

The Sisters of Mercy, Saint Xavier's Convent, 60 Broad Street, Providence, Rhode Island, the oldest teaching order in the State, had long considered the establishment of a Catholic Woman's College. The introductory step was taken when Representative Edmund W. Flynn, Democratic floor leader, and chairman of House judiciary committee presented a bill to the House of Representatives which was unanimously passed by the House, February 1, 1934, and in concurrence by the Senate, March 16, 1934.

The charter was inoperative until 1947. No building site proposed met with encouragement or approval. In the spring of 1947, Mr. Robert Goelet offered his fifty-room, three-story villa for Salve Regina College, in memory of his father, Ogden Goelet.

One of the most beautiful estates in the East, Ochre Court includes a mansion of archaeological French Gothic, executed in limestone. Comprising six acres, the estate commands a sweeping vista seaward and overlooks the Cliff Walk.

Formal transfer of the property from Mr. Goelet to Bishop Keough took place in the bishop's office in Providence, March 20, 1947. Cornelius C. Moore, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goelet delivered the deed to the Most Reverend Francis P. Keough D.D. who immediately gave it to Mother Mary Matthew, R.S.M., Provincial.

Mother Provincial announced the opening date of the college. The first class reported September 22 and the college was formally opened September 24, the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the Patroness of the Sisters of Mercy.

A registration office was opened in Saint Xavier's Convent. By April 12, the closing date, there were over a hundred applicants but the final roster of students was fifty-eight.

And then summer arrived. Summer school and retreats called for attention. Suddenly one weekend when the thrill of the new college gave way to serious business at hand the Providence Sunday Visitor announced the new staff at the college: Mother Mary Matthew, R.S.M., president; Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., vice-president; Sister Mary James, R.S.M., dean; Sister Mary Martina, R.S.M., registrar and Sister Mary Catherine, R.S.M., librarian and superior. After appointments were made, -Sister Mary Ignatius, R.S.M., Sister Mary Evangelista, R.S.M., Sister Mary Martha, R.S.M., Sister Mary Rose Agnes, R.S.M., and Sister Mary Rosina, R.S.M. The faculty numbered eight.

The summer of 1947 was an overcrowded one. In anticipation of the opening of the College much planning had to be done. The Dean, Sister Mary James, R.S.M., and Sister Mary Rose Agnes, R.S.M., left Saint Xavier's Thursday morning, August 28th, and traveled to St. Mary's Convent, Newport, with Mrs. Cavanaugh and Agnes who drove the car. There they met the Superior, Sister Mary Catherine, R.S.M. Twice each day the three Sisters went back and forth to the College, making whatever progress they could. Typing, mimeographing, arranging of desk supplies, books, etc., made the time pass profitably. Interruptions gave variety, for many were the callers who requested permission to see the building.

A week later Sister ~~Mary Martina~~ arrived. ~~Now we were four~~, four earnest workers. Any Sister with a sense of domesticity had her patience tried daily with the impossibility of arriving at order and neatness. The architect, Mr. Marino, made every effort to preserve the beauty of the building; no pipes, no radiators were to be in evidence. This necessitated the drilling of holes, using shafts, installing ducts. Fine marble dust ascended and descended, leaving dust to be removed every hour of the day. But that was only one phase of the problem.

The men worked overtime nights, Saturdays, and Sundays, that the college might be ready for entrants on Sunday, September 21.

On Saturday, September 20, the other four members of the staff, Sisters Mary Ignatius, Evangelista, Martha, and Rosina arrived. We can still see the look of dismay on their faces as they realized that the college would open the next day and preparations were still far from completion. Divine Providence guided all efforts, for mysteriously the place began to look more and more orderly and inviting.

Through the kindness of Mother Provincial, Sister Marie Therese, R. S. M., the librarian of Saint Xavier's Academy, and Sister Mary Victoria, R. S. M., were

sent down to place all books in their proper places. The card catalogue cabinet of the Mercy College of Education library was loaned to us until our own should arrive. Boys from Saint Mary's School carried books and chairs and chairs and books, swept up sawdust, excelsior, and packing paper until the day came to an end.

It was a most encouraging message to be called to the office and find there an appetizing lunch prepared and brought over from Saint Mary's by our good Sisters, the superior herself, Sister Mary Nilus, R. S. M., and Sister Mary Benediota, R. S. M. In picnic style we did justice to the Sisters' kind thought. Thus fortified, we continued to work for another hour until it was time to return to the convent. How thoughtful it was of the superior to tell us to omit our office, say our night prayers, and go to bed. So we did with alacrity.

Saint Mary's had given a home to the four pioneers for nearly three weeks. Sunday brought our stay to an end. On this day the entire staff of eight Sisters were entertained with a farewell dinner by Sister Mary Nilus, R.S.M., the Superior.

The first faculty meeting was held in Saint Mary's Convent Community Room after dinner. Sister Mary James, R.S.M., Dean, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Plans were presented, programs distributed, and thus armed with instructions, we said goodbye to the Sisters at Saint Mary's and officially entered Salve Regina College. It was Sunday, September 21, 1947, the feast of Saint Matthew.

Mother Mary Matthew, R. S. M., President and Mother Mary Hilda, R. S. M., Vice-President met the new students and their parents as they arrived.

It took some time to group the girls agreeably as we wished and place a name and greeting on each pillow. But the men were still arranging furniture. What a disappointment to find that all the beds had not arrived! Some of the girls must sleep on mattresses on the floor. Our worry was vain, for this arrangement was voted a lark and the girls gaily camped out for the night.

Again the men worked incessantly until at one o'clock Wednesday morning the building was in a respectable condition for the formal opening on that day, the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, September 24.

Mass was not offered in the chapel until His Excellency, Our Most Reverend Bishop, blessed the building and pontificated at a low Mass on the feast of the Order of Mercy, commonly called Mercy Day. The Sisters had really made a triduum the three days preceding the feast in the chapel of the Sisters of Saint Joseph at Saint Catherine's. After meditation each morning we made our colloquy going along Webster Street, arriving in time for holy Mass. Walking back facing the sun and ocean we were ready for coffee and rolls when we reached the dining-room.

Reverend Father Dillon, our Chaplain, stayed at Saint Mary's at night for a few weeks until facilities for comfortable living were finished in his room. For awhile his dining-room was not his own, for it was the privilege of the Sisters to entertain Father until the community refectory was furnished. All appreciated the honor and were impressed at each meal when Father saying the usual grace blessed the food on the table. We have commented that we had no illness all that year.

The work that had ceased abruptly on the eve of Mercy Day was resumed. The heating problem called for special attention; the bathrooms, water connections, kitchen equipment also received expert planning and careful installation. Progress seemed slow, but gradually furnishings and equipment arrived and found permanent places. The lower floor acquired an important appearance as the cafeteria, book store, biology laboratory took shape. The fourth floor also was renovated in turn and is now ready as cells for the increase in the faculty next year.

The pioneer staff of Sisters will long remember the days of cold water, cold cells, efforts at personal laundry. Many were the hurried trips down to Saint Mary's for laundry and bathing facilities. Many were the stealthy early morning

visits along dark corridors to the girls' bathrooms which were completed first with tubs, showers, hot and cold water.

The most modern kitchen in Newport is undoubtedly that of the college. Stainless steel equipment gleams resplendent. The most arresting chef is there in charge. And does he know it? And does he wish you to acknowledge him? If you are not a conscious observer of people around you, Mr. Chef will attract your attention. We all learned to know these characteristics after a very few hours. There is a second chef and an assistant, but Mr. Chef is the highest hat in the kitchen. The hat surely demanded notice.

At any hour of the day for the first week one could expect to see the Chef appear looking for Sister Catherine. He never called her anything else. In his highly excitable manner he waved and flourished his arms as he told his troubles. The hat too bobbed in sympathy. Someone had to enforce the regulation that the Chef belonged in his own domain, the kitchen. At our first Sunday Mass he suddenly appeared in the doorway, white suit minus hat, stepped quickly to the front seat and heard Mass. Whatever emotions he may have experienced, he was never seen there again.

The Goelets left a very good refrigerator in the basement. It was brought upstairs to a corner of the kitchen as soon as the place was ready to receive it. All the time reconstruction was going on downstairs winds were open, lunches were eaten inside as well as outside, and perhaps were stored in the refrigerator. The beautiful white frigidaire attracted a great deal of attention.

They say there are ghosts in dead men's homes. Night after night from nine o'clock on terrific noises were heard in the kitchen. They were finally traced to the frigidaire. What?

Finally the Superior could stand the tension no longer. Investigation was made, and what did they find? The Cork insulation was cut through four inches

deep a clear path to the winter quarters of a rat. The painters and laborers lined up after jacking up the refrigerator and gave the rat a reception he never could receive again. Blessed Martin is taking care of Salve Regina now. No rats or mice may inhabit Our Lady's College.

That was our first Christmas Eve at the college.

Strange incidents, laughable events occurred. We were settled in the convent quarters, classes were organized when a new inmate was suggested. Mrs. White, the sister of Mrs. Robert Goelet, had a pet cat, a beautiful cat that had belonged to Mary Eleanor, Robert Goelet's only daughter. Mrs. White called up to know if we would like to have May Goelet's cat. We didn't think we would, but we did not like to refuse so we accepted the cat. If we were unable to keep it, we were to let Mrs. White know at once.

