.

Father Wilson, born in Chicago, was graduated from Notre Dame and the Kent College of Law, Chicago. He has served as associate editor of THE CATHOLIC BOY and as director of vocations and assistant director of province development for the Holy Cross Fathers. He entered the novitiate in 1934 and was ordained in 1941.

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