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Three prominent Rhode Islanders - - - a bishop, an historian and a language scholar - - - will receive honorary doctorates at the twenty-fifth anniversary Commencement of Salve Regina College, Newport. today, (Monday, May 29, 1972).

They are:-

the Most Reverend Louis Edward Gelineau, Diocese of Providence;  
Mrs. George H. Warren, founder of the Newport Preservation Society;  
Georgette V. Ramos, retiring professor of modern languages from Salve Regina.

Bishop Gelineau, who celebrated baccalaureate Mass on Sunday at St. Mary's Church, Newport, for the senior class and who will also officiate at the graduation ceremonies, is a life - time native of the state of Vermont. He completed his seminary studies at St. Paul University, in Canada's capital city of Ottawa, following three years of study at St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vermont. After his seminary years, he continued study at the School of Canon Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. and upon his return to his native state was named assistant chancellor of that diocese.

The Bishop's years as student, priest, theologian, pastor, administrator and Vicar General in Vermont, have been a sound preparation for his coming to R.I. in the centenary year of the Providence diocese.

Sister Mary Christopher, R.S.M. , president of the women's college, will confer a Doctor of Humane Letters degree on Bishop Gelineau; a Doctor of Humanities on Mrs. Warren; and a Doctor of Literature on Mrs. Ramos.

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Mrs. Warren, in addition to being founder of the Newport Preservation Society, is a former trustee of the Rhode Island School of Design, Governor of the Newport Casino, former honorary chairman of the Newport Opera Company and Director of the Newport Historical Society. She has served as a member of Mrs. John F. Kennedy's Committee to restore the White House and as president of the advisory committee and Trustee of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. In 1956, she received from France the Cross of a Knight of France's Legion of Honor for her efforts in promoting the Rochambeau Festival in Rhode Island and Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Ramos, who holds an A.B. and M.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, is a long time prominent participant in the cultural activities of the city of Newport. In 1950 she was instrumental in affiliating Salve Regina College with the Alliance Francaise in Paris, thus affording student opportunities for study in France. From 1956 to 1960 she served as a member of the Board of State Colleges; and in 1970 was chosen as a member of the Board of Trustees of Newport Free Library. Mrs. Ramos is retiring from the staff at Salve Regina. after 20 years in the modern languages department in the capacity of professor.

The Salve Regina graduation ceremonies are scheduled for 11:00 a.m., on the oceanside Ochre Court Terrace, (or in case of inclement weather. at Roger's High School Auditorium, Newport).

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