

February 3, 1971

Sister Marie Therese Le Beau entered Newport Hospital for tests and possible surgery on her back

February 14, 1971

Under the sponsorship of Sister Mary Lomax a recital of Chamber Music both Contemporary and Baroque was presented by pianist-bassoonist Donald Rankin and Flutist Grey Zeitland at 8 p.m. in Ochre Court.

February 17, 1971

The Christian Life Center presented the film The Condemned of Altona at the Newport Performing Arts Center in the Van Alen Casino Theater[.] This is to be followed by a symposium in Twombly-Burden Room in O'Hare Academic Center to-morrow evening.

February 27, 1971

The SRC Glee Club and St. Michael's College Glee Club are scheduled to give a formal concert this evening at Winooski, Vermont.

March 2, 1971

Sister M. Noel Blute's father went to heaven to-day.

March 21, 1971

Lecture and Art Exhibit by Jose Cabral-Martin

Salve Regina Portuguese Cultural Lecture will be preceded by reception – 5:45 P.M. in Green Room at Ochre Court, then dinner at 6:45 p.m. in Miley Hall. The lecture itself will be given in O'Hare Academic Center

March 1971

Dr. John F. Quinn, chairman of the board of trustees has announced the election of three new members: James C. Colton, Newport executive vice president and treasurer of the M.A. Gammino Construction Company, Providence; Jeremiah C. Lynch, Jr. Newport, partner in the Newport Team of Moore, Virgadamo, Boyle and Lynch[;] George H. Piltz, Middletown, R.I. president of the Newport National Bank.

March, 1971

Sister M. Joannes Griffin, associate professor of nursing, has been elected a member of the PR sub-committee of Diet Counseling Service of Rhode Island. Sister is also serving as chairman of public relations at Rhode Island Dietetic Association

March, 1971

Through the efforts of the Spanish Club several foreign Naval officers from Spain and South America to-gether with their families are able to attend a Mass in Spanish every Sunday at 5. p.m. Celebrant is Rev. Christopher Johnson of the Christian Life Center.

March 19, 1971 through March 15, 1971

Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke has helped to launch a series of regional workshops for Religious personnel at hospitals conducted by the Sisters of Mercy of the Federation throughout the country[.] As the sociologist on a team that includes a psychologist, a theologian

and a hospital administrator, Sister addressed 90 attendees at the opening workshop at Sacred Heart College, Belmont, North Carolina.

April 2, 1971

Easter recess began to-day after last class.

April 8, 1971

The Holy Thursday celebration at 5 p.m. to-day in Salve Regina chapel was conducted by Monsignor William Doyle, Navy Chaplain. The Junior Sisters from Mercy Hall planned the Liturgy. The Liturgy of the Word took place in the Great Hall. Instead of a homily a short film presenting the significance of the Mass was shown. The remainder of the liturgy took place in chapel.

April 9, 1971

Good Friday Liturgy also planned by Junior Sisters and conducted by Monsignor Doyle was celebrated at 3 p.m.

April 11, 1971

The Easter Mass was celebrated at 9 A.M. with Monsignor Doyle again as celebrant. The Junior Sisters gave a rendition of Easter hymns at 8:45 A.M.

April 13, 1971

Sister Mary Philemon Banigan was admitted to the Newport Hospital to-day for tests.

April 17, 1971

The SRC Glee Club is performing for the New York and New Jersey Alumnae Association, New Rochelle New York.

May 10, 1971

Sister Marie Therese Le Beau returned from Newport Hospital to await opening of Mercy facility at Mt. Saint Rita in June.

May 12, 1971

Sister M. Noel Blute underwent surgery for gall bladder in Newport Hospital this morning.

May 16, 1971

Salve Regina Guild Silver Tea to honor the 1971 graduates was held at 3 p.m. in Ochre Court. The Glee Club entertained with a delightful program.

May 21, 1971

Sister Mary Noel Blute returned from Newport Hospital this morning.

May 22, 1971

The Great Hall in Ochre Court was the scene of the Senior Commencement Ball

May 23, 1971

Baccalaureate Mass was concelebrated in St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. The celebrants were Reverend Richard Mandeville, Reverend Rancourt and Monsignor John Shea, pastor of St. Mary's parish. Rev. Charles McKenna, O.P. delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

May 24, 1971- A beautiful day for commencement – our Twenty-first held on The Terrace at 11 A.M. The Right Reverend Monsignor Daniel P. Reilly, Chancellor of the diocese of Providence gave the Invocation and the final blessing. Former governor Denis J. Roberts a member of the board of Regents represented His Excellency Governor Frank Licht who was unable to come because of a bereavement in his family. Four honorary degrees were conferred: Sister Mary Regina Cunningham, R.S.M. Mother General – Doctor of Laws; Rabbi Theodore Lewis, M.A.T.C.D. – Doctor of Sacred Theology; Brother Michael Reynolds, F.S.C. brother of Sister M. Consilii, Doctor of Education and Very Reverend William Paul Haas, O.P. President of Providence College Doctor of Humane Letters[.] The Commencement address given by Father Haas, O.P. keyed the problem of peace in an unique [sic] approach to peace through the sword. The address had applications not only to the graduates but to the entire audience. The Music was supplied by the U.S. Naval Band of Newport.

May 26 and 27th

The New England Public Health Association held its annual conference here for 2 days.

June 1, 1971

Retreat opened the evening for a group from the Salve Regina Community plus some few others. These included Sister Mary Nathaniel Gallogly, Sister Miriam Therese Daly; Sister M. Michaelinda[.] Sister M. Cyril Mulligan, Sister M. Huberta[.] Reverend Frederick Dillemath, S.J. rector of Fordham University conducted the retreat. Father had a very deep understanding of the scriptures and of religious life generally.

