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Dr Eifert Honored

Dr. William Carl Eifert became the fifth recipient of the Christo et Ecclesiae medallion on September 8, 1980 at the Opening Service of the sixtieth academic year of Concordia College, Edmonton, Alberta.

The medal was designed by John Smith of Alberta and is 5 1/2 ounces of antiqued silver in a triangular format, showing the face of Christ in inlaid enamels. The reverse side displays the official seal of Concordia College. It is annually presented to Christians who by their lives have exemplified a deep commitment to Christ and His Church.

In response to receiving the medallion, placed on him by Dr. Paul Otke, Chairman of the Board of Regents, 83-year old Dr. Eifert spoke with dignity "It is not by my own doing, but by God working through me

that I was able to serve my Church. To God be the glory."

Dr. Eifert devoted fifty years in the service of the Church, spending his entire formal ministry in Alberta, beginning in southern Alberta in 1919. He later served congregations in Trochu from 1921-23 and Leduc, from 1923-1950.

In 1924 he was elected Secretary of the Alberta-British Columbia District serving until he was later elected President in 1930. He remained in that office until 1951. At that time he was called to serve full time as Executive Secretary of the Alberta-British Columbia District and continued in office until his retirement in July, 1969. As part of his duties as Executive Secretary he travelled extensively and also actively promoted the Lutheran Hour, headquartered in his office in Edmonton.

In addition to once serving as the Chairman of the Board of Control of Concordia College,

Edmonton, he served in the various capacities of Circuit Counselor, Chairman of the Student Support Board and on many District Committees.

In 1960 the faculty of Concordia Seminary, Adelaide, Australia, chose to confer upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology.

Dr. Eifert and his wife Ida (nee Kroschel) were married on Aug. 22, 1922. Their marriage was blessed with eleven children. There are five sons presently serving as pastors in The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.



Victor Hugo published his last great work at the age of 81.

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Walter Aiello

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October 15, 1980

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