Who would take care of the cat? Who but Mr. Martin, the janitor, the former caretaker. He would know the cat; the cat would recognize him.

Mr. Martin was a young man, gentle, refined, and a bit delicate. The cat arrived and was received by Mr. Martin a bit reluctantly but agreeably. But the cat was not so agreeable. She jumped from Mr. Martin's arms and made straight for the stairs, climbing to the top floor, scaling a beam as far out of the way and as high as possible. May Goelet's cat knew the house, but not the new inhabitants. A few days passed. The cat would not move. She scorned to notice anyone. She would not eat. She could not be coaxed in any way. She was not going to be friendly. What to do?

After a private consultation it was agreed to explain the case to Mrs. White. May Goelet's cat was homesick! We featured the scene! Enter cat. Mad dive up three flights of stairs. Hauteur. Hunger strike.

Came the voice over the telephone; "How pathetic! I'll go right over and get it."

Goodbye cat!

But there is another fable de La Fontaine.

Mrs. Dailey, the physical education teacher, had an attractive puppy. She wished to keep the mother but was desirous of finding a good home for the young dog. It was a particular species, a Southern Chesapeake Bay Retriever, very good to look at, smart, and lovable.

The answer was ready before the question was voiced. "We did want a dog. Everyone longed for a dog. We need a watch dog. The college should have a mascot." The dog was ours. Cam was registered.

Who was to have charge of the dog? Mr. Martin again. Well! Everyone took charge. Alas and alack! When the dog needed to go out, no one was around. When the dog wanted to come in, there was no one to open a door for him. The dog ran away. We searched; we called; we telephoned; we advertised. In less than two days the dog was found by the police and returned.

But Cam was not destined for the college campus. He forgot his manners again; he became irresponsible, a nuisance. On a dark night late in October Cam went back to his original owners dishonorably dismissed with the degree B.D. (bad dog)

Mr. Martin was thus released to give full time as janitor and his heart was lighter.

A few weeks later Mrs. Dailey was disappointed by the non appearance of her baby-sitter and was forced to bring one-year old Katie to the college while she taught. Who was going to mind Katie? Not Mr. Martin! He disappeared quickly when someone facetiously hinted at it.

Hamilton M. Wright, Newspaper Feature News Photographer of New York, featured the college in all its beauty in a chain of papers which really advertised the college to the world. Mr. Goelet, a fabulous millionaire, gave a building but the World did not know of the renovations and labor which soon increased a small loan to the proportions of a huge debt - huge for poor religious. Letters soon came pouring in.

One Religious in England asked for a donation. We were supposed to be wealthy with such a mansion. Another Religious in India made a similar request in a more rhetorical

manner - "You in your palace remember the poor Indian in her hut." A man in Iowa wrote and asked for an old salt shaker from the Goelet mansion. He was a collector of salt shakers as a hobby. We had to buy the salt shakers we were using. Another Sister in East Africa wrote describing her classroom the exact counterpart of our college. They slept, studied and worked in one room which measured 4 x 7 yards. The Sister merely told us of their great need of needles, thread, and yarn. A letter from Athens told us that the pictures of the college had reached the ancient seat of learning. Niki, a little girl, lived on Hippocrates Street. Niki is an orphan. She wrote in French telling of the miseries of a girl of twelve who lost her father because impoverished by the war he was afflicted with tuberculosis. Niki Themistocles must be remembered at Christmas by a Care Package.

Midnight Mass offered by Reverend Gerald F. Dillon, our Chaplain, ushered in the first Christmas at the college. The blue draperies formed a beautiful background for gold lace, gold vases, brass candlesticks. The illuminated chapel with all the lighted clusters reflecting in the mirrors was a gorgeous setting for the coming of the Infant King. The Thorpe Sisters, Jane, Berenice, Ruthann, Patricia, nieces of Sister Mary James, R. S. M., accentuated the emotions of the season by renditions of the traditional Christmas hymns at the three Masses.

The whole house was festive. Seasonal flowers and greens decorated each room. The little creche appeared not only in the chapel but in fireplaces and hallways. The King's birthday was honored in heart and home. All hearts were glad.

After a sumptuous dinner which lacked nothing of time-honored customs, simple gifts were distributed by Sister Mary Evangelista, R.S.M., who impersonated Santa and added to the thrill and excitement of the occasion by the pertinent, witty presentation speeches.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament following breakfast gave a free day to the Sisters and permitted a full day to the Chaplain. Carols by radio and a candy party closed the evening.

What a beautiful night! The moon threw out in bold relief the archways along the terrace, sought out corners and crevices and illuminated them, glinted on the snow, silvered the waves of the ocean and made glorious all the earth for the realm of the Infant King.

Many Sisters took advantage of the holidays to go visiting. All returned for retreat except Sister Mary James, R. S.M., who made her retreat at the Novitiate house.

The first year-end retreat opened on the evening of the feast of Holy Innocents and closed on New Year's morning. The seven Sisters renewed their holy vows in unison just before receiving Holy Communion. All souls were filled with love and peace.

A few days yet remained of the vacation. The last preparation was made for the return of the students. Every teacher was at hand and ready with a welcome for each girl. The holidays came to an end, but they are memorable.

Our first opportunity to introduce the students to Mrs. Goelet came on the feast of the Epiphany. Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Hilda honored the occasion. The class officers entertained Mrs. Goelet at tea in the library. A reception was then held and Mrs. Goelet graciously received each girl. The students then invited Mrs. Goelet out to the Great Hall to hear an address of gratitude by Miss Mary Quinn, President of the Student Body, and to view an Epiphany Pageant.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament closed the program.

As Mrs. Goelet was about to leave, she thanked the students for the manner in which she was received and remarked how happy it made her to see Ochre Court being kept in such beautiful condition. "It is like coming home", she said.

It was a very welcome and agreeable surprise to hear that the Goelet stables were to be ours. Mr. Goelet would not announce the gift publicly for a few weeks.

Again we said our sincere gratitude to God who continued to encourage us by His goodness. The Wisemen indeed brought us gifts.

In diary form the story of the college runs thus:

September 21 Students enter college. The first to register but last to arrive - Patricia Dooley, 6 p. m. First to arrive, last to register Eileen Schwenk.

22 Day Students arrive

Registration, orientation, examinations.

Michael F. Walsh, Ed.D., Director of Education of Rhode Island, welcomed students to Newport and to higher education.

Reception to Faculty
Introduction of Students
Cinema..."St. Francis of Assisi".

23 The Reverend Gerald F. Dillon, LL.D. greets students and gives informative talk, "How to Study".

24 Formal Opening

10:00 Procession and Blessing of College

58 girls in white dresses and blue veils participated

10:30 Holy Mass, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Francis P. Keough, D.D. pontificating.

Address by the Reverend John Kenny, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Music, Students of the College.

Salve Regina becomes official hymn

Luncheon

3:00 Benediction of Most Blessed Sacrament, the Reverend Gerald F. Dillon, Chaplain.

25 All Classes in Session

26 First week-end exodus
Twelve remain: New York and Belize girls

28 First Mass offered at Our Lady's Shrine

- October 1 October devotions begin
- 2 Holy Hour of Reparation
- 7 Consecration of College to Immaculate Heart of Mary, Living Rosary on Campus
- ✓ 9 Lecture....Carol Jackson, Editor of Integrity..."What Am I Going to Make of My Life?"
- 13 Columbus Day celebration - Holiday
- 29 Hallowe'en Party in Great Dining Room
- 30 Retreat - Forty Hours Devotion
- November ✓ 1 Enthronement of Sacred Heart as Christ the King
The Reverend Francis Larkin SS.CC

Freshman Frolic 7-11 P.M.
- 3 Mass for deceased relatives and friends
- 8 Severe storm. Window in Stella Matutina crashed in.
- November 9 The Reverend William R. Clarke ..talked on "The Pursuit of Happiness"
Am.Educ. Program in English Class
Week Open Forum
Book Week
- 11 Armistice Day....Sisters of Province visit College
- 12 Severe Storm - hurricane velocity- Neptune's white horses rode on ocean. Beautiful sight.
- ✓ 15 Students vote to donate books to the Library
- 26 Recess begins after classes.
- December 3 Tea Dance - Providence College 7-10 P. M.
- 8 C. A. I. P. Convention at Holy Cross College

Catherine Hogan spoke in Panel UNESCO - Topic - Aims of UNESCO
- ✓ 12 Reception into Our Lady's Sodality - Twelve students were received
- 17 The Spirit of Christmas - Play
Candlelight Procession
Carols
- 18 Christmas Party for Twelve Children from St. Mary's School
- ✓ First issue of Ebb Tide
- 19 Christmas Holidays

