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Salve Regina College

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Salve Regina College was formally opened on Wednesday, September 24, 1947. On Sunday, September 21 the first group of Sisters took up residence at the College, and the first class of students arrived that afternoon. The Sisters assigned by the Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Matthew Doyle for the first year of its existence were: Sister Mary Catherine Durkin, R.S.M. Superior, Procurator and Librarian; Sister Mary James O’Hare, R.S.M. First Councilor and Dean; Sister Mary Ignatius Hines, R.S.M., Second Councilor, Treasurer and Instructor; Sister Mary Evangelista Scanlon, R.S.M., Instructor, Sister Mary Martina Conley, R.S.M., Registrar and Instructor, Sister Mary Martha Quinn, R S.M., Instructor; Sister Mary Rose Agnes Cavanagh, R.S.M., Instructor and Sister Mary Rosina Lynch, R.S.M. Instructor.

On Monday, September 22, Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 24 the Sisters attended Mass and received Holy Communion at the Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph on Bellevue Avenue.

Work on the renovation of the new College continued and by the morning of September 24 the Chapel was in readiness [sic] for the first Mass which was celebrated by His Excellency, Most Reverend Francis Patrick Keough Bishop of Providence. Before the Mass the Bishop blessed the building and thanked the donors. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goelet who were present at the blessing and First Mass. The sermon on the occasion was delivered by Reverend John J. Kenny, assistant superintendent of schools. A luncheon was served to all the guests in the Formal Dining Room, the Breakfast Room and the Registrar’s office.

On Thursday, September 25, 1947 the Sisters received Holy Communion for the first time in their new home.

The chaplain appointed by the Most Reverend Bishop was Reverend Gerald F. Dillon.

In January, 1948 the Goelets offered their stables on Lawrence Avenue as a gift and because renovations were to take place during the summer months our annual retreat was planned to coincide with Holy Week so that we would be free to direct the work on the new building in the summer. Reverend Edward Corcoran, S.J. gave the retreat to the eight Sisters and Holy Week services were carried out in full by our chaplain and retreat master.

In August, 1948, the Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Hilda Miley, R.S.M., appointed the following Sisters, making twelve Sisters for the second year: Sister Mary Constance Landrigan R.S.M., Sister Mary Mercedes Quinton, R.S.M., Sister Mary Jean Tobin, R.S.M. and Sister Mary Euphrasia Curtis, R.S.M.

The summer retreat of 1949 took place in June and was conducted by Reverend Frederick McCarten S.J.

In August, 1949 five Sisters were added to the twelve already appointed: Sister Mary Kathleen Reynolds, R.S.M., Sister Mary John Francis McKenna, R.S.M., Sister Mary Donald Egan, R.S.M., and Sister Mary Augustine San Souci, R.S.M. and Sister Mary Christopher O’Rourke, R.S.M.

In June, 1950, Revered Felix Talbot, S.J. conducted the annual retreat.

In August, 1950, Sister Mary Venard Benoit, R.S.M., Sister Marie Therese Lebeau, R.S.M., Librarian replacing Sister Mary Catherine Dunkin R.S.M. who took over the duties of Treasurer, and Sister Mary Philemon Banigan, R.S.M. completed the faculty of the College. The number of Sisters during this fourth year was twenty.

In November, 1950, Mr. Cornelius Moore, local attorney, presented us with another building for dormitory purposes. After some renovations were made and when the house was completely furnished it was blessed by Reverend Father Dillon on April 2, 1951. The senior class took up residence in this building following the Easter vacation.

The first Commencement took place on Monday, June 4, 1951.

The fourth annual retreat was held at the College from June 16-25, 1951 and was conducted by Revered Nicholas McNeil, S.J of St. [Ignatius] Residence, [Portland], Maine.

At the Provincial Chapter held at Mt. St. Rita, Cumberland R.I on July 4-5, 1951. Sister Mary Catherine Dunkin was elected Mother Assistant Provincial.

In August 1951, Sister Mary Emeria, Tobin, R.S.M. was appointed Superior and Instructor in the Education division of the college. Sister Mary Borromeo Duffy was appointed treasurer to replace Sister Mary Ignatius Hines, who was too ill to continue in that position. S. Mary Ignatius retired to St. Xavier’s Convent, Providence. Sister Mary Clarice Lomax was appointed to assist with office work and continue her own study. Sister Mary Donalda Kelly replaced Sister Mary Augustine San Souci, as Director of the Nursing Division. Sister Mary Augustine was appointed Director of Nursing Service at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Providence and was transferred to St. Xavier’s to reside there. The number of Sisters in community for the year 1951-1952 was twenty-one

The mid-year Retreat was given by Rev. R. P. Levell, S.J. from Grand Coteau, La. Sisters from St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s resided at the college during the retreat.

In December 1951, Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Hilda celebrated her Golden Jubilee of Religious profession at St. Xavier’s Convent, Providence. Sister Mary James, RS.M, Dean of Salve Regina College paid tribute to Mother Provincial as an educator, in a very scholarly address given at the Jubilee dinner.

On January 21, 1952, Mother Provincial gave a donation of $2000 from her Jubilee money to help to reduce the debt on the college.

In the early part of the year 1952, Mother Provincial and her Council decided to use Moore Hall as a convent during the summer to house the Spiritual Renovation Group, a new project of our Generalate.

Immediately after the second Commencement, which was held June 2, 1952, the work of changing Moore Hall from a college residence hall to a convent, began. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 12th, the first Mass was said in the new Chapel by Rev. Gerald Dillon, Chaplain of the college. The Mass was offered for the repose of the souls of the parents of Cornelius Moore, the Donor of the building. Mr. Moore, and his niece, Miss Patricia Moore, were present. All the sisters of the college attended On June 23, 1952, the retreat opened in Moore Hall under the direction of the Rev. Frederick Harkins, S.J. Retreat will be followed by five weeks of Renovation program. S.M. Annita Harrington, R.S.M. is Superior of the group and Sister M. Beatrice Walsh, RS.M. is Mistress. S.M. Marcellinus, RS.M., as organists, and 26 Sisters of the group, complete the family.

The summer retreat, 1952, was given by Rev. James D. Carroll, S.J. This was the fifth annual retreat and was held from June 14 to 23rd. There were 87 sisters making the retreat and four sisters, out of retreat, assisting in the house.

On Friday, Sept. 26, 1952, a new shrine of the Sacred Heart, which had been erected the preceeding [sic] June, was blessed by Rev. Father Dillon, Chaplain of the college. The blessing was followed by out-door Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar which forms the base of the shrine. This shrine is on the grounds of Moore Hall, facing the main entrance and was the gift of Mrs. Thorpe, S.M. James’ brother-in-law, in memory of her nephew.

The faculty for this school year remained the same with the addition of Sister Mary Othilda Smith, R.S.M. in the Business Department.

The mid year Retreat, Dec. 28, 1952 to Jan.1,1953 was given by Rev. Albert Chan, S.J. from Boston College High School. Fr. Chan was a Chinese priest from Hong Kong, who was studying for a doctorate at Harvard. He gave a very fine Retreat and made us much more acquainted with conditions in the Orient under the Communists. Sisters from St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s resided at the college during the Retreat.

In March 1953, S. Mary James, Dean of the college, left Salve Regina for St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Boston, where she underwent a serious operation, from which she was not to recover. She returned from there to Mt. St. Rita’s Convent in Cumberland where she remained until her death, one year later.

In June 1953, the third Commencement took place on the college terrace. The address was given by the Very Rev. Charles Lynch, Pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Bristol and former Rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary.

Moore Hall was again converted into a convent, and the second summer of Spiritual Renovation was again given by Rev. Frederick Harkins, S.J. There were 23 Sisters in this group, with Sister Mary Alberta Quinn as Superior, and Sister Mary Audrey, Mistress. S.M. Marcellinus was again organist.

In July 1953, a Provincial Educational Group, was formed to carry out the recommendations of the Mercy Educational Conference held at Atlantic City in April of that year. The college group consisted of S.M. James O’Hare, S.M. Emeria Tobin, S.M. Martina Conley of Salve Regina College, and S.M. Alacoque Tuite of Cath. Teachers College. The first meeting of that committee was held Saturday, July 25, 1953 at Mt. St. Rita’s Convent; with Mother M. Hilda, our Mother Provincial and President of Salve Regina College, presiding.

In June 1953, the Retreat was given at Salve Regina College by Fr. Flanagan, S.J. Sister Mary Emeria was attending a workshop at Catholic University, and Mother M. Catherine, assistant Provincial, presided. The Sisters of St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s, Newport, St. Michael’s, Prov., St. Patrick’s Valley Falls, St. Charles, Woonsocket, Mt. St. Rita’s, Cumberland, and St. Brendan’s, Riverside, attended.

In Sept., when it was realized that S.M. James would not be able to return to the college, S.M. Evangelista was named First Councilor, S. Mary Martina, Second Councilor, and Sister Mary Emeria, Dean.

On Dec. 4th, the Marian Year was opened at the College, with exercises in the Great Hall and consecration of the year in the Chapel. At 8:55 that evening, S.M. James died, and was buried on Dec. 7th.

At Christmas, 1953, a gift of $1000. was received from the Misses Bartley in memory of their brother, Fr. Bartley, late Pastor of St. Mary’s Newport. Gratitude is also due to Miss Natalie Clarke of Tilden and Thurbers, who waived a commission of 82.50, due her, in favor of the college.

At midnight, a High Mass, followed by two low Masses, was sung by the Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Dillon.

In January 1954 Sister Mary Augustine, RS.M. passed her Comprehensive in Nursing Education and was granted a degree of M.A in N.E. with distinction. Sister is instructing and supervising S.R.C. students who are training in St. Jos. Hospital.

On January 15, Sister Mary Jean, R.S.M. was named a member of the Nominating Committee for the Executive Board of the N.C.E.A., the New England Regional Unit of English.

On February 4th, a High Mass of Requiem in memory of Sister Mary James, RS.M was offered in the Convent Chapel by Rev. Gerald F. Dillon, Chaplain of the College. Mother M. Hilda, President of the college and Mother M. Catherine, vice President were present.

Fr. Dwyer, Chaplain of Mary Immaculate Queen Novitiate, Newport, was named for monthly conferences at the college. This appointment came from Rev. Ward Dunn, recently named Vicar for religious in the diocese.

Fr. Young, curate of St. Joseph’s Newport gave Holy Hour and Conference on March 7, the First Sunday. It was decided that the three Newport Convents combine for conferences and each of the three appointed priests to take turns.

On March 14th, six student nurses and two Junior Sisters were capped in the Convent Chapel by Rev. G.F. Dillon, Chaplain. Fr. Dillon gave the sermon for the occasion. Mother Mary Hilda, President of the College and Mother Mary Catherine, Vice Pres. were present. It was the first capping of our Sisters in the Province and was in accordance with the new educational program of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union.

On March 19th, four Sisters attended the reception of the holy habit of the Sisters of St. Jos. of Cluny, held in St. Joseph’s Church, Newport, in conjunction with Vocation Week.

On March 27th, the first meeting meeting [sic] of the newly formed regional unit of the National Catholic Council on Home Economics was held at Salve Regina College. Sister M. Kathleen, of the Home Economics department of the college, was chairman. The bishop opened the day with a Pontifical Mass. A catered dinner was served. About 150 members were present; 49 of them were religious. Many of the Sisters remained over the weekend.

Three faculty members, Sister M. Emeria Dean, S. Mary Martina, Registrar, and Sister Mary Constance, Dean of Students, attended the second meeting of the Mercy Educational Conference, held in Chicago, Easter Week, in conjunction with the N.C.E.A. meeting

On May 31st, 1954 the fourth Commencement took place on the College Terrace. Fourteen of our Sisters received their A.B degrees. The address to the graduates was given by the Rev. John J. Dougherty, S.J.L., Professor of Scripture and Regent of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University. The Governor, Newport Mayor, and many distinguished guests were present and remained for the dinner which followed. Our Most Rev. Bishop presided.

June 1st-Sister Mary Augustine, RS.M.R.N. of Salve Regina College was appointed to the State Committee of Nursing Education and Nursing Registration. This appointment was signed by the Governor of the State and involves a payment for her services.

June 4th-The Business Teachers Institute was held at Salve Regina College.

June 11th to 22nd- S. Mary Martina and S. Marie Pierre attended a Workshop at Catholic University.

June 18 to 27, the annual Retreat was given by Rev. David Cummiskey, S.J. Sisters from St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s Convents were present at this Retreat.

June 28-Moore Hall opened for the third summer of Renovation for the Sisters. An eight day Retreat was given by Father Moriarty, S.J. followed by two weeks of Spiritual Exercises of Renovation. Fr. Lynch, S.J. took over at the beginning of the third week and completed the six weeks. Sister Mary Alberta, RS.M. was Superior and Sister Mary Audrey, RS.M was Mistress.

In August, 1954, Sister Mary Christopher, R.S.M., Instructor of Sociology at Salve Regina College was granted a Fellowship by University of Notre Dame, Indiana. This will enable her to teach classes there while studying for her doctorate; it also grants $1000 a yr. for expenses. The August appointments in 1954 made no changes in the Faculty of Salve Regina College. One new lay Faculty member, Miss Rosemarie Archangel, was added.

Sept. 13th 1954 brought to the college the largest enrollment in its history. The 104 resident students fill the dormitory space almost to its capacity.

During the early part of September, the first steps were taken toward application for accreditation for the college. A self-appraisal questionnaire was filled out by the Administration and Faculty and after being approved by the President, was sent Sept. 25th to the Chairman of the Accrediting Board. S. Mary Antonine Provincial Councilor, came to the college to help with the typing of this questionnaire.

Sept. 25th – A meeting of the Local Superiors at Mt. St. Rita convent was conducted by Mother Provincial. Regulations for the coming year were discussed by Mother Provincial. Luncheon was served after the meeting.

September 24th, Mercy Day, was Convocation Day. In the absence of the Bishop, who was on his “Ad limina” visit to Rome, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Cassidy presided. Rev Cornelius Collins was guest speaker. Honors were distributed, and the Sophomore nurses, including two Sisters of Mercy, received their caps. Graduate nurses received their pins. A dinner was served after the ceremonies. Thirteen guests, including two monsignori, five priests, the mayor, and five lay guests, were present.

On Sept. 31 The usual [monthly] Holy Hour was held on Oct. 3rd, the Guild also held a Holy Hour in connection with their meeting. Reverend Father Dillon gave an excellent instruction on our Blessed Mother and lead the recitation of the rosary in her honor. The spiritual part of the meeting was followed by a tea in the library.

On October 9th, as part of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine convention, Sister M. Mercedes, Director of the Art Division of the college conducted a meeting of teaching brothers and sisters. Sisters discussion of confraternity work in the schools was well received and praised by all in attendance.

On October 18th, a Solemn High Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother was celebrated on the terrace of Salve Regina College. This was Newport’s tribute in honor of the Marian year. All children of Newport County, both Elementary and Secondary, were in attendance. Their parents were also invited. About 2000 joined in the tribute. Rev. [Shea was celebrant of the Mass, Father Driscoll was deacon and Fr. Maguire, sub. deacon. Rev. Gerald F Dillon, Chaplain of the college preached the sermon for the occasion.

A visiting committee from the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools visited the college on Oct 20, as the second step in application for accreditation. The committee was composed of Dr. Everett Sackett, Dean of Students of New Hampshire University, Dr. A. Howard Meneely, President of Wheaton College, Father Vincent Dore, O.P., Dean of Providence College. At the dinner served to the visiting committee, there were present also, Monsignor Thomas V. Cassidy, [Superintendent] of Diocesan Catholic Schools, Monsignor Arthur Geoghegan, Instructor at the college and Assistant Supt. of Catholic Schools, Cornelius Moore, prominent Newport banker and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the college, Mr. Carl Porter-Shirley, Superintendent of Newport Public Schools, Father John Shea, Instructor at the college, Mr. Quinlan Shea, C.P.A., regularly employed accountant of the college and Rev. G.F. Dillon, Chaplain of the college. Mother Hilda, President of the college and Sister M. Emeria, Dean, accompanied them on the tour of all buildings. Results of the visit will not be known for at least two months.

