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DAYTON, Ohio, May 25, 1972 --- Dr. Ellis Joseph, Chairman, Department of Secondary Education, University of Dayton, has been appointed the University's Acting Dean of the School of Education. Dr. Joseph, who has been at UD since 1961, succeeds the late Dr. Joseph Panzer, S.M., who died on April 11.

Reverend Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., University President, who made the appointment after extensive consultations, announced that Dr. Joseph will assume his duties immediately.

Of Dr. Joseph, Father said in a letter to the University Community: "Dr. Joseph has the expressed confidence of his colleagues in Education and that of the University administrators to carry on the work of Brother Joseph Panzer and inaugurate the new concepts and plans which have been studied and proposed as part of the Plan for the Seventies.

"Several major changes in the State requirements are in the offing and the School of Education is ready to make the adjustments which should strengthen their programs and make them responsive to the new norms of the State.

"I want to congratulate Dr. Joseph on meriting this mark of confidence and thank him for his willingness to step into the vacancy at this time to facilitate the planning and execution of those programs which will keep our School of Education strong, viable and responsive."

Father Roesch also wrote: "Later, to comply with the University's regular procedure for replacements and with the Federal government's Affirmative Action Program, we shall form a Search Committee to nominate candidates for the permanent dean. Dr. Joseph will be one of the candidates."

Dr. Joseph is well known in Southwestern Ohio for his innovative ideas in education, his personal approach to and work with college students, and his coordination with Boards of Education in the area. Dr. Joseph has developed courses in education which meet the needs of today's modern student and has been a strong advocate of interdisciplinary education. He has created programs to meet the needs of secondary education in Southwestern Ohio and is an advocate of university students learning by working on a one-to-one basis and in groups with high school students.

His all-encompassing approach to education on the University of Dayton campus has brought him into most phases of the campus' academic life. He has served on 22 University-wide and School of Education committees concerning research, honors, innovation, teaching, administration, faculty, academic freedom, lectures, promotions, library and publications.

This service includes the chairmanship of the Curricular Task Force in the Plan for the Seventies, the Innovations Committee, President's Committee for the Study of Academic Freedom, Committee on Conditions of Service Affecting the Life of the Mind, Lecture Committee and Committee on Teaching, AAUP.

Dr. Joseph also has served on National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education teams visiting universities in Illinois, Massachusetts, and New York, and for secondary and elementary schools in the midwest.

He was a Ford Scholar while doing graduate study at the University of Notre Dame from which he received degrees in 1955, 1956 and 1962. He has his doctorate in Philosophy of Education. He also has served as a Visiting Professor at Ohio University (1964) and Antioch College (1968).

Within the past two years, he has initiated, directed and developed programs within the University of Dayton, for local school systems and interaction between the university and school systems.

He also is in constant demand for lectures, has written a book, Jacques Maritain on Humanism and Education, 1966, and served as editor and co-editor for pamphlets, manuals and articles for trade publications.