Graduating Seniors to Participate in Baccalaureate Mass

Salve Regina College

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Some 156 graduating seniors at Salve Regina College will participate in a baccalaureate Mass Sunday, May 23, as a prelude to the College's twenty-first Commencement.

The concelebrated Mass is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Newport, with the parents, teachers, and friends of the graduates-elect in attendance.


The baccalaureate address will be given by the Very Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O.P., prior and pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, New York City.

A specialist in international law with a doctor of philosophy degree from Oxford University, Father McKenna was for 18 years a professor of history and chaplain at Providence College. He has also served as prior of the Dominican House of Philosophy, Dover, Mass., and the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C.

Monday's Commencement exercises for the Salve Regina class of 1971, will begin at 11 a.m. on the College's Ochre Court Terrace (or, in case of bad weather, De La Salle Academy gymnasium, 356 Bellevue Ave., Newport).

As marshal, State Representative Robert J. McKenna, (D) Newport, an assistant professor of political science at Salve Regina, will lead the academic procession of members of the corporation, board of trustees, administration, faculty, and senior class, together with Federal, State, and local government officials, lay educators, nuns, and clergymen.

The line of march will proceed from the O'Hare Academic Center down tree-lined Ochre Point Avenue, through the great iron gates of Ochre Court, and around the administration building to the terrace overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The Newport Naval Station Band will set the pace for the procession.

Salve Regina president, Sr. Mary Christopher, R.S.M. will confer 117 bachelor of arts degrees and 39 bachelor of science degrees on the candidates, who will be presented by Dr. Lester Carr, Jamestown, vice president for academic affairs.

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Dr. William P. Robinson, Jr., director, State Agency for Elementary and Secondary Education, will present the statements of eligibility for teaching.

The conferring of four honorary doctorate degrees and an address by Very Rev. William Paul Haas, president of Providence College, will climax the traditional ceremony.

The invocation and blessing at the Commencement will be given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel P. Reilly, chancellor of the Diocese of Providence.

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