On Nov. 2 a Mission bazaar was held in Mercy Hall. Proceeds amounting to $675.00 [?] were sent to the Propagation of the Faith for the missions.

On Nov. 18, Fr. Wilcock, S.J. said Mass in the Byzantine Rite. The Faculty and students sang the Mass in Eng. with a few Russian responses, as do the congregation in all Masses. [sic] said in that rite. Holy Communion was given under two forms.

Dec. 3, a High Mass of Requiem was sung for the repose of the soul of Sister Mary James, R.S.M. This was the first anniversary of her death.

On Dec. 28th the annual year end Retreat was begun by Rev. James D Sullivan, S.J. Sisters from St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s Convents in Newport and St. Joseph’s Convent, Pawtucket attended the Retreat. It closed New Year’s morning with the customary Renewal of Vows.

Dec. 28 brought the final report of the New England Association of Colleges. This report stated that though the Members of the Examining Committee were very favorably impressed with many features of the college program, it was the decision of the Standing Committee to withhold accreditation until a few recommendations, suggested by them, be carried out. They offered any assistance we might wish is [sic] doing so.

January 10, 1955 marked the beginning of the meeting of American Association of Colleges held in Washington. Sister Mary Emeria R.S.M. dean of Salve Regina College attended these meetings as well as the American Conference of Academic Deans.

On February 5, 1955 the Mercy Education Department held their annual meeting at Salve Regina College. All members of this Advisory Committee of the Educational Conference of the Sisters of Mercy of the Province of Providence were present and Sister M. Emeria, dean of Salve Regina College and chairman of the group, presided. Sister Mary Constance Landrigan, R.S.M. gave a report of the meeting of Sister -Formation Commission held in November at Albertus Magnus College.

Salve Regina College was featured as the “College of the Week” on February 19, 1955 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce who have the weekly program featuring Colleges of Rhode Island on Television. Reverend Gerald F. Dillon, College Chaplain, represented Salve Regina College in answering any questions that were asked. Pictures and views of the College were shown on the screen.

On March 7, 1955 Rear Admiral Eccles showed to faculty and students beautiful slides of Rome and Florence.

Again Salve Regina College was given publicity on March 11, 1955 when Sister Mary Emeria Tobin, R.S.M., gave a very enlightening talk on “Teacher Training”, as the program carried on by the Education Department of Salve Regina is known, over the radio. This was one of a series of talks on the program, “Know Your College,” and followed that of Providence College given the previous week.

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On March 12, 1955 four Sisters from the Newport convents renewed their vows in the Chapel of Salve Regina College. Sister M. Emeria Tobin, R.S.M, acted as delegate of Mother General and Reverend Gerald F. Dillon, as delegate of Bishop McVinney.

On March 15, 1955 the famous Irish Lyric tenor, Christopher Lynch, gave a program of Irish airs to faculty and students as well as to invited guests who included the Sisters from St. Mary’s, St. Augustine’s, and St. Catherine’s. The Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Catherine’s remained for a party dinner in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. The Sisters of Mercy alternated in place at table with the St. Joseph Sisters and the meal ended with songs and entertainment enjoyed by all.

The Sister-Formation Conference under the chairmanship of Sister M. Constance Landrigan held their meetings at Salve Regina College from April 1, 1955 to Sunday, April 3, 1955. Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald, R.S.M., Provincial Councilor, is on the board of Sister-Formation and Sister Mary Othilda Smith, R.S.M. was secretary of the meeting.

On April 11, 1955 the Sisters left for the first time using airplane for transportation for the Annual National Catholic Educational Association Congress held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Hilda, president of the college; Sister M. Evangelista Scanlon, Sister M. Martina Conley, registrar, Sister M. Constance Landrigan, dean of students, and Sister Marie Pierre Koch attended the Conference and the general convention conducted simultaneously by Mother General for the Sister representatives from each province. The Sisters returned by plane April 15, 1955.

Sister Mary Christopher O’Rourke spoke at St. Ann’s Woman’s Club Communion Breakfast on “The Catholic Woman and the World” on May 8, 1955.

On May 22, 1955 the Salve Regina Guild and Alumnae Association anticipated the Silver Jubilee of their Moderator, Reverend Gerald F. Dillon on the occasion of the Silver Tea sponsored by the Guild annually. Both the Guild and the Alumnae presented the chaplain with gifts of money.

May 25, 1955 brought a surprise visit from His Excellency, The Most Reverend Russell McVinney, who was accompanied by the Vicar General of Armagh to whom he wished to show the college. The president, Mother M. Hilda, received the bishop and the Sisters assembled to greet him and kiss his ring.

May 25, 1955 brought a tour of the college by the Rhode Island Guidance Group under the leadership of Miss Margaret Cullen of Valley Falls. This group of approximately thirty educators enjoyed a catered dinner at Mercy Hall.

The fifth Commencement of Salve Regina College took place on May 30, 1955 in the Great Hall. For the first time because of threatening showers the ceremony was held indoors. Accommodation was given to all, however, seats having been placed in Drawing Room and Library facing the Great Hall and additional seats in the balconies. His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bishop McVinney, presided. The Governor, Mayor of Newport, City Manager, and many distinguished guests were present and remained for dinner. The speaker, Reverend Charles Donovan, Dean of Education at Boston College, Jesuit and Doctor of Philosophy, addressed the graduates on “Ideas Have Consequences.” Six of our Sisters received A.B. degrees. A dinner was given to the Faculty and Provincial Council by Mr. and Mrs. Aubin, the latter a graduate of Salve Regina of 1955 having received her B.S. in Nursing.

On June 2 two Sisters from Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, Sister M. Dorothea and Sister M. Justin arrived to stay overnight as guests of Sister Marie Pierre Koch formerly of Our Lady of Cincinnati College, Ohio.

The first Salve Regina Guild Board on June 14, 1955 gave a dinner in honor of Father Gerald Dillon anticipating his silver jubilee of ordination and presented him with a gift of money. Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Hilda were present and Mrs. McLaughlin showed movies of her trip to Ireland.

The summer retreat was held at the College from June 16-26, 1955 and was conducted by Revered Dennis Crowley, S.J., from Holy Cross College. About ninety-two Sisters from Salve Regina, St. Mary’s and St. Augustine’s Newport, and from convents in Providence, Pawtucket and Valley Falls made the retreat.

On June 27, 1955 Moore Hall opened for the fourth summer for the Renovation Period for the Sisters. Thirteen Sisters arrived for this Renovation Program as well as the Superior, S.M. Alberta Quinn, R.S.M. and Mistress, Sister M. Audrey, with S.M. Adalbert as portress. An eight day retreat opened that night under the direction of Father Moriarty, S.J. to be followed by a five week program of Spiritual Exercises.

On July 11, 1955 the chaplain, representatives from officers and crew, and Commander of the French Navy visited the College from their battleship, “Jean Bart,” in port honor the 175th celebration of Rochambeau’s coming to Newport. Local students aided the Sisters, Father Dillon, and Father Moriarty S.J., in helping them feel “at home” after a tour of the college. The girls started community singing of French folk songs and dances after the refreshments.

On July 13, 1955 to celebrate Father Dillon’s 25th anniversary of ordination the Sisters sang a High Mass to which Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Hilda came. At noon Father entertained priest friends in his dining room while the Sisters enjoyed a special dinner in the cafeteria.

Sunday, July 17, 1955, marked the silver anniversary celebration for Father Dillon’s relations. It was opened with a High Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a dinner in the State Dining Room. After dinner Father and his guests visited on the grounds and their day closed with afternoon Benediction. The Sisters sung the Mass and Benediction and Mother Provincial accompanied by Mother M. Hilda graced the occasion by their presence.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1955, Reverend Stanley Gaines, O.P., Managing Editor of the “Cross and Crown” gave an excellent talk to Faculty and Sister students entitled “The Papal Concept of a Religious Vocation.”

On August 4, 1955 Sister Mary Siena O’Brien and Sister Mary Laurene Kiernan received their appointments to Salve Regina College to teach in the Education and History departments respectively.

On August 12, 1955 Sister Mary Emeria Tobin was relieved of superiorship because of illness although she remained as Dean of the College

Sister Mary Rose McCaffrey was appointed superior and procurator of Salve Regina College and arrived on August 20, 1955 to assume her new duties.

On August 24, 1955 Sister Mary Borromeo Duffy was assigned to St. Joseph’s Convent, Pawtucket to teach in Grade 6.

Sister M. Cleophas R.S.M. of the Province of Baltimore opened a Workshop at Salve Regina College on August 26, 1955. The Workshop in English lasted until August 31, 1955 Mother M. Hilda, president of the college, was present for the opening of the Workshop. Sisters from all over the province and seculars took advantage of this opportunity to learn more about English in our Higher Education.

On September 6, 1955 Father John Reilly was appointed as Chaplain to succeed Father Gerald F. Dillon who was made pastor of SS. John and Paul’s parish in Coventry, R.I.

An Institute, The Police and Children, was held at Salve Regina College sponsored by the city of Newport and emphasizing Juvenile Delinquency. This Institute took place from September 6-9, 1955.

On September 3, 1955 the community celebrated the silver jubilee of Sister M. Kathleen Reynolds, R.S.M. The Most Reverend [Russell] McVinney celebrated the Mass which the Sisters choir sung. The Sisters from Saint Mary’s and Saint Augustine’s came in the afternoon to congratulate the Jubilarian and enjoy a festive lunch.

Because of the failing health of Father Reilly, Rev. John V.M. Fitzgerald, O.P, formerly of Providence College Faculty, was appointed Chaplain and Instructor in Theology and Philosophy.

Honors Convocation Day was held on October 4, 1955 as the Most Reverend Bishop was away on Mercy Day. Mother Provincial, Mother M. Hilda, President of the College, and members of the Provincial Council were present. Reverend Arthur A. Sullivan, Ph.D., rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary, spoke, on this occasion, on our obligation to become saints through college education.

Forty Hours Devotion was held from November 21 to November 23, 1955 in the College Chapel.

On November 25 and 26, 1955 the Sister Formation Conference of the New England Region was held at Salve Regina College. Mother M. Bernardine, Assistant General of the Sisters of Mercy, was representative of the General Motherhouse, Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Hilda, and Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald, a member of the planning committee, represented our province. Sister M. Constance Landrigan was chairman of the conference and Sister M. Othilda Smith was secretary. About 110 Sisters of all orders in New England were represented at the conference.

On December 21, 1955 Mother Provincial announced to the Sisters at Salve Regina College that they were the recipients of the estate of Mrs. William Burden, “Vinland,” as well as the gatehouse, caretaker’s house, garage and surrounding fourteen acres. The estate was formerly owned by Mrs. Twombley, a daughter of one of the Vanderbilts, and is the nearest to Ochre Court of all the buildings of the College. The news became public on December 22, 1955 in the local and Providence papers.

On December 23, 1955 Mother Provincial took the Sisters from the College on a tour of the new estate. There are beautiful greenhouses there which produce grapes from which the estate “Vinland” received its name. The greenhouses will be kept until April when some further transactions will be made to take them off our hands as their upkeep would be too great an expense.

The retreat for the last three days of the year of 1955 was conducted by Rev. James Lyons, S.J. The Sisters of St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s Convents made this retreat which closed on the morning of January 1, 1956 with a solemn renewal of vows.

On January 27, 1956 the Reverend Irving Georges, O.P., was appointed as Chaplain to Sisters and Students of Salve Regina College to replace Rev. John V. Fitzgerald, O.P., who was chaplain the first semester. Reverend Irving Georges is also Instructor in Theology and Philosophy.

On February 21, 1955 our beloved Sister M. Emeria Tobin, R.S.M., Dean of Salve Regina College was called to God about 9 p.m. after receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion at 7 p.m. Sister had been semi-active since September in the government of the College until a heart attack on the day before her death.

On February 24, 1955 Sister M. Emeria Tobin’s funeral was held at Salve Regina College. Sister’s body was removed from the Drawing Room to the chapel for the Solemn High Mass of Requiem which was celebrated by Rev. Gerald F. Dillon, former chaplain of Salve Regina, with Reverend John T. Shea, deacon, and Reverend Irving Georges, O.P., sub-deacon. Reverend J. Joseph Cooney of St. Joseph’s Church, Newport, was Master of Ceremonies. The final absolution was given by the Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, Bishop of Providence. The Provincial Council, representatives from many convents in the province, faculty of Salve Regina College, students of the College and distinguished educators of the state attended the Mass. A large number of priests were in attendance and many assisted Reverend Irving Georges, O.P., who read the committal prayers at St. Francis cemetery, Pawtucket.

On February 27, 1956 Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald, R.S.M., a member of the provincial council, was appointed acting dean of Salve Regina College.

On April 2, 1956 Mother Provincial, Mother M. Hilda, Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald, Sister M. Martina Conley, Sister M. Constance Landrigan and Sister Marie Pierre Koch represented Salve Regina College at the fourth Annual Educational Conference of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union of United States, held at Lennox Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri and at the fifty-third Annual Convention of the N.C.E.A. held at Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri.

On May 19, 1956, “Vinland” was opened to all the Sisters of the province. The greenhouses, the caretaker’s house, and the garage were opened to their interested scrutiny and lunch was served in the cafeteria at Ochre Court.

On May 27, 1956 the Salve Regina Guild held its annual tea. On this occasion the Class of 1956 were introduced to the Guild Members.

On June 1, 1956 Class Day Exercises were held on the East Terrace. Mother Provincial and Mother M. Hilda, President of the College, were present for the occasion.

Baccalaureate Sunday was held on June 3, 1956 and began with Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. This was followed after an interval by the parents’ Dinner. Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Hilda were present as well as the faculty to answer their respective toasts given by the Class of 1956 following the dinner. A play, “Gray Bread,” was enacted by the Dramatic Club at 2:30 p.m. in Mercy Hall.

On June 12, 1956 the silver jubilee of Sister Marie Pierre Koch, of Cincinnati Province, was celebrated. Dinner was served in the State Dining Room and a movie was enjoyed in the afternoon by Sisters of St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s convent who also shared in a buffet supper held in the State Dining Room.

On June 15, 1956 the annual retreat of the Sisters opened at Salve Regina College and was conducted by Rev. Stephen McCormick, O.P. Sisters from the Mercy Convents in Newport as well as those from many houses in Pawtucket and Providence made the retreat.

Reverend Irving A. Georges, O.P., Chaplain of Salve Regina College, received the highest Dominican honor on June 17, 1956 from Most Rev. Michael Brown, O.P., Master General of the Dominican Order. The degree of Doctor and Master of Sacred Theology was conferred on Father at St. Vincent Ferrer Priory, New York City.

On June 25, 1956 retreat opened for the Sisters to be renovated at Moore Hall. Reverend Father Moriarty, S.J. gave the retreat. There were sixteen Sisters in the Renovation Group with Sister M. Eugene Sullivan, Superior, Sister Mary Pierre Donnelly, Mistress, and Sister M. Francisco, Portress.

On July 19, 1956 Father Risk, S.J., took Father Moriarty’s place as Chaplain and Instructor at Moore Hall for the Sisters of the Renovation Group.

On August 13, Sister Marie Pierre [Koch], R.S.M, left Salve Regina College to return to her native province, Cincinnati, where Sister will continue her good work in the Romance Language Department.