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- January 3 Heat come through to Fourth Floor. Rejoicing!
- 4 Mr. and Mrs. Goelet, Mary Eleanor, and three guests from New York, visited the College in the afternoon.
- 5 Mr. Goelet entertained at Luncheon by the Reverend Father Dillon. Mr. Goelet made a complete tour of the building afterwards; marvelled at the successful renovations.
- ✓6 Mrs. Goelet had Tea with the Class Officers in the Library. Miss Mary Quinn, President of the Student Body, addressed Mrs. Goelet, extending the greetings and gratitude of all the students for the beautiful college building.
- An Epiphany Pageant was presented in the Great Hall, carols were sung by the Glee Club, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- 11 * Queen's Choristers sing in Program for Benefit of Infants of St. Vincent's Home *Rehearsal*
- ✓20 Eight girls become Scout leaders giving one hour a week to troops in parochial schools. Knitting, sewing, singing, nutrition, and parliamentary law are taught.
- 22 Students sign up for weekly half-hour of adoration at Censale.
- February ✓6 Cap and Gown Day! Forty-nine students invested at the sanctuary steps as Father Dillon said the prayer of investiture and blessed each student.
- ✓ Garage and land presented by Mr. Goelet
Announcement made today
- 9 * The Queen's Choristers assist at Benefit for Infant Home.
- 16 Miss Teresa S. Fitzpatrick joins the Administrative Staff as Executive Secretary to the Dean.
- 17 Mr. John H. Greene lectured on "Newport, Past and Present". Newport lived again in the early days of settlement, organization, and in the brave days of religious freedom and democracy.
- 20 Lecture, "The Art of Writing Letters" delightfully presented by Miss Teresa S. Fitzpatrick.
- 24 We listened by radio to the Installation Exercises of the new Archbishop Keough.
Goodbye, our Bishop.

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- March 4 Stations erected in Chapel. This novel ceremony was appreciated by students. Father Dillon officiated. Wing Corridor on second floor becomes Calvary. Limpas Crucifixion donated by friend of Sister M. Magdalen Withers, R.S.M. in memory of Mrs. Mary Shunney makes the place holy ground.
- 17 Queen's Choristers present "Top o'the Mornin' " concert to faculty.
Mrs. Lasswell of Newport, author, lectures on "The Young Writer".
Silvertones, a Negro group, entertained with a delightful concert.
Clergy and Religious of Newport invited.
- ✓18 Regina Players present the religious drama, A Crown of Thorns.
- 19 Students depart for Easter holidays.
College closed at 1:00 p.m.
Sisters' Retreat opened at 8 p.m.
Holy Week ceremonies carried out.
- 28 First Annual Retreat closed on Easter Sunday morning.
Afternoon Reception for residents of Newport who attended Mercy Schools.
- April 4 Students return after Easter holidays.
- 5 Final quarter of year begins with Mass in honor of Our Lady's Annunciation.
Appropriate hymns sung.
- 7 The Rev. John F. Donovan, M.M., speaks to students on "Ten Years of Mission Work in China".
- 9 Eighteen students attend the Second Annual Congress of New
10 England Region National Federation of Catholic College Students,
11 which met at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, Emmanuel, and Boston Colleges.
- 11 Mrs. Anna Brady (Information Pro Deo) speaks to C. D. A. in Great Hall of College. Guests view college afterwards.
Students greet Mrs. Brady at lecture.
- 14 Sister M. Martha, Quinn, R.S.M. one of the judges of Newport County Science Fair.
- ✓18 Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Four students from Holy Cross College, Worcester, two from Providence College, and two from Salve Regina presented a Trilateral Conference in Drawing Room to faculty, students and guests. Among the latter were: The Rev. Patrick Higgins, S.J., the Rev. Charles McKenna, O.P., Dr. Michael Walsh, the Hon. Edmund Flynn of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

- April 22 Catherine Hogan and Jane Mycroft, delegates, Barbara O'Rourke,
23 free lance, attend National Meeting of the N.F.C.C.S. in
24 Philadelphia. Great enthusiasm on return.
- 28 Students attend R. I. Philharmonic Orchestra at Rogers High School.
- ✓ 30 Court Cotillion! First Formal!
Students floated down Grand Staircase. Orchestra Director led
Grand March up the Marble Staircase, around the Balcony and down
again. Colors flashed, feet were light, hearts gay.
- Frances McGuinness crowned Queen.
- May 2 Queen's Choristers sang on radio program at request of Monsignor
Blessing at the official opening of the Catholic Charity Fund
Appeal.
- 4 Rhode Island Day. Federal and State Flags, gift of Senator
Theodore Green, presented by John H. Green, Jr.
- ✓ 5 Sister Miriam Frances, O.S.F., educational director at St. Joseph's
Hospital, discussed the nursing profession. Miss Jane Moore,
student nurse, answered questions. Mrs. Mary Hatton, President
of the R. I. League of Nursing Ass'n. also present.
- ✓ 6 Miss Catherine Cooney of Children's Bureau of Social Service in
R. I. spoke on need of college-trained social service workers.
- ✓ 9 World Sodality Day. First May procession. Statue of Our Lady
of Fatimas blessed and a gift of two brothers of Sister Mary
Catherine Durkin, R. SM.
- 12 Pictorial Map of London presented by Lord Mayor of London to
Mayor of Newport and gift of Mayor Gladding presented posthu-
8 mously by new Mayor, Dr. Edmund W. Pardee.
- 16 Parents' Tea. Entertainment, combined Glee Club, Verse Choir,
and Physical Education Class.
- ✓ 19 Mr. Edward Weeks, Editor of Atlantic Monthly, gives interesting
lecture.
- ✓ 20 Reception to Marian Motherhood Assembly.
- 26 Mrs. Eleanor C. Briggs, chairman of the educational committee of
✓ the Rhode Island Conference of Social Work addressed the student
Social Workers. with A Master's Degree was emphasized.
- 27 Movie--distraction before examination a good relaxation.
ELECTIONS
- 31) Examinations
June 3)

- June 3 Mother Provincial our hostess at Mount Saint Rita. We meet the novices and postulants
 Eve of Feast of Sacred Heart. Holy Hour.
 Serenade 11:30 p.m. "My Wild Irish Rose!"
- 4 Communion before Mass. Breakfast.
 Florence McLaughlin presents our booklet of Hours of Adoration to Sacred Heart.
 High Mass at 10:00 o'clock.
 Processional to Campus - Blessing of Statue of Sacred Heart -
 Renewal of Act of Consecration
 All day long "Goodbyes."
- 14 Sister M. Martina and S. M. Martha left for Washington to attend the Workshop at Catholic University.
- ✓19 Mammoth Bridge sponsored by Salve Regina Guild. Brilliant success!
- 22 Delegates arrive for the Workshop for the National Federation of Catholic College Students. The first evening a get-together party was staged in the form of a Hot-Dog Roast on Hazard's Beach. Sessions twice a day followed, morning and afternoon; recreation, dance, social hour, swim after hours.
- ✓26 Sisters arrive for Sisters College.
 Cafeteria opened.
- 28 Classes begin.
- ✓ July 3 Visit of Mother General, Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., our new Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Mathew, R.S.M., and the Councilor General, Sister Mary Isabel, R.S.M.
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- 13 Visit of the Apostolic Delegate accompanied by Bishop-Elect McVinney. Novel Novena.
- 14 Bishop's Day Holiday. Sister Mary James, R.S.M., Sister Mary Martina, R.S.M., and Reverend Gerald Dillon attended the ceremony.
- 25 First floor of college opened to visitors.
 Donations received for scholarships.
- ✓28 ~~Lectures~~ on Dante by Miss Lucille Harrington, sponsored by the English class.
- Aug. 4 Film showing of Spring Parade, a relaxation before examinations.
- 5 Examinations.
 Holy Hour. Sermon on Teacher's Responsibilities, Preparation, and Compensations.
- ✓6 Exodus. First sessions of The Sisters College ended.
- ✓27 New faculty members arrive.
- Sept. ✓9 First meeting of Advisory Board. Business meeting, inspection of

- Sept. 9 buildings. Meeting concluded, dinner.
- 10 Mother M. Hilda, R.S.M. and Sister Mary James, R.S.M. leave to attend Nursing Convention at Mercy Hospital, Chicago.
- ✓19 Freshmen arrive.
- ✓20 Sophomores return
- 21 Get-together in Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Mass of the Holy Ghost. Classes begin.
Initiation. Horrors! Grins!
- 23 Tea for Freshmen
- ✓24 Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. Bishop pontificates on first anniversary of college. 100 students present.
- Oct. ✓4 Extension Courses begin.
- 7 Living Rosary on Ocean Front. Blessing of statue of St. Joseph, gift of brothers of Sister Mary Martha, R.S.M., in memory of their parents.
- 20 Informal dance with boys of P.C.
- ✓24 The Rev. Harold Gardiner, S.J. lectures on "Graham Greene and Evelyn Waugh, Catholic Shockers".
- 27 Dominican Consul, Alfredo de Rego, lectures on Spain to History classes at 10 a.m.
Navy Day. Lecture on "Opportunities for Women in the Navy" by Comdr. Harry R. Greer, U.S.N. of General Line School.
- 29 Crowning of Mission Queen in Great Hall. Miss Catherine Mahoney.
- 29 - 31 Sister Mary Evangelista, R.S.M. and Sister Mary Martina, R.S.M., the Misses Catherine Hogan, Jane Mycroft and Mary Quinn attend N.F.C.C.S. at St. Joseph's College, West Hartford, Connecticut.
- 29 Forty Hours Devotion. Retreat directed by Rev. John N. Rubba, O.P.
- 31 with theme, Our Lady of Fatima.
- Nov. 2 Triple Masses for Holy Souls offered by Chaplain, Rev. G. F. Dillon.
- 6 Semi Formal held in Great Hall 9-12 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Connell chaperones.
- 8 Lecture, "Secularism in Education", by Alice Clark Donahue, teacher of dramatics last year.
- 9 Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rice lectured on Geography. The hour passed quickly; the old geographer discoursed on his trips up rivers, over mountains, forgetting his audience, oblivious of lunch bell until he rounded out his talk.

