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Cardinal To Receive PC Degree

His Eminence Mario Luigi Cardinal Ciappi, O.P., who has served as the personal theologian to three popes, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Providence College tomorrow at 11:30 a.m.

The degree will be conferred during a special convocation in the college's Slavin Center.

The Dominican priest was elevated to Cardinal June 27 by Pope Paul.

The Cardinal will visit Woonsocket beginning Aug. 17 and will stay at St. Anthony's rectory. He will also be honored Aug. 19 at a luncheon sponsored by Union St. Jean Baptiste.

PC to honor Cardinal Ciappi

Mario Luigi Cardinal Ciappi, O.P., the papal theologian who was elevated to the College of Cardinals on June 27 by to the College of Cardinals on June 27 by Pope Paul, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Providence College today.

The 68-year-old cardinal was born in Florence, Italy. He was dean of the theological faculty of the Pontifical Angelicum University in Rome before being named papal theologian in 1968.

As papal theologian, Cardinal Ciappi is a consultor to Pope Paul, to the Vatican Secretariat of State, and to the Doctrinal Congregation.

The 11:30 a.m. ceremony today at Providence College will be held in '64 Hall at the Slavin Center on the college campus.



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Visiting cardinal to get P.C. degree

PROVIDENCE — His Eminence Mario Luigi Cardinal Ciappi, a Dominican priest and personal theologian to Pope Paul VI, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at Providence College, the only institution of higher education in North America conducted by the Order of Preachers.

The Very Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., Providence College president, will present the degree to the cardinal, who will be in Providence this week and visiting America for several weeks.

Elevated to cardinal in June by Pope Paul, he was named papal theologian by Pope Pius XII in 1955.

Born in Florence in 1909, Cardinal Ciappi was ordained a priest in 1932. He received his Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Angelicum University in Rome, where he taught moral and dogmatic theology, and served as dean of the university's theological faculty.

Theologian of the Pontifical House, the cardinal has also served as the personal theologian for Pope John XXIII. Cardinal Ciappi is the 85th papal theologian in the history of the Roman Catholic Church.

He is also counselor to the secretary of state of Pope Paul VI and consultant to the doctrinal congregation of the Vatican.

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