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Above: Seniors participate in Contemporary Social and Political Issues, an elective taught by Director of Admissions Eric DiMichele.

On the Cover: Regis students listen intently during a hybrid Chemistry class in the renovated Lecture Hall.

President's Report

The Room Where it Happened



It happened in Room 408. I can still picture Mr. Sabatelli pacing about while we sophomores discussed Richard Hofstadter's *American Political Tradition*. I can still picture how the desks were arranged. I can still picture my spot in that circle of chairs.

At that desk and in that classroom, I realized how I needed to spend my adult life: I needed to become an educator.

It's one of those moments whose details you can remember decades later. But why did my future become so clear at that precise time? Mr. Sabatelli, a Regis legend who shaped so many of us, certainly played an important role. My classmates, with their passions and brilliance, inspired me then as they do now. And the excitement for learning ignited by Regis must have factored in, too.

Whatever the precise alchemy, from that point forward the only profession I pursued — vocation, in fact — was that of a Catholic educator. For most of my career, that path has led me back to Regis.

Outside of my parents, Regis has formed me more than any other force in my life. Throughout my four years as a student and my 14 years as a faculty member and administrator, Regis students, teachers, and staff have made me the Ignatian educator I am today. When I left Regis in 2012 to serve as Head of School at Malvern Prep, an independent Catholic school outside of Philadelphia, I found myself regularly thinking of my colleagues, friends, and mentors at Regis, summoning their wisdom (or calling them!) when faced with a difficult decision. More recently, during my six years as a trustee, my admiration deepened for the people who make this life-changing institution a reality.

So the answer was obvious when the Board of Trustees asked me to return to 84th Street to serve as Interim President. I am humbled and honored to help lead this school.

Now, as one of the most unusual school years in Regis history concludes and we look ahead to the next one, we have much to do. We are determined to ensure that the next academic year restores the power of the Regis experience for our students, some of whom have not truly experienced Regis because of the limitations imposed by COVID-19. In addition, the morale of our resilient faculty and staff, who kept the school running for 15 months during a pandemic and unexpected leadership change, is critically important to me. We are also halfway through Regis' first Strategic Plan, which I had the honor of helping to craft as a trustee. Finally, my colleagues and I are committed to welcoming and caring for each student, regardless of his race or background. (I invite you to read my May 5 letter to the Regis community, available at news.regis.org, about the reason why our Jesuit identity and mission demand that we oppose racism.)

We could not do this important work without the profound generosity of the Regis community. Your gifts help Regis to change lives, which is how we change our world. We can't always identify the precise moments, but we know that on a daily basis — in Room 408 and throughout this building — Catholic young men are being transformed thanks to your commitment to our mission. As our public health situation improves, I look forward to introducing (or re-introducing) myself and thanking you in person over the coming months.

Sincerely,

Christian Talbot '93
Interim President

The Office of Development

A Remarkable Gift

A Regis scholarship is a remarkable gift. As the Class of 2021 finishes their remarkable four years on 84th Street, many of our seniors reflect on the day they opened the letter from Regis, offering them admission and a full scholarship to the top-ranked Catholic school in the country. This opportunity is a gift to those young men, and Regians grow in their awareness and gratitude as their time as students — and alumni — continues.

The Foundress and her family began this mission, one which is now sustained by thousands of supporters year in and year out. With a real cost today of \$25,000 per student, a Regis education cannot be reduced to a dollar amount, given the impact it makes on the lives of our young men and the impact they go on to make on the world as *Men for Others*.

The Annual Fund continues to be the most important source of support to sustain this tradition and mission of all-scholarship education. This year's effort, *For the Greater Glory*, calls us to support students who will be guided by the Jesuit motto: *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*. Our students are gifted young men, committed to excellence, leadership, and service, and they give us hope for the future.

Despite the challenges of the past year, the 2021 Annual Fund has seen strong performance through the first three quarters. With the end of the fiscal year on June 30th around the corner, we are deeply grateful for the many gifts that make the gift of a Regis education possible.

Reuniting Virtually

As the pandemic began last spring, the reunions for classes ending '0 and '5 were postponed. At the time, we naively believed that they might be pushed back a few weeks or a few months. Little did we know that COVID-19 would continue to wreak havoc well into 2021. Thus, the next cycle of reunions, for classes ending in '1 and '6 also needed to be reimaged.

On Saturday, April 24th, the Office of Development hosted a virtual reunion for a stunning 24 reunion classes. Early in the day, panel discussions took place via Zoom, with accomplished alumni, as well as faculty, staff, and current students participating. One alumni panel discussed the impact of COVID-19 on public health and the medical community. Another focused on the wide world of sports and how it has adapted to the many challenges posed by the virus.

There were also panels about Regis today, with one focusing on the high school broadly and another sharing an update on the REACH

Program. All panels were well-attended and, we hope, provided interesting information and an opportunity to connect.

The speaker events of the day culminated with an interview with NBC White House Correspondent Mike Memoli '00. Regis' Director of Communications, Kevin Brennan '03, a former DC reporter himself, interviewed Memoli in an engaging and interesting conversation that ranged from Regis to following Joe Biden on the campaign trail and beyond.

In the evening, alumni gathered for a virtual Mass, and then heard comments from Board of Trustees Chair Anthony DiNovi '80, Interim President Christian Talbot '93, Vice President for Development James Kennedy '02, and Director of Alumni Relations Jerry Russo '95. After these remarks, the most important aspect of the event took place: classmates gathered in Zoom rooms to reminisce, reconnect, and celebrate the milestone of an anniversary of graduating from Regis, whether 5 years ago or 65.

A Tax-Smart Giving Opportunity

With the return of the required minimum distribution (RMD) in 2021, a tax-smart way to support the school is through the IRA Charitable Rollover provision, which permits individuals over 70.5 years of age to distribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA to charity, free from federal income tax. Since the gift does not count as income, it may also help you avoid higher taxes on Social Security benefits, higher Medicare premiums, and higher tax brackets.

Please consider making a gift from your IRA by June 30 to help Regis meet its goal for the 2021 Annual Fund. For assistance in making a gift from your IRA, call 212-288-1142 or email Megwin Hoopes at mhoopes@regis.org. Please be sure to consult with your tax advisor before taking any action.

Many other virtual events have allowed the Regis community to stay connected despite the circumstances. The President's Dinner, typically hosted at the St. Regis Hotel, again took place on Zoom. We also used Zoom to hold our first edition of a program for members of the St. John Francis Regis Society, which recognized those who have made a planned gift to Regis.

Happily, small in-person events are beginning to return to Regis. We are grateful to the many members of our community who joined for a virtual event over the past 15 months, and we eagerly look forward to hosting you in person when it is safe and possible to do so.



For over
one
hundred
years,

Regis High School has sent forth *Men for Others* – deserving young men, formed in the Jesuit tradition, who go on to transform the world around them for the greater glory of God (*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* – AMDG). During these uncertain times, the exceptional value and impact of a Regis education is as important as ever.

Please consider making a gift to Regis by June 30, the end of the annual fund year. Visit regis.org/give to make a gift today. If you need help planning your gift, visit regis.org/waystogive or contact the Office of Development at 212-288-1142 or giving@regis.org.

Your gift to Regis makes possible the formation of each of our *Men for Others*. Thank you so much for your generosity!

News & Notes

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Christian Talbot '93 Named Interim President

On April 11, the Board of Trustees named Christian Talbot '93 Regis High School's Interim President. For Talbot, the former Head of School of Malvern Preparatory School in Pennsylvania, the appointment marks a homecoming to his alma mater, which he previously served with distinction for 14 years as a faculty member.

"I am humbled by this opportunity to return to Regis, an institution that profoundly shaped me academically, spiritually, and professionally," Talbot said. "It is an honor to serve once again alongside our talented faculty and staff. They do life-changing work in educating and forming our exceptional students in the Ignatian tradition."

A 1993 Regis graduate, Talbot has vast knowledge of and a deep passion for the school. In 1994 and 1995, he founded the Regis-Gonzaga Summer Program, which was an early prototype for the REACH Program. He worked at Regis from 1998 through 2012 as an English teacher, Chair of the English Department, head of the Faculty Council, and a founding faculty member and the first Dean of English for the REACH Program. Since 2017, he has served on the Board of Trustees, where he has been a member of the Executive Committee and Chair of the Education and Mission Committee.

From 2012 through 2017, Talbot served as the Head of School (i.e., President) at Malvern Prep, an independent Catholic middle school and college preparatory high school in Malvern, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. After Malvern Prep, he founded Basecamp Consulting, through which he has worked with high schools around the country on governance and strategy issues. Talbot also has taught a course entitled "Major Gift Fundraising: Strategy in Practice" as a Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania since 2019.

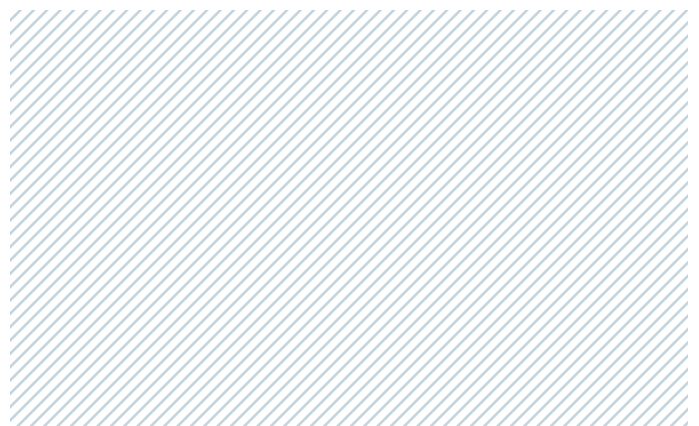
A 1997 graduate of Georgetown University who holds a Master's Degree from the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, Talbot serves on the Fordham Preparatory School Board of Trustees, where

he has been a member of the Executive Committee and Chair of the Mission Effectiveness Committee. He also has completed the "Seminars in Ignatian Leadership" offered by the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (now known as the Jesuit Schools Network).

"The Board is thrilled to have found a candidate with the experience required to run an institution like Regis who also knows the Regis community and has participated in its operations at every level," Board of Trustees Chair Anthony DiNovi '80 wrote in a letter to the Regis community. "We know he will steer the school through the remainder of the school year with skill and integrity. I know Christian well, and I could not be more excited by this choice. I hope you will all join me in congratulating and welcoming Christian in his role. Christian will certainly be among the candidates considered as the Board continues its work toward identifying and naming a full-time President."

Talbot replaced Fr. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, who was determined by a third-party investigation to have engaged in inappropriate and unwelcome conduct with adult members of the Regis community. For more information, please read DiNovi's April 11 letter to the Regis community, which is available in full at news.regis.org.

"Regis will emerge from this experience even stronger," DiNovi wrote. "After the last six weeks, I am convinced that we as a community have learned from this experience and will be better equipped than ever to fulfill our mission of transforming lives and forming *Men for Others*."



Regis Hosts 2021 JFR Day



On Thursday, May 13, the Regis community gathered to participate in the annual St. John Francis Regis (JFR) Day. Formerly a single day for examining a social justice topic, JFR Day has developed into a more holistic program, calling for students, faculty, and staff to study and discuss a single issue of moral significance throughout the academic year and consider the roles they play in creating a more just world through conversation, reflection, and prayer.

The theme of this year's JFR Day was "Race: School, Country, Church." Throughout the year, the Regis community has engaged in a critical examination of the moral and social issue of racism in our world, which has helped to shape the school's broader Race at Regis initiative to cultivate an environment of compassion and understanding for people of all backgrounds at Regis and beyond. (For more information on Race at Regis, please read the May 5 letter to the Regis community from Interim President Christian Talbot '93 that is available on regis.org.)

The day's events began with a keynote address from Hari Kondabolu, a stand-up comedian and former immigrant rights organizer who uses humor as a vehicle to provide social commentary on issues of race in America. After Kondabolu spoke and answered questions posed by Regis students, students were invited to convene with their advisement groups to debrief the morning's discussion and begin a dialogue on broader topics of race at Regis and beyond. Additional presentations followed over the course of the day, including an update on Race at Regis from Interim President Christian Talbot '93, Assistant Principal for Student Life Christian Mariano '99, and REACH Director of Recruiting and Admissions Alan Garcia '08.

"We're at the beginning of this conversation. This is not the end. I know JFR Day is an appropriate culmination to a year long conversation, but that conversation is really just starting," Talbot told the student body. "As a Jesuit school and as a Catholic school, we will continue to explore this question of Race at Regis both intellectually and spiritually."

Following the update, Garcia hosted a panel on the importance of acting as an ally with REACH Dean of English Language Arts and Regis English teacher Shannon Dey, REACH Program co-founder Clyde Cole '87, REACH teacher Dave Robles, and REACH and Regis graduate Brian Reyes '17. The day concluded with a school-wide Mass live-streamed from the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola, where freshmen and juniors celebrated in-person at a safe distance. Regis Principal Fr. Anthony D. Andreassi, CO, served as the primary celebrant and was joined on the altar by Fr. Arthur C. Bender, SJ, '67.

"This call to spread the kingdom calls us not only to act rightly and justly in how you and I live our lives every day, but it also calls us, just as importantly, to work to end systems that have historically marginalized other people," Fr. Andreassi said during his homily. "Let me be very clear. We must do this work not because of our adherence to an outside ideology or belief system. No, we must do this work because of our baptism, because of our identity as Christians and as members of a school rooted in the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the mission and the history of the Society of Jesus."

Regis Golfer Commits to the University of Pennsylvania

In December, in a momentous step for the recently revived Regis Golf program, George Roessler '21 signed a letter of intent to play Division I golf at the University of Pennsylvania. In a small, socially-distant signing day ceremony, family, friends, and coaches gathered in the Regis gymnasium to witness Roessler officially commit to continue his education and his golf career at the Ivy League school.

"We are living through an incredibly difficult time in the world right now," Roessler said, "and to enjoy the opportunity of a formal signing day where I was able to have my family and friends support me as I took the next step toward college was more than I could have ever imagined possible. I am very grateful for all the teachers, administrators, coaches, and friends who have supported me throughout my Regis career. I would not be in the position I am without them."

Roessler has played a key role in the revitalization of the Regis Golf program, which returned to competition in 2019 after a long hiatus. Only a sophomore that year, Roessler finished fourth in the state championship tournament. His junior season was upended by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Golf has been a part of my life since my first memory, and playing college golf has been a dream of mine since I was a little kid," Roessler said. "Regis has further provided me the opportunity to develop my academics, and I intend to represent our unique high school as best as I can at University."