- Nov. 24 All depart for Thanksgiving.
- Dec. 4 Girls rehearse for Concert at P.C. Dance followed. All home 10 p.m.
- ✓5 Joint Concert, Providence College and Salve Regina College, a benefit. European Student Relief Fund.
- 8 Reception, Sodality of Our Lady.
- 9 Dramatics Club presents, "The Purple Door Knob".
- 11 Sophomores go to Holy Cross dance. "Nicest boys in the world".
- ✓12 Blessing of Mercy Hall by Rev. Fr. Dillon. Freshmen and parents present. Statue of the Sacred Heart blessed, followed by the Enthronement Hymn and Act of Consecration. Entertainment composed of Verse Choir and presentation of play, "Ashes of Roses" by a group of sophomores. Freshmen pour tea in dining room.
- 14 First public appearance of the Regina Players in program sponsored by the Music Club at the Art Association.
- ✓16 Children's Party; procession to the Crib; Carols; illustrated lecture, The Madonnas of all Countries by Rev. Carol L. Bernhardt, S.J. Our president, Mother Provincial, was present.
- 17 Morning classes closed ten minutes earlier. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Lunch - Goodbyes - Merry Christmas!
- 18-24 We prepare for Christmas; housecleaning, letters, cards, etc.
- 29-30-31 Retreat, private.

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Jan. 1 Sister M. Agnes and Sister M. Virgilius from Belize visit the College. They are impressed by the grandeur of Ochre Court.

2 All students return by 8 p.m.
Andre Snow presents illustrated lecture, "France To-day, From Normandy to the Alps".

✓ 16 Quadrilateral Conference. Colleges participating: Holy Cross, Regis, Newman Club University of Connecticut, and Salve Regina.
Broadcast over Station WRIB - "Know Your Newport" - Musical Memories.
Queen's Choristers heard for four Sundays.

24-

28 Mid-term Examinations.

31 Beginning of new semester.

Feb. 2 High Mass in honor of Our Lady.

✓ 5 Acquaintance Tea. Gentlemen from Providence College. Holy Cross and Newman Club of Bryant College.

✓ 11 Investiture. Freshmen receive Caps and Gowns, are toasted, rhymed and sung.

13 Musicales and High Tea. Queen's Choristers appear on program.

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26 Catholic Book Week. Book display. Our line-up-book jackets closepinned to line. Exhibit of College Papers. Lecture by Miss Lucille Harrington on "Current Literature and Catholic Thought".

✓ 23 Commuters' Tea. Home Economics Club entertain non-resident students.

25 Informal dance - chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jemall.

28 Eve of March. The lion roars from the North. Surprise snowstorm after a month of Spring.

March 1 Sophomores entertain Freshmen in cafeteria.

5 Salve Regina College elected to First Vice-Presidency at Students' Peace Federation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Office conferred on Catherine Hogan.

7 Election of Officers begin at College.

11 Vocation Week program in auditorium.

✓ 15 Sanctuary by Florence Rees presented by Regina players in auditorium.

16 Sanctuary repeated at Cenacle. Taxi driver confused by habits on performing religious; girls make themselves known getting out of car!

March 17 St. Patrick's Day Musicales presented by Queen's Choristers.

- (120) Debate: P.C. vs. S.R.C. Girls victorious.
Miss Emma Cummings entertains with dramatic readings.

April 2 Rhode Island Intercollegiate Press Association meets at Salve Regina.
Miss Patricia Byrne,, hostess.

- (10) Regina Players heard over air in radio play, The Symbol of the Cross,
a religious play by M. B. Shannon.

13 Students depart for holidays.

14-15-16 Holy Week exercises carried out.

17 Easter Sunday.

19-20 Catholic Renaissance Society meeting at Manhattanville College, attended
by Sister Mary Jean and Sister Mary Evangelista.

19-22 Meeting of National Catholic Educational Association held in Philadelphia
attended by Sister Mary James and Sister Mary Martina.

- 30 Workshops in Social Sciences held at Regis College; attended by Sisters
Mary Martina, Mary Martha, Mary Euphrasia, and Mary Christopher.
In languages held at Holy Cross; attended by Sisters Mary Ignatius
and Mary Evangelista.
In English, held at Emmanuel College; attended by Sister Mary Loretto
and Sister Mary Jean.
Freshman Formal - Court Cotillion. ✓

May 3 Jayne Mycroft elected vice-president at New England Region, N.F.C.C.S.
at meeting held in Boston.

4 World Sodality Day - Day of Recollection.

- (17) Patricia Byrne elected vice-president at Meeting of Rhode Island Inter-
collegiate Press Association held at Providence College.

8 Cablegram sent to Our Holy Father informing him of W.S.D. exercises
offered for his intention.

9 Cablegram from Vatican City with gratitude and paternal blessing of
Holy Father.

- (14) Sophomore Formal, Moonlight Masque (no moon - floodlights substituted!)

17 Terminal English Examinations.

- (18) Language Reading Examination.

24 Movie - "The Magnificent Dope".

26. Final Examinations begin.

31 Farewell to May - Rosary and hymn at Shrine.

- June 2 Holy Hour - Sing on Terrace
Serenade
- 3 Missa Cantata - Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Shrine
Renewal of Enthronement
Holidays begin
- 4 Sister M. James and Sister M. Martina leave to attend Commencement
exercises at New Rochelle College
- 13 Sister M. James and Sister M. Martina leave to attend Commencement
exercises at Regis College
- ✓ 17 Sister M. James is the partner of Sister M. Constance in the academic
procession at R.I.C.E. when Sister M. Constance receives the honorary
degree Doctor of Education.
- 17-27 Retreat directed by Rev. Frederick T. McCarten, S.J.
- ✓ 27 Summer Sessions begin. Thirty-five Religious, eight lay students
registered.
- 30 Eve of First Friday. Unforgettable Holy Hour.
- July 13 Mr. John Green lectured on "Historic Newport".
- ✓ 22 Reverend Martin J. Harney, S.J. entertained with illustrated lecture,
English Cathedrals.
- August 4 Eve of First Friday. Holy Hour.
- ✓ 5 Miss Emma Beldan, lyric soprano, presented delightful concert to
Sisters. Miksa Merson, accompanist.
Summer sessions end.
- 26 Mother M. Hilda, R.S.M., President, and Sister Mary James, R.S.M.,
Dean, leave to attend Institute Administration and Nursing Education
in St. Louis (28-30)
- September ✓ 11 Welcome to Freshmen
- 1949 12 Juniors arrive. Greet Freshmen sisters.
- 13 Sophomores return.
- 14 Holy Mass officially opens third year of college.
- 23 Mercy Day Program.
Bishop's Silver Jubilee celebrated.
First Honors Convocation.
- ✓ The Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P. delivered Convocation Address.
Four students receive fourrageres; two juniors, two sophomores.
- October 6 Mr. Patrick Cotter of Canisius College addresses students on NFCCS
Over-seas program.

✓ 7 Miss Dorothy Day addresses assembly.

✓ 23 First seasonal lecture; Mr. Frank O'Malley, Notre Dame University, on Religion and the Modern World.

26 Tea Dance, with students from Providence College and Bryant College.

28 Long week-end.

November 2 All Soul's Day - three Masses.

3-5 Forty Hours Devotion.

✓ 16 Lecture - The Rise of Soviet Russia, by The Hon. Vladimir Behr.

20-23 Retreat - Reverend Eugene Robitaille, SS.CC.

23-27 Thanksgiving Recess.

December 14 Joint Concert with Boston College Glee Club and Orchestra.

8 Sodality Reception.

11 Christmas play, "Christmas on Village Square" for parents of the Freshmen, followed by Tea.

✓ 12 Play repeated for students. First Art Exhibit

14 Christmas Party - kiddies from parochial schools met Santa, received gifts and enjoyed refreshments. Sodality the hostesses.

✓ 15 Candlelight dinner in State Dining Room - Rev. Fathers Dillon and Shea honored girls.

16 Processional to Crib - Carols.

17 Christmas holidays begin.

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Jan. 2 Vacation ends

- 6 Marie Houston, lyric soprano entertains.
Sister Mary James, R.S.M. and Sister M. Martina, R.S.M. depart for Cincinnati to attend meetings; Association of American Colleges, and special committee to draw up program for Mercy Institute next September.

23 - 27 Semester Examinations

30 Holiday; substituted for Feb. 22

Feb. 3 ✓ Cap and Gown Investiture. Thirty-five freshmen donned gowns and received caps in chapel from the Rev. Dr. Gerald F. Dillon, Chaplain.

