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First doctorate degree granted by Montana State University to Anthony Brown

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The first earned doctor's degree to be granted by Montana State University, Missoula, will be conferred in March upon the Rev. Anthony Brown, according to Dr. Ellis Waldron, dean of the Graduate School.

Father Brown will receive the degree of doctor of education, which is conferred "in recognition of breadth of scholarly attainment and demonstrated ability to investigate problems independently and effectively rather than the completion of a set curriculum in a certain period of residence."

The program leading to the doctor of education degree was instituted at the University in 1955, and Father Brown is the first candidate to complete the degree. Dean Waldron said that several other candidates are currently in residence and completing requirements for the doctorate in education.

In his graduate work at the University, Father Brown maintained a grade index of 3.96, or nearly a straight-A (4.00) average. The title of his doctoral dissertation is "A Study of Discipline Concepts in Catholic and Secular Education from the Roman Catholic Point of View."

During his two-and-a-half years' residence at the University, on leave from the faculty of Carroll College, Helena, Father Brown taught a class in the history of education. He also worked as a research fellow on educational studies being conducted by the School of Education under a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

A native of Anaconda, Father Brown holds an A. B. in the classics from Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind., and a master of education degree from St. Bonaventure University, Olean, N. Y. He has also done graduate work at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

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After his graduation from Notre Dame in 1943, Father Brown taught for two years in high schools in Indiana and Wisconsin. In 1945 he entered St. Edward's Seminary in Seattle to prepare for the Catholic priesthood. After his ordination in 1949, he served in parishes in Butte and Anaconda. In 1950, he became principal of the then newly built Anaconda Central High School. He left this post in 1952 to work for his master's degree. He joined the Carroll College faculty in 1953.

Father Brown plans to return to the staff of the Carroll College Dept. of Education.

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