Regis Classmates Earn 2021 Goldwater Scholarships For Physics Studies

In March, Regis classmates Alex Manduca '18 and Andrew Sullivan '18 were awarded the 2021 Goldwater Scholarship, the preeminent scholarship in mathematics, science, and engineering in the United States. Recognized from a pool of roughly 5,000 college sophomores and juniors, the college students were commended for their educational pursuits in the field of Physics and their intentions to pursue careers and research in STEM after college.

Established in 1986 in honor of the late Sen. Barry Goldwater, The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation has committed itself to providing deserving students a pathway to become STEM professionals and better serve the country in these areas. Out of this year's applicant pool, 1256 students studying the natural sciences, engineering, and mathematics were nominated by 438 academic institutions in the United States, and after final deliberation, 409 students were ultimately chosen to receive the prestigious award.

Sullivan, a Physics major at Columbia University, is grateful to receive this honor, and attributes his success to his teachers at Regis who cultivated in him a passion for science. "I developed a love for Physics in my junior year at Regis while in Dr. Matone's Physics class," said Sullivan, who also was an active member of Regis' Astronomy Club. "The course was my first introduction to Physics, so it was only then that I realized how interesting the subject could be. Dr. Matone was an excellent teacher and mentor, always willing to answer my questions both about class material and about Physics in general. It was incredibly motivating to have Dr. Matone, a physicist who contributed to LIGO, one of the most groundbreaking Physics experiments of all time, as my first Physics teacher."

Manduca, a Physics major at St. Joseph's University, expressed similar thanks to the educators who have shaped his interest in Physics. "At this Jesuit institution, I've had the good fortune of being mentored by extraordinary professors, like Dr. Paul Angiollilo, that encouraged me to reach out beyond the limits of our campus," said Manduca, who also studied Physics under Dr. Matone while at Regis. "This led me to Dr. Mark Devlin's lab at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Devlin gave me an opportunity to become a part of his laboratory and contribute to his research. These individuals, from Dr. Matone to Dr. Angiollilo to Dr. Devlin (and so many others along the way) have selflessly given their time and energy to mentor me and encourage me to pursue that which I love. These professors have exhibited the Ignatian ideal of being *Men for Others*. I hope that I too may be able to follow in their footsteps and give to future generations of students that which they gave to me."

After graduating, Sullivan will be pursuing a Ph.D. in Physics, hoping to become a professional researcher in gravitational physics and study unique astrophysical phenomena that can be observed with the new techniques of gravitational wave astronomy. Likewise, Manduca plans to obtain a Ph.D. in Astronautical Engineering, looking to begin a career conducting research and innovating in the fields of astronautics and spacecraft navigation.



Juniors Reach Finals In Investment Competition

In January, a team of Regis juniors was selected as regional finalists in the Wharton Global High School Investment Competition. Representing Regis as Owl Investments, the five Regions were one of just 50 teams recognized from roughly 1,000 competitors across the globe for the strength and creativity of their investment strategies.

Hosted by the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, The Wharton Global High School Investment Competition is a 12-week challenge in which students compete to win the chance to manage the wealth of a potential client. Presented with a case study, teams must create a compelling and creative long-term strategy, with some additional short-term goals. Along the way, students learn investing concepts and buy stocks for their portfolio using an online simulator.

"I've always been interested in learning about finance, and so since there weren't a lot of activities going on this summer, I took some online business-related courses, and I knew many of my friends were interested in finance too and doing similar things," Team Captain for Owl Investments Samuel Ngiam '22 said. "In terms of why we entered this competition in particular, it's judged based on your investment strategy. Most competitions give you a time period to invest and then you win based on how much money you make, whereas this competition is more about what you've learned and the thought process behind the stocks, and so we thought it would be a better learning experience for us."

Following the end of 10 weeks of trading, each team is required to submit a report detailing its recommended investment strategy, analytical approach, and competition journey. Owl Investments was one of 20 finalists selected from the United States. Joining Ngiam on Owl Investments were Donovan Barcelona '22, Julien Jerkovich '22, Andrew Kwok '22, and Aidan Slovinski '22.

"There were a lot of teams that ended up entering the competition," Barcelona said about the accomplishment of getting to the regional finals. "These are teams from all over the world, so when you look at it in the grand scheme of things, we were able to essentially compete with the best."

Regions Participate in Inaugural Jesuit Global Activism Leadership Summit

Last month, a contingent of Regions represented the United States in the inaugural Jesuit Global Activism Leadership Summit. Preston Ferraiuolo '22, David Ordonez '22, and Hugh Kane '23, alongside Theology Department Chair Maura Toomb Estevez, joined with 18 other Jesuit schools around the world to discuss contemporary issues facing societies today and envision solutions to the injustices faced by our global community.

Sponsored by St. Louis University High School in St. Louis, Missouri, the three-day summit was created in the Jesuit spirit of being called to the frontiers to live among and serve our neighbors near and far. Focusing on three specific goals, Zero Hunger, Gender Equality, and Affordable & Clean Energy, participants worked in mixed groups to develop an action plan to address their assigned issue in their respective home countries. The summit concluded with final presentations and the opportunity to further share cultural perspectives and ideas for a more united, just world.

"For me, it was surreal to have discussions at the same time with kids I would never meet," said Ferraiuolo, who took part in the Affordable & Clean Energy group. "Hearing those perspectives, it underscores that we're all in this together. It's not just going to affect one country, it was reinforced that this is a global problem that everyone feels." Ordonez expressed similar feelings from his conversations in his Gender Equality group and throughout the summit. "I think we've all seen how poverty, gender inequality, and the environmental crisis have affected not only us, but the whole world," said Ordonez, "so the chance to get to work on these real life issues is just an incredible experience."

While the inaugural summit was conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the students are eager to participate in next year's event, which hopes to invite U.S. and international delegations to St. Louis for broader conversations. "I am very much looking forward to next year's event, as the summit provided not only an opportunity to get to know other students around the world, but also to learn from them," Kane said.

Language Department Chair David Bonagura '99 Publishes *Staying with the Catholic Church*

In February, Scepter Publishers released the second book by David Bonagura '99, entitled *Staying with the Catholic Church: Trusting God's Plan of Salvation*. The book articulates the mission of the Catholic Church and why we need her as we navigate the challenges of the modern world.

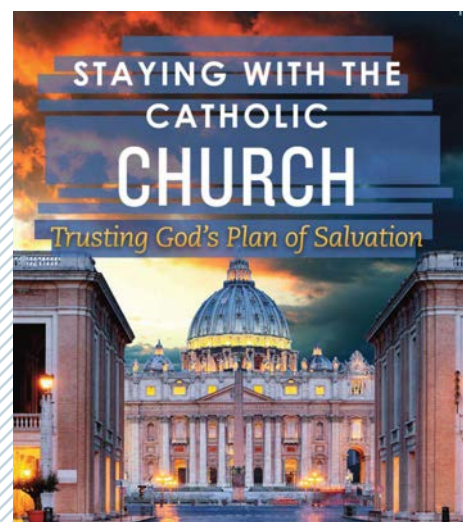
"I wrote the book because people are always asking about the Church," explained Bonagura, chairman of the Language Department and teacher of Latin and Theology. "Catholics have an intuitive grasp of God, of the incarnation, and of the sacraments. But they tend to have difficulty understanding where the Church fits in with God's plan, and how their parish that they attend each week is tied into a global entity. This book explains how the Church is the necessary means through which we are connected directly to Jesus Christ and through which we receive His grace in the sacraments."

The book contains six chapters, each of which takes its focus from common questions people have about the Church. These questions include what the Church is, why Jesus established her, why she has so many teachings, and what roles lay people have within the Church.

Two years ago, Bonagura released his first book, entitled *Steadfast in Faith: Catholicism and the Challenges of Secularism*, which articulates the nature of faith and belief in a world that is increasingly turning its back on God.

Bonagura credits his Regis education with giving him a start as a writer. "I first attempted to write a book when I was eleven years old," Bonagura joked. "When I came to Regis, I wrote for The Owl; I loved to write the articles about the cross country and track teams, which, in typical Regian fashion, were all peppered with inside jokes. But I really learned a lot about the writing craft in sophomore English. I still follow one lesson I learned then, and I pass it on to my students when correcting their essays: 'Show, don't tell!' In other words, state your ideas clearly and engage them immediately. Do not write phrases like, 'This line means' or 'This is significant because.' Rather, state what needs to be said without a warm-up. This way, the author's voice can be heard more forcefully."

Both of Bonagura's books are available at Amazon.com.



Regis Runner Commits to William & Mary

Before the start of Easter Recess, Regis student-athlete Luke Ellwood '21 signed a letter of intent to compete on the Division I track and cross country teams at The College of William & Mary. In a small, socially distant signing day ceremony in the Regis gymnasium, family, coaches, and classmates gathered to congratulate Ellwood on his accomplishments as he officially committed to continuing his education and athletic pursuits at college.

"Throughout the past couple of years, I had hoped that the opportunity to have a signing day like this would come to fruition for me, so for it to actually happen was very special," said Ellwood, whose love for the sport came during his first season at Regis. "To be able to have family, teammates, coaches, and faculty in attendance was also very important to me since each of those people has played a crucial role in my success to this point, probably more than many of them even realize."

Ellwood has earned distinct recognition and numerous accolades over his four years running for Regis. He currently holds the school record in the Freshman 1600 meter run, Sophomore 1600 meter run, and the Varsity Indoor 3200 meter run, and stands as the #2 all-time Regis runner on the 2.5 mile cross country course at Van Cortlandt Park. Despite the setbacks brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Ellwood maintained a remarkable senior season, finishing first or second in every league race, cross country competition, and indoor track meet.

"Luke possesses an amazing combination of determination, focus, calm demeanor, good humor, and willingness," David Bonagura '99, Head Coach of Regis' Track and Cross Country teams and Language Department Chair, said. "Just as importantly, he is the greatest teammate anyone could want: he is always encouraging his teammates, and even though he is the fastest guy, he is very much 'one of the guys' at all times. His humility is genuine, and it is inspiring."



Regions "Visit" Johannesburg For Annual ALAMAU Conference

In March, five Regions took part in the annual African Leadership Academy Model African Union (ALAMAU) conference. The only delegation representing the United States, the students participated in a series of committees and deliberations, determining solutions to address some of the most pressing issues facing the African continent.

Hosted virtually this year, ALAMAU is an annual conference held in Johannesburg, South Africa that provides young leaders a platform to practice international diplomacy by assuming the roles of African leaders. An almost entirely student-driven conference, ALAMAU seeks to bring together diverse groups of teenagers interested in global affairs and African development, providing them the resources and skills needed to become the next generation of changemakers.

Regions Brian Mhando '22, Sebastian Huerta '22, Christopher Chan '22, Wilkin de los Santos '22, and Julius Dorsey '23 took part in the four-day conference, and were joined by REACH Assistant Director Alan Garcia '08 as their delegation's moderator. The theme of this year's conference, An Africa United: Fostering Resilience Post-COVID-19, challenged the students to think critically about what life in Africa after the pandemic should look like, with specific regard towards technological advancements, bolstering economic systems, strengthening governing structures, and advancing continental unity. Mhando, Huerta, and Dorsey each won an award and recognition for their contributions throughout the conference.

"Initially, I was apprehensive about interacting with people a world away, fearful of how they would perceive me and my views, but once I began speaking with the students and coordinators, those fears melted away," said Huerta, who won Best Position Paper for his piece on current human rights abuses in Ethiopia. "Each person brought a unique perspective, and I was able to have great conversations with other teens."

Despite being unable to travel to Johannesburg this year, the team of Regions developed important skills in rhetoric, teambuilding, leadership, and analysis in their engagement with other students across the globe. They remain excited for the opportunity to visit South Africa next year and participate in future ALAMAU conferences.



Regions “Brave The Shave” To Fight Against Childhood Cancer

On Friday, February 26, students, faculty, and staff participated in the 10th Annual St. Baldrick's head-shaving event. Hosted by Catalyst, Regis' Christian Service club, the event raised money in the fight against childhood cancer, and encouraged members of the community to “brave the shave” and stand in solidarity with those impacted by the disease.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long, healthy lives. Worldwide, 300,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year, and in the U.S., more children die of childhood cancer than any other disease. Because children with cancer often lose their hair during treatment, “shavees” for the St. Baldrick's Foundation show their support by shaving their heads voluntarily, with the hope of inspiring friends and family to donate money to support childhood cancer research.

Hosted virtually this year, those shaving their heads gathered in a Zoom webinar, where one-by-one participants were brought to the virtual stage to shave their heads live. Fellow Regions cheered on throughout the event, and were invited to donate directly to the St. Baldrick's Foundation in lieu of, or in addition to, shaving their heads.

“St. Baldrick's has been a Regis tradition for the last 10 years, and has become an event I have looked forward to every year,” said Sebastian Cardena '22, who helped coordinate the day's activities. “Upon seeing that Catalyst had struggled with service opportunities in the last year, we decided that we should try to continue this act of humility and generosity into this new online world, hoping that we could raise awareness and facilitate solidarity among the Regis community.”

Regis Junior To Conduct Scientific Research Through Prestigious Mentorship Program

Brian Mhando '22 was accepted into the prestigious Regeneron High School Mentorship Program. Working alongside scientists at Regeneron headquarters this summer, Brian will work both inside and outside the lab to develop the scientific knowledge and critical thinking skills needed to conduct cutting-edge research.

Hosting one of the most selective high school science summer programs in the country, Regeneron recognizes the need to encourage, inspire, and train the next generation of student scientists. Students from across the country are invited to Regeneron headquarters for a six-to-seven week intensive program, where they are matched with top scientists in their field to serve as their mentors for the duration of the program.

“I heard about the internship through an aunt of a freshman, who funnily enough I met during the Regis Entrance Exam Day two years ago,” Mhando said. “The application process was challenging, but manageable. Not only did I need a teacher recommendation, but I had to answer a few short essay questions that tested my interest in science. There were also two interviews: one with a scientist, and one self-interview.”

