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DAYTON, Ohio, August 30, 1967 --- Five doctors of philosophy and one professor with a masters degree in the same academic discipline will join the University of Dayton philosophy department faculty this fall, Very Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., announced today.

The five doctors are Rev. John Nichols, S.M., who received his doctorate at the University of Louvain, Belgium, this year; Rev. John Opalek, Sacred Heart Missionary priest who was awarded his doctor's degree at Gregorian University, Rome; Dr. H. James Nersoyan, a graduate of Columbia University's doctorate program in philosophy; Dr. James O'Brien, who has his degree from the Universite de Paris; and Dr. Margaret Petritz, who received her doctor's degree from the Catholic University of America.

The sixth new member of the department will be Mr. John Thompson, who received his master's from Montreal University in Quebec, Canada.

Father Nichols, a member of the Society of Mary, was born in Cincinnati and taught in Marianist schools before going to Europe for post-graduate work. He is a 1955 graduate of the University of Dayton and received his degree in sacred theology (STL) at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1963. He completed his doctorate studies in Belgium last January. His doctoral thesis was "The Notion of Moral Value in the Spiritualist Philosophy Rene Le Senne.

Father Nichols took his first vows at Marcy, New York, in 1951 and his final vows on August 15, 1955. He was ordained on March 30, 1963, at Fribourg.

Father Opalek was ordained at the Sacred Heart Seminary, Shelby, Ohio, in 1947. He received his masters in theology at the Gregorian University in 1951 and his doctorate in philosophy in 1962.

An author, Father Opalek's recent writings are "The Experience of Being in the Philosophy of Louis Lavelle" and "Being and God." He is a native of Coaldale, Pa.

Dr. Nersoyan was born in Antep, Turkey, and has recently served as Consultant on Ecumenical Affairs and Social Issues to the Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in New York City. He had previously held the titles of Youth Director and Editor for publications of the same diocese.

From 1951 to 1954, Dr. Nersoyan lectured before student groups and mixed audiences...
at Hofstra University, New Jersey State College in Trenton, and the Kellogg Institute, Detroit.

He has written two books, *A History of the Armenian Church*, and *The Faith of the Armenian Church*, and contributes articles to religious publications. He is a member of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division.

Dr. Nersoyan is a 1940 graduate of the College Champagnet des Freres Maristes, and received his bachelor of sacred theology at the Berkley Divinity School, Yale University in 1949. He earned his doctorate at Columbia in 1966.

Dr. O'Brien was born in Ireland in 1917. He received his bachelor's degree in languages and education from the University of Paris in 1940 and a master's in psychology in 1944 from the same University.

His doctorate studies were at the Catholic University of Paris where he was awarded his Ph.D in philosophy with a concentration in metaphysics, epistemology and existentialism, finishing in 1952.

He was a professor of metaphysics at the Ecole Superieur in Paris from 1951 to 1954 and also served as a visiting lecturer for existentialism at the University of Paris during the same period. He has served as a visiting lecturer at colleges and universities in Australia and New Zealand, and recently served as Headmaster of the Catalina Island School for Boys in California.

He has an L.L.C.M. in music from the College of Music at London, England, and a diploma in elocution and public speaking from the Royal Academy and London College.

Dr. O'Brien also is a graduate member of the Writer's Club and Newspaper Institute of America.

Dr. Petritz has been working with a research project in ethical practices. It is under the sponsorship of the United States government. She has been working in Illinois and Washington, D.C.

A graduate of Mt. St. Joseph's in Cincinnati, Dr. Petritz received her master's in philosophy in 1951 and her doctorate in 1953 from the Catholic University of America. She has done some post-doctoral work at Johns Hopkins and has studied human physiology, chemistry and medical technology.

Following her graduation from Mt. St. Joseph's Dr. Petritz served as a supervisor in biochemistry at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington and as a lecturer and researcher for the U.S. Government from 1946 through 1952. She taught at Loyola University of Baltimore and Brescia College in Owensboro, Kentucky, before her recent government research position.

Mr. Thompson is a native of Montreal. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the Terrebonne College, Quebec, in 1935, having minors in French, Latin and Greek, and completed his master's requirements at Montreal University in 1942.

He has taught at the St. Joseph's Seminary in Cleveland, Gannon College, Erie, Pa.; and Marguerite Bourgeois College in Montreal.