June 4, 1971

Sister M. Callista Fontaine received word to-day that her brother James was found dead in his apartment in Hollywood, Florida. This is the third death within the year in sister's family.

June 12, 1971

Sister Marie Therese Courtney from Limerick who has been with us throughout the school year has returned from a visit with her Sisters in Alabama. Sister left for the visit on May 22nd, 1971

June 16, 1971

Sister Marie Therese Le Beau left here for the new health facility at Mt. Saint Rita[.] Sister is suffering from terminal cancer. Sister dedicated twenty-three years of her religious life to Salve Regina as librarian. The success of the library is due to Sister's indefatigable efforts and interest.

June 18, 1971 – Feast of the Sacred Heart

Today the community celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of religious profession of Sister Mary Joannes Griffin. The Eucharistic Celebration took place at five p.m. with Monsignor

William Doyle officiating. The liturgy was prepared by Sister Marianne Postiglione and Sister M. Lois Eveleth. The entrance reading was taken from *Perfectae Caritatis*. The First Reading was from Philippians 3:7-15. The response consisted of the singing from Deiss: Without Seeing You.¹ The Gospel Reading was from Matthew 19:16-20. There was a special interpretation of the Profession of Faith. The prayer of the Faithful was concerned with the theme of dedication with the corresponding answer Help Us, O God, To Be Faithful. The Great Amen and the Our Father was sung. The Communion hymn: "Wisdom Has Built Herself a House" from Deiss[.] The meditation after communion was taken from The Divine Milieu. The recession: Joy, joy, joy, joy this is the day the Lord has Made.

A roast beef dinner followed in the State Dining Room. The floral arrangements were supervised by Sister Diane Taylor. Sister Prudence Croke gave the blessing.

Sister M. Callista Fontaine arrived back to-day from Sharon, Massachusetts where she has been helping her niece in the aftermath of Sister's brother's death.

July 7, 1971

Sister M. Loretto O'Connor left by plane for Los Angeles to visit her brother who has been ill with a heart attack. Sister hasn't seen him in some years.

July 12, 1971

Word was received to-day of the election of Sister Mary Consilia Moran of the Scranton, Pennsylvania province as Mother General

July 14, 1971

Sister Marie Therese Le Beau, librarian for some twenty-one years, the one responsible for the beginning and growth of our College library[,] went to God to-day at 11 A.M. at Mount Saint Rita Health Center where she was taken on June 16, 1971. Sister was an example of patience, courage, and resignation to God's Will.

July 17, 1971

A group of us attended the Mass of Resurrection and the funeral of Sister Marie Therese Le Beau. The Mass was held at 10 A.M. At Mount Saint Rita Health Center. Revered Christopher Johnson, O.P. of Salve Regina College concelebrated with [blank]. Sisters Mary Donald Egan and Mary Jean Tobin read the lessons at the Mass. Burial was in St. Francis Cemetery in Pawtucket.

Word was received concerning the rest of the election at the General Chapter:

Assistant General – Sister M. Josetta Butler, Chicago

Councilors – Sisters Jean Marie Sullivan, St. Louis[,] Sisters M. Francesca Sherman Cincinnati[,] M. Albert Linneman Cincinnati; Secretary General, Sister M. Florence Salatka Detroit; Treasurer, Sister M Laetice Williams.

August 10, 1971

The Very Reverend Russell McVinney went to God to-day. He was found by his sister Mary who went to call him for Mass. Bishop McVinney was at his summer home at Watch Hill. He was consecrated Bishop of Providence July 14, 1948. The funeral is to be held on Saturday at

¹ Hymn by Lucien Deiss (1921-2007), Congregation of the Holy Spirit, French priest, biblical interpreter, and composer.

1 p.m. from his home parish Blessed Sacrament, [Providence] since the Cathedral is in the process of being renovated in observance of 100th anniversary next year.

September 2, 1971

Our new academic dean arrived to-day, Doctor Beverly Miller. She comes to us from Marymanse College, Ohio where she has been involved in revising curriculum. Doctor Miller has her PhD degree in chemistry. She has had wide experience in area of education, being a consultant to Board of Regents and also having had experience with school of Nursing.

September 11, 1971

A joint silver jubilee was celebrated this evening at Ochre Court. The occasion concerned Sister Marie Jeannine O'Brien and her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien of Barrington. The liturgy was formulated by Sister Marianne Postiglione and Sister Lois Eveleth[.] Reverend George McCarthy was concelebrant; the offering of wine and bread were made by Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien. At the Communion Sister Marie Jeannine renewed her vows. Many friends of both sister and her brother and sister-in-law rejoiced with them. Sister's Mother graced the occasion with her presence. A buffet was held in the state dining room following the Mass. Among the visitors during the evening were Reverend Kenneth Angell of the Chancery office and Reverend Raymond Printeville of St. Joseph's, Newport.

September 13, 1971

Chaplain Carl Auel is the new dean of the Division of Continuing Education. He is currently working for his doctor's degree at Boston University. His work here is part of his internship. However Chaplain Auel, a Lutheran minister, wishes to contribute his services to a Christian institution and has re-organized the continuing education program at the College.

