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ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS TO ADDRESS AUDIENCE OF MANY FAITHS AT SALVE REGINA COLLEGE MONDAY

His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America, will address a distinguished audience of religious and lay people of many faiths on Monday, September 20, in the Great Hall of Ochre Court at Salve Regina College, at 7:30 p.m. Guests will assemble from Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The students of the college have also been invited.

Archbishop Iakovos, who will be introduced by Sister Mary Emily, R.S.M., president of the College, will speak on the place of the Greek Orthodox Church in today's ecumenical movement.

His Eminence, born in 1911 on the Turkish Island of Imbros, is a citizen of the United States, where he was ordained a priest in Boston in 1940. In 1954 he was elected Bishop of Melita (Malta) and was assigned to the Archdiocese of Central and Western Europe. On February 14, 1959 he was elected to his present post.

The Archbishop has close ties with Protestant groups in the United States, especially within the World Council of Churches of which he has twice been president, and in the National Council of Churches of which he is currently a vice president.

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His able advocacy of the Orthodox point of view has also cemented better ties and friendship with Roman Catholicism, the Jewish groups and other faiths of the world.

Recipient of many honorary degrees--including most recently the Doctor of Laws degree from Brown University during their 200th Convocation, awarded for "contributions to the ecumenical movement and Christian unity"--Archbishop Iakovos does not limit his activities to the academic realm alone. He was, for example, in Selma, Alabama, earlier this year to participate in the memorial services there for Rev. Reeb.

A reception in honor of His Eminence will be held in the State Dining Room of Ochre Court immediately following his address. This will conclude for Archbishop Iakovos a very active three days in Newport arranged around the 50th anniversary of St. Spyridon's Greek Orthodox Church.