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NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 1 -- The president of Salve Regina College, a Catholic women's college here, has called a three-year moratorium on administrative review of student social regulations.

Sister Mary Christopher, R.S.M., made the announcement in a letter sent Monday (Aug. 31) to the College's 750 upperclassmen and incoming freshmen.

"In reviewing the problems of social change on our campus, as well as on the campuses of other colleges, we (the administration) find...among student governing groups a competitive, often indiscriminate, drive to outdo their predecessors in the attainment of student rights," the letter said. "It is our belief that constant change dissipates the energies of both administrators and students, and impedes rather than enhances progress."

Sister Christopher went on to recall the "tremendous expansion and change" in all areas of campus life at Salve Regina during the past few years. "And so, during the next few years, we must work together to incorporate fully this rapid expansion and change into the conduct of the College," she said.

Sister Christopher wrote that the College is giving top priority to the goals of academic excellence and active maintenance of the Catholicity defined by the Salve Regina charter. She urged the students to recognize their responsibility to cooperate in achieving these goals through personal involvement in and support of the College's efforts.

Salve Regina students waged a long but unsuccessful campaign last spring for parietal hours and permission to drink in the dormitories, as well as for extended curfews. The college presently permits the students male visitors in the public lounges of the dormitories; and curfews of 12 midnight on weeknights, and 2:30 a. m. on weekends. There is no permission given the students to have liquor on the campus.

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" We assume that your return to Salve Regina is a tacit acceptance of these conditions," Sister Christopher's letter concluded. "To permit us to concentrate on the areas of collegiate life to which we have given priority, we will not review social regulations until the fall of 1973.

"We are asking you to accept the challenges of living in an intellectual community, a Christian community, a community dedicated to helping you prepare for a creative and productive life. To be successful this must be a joint endeavor. "

Sister Christopher ended her letter with this query to the students: "Are you up to it?"

Copies of the letter have also been mailed to the College's faculty, alumnae association, and the parents of present students, along with cover letters from Sister Christopher requesting responses to the administration's stand regarding the social regulations now in force at the College.