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Holy Ghost Convent
67 Ridge Street
Providence, Rhode Island
November 5, 1966

Dear Friends,

May we share a few minutes of your time to tell you about some thing that we Sisters of Mercy are vitally interested in as Election Day fast approaches?

Perhaps you have heard of Salve Regina College in Newport, Rhode Island. It was the first Catholic College for women in this state and remains the only one. It is staffed by members of our religious community.

We have just received a letter from Sister Mary Emily, the President of the college, informing us of a ballot for appropriations on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8.

Our college abuts the famous Cliff Walk which due to storms and weather has suffered considerably from erosion. The Newport Cliff Walk Commission desires to restore it to its original beauty. This can be done at the cost of \$1,400,000. The Federal Government will pay \$414,000 and the State will float bonds amounting to \$493,000 and hopes to take care of this by means of "tax free" gifts.

The project can become a reality only if you, the voters of Rhode Island, APPROVE THIS PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.

Since this undertaking will add beauty and value to our property we are COUNTING ON YOU, OUR FRIENDS, to WIN THE APPROVAL OF THIS BOND ISSUE.

Before closing, we would also like to call your attention to Bond Issue #3 which proposes new centers to aid the RETARDED CHILDREN and we earnestly urge you to APPROVE THIS ALSO.

Thank you in advance for the help which we trust will be forthcoming.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Sisters of Mercy