10 Valentine Dance, Naval Academy

12 Concert - Great Hall
Miss Emma Beldan presented class

✓ 17 Ring Ceremony

✓ 18 Sapphire Ball

19 The Pilgrim Virgin Statue visits the College.

19-25 Catholic Book Week - Library Exhibit

✓ 24 Lecture - "The Catholic Looks at Psychiatry."
Mr. Albert McAloon
Representatives from I.R.C. club attend lecture by Eleanor Roosevelt in Veteran's Memorial Auditorium

March 2 Members of Glee Club sang four selections for Recording Station
WEAN - Savings Bond Division of U. S. Treasury

✓ 8 The Art of Gracious Living was exemplified in the exhibit and demonstration of silverware for formal and informal occasions by Mr. C. V. Herrigan of Quincy, Mass., an expert on the history and manufacture of silver. The meeting was sponsored by the Home Economics Club

10 Father Xavier F. Nayagan, Indian priest, gave illustrated lecture, Indian Life and Culture.

15 St. Patrick's Day anticipated. Formal Dinner. A toast to Erin.

17 Shamrock Program "Junior Ink Blots" stole the show

18 R. I. Intercollegiate Press Association meets at P.C.

19 You Can Change the World - Mercy Hall 8 P.M.

✓ 20 Lecture - Commerce Students
Mr. George Smith - Business Techniques

24 World Affairs Council sponsors lecture by Count de Rochefort - France Today - Mercy Hall 11 A.M.

- March 25 S. M. Euphrasia attended Catholic Business Education Association held at Regis College, Weston.
- 29 Martha O'Rourke, Sophomore leaves to represent Rhode Island at the Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington.
- April 5 Students depart for holidays.
A quiet Holy Week at College
- 11 Barbara O'Rourke, Jayne Mycroft, and Marguerite Johnson attend N.F.C.C.S. Convention in Pittsburgh 11-15
- ✓ 18 Pan American Day at S.R.C. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Merino of Uruguay were guest speakers. Spanish Club hostesses at Tea.
- ✓ 19 Home Economics Club holds Food Sale to provide Care packages for poor in Europe.
- ✓ 21 Miss Lucille Harrington lectures on "Poetry of Gerard Manly Hopkins."
- 22 The Queen's Choristers sing at Copley Plaza opening the New England N.F.C.C.S. meeting.
- Court Cotillion, Freshman float through Great Hall.
- 23 Mr. Gerard Hayes gives illustrated lecture of Ireland Mercy Hall
- 24 Students greet Mother General in Great Hall Present \$100.
- 26 Miss Mary Cahill, president of Home Economics Club, welcomes guests from R.I. State College Club.
- 28 Mr. Francis Gyra delights Art Club with lecture and demonstration.
- ✓ 30 The Regina Players present their first public performance, Letters to Lucerne.
- May 4 Commerce Students visit Finance Section of Naval Base where modern machines and equipment were demonstrated.
- 6 Moonlight Masque-- Gay sophomores danced to music of Ralph Stewart's orchestra in brilliant spring setting in Mercy Hall auditorium
- Miss Jane Murphy attends annual convention of Peace Federation at P.C.
Miss Patricia Byrne, active member of R.I.I.P.A. reelected Vice President at meeting at Bryant College.
- 10 Four freshmen; Marguerite Johnson, Ann Collins, Joan Dempsey, and Dorothy Dowd attend 14th Diocesan Conference of League of Catholic Women at Hotel Statler, Boston. Marguerite Johnson represented Egypt in model U.N.
- 11 Physical Education Closing. Dance Demonstration. Piano Recital, Marilyn Mattox

- May 12 Day of Recollection, May Procession
Right Rev. Aidan Williams, O.S.B. officiated.
- 13 Junior Prom. Ann Cotter, Queen.
- 14 Beach Party
- ✓ 19 Governor's Day:

Was observed at Salve Regina College May 19, 1950

The Governor was greeted by the Queen's Choristers, who sang
Cantate Domino.

The Address of Welcome was given by Miss Ann Marie McSweeney of Providence.

In A Monastery Garden Ketelby
Dream of SummerLehar
For All Rhode Island's Sons..S.M.Louise, R.S.M.

Tableau.. Miss Rhode Island- portrayed by Miss Eleanor Testa of Pawtucket.

In his address the Governor, expressed his pleasure at the observance of Governor's Day by Salve Regina.

He said that Salve Regina was the type of institution that had long been wanting in Rhode Island.

"We in Rhode Island are a proud people, an individual people, but we are the same as other people in every part of the world. And the kind of people needed in the world today is not merely an intellectual people, not a so-called educated people, but a people whose hearts and wills, as well as minds, are given a solid grounding in good moral training.

Because no society is any better than the best or worst amongst us, it should be the concern of every citizen of the State and especially of every Catholic citizen to make the State a better place to live in because of her presence therein.

Today, when there are so many subtle forces at work which are endeavoring to undermine the very foundations of our way of life, the need is especially incumbent on the students who are receiving a sound education to make firm and strong the moral props of a really democratic way of life.

Intelligence alone will not produce the type of citizen who will be able to effect and preserve the kind of world we want to live in- a world of peace, a world of charity, a world of Justice.

Sound moral training hand in hand with fine intellectual education which is the goal of Catholic College Education is the type of training Salve Regina stands for. To you, Salve Regina Students, our country should look for a brighter future. Salve Regina, our pride, our trust, and our hope!!!"

Benediction

Dinner

Holiday

June ✓ French Club entertained at tea by Mr. Herman C. Huffer, instructor of French Conversation.

2 High Mass
Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Shrine

Liberty Bell Exercises. Bell rung at noon Rita Belanger, outgoing President of Student Body.

✓ 6 Mother M. Hilda, R. S. M. Ph.D. received honorary degree LL.D. from Providence College.

17 Third Retreat
Rev. Felix Talbot, S.J., director

26 Summer Session opens.
Two students arrive from Colombia, S.A.
Extra Curricula; Lectures and Movies

July 6 Summer Students present tribute to President, Mother Provincial

7 Miss Fitzpatrick gives resumé of trip to Rome and Ireland.

10 National Catholic Home Economics Convention attended by S. M. Martha, R.S.M. and S.M.Kathleen, R.S.M.

11-14 American Home Economics Association, held at Mechanics Hall, Boston was attended by S.M.Martha, R.S.M. and S.M.Kathleen, R.S.M., and students Mary Cahill and Frances Mourningham.

14 Father Dillon's Anniversary. - Spiritual Bouquet from Faculty and Students.

August 4 Summer Sessions close with a few words from Father Dillon, followed by Benediction of Blessed Sacrament.

20 Mother Provincial and Sister Mary James left for Cincinnati to attend the Third Annual Institute of Nursing Schools of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union which will be held in Our Lady of Cincinnati College, S. M. Augustine accompanied by Sister Marie Therese will also be present.

Sept. ✓ September changed the status of the college to a stabilized senior college, four classes including 140 students.

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9 Mother M. Hilda, R.S.M., President welcomed delegates to the Rhode Island Home Economics Association in session in the Drawing Room. Supt. Porter-Shirley principal speaker. Theme; "Home Economics in the Schools of Tomorrow."

✓ 10 Freshmen arrive - our little Chinese, Mary Virginia Li, first foreign student

11 Juniors meet Freshmen. Welcome party

12 Sophomores arrive. Initiation party

Sept. 14 Classes begin. Initiation ends after day of ordeals

17 Seniors arrive

18 Mass of Holy Ghost. All meet three new teachers

21 Professor Gregoire Gourevitch entertains at piano.

✓28 Annual visit of our Bishop. Second Annual Honors Convocation held on Terrace. First nurses capped. Nurses' pledge given in chapel before Benediction.

26 Jane Murphy, President of Student Body gave welcome address at Convocation. The academic address, Functionalizing Education, was given by Right Rev. Msgr. William Dillon, D.D., President of St. Joseph's College for Women, Brooklyn.

✓27 Mary Louise Hickey, Life with Father.

✓29 Margaret Sherwood begins series of talks on Social Amenities

Oct. 2 First fire drill. Chief Abel Eldridge sounded alarm.

4 Meeting of representatives of the Social Agencies of Newport to discuss the possibilities of field experience for students. Group welcomed by dean, Sister Mary James, R.S.M. Tea was served in Morning Room.

The French Club held its first open meeting in the state dining room. The Rev. Dom Creinier, O.S.B. talked to the members en francais of his missionary work in Martinique.

✓6 Installation of Officers, Student Council and Sodality

*5 New editor of Ebb Tide, Delia Landi

8 Glee Club sings at dedication of Fatima Shrine, Naval Base.

14 Students attend Home Economics Workshop at Rhode Island State College

17 Autumn Carnival. Sodality project for Missions. Miss Jacqueline Bulger crowned "Queen of the Missions". Check presented.

18 Fashion Show sponsored by Home Economics club
Proceeds for the Year Book.

✓19 Lecture, The Value of Human Relations in Business by Mr. Martin P. Horan, Professor of Law at R. I. C. E., introduced by Miss Jane Mycroft

20 Mr. Hugh J. Mackarness gives Reading Recital

✓21 U.N. Assembly. U.N. Flag presented. Crusade drive proceeds announced. Bell rung - prayers for peace.