Several Regis faculty and staff assisted Mhando throughout the application and interview process, including Mr. Eric DiMichele, Mr. Xavier Simon '05, Mr. Kurt Thiemann, and Dr. Stefano Cascapera, who provided Mhando with an array of scientific articles that helped him identify his scientific interests. “I didn't have the pleasure of teaching Brian in Chemistry when he was a sophomore, but his love for science and his wish to know more were the spark that

started the adventure to Regeneron,” said Cascapera. “We are all so happy and so proud of Brian. Our students are our future, and we are looking forward to having the same feeling for many other Regions in the months and years to come.”

A leader in biotechnology that has invested in lifesaving medicines for people with serious diseases for over 30 years, Regeneron has earned particularly widespread praise recently for its COVID-19 research. In November, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted approval for the company's antibody cocktail, which has proven effective in the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus cases in adults and children.

“I hope that this internship will help me gauge my interests in science,” Mhando said. “Although I am not sure what I want to do yet in college, I know that I love science, and hopefully not only do I find a potential career through this program, but I get to learn more about the research process in one of the most elite research facilities in the country.”







Safety First

How Regis Ran Its Own COVID-19 Testing Lab

When Regis High School transitioned to hybrid instruction to start the second trimester, the school implemented many health and safety protocols that have become common during the pandemic: daily health screenings, temperature checks, masks, properly distanced classrooms, and an internal contact tracing system, to name a few. But the Regis auditorium also became home to something you won't find at many high schools: a certified COVID-19 testing laboratory that could process on-demand rapid tests for students, faculty, and staff. Thanks to the hard work and ingenuity of Regis faculty, staff, and students, as well as the expertise and generosity of several alumni and parents, this complex operation allowed the school to operate effectively throughout the winter and spring with the confidence that there was no active transmission of COVID-19 inside our historic building.

Once the school decided to shift away from fully remote instruction, the desire for regular, random testing of the school community was clear, but the ideal approach was not. Several different COVID-19 tests have been developed during the pandemic with varying levels of effectiveness, cost, and ease of use. Researching which test to use and which external laboratory to partner with created many choices and variables, and the Regis administration was committed to making the most informed decision possible.

"There were a lot of options out there," Vice President for Operations Joseph Amatrucola, who led the effort, said. "We felt that it was important for the safety of our students, as well as for our parents, faculty, and staff, to know we were going to be keeping them as safe as possible."

After much consideration, as well as consultation with Dr. Anthony Fauci '58, onsite testing via the Abbott BinaxNOW™ rapid test emerged as the best potential option. Reliable, affordable, and compact, the Abbott test produces accurate results in 15 minutes, optimizing the school's testing procedures and providing peace of mind to users throughout the day. But the path forward remained murky. At the time these tests were scarce, and Regis still needed to identify a reliable and affordable laboratory to perform and process the tests. "The bottom line is that it was so new and unavailable to the common organization that it was just not accessible," Amatrucola said.

A Regis parent helped solve the problem. Dr. Kathryn Hutchinson P'18'22, Vice President for the Division of Student Affairs at St. John's University, had advised Amatrucola last summer as Regis worked to determine

proper COVID-19 protocols. As Regis looked for a testing solution, Dr. Hutchinson again proved invaluable. In addition to offering the school the opportunity to purchase extra Abbott tests that St. John's had, she assured Amatrucola that Regis could pull off its own onsite testing operation without the complexity and added expense of an outside laboratory.

"Use of the Abbott Binax antigen test for surveillance testing on campus has afforded St. John's the opportunity to provide weekly testing to our community, resulting in thousands of tests completed each month," Hutchinson said. "We are proud that not one member of the clinical testing team has contracted COVID-19 from doing this important work. Therefore, I was confident that by following all safety protocols, those engaged in the implementation of the testing program at Regis would also remain healthy. Regis is a special place showing extraordinary dedication to our sons even in the midst of a global pandemic, and creating testing capacity onsite is next level and certainly should make Dr. Fauci proud!"

With the access to testing kits now solidified and the encouragement of Dr. Hutchinson, Regis began pursuing the remaining steps necessary to run its own testing facility. In compliance with guidelines to operate a certified clinical laboratory in the state of New York, the school needed to identify a Lab Director to oversee the lab's operation and ensure compliance with regulations. As soon as the opportunity was presented to him, board-certified OBGYN Dr. Kevin Jovanovic P'22 eagerly signed on, assisting with training staff and advising dry runs of the lab before the project officially debuted in the building. "When I was asked, I was honored to be involved in any way I can for Regis," Dr. Jovanovic said. "Regis' mission





of *Men for Others* is such a gift for the young men who attend. My son, Luke, loves the school and has benefited so much. I am happy I can give something in return.” In addition to Dr. Jovanovic, Dr. Christopher Bandera ’06, a pediatrician, signed on to serve as the prescribing physician for the school’s COVID-19 tests, a final administrative piece that allowed the Regis lab to launch.

Starting the week of February 1, Regis began testing roughly 20% of its in-person population. For the individuals being tested, the process was simple: arrive in the auditorium at your scheduled time, receive a nasal swab and swab each nostril, turn in your swab, and wait 15 minutes to receive an email with the result of your test.

For the faculty and staff who volunteered their time and knowledge to maintain the lab’s day-to-day responsibilities, it was more complicated. Assistant Principal for Student Life Christian Mariano ’99 maintained a record of tests administered, randomly selecting approximately 50 individuals to be rapid tested each week. Science Department Chair Dr. Stefano Cascapera and English Teacher William Hanlon ’04 served as laboratory technicians, and Mathematics Teacher Meghan Kiernan and Director of the REACH Program Doug Eickman ’05 logged patient information and testing data in an online database developed by the Regis IT department. Director of Information Technology Jose Machuca ’92 was instrumental in reporting results to the Department of Health. Joining the adult volunteers, several students from Regis’ Medical Science Club assisted in the lab, their service seen as a unique opportunity for students to learn valuable scientific skills. “Students’ participation in the lab is essential, and the benefits of their work go both ways,” Dr. Cascapera said. “Students are on the front line in the effort to keep Regis safe, using the latest tools to screen subjects for COVID-19. Being part of the lab helps enrich our students’ educational experiences by showing them the real-life applications of theories that they are learning in class.”

Volunteering their Monday mornings every week, Benjamin Kaiserman ’22, Alexander Greene ’22, Alexander Graber ’23, Jaden Oh ’22, and Christopher Tomeo ’22 fulfilled several lab duties as necessary, eager to explore their career interests and passions for science. “It’s really exciting to be able to apply my freshman biology class knowledge to the real world,” said Oh, whose responsibilities in the lab included processing tests, entering test results in the Regis database, and acting as a second observer to confirm the results of each test. “We learned about how viruses replicate quickly in the human body, and the different types that they were distinguished into based on their genetic material and modes of replication. With this information, I feel that I have a firmer knowledge of how and why the rapid tests were designed in the way they were. I would certainly say the experience has enriched my scientific understanding, even out of the classroom.”

While weekly random testing was the primary focus of the Regis laboratory, the infrastructure in place allowed for several additional applications. For example, students and chaperones were tested for COVID-19 prior to departing for in-person retreats and in advance of the senior dinner cruise on the Hudson (in place of Senior Prom). In addition, if anyone in the building developed systems suggestive of COVID-19, on-demand tests were available to the school nurse and results were immediate. While everyone at Regis looks forward to a more typical academic year in 2021-22, the administration knows that the Regis High School Clinical Laboratory will continue to play an important role to keep the school community safe.

“I’m really proud of the process we went through and the tremendous amount of support from every angle,” said Amatrucola, who expressed thanks to the many individuals, including Dr. Hutchinson, Dr. Jovanovic, Dr. Bandera, Dr. Fauci, and all the staff and students who played a role in bringing a full-fledged, certified testing facility to 84th Street.

When Fr. Mike Rizzo '77 preaches, new members of his parish sometimes end up with confused looks on their faces. It's not because Fr. Rizzo's homilies are esoteric or unapproachable. Catholics just aren't used to a priest telling a story about his wife or his son to begin his sermon.

Retiring *to the* Priesthood

On June 6, 2020, Bishop Kevin Vann ordained four new priests for the Diocese of Orange at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. Michael J. Rizzo, a 60-year-old widower, father, and business executive, was among them and now serves as a parochial vicar at Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Huntington Beach.

"I retired to the priesthood," Fr. Rizzo jokes.

It's a busy retirement. Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals, counseling sessions, ministering to the sick, and the many other varied responsibilities of a parish priest pack his schedule. But Fr. Rizzo is thrilled with this radically new stage of his life, and his journey to this holy calling is as inspiring as it is unusual.

In one sense, Fr. Rizzo's path to the priesthood began on the worst day of his life. His beloved wife, Rosemary, a two-time cancer survivor, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at their home in Lake Oswego, Oregon on February 28, 2012. Her passing devastated Mike and their son, John, who was in the middle of his freshman year at Claremont McKenna College. Mike had planned to retire soon after a successful career in business, and he and Rosemary were looking forward to traveling and eventually moving close to wherever John settled after college.

"We had a plan, and I didn't have any independent plan," Fr. Rizzo says. "It was all part of my wife and I as a team in this plan, and so that plan was obviously shot."

Still, in the aftermath of Rosemary's death, the thought of entering the priesthood had not entered his mind. But the seed had been planted much earlier.

Mike Rizzo grew up on Staten Island in a service-oriented, Catholic family. His father worked as a New York City firefighter, and his mother eventually joined the New York City Police Department as a civilian employee. He credits his mother with pushing him to consider Regis after the principal at St. Teresa's recommended he apply. The decision to make the 90-minute commute each morning and evening completely changed his trajectory, Fr. Rizzo says. "Everything in my life really started with the opportunity that I had at Regis."

Regis also deepened Rizzo's faith. The Theology curriculum — a far cry from the religion courses he took in Catholic grammar school — expanded his understanding of and intellectual engagement with Catholicism, and he has wonderful, vivid memories of school retreats. In between classes, he used to duck into the empty Chapel of the Sacred Heart to play the organ. But during his time on 84th Street, Rizzo never felt pulled to the priesthood. His mind was set on becoming a lawyer.

Rizzo went on to Cornell and then the University of Michigan Law School. He began his legal career in New York and married Rosemary. The couple initially struggled to have children, and in the early 1990s, Rizzo started to have conversations about becoming a deacon. But soon Rosemary became pregnant with John, and the bank Rizzo worked for promoted



him to a position that required the family to relocate to Oregon. With a new baby, a busy job, and a move to the west coast, any plans to get more involved with the Church had to be placed on hold.

Rizzo went on to great success in his professional career, becoming president and chief operating officer of a subsidiary of US Bank and later the general counsel and chief operating officer of ALEKS, an online adaptive learning service. As he began to contemplate retirement with Rosemary, Rizzo again briefly entertained the idea of becoming a deacon before Rosemary passed away, at which point his focus became the well being of his son.

Eventually, Rizzo found himself feeling unfulfilled at work for the first time in his career. He decided to undertake something he had always wanted to try but never could carve out time for: the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. His professional responsibilities prevented him from doing a full 30-day retreat, but Rizzo signed up for a weekly program at a local parish. At one point during the Exercises, he found himself, for the first time in his life, feeling the urge to become a priest. He quickly dismissed the notion as ridiculous.

"I'm old," Rizzo told himself. "I'm not very holy. The extent of my holiness was I went to Mass my whole life."

Still, he felt spiritually renewed by the Exercises, so he decided to do them again. On his second go-round, the call to become a priest grew even stronger. Rizzo brought this up to the priest leading the Exercises, expecting him to agree that the idea was silly. "You need to pursue that," the priest told him. (Read more about the impact the Spiritual Exercises had on Fr. Rizzo in the article that follows this one.)

So he did. After much prayer and ensuring his son felt comfortable with the decision, Rizzo entered the seminary, diving into his studies and formational training. "Honestly, if you ever get the chance, the seminary is like a six-year sabbatical," Fr. Rizzo jokes. "I loved it." Of course, he wasn't a typical seminarian. Twice the age of most of his peers, he served at times as a father figure to the young seminarians, offering advice based on his much more substantial life experiences. He also often found himself advising the rector on legal questions or human resources issues facing the seminary.

He graduated from the seminary in May 2020, was ordained the following month, and began his ministry at Sts. Simon and Jude. Any lingering doubts about his atypical midlife career change quickly dissipated. "It is astonishingly comfortable," Fr. Rizzo says. "It's like I was made for it. I don't know how you say that without sounding arrogant. I'm not, but it just feels right."

While Fr. Rizzo doesn't have as much experience in ministry as most priests his age, he brings to his new vocation a depth of life experience that he constantly draws upon while serving his parishioners. When he counsels a couple struggling in their marriage or one preparing to be married, he cites examples from his relationship with Rosemary. When



he ministers to the sick or comforts the bereaved, he remembers his wife's battles with cancer or his own grieving process after her death. And, yes, his homilies regularly feature stories about "my wife" and "my son," which by now most regular church-goers in the parish have come to expect.

"I don't quote St. Thomas Aquinas in my homilies," Fr. Rizzo explains. "I am a down to earth guy who preaches the way I wanted to be preached to when I was sitting in the pews. I draw connections to every element of my life."

Almost a decade after Rosemary's passing, Fr. Rizzo loves this new stage of his life. He trusts that his wife is in heaven, he lives a short drive from his son and daughter-in-law, and he feels invigorated and fulfilled by his ministry.

"It's just a pleasure to do what I do, and I don't think it's sort of the new car smell of this. I think it's actually that I really like this, and I can't fathom not liking it."

Ask him about the future, and Fr. Rizzo, referencing his father's work for the FDNY, talks about engaging in active ministry for at least 20 years before eventually slowing down and spending more time with his family.

"I can put my 20 in, work until I'm 80, and still enjoy my grandkids," Fr. Rizzo says. "God blessed me to do that, and that will have been a pretty amazing end to my working career."

Amen.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

The Fourth Day

HOW THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS CHANGED MY LIFE

By Fr. Michael J. Rizzo '77

One of the great lessons of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola is that we must recognize just how small and sinful we are before we can appreciate how great our Lord is. Given that, it is rather awkward to be featured in a magazine that is read by thousands of men who are far smarter and far more successful than I. Even more awkward is presuming that I actually have something of value to share regarding my experience with the Exercises. However, as a Man for Others, I'm compelled to respond favorably when asked for assistance.

