Twentieth Annual Salve Regina College Commencement Held at Naval War College

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A great hall. TV lights and cameras. A Navy brass band. Eminent authorities.
A famed speaker. Earned degrees, baccalaureate and honorary. Scores of faculty members,
delegates, relatives, friends. Some 180 new alumnae of Salve Regina College. And a
smooth and successful re-location of the twentieth annual Commencement. Even threatening
skies could not rain on a parade like that! And so, our earnest thanks go to the U.S. Naval
Base, Newport, for making it possible; to Dr. Margaret Mead, for making it memorable;
and to all of you--from His Excellency The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, Bishop of
Providence, who presided, to the underclassmen who served as ushers--for making it favorable.

No eleventh hour change of plans is easy for anyone--especially the participants.
Your readiness, willingness, and ability to adapt to the modified plan of Commencement Day is
deserving of praise and recognition. Praise we offer herewith. Recognition, we are pleased to
report, was accorded the day's events in living color by two Rhode Island and three Massachusetts
television stations; in living sound by several radio stations; and in black and white by photos and
news stories, published locally and carried far and wide via the wire services of United Press
International and Associated Press.

One UPI telephoto pictured Glamorous graduate Pam Sweeney, one of the nation's
Top Ten College Girls this year, be-gowned but barefoot running briskly through the surf of
First Beach, holding high her cap in one hand, her degree in the other, in celebration of her
graduation. This photo, which now has appeared in countless newspapers throughout the country,
perhaps caught the attention of photo editors because it records for all concerned a joyful
response to and hopeful reflection of the traditional rites of passage, the years of endeavor that
earned them, and the confidence and capacity they symbolize for the building of a better world.

The needs of the world for betterment were a recurring theme in our Commencement
Week addresses, three of which we enclose here along with our happy congratulations and hopes
for many happy returns to Salve Regina for the class of 1970.

Sincerely,

THE 1970 COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

Ronald C. Brinn
Chairman

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