September 24, 1971

Mercy Day was observed quietly and fittingly with liturgy at 5 p.m. Monsignor William Doyle as celebrant. Sister Margaret Nugent, a St. Xavier graduate of some years ago and now a Religious of the Cenacle was is with us this year as a student joined us in the observance of Mercy Day. The dinner was held in our own dining room – a served dinner with candlelight and flowers. Sister Kathryn Mary Murphy had charge of the day.

September 26, 1971 – September 29, 1971

Sister Mary Noel Blute was chose almost unanimously on the first nomination as our coordinator for the year 1971-72. Sister is currently in the English Department and is also president of the faculty senate.

During the course of the week the following members from each house were chosen as [liaison] officers[:]

Ochre Court – Sister Mary Jean Tobin, Sister Mary Audrey O'Donnell;
Moore Hall, Sister Kathryn Mary Murphy.

September 27, 1971

At one p.m. to-day Mass for the repose of the soul of Bishop McVinney was concelebrated on East Terrace[.] Chief concelebrant: Monsignor Daniel Reilly, administrator of Diocese. Others concelebrating – Rev. Joseph Coleman, St. Augustin's; Monsignor John Shea,

St. Mary's[;] Rev. Anthony Rebeiro, St. Mary's; Rev. Joseph Cardoza, Jesus Savior; Rev. Timothy Gillen; St. Lucy's; Rev. [blank] St. Barnabas; Rev. Carl Auel, Lutheran, read one of the epistles; Miss Patricia Raymond, Class of 1974 gave a short meditation prayer after Communion. Reverend Christopher Johnson, O.P. arranged the program.

September 20-30, 1971

Sister Marcella Shanley, Director of Financial Aid attended a series of eight workshops for high school counselors of Rhode Island. Topic: Financial Assistance Available to Incoming College Freshmen

September 30-October 1, 1971

Sister Ralph Mary Imperatore, Director of Medical Technology Program, attended Regional Health Occupations Education Conference in Boston.

October 3, 1971

Sister Mary Eloise Tobin, theology department was guest speaker at Communion Breakfast of Rosary Guild of Jesus-Savior Parish, Newport. Sister's topic: Our Lady, Our Contemporary. The affair was held at the Ramada Inn, Portsmouth, R.I.

October 6, 1971

Mass for repose of soul of Sister Marie Therese Le Beau former librarian at our college was offered at the request of the Sisters at 5 p.m. by Reverend Christopher Johnson, O.P. Present at the Mass were Miss Genevieve Le Beau with friends – Miss Juliet [Luistro?], librarian at S.R.C; Miss Margaret Buckley with her sister Mrs. Francis X. Flannery; Miss Pauline Tabler; Mrs. Joanne Lynch to-gether with four of her children.

At 7:30 p.m. a brief and informed Convocation of the Division of Continuing Education was held in our Chapel. Chaplain Auel wished in this way to integrate this aspect of the college with the college proper. The ceremony consisted of readings from Book of Wisdom; greetings – Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke, President; Sister Mary Noel Blute, President of Faculty Senate[.] The formal address was given by Chaplain Carl Auel. It was concerned with the contemporary dilemma in education – youth and the older generation

October 7, 1971

The annual Salve Regina Guild dinner was held in the State Dining Room in Ochre Court at 6p.m. The dinner is an annual event for members of the board.

October 12, 1971

Sister Mary Christopher left late yesterday afternoon for a few days retreat at the Cenacle in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

October 17, 1971

The Salve Regina College Guild is holding its annual reception and tea for Freshmen mothers and daughters to-day at 2:30 p.m. in Ochre Court. The Glee Club is to entertain with a few selections.

October, 1971

This month Division of Continuing Education in conjunction with Project Transition of the U.S. Naval Base, Newport has established a Transition Prep Program[.] Sister Joan McInnes and Sister M. Consilii Reynolds conduct college-level courses in mathematics and history on Mondays and Thursdays at the Base. The purpose of the program is to help sailors who have had little opportunity education-wise to finish high school or begin college-level courses.

October 17, 1971 (Continued)

Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke and Sister Sheila O'Brien represented Salve Regina College at the inauguration of Reverend Thomas R. Petersen, O.P. as president of Providence College.

Robert J. McKenna, Associate Professor, Department of History and Political Science was a member of a panel "Abortion, a Women's Right" at Rhode Island Women's Day held in Providence.

October 20, 1971

Junior Class held the Ceremony of Investiture in Great Hall at Ochre Court, 7:00 p.m. Miss Joan David of English and Creative Arts faculty spoke on "The Changing Role of Women in Society"

A special Mass followed by dinner (turkey dinner) honored feast days of the following Sisters – Sister M. Mauritia McGuirl (Sept. 22); Sister Norma Orme (Sept. 9); Sister M. Eloise Tobin (Oct. 9); Sister M. Callista Fontaine (Oct. 14); Sister Lois Eveleth (Oct. 21); Sister Ralph Mary Imperatore (Oct. 24)[.] The liturgy was planned by Sister Marianne Postiglione. Rev. Christopher Johnson, [?] gave a homily devoted to dedication to religious life. Sisters Norma Orme and Consilii won the door prizes. The sisters honored each received a box of note paper and a Mass.

October 27, 1971

A ceremony and Mass to honor Our Lady of the Nations is scheduled for five p.m. today. The Mass is the Mass of Our Lady Queen. Students of the German and Spanish classes added to the liturgy by singing hymns in German and Spanish respectively. Collette Senior recided [sic] a prayer to Our Lady of the Nations at the chapel shrine of Our Lady. The shrine was decorated with flowers, the American and UN flags plus miniature flags of the Pan-American countries. Angela [DeOrchis] recalled the miracle of Gaeta, Italy. Rev. Christopher Johnson, celebrant of the Mass, gave a homily on Mary as our Mother. After communion Denise Foley read Rosa Mystica by Gerard Manley Hopkins.