On August 22, 1956 the appointments for the Academic year 1956-1957 were received. Several of the college appointments had been received early so that the Sisters might prepare for their schedule. Sister M. Anacletus Dalton was appointed to the French department of Salve Regina College, Sister M. Rufina Murphy to the Book Store, Sister M. Laura Carlson to the Library, and Sister M. Geralyn Francis to the Nursing Division. Sister M. Kathleen Reynolds already stationed at the college was appointed as dietitian for the College.

From August 26 to August 31, 1956 Sister M. Cleophas, R.S. M., of the Province of Baltimore, held a Workshop in Literary Theory. Approximately thirty Sisters, of our own and other orders, attended as well as twenty seculars.

On September 3, 1956 the community celebrated the silver jubilee of Sister M. Rose McCaffrey, Superior and Treasurer of Salve Regina. Father Ralph McCaffrey, O.P., brother of Sister M. Rose, celebrated one of the three Masses in honor of the jubilarian. Dinner was held in the State Dining Room and a movie was enjoyed by the Sisters of St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s as well as the College Sisters in the afternoon. A buffet supper was appreciated by all after the entertainment.

On September 16, 1956 a holy hour was held in College Chapel conducted by Rev. Peter Maguire who gave the monthly conference during the holy hour.

During the month of September 1956 plans that had been formulated during the summer were carried out toward the application for accreditation in the New England Regional Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. A self-appraisal questionnaire was filled out by the Administration and Faculty to be sent to the Chairman of the Accrediting Board early in October, 1956.

On September 14, 1956 McAuley Hall, the gift of Mrs. William Burden, formerly called “Vinland,” was blessed by Reverend Gerald F. Dillon assisted by Reverend Irving A. Georges, O.P., and Reverend John T. Shea. Mother Provincial and Mother M. Hilda were present for the occasion. Rosary Hall, the former gatehouse was also blessed.

On September 16, 1956 Mother Mary Catherine, Mother Provincial, made the official visitation at Salve Regina College.

On September 24, 1956 His Excellency Most Reverend Russell McVinney presided at Honors Convocation Day which took place in the Great Hall and at which Monsignor Geoghegan was speaker. His address was entitled “The Best Alone Will Do.”

On October 7, 1956 the Salve Regina Guild held “Open House” for McAuley Hall, our newest large residence, library and classroom building.

On October 28, 1956 Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burden, Jr. and their son from New York visited the College and were shown their mother’s former home, now McAuley Hall. Mother Provincial, Mother M. Hilda, Sister M. Rose, Superior, and Sister M. Antonine, dean, conducted our benefactors through the building. They were agreeably surprized [sic] at the renovation.

On December 8, 1956, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the news came to Mother Provincial and Mother M. Hilda, President of Salve Regina, and Sister M. Antonine, Dean, that the announcement had been made at a banquet at Statler Hotel after N.E.A. Meeting that Salve Regina College had been accredited. This was the result of the visit of the examiners from the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in November, 1956 and the meeting of the committee on December 6, 1956. Congratulations to President and Faculty of the college were numerous.

On December 12, 1956 the Community celebrated the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Order of Mercy by Mother Catherine McAuley in December, 1831. A high Mass began the days festivities. A fitting program concerning our foundress took place at 10 a.m. in the Great Hall prepared by the students of Salve Regina under the supervision of S.M. Jean, Sodality Moderator. Rev. John Kenny, Superintendent of Schools in Rhode Island, was the principle speaker of the day and inspired all with his moving remarks on the Ideals of Mother McAuley. The program closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In the afternoon the students gave a Christmas Party to the poor children of Newport.

Reverend Timothy Kelleher, O.P. conducted the three day retreat at the end of 1956. Sisters from St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s resided at the College and made this retreat also.

Sister M. Antonine and Sister M. Constance attended a meeting of the Committee of the Honor Formation Society for Mercy Colleges on January 9, 1957 at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia.

Mother Mary Maurice Tobin, Mother General, R.S.M., honored Salve Regina College with a visit on February 4, 1957. A program was given in her honor and after a festive dinner she and Mother M. Bernardine, R.S.M., Mother Provincial, R.S.M., Mother M. Hilda, R.S.M. Sister M. Rose and Sister M. Antonine toured the buildings.

On April 6, 1957 Sister M. Jean spoke at the Regional N.C.E.A. Meeting the English Section held at Providence College at 10:30 a.m. Her topic was “Scientific Studies and Humanities.”

Mr. Eric Brown, Director of Education in Belize, British Honduras, accompanied by his wife made a visit to Salve Regina College on April 2, 1957

During the week of April 22 to April 26, 1957 Mother M. Hilda, President of Salve Regina, Sister M. Antonine, Dean, and Sister M. Martina, Registrar, attended the annual meeting of the National C. Education Association and the fifth annual Mercy Educational Conference held in Milwaukee. Reverend Irving Georges, O.P., chaplain of Salve Regina College, was one of the speakers at the convention. Sister M. Martina, Registrar of Salve Regina, was elected Vice-Chairman of the College Division of the Mercy Educational Conference.

On May 23, 1957 Bishop Haggerty, O.S.B., visited Salve Regina College. Bishop Haggerty, whose see is [Nassau] in the Bahamas, enjoyed a meeting with Miss Gloria Young, a student from the Bahamas who was a member of his flock.

On May 26, 1957 the annual silver tea of Salve Regina Guild took place. This year it was dedicated to the faculty who met all the guests in the receiving line. Mother Provincial and Mother M. Hilda, president, graced the occasion.

Simon [Elwis], Knight of Malta, attended Holy Mass in Salve Regina College Chapel on May 26, 1957.

The seventh Commencement of Salve Regina College took place on Monday, June 3, 1957. Monsignor Hochwalt was the speaker.

On June 14, 1957 the annual retreat for the Sisters opened at Salve Regina College and was conducted by Father McManus, O.P.

On June 24, 1957 Moore Hall opened for the sixth summer for the Renovation Period for the Sisters. Sister M. Peter Witham was appointed Superior, Sister M. Helena, Mistress, and Sister M. Francisco, Portress, Father Moriarty, S.J. gave the retreat which began the renovation program.

On July 6, 1957 Sister M. Antonine, Dean was appointed Assistant Provincial by the General Council. Mother M. Hilda, President of Salve Regina, and former Mother Assistant Provincial, was assigned to reside at Salve Regina. Mother M. Hilda arrived that day and was welcomed by Sister M. Rose, Superior, and by the faculty.

On July 15, 1957 Reverend Francis A. Sullivan, S.J., replaced Father Moriarty, S.J, at Moore Hall for the Renovation Program

On August 6, 1957 the appointments for Salve Regina College for the academic year 1957-1958 were announced.

Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, R.S.M., was appointed academic dean, Sister M. Eloise, R.S.M., Sister M. Norbert, R.S.M., and Sister M. Wilhelmina Blake, R.S.M., were assigned to the faculty of the College. Sister M. Siena O’Brien, R.S.M., was changed from the College to Mercy College, Cumberland and Sister M. Laurene Kiernan, R.S.M., was changed to St. Xavier’s Academy, Providence.

On August 21, 1957 with the regular annual appointments came that of Sister Marilyn Sullivan, R.S.M. for the second semester. Sister M. Geralyn Francis, R.S.M was changed to Mt. St. Mary’s, Fall River as Infirmarian and teacher.

On August 21, 1957 the Institute of Spirituality for all Sisters of the province who celebrated their silver jubilee within the past year opened at 8 p.m. The Institute was under the chairman, Sister M. Hilda, R.S.M., President of Salve Regina College and under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The directors were Reverend William J. Read, S.J. on the subject of Obedience and Interior Life; Reverend Charles B. Quirk, O.P., on the subject of Chastity and God-centered life; and Reverend Norbert McCarthy, SS.C.C. on Poverty and Common Life. The Institute lasted until August 31, 1957.

Sister Mary Constance Landrigan, R.S.M., attended the Third New England Regional Meeting of the Sister Formation Conference held at Newton College of the Sacred Heart on August 23,24,25, 1957 and was Chairman of the Small Group Meeting on August 24.

On September 14, 1957 the Mercy Education Department held a meeting at Mt. St. Rita Convent, Cumberland. Attending members of the Advisory Committee from Salve Regina College were: Mother M. Hilda, President of the College; Sister M. Rosalia, Dean; Sister M. Martina, Registrar; and Sister M. Constance, Dean of Women. Sister M. Martina is Chairman of the College Division and S.M. Constance was re-elected as Secretary of the Division. Sister M. Rosalia was elected Secretary of the Mercy Conference of this Province.

During the week of September 9, 1957 a bouquet of red roses was sent to Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower from the faculty and students of Salve Regina College accompanied by a card welcoming the first lady to Newport and assuring her of the prayers and good wishes of both faculty and students for her recovery from her recent operation. Mrs. Eisenhower sent a “Thank You” letter expressing her gratitude to the President, Mother M. Hilda, the faculty and students.

On September 20, 1957 a beautiful leather-bound book, containing views of the College buildings and designed by Sister M. Mercedes of the Art Department at Salve Regina, was sent as a gift to President Eisenhower who is residing in Newport for his vacation. On Monday, September 23, 1957 a letter was received by Mother M. Hilda, College President, from President Eisenhower expressing his gratitude for the beautiful album and for the heartfelt welcome which had been given to him and the first lady by Salve Regina College.

On September 20, 1957 word was received of an approximately $20,000 bequest from the will of Monsignor Blessing, R.I.P. to Salve Regina College.

On September 21, 1957 a meeting of Local Superiors was called at Mt. St. Rita Convent, Cumberland by Mother Provincial, R.S.M. who gave out regulations for the coming year to be given to the Sisters of the Province.

On September 24, 1957, Mercy Day, Angelus Hall and Marian Hall were blessed by Very Reverend Irving A. Georges, O.P., Chaplain of Salve Regina. Miss Mary Louise Hickey presented “The Three Queens” to the student body at 3:30 in Mercy Hall.

On September 27, 1957 the Most Reverend Bishop Russell J. McVinney, D.D., presided at Honors Convocation at which Rev. David R. Dunigan, S.J., Director of Office of Student Personnel, Holy Cross College, Worcester, was the speaker. Father’s topic was “An Ancient Dispute and a Modern Solution.” Mother Provincial and members of the Provincial Council were present.

The President and Faculty of Salve Regina met and shook hands with President Eisenhower at Fort Adams on September 28, 1957. The President jumped out of his car and smilingly greeted the Sisters assembled who also sent their best wishes and prayers for her recovery to Mrs. Eisenhower.

On October 26, 1957 the fall meeting of the New England Unit of the Catholic Library Association was held at Salve Regina College in the Great Hall at 2 p.m. The group were welcomed by Mother M. Hilda, R.S.M., President of the College, and by Sister Marie Therese, Librarian.

The Mercy Educational Conference of the Province of Providence was held at St. Mary’s Academy, Bayview on November 1, 1957. Very Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., spoke at the general session in the morning and Reverend Gerald E. Du Pont, S.S.E. spoke at the college session in the afternoon. All the Sisters of the province who possibly could attended.

Mother Mary Catherine, Mother Provincial made the official visitation at Salve Regina College on December 15, 1957.

Reverend Clifford L. Davis, O.P., conducted the three day retreat at the close of 1957. Sisters from St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s Convents resided at the College and made this retreat also.

A day of Recollection under the direction of the Reverend Fathers Maguire and Young was held on January 25, 1958. All the Sisters of the various orders as well as Sisters of Mercy attended the two conferences and the Holy Hour.

On February 22, 1958 the day of Recollection for all the Sisters of the vicinity was held at Salve Regina College under the direction of Fathers Maguire and Young.

March 29, 1958 was the third day of Recollection for the Sisters of Salve Regina and all the Sisters in the surrounding areas of Portsmouth and Tiverton.

A day of Recollection was held for the Sisters of Salve Regina and all the Sisters of Mercy and other orders in the surrounding areas of Portsmouth and Tiverton under the direction of Fathers Maguire and Young. This was conducted on April 26, 1958.

Father Fallon, O.P., conducted a day of Recollection for the Sisters of Salve Regina College and all orders in the vicinity of Newport, Portsmouth and Tiverton on May 10, 1958.

On June 19, 1958 the annual retreat for Salve Regina College, St. Mary’s, Newport, and St. Augustin’s, Newport as well as that for several houses in Providence, Pawtucket, and Bristol, opened. The retreat master was Father Reilly, O.P.

A second retreat opened on August 11, 1958 under the direction of Reverend George Colby, C. S.C. and closed on August 20, 1958.

On August 20, 1958 Sister M. Mauritia Mc Guirl, R.S.M. came to Salve Regina after her appointment on July 15 to the College Faculty. Sister Cor Mariae Wall received her appointment to the Nursing Faculty on the same date. Sister M. Geralyn Francis was assigned to Salve Regina for a year’s study.

On September 2, 1958 Sister M. Joannes Griffin was appointed to teach at Salve Regina College to replace Sister M. Kathleen Reynolds who was assigned to rest at Bayview because of illness.

The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D., presided at Honors Convocation on September 24, 1958, Mercy Day. Dr. John F. Quinn, Dean of Men at University of Rhode Island, spoke on “The Modern Catholic Scholar.” Mother Provincial and members of the Provincial Council were present.

On October 30, 1958 Sister M. Seraphia Lannon, R.S.M., Visitatrix General, conducted the official visitation. Sister M. Ligouri Curry, R.S.M, procurator of the General Motherhouse, accompanied Sister M. Seraphia.

A Day of Recollection was held on December 13, 1958 under the direction of Father McAvey, O.P. Sisters from St. Augustin’s, St. Mary’s, as well as other orders from the surrounding towns attended.

Reverend William Harding, C.P., conducted the annual three day retreat at the close of 1958. Sisters of St Mary’s and St. Augustin’s Convents of Newport made this retreat here also.

On January 17, 1959 Father McAvey, O.P. conducted a Day of Recollection. The Sisters from St. Augustin’s, St. Mary’s and those of other orders from Newport and surrounding areas attended.

Father McAvey, O.P. conducted a Day of Recollection on February 14, 1959. Sisters from St. Augustin’s, St. Mary’s, and from convents of other orders in Newport and vicinity attended.

On February 11, 1959 Mother M. Hilda, R.S.M, received word from His Excellency, Bishop McVinney, that she might have the use of the former Carmelite Convent here in Newport for a dormitory during the coming academic year.

On March 4, 1959 Mother Mary Maurice Tobin, Mother General died at Mercy Hospital Baltimore at 6:07p.m. after a five month’s illness. Holy Mass was offered for the repose of her soul on March 5, 1959 in the College Chapel.

[Newspaper clipping pasted to page: Mother Mary Maurice, Head of Mercy Nuns in U.S., Dies]

On March 12, 1959 Salve Regina College welcomed the Lord Mayor of Sligo, Ireland, James Gannon, and his wife Eileen. After a devout visit to chapel and a view of the main salons he entertained the Sisters with several Irish songs.

On March 14, 1959 Father McAvey, O.P. conducted a Day of Recollection at Salve Regina College to which the Sisters of Mercy at the College, those of St. Augustin’s and St. Mary’s as well as all the orders of Sisters in the Newport area came.

A meeting of the Advisory Board of Salve Regina College was held on March 19, 1959 in the State Dining Room. Mother Provincial and Mother M. Antonine attended.

On April 18, 1959 Father McAvey, O.P. conducted a Day of Recollection at Salve Regina College to which the Sisters of the College, those of St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s as well as all the orders of Sisters in the Newport area came.

On April 29, 1959 permission was received from Mother M. Bernardine, Vicar General, to purchase a new estate to be used as a Residence Hall for students. The estate is the former Moulton Residence on the corner of Ruggles and Bellevue Avenue. Negotiations began immediately with Mr. Francis X. Flannery, the real-estate agent and Mr. Cornelius Moore, our legal advisor. This will eliminate the necessity to use the Carmelite monastery which His Excellency, Bishop McVinney, had so kindly loaned to us for use for a year. The mansion was known as “La Verriere” while owned by Mrs. Geraldine C. Bodley (formerly Mrs. Moulton) but will now be called “Queen Hall” in honor of Our Lady.

