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**SALVE REGINA**OCHRE POINT AVENUE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**COLLEGE****FOR RELEASE**INFORMAL GROUND BREAKING
AT SALVE REGINA COLLEGE

IMMEDIATELY

Ground will be broken for Salve Regina's new Residence Hall and Student Center on Wednesday, October 2, at 11:00 a.m. In order that construction may start at once, the ceremony will be an informal one involving only the college "family," with the community represented by Mayor Charles A. Hambly of Newport.

The exercises will take place at the construction site, the former Jacobs estate on Ochre Point Avenue between Webster Street and Narragansett Avenue.

Following the singing of the hymn Salve Regina Coelitum by the student body, the ground will be blessed by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew Clarke, D.D., Vicar General of the Diocese of Providence. The ceremony of the breaking of the ground will be participated in by Mother Mary Helena, R.S.M., Provincial; members of the Provincial Council; Sister Mary Hilda, president of Salve Regina and one of the original incorporators of the college in 1934; representatives of the administration, faculty, student government, each of the four classes, the Alumnae Association, the Guild, and the Fathers Council. The Advisory Council will be represented by its chairman emeritus, Mr. Cornelius C. Moore of Newport.

Since Wednesday is the Feast of the Guardian Angels, special prayers will be offered for the safety of each workman who will be involved in the construction of the building.

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The new residence hall and student center, costing nearly two million dollars, will be built of brick, distinctive in color, with accents of limestone and aluminum. While contemporary in design its simple, conservative lines will harmonize with the general domestic scale of neighboring buildings.

In addition to the 200 resident students, five prefects and a residence supervisor, the building will accommodate 600 in the dining areas, with a snack bar, book store, and recreation rooms in the lower floor.

The building is L-shaped, fronting on Ochre Point Avenue and Webster Street, and will be three stories high above the ground floor. The building is so situated as not to detract from the beauty of the site and its landscaping.

The ceremony will conclude with the singing of the college's Alma Mater, Salve Regina Salve.

The architects of the building are Maginnis and Walsh and Kennedy of Boston; the contractor is F. L. Collins & Sons, Inc. of Fall River.

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