Prior to 2012, participating in the Exercises was a rather unrealistic dream. I was a husband, father, lawyer, and banking executive. There was no way that I could be completely out of touch for 30 days. However, in August, 2012, about six months after my wife passed away, I discovered that a nearby parish was offering a "19th Annotation" version of the Exercises commonly referred to as "Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life." For those Jesuits and others who have participated in a 30-day retreat, this version of the Exercises might be also called "Exercises Light," but the weekly format was the best that I could hope for given my work schedule. I simply prayed that I would derive some value from this attempt at deepening my spirituality. Little did I know that this spiritual journey would radically change my life.

In the opening stages of the Exercises, I was captivated by the notion that all sin, even sin that is theoretically "private," has a social consequence. I had always regarded myself as a "good" husband, father, son, friend, and overall Catholic. Yet, I was challenged to examine my life far more critically and objectively than ever before. This culminated in a "General Confession" during which I was required to re-confess (or to confess for the first time) every sin that I could recall since I achieved the age of reason in 1966. Suffice it to say, examining more than 45 years of my life was a daunting, depressing, and disappointing task. I wasn't very happy with my many faults and flaws. I was especially unhappy with having to read a list of these sins during the sacrament of Confession. Yet, giving St. Ignatius his due, the end result of the process was that, for the first time, I was completely free to become the man that God intended me to be.

So, when the topic in a later week was the "Call of the King," I was astounded by the impact that it had on me. My mind was continually

drawn to the concept that I was being called to be a priest. In other words, I sensed that my King needed me and I was being asked to respond. Of course, I thought the whole notion was completely ridiculous. After all, I was 53 years old; I was not in the least "holy enough" to presume to be a priest; I had an amazing son, a fine career, and, notwithstanding the absence of my wife (who I was certain was with God for eternity), a very blessed life. There was no possible way that the King was calling me. It had to be a spammer or a wrong number. Nonetheless, the nagging call persisted.

When I completed the Exercises in early November, I felt spiritually renewed. But, I also felt that I could really benefit from going through them again to see if I might learn even more. To be honest, I was also really struck by the priest who led the Exercises. He was a very holy, very down to earth guy from New York who was truly inspiring. So, I signed up again.

My second time through, I was able to go much deeper and to understand things at a more profound level. I didn't need to make another General Confession, but I certainly remembered how it felt the first time. There was only one problem: The call of the King was louder and more persistent than before. Because I was having a very hard time ignoring that call, I thought that I should speak with the leader of the Exercises (my New York priest "friend") who I was certain would tell me that I was clearly out of my mind and that I should dismiss such a crazy notion. I think that's all it would have taken to send me on my way without giving the priesthood another thought. Imagine my surprise when I explained my situation to him and he very enthusiastically said, "You need to pursue that." When I emphatically said, "But, Father, I'm 53 years old." He responded, "God knows how old you are. You should pursue this." My journey to priesthood began the very next day. Did I mention that he was inspirational?

Suffice it to say that the Exercises opened my heart and mind to a truly radical change in my life. They helped me to hear God's call and to respond to it. They helped me through my long discernment and formation process and they continue to be a powerful influence in my life as a priest. In fact, my devotion to Ignatian Spirituality (as a result of the Exercises) often prompts people ask me if I am a Jesuit priest. For me, that is the highest compliment that anyone could ever pay me.

Regis' First Rhodes Scholar



Brian Reyes '17 didn't go to Yale dreaming of becoming a Rhodes Scholar. He didn't choose his summer internships or his extracurricular activities based on how they would look on a Rhodes application. It just wasn't on his radar or in his plans.

At Yale, Reyes threw himself into the subjects he felt passionately about and devoted his time outside of the classroom to supporting organizations whose missions he deeply believed in. Ironically, it was that intense focus on what he genuinely cared about — not what he thought would look good on a resume — that led to Reyes becoming the first Regis alumnus to win a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

"I really did not think I would win until I won it," Reyes said after being selected in November as one of 32 students in the American Rhodes Scholar Class of 2021. "Up until even after I interviewed, I didn't think I was going to get it."

Winning the most renowned scholarship in the academic world may have been unexpected, but it also was well earned. The Rhodes Scholarship is a testament to Reyes' brilliance, drive, and desire to serve others. It is also the latest highlight on an inspiring journey that began with his immigrant parents' commitment to his education, continued through his time with the REACH Program and at Regis, and likely will include a future career dedicated to helping underserved communities in the United States.

When Reyes first walked into the UK Fellowships Office during his junior year at Yale, he intended to discuss other, slightly less well-known postgraduate programs. During their conversation, the administrator asked why he wasn't applying for a Rhodes Scholarship. Reyes told her that he didn't think he had a realistic chance of winning one. His perception was that a successful Rhodes application usually involved a demonstrated commitment to or mastery of one specific academic subject or societal issue. Reyes' activities and interests were varied and didn't fit as neatly into one category.

"I just felt like my accomplishments weren't flashy enough," Reyes says. The Yale administrator thought

Brian Reyes '17 was selected as one of 32 students in the American Rhodes Scholar Class of 2021. Inset: a photo of Reyes during his first year as a student in the REACH Program.

otherwise. “What I think she saw,” Reyes explains, “and what I began to see as I started to write my own personal statement and think about my narrative, was that the common thread running through everything that I had done was a motivation essentially to enhance opportunity and equity.”

As a freshman at Yale, Reyes began volunteering with Connecticut Students for a Dream, a grassroots, statewide organization that focuses on issues facing immigrant communities in the state. He did legislative advocacy work with the group supporting a successful bill that expanded financial aid to undocumented students at Connecticut state colleges. Through the same organization, Reyes worked on a voter registration campaign targeting young people of color in the state. At Prosperity Now, a Washington, D.C.-based anti-poverty organization, Reyes helped research and write policy agendas and authored articles for their blog. He also has been active with La Casa Cultural, Yale’s cultural center for Latino students, and was the co-president of the school’s Dominican Students Association.

The motivation for all of this work stems partially from a specific interaction Reyes had with his father after receiving his letter of admission to Yale. His father, who came to the United States from the Dominican Republic as a teenager and drives a truck for the Coca-Cola Company, told Reyes that despite the country’s flaws his amazing achievement only could have happened in America. While he shared in his father’s excitement, Reyes also in the moment thought about all those from similar backgrounds and with similar stories who would never achieve the same American dream. His advocacy work in college, though varied, all centered around improving the experiences in the United States for people from underserved communities.

“Even though it was somewhat disparate, it was all driven by that vision of trying to care for people who are just generally voiceless in the U.S. and trying to advocate for their welfare in spaces where they otherwise wouldn’t be,” Reyes says.

This vision, along with his stellar academic record, became the central focus of Reyes’ Rhodes application. After participating in the first-ever virtual selection process due to the pandemic, Reyes found out in a Zoom room that he was one of two students from his New York district being offered the sought-after scholarship to study for two years at Oxford.

As the shock of this news wore off, it quickly gave way to gratitude. “The phrase that came to mind immediately after winning it was, ‘It takes a village,’” Reyes says. “Because it truly, truly did for me.”

The most important figures in that village are his parents, immigrants from the Dominican Republic who prioritized his education. Growing up in East Harlem and then the Bronx, Reyes attended St. Ann School in Harlem and, in the summer before sixth grade, joined the REACH Program, where he spent the next three years undergoing intense academic preparation and leadership formation in the hopes of earning a scholarship to a Catholic high school. At REACH, Reyes also found models for how he would like to lead his life in the form of the Regis staff members who run the program.

“The first institution that really showed me adults living their lives fully committed to some vision of the common good was REACH,” Reyes,

who went on to work at REACH throughout high school, says. “They focused their lives on helping me and other people like me, and I think that realization that that goodness in people existed, and that you can make some sort of profession out of that, I think that was one of my core motivating factors when as a high school student I decided that social justice, in broad terms, would be the thing that I would devote my life to.”

Reyes excelled academically at Regis. He attributes much of his success in the classroom at Yale to the foundation laid on 84th Street, saying that he was surprised when some of his freshman courses in college felt easier than the classes he had taken in high school. The Regis community also played a pivotal role in helping Reyes win the Rhodes Scholarship. After Reyes found out he was a finalist for the scholarship, Regis Director of Admissions Eric DiMichele connected him with John Calhoun ’05 and Ben Buchanan ’08, both of whom won Marshall Scholarships and had gone through the Rhodes application process. Reyes says that their advice proved invaluable.

During his time at Regis, Reyes also saw imperfections and has worked to help the school improve. At times, Reyes didn’t feel like he fit in at the school, and he watched some of his REACH classmates and other friends struggle academically and socially. Reyes and classmate Tobi Ayeni ’17 undertook a project during their senior year to study how Regis could attract more students of color and first-generation students from low-income families and ensure that these students feel fully supported and comfortable at the school. He has continued this work during college, serving on the Admissions and Recruitment task force of the Race at Regis Initiative and as a leader of Heritage Club Alumni, a group of Black and Latino alumni who meet regularly and have supported the school in its efforts to address and prevent racism at Regis. (A feature story on this group will be published in the next issue of this magazine.)

“Regis has a lot of potential to change lives,” Reyes says. “Because I know it changed mine.”

Reyes will bring his passion for serving others to Oxford, where he plans to pursue a two-year Master of Philosophy degree in comparative social policy. He hopes that the experience will allow him to return to the United States with a repertoire of policy ideas from around the globe that will allow him to be open-minded and innovative in his future professional work. While he doesn’t know the exact form that future career will take, he is confident it will focus on seeking to help marginalized communities experience and believe in the same American dream his father spoke of four years ago.

“I think my task, as I go through this very elite and very connected world, will be always to keep in mind that original memory of my father and that grounding reason of why I do what I do,” Reyes says. “I’ve been granted this opportunity that will allow me to walk spaces that by the luck of the draw my father will not be able to walk, despite him being a very intelligent and capable man, and I just have to make sure that I honor him, and my mother as well, in how I use that access.”



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Greg Byrne reports the expected arrival of a great grandchild at the end of January. Congratulations Greg.

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The official class notes according to McCarthy: We continue to lose people, as might be expected from a bunch of octogenarians. In November and December, **Gene Reilly** passed away, as did **Frank Lynch**. We also lost **Bernie Tracey's** wife, Joan. Gene Reilly was an electrical engineering graduate of Manhattan College and (like most of the surviving Regis/Manhattan alumni from our year) a continuing contributor to our college. Frank Lynch deserves a special mention from me both because of his many fine qualities and because I knew Frank in so many situations over the years, beginning — as Frannie Lynch — in the first grade at Blessed Sacrament School in Jackson Heights. And so to Regis, and then to Manhattan, where I signed up for the BA program and Frank for engineering ... until registration day, when he found himself scheduled for a weekly forty hours of classes and labs. He suddenly became a BA candidate. Later, he decided to be a Math major until, after weathering calculus and a serious course in physics, he changed plans once more and joined several of us in a relatively painless Labor-Management major in the business school. This enabled us to get some "practical" training while still acquiring a thin veneer of civilization: Homer, Thermopylae, Stendhal, Aristotle, with just a touch of the Sicilian Vespers. After college, Frank became a management trainee at Metropolitan Life. A year or so later, the Army beckoned, ready or not. And so, early one morning he and I took the subway to Whitehall Street, where they boxed us up and shipped us off to a loathsome week

at Fort Dix and, subsequently, to a whole heap of other forts. Frank and I had similar aptitudes (except in athletics, of course) and our names were near each other alphabetically, so they sent us along together until we landed in the same ordnance company in Korea. Frank later escaped to become a chaplain's assistant at a nearby HQ compound. Later, back home, we went to each others' weddings — he ushered at mine — and during Frank and Peggy's brief few years here in Manhasset, we got to meet each others' growing progeny. All this while, Frank continued his rise at Met Life. I suspect his biggest step was to be picked to head the company's first regional home office, in Tampa. This project proved successful, and Frank was sent to run the next such office, in Tulsa. Later he helped to flex the company's wings in foreign lands by heading a new office in Tokyo, and later in Seoul. There were several assignments back in New York, where he ultimately returned as a senior Vice President. So much for the career, and for the strenuous effort required of Frank and Peggy. How about Frank the man? He came from a large family of first and second generation Americans. He was the youngest of six children, and his siblings sure got around: while he was a GI in Korea, his eldest brother was a missionary priest in Nyasaland, his other brother was in the Navy in California, and one of his three sisters was a Navy wife in Yokosuka. An advantage of having three older sisters is that one learns to dance (he did a mean Lindy with my cousin Pat at my wedding in 1958). If I had to measure Frank against everyone I have met in these 87 years, I would rank him possibly as the standout. He was a remarkable athlete, but completely devoid of that bullying entitlement that is sometimes found among those so gifted. He had a feeling of empathy for the geeky people among us. Frank was devout, but without a trace of competitive piety. His good nature shone through to all around him. But his strength and athleticism were apparent to all. As I once overheard a Southern GI say, "One guy I wouldn't mess with is that Leench!" All who knew him have truly mourned his passing. Blessed be his family. So ends the genuine McCarthy class notes.

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We mourn the deaths and salute the exemplary lives of two classmates who influenced and inspired many, one as a spiritual father, and one as a loving dad and intellectual mentor. **Rev. George A. Restrepo, SJ** died at the Murray-Weigel Jesuit Community on December 20, 2020. After Regis, he entered the Society of Jesus, later as a scholastic taught at Loyola School, and was ordained in 1965. George taught at the Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and then spent two years studying for an M.A in the Art of Cinema at N.Y.U. In 1973, George began 35 years in pastoral apostolates at parishes in Baltimore. In 2008, George moved to Canisius College, and later became an instructor of Fine Arts and a chaplain at the Catholic Academy of West Buffalo. After a serious fall, he retired to Murray-Weigel. About his parish work, Fr. George wrote: "In Baltimore, I was involved in a variety of activities—starting an opera and film series, which large crowds attended, as well as presiding at baptisms, weddings, funerals, and making hospital visits. In Buffalo, in teaching religion to grades 3–8, I loved the work and the students. They enjoyed how I used the many photos, videos, film, music, and religious art I've collected." **Jim Joyce, SJ '63**, who also lives at Murray-Weigel, recalled the delight George took in showing films to fellow-Jesuits, despite their occasional impatience with his "brief" introductions. Fr. Jim notes: "George's last two weeks were difficult as dementia set in. George had a deep faith, an easy acceptance of anyone he met, and a love of film and the theatre. He celebrated his 87th birthday on December 19th and died quietly the next day in his room at Murray-Weigel. May his good soul rest in peace." From **Larry Boland**: "After George retired, we had a short discussion by email, focusing on the state of the Church. In spite of some sad commentary, I was pleased to find that George preached orthodoxy to the chagrin of some of his fellow Jesuits." **James J. Grant, Jr., Ph.D.** died on August 14, 2019 in Holmdel, N.J. After Regis, he earned his bachelor's degree

in physics from Manhattan College, a master's at Rensselaer, and his doctorate at Fordham University. Jim spent his entire career at St. Peter's College (now University) as a faculty member, chair of the Physics Department, Dean and Academic VP until his retirement in 2010. Predeceased by his wife, Edythe, he was a loving father to a son and three daughters, and grandfather to seven. Here are brief quotes from tributes by his son and one of his daughters given at his memorial service. James Grant III: "Our father was a wonderful, wise, and compassionate man. His passion for teaching was obvious both in and out of the classroom. Over the years, students have reached out to him to thank him for the impact he had on their lives. As a teacher and a grandfather, he greatly enjoyed bringing the grandchildren to science centers, zoos, museums, and anywhere that he could show them some wonder." Jim's daughter Terry Grant, Ph.D., teaches math at Western Michigan University: "My father was always there, always steady, calm, easy to talk to. His love of teaching inspired me to follow in his footsteps. For my first two years as a student at St. Peter's, I commuted with Dad, and we would talk about all sorts of things. Dad was Dean of the college, and sometimes we would preface our conversations with a disclaimer: this is a father-daughter talk, not a Dean-student talk."