On May 16, 1959 the Reverend Father McAvey, O.P. conducted a Day of Recollection for the Sisters at Salve Regina College at the College. Sisters from all orders of Newport and surrounding areas were present.

On June 14, 1959 word was received from Mother Provincial that Sister Marie Pierre Koch, R.S.M., was assigned to Salve Regina College for the next academic year. Sister will leave

[Newspaper clipping pasted to page: Salve Regina To Purchase Moulton Estate]

the Cincinnati Province where she is now stationed next August to come here. Sister M. Geralyn Francis, R.S.M., received word that she will take up her duty as instructor in the Nursing Department of St. Mary’s Memorial Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The annual retreat at Salve Regina College opened on June 18, 1959 under the direction of Reverend Daniel B. Crowley, O.P., retreat master.

On June 29, 1959 Moore Hall opened for Renovation of eighteen Sisters with Sister M. Peter Witham as Superior, Sister M. Audrey O’Donnell as Mistress and Reverend Edward R. Callahan, S.J. as chaplain. Reverend Francis A. Sullivan, S.J. was appointed as chaplain for the second three week period.

On August 20, 1959 the yearly appointments announced that Sister M. Ephrem Lough, R.S.M. was assigned to Salve Regina College as a student.

The Institute of Spirituality opened on August 21, 1959. The directors were Reverend Francis A. Sullivan, S.J. on the subject of Obedience; Reverend Charles B. Quirk, O.P., on the subject of Chastity; and Reverend Alfred Duffy, C.P. on the subject of Poverty.

On August 25, 1959 Mother M. Hilda Miley, R.S.M., left for the General Chapter to be held at the General Motherhouse at Bethesda, Maryland. Mother M. Hilda was a delegate from this Province of Providence. The following General officials were elected: Mother M. Regina Cunningham of Chicago Province, Mother General Mother M. Stella Maris Bergin of Baltimore, Mother Vicar General; Mother M. Bernardine Purcell of Cincinnati, Councilor General; Sister M. Jeanne Ferrier of New York, Councilor General; Sister M. Flavia McCormick of Providence, Councilor General; Sister Beatrice Marie Costello of Omaha, Secretary General; and Sister M. Liguori Curry of St. Louis, Procurator General.

On September 19, 1959 a meeting of the Planning Committee of the Mercy Educational Conference was held at Mt. St. Rita Convent. Mother M. Hilda, Sister M. Rosalia, Sister M. Martina and Sister M. Constance attended. Mother M. Hilda was appointed Chairman of the next meeting.

Very Reverend Monsignor Matthew Clarke, V.G. officiated at Honors Convocation held on September 24, 1959 on the Terrace. The Honorable Florence K. Murray was the speaker on the occasion. Mother Provincial and members of the Provincial Council were present.

Sister M. Isabel Earley, R.S.M. was appointed to assist in the Salve Regina Library on September 30, 1959. Sister arrived on October 3, 1959.

On October 4, 1959 Father Collins, O.P. conducted a Day of Recollection for all the Sisters of Mercy in Newport and for the other orders who resided in the surrounding area or in Newport.

A Day of Recollection was held on November 1, 1959 and was conducted by Father Collins, O.P. Sisters from St. Augustin’s, St. Mary’s, and from convents of other orders in the vicinity attended.

Sister M. Isabel Early attended the dedication and laying of the cornerstone of the new Generalate building on November 1, 1959 at Bethesda, Maryland.

On December 6, 1959 Father Collins, O.P., conducted a Day of Recollection for all the Sisters of Mercy in Newport and for all the other orders who resided in the surrounding area or in Newport.

All the Sisters of Salve Regina College attended the third annual meeting of the Educational Conference of the Sisters of Mercy of the Province of Providence held at St. Mary’s Academy, Bayview, Riverside, Rhode Island on December 8, 1959. Mother M. Hilda, President of Salve Regina was Co-chairman of the College and Secondary Section. Mother Mary Regina Cunningham, Mother General, attended the conference and gave her message to the Sisters at the General Session in the morning. This was Mother M. Regina’s initial visit to the Province of Providence.

On December 9, 1959 Mother Mary Regina, Mother General, honored Salve Regina College with her visitation. She was accompanied by Mother Mary Catherine, Mother Provincial, and Sister M. Flavia, General Councilor, and Mother M. Antonine, Assistant Provincial. An assembly of the student body took place in the Great Hall. This was climaxed by a message from Mother General and a presentation of a gift from the student body.

Mother General was then feted with a dinner in the State Dining Room attended by all the Sisters.

Dec. 18-20 Visitation of Mother Provincial

On December 23, 1959 Mother Mary Catherine, Mother Provincial, Sister M. Rose, Superior, Mother M. Antonine, Assistant Provincial, Mother M. Hilda, President, and Sister M. Rosalia, Dean, conferred with an architect who looked over the land on the campus of Salve Regina College for a possible building site to enable the College to accept the applications of incoming students. Since the enrollment has increased a new building has become a real need.

Reverend George Colby, C.S.C., conducted the annual three day retreat at the end of the year 1959. Sisters of St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s Convents of Newport resided here and made the retreat.

On January 1, 1960 it was announced that Sister M. Donalda Kelly would continue her studies for her Master’s Degree at Catholic University beginning the second semester of the academic year.

On the afternoon and evening of January 14, 1960 and the next morning Salve Regina College was privileged to be hostess to the deans and presidents of the six colleges staffed by Sisters of Mercy in United States. The two other presidents and deans of the Junior Colleges were not present. Those present were: Sister M. Lucille Middleton, President of Mercy College, Detroit; Sister M. Justine Sabourin, Dean of Mercy College, Detroit; Sister M. Cleophas Costello, President of Mt. St. Agnes College; Sister M. Magdala, Dean of Mt. St. Agnes College; Sister M. Magdala, Dean of Mt. St. Agnes College; Sister M. Huberta McCarthy, President of St. Xavier College, Chicago; Sister M. Josetta Butler, Dean of St. Xavier College, Chicago; Sister M. Alice Long, President of St. Mary’s College, Omaha; Sister M. Rosalin Keane, Dean of St. Mary’s College, Omaha; Sister M. Celestine McHale, President of College Misericordia, Dallas; Sister Marianna Gildea, Dean of College Misericordia, Dallas; and Sister M. Gratia Maher, Dean of Mercy College, Tarrytown. The guests toured the campus and enjoyed dinner in the State Dining Room. Mercy hospitality was evinced by Sister M. Rose McCaffrey, Superior, Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, Dean and by all the members of the faculty. After a breakfast in the State Dining Room the guests left for the airport to attend an educational meeting held at the General Motherhouse. All enjoyed the visit although they regreted [sic] the absence of Mother M. Hilda Miley, President, which was due to the death of her sister.

On January 24, 1960 Sister M. Christopher O’Rourke, R.S.M. returned after a period of study for her P.h.D. at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

On February 7, 1960 Father Collins, O.P. conducted a Day of Recollection for all the Sisters of Mercy in Newport as well as for all the other orders in the city and vicinity.

On March 19, 1960 three members of the faculty of Salve Regina College celebrated their Silver Jubilee. There were: Sister M. Philemon Banigan, Sister M. Donald Egan, and Sister M. Clarice Lomax. High Mass was sung in the morning by Very Reverend Irving A. Georges, O.P., chaplain. Meals were served in the State Dining Room where the buffet lunch was held in the afternoon, following a movie. To close the day the Sisters put on a skit for the Jubilarians.

On March 25, 1960 Mother M. Catherine, Mother Provincial; Mother M. Antonine, Mother M. Hilda, Sister M. Rose, Sister M. Rosalia, Sister M. Martina and Sister M. Evangelista met in the President’s office to discuss the plans drawn up by the architect for future buildings at the College.

A meeting of the Advisory Board of Salve Regina College was held on March 30, 1960 in the State Dining Room. Mother Provincial and Mother M. Antonine attended.

A Day of Recollection was held at Salve Regina College on April 3, 1960. This was conducted by Reverend Father Collins, O.P. All Sisters in Newport and surrounding areas attended.

On April 16, 1960 His Honor Sadas Suzuki, Mayor of Shimoda, Japan visited Salve Regina College.

On May 1, 1960 Reverend Father Collins, O.P. conducted a Day of Recollection for the Sisters in Newport and those of surrounding area.

On May 19, 1960 a meeting of the Corporation took place in the President’s Office. The Provincial Council attended. After the meeting, a farewell dinner for Sister M. Martina and Sister M. Donald was given in the State Dining Room at which the Provincial Council were present.

On May 21, 1960 Sister M. Martina Conley and Sister M. Donald Egan left New York for Europe. They will tour Europe before they study in their respective fields i.e. History and English at Oxford in England.

On June 6 the tenth Annual Commencement of Salve Regina College took place on the Terrace. For the first time the College awarded honorary degrees. The first recipients were His Excellency, Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D. and Cornelius C. Moore, Esquire.

On June 7, 1960 Salve Regina opened the annual retreat conducted by Reverend Pierre Conway, O.P.

On June 22,1960 Sister M. Philemon Banigan and Sister M. Clarice Lomax went to the General Motherhouse for the retreat and renovation program for the Silver Jubilarians to take place there to July 9,1960.

On June 23, 1960 Dr. Gaige, President of Rhode Island College of Education, bestowed the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Education on Mother M. Hilda Miley, R.S.M., President of Salve Regina in the Great Hall.

On June 27, 1960 Queen Hall was opened for the Renovation of the Sisters. Twenty-five Sisters were in the group. Sister M. Peter Witham was Superior, Sister M. Audrey O’Donnell was Mistress and Sister M. Noella Departhy was portress.

On June 29, 1960 Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald was assigned to Salve Regina College as History Instructor. She was formerly Mother Assistant Provincial.

On July 16, 1960 Archbishop Matthew Kavukatt,, head of the Archdiocese of Changanacherry in Kerala, India, visited Salve Regina College and stayed overnight there. He offered Mass on Sunday July 17, in the Syriac rite and it was attended by all the Sisters. Two of his Sisters from the archdiocese of India will attend Salve Regina beginning with the fall term.

On August 4, 1960 Sister M. Donalda Kelly, R.S.M. was appointed to pursue research work at the New England Institute of Medical Research, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

On August 4, 1960 Sister M. Brenda Sullivan, R.S.M. was appointed to Salve Regina College Biology Department.

Reverend John J. Foley, C.S.C., opened an eight day retreat on August 8, 1960 for Sisters from Providence, Westerly, and East Greenwich.

Sister M. Evangelista Scanlon, R.S.M. celebrated her Golden Jubilee on August 24, 1960. A high Mass was sung by her nephew Reverend William Sullivan, a Paulist Father.

Dinner was served in the State Dining Room. Mother M. Alban, Assistant Provincial, represented Mother Provincial who was away. Members of the Provincial Council and friends of the Jubilarian were guests. In the afternoon a movie “Interlude” was shown in McAuley Hall. This was followed by a buffet lunch in the State Dining Room. In the evening the Sisters entertained the Golden Jubilarian with songs and a skit.

Sister M. Ephrem Lough was assigned to St. Charles Convent, Woonsocket to teach on August 19, 1960.

It was announced in August, 1960 that Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty had been named to membership on the new Advisory Board to work toward a reorganization of the National Education Conference of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union. The first meeting of this Board was held on September 3 to September 8 at the General Motherhouse and was attended by Sister.

The Most Reverend Thomas F. Maloney, D.D. officiated at the Annual Honors Convocation held on September 23, 1960. Mother Provincial and members of her Council were present.

On October 25, 1960 the committee for re-revaluation of Salve Regina College from the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools visited the College. This committee consisted of:

Dean Emeritus George S. Miller

Tufts University

Medford, Massachusetts

Professor Kenneth R. Shaffer, Director

School of Library Science

Simmons College

Boston, Massachusetts

Reverend T. Everett McPeake, S.J.

Associate Professor of Education

Fairfield University

Fairfield Connecticut

The National League of Nursing made a simultaneous visit with this committee to evaluate the School of Nursing.

On November 2, 1960 the two Sister Students from India arrived. The Sisters from the archdiocese of Changanacherry in Kerala, India were met at the airport at Hillsgrove by Sister M. Rosalia and Sister Mary Isabel. The two Sisters belong to the order of Sister Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. They are Sister M. Jerome and Sister M. Jane Francis. They expect to remain four years when they will receive their degree.

On December 2, 1960 at the New England Unit of the N.C.E.A. meeting at Boston the announcement was made that Salve Regina College had received their re-evaluation as the results of their representatives’ visit and Committee study concerning the College and its advancement.

The deeds for the purchase of the property across from Ochre Court were signed on December 7, 1960. The property was owned by Hatch Preparatory School. The house will be used as Chaplain’s quarters.[[1]](#footnote-1)

On December 24, 1960 word was received from the National League for Nursing that Salve Regina College had received full accreditation for the School of Nursing.

Reverend William J. Connolly, S.J. conducted the annual three day retreat at the close of the year 1960. Sisters from St. Mary’s and St. Augustin’s Convents attended.

A meeting of the Advisory Board of Salve Regina College met on March 23, 1961 in the State Dining Room. Mother M. Helena, R.S.M., Mother Provincial, and Mother M. Alban, R.S.M., Assistant Provincial attended.

Word was received on April 11, 1961 that Sister Marilyn Sullivan of Salve Regina College was awarded a $9,850 grant for training in psychiatric nursing for the year ending June 30, 1962, with moral commitment for four additional years in the amount of $9,850 for each year.

Mother M. Helena, Mother Provincial, conducted the official Visitation from May 5, 1961 to May 7, 1961.

On June 5, 1961 the eleventh annual Commencement of Salve Regina College was held on the Terrace. Honorable John E. Fogarty, Congressman from Rhode Island, was awarded an honorary degree. For the first time we enjoyed the Navy Band which played the processional and recessional.

The annual retreat at Salve Regina College was held from June 16, 1961 to June 25, 1961 under the director Reverend Joseph Taylor, O.P.

Queen Hall opened for retreat and renovation on June 25, 1961. Sister M. Peter Witham was appointed Superior, Sister M. Louis Brett as Mistress, Sister M. Noella Departhy as Portress and Reverend Edward R. Callahan, S.J., Retreat Master and in charge of Renovation for first three weeks. Reverend Francis A. Sullivan was appointed for the second three weeks ending on August 7, 1961. Twenty-four Sisters to be renovated were in the group.

Sister M. Donald Egan, R.S.M. went to the General Motherhouse for retreat and renovation on June 14, 1961. This privilege was accorded to Silver Jubilarians and Sister was unable to go with her own group last year, so attended the conferences and classes this year.

The first Summer Commencement for Sisters took place at Salve Regina College on August 3, 1961, Very Reverend Irving A. Georges, O.P., Chaplain, presiding. Monsignor Arthur Geoghegan was the speaker for the occasion while Dr. Michael Walsh was present to bestow the State Certificates for Teaching. Mother M. Hilda, President, presented the degrees to the fifteen Sisters.

The annual appointments in the Province were received on August 18, 1961. Sister M. Emily Shanley was appointed Superior, Procurator and Treasurer of Salve Regina College to replace Sister M. Rose McCaffrey whose six year term was up. Sister M. Jeremy Barry was assigned to Salve Regina to replace Sister M. Anacletus Dalton who was transferred [sic] to Mt. St. Rita Convent to teach the novices. Sister M. Ignatius Abdo [sic] was also assigned to Salve Regina to replace Sister M. John Francis McKenna who was appointed Superior, Procurator and Teacher of Novices at Mt. St. Rita Convent, Cumberland, R.I. Sister M. Rufina Murphy was changed to St. Xavier Convent, Providence to assist in the Library. Sister M. Janice Cowsill was assigned to Salve Regina Faculty but will reside at Bayview.

