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at Salve Regina College
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The valedictorian at Salve Regina College (Newport, R.I.) today urged her classmates to "...have respect for those who, in following their consciences, choose means of expressing themselves different from our own."

In an address delivered at outdoor Class Day ceremonies at the women's college, Miss Eileen F. Thoubboron, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, said, "May we always recognize the value of every human person and the right of each to live his life in the way he chooses."

Reviewing the collective college experience of the class of 1970, Miss Thoubboron thanked parents, faculty, and administration for their moral support, encouragement, and efforts to impart the skills of thinking independently and keeping the mind alive. She said that if the class could retain these two abilities, "...we will have gained more than we realize, and will be prepared to assume responsible positions in life."

"We have received--but what have we given in return?" she asked. "We can find true happiness only in...genuine concern for others.... People need each other, and it is in responding to this need of others for us that we find

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fulfillment ourselves. And we must respond--so very much depends on it in this world torn by disunity and impersonalism."

Some 500 graduating seniors, their parents, faculty, and administration were on hand for the traditional ceremonies held on the College's Ochre Court Terrace overlooking the famed Cliff Walk above the Atlantic Ocean.

Miss Marifrances Kelly, Pawtucket, president of the student government, led the 180 graduates-elect in the procession to the exercises under sunny skies.

The invocation was offered by Rev. Richard Mandeville of the College's theology department, and congratulations were rendered to the class by Salve Regina President Sister Mary Christopher, R. S. M.

Sister Margaret Sorensen, R. S. M., associate academic dean, presided at the ceremony where academic hoods were conferred on the class of 1970. The class' nursing students were also presented their nursing pins marking the completion of their baccalaureate studies.

Another highlight of the program was the presentation of membership certificates in Sigma Phi Sigma, national Mercy honor society; Delta Epsilon Sigma, national Catholic scholastic honor society; Kappa Gamma Pi, national Catholic women's honor society; Sigma Delta Pi, national Spanish honor society; and Who's Who Among Students In American Colleges And Universities. Student newspaper and yearbook awards were also presented.

The recipients are as follows:

Sigma Phi Sigma: Catherine Barbaria, Woonsocket, R.I.;

Maureen Daley, Newport, R.I.; Dianne Danis, Franklin, Mass.; Elizabeth Ellis, Madison, Conn.; Joanne Gauthier, Falls Church, Va.; Frances Kozma, Windsor, Conn.; Carlene Ladino, New Bedford, Mass.; Sharon Lanoue, Cumberland, R.I.; Barbara LaVorgna, Hamden, Conn.; Carmela Lepore, Plainville, Conn.; Catherine Litwin, Kensington, Md.; and Kathryn Podd, Greenwich, Conn.

Kappa Gamma Pi: Catherine Barbaria, Woonsocket, R.I.;

Susanne Davignon, North Attleboro, Mass.; Christine LaFlamme, Warren, R.I.; Janine Bizzinski LaMantia, Warren, R.I.; Elizabeth Ciallella Piasecki, Middletown, R.I.; Donna Place, New Bedford, Mass.; Catherine Pratte, Warren, R.I.; Eileen Remarski, Pawtucket, R.I.; Gertrude Santos, Newport, R.I.; and Eileen Thoubboron, Pittsfield, Mass.

Delta Epsilon Sigma: Catherine Barbaria, Woonsocket, R.I.;

Sister Mary Bernard, Portsmouth, R.I.; Janine Bizzinski LaMantia, Warren, R.I.; Margaret Cardillo, Providence, R.I.; Elizabeth Ciallella Piasecki, Middletown, R.I.; Rosemarie Ciallella Wilson, Newport, R.I.; Susanne Davignon, North Attleboro, Mass.; Helen Howard, North Brookfield, Mass.; Christine LaFlamme, Warren, R.I.; Rosemary Pereira, New Bedford, Mass.; Donna Place, New Bedford, Mass.; Catherine Pratte, Warren, R.I.; Gertrude Santos, Newport, R.I.; Eileen Thoubboron, Pittsfield, Mass.; and Nancy Topalian, Providence, R.I.

Sigma Delta Pi: Cynthia Bates, Salem, Mass.; Margaret Cardillo,

Providence, R.I.; Ann L. Conaty, Waterbury, Conn.; Rita Francis, East Providence, R.I.; and Catherine Pratte, Warren, R.I.

Who's Who Among Students In American Colleges And Universities:

Maureen Daley, Newport, R.I.; Margaret DiCairano, Silver Spring, Md.; Elizabeth Ellis, Madison, Conn.; Joanne Gauthier, Falls Church, Va.; Barbara LaVorgna, Hamden, Conn.; Carmela Lepore, Plainville, Conn.; Kathryn Podd, Greenwich, Conn.; and Pamela Sweeney, Greenwich, Conn.

Other officers of the class of 1970 are the Misses Maureen F. Daley,