Jerry Kappes reports: "I had a cordial phone conversation with Jim's daughter Terry, and she spoke glowingly of her father's great affection for Regis and his student days. Thanks to **Bill Armbruster '67**, I connected with two of Jim's colleagues at St. Peter's." Ginny Bender, Ph.D., chief of staff to the president of St. Peter's, and **Fr. Art Bender's, SJ '67** sister-in-law, writes: "I was fortunate to know 'Dr. Grant' while I was a student from 1974 to '78. My husband, Rich, was a Physics major and remembers Dr. Grant fondly as a great teacher with high standards, always smiling, and truly caring of people. I then got to know 'Jim' as a colleague when I started to work at Saint Peter's. I came to respect his leadership, keen insights, and on a personal level, his humanity and kind-heartedness. Our current provost, Dr. Frederick Bonato, described Jim as a faithful servant devoting his more than a fifty-year career to Saint Peter's." Another colleague, Eileen L. Poiani, Ph.D., writes: "Scholar, physicist, professor, administrator, quintessential academician—Dr. James Grant excelled in every responsibility he shouldered.

He was as wise as the 'Owl' of his alma mater, Regis High School. Living the values of his Jesuit education, Dr. Grant was always a 'man for others' who as a revered teacher gave *cura personalis* to his students and set the tone for his colleagues to do the same. His legacy continues through the accomplishments of the many students whom he taught." **Jack Magan** remembers: "I can see Jim in my mind's eye in his herring-bone jacket he wore. Bright, bright guy. RIP, Jim." **Leu Bowlby**: Jim was a nice guy. Brilliant, too. As I recall, he never took a final exam having gotten 90 or above from Freshman to Senior Year in every subject in every semester." One advantage of being "four-score & seven" in dealing with COVID-19 and vaccinations, as of 2/05/21, the proverbial lucky "shot in the arm" became a welcome reality for many of us, including **John Amabile, Bob Baron, Jim Brennan, Harry DeMaio, Bill Dougherty, Mike Hayes, Jerry Kappes, Ed Kelly, Al Kenneke, Gerry Loftus, Frank Neeson, John Peloso** reports: "Betty and I are at our winter home in Florida as there was no safe way to get together with our kids for the holidays. Here we can walk and enjoy the good Florida weather. We read a lot, and I continue to pursue my avocation of oil and watercolor painting." **Bob Baron**: "Charlotte and I are doing well. I use Zoom to keep in touch with people around the country. In the last six months we published *25 Years of Keeping Working Lands in Working Hands*; a book on law enforcement, *My Non-Political FBI: From Hoover to a Violent America*; and by the late Huey Johnson, *Something of the Marvelous: Lessons Learned from Nature and My Sixty Years as an Environmentalist*. Working with creative people keeps life interesting and educational." **Lee Sculti**: "Just re-reading Fulcrum's "Life in New York." A good chuckle, much needed in these times. Thanks again, **Bob Baron**." **Harry DeMaio**: "Octavius Book 13, *A Case of Déjà vu*, will be out momentarily, and Book 14, *The Case of Cosmic Chaos* is at the publishers. Release date not yet determined." **Gerry Loftus**: "I'm still under involuntary confinement. However, the Riderwood staff here is doing something right. Only 10 deaths of the 2,500 Riderwood residents since May 27, 2020. I've been trying to keep busy since the PET (Personal Energy Transportation—self-propelled carts built near Riderwood) project ended last March. I missed my annual trip to Cape Cod in 2020. Hopefully,

I will settle for an early October 2021 trip." **Ed Kelly**: "Family doing well. Life continues with daily Mass online, and parish men's group, board meetings for two classical music organizations, classical music performances, medical visits (all via Zoom). We still walk almost every day, even in cold weather, and I still do my cardiac rehab exercises. Reading more religious texts and lawyer/investigator fiction. We do not have a television set, so no Netflix, etc. A quiet life now, hopefully much better in 2021." **John Amabile**: "In 1994, I joined with 63 other New York litigators and judges to each contribute a chapter to 'Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts,' a work that has expanded and is still widely praised. My chapter 'Responses to Complaints,' is now over 500 pages with 3,000 footnotes. I also contributed a chapter to 'Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts' in its first four editions, but have declined the offer to continue for the fifth edition. Meanwhile, Christina and I enjoy our new life at Carlyle Place here in Macon, Georgia." **Frank Neeson**: "In many respects, 2020 will be remembered as the nightmare that was—frustration and the family gatherings that never were. Still, the Brennans and Neesons joined hosts Betty and **John Peloso** for their annual get-together. And joy on the home front — my favorite son-in-law, Kevin Flood, and daughter Kathy became grandparents, and three newborns soon arriving in the family. One great mystery: how did **Harry DeMaio** dancing a wicked Charleston intrude on my dream—where might it have been? Saddened to learn of the passing of both George and Jim, R.I.P." **Al Kenneke**: "Joan and I continue to hold on to our independence, but it's getting more difficult, aggravated by COVID isolation. Joan keeps going with reading and recommends *Pilgrimage to Eternity* by Timothy Egan and *The Body Keeps the Score* by Bessel Van Der Kolk. We in the Kenneke Clan of 17 hope Biden and the Congress will get a grip on COVID, make real progress on climate change, and reduce social and economic inequalities. But we are in our 20th year at war in the Middle East! Will it ever end, this war whose only result has been the killing or the physical and psychological maiming of millions of human beings, including more than a hundred thousand Americans? Peace, my brothers."

1953

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Fred Merklin writes: "The last year has not been good. Julie, my wife, died in June of a heart attack. We will survive for a while, which is all that we have. Take care. Fred" **Gerry Karg** reports "On New Year's Eve my wife, Barbara, experienced some mild COVID symptoms and tested positive two days later. She has completely recovered. I have not had any symptoms and have tested negative. Thanks be to God. We're able to attend Mass at our parish church, shop for food occasionally, and I'm back at Habitat for Humanity twice a week. What a year! So little accomplished."

Vic Figurelli emails: "I mentioned in an earlier posting that I now meet via Zoom with a Regis graduate from the class of 2009, who also successfully completed the REACH program.

Ruben Martinez '09 and his wife now live in the area close to where I live. God willing, we can soon meet in person. Upon my talking to Ruben about my experience commuting from Staten Island to Regis (as did **Colin Jost '00** of SNL fame), Ruben invited one of his classmates, **Russell Quinones '09** (who also commuted from Staten Island) to join us on Zoom. So now the three of us meet on a regular basis. I'm really enjoying the meetings and talking about the many changes at Regis - physical and cultural - since our days. Further, Russell's grandfather (about my age or younger!) lives in the same neighborhood as I did when I started Regis. Russell is also currently the REACH Director of Graduate Support." **Jim Whelan** and Sally-Ann report that their move to a retirement facility "has been more satisfying than expected. Wishing all as well as we are." **Tom Hickey** and his family are in mourning over the death of his grandson, Troy Hickey, who was killed in an auto accident while driving on a rural road in Georgia. An eyewitness reported that Troy swerved off the road into a large tree in attempting to avoid colliding with a deer that had suddenly entered the roadway in front of his car. Troy was 26-1/2 years of age and was single. The Hickey family will appreciate your prayers. If you should change any of your contact info, please update your entry in the Regis alumni directory and let me know via email or text message.

1954

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This has not been a good year in many ways. The recent deaths of **Bob Bergen** and **Tom Smith** have further diminished our rapidly declining numbers. As **Traug Lawler** has pointed out, our memory of Bob will always be that of the upbeat greeting he provided each time he saw you. Tom, of course, will forever be remembered for his cheerfulness despite his health struggles and for his can-do attitude when it came to Sock n' Buskin. They both will be much missed. Please keep Bob and Tom and their families in your prayers. At the same time, **Dick Ward** reminds us of how much we have been given: "This is a personal note to all my classmates. As a native of Chicago, Illinois, I feel truly blessed to be a member of the Regis class of 1954. It had to be divine intervention that my father's job required first a promotion/transfer from Chicago to El Paso, Texas in 1945 and subsequently a cross country transfer from El Paso to New York in 1948. The good nuns at St. Mary's in Manhasset then favored me along with **Dave Nicholas** and **Frank Bryan** with a coveted application to take the Regis entrance exam. The rest is history as they say, resulting in my confirming to you, all my fellow graduates, that I am truly blessed and honored to have the privilege of receiving a Regis education. I will be forever grateful." Our perennial traveler, **Tom Finnegan**, joined the rest of us: "In 2020, I did not go to Lourdes, or to the grocery store or to a department store, or even to church on Sunday, once the virus took over the news. I have been recovering from my triple bypass surgery in March, and seem to be doing well. One bright note for the future is that, in the Fall, my two oldest grandsons became engaged — not to each other! Weddings planned for Fall, 2021." **Sam Milana** sends his greetings to all, but he too has been hijacked by the pandemic and "... so far things are s.o.s. (same old stuff)." Please remember that we all appreciate the news you send in.

1955

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In 2020, **John Githens** visited Dubai, which is part of the United Arab Emirates. The

UAE is a sovereign state; a federal, elective, constitutional monarchy formed from a federation of seven emirates. It is a strong ally of the U.S. Dubai serves as the capital. Citizens are known as Emirati or Emiratis. There are about 1 million Emirati. The UAE is oil-rich and focuses on tourism and business. Islam is the official religion and Arabic is the official language. John says that the UAE is respectful of religions. John very much enjoyed his trip and was enlightened by it. You can look up the dictionary: A synonym for "globetrotter" is John Githens! In November 2020 we enjoyed the Zoom meeting of the Deo et Patriae Reception and Celebration, Honoring **Dr. Anthony Fauci '58**. There was a Cocktail Half-Hour with various groups, such as Alumni who graduated in the 40's, 50's, and 60's. There was the formal program honoring Dr. Fauci, who spoke and answered questions from Order of the Owl members. **Joe Ramos** (from Chile no less! What loyalty, what *pietas*!), **John Morriss**, and **Lou Umscheid** also Zoomed. Besides his medical and scientific brilliance, impressive are Tony Fauci's humility and sense of service to humanity over some 55 years! Tony said that of all the institutions with which he has been associated, Regis inspired him the most. At NIH, when someone doesn't express himself/herself precisely, Tony jokes, "I guess you didn't go to Regis High School!" Excellence, leadership, and service are hallmarks of a Regis education and stay with alumni forever! Deepest condolences on the passing of **Robert Stibler '54**, who passed away on November 13, 2020. Bob ("Stib") was a superb basketball player who graduated from the US Naval Academy. At Annapolis, Bob was in class with, and was friends with, Sen. John McCain. He also was very good friends with Adm. John Poindexter. He served as a Navy officer for 30+ years and served in the Vietnam War. For 20+ JUG Nights we had very meaningful conversations with Bob re: life, family, the military, and the world. In life and in sport Bob was an impact player, a change agent, a patriot, and a great friend. RIP. Deepest condolences on the passing of **John Tully '57**, who passed away on August 29, 2020. John was a superb basketball player, who three-lettered in basketball at the University of Notre Dame. He graduated from the Law School of the University of Michigan and became a prominent lawyer in Michigan.

A few years ago we exchanged phone calls and emails. We were very impressed with his intense interest in Ireland and all things Irish. We mentioned that we had a cousin who was a Senator in the Dail (Irish Parliament). John was very excited that he could follow the career of an Irish politician (impossible to do on this side of the Atlantic). John was a delight to be with, and we were very fortunate to share his friendship. RIP. On December 8, 2020, 11 members of the Class of 1955 did a Zoom meeting. They included: **Paul Anderson, Bill Brennan, Bill Clare, Gene McGuire, John Morriss, Charlie Norz, Joe Ramos** (from Chile with his Peruvian pisco sour), **George Royall, Bill Schwartz, Tom Smith**, and Lou Umscheid. All members were in fine mettle and were looking forward to 2021 after the pandemic of 2020. *Annus Horribilis!* As James R. Carney, SJ, would advise, "Courage and Confidence!" A Chilean pisco sour is so far removed from the beer and pizza at the Rainbow Room on East 86th St., when in the words of the play by Cornelia Otis Skinner, "All Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." *Sic transit gloria mundi!* We would like to continue to Zoom in the future and continue to email on a regular basis since there is so much to share. At Zoom we learned that **Tom Smith** has retired after teaching Math at Manhattan College for 55 years. Joe Ramos has written and published a book in Spanish, proving the existence of God. If successful, he'll translate the book into English and publish it. It takes a lifelong Economics professor from "down under" to focus on the existence of God! *Fantastico y maravilloso!* Joe was chosen Economist of the Year 2020 in Chile by his peers (economists from all the universities, the government, Central Bank, and think tanks). There was a two-page story about it all in *El Mercurio*, Chile's leading newspaper, and in which mention was made of Joe's attending Regis, indeed including his high school graduation picture. Joe was thrilled as it is quite an honor coming from one's peers. *Magnifico y felicitacion!* Finally, congratulations to John Morriss and his granddaughter, Emeline Callaway, on graduating from UVA with High Honors and his granddaughter, Lilly Morriss, on graduating from Santa Clara with Honors.