On August 16, 1961 thirty-six Sisters from India and Burma arrived at Salve Regina College for an intense two week period of orientation. The program included language instruction given by Sister M. Timothy of the Province of Chicago and spiritual conferences given by Reverend Anthony Kurialacherry Four of the Sisters will remain at Salve Regina, two to be Freshmen and two to continue their courses as Sophomores.

The remaining number of Sisters will leave for their respective Colleges as soon as the program is finished.

On August 25, 1961 it was announced that Salve Regina College would lease the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas Clagett, Jr., of [Chevy Chase], Maryland, on Bellevue Avenue. This was done to expand the residence facilities necessitated by the large increase in enrollment. The house known as “Wayside” is a Queen Anne style brick edifice and will be named St. Joseph’s Hall. It will accommodate fifty resident students.

The Most Reverend Thomas F. Maloney, D.D., officiated at the Annual Honors Convocation held on September 29, 1961. Mother Provincial and her Assistant were present.

On September 30, 1961 Sister M. Corona [Chilli] R.S.M. arrived at Salve Regina College to which she had been assigned a few days previously.

Sister M. Hilda Miley, R.S.M., President of Salve Regina College, observed the Diamond Jubilee of her Holy Profession very quietly on December 28, 1961. A high Mass was celebrated by Reverend Paul James, O.P., and was sung by the Sisters. Members of the Provincial Council and a few Sister guests were present at the dinner in the Sate Dining Room. The Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness Pope John XXIII was received by the Jubilarian and by the Community. Spiritual offerings predominated at the request of the Jubilarian.

The annual three day retreat opened on December 28, 1961 under the direction of Reverend Robert Ferrick, S.J. The Sisters of St. Augustin’s and St. Mary’s convent joined the community for the retreat.

On March 17, 1962 three members of the faculty of Salve Regina College celebrated their Silver Jubilee. They were: Sister M. Emily Shanley, Superior; Sister M. Rosina Lynch, and Sister M. Othilda Smith. A High Mass was sung in the morning. Meals were served in the State Dining Room where the buffet supper was held in the afternoon following a movie. Reverend William Joseph D. Shanley, brother of Sister M. Emily, celebrated the Mass.

On March 22, 1962 a meeting of the Advisory Board of Salve Regina College met in the State Dining Room. The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Mother M. Helena, Mother Provincial, and Mother M. Alban, Assistant Provincial attended.

A meeting of the Corporation of Salve Regina College was held on May 17 1962. Right Reverend Monsignor Matthew Clarke, Mother Provincial and her Council, Sister M. Hilda, President, Sister M. Emily, Superior, Sister M. Mark Murphy and Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald attended the meeting.

Mother M. Helena, R.S.M, Mother Provincial conduced the annual visitation at Salve Regina College beginning May 17, 1962.

Sister M. Othilda Smith went for her annual retreat and the Institute of Spirituality to the General Motherhouse on May 22, 1962.

The twelfth annual Commencement of Salve Regina College took place on June 4, 1962 the Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence, presiding. The Regina Medal was awarded to Judge Florence K. Murray. Honorary degrees were bestowed upon Reverend Cornelius B. Collins, the Honorable John O. Pastore and Miss Marguerite Brennan. Senator Pastore delivered the inspiring Commencement Address which emphasized the Christian teaching on the dignity of womanhood. Mother Provincial and members of the Provincial Council were present.

Sister M. Rosina Lynch went for her annual retreat and the Institute of Spirituality to the General Motherhouse on June 13, 1962

The annual retreat at Salve Regina College took place from June 14, 1962 to June 23, 1962 and was conducted by Reverend John Whittaker, O.P. from Providence College.

Queen Hall opened for annual retreat and renovation on June 25, 1962. Sister M. Peter Witham was Superior, Sister M. Joachim Giannini, Mistress, and Sister M. Ephrem Lough, Portress. Retreat Master and Instructor for first three weeks was Reverend Edward R. Callahan, S.J. and for the last three weeks Reverend Francis A. Sullivan, S.J. officiated until August 6, 1962.

On July 16, 1962 Sister M. Emily Shanley departed for her annual retreat and the Institute of Spirituality held at the General Motherhouse.

On August 2, 1962 the second Summer Commencement held at Salve Regina took place on the terrace Dr. Frederick Donovan, Vice President of Rhode Island College was the speaker. Thirty Junior Professed Sisters received their degrees. Dr. Michael Walsh awarded State Teachers Certificates.

The yearly appointments for Salve Regina College were announced on August 1, 1962. Sister M. Evangelista Scanlon was assigned to St. Xavier Convent, Providence. Sister M. Constance Landrigan was assigned, as Superior, to St. Xavier Convent, Providence. Sister M. Donald Egan was appointed Dean of Women at Salve Regina. Sister M. Donalda Kelly was transferred [sic] to Mt. St. Mary’s Convent, Fall River to teach in the Academy. Sister M. Ignatius Abdo was assigned to study at Catholic University for the year 1962-1963. Sister M. Olga Galvin was appointed to Salve Regina to teach in the Science and Chemistry Department. Sister M. Andrea Martell was assigned to assist in the English Department and Sister Mariel D’Elia was appointed to the Nursing Faculty Sister Marie Pierre Koch had left on July 9, 1962 after being appointed to the faculty of Our Lady of Cincinnati College Cincinnati, Ohio.

On September 1, 1962 two Sisters from Thailand arrived to study four years at Salve Regina.

On September 28, 1962 the Right Reverend Monsignor James V. Greene officiated at Honors Convocation which for the first time in fourteen years was held indoors because of inclement weather. Mother Provincial and members of her Council were present.

On September 27, 1962 Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. owners of “Wayside” a residence hall called “St. Joseph’s” on Bellevue Avenue, leased by the college since last September, called to see Sister M. Hilda, President, and S.M. Emily, Superior. They proposed to give their summer home to the college if the college would accept the $10,000 mortgage with it. A meeting was held with Mother Provincial on September 28, 1962 and later in the day with her Council. It was announced on September 29, 1962 that acceptance would be made by the College which will continue to use it as a residence hall. The deeds were signed in December, 29, 1962. On December 5, 1962 the name “Wayside” was officially changed to “St. Joseph’s.”

The annual three day retreat opened on December 28, 1962 and was conducted by Reverend Leo Clifford, O.F.M. The Sisters of St. Augustin and St. Mary Convent resided with the community during the retreat.

On December 31, 1962 it was announced that Salve Regina College had purchased Whiteholme, the former Henry Barton Jacobs estate on the corner of Ochre Point Avenue and Narragansett Avenue. The existing building on the three and one-half acre estate is to be razed to make way for a 150-200-bed dormitory.

On January 3, 1963 the portrait of Mr. Robert Goelet, donor of Ochre Court, was unveiled in the Great Hall in the presence of Mr. Goelet and his invited guests and of Mother Provincial, her council, the administration and faculty and the student body. The brief program was followed by a tea for the guest of honor and his friends in the State Dining Room. The portrait was hung in a place of honor in the foyer.

On March 12, 1963 Sister M. Emily Shanley, R.S.M, Superior and Treasurer, and Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, R.S.M., Dean, attended a preliminary meeting regarding a Government Loan for the purpose of erecting a new dormitory, cafeteria and dining room building on the campus. Mr. Paul Devlin, Mr. Eugene Kennedy, and Mr. Arthur were also present at the meeting held in New York City at the Federal Housing Agency Office.

On March 19, 1963 a meeting of the Advisory Board of Salve Regina College took place in the State Dining Room. Mother M. Alban, Assistant Provincial, Sister M. Hilda, President, Sister M. Emily, Superior, Sister M. Rosalia, Dean, and Sister M. Martina, Registrar, were present.

On March 23, 1963 two members of the faculty of Salve Regina College observed their Silver Jubilee. Sister M. Brenda Sullivan, R.S.M. and Sister M. Andrea Martell, R.S.M. were the Jubilarians. Reverend Paul Curran, O.P., Chaplain said the High Mass at which the Sisters choir sang. A festive dinner was served in the State Dining Room. In the afternoon an entertainment was given at Mercy Hall for all Sister guests. This was followed by a buffet supper for all in the State Dining Room.

Mother M. Helena, R.S.M., Mother Provincial conducted the annual visitation at Salve Regina College beginning on May 4, 1963 and completed her visit on May 6, 1963.

A meeting of the Corporation of Salve Regina College took place on May 21, 1963. Right Reverend Monsignor Matthew Clarke, Mother Provincial and her Council, Sister M. Hilda Miley, President, Sister M. Emily Shanley, Superior, Sister M. Mark Murphy, and Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald attended the meeting.

The thirteenth annual Commencement of Salve Regina College took place on June 3, 1963 on the terrace the Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D. presiding The Most Reverend Bishop announced the death of the Supreme Pontiff, His Holiness Pope John XXIII who went to his eternal reward at 2:49 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and led the assembled dignitaries, guests and graduates in a prayer for the repose of his soul. Mother Provincial and her Council, Senators from Rhode Island, the Governor of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Newport, representatives of many colleges and dignitaries of the church marched in procession with the administration and faculty. Honorary Degrees were awarded to Sister M. Louise O’Brien, R.S.M. and to Charles Alexander Peloquin. Reverend Robert F. Drinan, S.J., Dean of Boston College Law School delivered the Commencement Address.

On June 13, 1963 Sister M. Andrea Martell, R.S.M. and Sister M. Brenda Sullivan, R.S.M. left for their annual retreat and the Institute of Spirituality held at the General Motherhouse.

Sister M. Emily Shanley, R.S.M. and Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, R.S.M. attended a meeting concerning the Government Loan held in New York City at the Federal Housing Agency office. The two architects, accountant, and lawyer were at the meeting.

Reverend Gregory Roy, S.J. was retreat master during the annual retreat at Salve Regina College which retreat took place during the time from June 14, 1963 to June 23, 1963.

Queen Hall opened on June 23, 1963 for the annual Institute of Spirituality. Reverend Edward R. Callahan, S.J. and Reverend Francis A. Sullivan, S.J. were in charge of instruction, each taking a period of three weeks. Reverend Edward R. Callahan, S.J. conducted the eight day retreat beginning the Institute. Sister M. Eugene Sullivan, R.S.M. was Superior, Sister M. Joachim Giannini, R.S.M. was Mistress and Sister M. Imelda Nee, R.S.M. was portress.

On July 20, 1963 the assignments for the academic year were announced. Sister Cor Mariae Wall, R.S.M. was assigned to the La Ceiba Mission, Sister M. Harold Nelson, R.S.M. was assigned to Salve Regina as an instructor in the History Department. Sister Mariella Heffernan, R.S.M. was assigned to Salve Regina as instructor in the Nursing Division. Sister Marie Susanne Breckel was assigned to Salve Regina Faculty.

The annual Commencement for Sisters of Mercy at Salve Regina College took place on August 1, 1963. Reverend Edward R. Callahan, S.J. was the speaker. Dr. William P. Robinson, Jr. Commissioner of Education in Rhode Island awarded the statements of eligibility for teaching in Rhode Island. Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, Dean, presented the candidates for degrees to Sister M. Hilda Miley, President, who awarded the degrees. Mother M. Helena, R.S.M., Mother Provincial, and the Councillors Provincial were present. The Right Reverend Monsignor James V. Greene, pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Newport presided.

On August 15, 1963 Sister Mariel D’Elia, R.S.M., of the Nursing Division at Salve Regina College returned to her home instead of making her vows at Mt. St. Rita’s, Cumberland, R.I. Sister M. Rosarita O’Connell, R.S.M. was assigned to the Nursing Division on August 19, 1963.

On September 27, 1963 the Right Reverend Monsignor James V. Greene officiated at Honors Convocation which was held on the terrace of Ochre Court. Members of the Provincial Council were present. Dr. Thomas H.D. Mahoney, Professor of Humanities at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spoke on “The Catholic Woman’s College and the World of the ‘Sixties.’”

On October 2, 1963 the ground for the new building, Residence Hall and Student Center, was broken at 11 a.m. The ground was blessed by Right Reverend Monsignor Matthew Clarke, D.D. Mother M. Helena, Provincial; Mother M. Alban, Assistant Provincial; Representatives of Administration and Faculty; Cornelius C. Moore, Esquire; Representatives of Salve Regina Guild, Alumnae Association and Fathers’ Council; and students participated in the informal ceremony. Since it was the feast of the Guardian Angels prayers were offered by Reverend Paul Curran, O.P., Chaplain, for the safety of all workmen who will build the structure.

On November 9, 1963 all the Sisters from Salve Regina College attended an area meeting at Bayview at which Mother M. Regina, Mother General, addressed the Sisters from all parts of the Rhode Island province. Mother then came to Salve Regina and conducted the visitation at the College staying until Nov. 11, 1963.

The annual three day retreat at the close of the year 1963 was conducted by Reverend Andrew John, SS.CC.

On January 23, 1964 the Advisory Board of Salve Regina College met in the State Dining Room. Right Reverend Monsignor Matthew F. Clarke, V.G., Mother M. Helena, R.S.M., Mother Provincial, and Mother M. Alban, R.SM., Assistant Provincial were present. Sister M. Hilda, R.S.M., President, Sister M. Emily, R.S.M., Superior, Sister M. Rosalia, R.S.M., Dean, and Sister M. Martina, R.SM. Registrar were also among the members. Mother M. Helena, R.S.M., announced that the new building, now under construction, would be called “Miley Hall” in honor of Sister M. Hilda Miley, President of the College since 1948 and charter member of the board since 1934.

A short meeting of the Advisory Board took place on March 19, 1964 in the periodical room of McAuley Hall. The occasion was the unveiling of a portrait of Cornelius C. Moore, Esquire, donor of Moore Hall. This unveiling took place following the meeting and tours of the campus buildings at 4:30 p.m. in the foyer of Moore Hall. The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney; Mother M. Helena, Mother Provincial; Mother M. Alban, Assistant Provincial; Members of the Advisory Board; Special Guests; and Students who resided in Moore Hall were present for the occasion. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Ochre Court followed this program. A buffet in the State Dining Room climaxed the day.

The Silver Jubilee of Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, Dean of Salve Regina College, and of Sister M. Augustine San Souci, director of School of Nursing, were celebrated on April 4, 1964. Reverend Francis J. Feeney sung [sic] the High Mass at 11 a.m. The Sisters and Sister Guests had dinner in the State Dining Room which was decorated for the occasion. A buffet supper took place at 5 p.m. for Sisters and Sister Guests.

A meeting of the Corporation of Salve Regina College took place on May 18, 1964. Mother Provincial and her Council; Sister M. Hilda Miley, President; Sister M. Emily Shanley, Superior; and Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald attended the meeting.

The blessing of the corner stone for Miley Hall took place on Class Day, May 22, 1964. The actual sealing of the stone was done by Miss Tersi Carmody, President of the Class of 1964; Miss Ellen Scully, President of Student Council; Sister M. Hilda Miley, President of the College after whom the building is named; Sister M. Victor, Secretary Provincial representing Mother M. Helena McNulty, Mother Provincial; and Cornelius C. Moore, Esquire. Placed in the cornerstone was a metal box in which were placed a yearbook (1964) signed by faculty members, the papers of the day, coins currently used, medals of Our Lady, St. Joseph and other saints, a Sacred Heart Badge, and a picture of St. Hilda, patroness of Sister M. Hilda Miley.

