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SALVE GRANTS DEGREES TO 125 POLICEMEN

Salve Regina College, Newport, R.I., awarded baccalaureate and associate degrees in Law Enforcement to 125 Rhode Island and Massachusetts policemen during the Fourth Commencement Exercises of the Community Education Program on Sunday, August 26, 1973.

The Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy, Lt. Governor of Rhode Island, delivered the commencement address at the ceremonies held in the Terrace of Salve's Ochre Court. The Lt. Governor also received a Doctor of Civil Law degree from the college. It was his first honorary degree and the first honorary degree awarded by the Community Education Program at Salve.

Sister Lucille McKillop, R.S.M., newly appointed president of the college, presided over the ceremony and conferred the degrees. In her remarks to the graduates, she mentioned that today's graduating class was the last graduation at Salve where male students participate separately.

"With our recent move to coeducation, we are committed to the total integration of male and female students at Salve Regina College. One of the first steps to accomplish this is to end separate graduation ceremonies. After today, all graduates from Salve's full time day program and from our Community Education Program will receive their

degrees together at one combined ceremony," Sister McKillop said.

During his commencement address, Lt. Governor Garrahy heralded the graduation as "a new beginning for the students as law enforcement 'professionals', and a new beginning for the entire law enforcement program in Rhode Island."

He praised the R. I. Municipal Police Incentive Pay Plan where local police officers receive pay bonuses for each credit earned and said that "It would be a wise investment to expand the plan to include our state police and corrections officers. A program as valuable as this should be made available to all who are involved in the daily enforcement of our laws."

The Law Enforcement Degree Program of Salve Regina's Community Education Department offers a wide variety of law enforcement and general education courses to police officers from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts towns. Classes, workshops and seminars are held on the Newport campus as well as five satellite locations throughout the state.

According to Sister McKillop, the program is not a police training program but a "regular broadly based liberal arts program that relates the state's law enforcement needs to the social problems of today. Students in the program concentrate heavily in political

science, psychology, sociology and other liberal arts courses in an effort to define the policeman's role as not only an enforcer of the law, but also a solver of society's complex problems."

More than 300 local policemen have received degrees from Salve, since the College began the program four years ago, and there are another 450 Rhode Island police officers currently enrolled in degree programs at the College.

The academic procession at Sunday's ceremony was led by the College's Marshal, Dr. Frank D. Maguire. The Reverend Joseph B. Coleman, Chaplain to the Newport Police Department, led the invocation and benediction. Beverly W. Miller, Ph.D., Academic Dean of Salve Regina, presented the candidates for degrees. Class Orator was Captain Anthony Moretti of the Cranston Police Department, and a color guard from the Middletown Police Department and the Warwick Brass Quintet provided musical accompaniment for the ceremony.

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