Oct. 21 The U.N. Assembly featured the presentation of a U.N. flag to the college. Flag - the united work of the Home Economics Club. Miss Jane Murphy, president of the student body, gave a brief resumé of the work of U.N. and presented the two delegates of N.F.C.C.S., Miss Claire McCabe, who read an excerpt of President Truman's proclamation, and then Miss Patricia Fox, who explained the work of the Crusade for Freedom on the campus. As the bell tolled the Angelus, Reverend Father Shea led the prayer, which was offered for peace and freedom.

✓25 Art Appreciation program. Works of Kitty Parsons displayed.

26 Spook Party. Sponsored by Sodality for Masses for Holy Souls.

✓27 Lecture, Miss T.S. FitzPatrick - The Extra Dividends that College Students Derive from a Trip Abroad.

30 Hallowe'en Dinner

31 Hallowe'en Dance - Concert Group - P.C. and S.R.C.

Nov. ✓1 Mr. Herman Huffer entertains French Club at Tea

1-3 Forty Hours

✓2 Nurses attend Nursing Institute at Pembroke College

✓2 With the arrival of Alice Djuh the roster of students includes nine foreign students; three from Colombia, South America; two from China, four from Belize, Central America.

① Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., President, announces formally the gift of Moore Hall to students assembled in Great Hall. Miss Jane Murphy gave an impromptu speech of appreciation in behalf of the student body. At once there was an outburst of Moore's Melodies adapted to the occasion. Mr. Moore was the guest of Father Dillon at dinner. He joined the students in chapel at holy hour later. Mother Hilda granted a holiday in honor of the occasion. The Class of 1951 requested that Sister Mary Martina be sent down to Moore Hall as House Mother. The residence will be opened after Easter. Such rejoicing!

3 Renewal of Enthronement. Processal, Act of Consecration to Christ the King, sermon by Rev. Henry Greighton, SS.CC.

8 Field Trip - Food Exhibit in Durfee High School. College Food Majors enjoy visit.

13 Cake Sale. Juniors will aid Yearbook.

14 Commuters Tea

*8 F.B.L. entertains members of Commerce Clubs from Emmanuel, Annhurst, Regis, West Hartford. Tea.

- Nov. 10 The Misses Barbara O'Rourke, Patricia Fox and Marguerite Johnson attend regional meeting of NFFCS held at College of Our Lady of the Elms, Chicopee
- 18 Informal Fall Frolic. All College dance for benefit of Yearbook
- 23 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 24 Career Night, Cumberland High School, Miss Jane Murphy addressed students. Only student representative.
- 26-29 Retreat under the direction of Rev. William Donaghy, S.J.
- Dec. 2 S.M. Martina attends Registrar's meeting in Brown University. S.M. Theodore and S.M. Consili of St. Joseph's College, Hartford our guests
- 3 Christmas Play - "A Child is Born". Mrs. Dunton ill. Ann Collins directed production. Tea for Freshmen Parents. Art Exhibit in Great Hall
- 8 Investiture of Caps and Gowns Assembly in Great Hall. Juniors congratulate Freshmen. Speeches and songs. Benediction. Holiday
- 10 Manhattan - Salve Regina Joint Concert in Saint Mary's Auditorium - Bayview
- 12 Queen's Choristers sing on program for Bishop's Night Catholic Woman's Club, Fall River
- 13 Sodality Christmas party for Tiny Tots. Best yet
- 15 Students play Santa to Faculty Christmas Pageant, processional to Crib, Carols, serenade, holy Mass, - Merry Christmas.

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January 2 Students return. Voices are heard above and below

3 All classes in session .

8-10 S. M. James, R.S.M. and S. M. Martina, R.S.M. attend college meetings in Atlantic City, visit Georgian Court

Fashion directed by Home Economics Club

✓ 11 Diplomatist Club

12 Sodality Meeting. Philip's 66 method used

21-26 Semester Examinations

25 Foreign students guests of Mrs. Lasswell

26 Commerce Club guests of West Hartford, St. Joseph's

27 Mardi Gras, Mercy Hall

29 New Semester

31 Concert - Mr. Gustave White Puccini and Works

February 2 Stephen Breen brings the message of Our Lady of Fatima

Ring Ceremony

Junior Parents' Tea

6 Lenten movie - Christ the King

12-16 Peace Campaign

✓ 16 Eleanore Randalie presents Maxwell Anderson's Mary Queen of Scots

21 Mr. Peter Donnelly, principal of Roger's High School talked on France to French Club

22 "Hope History, and Histerja" was the subject of Mr. Paul van K. Thompson's lecture

24-25 Regional meeting of N.F.C.C.S. held at Regis College. Delegates; Misses Catherine Mahoney, Loretta Ross, Ann Collons, Marguerite Johnson, Hazel Sullivan, Mary Silvia

March 5 Meeting of School Committee in Newport approved contract with Salve Regina College permitting students to participate in the school department's teacher-training program.

6 Rev. Edwin Mc Devitt, M.M. talked on the Missions

7 Mr. James of Gladding's speaks on Clothing

8 Senior Play - Powder Room. Guests from St. Xavier's, Bayview and St. Catherine's enjoyed the comedy with us.

March 12-15 Silver display from Gorham's. Mr. Cahill addressed Home Economics group

- 12 Students attended Mass in St. Joseph's Church
Our Most Reverend Bishop said Mass and addressed students. Annual Vocation Week initiated.

Miss Muriel Zimmerman explained work of Friendship House

- 16 Shamrock Dinner
Reverend Daniel Meehan addressed students as part of World Affairs Week.

- 17 Council Meeting, N.F.F.C.S. at Boston College.
Delegates: Marguerite Johnson and Ann Collins.

✓ Debate: The Non-Communist Countries Should Form A New International Organization. Tournament brought second place to Salve Regina College. Debaters: Ann Collins, Marguerite Johnson, Alice Mc Auliffe, Loretta Ross.

- 19 Bingo for Missions - Sodality event
Seniors move to Moore Hall

- 26 Father Dillon left for Cleveland to attend N.C.E.A. Convention

April

- 2 Dinner and Reception for Mr. Moore
Seniors entertain in Moore Hall Drawing Room

- ✓ 13 Pageant, Inspiration, Life of M. Mc Auley - Sodalists' presentation for centennial commemoration

S.M. Constance, R.S.M. and S.M. Philemon, R.S.M. attended science workshop at Brown University.

- 16 Miss Marguerite Johnson and Miss Mary Silvia attended the annual convention of N.F.C.C.S. Copley Plaza, Boston.

- 19 Miss Lucile Harrington lectured on Changing Concepts in History

- 20 Francis Gyra, art instructor of Woodstock Village schools, Vermont gave an illustrated lecture to art class

- 23 Final meeting of Spanish Club
Cervantes medal awarded to Marjorie Ackroyd for outstanding essay on Cervantes

- ✓ 25-29 Future Business Leaders Club enjoyed five day field trip through New York and New Jersey where students talked with leaders in Business World

- 28 Court Cotillion - Freshman Formal

- May
- 1 Regional meetings of N.C.E.A. attended by S.M.Evangelista, R.S.M., S.M.Jean, R.S.M., S.M.Donald, R.S.M., S.M.Christopher, R.S.M., and S.M.Martina, R.S.M.
Rev. John Shea attended Theology and Philosophy meeting at Emmanuel
 - 11 Fulbright scholarships announced. Great rejoicing. Jane Murphy, a winner! To study at University of Toulouse.
- W.S.D. May Procession
- 12 Spring Formal
 - 16 Closing of French Club - Assistant Consul, Monsieur Lapierre, distributed prizes.
 - 17 Robert W. Keyserlink, editor of Ensign, addressed students.
 - 18 Governor's Day. Governor Dennis Roberts welcomed to college by his cousin, Miss Frances Mc Guinness, Class of 1951. Each student presented to Governor.
 - 30 Senior Outing. "Anchors aweigh!"
 - 31 Day of Recollection - Seniors. Sophomore - Senior Banquet on Terrace. Blessing of Shrines at Moore Hall and Mercy Hall.
- June
- 1 Class Day Exercises on Terrace. Jane Murphy, Marshal. We plant tree, turn tassels, renew act of consecration at Sacred Heart Shrine. Benediction!.
 - 2 Commencement Ball following dinner.
 - 3 Baccalaureate Sunday. Procession to parish church, St. Mary's. Magnificent splendor of solemn high mass, scholarly, spiritual sermon.
Parents' Dinner. Toasts to all.
Regina Players entertain at night.
Graduates sing by candlelight.
 - 4 Alumnae organizational meeting. Eleanor Testa, first president. Mother Provincial congratulates all.

Commencement! Processional superb with Reverend Father Shea as marshal. Exercises magnificent with Reverend Father Dillon, master of ceremonies. Gorgeous coloring, impressive order, His Excellency, Our Most Reverend Bishop presiding.

