Appointment of Father Paul Henry

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The famous Jesuit philosopher Father Paul Henry, Professor of Theology at l'Institut Catholique de Paris, has accepted an appointment as Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, San Diego, President Clark Kerr and Chancellor Herbert York announced today.

The appointment is effective January 1, 1965 Father Henry is expected to arrive on the UCSD campus early in February at the start of the second semester. For the first three years he will teach only during the spring semesters.

Father Henry is considered one of the greatest living experts on Greek Philosophy and on Patristic Philosophy, the philosophy developed by the Fathers of the Christian Church. He is especially noted for his work on the Roman Philosopher Plotinus and has published several books and articles on the subject.

He is currently working, together with Dr. Hans-Rudolf Schwyzer of Zurich, on a new critical edition of Plotinus, the manuscript of which has already been recognized as a major contribution to learning.

Father Henry, 58, a Belgian citizen, studied at Louvain University, Belgium, and at the Sorbonne, Paris, receiving a Ph.D. from the latter in 1938. The following year he pursued Arabic studies in Syria, Lebanon, and Palestine. He received a Doctor of Divinity from Gregorian University, Rome, in 1941.

He holds honorary degrees from the University of Santiago, Chile, and from the University of Ireland, In Dublin.

From 1941 to 1945, Father Henry served as Professor of Systematic Theology at Louvain Theological College, Belgium. He has served as a visiting Lecturer in the classics, in philosophy, and in theology at Fordham University, State University of Iowa, University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, the National University of Buenos Aires, the National University of Santiago, Chile, New Rochelle College, Northwestern University, and Oxford.

This spring he is serving as Visiting Lecturer in the History of Religion Department at Northwestern and this summer will be Professor of Philosophy at the National University of Santiago.