November 6, 1971 – November 7, 1971

The Father-Daughter weekend was the highlight of this week. Classes were conducted by Nursing, Science, Theology, English, History and Modern Language departments in the morning; area meetings [and] a tour of Ochre Court in the afternoon; dinner at the Coachman and a dance at Ochre Court in the evening. Masses were celebrated at five p.m. on Saturday at nine and eleven fifteen on Sunday.

November 16, 1971

The feast days for the month of November were celebrated on November 16, 1971 with the liturgy at five p.m. The prayers and scriptural readings were centered around dedication and

the works of Mercy. The liturgy was planned by Sister Mary Jean Tobin; Sister Diane Taylor contributed a scroll – Happy Feast Day for the dining room; after the Mass a steak dinner was served in the dining room[.] The door prizes were won by Sisters Mary Audrey O'Donnell and sister Noel Blute. The Sisters honored were Sister Martina Coney, Sister Andrea Martell and Sister Kathryn Murphy.

November 18, 1971

Sister M. Noel Blute was admitted to Newport Hospital to-day for minor surgery.

November 20, 1971

The annual Thanksgiving Mass and the offerings for the poor held precedence to-day. Reverend Christopher Johnson to-gether with Chaplain Carl Auel from Continuing Education department celebrated the liturgy. Eight baskets for the poor are to be distributed on Tuesday at the Martin Luther King Center in Newport.

November 24, 1971

On Thanksgiving Day Mass will be offered at 9 A.M. also at 11 A.M. The Mass will be followed by dinner in State Dining Room.

December 8, 1971

Sister M. Consilia Moran, Mother General and Sister M. Laetice Williams arrived here this afternoon. They are to meet the Executive Board of the Board of Trustees on Friday and wished to meet the sister faculty previous to the meeting. An informal reception took place in the third floor lounge of Ochre Court from seven until eight.

December 12, 1971

Salve Regina Glee Club held its annual Christmas concert in Ochre Court at 8 p.m. The first section consisted of a formal rendition of Christmas music; the second half was informal with a change from formal attire to informal. The concert was well attended and well appreciated.

December 14, 1971

The Spanish Club held its Christmas party in the State Dining Room at Ochre Court at 7 p.m.

December 15, 1971

Christmas party for underprivileged children sponsored by the sophomore class took place in Miley Hall Dining Room. Twelve children from St. Mary Regional School were the recipients of gifts. Miss Patricia Brennan impersonated Santa.

December 16, 1971

The Holly Dinner followed by Candle Light ceremony were the high lights of the evening. The student Congress prepared the program at the crib in the Great Hall. The presidents of the various classes lighted a candle at the creche. Sister Mary Christopher read a Christmas selection

December 21, 1971

Sister M. Loretto O'Connor's sister-in-law Beatrice went to God to-day after a long battle against cancer.

December 25, 1971

Rev. Christopher Johnson, O.P. was the celebrant of Midnight Mass. Sister Mary Noel Blute our coordinator read the entrance reading which was concerned with the [silence?] in and through which Christ came to us. The entrance hymns consisted of Silent Night, Holy Night; O Come All Ye Faithful. The response to the first reading: See amid the Winter snow. After the preface Hosanna to the Son; at Communion The First Noel; Recessional Joy to the World[.] The prayer of reconciliation, the hymn of praise and the statement of belief were selected by Sister Lois Eveleth and Sister Marianne Postiglione.

Sixteen Sisters from Mother of Hope joined us for the liturgy and for the buffet which followed.

December 31, 1971

To-day is marked by a few hours of recollection conduction by Reverend Brian Harrington, Chaplain at Feehan High School, Attleboro. The following is the horarium 10 A.M. office; 10:30 conference; 11:30 until 1 dinner; 1-2 exposition of Blessed Sacrament; 2 p.m. conference; 3:30 Penance Service; 4:30 Mass. 4:15 Vespers.

January 3, 1971

Classes resumed to-day with examinations scheduled for January 11 through 15. See bottom of page. [entries from January 7 and January 3 below]

January 15, 1972

Semester recess began to-day until January 24.

January 6, 1972

The feast days for December and January were observed to-day with the liturgy at 5 p.m. celebrated by Reverend Christopher Johnson, O.P. The following feasts were remembered[:]
Sister Mary Noel Blute, Sister Mary Loretto O'Connor, Sister Mary Jean Tobin, Sister Mary Joannes Griffin, Sister Mary [Jeannine] O'Brien, Sister M. Marcella Shanley, Sister M. Francis de Sales Shea, Sister Mary Lois Eveleth[.] After the liturgy a roast beef dinner was held in the dining room.

January 7, 1972

Sister Mary Cleophas Costello of Baltimore Province is here for a few days to discuss a course for our summer school. The Course is centered around the Newport Community and will be concerned with architecture and history.

January 3, 1972

The members of the Provincial Council to-gether with Sister Mary Kieran Flynn, Provincial Administrator met with the College Community in the state dining room after evening meal for the purpose of a discussion of recommendations given by Sister M. Concilia Moran after her December visit to Salve Regina.

February 5, 1972

A group of Sisters attended the day of recollection at St. Francis Chapel in Providence. This day of recollection is conducted by Reverend Stephen Doyle of the Franciscan Fathers. The day begins with conference at eleven, lunch at twelve, holy hour, or discussion, or prayer group at one and ends with Mass and penance service at two. Father Doyle is focusing his conferences around the epistles of Saint Paul.

