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Salve Regina College president Sister Mary Christopher, R.S.M., has helped to launch a series of regional workshops for the Religious personnel at hospitals conducted by the Sisters of Mercy of the Federation throughout the country.

As the sociologist on a team that also includes a psychologist, a theologian and a hospital administrator, Sister Christopher addressed 90 attendees at the opening seminar last weekend (March 12-14) at Sacred Heart College, Belmont, N. C.

The three-day workshop, entitled "Toward A Common Vision," dealt with the problem areas of today's health apostolate. Through general and small group sessions, the participants considered the available ways and means of maintaining apostolic efficiency in a period of ongoing professional change in the hospital field.

In addition to Sister Christopher, the workshop team includes Dr. Nick J. Colarelli, a professor of psychology, and Rev. John C. Futrell, S.J., an assistant professor of theology, both at St. Louis (Mo.) University, and Sr. Rose Elizabeth, R.S.M., administrator of the Sisters of Mercy Hospital in Brownsville, Tex.

The four-member team will conduct similar seminars in Denver, in April; in St. Louis, in October; and in Detroit, in November.

A Pembroke College graduate, Sister Christopher was a social worker for the R. I. Department of Social Welfare prior to her profession as a Sister of Mercy. In later years, she earned her master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees at the University of Notre Dame; headed Salve Regina's department of sociology; and served as a consultant for the Butler-Bradley Hospital Community Mental Education Project.

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