Goodbye, Seniors!
 - 9 Harriet Atamian first to wed, - Mrs. Gerard Breton.
- 16-25 Retreat
- June Aug.
- 25- 4 Summer Session

June 25-Aug. 4 Summer Session

- July
- 5 Miss Ruth Hussey visited college and gave her impersonations of Our Lady of Fatima in Father Peyton's Rosary Hour
 - 7 Sister Mary Catherine, R.S.M. elected Assistant Provincial
 - ✓ 10 Lecture: Newport Summer Colony Past and Present - Mr. John H. Green
 - 14 Wedding Bells ring. Miss Rita Belanger becomes Mrs. Ronald J. Gaouette
 - 16 Sister students sing High Mass in honor of Father Dillon's 21st anniversary.
 - ✓ 21 Mr. Brassil Fitzgerald lectured on Hamlet, Tragedy of Secularism
 - ✓ 22 Concert - William Dyer, Jr., Baritone Lyrics and Ballads
 - 23 First meeting of State Students' Nursing Organization at Newport Hospital, First President, Mary Ann Bolton, Vice President, Catherine Hawkins
 - 25 Concert presented by George Spinalski, Violinist, and Marian Van Slyke, Pianist
 - 26 Jacqueline Clark awarded a Daughters of Isabella scholarship to the National School of Social Service, Catholic University, D.C.
- August
- 1-4 Art Exhibit. Congratulations to students and Sister M. Teresita, R.S.M.
 - 4 Summer Session ends with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 - 12 Claire McCabe and Catherine Mahoney leave for New York to attend S.S.C.A. at Fordham University
 - 28 Sister M. Emeria welcomed as new superior. Sister M. Donalds is the new Director of Nursing and Sister M. Borromeo, the new procurator. Sister M. Augustine has been appointed Director of Nursing Service in Saint Joseph's Hospital.
- September
- 1 Mother Provincial and Sister Mary James, R.S.M., president and vice president of the college respectively left for Detroit to be present at the Annual Institute of the Sisters of Mercy in the United States.
 - 4 Ten seniors report to Newport schools for teacher training. Eight are residents, so Mercy Hall opened one week before the college year began
 - 9 Twenty-two freshmen arrived; twelve commuters the next day. Orientation Week began with the National College Freshman Testing Program, introductions, entertainment, teas, and taking of identification photos. Initiation was not too bad.

September

- 17 Mass of the Holy Ghost, blessing of students, and regular class. The scholastic year had begun once more.
- 24 Mercy Day, Foundation Day, Our Most Reverend Bishop offered holy Mass and presided at the third annual Honors Convocation on the Terrace. The day was beautiful. The second capping of nurses was impressive particularly their pledge before the Blessed Sacrament. The guests left after luncheon, the girls went walking, swimming, dinner; and then, an enjoyable evening with Mary Louise Hickey who interpreted The Velvet Glove. She is our favorite entertainer.

October

- 5 The Living Rosary, a sodality tradition, was carried through even though the weather was doubtful. Our Lady of Fatima. Tired one faints.
- 9 Weiners were roasting at 3P.M. on Moore Hall grounds. A perfect picnic enclosure. "The year book will benefit from proceeds," the Sophomores announce.
- 10 Ann Bird Stewart gave valuable research in her lecture on Garrick and the Johnson Circle. Miss Claire Mc Cabe was chairman of this meeting
- 12 High School Day was introduced this year. An interested group from Rhode Island and Massachusetts responded. Pictures of Senior Activities were shown, tea was served in the dining room and Benediction was a perfect closing.
- 16 The Mission Bazaar was just a little bit bigger than last year and the proceeds larger. One student asked the director of last year's affair was she hurt because they beat her record.
- 19 All-College Harvest Hop in Mercy Hall. Boys from Officers Candidate School enjoyed the contact. Proceeds of dance for Regina Maris Fund
- 22 When Marjorie Ackroyd introduced Sir Shane Leslie, he kissed her hand. This was a prelude to the romantic story of Lady Fitzherbert.
- 24 The Crowning of the Mission Queen, the presentation of the check for the missions and Benediction was a very formal and picturesque ceremony. The first ten minutes were allotted to chairmen for reports.
- 31 The Sodality gave a very hilarious evening on Hallowe'en. All slept well having laughed themselves out. Or did they sleep after consuming so many doughnuts?

November

- 1 A rather quiet day.
- 2 We attended three Masses. Only one girl slept over arriving for the third Mass.

November

- 5-9 Mid-semester examinations found more than freshmen over anxious.
- 15 Seniors go into business- a food sale at the Newport Gas Co. for the year book fund. Home Economics girls were responsible for a remarkable display of foods.
- ✓ Fenton Moran, executive-secretary of the William Kerby Foundation, Catholic University answered his Title question; What are the Catholic Novelists Telling Us?
- 17 Alumnae make the headlines. First ball held in Metacomet Club, East Providence. A social success.
- 19,20,21 Chapel beautiful for Forty Hours. Freshmen and Sophomores sang Mass.
- 20 André Snow gave illustrated lecture on Medieval France. Miss Barbara Mc Andrew introduced the speaker.
- Thanksgiving Dinner. Seniors rejoiced in dining-room service.
- 21 Classes, yes; but we went home for brief holidays.
- 29-30 ✓ Abbe Dimnet gave a series of two lectures in Aspects of Religion in France. Miss Kathleen Leonard made a graceful and gracious chairman.

December

- 7 Our freshmen received the significant academic dress. Reverend Dr. Dillon invests class with cap and gown.
- 10 ✓ Meeting of Student Council Nurses' Organization. Buffet Supper.
- 13 The Frozen Heart played for groups from St. Catherine's, S.X.A., Bayview.
- 16 Regina Players inject Christmas spirit into The Frozen Heart. Glee Club selections rang out as a finale.
- Freshmen guided parents to Art Exhibit and entertained them at Tea. The Advent Wreath with the symbolic candles was the motif in decorations. Since it was the fourth week, four candles lighted.
- Introduction of Parents to Mother Provincial.
- 17 Queen's Choristers entertained sailors at the Naval Hospital 2-4P.M.
- 18 Freshmen French Class presented The Juggler of Notre Dame.
- 19 The highlight of the Sodality year is the party for primary school children. The Christmas story, the tableau of Our Lady made little faces beautifully serious for the few moments before Santa's arrival. The zest for games, prizes, unloading Santa's pack, refreshments, and general hilarity were positive proofs of enjoyment. The students renew their youth and become happily fatigued in the process.

December 20 Christmas at the College:

Candlelight Dinner was served at 6P.M. on Thursday. The seniors were honored by having the Chaplain, Reverend Gerald F. Dillon, Reverend Father Shea and members of the lay faculty as guests at their table. At 7:30 o'clock the entire faculty assembled in the Great Hall as the candlelight procession gaily sang its way to the Great Hall to the tune of "Deck the Hall".

"Christmas", a cantata by Franz Abt, was dedicated to Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., President of the College, in anticipation of her golden jubilee of profession on December 28.

Solos were rendered by Miss Catherine Mahoney, soprano, Miss Barbara Mc Andrew, mezzo-soprano, Miss Susan Whalon, alto.

Narrators of the Scripture story were Misses Claire McCabe, Mary Ann Bolton, and Mary Elizabeth Murray. The processional to the Crib where Miss Patricia Sullivan read the mental prayer and the rendition of Silent Night closed the program. Entertainments and parties in the residence halls brought the time quickly up to midnight when carols sung at faculty quarters made the night memorable.

- 21 Merry departure. We get ready for Christmas.
- 25 The Choristers sang over Station WRIMM, Newport on Christmas afternoon. The year closed on a happy note.
- 27 We celebrate Mother Provincial's golden jubilee at St. Xavier's Convent.
- 28 We go into retreat. Sisters from St. Mary's and St. Augustine's join us.

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- January 5 President and Dean of College travel to Mt. St. Agnes,
Baltimore. First preliminary meet of Mercy Educational Institute.
- 6 Students resume classes
- 8,9,10 President and Dean attend National Accrediting Commission
at George Washington University, American Association of
Academic Deans, and American Associations of Colleges at Hotel Statler
- 14-18 Semester Examinations
- 21,22,23 Retreat
- 24 Bishop's Holiday
- 25 President's Holiday
- 28 New semester begins
- February 1 Holy Hour
- 2 Spiritual Meeting, Sodality
- 1,2 Graduate Record
- 4 Lecture: Marriage as a Career --Mrs. Dorothy Wayman - 11 a.m.
- 10 Concert - S. R. C. & P. C. - Providence College
- 12 Cinema - F. B. L. project
- 13 Food Sale; Mercy Hall - Home Economics
- 15 Lecture: Religious Customs South of the Border..Illustrated...
Mary A. Reardon....11 a.m.
Ring ceremony 2:30 p. m.
Alumnae Bridge & Fashion Show held in Bayview Gymnasium
- 16 Sapphire Ball
- 19 Lecture: Food Purchasing for Institutions Miss Behizm
French Club Meeting
- 24 Tea Dance 3 - 6 p.m.
- 25 Bingo - Freshmen
- 27 Ash Wednesday
- 29 Twelfth Night - University Players - Bayview Auditorium 2 p.m.--
School for Wives....8 p. m.

