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Two Art Pieces Bring Salve Regina College $375,000

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Salve Regina College, Newport, Rhode Island, has learned that the two paintings by Paolo Veronese owned by the college brought a total of $375,000 at an auction held in London, England, last Wednesday.

The auction was conducted by Sotheby & Company, London, an affiliate of Sotheby Parke Bernet of New York, the firm that coordinated the sale for the college.

The artist, Paolo Veronese, was one of the greatest painters of the Renaissance. His works are in the Louvre in Paris, the National Gallery in London and galleries in Florence and Venice. The paintings were entitled, "An Astronomer" and "A Patriarch."

Sister Lucille McKillop, R.S.M., college president, said that she was confident the Board of Trustees would place part or all of the proceeds in the Goelet Scholarship Fund, named after the early benefactors of the college and former owners of its administration building, Ochre Court. The Goelet Scholarship Fund, which uses interest from an endowment, has provided scholarships to 150 students since the college was founded in 1947.
Sister Lucille indicated that the paintings had been essentially neglected over the years. When the college first learned that they were unmistakably the original work of Veronese and that it would cost a sizeable sum to maintain them, she said the Board of Trustees voted to make them available to the art world through Sotheby.

Salve Regina is a fully accredited, coeducational college of arts and sciences located in the famous seaside resort of Newport, Rhode Island. Situated above the Atlantic Ocean on Newport's famous Cliff Walk, the college occupies several Newport mansions in addition to modern academic buildings and dormitories. The college offers various degree programs leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree.

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