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SALVE REGINA COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND FOR SCIENCE, MATH AND ACADEMIC BUILDING

Ground was broken for Salve Regina College's new Science, Math and Academic Building at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20.

The groundbreaking was an informal ceremony attended primarily by students and faculty. The Diocese of Providence was represented by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward P. Boland, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Newport, and Dean of the Newport Deanery of the Diocese, who blessed the ground and gave the Invocation.

Mrs. Margaret Loftus, Councilwoman, representing the City of Newport, gave a brief talk commending the Sisters of Mercy for their contributions to Newport and to Higher Education.

Monsignor Boland began the actual ground breaking by turning the first ceremonial shovel of earth. He was followed by Mother Mary Kiernan, R.S.M., Provincial of the Sisters of Mercy of the Saint Mary of Nazareth Province of Providence; Mrs. Loftus; Cornelius C. Moore, Esq., chairman emeritus of the Salve Regina College Advisory Board; Rev. John T. Shea, a member of the Advisory Board; Sister Mary Emily, R.S.M., president of the college; Sister Mary Rosalia, R.S.M., academic dean; Sister Mary Petronilla, R.S.M., treasurer.

Others participating were Dr. Ascanio DiPippo, representing the lay faculty; Mrs. George Cullen, president of the Salve Regina Guild; and Miss Therese Sullivan, '52, representing the Alumnae.
Also Mr. John E. Murray, Jr., treasurer of the Fathers Council; and representatives of each of the classes of the student body.

Rev. John P. Reilly, chaplain, led a closing prayer for the success of the building and for the safety of all the workers on the project.

The program concluded with the singing of the College hymn, "Hail, Holy Queen, Enthroned Above."

Dr. F. Kenneth Brasted, director of public relations at Salve Regina, was master of ceremonies.

The new building, designed by the architectural firm of Kurtz and Senning of Providence, will be located on the corner of Ochre Point and Shepard Avenue, south of McAuley Hall on the former Twombley-Burden estate. It will be a bright yet dignified addition to the world-famous Cliff Walk area of Newport, designed to reflect the character of its neighbors and to blend into the existing landscaping.

J. L. Marshall & Sons, Inc., of Pawtucket, has been awarded the general contract for the building. The total cost of the building will be $2,000,000. Funds will come from a combination of sources -- Federal grants, a Federal loan, and the College's own resources.

Sub-contractors for the building will be:

Industrial Heating and Plumbing Corporation, plumbing; Electrical Sales and Services of Rhode Island, electrical; and D. Dixon Donovan, heating and ventilating.

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