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SISTERS TRAVEL FROM KERALA, INDIA, TO
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, TO ANTIGONISH,
NOVA SCOTIA, TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION

Sister Jane Frances

Kuzhuvelikalam, S. A. B. S. , Adoration Convent, Vazhappally, Changa-
nacherry, Kerala, South India; and Sister Mary Jerome Valliath, S. A. B. S. ,
of the same address, left India in October 1960 to come to Salve Regina
College, Newport, Rhode Island. Overcoming all the problems of distance,
language barriers, and customs, they successfully majored in Biology at
Salve Regina, and on June 7 proudly received the Bachelor of Arts degree.

These are the first two

Sisters from India to graduate from Salve Regina College in the Overseas
Education Program of the Sister Formation Conference. They were spon-
sored by Sister Mary Joesetta Butler, R. S. M. , executive secretary of the
Better World Movement, who has twice traveled to India to explain the
aims of American education to religious communities in that country.

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For her outstanding work
in international education, as well as for her distinguished educational
leadership as the former president of St. Xavier College in Chicago,
Salve Regina College granted Sister Mary Joretta an honorary degree of
Doctor of Humane Letters on the same day that the Indian Sisters received
their degrees.

Now from Newport to
Nova Scotia. From June 25 through August 12 the Sisters from Salve
Regina will be at Coady International Institute in Antigonish, having received
full expense, travel, maintenance and tuition scholarships for the session
through one of Salve Regina College's benefactors.

The seven-week course
is designed to give an understanding of the history, philosophy, principles,
techniques and application of the "Antigonish Movement" to men and women
from countries at any stage of development, who wish to apply this workable
plan to the problems of their own areas.

It is a program of self-
help and mutual help. It takes the people where they are, even the illit-
erate, and leads them to the highest possible level of human performance.
It is a program suited to democracy in this scientific and technological
age. It is a program of adult education that begins in the economic field,
fans out into every phase of human activity, and which will give life to
all nations and all peoples, and not just to the favored few.

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Upon completion of the
summer course, Sisters Jane Frances and Mary Jerome will do graduate
work in Biology at St. Joseph's College, West Hartford, Connecticut, which
has granted them full scholarships.

Following this, the
Sisters will return to India and teach there in college, conducted by their
own religious order.

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June 28, 1965