1956

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Greg Leiher has lost his brother, Robert Leiher, after a long battle with cancer, and we are keeping him in our prayers. In addition, **Ed Moran** has completed his move from New Jersey to Charleston, South Carolina. We will all listen to hear if he has acquired a Southern Drawl when he comes to our 65th reunion — date to be determined — open to suggestions.

1957

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1958

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Virtual Jug Night attendees included **Joe Blass, Jack Forrest, John Friia, Matt Hassett, Arthur Henry, Ken McAloon, Ron Mellor, Jim Moran, Tom Nacinovich and Charley Stark. Carlos Arnaldo** writes: "I am now in my 7th year of online teaching, though since COVID, it is now exclusively online! I always open with a request for all to open their cameras, so I can take a screenshot and that takes care of attendance. But more than that, it gives me real faces to look at and examine if they follow what I am saying! Most difficult task of the online teacher is to teach to black screens! In trying to learn French online, many students are using the 'translator' and copy/paste, instead of their brains and memory to translate, edit and write *dictées*. Thus I am most pleased when they make mistakes, because that means they didn't copy/paste and are learning! Some even reformulate my simple French and send me back very elegant phrases! But I am all the more impressed by the online students when they implement their project in teams. One group organized a two-hour webinar with four guest speakers, one student taking the role of techie, another as admin (to admit guests and participants to the Zoom meeting), and two acting as co-hosts. This shows to me that they have really mastered the online method! A final one rendered the summary, closing and sign-off! I am happy to be able to converse with someone in this isolating COVID world!" From **Joe Blass**: "My wife Carole and I recently received the first of two Moderna vaccine injections for COVID-19. Our county currently has a vaccination program for healthcare

workers, first responders, and residents aged 75 or over. We're both in the third category. About a thousand doses were administered on each of two days, January 5th and 6th, at a two-lane, drive-through in a county park. The first day was for last names beginning with A-K and the second day was for last names beginning with L-Z. It was first-come, first-served, so cars started lining up hours before the 9:00 AM starting time. We got there at about 6:20 AM and were numbers 257 and 258. After January 6th, vaccinations stopped. Then on the 12th, I learned that the vaccines were no longer to be administered on a first-come, first-served basis. Instead, an online scheduling system would be used to prevent large numbers of people from waiting in line for hours only to be turned away due to limited supplies. We didn't have any ill effects from our shots, other than a little soreness in my arm. For some reason, Spider-Man band-aids were used to cover the tiny injection sites. If I had a choice, it would have been Superman. Development of the Moderna and other vaccines was supported by the NIAID, under the direction of our Regis classmate, **Dr. Anthony S. Fauci '58**. As you know, his picture was on the cover of the Spring 2020 issue of the Regis magazine. I thought it was better than his Time Magazine cover, so I carefully removed it, framed it, and hung it on the wall of my study. Tony Fauci was given the *Deo et Patriae* Award by Regis on November 11." **Michael Napoliello** writes: "I've gone an entire year without full-court basketball, not even half-court, due to the lockdown. Instead I've been studying Polish, which would stand to be my seventh language (Quintavalle Latin and Hinfey Greek not included in the tally). I can't wait to get back on the court for a game, hopefully in the second half of this year or first half of the next." From **Bob Stanley**: "Our big news is that we became great-grandparents in September. Our granddaughter Campbell Stanley Williams had a daughter, Ellis, in September. We met her in Charlotte on our way down to Florida in November."

1959

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In January, we were informed by his wife, Helen Dillon, that **Jack Boorman** had died earlier in the month in Washington, D.C. **Marty**

Gavin noted that a sharp eyed guy from my old Bronx neighborhood spotted his obit in the Washington Post and guessed from his date of birth and high school that I might know Jack. Here are some excerpts from the obit published on January 16 - JOHN T. BOORMAN "Jack" of Washington DC and Rehoboth Beach, DE, died at home on January 6, 2021 following a short illness. Born in New York City on October 23, 1941, Jack was educated at Regis High School in New York City, graduated from Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY and received his PhD in Economics from the University of Southern California. He taught at both USC and the University of Maryland before joining the International Monetary Fund. At the IMF Jack had a distinguished career before retiring in 2002. Jack is the author of many books, textbooks and articles on financial policy. In retirement Jack served for 18 years as a Trustee of Le Moyne College. **George Hay** wrote: "I probably knew Jack as well as any of his classmates since we went to grade school together before Regis and we both went on to Le Moyne after. We also both went on to a Ph.D. in Economics after college (but at different universities). Jack spent a large portion of his mid-career years at the IMF in Indonesia and then returned to the DC area. He was a major player at the IMF. Post-retirement, he became very active in helping to manage Le Moyne's endowment and, under his guidance, the endowment made very significant gains. Despite his successful career he really knew how to enjoy himself and, with his lovely wife Helen, he was as active in retirement as he was when working." [If anyone missed the original message from Jack's wife, including a message from the IMF, please let me know, and I will forward a copy. Leo]. **Jim Bonnell** submitted some comments on the COVID status: "Covid has slowed but not stopped my travel; I found it frightening going through airports in Syracuse, Philadelphia, Charlotte, and Los Angeles during the past few weeks. There were no health officials, no questions, no temperature checks; no attempt at all to control spread of this virus; one exception: on returning to San Juan, all passengers were temperature screened and questioned by medical personnel, then categorized into three lines: 1. those with proof of a COVID Test within 72 hrs; 2. those who agreed to get a test, at personal expense, at a facility assigned by the screeners; 3. those who

did not want a test and agreed to quarantine for 14 days. Then personal information was taken for each person. Cat 1: out of the airport in five minutes (I had my test 48 hrs earlier at the LA VA). Cat 2: required to provide an address and report test results. Cat 3: required to remain in one residence for the period. I have been told that Cat 3 was provided a wrist monitor for monitoring; I have personally seen PR NG soldiers visiting residences to check on Cat 3; fine is \$500-2000 daily. STAY SAFE".

John Felago commented on his experience at Maryknoll: "Here at Maryknoll the virus has been galloping, with 30 deaths in January and word that we are going back on total lockdown [mass on TV only, meals alone in our rooms, etc.] Yucky! With all I hear about virtual study, I'm grateful that we missed that era. I also guess that this would be especially trying for students at Regis and other similarly high level schools. Stay well and listen to Dr Fauci!"

1960

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Larry Squeri reports that due to COVID restrictions he misses hanging out at Starbucks with his friends.

1961

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Well, we live in interesting times! Many of your comments dealt with either the departure of Trump or living with the coronavirus. "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty! We're free at last!" quoted **Rich D'Arrigo**. "Those are the words of a true American leader. I echo them today, January 20th, shortly after noon EST because now our country is free at last of the threat of a fascist would-be-dictator masquerading as a leader of our people. To those who doubt that the 'fascist' label applies in this case, I suggest you pick up a copy of Madeleine Albright's book *Fascism, A Warning*. About two dozen pages in, she documents the origin of the expression 'drain the swamp'. It was first used in 1923, in a successful campaign to overthrow the legitimate political leadership of Italy, by Benito Mussolini. That year, he became an unquestioned dictator and eventually an ally and mentor of Adolf Hitler." On the COVID front, **Cosmo Salibello**

reported that "I'm pleased to report that I received my first round of the Pfizer vaccine on Monday, January 18th. Fear of the virus easily trounced fear of hypodermic needles. And it occurred to me that since ODs are certified to administer injections in Oregon, I will be looking for openings as a volunteer vaccine administrator in the Portland area. This all came courtesy of the Portland VA facility. Overall, I have found the Veterans Administration in this part of the Northwest to be a nicely put-together group. Good on them all! Competent and dedicated and appreciated. For 2021, my plan is to drive to a far away place, with a strange sounding name, sometime after the two-week waiting period following my 2nd vaccine round. I may not be fully bullet-proof then, but whatever I am will have to do for reclaiming my sanity. My partner Pam and I have also become adept at clearing a week's worth of delivered groceries, from the front porch, in 25 seconds flat. Schlepping all that mass into the kitchen can take the rest of the afternoon, though. But, hey, we're not 20 anymore." **Mike Pyatok** (who is just celebrating his 53rd wedding anniversary) sent this tidbit. "I've recently retired from my professorship at the University of Washington's College of the Built Environment. And I've sold the last of my shares of ownership to my partners in the architectural firm I started about 40 years ago. I will officially retire in June while the firm is reaching a size of 50 people. We still specialize in designing affordable housing and community facilities for non-profit corporations working in low income communities. I've written a book titled *Architecture, Housing, and Capitalism: Reflections of an Architect During 50 Years of Practice and Teaching*. It's a collection of about 50 articles I published over the years which took a critical look at how capitalism corrupts our culture, and specifically the design of cities and architecture. It should come out next year." **Pete Madori** wrote "I was hoping that my subconscious would rouse a few items appropriate for the RAN. But, alas. As to the effects of the COVID lock-down, our parish is almost unique in having a second worship space in our hall, duly appointed for the interior of a church, yet multi-functional. In 'good times' it holds 320; with judicious spacing between folding chairs, we can at present accommodate 110. Our typical attendance before COVID was between 90 and 100 per Mass. Now we are

seeing 35 to 55. So my people are well-protected. Vaccinations have been promised to all of us patients at my dialysis center. So, I'm anticipating. Otherwise, Sullivan County, the second poorest county in NYS, is always last to receive any benefit. I will 're-up' as Pastor/Administrator here at St. Joseph's for another term (July thru June 21 - 22). I would hope no Regions wound up storming the Capitol. If so, I order indefinite Saturday JUG." **John Waters** managed to score his first COVID-19 shot this week. "Called the health department at an adjacent, less-populous county and managed to get an appointment after about an hour trying. Also, despite my paranoia about the pandemic, I've just started teaching a class on marketing content creation at the College of Coastal Georgia, a unit of UGA. A local designer and I have been working on the course content and syllabus since before the pandemic. CCGA does a really good job enforcing mask use and distancing, so I feel reasonably safe." On our other topic, John added "We all know who chose to repeat a certain phrase in his successful campaign for election four and a half years ago. Now, I say: Jail to the Chief!" **Ted Vorburger** and Joanne have lived in Gaithersburg, MD since 1972, where Ted, now semi-retired, continues to work as a part time contractor and guest researcher at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. His main project this year is coordinating a review of the scientific foundations for firearms examination, one of the pattern-matching disciplines of forensic science. This may be his last contract, although he still hopes to keep a hand in committee work. Ted is glad to be one of the large contingent of DC area '61ers. A disadvantage is that Ted and Joanne's two daughters and grandchildren live in Denver and Oklahoma City. "Are there any '61ers in those towns?" **Ken Kopecky** also scored a vaccine. "My wife and I got the first Moderna shot. There was a Facebook notice that our county was offering the vaccine at a location about 20 miles from where we live. She entered the sign-up queue as soon as it opened and was lucky to get a spot. Hopefully, the county will be able to give us the second shot in a couple of weeks. Our only travel plan is to try to visit our grandsons in Illinois this summer." **Pete Carter** provided a rare first-person account of the fabulous REACH program at Regis. "I am not sure whether we are all aware that Regis has a

program called REACH whose goal is to work with elementary school students in the city to prepare them for entry into Regis and/or other top ranked high schools. The program has been in effect for years resulting in an increase of African-American and Hispanic students at Regis. I am working on a task force as well as biweekly Zoom conversations with about 100 black and Hispanic Regis graduates with a goal to maintain at least the current level of minority students at Regis. I am the 'old man' of the group, and feel privileged to have been invited to participate. The closest graduate to our class is a member of the Class of 1980 or so." And finally, let us remember two classmates we have just lost. I was stunned to get a note from Regis that **Dennis O'Connor** had passed away on November 23rd. Dennis was a really good friend through both Regis and Manhattan College. He loved basketball and had an unstoppable right hook shot. But space flight was his true passion. In our early college years he tried to persuade **Charlie Catalano** and me to take a few days off to drive down to Kennedy Space Center to watch an early Saturn launch (the gigantic rocket which powered the Apollo program.) Sadly, we declined. (*What were we thinking?!*) Eventually, Dennis did go to Kennedy Space Center — to work on the Lunar Module, including its manned landing in July of 1969! Dennis' career covered various aviation and space projects, finally taking him to Boeing in 1999 to work on the International Space Station. He kept planning to retire, but found his work so interesting that he kept putting it off. He worked on the Space Station until he died. And he continued to play basketball (including the Texas Senior Olympics) until injuries sidelined him in 2010. **Tom Daley** sent a note that **Matt DeLuca** had passed away on December 3rd. Sadly, we have very little information on Matt's death. Tom only learned of it when two of his daughters posted notes on Facebook saying that he was a wonderful father. There was no formal obituary. **Paul Diczk** sent this memory. "With last names so alphabetically proximate, Matt and I rubbed elbows from day one, in class and in the locker room. Most memorably and importantly, Matt brightened the start of my freshman mornings with the cheer and sunniness of his hearty and vigorous, 'Good Morning!' delivered at the locker next to mine. Those greetings have stayed with me for the rest of my days."

