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**SISTER FORMATION WORKSHOP
ATTENDED BY SALVE REGINA
OFFICIALS**

**Sister Mary Emily, R. S. M., President,
and Sister Mary Rosalia, R. S. M., Dean, of Salve Regina College, Newport, have
returned from the Mercy Generalate in Bethesda, Md., where they participated in
a Sister Formation Workshop, sponsored by Mother M. Regina Cunningham, Mother
General of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union.**

**Approximately eighty Sisters of Mercy
from all parts of the United States, representing the various areas of Sister Forma-
tion, were present. The purpose of the Workshop was to consider the broad aspects
of the formation of Sisters in order to achieve a better understanding of the problems;
to provide opportunity for Mistresses, College Personnel, and all others involved
in the work of Formation to discuss and evaluate their mutual efforts in relation to
the goals; to pool ideas and current achievements in the preparation of the Mercy
Syllabus of Spirituality; and, to formulate practical directives for those engaged in
this vital area of religious life.**

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Sister M. Flavia McCormick, Councilor

General, presided at the opening meeting on Monday evening at which Mother M. Regina welcomed the participants. On Tuesday, Rev. Eugene Burke, C.S.P., of St. Paul College, Washington, D. C., discussed THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS OF SISTER FORMATION: OBEDIENCE AND AUTHORITY. The topic for Wednesday's discussions was THE ROLE OF A SISTER OF MERCY IN THE WORLD TODAY. This was presented by Rev. Reginald Masterson, O.P., of St. Joseph Priory, Dubuque, Iowa. All other sessions were conducted by Sisters assigned to the Formation Program. These included Major Superiors, Councilors, Mistresses, College Personnel, Directors of Study, and Vocation Directors. Question periods and group discussions were given ample time for dialog and enriching communication of ideas. Special work sessions on the closing day were planned to include the practical facets of the formation of the young religious.

The outcomes of this Workshop will be broad in scope. They will affect approximately 1500 Sisters in Formation at present in the nine provinces of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union, and in Jamaica and Argentina, each of which missions has its own center for the training of Sisters. This number includes also those being formed at the centers of the communities represented at this meeting: Brooklyn, New York; Erie, Pa.; Merion, Pa.; Portland, Me.; Belmont, N. C.; North Plainfield, N. J.; and Pittsburgh, Pa.

November 11 at 7 p.m., the 123rd Anniversary of the death of the Foundress, Mother Mary Catherine McAuley, was marked by a Commemorative Program.