February 14, 1972

Since there [are] no feast days this month, we celebrated Valentine's Day with a party at our evening meal.

Sister Kathryn Mary Murphy is to undergo surgery at Newport Hospital to-morrow. She has many, many prayers.

We heard to-day that Sister's operation was successful and not as drastic as was first diagnosed and will be home soon

February 28, 1972

The Provincial Council to-gether with Sister Mary Kieran Flynn paid us a second visit. The purpose of the meeting was the recruitment of the religious faculty and also the recruitment of Sisters within our province or elsewhere who are prepared or who could be prepared for future administrative positions at our College.

March 17, 1972

The feast days for March were celebrated with the liturgy at five conducted by Rev. Christopher Johnson, O.P. A lamb dinner was served following the liturgy. The following Sisters were honored[:] Sister M. Philemon [Banigan], Sister M Jeannette Pivin, and Sister Ann Nelson. At the meeting with the Sisters which followed the meeting Sister M. Noel Blute announced that Sister Marie Anna Doran would be living with us next year during the time that St. Xavier's is to be renovated.

March 1972

Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke is attending a meeting of Presidents and Deans in Washington, DC.

March 23, 1972

Sister M. Kieran Flynn is coming at ten a.m. to see any Sisters who desire an appointment with her.

March 25, 1972

Sisters M. Noel Blute, Mary Eloise Tobin, Mary Jean Tobin, Margaret Murphy, Joannes Griffin, Norma Orme and Frances de Sales Shea are enroute [sic] to Bethesda for retreat to be conducted by Rev. George Nintemann, O.P.

March 30, 1972

The Holy Thursday Liturgy was planned by Sister Marianne Postiglione. Reverend Joseph Dimino, Navy Chaplain conducted the liturgy.

April 2, 1972

Easter Mass was celebrated by Reverend Joseph Dimino at nine a.m.

April 4, 1972

Sister Mary Donald Egan entered Newport Hospital for tests with symptoms that appear to be gall bladder trouble.

April 30, 1972

To-day Sister Mary Mauritia McGuirl celebrated her Golden Jubilee. The exact date of her profession was December 27, 1921[.] However sister wished to celebrate in the spring on April 30th, the day of her entrance. She wished to have only the Mercy Community at her festivities.

At four p.m. the liturgy began with Vespers the theme of which was light and life. The lectors for the office were Sister Mary Eloise Tobin who read from Romans 8 and Sister Mary Martina Conley who read the Gospel of the transfiguration from St. Matthew Chapter 17. Reverend Joseph Dimino, Naval Chaplain was the celebrant of the Mass. One of the lessons taken from the Song of Solomon was read by Sister Mary Noel Blute; the second reading from the Ephesians was read by Sister Mary Marjorie Walsh. Father Dimino's homily was based on the metaphor of a river – a river which brings refreshment and fertility to the surrounding area, a river which serves men[.] He also paralleled Sister's years in religion with the major happenings within the decades from the twenties through to the seventies bringing out the idea that Sister was there in each era as a stabilizing force as a leavening influence. The hymns were taken from Deiss Song of Joy from Gelineau Psalms [blank] and the recessional was Mother of Mercy written years ago by Mother M. Alexis.

The dinner was served in the State Dining Room. At the dinner Sister M. Martina Conley paid tribute to Sister; a group of songs reflecting Sister's life was composed by Sister Norma Orme. All the decorations in the Chapel and dining room were gold. This was truly a day to be remembered

May 7, 1972

The Music department under the direction of Glen Giuttari [was] sponsor of a concert by two performing artists[,] Margot Schevill – mezzo soprano and Thomas E. Greene, vihuela, lute and guitar in the Great Hall at eight p.m. The music included selections from 16th century Spain; 16th century England and Germany; 20th century England and Brazil

May 15, 1972

A music recital presented by the students of the Creative Arts Department was held in the State Dining Room of Ochre Court at 7 p.m. Miss Barbara Richardt favored us with two piano selections – Sonata Opus 27 by Beethoven and Grillen by [Schumann]; Sister Janet Marie Blank entertained us with three solos – a selection from Le Nozze de Figaro by Mozart – Have been so Wondrous Free by Francis Hopkinson; Sheila Joy played the harpsichord with a selection from

Bach and the piano selection – The Girl With the Flaxen Hair by Debussy[.] Angela Rae rendered Prelude in G Minor by Bach and Poem by Fibich.²
Sister Marianne Postiglione accompanied the vocal selections.

May 18, 1972

The induction ceremony for Sigma Phi Sigma was held in Ochre Court at 8 p.m. Miss Patricia Maurano '72 presided. Three former graduates, members of the society explained the creed: Scholarship – Mrs. Douglas Macphail '66, Fidelity Mrs. James McDermott '66; Service Maria Leandro '68

Ann Marie Lally '72 conferred pins; Patricia Canavan '72 conferred certificates[.] The significance of Sigma Phi Sigma was explained by Sister Mary Brenda Sullivan[,]. Moderator. The following new members were inducted[:]. From Class of '72 Elaine [Desrosiers]; Martha Lardner; Christine Spero; Sister Valerie Turco, R.S.M.; Class of '73 Margaret Almeida; Linda Brown; Margery Ferreira, Mary-Margaret Gontarz, Nancy Lengyel; Class of '74 Kathleen Connelly, Ourania [Papademetriou], Arlene [Sakovich], Joan [Waycek?].