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- March 5 Holy Hour
- 6 First Friday
- 9 Coffee Hour at Naval Hospital
- 10-14 Quarterly Examinations
- 13 Irish concert - Green Dinner
- 11 Bazaar - Mercy Hall - Class of 1952
- 17 Commuter's Frolic - Mercy Hall
- 23 Fashion Show and Silver Tea
- 25 Feast of Annunciation - High Mass - Vocation Day
Lecture: Value of the Study of French ...Commander William C. Mott,
Head of School of Justice, Naval Base.
- 26 Lecture: My Days in Austria - Dr. Henry F. Nugent, Director of
Adult Education in Rhode Island
- 29 Baptism of our first Chinese convert, Miss Alice (Yin-Chen) Djuh, in
St. Mary's Church, one o'clock in the afternoon
- 30 In our own chapel our Alice receives her First Holy Communion--
Communion Breakfast.
- April 3 Holy Hour
- 4 First Friday
- 9 Easter holidays begin after last class
- 15 - 18 Art Convention, Atlantic City. Members of Art Club attend
- 21 Classes resumed
Sophomore English Test
Sophomore Language Test
- 23 Picture: This Gracious Heritage ...sponsored by Home Economics Club
- 24 S. R. C. Hostesses at Naval Hospital
- 26 N. E. Student Peace Federation - The Elms
Concert - Trinity College, Vermont
Court Cotillion - Freshman Formal
- 29 French Club closes...M. Lapierre distributes prizes .
- May 2 - 4 Regional Congress N. F. C.C. S.

- May 4 The Talk of the Town presented by Regina Players, St. Joseph's Auditorium
- 11 Social afternoon, Entertain O C's 3-6 p.m.
- 12 - 13 May Dolan, R.N. and Catherine Hawkins, student nurse represented the college at the Third Annual Convention of the Guild of Catholic Psychiatrists held in the Chalfont Hotel in Atlantic City, May 12 and 13 as the guests of the Right Reverend John J. Hayes, Chancellor of the Diocese of Hartford. Monsignor served as Chaplain of the Convention.
- 16 - 23 Final Examinations - Seniors
- 17 Spring Formal - Junior Prom
- 23 - 30 Final Examinations - Undergraduates
- 25 S. R. C. Guild Tea - Reception to Class of 1952
- 29 Day of Recollection
 Senior - Sophomore Supper on Terrace
- 30 Class Day Exercises
 Commencement Ball - Coffee Hour
- 31 Tea - Hostess, Mrs. Daniel Sullivan
- June 1 Baccalaureate Mass, St. Mary's Church
 Parent's Dinner
 Play, Concert, Class Chant
- 2 Commencement Exercises - 36 resident graduates, 17 extension
- 14 - 23 Retreat opened with Reverend James D. Carroll, S. J. conducting the Exercises. Father was rather serious but he gave a solid, sensible retreat. The three days conference on Temptations in General stands out as a particularly definite contribution to Progress in spirituality.
- 14 Marjorie Ackroyd is baptized in St. Mary's Church - Newport.
- 15 Marjorie receives first Holy Communion in Cathedral, Providence.
- 23 Twenty Sisters under the direction of Reverend Frederick A. Har-kins, S. J. begin a thirty-day retreat in Moore Hall.
- 24 Fifth session of summer school opens
 Twenty-six Sisters, eighteen seculars registered and attended. Eighteen courses were offered. There were teachers. Creative writing was offered for the first time.
 Extra Curricula included two movies; "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "Monsieur Vincent"
 Newport Orchestra gave a delightful program. Mrs. John Dannin

was soloist, Mrs. Van Slyke, pianist, Mr. George Szpinalski, violinist.

Mr. John Greene, Jr. gave a thought-compelling lecture on the subject, "The Value of the Classics"

- July 30 High Mass of Requiem offered for Rev. James Bartley, sung by the Sisters
- 31 Mass offered for the repose of the soul of S. M. Ignatius on her first feastday after death.
Holy Hour. Reverend Father Dillon gave a sermon which included the closing of the Summer Session.

August 1 First Friday. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Miss Emma Beldan presented Sister M. Eleanora in first vocal recital. Professor Bozyan of Yale University and Miksa Merson, former teacher of Vanderbilt children were present as critics. Sister M. Eleanora was poised, confident, and gave a program of varied selections which showed off her voice.

2 Sister Students departed

4 Renovation period at Moore Hall ends.

7 Mother M. Hilda, President, left today to attend the Congress of Religious at Notre Dame University

(22) Sister Mary Euphrasia changed to St Xavier's, Sister Mary Clarice appointed part time secretary and Sister Mary Constance assigned dean of students. Sister Mary ~~Othilda~~ *Smith* arrived to replace Sister M. Euphrasia, R.S.M.

September

7 Student Teachers report. Six begin practice teaching

(14) Freshmen enter - a class of fifty-four

15 Junior return, 5 p.m. The house becomes gay

16 Sophomores return, 5 p.m. They plan initiation at once

17 Examinations keep the freshmen busy every day

18 Classes in Session

21 Seniors register

22 Mass of Holy Ghost offered by our Most Reverend Bishop opens Honors Convocation - Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas V. Cassidy gave the Convocation Address

24 "Life with Mother" - Mary Louise Hickey - Mercy Hall 7 p.m.

26 Lecture: Hungarian Echoes - Count Szopary. The Count is the husband of the former Gladys Vanderbilt

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- October 2 Holy Hour on the feast of the Holy Angels
- ✓ 2 Commuters' Club Freshman Tour. Commuters brought their cars and toured Newport visiting interesting historical places. Newport Creamery was a long pause and does make history.
- 3 First Friday - Sodality Meeting. Officers installed - Glee Club Appear
- 5 Commuters' Club entertain O.C.'s
- 7 Living Rosary on campus. The Fatima scene enacted was very impressive
- 9 Long Weekend. The faculty hailed it with the same joy as the students
- ✓ 13 Second High School Day brought two hundred students
- 14 Bazaar for Missions, a Sodality project sponsored by the Sophomores realized \$225. Mr. Moore raised the amount by his personal donation of \$50.
- 15 National Poetry Day was celebrated by open class in the senior English group with a lecture by Sister Mary Jean, R.S.M. on Poetry and Catholic Living
- 16 Lecture - An Adventure with Stained Glass - Helene Wiedemann - 5 p.m.
- 24 Crowning of Queen of Missions
- 24 Enthronement of Christ the King at Moore Hall
- 30 Hallows'en Dinner. "Ghostly Rendezvous" sponsored by Sodality
- November
- 3 Three Masses for Holy Souls
- 6 Holy Hour
- 7 First Friday
- 7 - 11 Long Weekend
- 11 - 14 Quarterly Examinations
- 14 Informal Dance - Business Clubs - Mercy Hall 8 - 11:30 p.m.
- 14 Investiture - Caps and Gowns. Parents' Tea
- 20 Lecture: "Shakespeare and the Actor", Paul Ellison - 5 p.m. Introduced by Miss Dolores O'Neill
- 23 Social - O.C.'s - Mercy Hall 3-6 p.m.
- 24 - 25 Forty Hours
- 26 Thanksgiving Holidays begin after last class
- 30 Holidays end. Students return 9 p.m.

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December

- 1 Blessing of Advent Wreath in Dining Room
- 1 Foreign Students, Guests of A.A.U.W. - 3:30 p.m.
- 4 Holy Hour
- 4 Christmas Pageant - Benefit of Columban Fathers - Glee Club give concert
- 5 First Friday - Sodality Meeting in Great Hall. Tableaux and narrative explained lines in Little Office of the Immaculate Conception
Nurses Recruitment Exhibit
- 8 Holyday - no classes
- 11 Piñata Party - Spanish Club
- 12 Sodality Meeting - Foundation Day - Sisters of Mercy - Benediction
- 14 Concert - Queen's Choristers
- 15 Home Economics Christmas Party
- 16 Meeting of Alliance Francaise. 8 p.m.
- 16 Art Club Assembly - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Sodality Christmas Party 4 p.m.
Christmas Dinner
Pilgrimage to Crib, Glee Club Concert, - 7 p.m.
Midnight Carolling
- 19 Holidays begin after last class

Sister M. ~~Emelia~~, R.S.M. and Sister Mary Evangelista, R.S.M. attended the regional meeting of the N.C.E.A. at Statler Hotel, December 13, 1952.

Sister M. ~~Martina~~, R.S.M. accompanied by Sister Marie Pierre, R.S.M. attended the meeting of the New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers at Tufts College, Medford, Massachusetts, December 6, 1952. Current Problems for both officers took up the major part of the program.

The Misses Marguerite Johnson and Paula Roche represented the college at a student council meeting at Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, December 6,7. The study of the "honor system" made a great impression on our delegates.

The ringing of the Fire Alarm at 1:25 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17 aroused everyone of the inmates at the college. Classes had never been disturbed before, and it alerted all to the thought of the real thing. It was a flare back from an oil burner that sent smoke through the ventilators. Firemen arrived promptly and all was under control in five minutes. No damage was done. We learned of our many interested friends who called up offering assistance. The Red Cross called immediately.

Sister Marie Pierre, R.S.M. and Sister M. John Francis, R.S.M., attended the Modern Language Association which met in the Statler Hotel, Boston, December 26-28.

Sister Mary Christopher, R.S.M. read a paper at the annual meeting of the Catholic Sociological Society at Marquette University December 27-30. Sister Mary ~~Othilda~~, R.S.M. accompanied Sister.

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