The fourteenth annual Commencement of Salve Regina College took place on June 1, 1964. Because of the threat of showers the exercises took place at Rogers High School in Newport. The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D. presided. The speaker, Dr. William H. Conley, President of Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport Connecticut, spoke on “The Totally New Problem Posed by the Scientific and Technological Change and Population Growth.” The Mother Provincial and her Council, The Governor of Rhode Island, Senators and Representatives of the State of Rhode Island, a Representative of the Mayor of Newport, distinguished educators and Monsignori marched in procession with the administration and faculty. Very Reverend Vincent C. Dore President of Providence College and Dr. John F. Quinn, Vice President of Student Affairs in University of Rhode Island were the recipients of Honorary Degrees.

Reverend Eugene C. Brissette, S.J. conducted the annual eight day retreat at Salve Regina College from June 18, 1964 to June 27, 1964.

Queen Hall opened on June 29, 1964 for the annual Institute of Spirituality. Sister Jeanne Marie Reynolds, R.S.M. was Superior; Sister M. Joachim Giannini was Mistress; Sister M. Imelda Nee was Portress. Reverend Edward R. Callahan, S.J. (or substitute) and Reverend Francis A Sullivan, S.J. were in charge of instruction, each taking a period of three weeks. Reverend Frederick Moriarty, S.J. also assisted in instructing and acting as chaplain for the group.

Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, R.S.M. and Sister M. Augustine San Souci, R.S.M. attended the Institute of Spirituality held at the General Motherhouse Bethesda, Maryland from July 9 to 27, 1964.

On July 18 the assignments for the year 1964-1965 were announced for the Sisters at Salve Regina College. Sister M. Hilda Miley, R.S.M, former President of Salve Regina College, became President Emeritus, Sister M. Emily Shanley, R.S.M, former Superior and Treasurer, became President of the College. Sister Mary Petronilla Donnelly, R.S.M, former Superior at St. Augustin Convent, was appointed Superior and Treasurer at Salve Regina. Sister M. Dionysia Kelly, R.S.M. was appointed Registrar. Sister M. Audrey O’Donnell, R.S.M. was appointed Dean of Admissions. Sister M. Martina Conley former registrar R.S.M., remains as Head of the History Department. Sister Marie Susanne Breckel was assigned to the Education and Guidance Department [Sister M. Columcille McCarthy was appointed to the Theology Department. Sister Ralph Mary Imperatore was assigned to the Medical Technology Department. Sister M. Ferrer McFarland, R.S.M. is coming from Chicago Province to the Mathematics Department. Sister M. Jeremy Barry, R.S.M. will have a leave of absence for a period of study for her doctor’s degree at Fordham University.

Sister M. Rosarita O’Connell will also have a leave of absence while working for her Master’s Degree at Columbia University.

Sister M. Norbert Murray will also study for the year at the University of Pennsylvania.

On July 27, 1964 Sister M. Arsenia, S.A.B.S., and Sister Anne Maria, S.A.B.S. left for India after a three year and a two year stay respectively at Salve Regina College.

During the month of July, Mr. Graber’s house was leased for a year to take care of the resident student overflow until the completion of Miley Hall.

Negotiations have begun to purchase Althorp House on Ruggles Avenue for residence of students.

The fourth annual commencement for Sisters took place on August 6, 1964 on the Terrace. The speaker of the day was the very Reverend Dom Aelref Graham, O.S.B., Prior of the Priory of St. Gregory the Great, Portsmouth, R.I. Mr. Charles A. O’Connor, Jr., Superintendent of Schools in Providence and former Superintendent of Schools in Newport, received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Education because of his cooperation over the years with Salve Regina College and his great interest in Catholic Education. Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, Dean presented the candidates for degrees and Sister M. Emily Shanley, President of the College, conferred the degrees. Dr. William P. Robinson, Jr., Rhode Island Commissioner of Education presented the Statements of Eligibility for Teaching.

On August 16, 1964 Sister Mariella Heffernan, R.S.M. and Sister M. Ignatius Abdo, R.S.M. of Salve Regina College pronounced their final vows at the chapel of the Motherhouse, Mt. St. Rita, Cumberland, R.I.

On August 28, 1964 the purchase of the Althorp Estate on the corner of Ruggles and Lawrence Avenues was announced in the local and Providence papers. This estate was once owned by Countess Marguerite de Pourtales and will be for the present for housing of residence students of Salve Regina College.

On September 25, 1964 the sixteenth annual Honors Convocation took place in the Great Hall of Ochre Court. Monsignor James V. Greene presided. Dr. Paul van Thomson spoke on “Excellence on the Catholic Campus.” Mother M. Helena, R.S.M., Mother Provincial presented Mrs. Kieran Farrelly, a charter member of Salve Regina Guild, with the Regina Medal, Sister M. Emily, R.S.M., President, gave the welcome to the guests and students and bestowed the awards. Sophomore Nursing students were capped.

The annual three day retreat opened on December 28, 1964 with Reverend Robert Ferrick, S.J. as retreat master. The Sisters of St. Augustin’s and St. Mary’s convents united with those of Salve Regina for the retreat.

A canonical visitation of Salve Regina College was conducted by the Most Reverend Bernard M. Kelly, D.D. on January 13, 14, 1965.

Miley Hall opened for the resident students after the semester holiday on February 2, 1965. There was an “Open House” day for the Sisters on January 30, 1965.

Mother M. Helena, Mother Provincial, conducted the annual visitation from March 29, 1965 to April 1, 1965.

The Blessing and Dedication of Miley Hall took place on April 30, 1965. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D. gave the Invocation and Message to the group assembled at Ochre Court. S.M. Emily Shanley, President, welcomed the distinguished guests including civic, religious and lay representatives of the city, state and educational departments and friends of Sister M. Hilda Miley, R.S.M. The procession formed in Ochre Court and made its way to Miley Hall with a guard of honor selected from the student body. The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D., gave the blessing and dedicated the new residence hall in the foyer and lounge of Miley Hall. A tour of the structure preceded a dinner given in the new dining room for all guests and administration and faculty. “Open House” for Alumnae and friends of Salve Regina College took place on May 2, 1965.

The fifteenth annual commencement of Salve Regina College took place on the Terrace June 7, 1965 The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D., presided. The Honorable Claiborne Pell, U.S. Senator from Rhode Island delivered the Commencement Address. The Mother Provincial and her Council, the Governor of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Newport, distinguished educators and Monsignori marched in the procession with the administration and faculty. Senator Claiborne Pell received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities. Sister M. Josetta Butler, R.S.M., received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Sister M. Hilda Miley, R.S.M., President Emerita of Salve Regina College, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Science at the University of Rhode Island on June 13, 1965. Many members of the faculty and administration attended the commencement at which time the degree was presented.

Reverend Thomas Curran, S.J. conducted the annual eight day retreat at Salve Regina College from June 18, 1965 to June 27, 1965.

Queen Hall opened on June 28, 1965 for the annual Institute of Spirituality. Reverend Edward R. Callahan, S.J. and Reverend Francis A. Sullivan, S.J. were in charge of retreat and instruction each serving a period of three weeks. Sister M. Virginia Quinlan, R.S.M. was Superior, Sister M. Joachim Giannini was Mistress and Sister M. Imelda Nee was portress for the group. The Institute closed on August 9, 1965.

The fifth annual summer commencement took place on August 5, 1965. Thirty-one Sisters of Mercy received their degrees from Sister M. Emily Shanley, R.S.M., President. Most Reverend Bernard Kelly, Auxiliary Bishop presided and delivered the commencement address. Dr. William P. Robinson Jr. Commissioner of Education, presented statements of eligibility for teaching to the graduates.

On July 17, 1965 the assignments for the coming year were announced. Sister M. Martha Quinn was changed to Mt. St. Rita Convent Cumberland to assist with Sewing. Sister M. Olga Galvin was assigned to St. Mary’s Convent, Bayview to teach in High School. Sister M. Othilda Smith was changed to Mt. St. Rita Convent to do clerical work in Provincial Procurator’s Office. Sister M. Loretto O’Connor was assigned to Salve Regina to teach in English Department. Sister M. Thecla Braman was assigned to teach Theology. Sister M. Patrician Healey was named for the History Department. Sister M. Harold Nelson was given a leave of absence to study at Fordham University. Sister M. Magdala McCarthy was named to the Theology Department. Sister M. Damien Greene was assigned to the college, the change to take place after a leave of absence to study at St. John’s University. Sister Marie Lizette Dietz on leave of absence at University of Pennsylvania was also listed on the College Faculty. Sister M. Michaelinda Plante was made Procurator of the College. Sister Patricia Marie Hall was assigned as part time Instructor in Mathematics while she finishes courses at Brown University. Sister Frederick Mary Van Dusen was appointed to the Treasurer’s Office and instructor in Economics. Sister M. Laetare Regan, studying at University of Minnesota, Sister M. Alfred Laliberte, studying at University of Pittsburg [sic] and Sister Marie Eugene Bliss, studying at St. Xavier College, Chicago were all appointed as Instructors in the Department of Nursing, the changes to take place on the completion of their courses.

Mother M. Helena, Mother Provincial, conducted the visitation of Salve Regina College from December 6, 1965 to December 9, 1965.

The annual three day retreat for the Sisters at Salve Regina opened on the evening of December 28, 1965 with Reverend Richard Bidwell, S.J. as retreat master. The Sisters from St. Mary’s Convent, Newport and St. Augustin Convent, Newport as well as those of St. James Convent, West Warwick also made the retreat

Sister M. Alfred Laliberte, R.S.M. returned to teach in the Nursing Department in January, 1966 after completing courses for her Master’s Degree at the University of Pittsburg [sic].

A meeting of the Advisory Board of Salve Regina College took place on March 24, 1966. Mother M. Helena, Mother Provincial was present for the meeting.

Sister M. Laetare Regan, R.S.M., returned to Salve Regina College in March, 1966 after completing her studies for her Master’s Degree in Nursing at the University of Minnesota.

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Rt. Rev. Matthew Pothanamuzhi, D.D, Bishop of Kerala, India, paid a two-day visit to Salve Regina. Bishop Matthew, on tour in the United States, visited with Sister Celestine D.M.C. and Sister Susan D.M.C., Sister Selegrina S.S.A. and Sister Angel Mary, S.S.A., who are Salve Regina Indian students from his diocese. Accompanying the Bishop was his secretary, Rev. Augustine Pallikunnia.

August 16, 1967

Sister Mary Petronilla Donnelly left for Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass., to attend a three-day workshop for superiors. Since Sister’s term of superiorship will terminate on August 19, she will go to Saint Mary’s Convent after the workshop, and begin her new assignment as superior and principal.

August 19, 1967

Sister Mary Marcella Shanley, newly appointed superior of Salve Regina arrived to replace Sister Mary Petronilla Donnelly. Also newly appointed to the college faculty are: Sisters Mary Damien Greene, M. Corleen Fogarty, M. Thomas Aquinas O’Brien, Patricia Marie Hall, M. Jeannine O Brien, Marie Cordis Lincourt, M. Joycelin Orme, M. Rochelle Postiglione, M. [Consilii] Reynolds. Sister Mary Alban Kerwick will also assume today her duties as the new academic dean of studies.

August 26, 1967

Sister Mary Emily Shanley, president of Salve Regina College, returned from a seven-weeks tour of Europe. which included attendance at classes in Irish literature at the University of Dublin, visits to the Mercy foundations at Baggot Street, Careysfort, Lainsboro, and pilgrimages to shrines and places of interest in England, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Germany.

August 31, 1967

Seventeen newly professed Sisters arrived from Mother of Mercy Novitiate to initiate the new on-campus college program for Sister students. The sisters, who will remain at Salve Regina while completing their junior and senior college courses are Sisters Carol Anthony Clayton, Michele Marie Curtin, Marklynn Delmonico, Jane Marie Dinucci, Marilyn Frances Fanning, Mary Theresa Farrell, Maureen David Filipek, Charles Mary Gosselin, Mark Marie Griffith, Brian Mary Harrington, James Mary Hart, Mary Kathleen King, Gerard Mary Le Page, Anthony Mary Manish, Monica Marie Polka, Jane Mary Towey.

August-September

Throughout the month the following sisters, granted leave of absence for the academic year (1967-1968) left for study at their respective colleges: Sisters Myriam Yvonne Abdo, Columbia; M. Janice Cowsill, Boston Univ.; Mary Catherine Barry, France; Veronica Marie Duffy, Michigan; M. Christine Escalante, Boston College, Ralph Mary Imperatore, Univ. of New Hampshire; M. Columcille McCarthy, Fordham; M. Patricia Murray, Univ. of Penn.; M. Harold Nelson, Fordham; M. Kathleen O’Connell, Colombia Univ.; S.M. Elaine Scully, Institute of Man, Pitt.; Maria Margaret Sorenson, Fordham.

September 1, 1967

Sister Mary Harold Nelson participated in the Summer Institute of Christian Action sponsored by Our Lady Queen of the Universe Sodality Union of the Diocese of Providence. At the meeting held at Our Lady of Providence Seminary, Sister spoke on “Christian Leadership in Action.”

September 1-5, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel attended the American Psychological Association Convention in Washington, D.C.

September 3, 1967

S.M. Helen Boland and S.M. Audrey [O’Donnell] were elected by the sisters to serve as first and second councilors respectively for the coming year. Appointed by Mother Provincial and her council to act as advisory councilors are Sister Mary Alban Kerwick, S.M. Emily Shanley, S.M. Donald Egan and S. Monica Marie Kelly.

September 4, 1967

Sister Mary Marcella Shanley was appointed to the Superior’s Committee responsible for arranging workshops for Superiors.

September 10, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel has agreed to become the consulting psychologist for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Pascoag, Rhode Island

September 13, 1967

Sister Mary Mercedes Quinton, head of the Art Department, returned today from a two month’s visit to Europe. During this time Sister attended classes in Portuguese Art at the University of Lisbon for six weeks on a Gulbenkian Foundation grant, after which she visited places of interest in Spain, Italy, France, England and Ireland.

September 16, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel addressed the administrators of the Catholic schools of the Fall River diocese in Taunton on the topic: “Creative Maladjustment.’

September 23, 1967

Sister Barbara Braman has been appointed to give a course in Scripture at St. Mary’s, Riverside, R.I, as part of the community enrichment program.

The following Salve Regina sisters have been appointed by Mother M. Kuren to serve on the Formation Teams in the following capacities:

S.M. Susanne Breckel, councilor consultant for second and third year novices, responsible for the follow-up on the testing program.

S.M. Marcella Shanley, director of fourth year Sisters with temporary vows.

S.M. Eloise Tobin – Theological area

S.M. Helen Boland – Professional area

S.M. Jean Tobin – Cultural area

S.M. Rochelle Postiglione – Liturgical area

S. Carol Marie Van Dusen, S. Marcia Bliss Sister Patricia Marie Hall - apostolic area.

September 23-28, 1967

S.M. Patricia Murray attended a day’s interpretative session of the Conference of Major Superiors of Women which was held in Chicago. As a sociologist, Sister will interpret the cross tabulations of the results of the Sisters’ National Survey in which this province participated.

September 26, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel conducted a superiors’ meeting at Saint Charles Convent in Woonsocket, R.I.

September 29-October 1, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel attended the Mental Health Institute in Hartford, Conn.

October 6, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel spent the day at Sacred Heart Novitiate in Pascoag, R.I., testing the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in the noviceship and postulancy. On October 7 and 8, Sister was the guest speaker of the Sisters of Charity (Seton) in New York, addressing the superiors of that community on the topic “Adequate Personality.” On her return, Sister conducted a community superiors’ meeting at St. Mary’s Bayview on October 11.

October 11, 1967

Sister Mary Emily Shanley, president, and Sister Mary Alban Kerwick, Dean of Studies, left for Washington, D.C., to attend the American Council of Education meeting, held at the Shoreham Hotel. They remained through the 12th and 13th for a meeting of the College Commission of the Sisters of Mercy.