May 24, 1972

Class day exercises were held on the East Terrace at 2 p.m. The main address was given by Sister Marie Cooper, S.J.C. the highest ranking student[.] Honors were presented: Sigma Phi Sigma, Kappa Gamma Pu; Sigma Delta Pi Hispanic Students; Herbert and Claiborne Pell Medal for United States History; Sister Mary Isabel Early Award for Sociology; Newport Catholic Daughters Award for Special Education; Sarah Brown Sullivan Award for English; Mother Catherine McAuley Award for Nursing; Fogarty Prize for Graduate Study[:]. Chemical Rubber Co Handbook of Chemistry and Physics[.] Mrs. Dorothea Dutra presented Nursing Pins. Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke; Sister Kathryn Murphy and Doctor Beverly Miller conferred the academic hoods on the members of the class of 1972.

The ceremony closed with congratulatory message from Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke at five p.m. A special liturgy was offered by Rev. Christopher Johnson, O.P. for the Sisters who were able to invite a guest for the occasion[.] Turkey dinner was served afterwards to honor sister Marianne Postiglione, Sister Prudence Croke and sister M. Consilii – feast days and also to honor guests the sisters had invited. It was a gala occasion with door prizes as an added feature. A major event was the presentation of a special gift to Mrs. Catherine O'Connell for twenty-five years of faithful service – 6 glasses engraved with College seal.

May 29, 1972

The twenty-second annual Commencement was held on the East Terrace at eleven a.m. This year also marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the College[.] The invocation and blessing was given by the most reverend Louis E. Gelineu[.] Mr. Vernon Lisbon of the Board of Regents substituted for Governor Frank Light who was away in Israel[.] Dean Beverly Miller presented candidates for degrees which were conferred by Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke, president. The Commencement address was given by alumna Jean Caya Bancroft[.] There were 189 graduates. Honorary degrees were conferred on Most Reverend Louis E. Gelineau – [Doctor] of Humane Letters[:]. Georgette Vivian Ramos, French professor at the College for the past twenty-four years who is resigning – Doctor of Literature and Mrs. George Hope Warren one of the members of the Newport History Society, Doctor of Humanities.

² Zdeněk Fibich (1850-1900), Czech composer.

June 21, 1972 [written in top margin of page]

Sister M. Cleophas Costello of Baltimore arrived to-day to give a course in architecture in Newport. This is a joint course with history to be given by Sister Ann Nelson.

June 4, 1972

Reverend Thomas Hamel, S.J. is the retreat Master for the six day retreat which opened this evening. Father intends to give a scriptural retreat based on St. Luke's gospel. There are about forty sisters making the retreat including three sisters from Atlanta, Georgia. They are en route to Boston for a hospital convention when retreat ends.

June 13, 1972

Sister Lois Eveleth left for Fordham University where she is to study philosophy. She is to reside in St. Mary's Hall.

June 23, 1972

A meeting of steering committee of the General Chapter under the guidance of Sister Ann Nelson was held at Conley Hall on our campus. The following members were present: Sister M. Brian Costello, Chicago; Sister M. Doris Gaetemoller, [Cincinnati], Sister William Joseph, Scranton[.] Three members of the sub-committee were also present – Sister M. Clara Huertas of New York, Sister M. Francisca Sherman, General Councilor[;] Sister M. Albert Linneman, General Councilor[.] Sister M. Concilia Moran, General Administrator graced the occasion for a few hours.

June 28, 1972

Sister Maria Anna Doran and Sister M. Benedicta [blank] arrived here to-day for the year. This was the result of the closing of St. Xavier Convent, Providence[.]

July 4, 1972

A "mammoth" [sic] cook-out to celebrate the Fourth was held on East Terrace at 4:30. Reverend Joseph Dimino, Naval Chaplain was the guest of honor.

July 2, 1972

Sister Marilyn Panton of Belize, British Honduras arrived to-day to resume her studies in history. Sister is to remain with us for the coming year.

July 5, 1972

Sister Norma Orme left for study in Mexico to-day.

July 15, 1972

Sister Margaret Murphy returned from a six week workshop in Mathematics held at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Sister had a grant for this project.

July 14, 1972

Sister M. Consilii Reynolds left for four weeks at Round Hill. Sister is to help with the driving.

July 19, 1972

Sisters Jeannette Pivin and Rosanne Quirk are at East Gate, Portsmouth for thirty-day retreat.

July 17, 1972

Some forty of us enjoyed a five hour boat ride on the Viking Princess. We went in the evening at six fifteen and sailed out almost to the ocean. It was a delightful and informative experience since the guides pointed out landmarks of interest on the shore line.

July 20, 1972

Sister M. Giles arrived back today after a six week stay with relatives in Biloxi, Mississippi.

July 25, 1972

Sister M. Christopher O'Rourke's feast was celebrated with a special dinner at five thirty in the Haven at Miley Hall. Lobster and steak were the chief items on the menu. Reverend Joseph Dimino was the guest of honor.

July 23, 1972

Sister M. Francis de Sales Shea left to-day for a three week's trip to Cork, Eire. Sister has relatives there who will meet her at Shannon airport. Sister expects to return August 12th.

July 26, 1972

Sister Margaret Mary of the Omaha Province who has been with us since early June as a special guest of Sister M. Callista Fontaine and also as a participant in the summer school left to-day after an enjoyable summer.

August 4, 1972

Sister Mary Noel Blute, Sister Ann Nelson and Sister Mary Lomax are en route to the General Chapter to be conducted at Mercy Center, 235 Grandview Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

August 7, 1972

Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P. arrived as our "August" Chaplain.