1962

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Since my last entry we have lost three classmates. **John Schott** died last Sept. 29 after a courageous battle with ALS. This followed his wife Barbara's death in 2018, a decade after she was diagnosed with early Alzheimer's. John had earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in physics at Fordham. He taught physics for four years at the Air Force Academy before moving to Massachusetts to begin a career of over thirty years at the Air Force Research Laboratory. John was a quiet man of great dignity. **Bob Nowicki** died on March 24 from complications of an aortic aneurysm. A man of many talents, he majored in classics at Fordham before earning a master's degree in linguistics at Yale. After a decade teaching German he returned to Yale for Law School, then embarked on a thirty-four year career as a corporate attorney. Bob's great love was music. He played in a bluegrass band and for a time led the Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association of New Jersey. We lost **Ned Butler** on April 8. Although he was being treated for lung cancer, Ned's death was unexpected. Until his retirement he had been an attorney, working most notably in leading positions for the New Jersey Transit Authority. **John Paxton** and **Dave Birch** were pallbearers at Ned's funeral, which was also attended by **Gary Kendellen**. The news of Ned's death reminded **Gene Burke** of the generous way Ned met him before school several mornings in the fall of freshman year to provide much needed tutorial assistance in algebra, putting a permanent end to Gene's early struggles with math. **Bob Radics** remembered parties of "the Jersey gang" (Ned, **Jim Ralston**, **Bill Gallaher**, John Paxton, and **Ed Petruzello**) at **Greg Burke's** house, as well as his first experience of a golf outing put together by **Ron Ferrari** in the late '80's. "We gathered at Hartsfield airport in Atlanta, where I lived, and set out for the Trent Jones Trail for a few days and courses. At the time I was a decent and very serious golfer, expecting some competitive golf. At the first tee the first day, Ned teed off with a mighty swing and the ball took off right for parts unknown. Immediately, Ned called 'Do over!' I said, 'What do you mean?' He said that in Jersey if you call 'Do over' before the ball lands, that's what it is. So much for competitive golf

but a fun time with fellow alumni.” **Ken Gavin** and **Tony McGuire** remembered that they last saw Ned in Naples, FL, in 2019, before the pandemic put a temporary but so far lasting end to winter gatherings of our classmates there. On a brighter note, **Brendan Thomson** and **Bob Donaphin** report that Bob drove down from Las Vegas to visit Brendan and his wife Sandy in Phoenix on Palm Sunday. “We haven’t changed a bit in the 58 years since we’ve seen each other,” writes Bob, although Brendan indicates that Bob seemed “a bit bigger than I remembered him as he emerged from a small SUV.” The two shared stories and enjoyed a wonderful time. **Frank Stella** writes from western Ireland that once his wife Roberta gets the vaccine they are planning on a long summer visit to the States, their first in several years, not least to see their latest grandchild, born in March. Back in December **Ed Ryan** wrote that he was surviving the pandemic by studying German, trying to restore skills first learned from Father McCaffrey, by hiking on less populated trails near his home in southern California, and by following Notre Dame football. **John O’Rourke** lamented the year lost to the pandemic but celebrated the graduation of two grandchildren, one from the University of Missouri and the other from Northeastern, while two more are graduating from high school and heading off in the fall, one to UPenn and the other to Wake Forest. In June, John and his wife are planning to attend the dedication ceremony of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep’s new building in East Flatbush. Its auditorium “will be christened the Kenneth J. Gavin Hall in honor of our friend and classmate.” John thanks the generosity of many Regis alumni who honor Ken’s years of service as Regis President. Tony McGuire reports similar Jesuit efforts in Chicago. “The company I founded, McGuire Engineers, was the first corporate sponsor of the first Cristo Rey H.S.,” designed for Spanish-speaking students on the south side of Chicago, and it later helped found an analogue, Christ the King H.S., on the African-American west side of Chicago. Bill Gallaher writes that he and his wife Fay “remain untouched by COVID and are gradually leaving isolation from our country property northeast of New Orleans.” Now in his 48th year on the LSU medical faculty, including sixteen as an Emeritus, Bill remains active investigating HIV, flu, Ebola, and SARS-CoV-2. He is about to publish a new paper on Ebola which will extend

his history of peer-reviewed publication that dates from 1969. “The understanding of viral pathogenesis,” writes Bill, “has been my lifelong passion.” Let me conclude with the gracious – and widely shared – words of **Peter Mooney**, commenting on a spring flurry of emails. “I read all the recent comments from classmates – all alive and hopefully well. I see the names, and in my mind’s eye I see their faces ‘back when.’ And that really pleases me.”

1963

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Pete McDonald sadly tells us that he discovered that **Kevin McDowell** died many years ago. Kevin graduated from Boston College after graduation from Regis. Pete had been Kevin’s friend for many years but he lost contact by the 1980s. Recently Pete discovered a 2004 obituary for Kevin’s older brother, which noted that Kevin had predeceased his brother. May Kevin rest in peace. **John Sesody** notes that the 2020 virtual JUG Night was unusual, but turned out to be a successful get-together for our class. Some classmates who hadn’t been seen in years due to distance were able to show up online. **Kevin Morris** writes that since last March he painted his kitchen, began decluttering with the disposal of an ancient but much-beloved beer fridge, and installed a sweep on the front door. He has recently been engrossed with a Canal Street knock-off of a Fitbit watch and noted that the instructions for set-up belong in The Onion. **Bob Gardella** had two delightful several-day stays in Florida State Park cabins. He and wife Linda both got their second vaccine shot in early February. He is now considering how to creep back slowly into some semblance of ‘normal’ life and wishes “Peace to all my brothers”. 2020 was a year of first grandchildren for our class: Maggie and **Mike Delia** welcomed Thomas early in the year, **Joe Christian** and his wife Nancy Lief were blessed with Issac in August, and Ann and **Len Smiley** greeted Beatrice in November. Much joy and happiness to all.

1964

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As most will know by now, the “Scribe’s Torch”

was passed from **Jeff Weinlandt** to **Joe Coyne** during the last days of 2020. After the announcement, several men expressed their thanks to Jeff, among them **Ron Malanga**, **Mike Christy**, **Gene Boggia**, **Mike Ryan**, and **Lou Fuoco**. **Paul Czuchlewski** did make a request for “no fake news.” **Kevin Connolly** sent his best to both Jeff and I stating: “It is fun to hear what the gang is up to. Even if it drives me to end a sentence in a preposition.” Later that same day, our list lit up with the passing of Fr. Reginald Foster, the Vatican’s “Latinist” who served for 4 decades. We got the news from Mike Christy who passed along the article from the December 27th edition of the NYT. Mike wondered how **Mr. Joseph Quintavalle ’30**, or **Mr. Robert Clancy ’34** would have handled him. Ron Malanga sent along appreciations for the news as did **Jack Wirth** and **Brian Flanagan**. Within a few hours of the above exchange, **Marty Besant** wrote an interesting story. Having been charged by his medical folks to make sure he is walking enough, he took a 4+ mile walk in downtown Buffalo. Deciding to take the train back, he spied a municipal worker across the platform. “I spent some time looking at emails but there’s no Wifi or cell signal, so I put the phone in my pocket and stared across the tracks. There was the worker in his yellow vest. He walked down the stairs, turned, and got on the escalator back up, then he walked down the stairs and rode the escalator up. There was a 10 minute wait for the next train — during those 10 minutes, that was all he did. Down the stairs, up the escalator. And I thought walking on my home street over and over would be boring.” Speaking of “stepping down,” **Frank Silvestri** writes that he will be stepping down as a partner in his law firm effective on the new year. Apparently, he will stay on as “Counsel.” He explains that the title Counsel “roughly translates to ‘old fogey who doesn’t want to work as much.’” More soberly, Frank states “I’ll be doing pretty much the same thing as I’ve been doing, but hopefully a bit less.” Your faithful scribe heard from **Rob Haberski** that he has been in touch with **Charlie Sitler** via social media and, further, that Charlie has been in touch with **Dan McCaffrey**. Charlie also mentions to Rob that he has connected with **Tom Girolamo**. As Rob and I were going back and forth about this, Rob offered a comment from **Dennis Moulton** who claims he has a ‘vivid memory’

of Charlie playing “Cast Your Fate to the Wind” on the piano. (Dennis confirms, BTW). Charlie also states that he played the theme from “Peter Gunn” a lot. Breaking News!!..... Just heard from Charlie and he has joined our list. Welcome!!! Charlie writes: “Please let all the gang from ‘64 know in Prowlings that I am well. I continue to teach Math at the Beekman School via Skype, and my wife Pat and I love being hands-on grandparents. Despite assorted speed bumps, life continues to be good. Plus I’m getting vaccinated Wednesday. Good to be back in touch, Joe.” As Rob and I continued to exchange texts, more interesting information came out – including a story about a certain Christine, Rob’s neighbor since he was 2 years old, who winds up being Wait for it!!! Mrs. Frank Silverstri. Then, it turns out, Rob was part of a roving group of classmates which included **Bob Enright**, **Dan McCaffrey**, **Ken Kelly**, **Ken Service**, and **Marty Besant** (I am sure there were others...) who apparently toured both New York and New Jersey.... no doubt crossing the river via “swamp boat” as a group socializing (remember those days?) at each others’ homes. Growing up as I did in Paterson, NJ, at the end of Route 4, I thought I was travelling to another universe to visit **Bob Mastrillo** in Saddle Brook and **Dan McCaffrey** in Bergenfield! By the way, **Dan McCaffrey** reports about him and his wife: “We’re both long time retirees. We’re mostly staying home, reading and doing puzzles. I watch European soccer often when it’s available.” As a follow-up to this report, I have had a couple of Zooms with my old pal **Mike Christy**. It was great to spend some time talking about current events and reminiscing about the old days. Regular posts coming in as well to yours truly from **Marty Besant** via social media. At the turn of the year, **Marty** submits: “This may be your first bit of trivia for the RAN. Today’s (12/30/20) NYT has a 30 question quiz about the year 2020. Question #24 is a picture of **Dr. Fauci ‘58** and 5 choices for where the picture appeared. One of the choices (obviously incorrect, but) is Regis High School Alumni Association.” Great fun! (He provided a lengthy URL which I will provide to anyone who requests it.). **Bob Shullman** reports that he had the chance to visit **Jeff Weinlandt** and wife **Lynne** at their home on Long Island during the summer. He is hoping he can get the COVID vaccine soon and wishing that the prediction of our fellow alum, **Dr. Tony Fauci**, ‘58, about

successful outcomes with the vaccine come to pass. Your scribe reports that just days ago he received a gift from his wife: a book entitled “Long Live Latin: The Pleasures of a Useless Language.” Clearly this book does not apply to the Class of 1964. Upon receiving this gift, he exclaimed: “Bene! Optime quidem!” Coming in literally under the wire, a missive from **John Keane** who reports “that I had a mild stroke on 7 January followed by hospitalization on the 11th. After several tests, they concluded that I needed more comprehensive testing so they transferred me to Fairfax Heart Center where I suffered a minor heart attack on the 13th. After being tested, poked, prodded and generally beat black and blue, I had a (cardiac) catheterization on 19 January which found nothing wrong with the arteries to and from my heart, and that the bypass I had in 2004 was in perfect condition. So I have been at home, slowly recovering since 20 January. I am doing light rehab, getting used to the changes in my medication, wearing a heart monitor for 30 days and waiting to be called for my COVID-19 vaccination. Hope no one else in the class has had a similar exciting time.” I sent back our best wishes to **John** and reassured him that, to the best of my knowledge, he achieved the “Most Exciting Time Award” ... for January at least.

1965

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We have a very “rich” column this month...

Rich Gayzur’s internet radio channel, Center Left Radio (centerlefttalkradio.com), has started a podcast series called “Noble Hearts Forum,” described as a series of political forums conducted by members of the Regis High School Class of ‘66. The first episode aired on February 3 and starred (and they are stars!) **Charles Webel**, **William Arnone**, **Bill Mulligan**, and **John Cugini**, discussing topics from the strength of our judiciary to the possibility of civil war. It can be heard at centerleftradio.podbean.com/e/noble-hearts-forum-1/. Stay tuned for future episodes!

Richard Ouzounian, living in Toronto, has kept busy with a number of “virtual” theatre

projects, including directing the first episode of the Stratford Festival’s “Up Close and Musical” series of online solo concerts which featured **Marcus Nance**. **Richard Corelli** continues to maintain a full time psychiatry practice at Stanford University. **Richard** and **Toni** are enjoying time with their dog **Phoebe Luna** Goldendoodle and cat **Thor** often sunning on their deck overlooking the Pacific Ocean. **Richard** has taken up three new hobbies during this year — portrait painting currently on **Opus #35**, genealogy research through **Ancestry** and **DNA** testing, and chess. **Richard** welcomes any **Regians** who would like to challenge him in chess. His current chess rating is 959. **Richard** also has been holding weekly Zoom reunions for any members of the Class of ‘66 who wish to join. Lastly, we regret to share with everyone the passing of **Timothy Beckett**’s father, who died at the age of 101. May he rest in peace as we continue to keep him, **Timothy**, and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

1967

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Many of us know that **Mike Latini** is a whiz with a guitar pick, but less well known is his prowess with a wood carving knife. Stuck home during the pandemic, the **Patterson, N.Y.**, musician and song-writer has rekindled his interest in carving, making small sculptures of subjects ranging from fish to fowl to homo sapiens. How did he sharpen this skill? We’ll let **Mike** tell the story: “When I was a kid I knew a man, my father’s partner as a **NYPD** patrolman, who was a genius at hand carving. One day he saw me hacking at a cutoff piece of 2 x 4 and gave me my first real knife, a Case folding blade. He never really taught me anything directly, but I had seen him work a piece of wood many times, and I guess a seed was planted. It didn’t bear fruit until I was grown and had kids of my own. When my two daughters were in their single digits, I had no time for going out nights and weekends playing music (always my first love), and I also came to have a supply of hardwood around for burning in the wood stove, building bunk beds, etc. And I saw that the work women did by hand while watching their children at swimming lessons, midget soccer, and the like. So I had means, motive, and opportunity, and I did a lot of carving during the ‘90s. Once

the girls didn't need quite as much attention, I went back to playing music and the knives and files went into storage until recently. When the pandemic hit, I initially had a burst of song-writing energy. Due to the absence of gigs and the abundance of time, I wrote an album's worth of songs between late March and the beginning of July. But after that I needed a change, and the wood carving came back. Hand work like this is a meditation. One gets in a zone, and can do it for hours. Your mind can roam elsewhere, leaving your eyes and hands to work on their own. A piece I finished recently is called simply 'She' and is made from mahogany I bought a few years ago in Asheville, North Carolina while visiting **Peter Landis**." The lifelong Latini-Landis friendship began when they were seated next to each other on the first day of freshman year at Regis thanks to their alphabetical proximity. Working from his snowbound home office in the Catskills hamlet of Phoenicia, N.Y., **Michael Connor** recently won good media coverage — including stories in *The Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times* — for an initiative that targets hate speech and misinformation on advertiser-supported social media platforms like Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter. Michael has worked since 2007 as Executive Director



Mike Latini '67, who has revisited his childhood wood carving hobby during the pandemic, poses with "She," one of his creations.

