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Rev. John G. Dickson, S.M., to Celebrate Silver Anniversary

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DAYTON, Ohio, July 3, 1970 --- Rev. John G. Dickson, S.M., recently appointed Chairman of the University of Dayton's Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, will celebrate the Silver anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Saturday, July 11, with a 4 p.m. Mass in the University's Immaculate Conception Chapel. He was ordained on August 24, 1945, at St. Meinrad's Seminary in Indiana.

Father Dickson, who served as the original Provincial of the Society of Mary's New York Province from 1961 through 1968, has been taking graduate work and teaching during the past two years. He has been concentrating in the field of sociology over the past 20 years although his original educational training was in English and Theology.

Born in Albany, New York, September 30, 1916, Father Dickson has been associated with the Society of Mary since 1934 when he took his first vows at Mt. St. John's, now the East Campus of the University of Dayton.

He took his final vows as a brother in the Society 31 years ago. He began his teaching career at Holy Rosary Grade School in Dayton in 1935 and taught in high schools in Philadelphia, Hamilton, Ohio; Philadelphia, Alameda, California; and Dayton through 1951. He took time from teaching while studying at St. Meinrad Seminary, 1943-46.

He studied for his doctoral degree at Duquesne University and St. John's University in New York, receiving the degree from St. John's in 1956. He was Chairman of UD's Theology Department from 1957 through 1961 when he was appointed Provincial of the New York Province with headquarters in Baltimore.

He asked for relief from administrative duties in 1968 to return to the classroom as a student and teacher. He took work in sociology at the University of Chicago during 1968 and 1969.

Father Dickson is the author of 24 articles, published between 1940 and 1960 in various Catholic and professional magazines. He also is a member of Catholic associations relating to theology, sociology, religious administration and the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

His lectures in recent years have been on the Christian Social Order, in particular the Sociology of Religion.

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