August 13, 1972

From the Chapter Sister Mary Noel Blute is attending a Workshop on College Admissions to be held at La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Sisters at Ochre Court had a surprise party this evening for Sister Margaret Nugent, [H.C.?] who has been with us all year and is to leave shortly. Sister M. Christopher O'Rourke and Sister Mary Donald Egan are going away for a few days to-morrow.

August 16, 1972

Sister Margaret Nugent's Aunt Sadie McKenna died very suddenly this evening very shortly after Sister left her there. Sister had taken her out to dinner previously during the afternoon.

August 18, 1972

Sister Rosanne Quirk's and Rev. Charles Quirk's brother died to-day of lung cancer.

August 20, 1972

Sister M. Noel Blute arrived home to-day from Philadelphia.

September 3, 1972 Storm aftermath of hurricane Carrie

Sister May Noel Blute was elected Coordinator for the coming year at Meeting held at 10:30 this morning. Freshmen are due to arrive to-day.

September 4, 1972

Reverend Charles Quirk, O.P. is leaving us to-day after spending a month on campus.

September 6, 1972

Sister M. Noel Blue and Sister M. Audrey O'Donnell left to-day for College of St. Elizabeth in New Jersey to attend a workshop relative to recruitment[.] They expect to return on Sunday, September 10th.

September 10, 1972

The Third Law Enforcement Commencement was held this afternoon at 2 p.m. on Ochre Court Terrace. Twenty-six received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and eight-five associate degree. Reverend Joseph B. Coleman, Chaplain of Newport Police Department gave the invocation and the benediction. Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke greeted the graduates and conferred the degrees. The students were presented by Sister Marie Corinne Walsh, Associate Dean of Community Education. Captain Carl A. Auel, CWC, U.S.N. former dean of community education delivered the Commencement address. The address itself had particular significance to the students since many of them knew Captain Auel. The main issue of the address was the Human Connection as applied to the duties of policemen.

September 17, 1972

This evening at nine p.m. two young sisters who live on the fourth floor of Ochre Court had Open House, Sister Mary Pickett and Sister Marilyn Panton. As they said on their invitation Open House at 9 p.m. Pick and Pan.

We saw their newly decorated rooms and were served refreshments. Sister Mary Noel gave them each a scented candle from Sisters at Ochre Court and Sister Mary Christopher gave them soap. We enjoyed ourselves very much.

September 20, 1972

Sister Mary Kieran Flynn, Provincial Administrator[.] Sister M. Mercy McAuliffe, Sister Helen Boland and Sister Kathleen Farley of the Council visited us this afternoon. The first meeting was held with the College faculty at 4:30 in sewing Room. The chief topic was the alienation and the buying of property relative to procedures and the merging of the college corporation with Board of Trustees[.]

The second meeting after summer concerned the state of the Province. Sister felt that a great sense of spiritual awareness had resulted since Vatican II. Sister gave us a resumé of

membership[.] Sister wishes each house to work on local goals and policies and then move into goals and policies on Province level. Such a process will give direction to Provincial Chapter.

September 21, 1972

To-Day we celebrated Mercy Day since Sunday will be concerned with Provincial Chapter Meeting at East Gate.

Reverend Christopher Johnson, O.P. celebrated Mass and gave a homily based on Shakespeare's famous Mercy speech. Two of the chief hymns at Mass were Beatitudes and Mother Alexis' hymn Mother of Mercy. A turkey dinner was held in dining room. Besides Mercy Day we celebrated feasts [sic] days of six sisters[:] Sisters Margaret Murphy, Rosanne Quirk, Elaine Osborne, Giles Peresich, Norma Orme and Mauritia McGuirl. Sister Mary Noel gave each house an Ostr Osterizer [sic]³ as a Mercy Day gift.

September 30, 1972

Miss Sharon Wilcox, Junior at Salve Regina made her first holy Communion to-day at the five p.m. Mass.

Sharon was formerly an Episcopalian.

October 4, 1972

Sister M. Concilia Moran, General Administrator and sister M. Joesetta Butler Assistant General Administrator arrived to-day shortly after four p.m. to visit with us in order to be of service. The sisters are remaining until Saturday.

October 5, 1972

It was formally announcement to-day that the college has purchased Wakehurst thirteen and one half acres from Van Alen estate for two hundred thousand dollars. This purchase includes gardens, gardener's cottage and stables as well as Mansion itself.

October 13-15-18

Major effort for recruitment allied with Creative Arts program and opening of Wakehurst.

American Art Exhibit – Wakehurst

Faculty Art Exhibit – Mercy Hall

} Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Ionesco The Bald Soprano⁴ – Mercy Hall Friday evening

November 11, 1972

[This paragraph written across margins of two pages] Sister Mary Audrey O'Donnell fell and broke her ankle in two places while shopping in Providence. She is in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Saturday at five p.m. and Sunday at eleven-fifteen special liturgy featuring Sister Marianne Postiglione's composition Mass for Life and interpretive dance by Miss Sharon Wilcox.

Recruitment – O'Hare Academic Center afternoon

New Music Ensemble – Ochre Court at 3 p.m.

³ Osterizer is a blender line produced by Oster.

⁴ This is a play, "La Cantatrice chauve" or "The Bald Soprano," by Eugène Ionesco.

Pre-college days for high school students Monday through Wednesday.

October 16, 1972

Sister Marianne Postiglione's father went to God at 7 p.m. this evening. He has been very ill for the past six weeks. Sister was with him.

November 17, 1972

This morning just before Mass around six fifty-five an osprey (kind of hawk) crashed into window in drawing room[,] splintered much of the glass and broke a portion. The momentum was unbelievable. The cost for repairing the pane is one hundred fifty dollars.