October 12, 1967

The community Sisters were hostesses for the Sisters of temporary vows at a Columbus Day party, held in the Ochre Court community room. Members of the Home Economics classes conducted by Sister Mary Joannes Griffin baked and donated cakes and coffee for the refreshment hour. Assisting Sister Mary Joannes were Sister Marcia Bliss, Sister Carol Marie van Dusen and Sister Patricia Marie Hall.

October 14, 1967

At the request of the major superior of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Sister Marie Susanne Breckel tested and counselled four members of that order from Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

October 14, 1967

The three members of the Apostolic Committee of the Formation Team at Salve Regina (Sister Patricia Marie Hall, Sister Marcia Bliss, Sister Carol Marie van Dusen) met informally with the Sisters of temporary vows to share items of interest on the Apostolate and to establish the functions, goals, and expectations of this committee and the means to be used to achieve them. Discussion led to the decision to concentrate on the following areas of the apostolate: (1) community of sisters (2) apostolate of campus activities (class-room and club activities; (3) off-campus activities, e.g. C.C.D. teaching, community center, nursing homes, “Headstart” program, involvement in Action Core on campus.

October 19, 1967

Members of the Rhode Island State Nurses’ Association, meeting for a two-day convention at the Colony Motor Hotel in Cranston, R.I., selected Sister Mary Augustine San Souci as one of three Rhode Island nurses to be honored by the group. At their annual banquet, Sister, who is currently acting as president of the Association, was awarded a framed citation commending her valuable contribution to professional nursing as an administrator, teacher, nurse, and committee member.

October 19, 1967

Sister Mary Christopher O’Rourke was the guest speaker at the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the R.I. Conference of Social Work, held at the Viking Hotel in Newport, R.I. Sister’s topic was “Reality – Problem or Presence”?

October 19, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel represented Salve Regina College at a committee meeting at Rhode Island College to assist in planning solutions to the Flynn School problems confronting the school administrators in Providence, R.I. Each Friday in October, Sister Patrician [Healey] volunteered and donated her teaching service to assist in continuing the education of those negro [sic] pupils attending the “Freedom Schools” in the South Providence area. With the decision of the Providence School Committee to return Flynn School to the negroes Sister Mary Janice Cowsill was asked by representatives of the South Providence negroes [sic] to assist them in setting up a curriculum for the Flynn School. The Curriculum Committee aims to offer a course of studies of such superior worth that white parents will be willing to have their children bused in from surrounding neighborhoods and thus integrate the races in the school.

October 20, 1967

Most Reverend Russel J. McVinney, Bishop of Providence, has appointed Sister Mary Christopher O’Rourke to serve on the newly-formed Diocesan Human Relations Committee. The first meeting was held today at the Martin de Porres Center in Providence, R.I.

October 23, 1967

Sister Pauline Lincourt was invited to address the Sisters of Our Lady of Providence, Mother of Hope Novitiate, on “The Mystery of the Church.”

October 24, 26, 27.

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel conducted a conference for Sisters at St. Brendan’s Convent in Riverside, R.I., where she spoke on “The Fully Developed Person.” On the twenty sixth, Sister conducted a superiors’ meeting at St. Vincent’s Home, Fall River, Massachusetts. On the twenty seventh she also participated as a group discussion leader at a day of recollection given by Rev. John McCall, S.J. to the Sisters of Our Lady of Providence at St. Margaret’s Home in Providence, R.I.

October 24, 1967 United Nations Day

Sister Mary Patrician [Healey] and Sister Carol Regan directed a discussion period, torchlight procession and pray-in for peace in Vietnam

October 28, 1967

Sister Kathleen O’Connell, on leave of absence for study at Columbia University has been elected president of the Nursing Education Club at that college.

October 28, 1967

Sister Mary Marcella Shanley attended the third class in a monthly series conducted by psychoanalyst Dr. Vincent Conigliari and staff at the Metropolitan Consultation Center in New York City. The course is concerned with the dynamics of interpersonal relationships in religious life.

October 29, 1967

Sister Mary Marcella Shanley met with twenty temporarily-professed Sisters for spiritual conferences. Included in this number are three sisters from St. Vincent’s Home. Sister Mary Jean Tobin and Sister Mary Eloise Tobin will meet these Sisters on alternate Wednesdays for conferences on literary criticism and the application of Scripture to religious life.

November 1, 1967

For the feast of All Saints, the Sisters of Temporary Vows invited the Professed Sisters to a social hour in the community room at Ochre Court. The hostesses prepared ice cream sodas and home-made candy for refreshment. Sister Monica Marie Polka and Sister Kathleen King entertained with musical parodies and medleys

November 2, 1967

Sister Mary Eloise Tobin attended a meeting of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission and reported upon what the education division of the group has attempted in its efforts to disseminate information regarding ecumenism. In connection with this activity, Sister participated recently with other members of the clergy, religious women and laity in an adult dialogue demonstration, held at the Portsmouth Methodist Church, Portsmouth, R.I

November 5, 1967

A “Distinguished Faculty Award” was presented by the S.R.C. Alumnae Association to Sister Mary Martina Conley for her dedicated services to Salve Regina during the twenty years of its existence. A plaque was given to Sister at the Homecoming Weekend dinner at which were present other members of the faculty, many graduates of Salve Regina and their husbands. S.M. Martina is the only faculty member who served on the original 1947 faculty.

November 7, 1967

Sister Mary Christopher O’Rourke traveled to Flint, Michigan to attend a workshop on Community Involvement of Colleges and Universities.

November 3-12, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel spent November third and tenth providing counseling services to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

On November 11, Sister addressed the Sisters of Our Lady of Providence at St. Margaret’s Home, Providence, R.I. Most Reverend Bishop Bernard Kelly was present for this meeting.

November 12, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel was invited by Prioress Mother Cyril to a Mass celebration at the Barrington, R.I., Carmel. Seminarians sang the Mass to the accompaniment of guitars, drums, and horns. Sister remained at the convent for dinner with Dr. Lynch Boston gynecologist, who had addressed the Carmelite Sisters. On the fourteenth, Sister spoke to the administrators and superiors of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Fontbonne Academy in Boston. Her topic was “Creative Maladjustment.”

November 14, 1967

The Connecticut League for Nursing Education invited Sister Mary Augustine San Souci to address their conference in Wallingford, Connecticut. Sister discussed the teaching of continuity of patient care in a basic nursing curriculum.

November 16-18, 1967

Sister Carol Marie Van Dusen and Sister Patricia Marie Hall participated in a Cursillo at the Espousal Retreat House in Waltham, Mass. Rev. Charles Ring of the Stigmatine Fathers conducted the retreat. Sister Mary Emily Shanley, Sister Mary Marcella Shanley, and Sister Mary Damien Greene attended the closing of this retreat on the evening of the eighteenth.

November 16, 1967

Sister Maria Cordis Lincourt addressed the Sodalists at St. Xavier’s High School in Providence, R.I. Discussion followed her observations on the personalistic approach to faith.

November 16, 1967

Sister Mary Mercedes was hostess to the C.C.D. of Southern Rhode Island. At their meeting in the Ochre Court drawing room, Sister spoke of increasing the spirit of cooperation in rendering assistance to other groups engaged in C.C.D. activities.

November 21, 1967

At Mother of Hope Novitiate in Portsmouth, R.I., Most Rev. Bernard Kelly presided over a panel which discussed reactions to formation principles. Sister Marie Susanne Breckel was one of the panelists serving with Miss Rae O’Neill of the S.R.C. faculty, two Brothers and three other religious Sisters. Sister Maria Cordis Lincourt was also a consultant at the Sister Formation Commission meeting.

November 24, 25, 26, 1967

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel addressed 500 Sisters of the Holy Cross at their convention at Notre Dame College in New Hampshire. “Becoming a Person” was her topic. On the 25th and 26th, Sister conducted a workshop in collaboration with a Trappist priest. The participants were Sisters Superiors of the Sisters of Charity at Ventnor, New Jersey considering “Principles of Dialogue.”

Sister Mary Martina Conley and the Salve Regina Guild members presented a check for $18,000 to Sister Mary Emily Shanley, president. The amount was realized from the Spring 1967 fund-raising project conducted by the Guild. Undertaken annually, the project has totaled $80,000 in gifts to the college within the past five years.

Weekly during November

Three Sister students in the temporarily professed group are engaging in apostolic service with the C.C.D. Sister Ann Mary Manish and Sister Carol Ann Clayton give religious instruction to High School students at St. Mary’s Church, while Sister Mary Eileen Gosselin conducts weekly classes for retarded [sic] children.

December 1967

The following faculty members have changed their religious name for their baptismal name:

Sister Marie Cordis – Sister Pauline Mary Lincourt

Sr. Joycelin – Sr. Marie Norma Orme

Sr. M. Patrician Sr. Patricia [Healey]

Other faculty members who had previously who had previously made this change are:

Sister Mary Corona - Sr. Maria Chilli

Sister Mary Nolasco – Sr. Helen Boland

Sister Mary Dionysia – Sr. Monica Marie Kelly

Sister Mary Norbert - Sr. Patricia Murray

Sr. Constantia – Sr. Kathryn Mary Murphy

Sr. Mary Thecla – Sr. Barbara Mary Braman

Sr. Mary Jeremy – Sr. Catherine Mary Barry

Sr. Incarnata – Sr. Maria Margaret Sorenson

Sr. Mary Lizette – Sr. Maureen Dietz

Sr. Mary Rosarita – Sr. Kathleen Mary O’Connell

Sr. Mary Laetare – Sr. Carol Reagan

Sr. Mary Alfred – Sr. Louise Laliberte

Sr. Mary Ignatuis – Sr. Myriam Yvonne Abdo

Sr. Mary Eugene – Sr. Marcia Bliss

Sr. Frederick Mary – Sr. Carol Marie Van Dusen

December 1, 1967

Sister Mary Emily Shanley, Sister Mary Alban Kerwick, and Sister Marie Susanne Breckel have been appointed to serve on the Province Commission on Higher Education

December 2, 1967

Sister Mary Martina Conley has been requested by Mother Mary Kieran to be provincial historian to assist Sister Mary Justine Sabourin, R.S.M., of the Province of Detroit. Sister M. Justine will visit each of the nine provinces prior to writing a history of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union.

December 3, 1967

Sister Mary Alban Kerwick participated in a discussion on the educational policies and apostolate. The meeting was held at St. Mary’s Convent in Fall River, Mass.

December 5, 1967

As an associate of the R.I. Committee for Peace in Vietnam, Sister Carol Marie Reagan led a group in prayer on the Mall in Providence, R.I. Sister also delivered a speech regarding peace in Vietnam. The gathering was part of a week-long program planned by the association to present their views on the Vietnam situation to the public.

December 7, 1967

Sister Mary Augustine and Sister Carol Marie Reagan are appointed by Sister Mary Emily to represent the College at the annual meeting of the New England Council on Higher Education in Nursing. The convention is being held at the Harvard Club in Boston

December 8,-9, 1967

Sister Mary Emily Shanley, Sister Mary Alban Kerwick, Sr. Monica Marie Kelly and Sr. M. Marcella attended the meeting of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Boston. On Dec. 9, the Sisters attended the New England Unit of the National Catholic Education Association, of which Sr. M. Emily is Secretary. Cardinal Cushing College in Brookline was host to this NCEA meeting.

December 12, 1967

Sister Pauline Lincourt was invited to address the Sisters at St. Xavier Convent in Providence on “Christian Renewal in Community.” as part of their observance of Foundation Day.

December 18, 1967

Five Sisters from the S.R.C. faculty will serve on the Renewal Commission. S.M. Loretto O’Connor, S.M. Carleen Fogarty, S.M. Damien Greene, S.M. Carol Van Dusen, S.M. Susanne attended the first meeting at Saint Mary’s Convent in Riverside to discuss goals and to formulate programs for future activities.

December 26, 1967

Sister Mary Jean Tobin and Sister Mary Andrea Martell attended the M.L.A. convention in Chicago, Ill.

January 1, 1968

Sister Mary Christopher O’Rourke left for Michigan where she will attend the Center for Studies of Higher Education at the University of Michigan during the second semester.

January 2, 1968

Sister Mary Martina Conley’s anniversary of profession fifty years ago.

January 6, 1968

At the Executive Board meeting of the Salve Regina Guild, Sister Mary Martina was honored in recognition of her Golden Jubilee anniversary. At a special luncheon, the members presented Sister with a gift of $200.00.

January 8, 1968

Sister Myriam Yvonne Abdo was elected to serve as chairman of the Mission Committee of the Federation of the Srs. of Mercy. The first meeting was held in Hamilton, Ohio.

January 14, 1968

In conjunction with the C.C.D., four sisters will participate in local Adult Religious Education Discussion Groups. Sister M. Consilii Reynolds, S.M. Damien Greene, Sr. Mary Jeannine O’Brien, S.M. Pauline Lincourt will meet twice monthly in private homes to discuss matters pertinent to Vatican II.

January 17, 1968

Sister Mary Augustine San Souci will be interviewed today by Mr. Harry McKenna of WEAN radio station[.] The interview, which will be aired at a future fate, will concern the topic of nursing education.

January 8, 1968

S.M. Marcella attended a meeting of the Diocesan Formation Committee of which she is currently secretary. The meeting was held at Msgr. Matthew Clarke Regional School.

January 14-28, 1968

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel conducted a Superiors’ meeting at St. Brendan’s Convent, Riverside on the 14th. She visited Mt. St. Rita on the 16th for novitiate counseling. On the 17th, Sister met with the Sacred Heart Brothers’ Provincial Council and Formation Commission, which requested consultation with the Psychology Department. On the 21st Sister participated in a panel at Our Lady of Providence Seminary at Warwick Neck.

January 24, 1968

Sister Mary Augustine San Souci was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors (Pawt. Visiting Nurse Association). Her topic was “The Future of Nursing.”

January 24-28, 1968

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel co-directed a workshop at Barat College, Lake Forest, Illinois. The program was conducted for religious educators and administrators. Sister’s contribution will [sic] was in the areas of Testing and Counseling.

January 29, 1968

Sister Marie Susanne has been assigned to join the faculty of Rhode Island College during the second semester. Sister will teach a course in Adolescent Psychology

January 27-28, 1968

A “Renewal Workshop” open to all Sisters of Mercy in this province, and to other religious in the Newport area was conducted in Miley Hall by Reverend René Chabot, S.M. Father Chabot, the superior of La Salette Shrine, Attleboro, Mass. is a theologian, lecturer, author, and retreat director. The program was entitled “Renewal Based on the Gospel.” It consisted of three two-hour lectures given by Father Chabot, followed by discussion. Mass was celebrated in the chapel of Ochre Court and Father also led the Sisters in the recitation of the Divine Office

January 3, 1968

Classes were begun in the new O’Hare Academic Center on McAuley grounds. The building has been named for Sister Mary James O’Hare, first academic dean of Salve Regina.

The science library located on the second floor of O’Hare has been named the Landrigran Library in honor of Sister Mary Constance Landrigran, R.S.M. A charcoal portrait of Sister has been executed and donated by Miss Eileen McClure and has been hung in the library. Salve Regina College Alumnae has thus far contributed $1,130 to purchase books

January 31, February 1, 1968

Sister Marcia Bliss and Sister Carol Reagan accompanied forty two junior nursing students when they spent these two days in the Air Raid Shelter Area of the State House in Providence, R.I. This experience was part of a course in Medical Self Help (action to be taken in the event of disaster when no medical doctor is available)

February 1-3, 1968

Sister Kathryn Mary Murphy and Sister Mary Jeannine O’Brien attended a conference in Boston dealing with assisting children with learning disabilities. With them was Sister Monica Marie of the Omaha Province, presently serving as principal of St. Maurice Day School in Bethesda, Md.

