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"In the United States, the most treasured things for our foreign students are kindness and friendship," writes the former Shao-Ling Hwa, Rhode Island's own weapon against the cold war. Shao-Ling, now Sister Mary Theresa in the Congregation of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary at Tung-Lo, Miaoli in the Republic of China, was a graduate of Newport's Salve Regina College Class of 1955.

Sister Mary Theresa and a companion have started the first catechetical mission in Tung-Lo. In indescribable poverty and among a people who never heard of Christianity, a growing group of which Sister Mary Theresa was a founding member finds new difficulties and challenges their way of life. She writes of the usefulness of her Salve Regina training: devising methods of teaching Catechism, translating the Bible and religious truths into local Chinese dialects, and cycling great distances to instruct and comfort the poor.

Not forgotten by the sisters at Salve Regina, Sister Mary Theresa was recently surprised by the gift of mimeoscope equipment which will make it possible to produce written material in volume. Even discarded Christmas cards are sent to be converted by school children into touches of beauty in homes of great poverty.

Tung-Lo is a long way from Ochre Point and Salve Regina College, but of Sister Mary Theresa's conversion from paganism which she received in Baptism in Newport, she writes, "I am one of yours...It is true because you have introduced the Faith to me and also trained me to serve God and His people." Thus we compete in the cold war.

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