

# Syracuse Fire Chief Michael Downes Earns Yet Another Honor

Syracuse Fire Chief Michael Downes will be the honored guest at the Firemen's Scholarship Fund Dinner on October 22, sponsored by the Loyal Order of the Moose, Syracuse Lodge.

Chief Downes has had a long and distinguished career in the fire service. He has been Chief of the Syracuse Fire Department for the past seven months. Before being appointed Chief, Downes served as Deputy Chief, District Chief and Captain. He has been with the Syracuse Fire Department for 38 years.

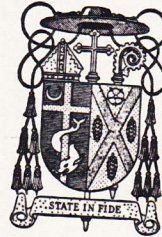
Chief Downes has taught and trained just about every member of the Syracuse Fire Department. He served as the Chief Officer at the Department's Training Tower.

Chief Downes is also the recipient of the Hendricks Medal, the highest award issued by the City of Syracuse for valor. He earned this honor while a member of the Rescue Company. On Sunday, February 25, 1962, Chief Downes responded with Rescue Company 1 to an alarm at 516 East Willow Street. The blaze had gained headway throughout the rambling, three-story apartment building and extremely heavy smoke had filled the entire structure.

After assisting in the rescue of an elderly couple via a ladder

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*In Grateful Recognition of the  
Loyalty, Integrity, Compassion  
and Devoted Community Service of*

*John F. Downes*

*Elected to the Advisory Board of*

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1962*

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THE MOST REVEREND WALTER A. FOERY, Bishop of Syracuse*

RT. REV. MSGR.

*Harold E. Lawler*  
DIOCESAN DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC CHARITIES

*"Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it for one of these, the least of  
my brethren, you did it for me." (Mt. 25:40) May 22, 1963*