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DAYTON, Ohio, January 9, 1985 -- Reverend John George Dickson, S.M., former chairman of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work and the Department of Theology of the University of Dayton and former provincial superior of the Marianist Province of New York, died today at Alumni Hall on the University of Dayton campus. He was 68. His death followed complications after a massive stroke suffered in February and a battle with cancer.

Father Dickson was a native of Albany, New York, and a Marianist for 50 years. He was ordained a priest in 1945.

Throughout his career as a teacher, scholar, and administrator, Father Dickson published more than two dozen articles in various Catholic and professional publications. In addition to his expertise in the fields of theology and sociology, Father Dickson devoted considerable research scholarship to the study of his own religious order, the Society of Mary (Marianists), and its founder Father William Joseph Chaminade.

Father Dickson taught at numerous elementary and secondary schools early in his career, including: Holy Rosary School (Dayton, Ohio), Catholic High School (Hamilton, Ohio), St. John's High School (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), St. Joseph's High School (Alameda, California), and Chaminade High School (Dayton, Ohio).

Father Dickson held Bachelor of Arts (1937) and Master of Arts (1947) degrees in English from the University of Dayton. He received a Master of Arts in sociology from Duquesne University in 1953 and in 1956 his Doctor of Philosophy degree in sociology from St. John's University.
From 1955 until 1957, Father Dickson directed spiritual retreats at the Marianist Retreat House in Dayton. He came to the University of Dayton in 1957 as University chaplain and chairman of the Department of Theology.

From 1961 until 1968, Father Dickson served as the first provincial superior of the Marianist Province of New York, headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland. The Province has endowed a scholarship in his name at the University of Dayton.

Following post-doctoral studies at the University of Chicago (1968-69), Father Dickson returned to the University of Dayton where he chaired the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work from 1970 to 1977.

He was named professor emeritus of the University of Dayton in 1982.

Visitation will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel at the University of Dayton from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. this Saturday, January 12, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial. Internment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery at Bergamo.