November 18, 1972

The Salve Regina Glee Club, Boston College Chorale, Pelouin Chorale and Barrington College Choir presented Verdi Requiem in Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul at eight p.m.

The Zodiac Ball for Senior Citizens was held in Great Hall this evening. It climaxed a week of activities for Senior Citizens from various parts of the Country.

November 19, 1972

A day for discussion and analysis of community is the project for this Sunday under the guidance of Navy Chaplains Rev. Father Bareski, Fallan, Walsh,[] Carr and Chaplain Greenwood (Presbyterian). The sessions vary with films, general discussions and group meetings[.] The day began at ten-thirty and lasts until around five p.m. The purpose of the day is to initiate a deeper understanding of community relationships and is a springboard for further follow-ups in this regard. Sister Mary Noel Blute our Coördinator is responsible for arranging the program

November 22, 1972

This evening at six-thirty a buffet and games was held in the first lounge at Ochre Court – third floor as a pre-Thanksgiving get-together. Sister Margaret Nugent, [H.C.?] was with us. She is to remain until Thursday p.m.

November 23, 1972

Thanksgiving Liturgy prepared by Sister Marilyn Panton was celebrated at noon. Reverend Father Bareski, Navy Chaplain officiated. After the liturgy Thanksgiving Dinner was held in Great Dining Room. There were twenty-five present including guests of the Sisters[.] Among the guests was Walter Orme, ninety-two year-old uncle of Sister Norma Orme.

November 25, 1972

Sister Mary Audrey arrived home to-day from St. Joseph's Hospital. She is residing at Ochre Court

December 8, 1972 – Sister Francisca Sherman, Councilor General perished in plane crash over Chicago this afternoon.⁵ Sister was on her way to a Formation meeting

⁵ United Airlines flight 553 from Washington, DC to Omaha, Nebraska via Chicago, IL crashed in the early afternoon on December 8, 1972. Forty-three of the 61 people on the plane, and two on the ground, were killed. The plane landed in a residential area, destroying five homes and causing a large fire. In addition to Sister Sherman,

December 13, 1972

Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P. went to God this evening about five p.m. He suffered a heart attack. Father enjoyed many summers here at the College. His sister, Sister M. Rosanne lives here in McAuley Hall.

December 11, 1972

The Holly Dinner was held this evening at six p.m. in the Great Dining Room. The date was changed from December 19 because of final examination schedule.

December 12, 1972

A special liturgy was held at the seven A.M. Mass this morning [commemorating] Foundation Day. Reverend Joseph Dimino was celebrant. The suscipe of Mother McAuley was recited before Holy Communion.

December 18, 1972

The Navy Chaplain who initiated the discussions relative to Community met with us this evening. Each chaplain – Fathers Bareski, Carr, Fallon, Walsh, and Chaplain Greenwood: met with their respective groups and then we met in full session in the dining room.

December 19, 1972

Since Christmas Day is Sister Mary Noel Blute's birthday and feast day, we decided to honor her with a celebration this evening after dinner. The first lounge at Ochre Court was tastefully arranged by the Junior Sisters. We had French Pastry, cheese and crackers, wine, and coffee. We presented our coordinator with two sets of sheets and pillow cases.

December 20, 1972

The period of examinations for mid years ended to-day having begun on Saturday, December 16th.

December 25, 1972

Midnight Mass with special liturgy began with singing of carols in Great Hall at 11:45 followed by procession into Chapel. Sister Marianne Postiglione used portions of her own composition Mass For Life as part of the liturgy. We also sang her new Song of Joy. Father Joseph Dimino was the celebrant. There were about fifty guests present. After the liturgy a buffet was served in the Great Dining Room.

December 29, 1972

Day of Prayer and Penance opened with liturgy at 10:30 followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At five p.m. a talk by Rev. Joseph Dimino and benediction closed the day.

Sister Marie Corinne [Walsh] received word to-day that her brother-in-law went to God. He suffered a shock a few days ago.

January 1, 1973

among those killed in the crash were Illinois congressman George W. Collins, Dorothy Hunt (wife of intelligence officer and Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt), and CBS news reporter Michele Clark.

Happy New Year in the Lord. Sister Norma Orme arranged the liturgy to-day. Bishop Louis Gelineau set aside to-day as a day of prayer for peace. Hence the hymns for the most part had this theme – St. Francis Prayer for Peace, Let there Be Peace. Since it was also the Feast of the Mother of God we sang Radiant Virgin as the Responsorial Psalm. The renewal of Vows added to the solemnity of the Mass. We concluded with O Holy Night.

January 2, 1973

Sister Mary Christopher O'Rourke after four and one-half years as President of our College presented her resignation to the Board of Trustees effective June 15th.

January 3, 1973

Provincial Administrator, Sister Mary Kieran Flynn[,], Sister M. Nathaniel [Gallogly], Sister M. Mercy McAuliffe, Sister M. Siena O'Brien, Sister Monica Kelly, Sister Kathleen Farley met with the Sister Faculty to consider the general concerns of the College.

January 22, 1973

This evening we will celebrate the feast days for the months of December and January. Mass will be offered at five p.m. by Rev. Joseph Dimino[.] Those honored are the following: Sister Mary Noel Blute, S.M. Loretto O'Connor, S.M. Jean Tobin, S.M. [Jeannine] O'Brien, S.M. Diane Taylor, S. Francis de Sales Shea[,], S.M. Joannes Griffin, Sr. Mary Pickett