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SALVE SISTER AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke, R.S. M.

head of the Sociology Department at Salve Regina College in Newport, R.I. is spending the second semester at Ann Arbor Michigan. She has been appointed visiting scholar at the Center for Studies of Higher Education at the University of Michigan and is the first woman to serve in that capacity.

Christopher received her Master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Notre Dame in the field of sociology. She is a member of the American Catholic Sociological Association, the Urban League and the R.I. Association for the Mentally Retarded. She has served as President of New Visions for Newport County, the Federal Anti-poverty Program, and has been a leader in and consultant to Operation Headstart. Sister Mary Christopher was presented the award "Woman of the Year" by the Women's Division of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce in January, 1967.

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