February 3, 1968

Sister Mary Harold Nelson, on leave from the Salve faculty as a doctoral candidate at Fordham University left today for the second semester at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria where she will gather materials for her dissertation. Sister’s research topic is: “Constitutionalism and Nigerian Nationhood: A Study of the Process of Nation-Building in a West African State.” En route to Africa she will spend a short time at the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies and will also visit Sister Catherine Mary Barry, another Salve Regina faculty member who is doing doctoral research in French at the Sorbonne.

February 7, 1968

Sister Mary Joannes Griffin has been appointed to a two-year term on the Public Relations Committee of the Diet Counseling Service. She was a member of the committee which initially prepared the protocol for establishing a Diet Counseling Service in Rhode Island.

February 7, 8,1968

Sister Marcia Bliss and Sister Carol Reagan remained through the night with their student nurses in the Disaster Shelter Area of the State House. This was part of a Shelter management course which focused on atomic disaster, existing on emergency rations, using emergency “facilities.” The course was taught by instructors from the University of Rhode Island. The participants received a certificate qualifying them to function as manage [sic] of a disaster shelter.

February 13, 1968

The following Salve Regina Sisters were elected to be delegates to the Provincial Chapter in December: S.M. Martina Conley, M. Jean Tobin, M. Eloise Tobin, Alban Kerwick, Donald Egan, Emily Shanley, Helen Boland, Patricia Murray, Marcella Shanley, Christopher O’Rourke, Marie Susanne Breckel, Barbara Mary Braman, Janice Cowsill, Pauline Lincourt, Thomas Aquinas O’Brien, Philemon Banigan, Kathleen O’Connell, Harold Nelson, Catherine Barry, Elaine Scully.

February 14, 1968

Sister Pauline Lincourt attended a meeting of the Newport Clergy Ecumenical Group at which Rev. George Wilson, S.J. spoke on sex education. The group elected Sister to a committee to coordinate resources for this purpose.

February 16, 1968

Sister Eloise Tobin, Jean Tobin, Brenda Sullivan, Andrea Martell, Barbara Lynch and Carol Marie Van Dusen attended an Ecumenical Scripture discussion at the Presbyterian Church in Newport, Rhode Island. Also present were Presbyterian Pastor [blank], Pastor Donald Kapenen of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church and Mr. Max Monroe of St. Paul’s Methodist Church.

February 23, 1968

Sister Mary Christopher O’Rourke and Sister Mary Jane, R.S.M. of the Cincinnati province arrived to collect educational material for a project to be researched in connection with their courses at the Center for Studies of Higher Education at the University of Michigan.

February 24, 1968

Sister Mary Martina Conley, R.S.M. celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her profession of vows. A solemn high Mass sung by the Sister students was concelebrated at St. Mary’s Church in Newport. Rev. Joseph Henry was the chief celebrant. Father Ferrick, S.J., Msgr. John Shea, Rev. Joseph Cardoza, Rev. George McCarthy, Rev. Kenneth Angell, Rev. John Reilly and Rev Anthony Rebeiro concelebrated. About five hundred guests joined with Sister in this Mass of thanksgiving at which Sister renewed her vows and received Holy Communion under both Species.

Dinner was served at Miley Hall followed by a reception at Ochre Court for members of the community and guests. Through the generosity of Mr. Cornelius Moore, music was provided by a string ensemble.

March 3, 1968

A series of meetings under the direction of Dr. Lester Carr, member of the psychology department began today for groups of Sister delegates to the December Provincial Chapter. Topics to be explored and discussed will pertain to the psychological implications of modern life as they are related to religious life. Each group will assemble for four afternoon meetings. The series will be concluded on May 26, 1968.

March 3, 1968

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel addressed the Sisters of St. John’s, Coventry on “Dialogue,” as part of their Day of Renewal program.

March 4, 1968

Sister Kathryn Mary Murphy was the guest speaker at the Newport Regional Center. Sister addressed a group of parents on the school programs for retarded [sic] children.

March 7, 8, 9

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel and Sister Mary Damien Greene attended a “sensitivity” session at Daytop Village, Poughkeepsie, New York, provided by Mother Mary Kieran, Mother Provincial for delegates to the December chapter and other persons interested in attending. Daytop is a rehabilitation center for dope addicts [sic]. Sisters participating in the program live in community with the institution’s inmates, observing their methods and participating in their group meetings on the first day. For the next two days beginning at midnight, the Sisters with leaders of the program on rehabilitated persons, join in a “talk marathon,[”] with breaks for food only.

March 10, 1968

Sister Pauline Lincourt addressed a young-adult group at the Presbyterian Church in Newport. Her topic was “Catholic Liturgy. A discussion followed the lecture.

March 10, 1968

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel was the speaker at a Day of Renewal for young professed Sisters of Mercy, held at St. Peter’s Convent, Warwick.

March 11, 1968

Sister Mary Patricia [Healey] has been requested by Rev. Henry Shelton to assist in establishing a group of Religious Sisters of the Aquidneck area to work in the Inner City apostolate.

March 14, 1968

Sister Mercedes Quinton was invited to speak to the seminarians at St. Columban’s Seminary. Sister described and demonstrated methods of teaching religion.

March 15, 1968

Sister Mary Brenda Sullivan has received an N.S.F. grant for seven weeks summer study in Radiation Biology at Associated Universities, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

March 15, 1968

Sister Pauline Lincourt participated in a two-hour panel discussion with student nurses of Salve Regina College. The topic was “Spiritual Care of the Mentally Sick.’

March 15,16,17

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel was the guest speaker at a Workshop on Renewal and Dialogue, held by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Eden Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

March 17, 1968

Sister Pauline Lincourt spoke at La Forge Restaurant to St. Joseph’s Mothers Club on the occasion of their annual Communion breakfast. She presented the teachings of Vatican II as they are related to the laity in general and parents in particular.

March 24, 30, 31

Area meetings of the Sisters of Mercy will be held at Salve Regina on these dates. These meetings are designed to provide the Sisters with opportunities to express to the Renewal Commission and their working teams, opinions and questions on pertinent topics in preparation for the coming December chapter. Sister Marie Susanne Breckel will act as general chairman. The first meeting opened at 10:00 a.m at O’Hare Academic Center. Panel members presented reports on the following topics: recent proposals, health services, formation programs, concerned with spiritual life, culture, apostolate, finances and liturgical committees. The meeting concluded with Mass in the Ochre Court Chapel.

March 26-28, 1968

Sister Mary Jeannine O’Brien attended a workshop at Farmington State Teachers’ College in Maine. The workshop dealt with multi-media communication in connection with teacher training and preparation.

March 27, 1968

Sister Mary Patricia [Healey] presided at the second meeting of Sisters for Inner City. Sister Elizabeth Duffy, R.S.M. coordinator of the Diocesan Inner City Program, discussed with the group plans for the summer apostolate throughout the State. Members of the group attended a lecture at 7:00 p.m. in Washington Park Methodist Church. Rev. McKinnon White spoke on the “Anatomy of Poverty.”

March 27, 1968

Sister Kathryn Mary Murphy will act as a group leader for the next ten weeks in a course to be given at Salve Regina for the culturally disadvantaged

March 31, 1968

Sister Kathryn Mary participated in the C.C.D. Congress held at Providence College. Sister demonstrated methods and materials for teaching religion to retarded [sic] children

April 2, 1968

Sister Mary Emily Shanley announced her resignation as president of Salve Regina College, effective June 15, 1968. Sister has been appointed coordinator of the eight convents of the province which will experiment with shared leadership in the community.

April 3, 1968

Sister Marilyn Francis Fanning, a Sister Student of temporary vows at Salve Regina was the principal figure in the dramatic rescue of a woman from death by drowning. Sister witnessed the fall of Miss Catherine V. Carney of 12-B Spring Street, Newport when she fell from rocks in front of McAuley Hall into the ocean below. While Maureen Daly, a Salve Regina student ran for help, Sister went into the 42-degree water and held Miss Carney’s head above the surface. Choppy waves broke over Sister’s shoulders and a strong undertow added to the difficulty of the struggle to brace the heavy, 64-year old woman against a boulder. In her fall, Miss Carney had broken both legs. Nevertheless, Sister succeeded in holding Miss Carney in safety until others arrived to assist her. Firemen, policemen and Salve Regina student nurses completed the rescue and brought Miss Carney to the Newport Hospital.

April 4, 1968

Under the direction of Sister Mary Jeannine O’Brien, Salve Regina College last night witnessed the reenactment of the Paschal Meal, an arrangement of the Last Supper as an historical drama. In an effort to increase understanding of the Gospel narrative and to prepare for the ceremonies of Holy Week, St. Mary’s Adult CC.D. Discussion Group, the priests of St. Mary’s Parish, Msgr. John F. Shea, Rev. Kenneth Angell and Rev. George B. McCarthy, along with the Sisters of Mercy who are members of the discussion group, participated in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Great Hall of Ochre Court. Mass was followed by a sacrificial banquet of thanksgiving.

The Paschal Meal has eight main divisions: 1. Lighting of the Festival Lights. (Sister Pauline Lincourt lit the seven-branch candelabrum in the center of the darkened State Dining Room. 2. Kiddush, the Blessing of the Feast performed by Father McCarthy, 3. The Hagadah, Story of the Deliverance from Egypt, read from Exodus by Msgr. John Shea.

4. Prayer of Thanksgiving for the deliverance from Egypt. The psalms of praise and thanksgiving were chanted by all participants. 5. Solemn Blessing of the Food by the group moderator, Fr. McCarthy, followed by (6) the Paschal Supper 7. The Drinking of the Cup of Blessing. This drinking of blessed wine and consuming a piece of unleavened bread customarily concludes the “seder” as sacrificial meal. Christ’s discourse at the Last Supper was read at this time by Father Angell.

8. Father McCarthy recited the following final blessing over the assembly:

“The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and have mercy on thee! Mary the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace!

April 6, 1968

Senators Erich Taylor and Patrick Hayes of Newport introduced a resolution that the General Assembly commend Sister Marilyn Frances Fanning for her heroism in assisting Miss Carney and saving her life. Sister received citations from the State of Rhode Island Assembly and from the Newport Assembly.

April 7, 1968

Sister Pauline Lincourt addressed the Holy Name Society at their Communion breakfast at the Viking Hotel in Newport. Her topic was “Changes in the Church.”

April 8, 1968

The annual retreat for the Sisters began today under the direction of Rev. Bennet Kelly, C.P. It will be followed by a retreat for superiors conducted also by Father Kelly.

April 11, 1968

Sister Mary Emily Shanley, Philemon Banigan, Helen Boland and Susanne Breckel attended the sensitivity program at Daytop Village, Liberty, New York.

April 11, 1968

Sister Marilyn Francis received the Good Samaritan Award from the American Federation of Police whose headquarters are in Miami, Florida Signed by Father Batholomew [sic], Guardian of the Order, Gerald Arenberg, executive director and D.B. Von Brole III, Chancellor, the citation reads:

“The Good Samaritan Award is presented to Sister Marilyn Frances for coming to the aid of a fellow man and in doing so performed the Biblical Good Samaritan act that is today recognized by the Order of Michael the Archangel Police Legion on behalf of the law enforcement profession.[”]

April 14, 1968

Sister Mary Christopher O’Rourke has been appointed to succeed Sister Mary Emily Shanley as president of Salve Regina College. The appointment becomes effective June 14, 1968.

April 15, 1968

Sisters of the province were invited to attend Open House at O’Hare Academic Center.

April 15-19, 1968

Sister Mary Audrey O’Donnell and Sr. Monica Marie Kelly attended a meeting of the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers in Philadelphia.

April 17, 1968

Sister Helen Boland has been appointed Directress of Formation for Sisters preparing for final profession. The program will be held from July 18, 1968 to August 8, 1968 at Our Lady of Hope Convent in Portsmouth, R.I.

April 26, 1968

The blessing and dedication of O’Hare Academic Center took place at 4:00 p.m. Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney presided. Following the laying of the cornerstone, a program was held in the Twombley-Burden Room. Greetings by Sister Mary Emily Shanley and congratulations by Mayor Alofsin of Newport were followed by a short tribute from His Excellency Bishop McVinney. The Salve Regina Glee Club sang under the direction of Mrs. Marion von Slyke. The Federal Government was represented by Mr. Howard Russell and by Mr. Branman. Dinner was served in the State Dining Room at Ochre Court and a buffet lunch was served at O’Hare.

April 28, 1968

Sister Pauline Lincourt addressed the St. Augustin’s Mother’s Club at their Communion breakfast on the topic “The Meaning of Vatican II.”

April 30, 1968

A regional meeting for the religious and clergy of Aquidneck Island was held in O’Hare Academic Center from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The meeting was sponsered [sic] by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission to explore possible new dimensions to the Sacrament of Penance.

May 2, 1968

Sister Mary Consilii Reynolds and Sister Marie [Susanne] Breckel were invited to present part of the educational program at the Fall River Diocesan Teachers’ Convention at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

May 5, 1968

Several of the Salve Regina Sisters attended a Day of Renewal at Saint Mary’s Academy, Riverside, R.I. Sister Maureen O’Keefe, SSND, author of Christian Love in Religious Life, was the speaker at the four lectures of the day’s program

May 5, 1968

Three children of Mrs. Casariego, member of the Spanish department faculty, made their First Communion in Salve Regina College. The Casariego family will return to their home in Spain in the fall.

May 8, 1968

Sister Marie Susanne Breckel directed a day of renewal for the Sacred Heart Brothers in Pascoag.

May 10, 1968

Sister Mary Emily Shanley who is completing a term of service as president of Salve Regina College was presented a farewell check on behalf of the faculty at the final faculty meeting held in the State Dining Room at 4:00 p.m. A special buffet supper was served.

May 13, 1968

Sister Mary Augustine San Souci attended the American Medical Association Conference in Dallas, Texas.

May 13, 1968

Sister Mary Emily Shanley was the guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Serra Club at La Forge Restaurant at 6:45 p.m.

May 14, 1968 (see page 155)

May 15, 1968

Sister Maureen Dietz returned to Salve Regina from her doctoral studies at the University of Philadelphia to address the Sisters for Inner City. Her topic treated of educational approaches to the problems of the culturally deprived.

May 17, 1968

Sister Mary Eloise Tobin was hostess for a group of ministers and Sisters at a Scripture Dialogue in O’Hare Academic Center

May 27-28, 1968

Sister Mary Thomas Aquinas O’Brien took and successfully passed her comprehensive exams at Catholic University, completing her master’s program in Library Science.

May 30, 1968

Salve Regina Sisters assigned for summer study are:

Sister M. Janice Cowsill, S.M. Rita Mary Wahl, Boston College; Sister Marie Norma Orne, Catholic University; Sister Kathleen O’Connell, Columbia U.; S.M. Patricia Murray, Emmanuel College; Fordham U., Catherine Barry; S.M. Harold Nelson, S.M. Columcille McCarthy, Sister Maria Margaret Sorenson; Sister Mary Damien Greene, Sister Mary Corleen Fogarty, Harvard U.; Sister Mary Andrea Martell, McGill University; Sister Mary Jeannine O’Brien, Michigan State University; Sister M. Eloise Tobin, Providence College; Sister M. Brenda Sullivan, Institute of Nuclear Studies Tennessee; S.M. Ralph Mary Imperatore, Un. of New Hampshire; Sr. Maureen Dietz, Univ. of Pennsylvania; Sister Maria [Chilli], Univ. of Rhode Island.

May 14, 1968

Sister Mary Augustine San Souci, director of nursing education at Salve Regina College for the past twenty years, has resigned that position but will continue to serve in the nursing program at the college. Sister Mary Kathleen O’Connell, who is completing doctoral studies at [Columbia] University has been appointed director of the division of nursing.

1. This probably refers to the property on the west side of Bellevue Avenue where Stonor and Drexel Halls sit. These buildings were previously called North and South Halls, and they served as a hennery when they were part of the Vinland estate. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)