of Open MIC, a nonprofit that works to foster greater corporate accountability in the tech and media sectors, principally through shareholder engagement. The news coverage focused on shareholder proposals at two companies — Home Depot and Omnicom (a huge advertising agency holding company) — that press the companies to investigate whether their advertising buys inadvertently support violations of human and civil rights. "The ad buyers and the big ad agencies are typically behind the scenes, and yet they have an enormous amount of influence on what happens in the media environment, particularly on social media," Michael told the *Wall Street Journal*. "They are making recommendations and helping their clients manage billions of dollars in spending, and all too often they escape any kind of scrutiny for what they do." In an earlier life, Michael was himself a *Wall Street Journal* correspondent before making the switch from print to television with ABC News. **Michael Fahy** reports, "Besides trying to figure out how to run a School of Engineering remotely, I've been spending my time with a Celtic Folk Circle on Zoom, where we take turns leading a tune while everyone else mutes their mics. We get together every Monday evening, Pacific Time, but have a session once a month on a Saturday afternoon to connect with folks in other time zones. There are a few first-gen Irish in our class and, if anyone is interested, find us on Facebook at 'OC Celtic Jam.' Melodee got her first vaccine shot on Sunday but I'm still waiting." **Joe McShane, S.J.**, got his shot and learned a couple of days later the man who drove him to the medical center subsequently tested positive. Fortunately, after a short quarantine, Joe got a clean bill of health. Joe isn't looking for a ride to his second shot. **Victor Skowronski** is trying to adjust to life without glasses. "The biggest thing that has happened to me these past few months is cataract surgery. I am currently recovering from the second surgery. I am taking eye drops several times a day, but everything seems to be going well. The strangest thing is not having to wear eyeglasses. I have been wearing them for sixty years and it is a very strange feeling. I also have to get used to a different way of reading." (Your scribe won't be long in following Victor's example. I got my first, soon-to-be very thick spectacles when I was 7. I'm in no hurry, however, for the operation. Although the risk of retinal complications is still

small, even that small risk is significantly higher for myopes). **Bill Armbruster** is co-chairing the Reunion Committee for his 50th Class Reunion from St. Peter's College (now University.) The reunion will be held in mid-September, together with the reunion for the Class of 1970, postponed from last year due to the pandemic. And **Terry Chorba** is back with his unique blending of medical science and literary and art criticism. His latest cover story for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Emerging Infectious Diseases* journal examines what we can learn about social distancing and artful pandemic survival from references in the Bible, Shakespeare, and Boccaccio's *Decameron* about how people practiced social distancing across millennia to protect themselves from the Black Death and other plagues. <https://bit.ly/3omyRYL>

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To commemorate the 50th anniversary of our class's Regis in Austria trip, **Frank Gulino** organized a Zoom reunion on January 30. Participating in addition to Frank were **Jim Burdi, John Calligy, Fred Dorchak, Jim Geraghty, Kevin Gil, John Johnston, Steve Kaczynski, Bob Rosentel, Andy Schilling** and **Peter Zabielskis**, along with **Raymond Sweitzer, SJ** and **Dan Fitzpatrick, SJ**. Peter, who is an Associate Professor of Anthropology

at the University of Macau, claims this was his first contact with Regis since graduation and adds “I’ve had sort of an Indiana Jones kind of life – but in a good adventurous and not dangerous way.” He recently co-edited the books *Penang and Its Networks of Knowledge*, about the multicultural city of George Town in Penang, Malaysia, and *Academic Freedom Under Siege: Higher Education in East Asia, the U.S., and Australia*. After more than 40 years in banking, **Jack Slipe** will be retiring in March with plans to improve his golf game, travel and spend more time with family and friends. His son Ryan recently got married and son John Jr. plans a May wedding. Marilyn Balogh-Taylor, who taught math courses to some in our class, died in Maryland last October at the age of 78. Your class rep recalls attending the wake for Ms. Balogh’s father in Jackson Heights with a few of our classmates around 1970. Such is the cycle of life.

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Tony Cunningham’s daughter Flann had a baby, Faye Aisling, and Flann was named a composer to watch in 2021 by the Washington Post. Tony added that he hasn’t signed yet as a bullpen arm for the Sox. After he sent this, the Yankees traded Ottavino to the Sox, so we know the reason now. **Jon Powers** joined the ranks as a Grandpa, when his daughter Megan gave birth in November to Salvatore Jon. No Regis clothing bought yet for the little guy, but his parents are already evaluating the hopeful commute to E 84th Street in 14 years. We celebrate our 45th anniversary of the class of ’76

this year! Here’s hoping we all stay healthy and a way for us to celebrate safely emerges!

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Tony Novoa says he is staying healthy and hunkered down in NJ with his wife, Gina, and youngest daughter, Alicia, who is currently at RVCC and plans to get her undergraduate degree at Montclair State. Tony is with Serena/Micro Focus selling mainframe software to corporate enterprises. **Norberto Barba** is spending more time in NY instead of LA (“my wife is enjoying NY food”). His youngest son (Raoul) is a freshman at School of Visual Arts and his oldest (Sebastian) is a sophomore at AMDA. Norberto is Executive Producer/Director of “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.” **John Delaney’s** article, “Banking and Arts Are in Charlotte’s Astrological Charts” was published as the cover story in the Charlotte, N.C. *Queen City Nerve*. **Carl Catauro** became a grandfather with the arrival of Jaxon Robert Catauro in July. **Ed Gillespie’s** company BizMark was recognized by the Association of National Advertisers as the 2020 Small B2B Agency of the Year (Bronze). **Joe Pizzimenti** and his wife, Claire, moved to San Antonio five years ago after spending 22 years in Boca Raton. Joe is a tenured Professor at University of the Incarnate Word, a Catholic university, where he teaches in the School of Optometry. His specialty is retina, and he edits a monthly e-newsletter called AMD Clinical Insights, which

focuses on age-related macular degeneration. Joe also has a wine blog: <https://www.facebook.com/CEintItaly.Europe>. Joe’s daughter is in PR and lives in Brooklyn; his son is a physicist and another son is a freshman at U of Texas in Austin. Joe says, “I did some recent Zooming with fellow ’81ers **Gerard Bradley** and **Bill Bolin**. Both Gerard and Bill live in the DMV (District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia).” **Rob Trotta** has taken a new role at Boehringer Ingelheim and Executive Director of Business Innovation, leading the teams responsible for strategic collaborations and digital health projects. Congratulations to **Bob Schirling**, who will retire from Ernst & Young in June after 37 years with the firm. **Alan Bloodgood’s** daughter got married last year in a small COVID-approved wedding. Alan retired from Siemens in December and is now supporting a startup with some friends doing an online platform to enable celebrities to connect with their fans, and says he is having a blast! **Mark Mitchell** joined Bank of America in March 2020 and recently completed his SEC-FINRA licensing tests/program.

1982

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After reaching out to me for contact information for **Ricardo Venegas**, **Clement Thompson**, and **Chris Wierzbicki**, our freshman year Student Senate representative **George Wasilenko** wrote: “Our son just started HS at Granada Hills Charter High School, not far from our home in Northridge, CA. My wife is an Infectious Diseases physician, and I went from Mechanical Engineering to Patent Law to teaching middle school and high school Math, then high school Physics. Now I drink coffee and yell at clouds.” Grateful to hear from “Wasi”, Chris Wierzbicki responded to his long-lost frosh-mate from IB-2: “Good to hear from you! Two things immediately jumped to my mind after seeing your name. 1) I MUST contact **Bob Gallagher** and **Lee Harrs** at Regis Giving to let them know you are indeed alive! I think if you gave up **Dave Marangio’s** contact info, I could let you slide! (LOL!). Secondly, I did not

know of anyone in today's world that even still USED an AOL account. Do you still have dial-up internet or are you at least up to broadband of some form? As you can see, my sarcasm has not changed one bit since HS. Do you own one of those new fangled cell phones that sends text messages? I rarely answer, but if someone texts, and they include their name, I will almost immediately reply. I am in my 26th year of teaching JHS Math. This year, at least right now, I am teaching fully remote. So I might be slightly delayed on my response. Hope all is well with you and would love to get together in a virtual kind of way sometime soon!"

1984

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Greg Long and his wife, Mary, continue to run *DanceOn*, their two year old not-for-profit that supports boys dance, the arts and anti-bullying programs. *DanceOn* was featured twice on The Today Show, including their Christmas Special, highlighting the nearly 50 scholarships they have given out. Greg adds, "Many thanks to my Regis brothers who have helped our cause. You know who you are! Check out our website when you can (danceonchicago.com)!" In other Long family news, Greg's daughter, Julianna, is about to complete her second year of Law School at the University of Illinois's John Marshall Law School; his son, Gregory, is a sophomore at Illinois State; while his youngest, Jimmy, continues pursuing his competitive dance journey at a new studio. Big news from **Al DeGrasse**, who recently got married! Al pointed out that in the few weeks after getting engaged his fiancée, Stephanie, magically arranged a COVID compliant ceremony for December 20th. Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church—who delivered the sermon for Meghan and Harry in Windsor Castle(!)—was the officiant for the ceremony that was live streamed from his backyard in North Carolina. Al adds that, "Our hearts are full, and we had Regis in them, as we raised over \$3,000 through our gift registry for the REACH program. So many thoughtful people — many from outside of our Regis community — gave gifts in recognition of our alma mater's liberation work." It should

also be noted that Stephanie has been a loyal supporter of our class's RABL team! And speaking of basketball, it seems that COVID may steal a second straight season from our RABL ledger. Let's hope that when we get past this pandemic, all the added rest will have done our bodies good, and we'll be back stronger(?) and better(??) than ever in RABL '22! In other COVID news, in January, **Ray McGoldrick**, had an asymptomatic bout with the virus. In an email that summed up his plight he said, "I am writing this from an isolated bedroom as I ride out a positive COVID test. The nice part of it is I can watch every down of football this weekend from my bed, guilt free, and get three meals and all the Barry's tea I can drink delivered to the door. I am doing fine, just watch out for yourselves and your families." And another marriage to report: **Gus Bottazzi** writes, "I'm recently engaged and will be married this fall. I will officially, at that point, have five kids (between mine and my bride to be) and 11 grandchildren (ages 1-14). Never expected to jump into grandparenthood so quickly, but am happy to be part of my version of the Brady Bunch." Congrats Gus, who will instantly become the first grandparent, *eleven times over*, in the class of '84! It's going to take a lot to catch up to him! **Kieran O'Connor** recently helped his son move to Seattle. He noted that "a 5,600 mile trip from Syracuse to Seattle and back was quite the adventure with COVID precautions. Luckily, there was no snow all the way there and back. It was my most exciting adventure since the pandemic began!" Just a reminder that we have a class email list separate from Regis and if you are not on the list, or haven't been receiving the emails lately, please let Kieran know at oconnorkieran@gmail.com. **Pat Dineen** checked in and offered these updates: "I made my last college tuition payment for my youngest daughter Brogan, who will graduate from Virginia Tech this spring. She is the last of three, with older daughter Rory having graduated from Xavier and my oldest, Connor, finished at the Culinary Institute of America. I celebrated my 30th anniversary with Kerry Anne in '20 . . . so far, so good. And, I was appointed Chief Information Officer at Nielsen last year, which appears to be keeping me off the streets and out of the pool halls!" As most of us know already, in December we received the sad news that **Jim McCarrick** had passed away. Among the many

memories that were shared, here are a couple of humorous and poignant ones: from **Manny Grillo**, "Jim embodied our finest values and was a prince of a guy. I remember being in his advisement group freshman year, and after he was elected to Regis Parliament (only we could call student government that at the time), he signed everything James McCarrick, M.P., because he was so proud to have been elected. We will all miss him." **Mark Leeds** added, "I was in his homeroom in freshman year also, and I remember being blown away by his verbal abilities. It was like talking to someone who was 20 years older than me. I also remember him having discussions with Mr. Connelly about 'Small is Beautiful' before class would start, and I'd just be sitting there in utter amazement. May he rest in peace." Please keep Jim's family in your prayers.



Al DeGrasse '84 marries Stephanie Sellers during a COVID complaint ceremony on December 20th.

1985

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Had an e-conversation with **Dan Twohig** recently, and as the baseball season is approaching, he thought he would pass on some good news. Most of us know, Dan is one of the co-founders and partners in the Queens Baseball Convention. He/They started it in 2014 and have become the largest independent Mets fan-fest in the area. Unfortunately, they had to cancel last year's event. Unable to do a

live in-person event this year, they instead had a live virtual QBC on February 6th. They had several interactive forums on their YouTube channel, including a live conversation and Q&A with Super Joe McEwing. The event was free (they did have a tip jar for donations) and attracted several hundred viewers, with over 1,000+ views since on www.youtube.com/QueensBaseballConvention. Great work Dan — you are a *man for others* and a *man for the Mets* like no other! A couple more things about Dan — he had the opportunity to run into **Ross Dobson** back in the fall when randomly they were both spending a week up at Long Lake, Maine. The Dobson and Twohig children have since connected on Facebook Kids Messenger — cool to see how our children have the Regis connection too. It is the gift that keeps on giving. Like many during COVID, Dan had to deal with work-related challenges directly, but has kept busy consulting and making sure the kids stay focused in their fully remote classes. Joined our classmate and NY State Senator **Brian Kavanagh** for a North Brooklyn Town Hall not too long ago — for over an hour and a half, Brian managed question after question, while the chat was blowing up, responded respectfully, with an impassioned commitment to give or get the answers for the constituency he serves, and for those who are beyond the borders of North Brooklyn, he advised who

and where to go to receive the right guidance. Needless to say, not sure why anyone would want to be in politics, but if someone had to be, happy to know Brian is bringing his intellect, compassion, and man for others values to the communities he serves. As Dan said to me when we chatted, “Look forward to when we can all get back together and raise a pint again.” Until then, cheers to the best classmates and friends around.

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Jerry Russello (grussello@sidley.com) reports

that eldest daughter Emma’s first year at college seems to be going well, given the circumstances, while he and his wife are helping their second daughter get ready for the college application process. On the negative side of the ledger, Jerry received some tough medical news that he is working through, but is blessed by support from friends, family, and others. **Edmund O’Brien** (eobrien11@gmail.com) writes in: “December 21 was a mixed bag. That morning my mother (Catherine “Kay”) succumbed to COVID-19. 88 wonderful years ended with 12 terrible days. Both a widow (**Ken ’50**) and mom to Regians, she requested donations to Regis. My Chicago address prevented my son Spencer from trying to become a third-generation Regian. It didn’t stop him from becoming a second-generation Maroon. That afternoon we learned that he would follow in his parents’ footsteps by attending the University of Chicago. Thrilling news on a sad day. It made me wonder, is there anyone out there who is the child, spouse, sibling, and parent of a Regian? The quadruple?” **George Zanazzi** (george.zanazzi@gmail.com) married Mary Rosenblatt on November 7, 2020. George writes, “We are living in Lebanon, New Hampshire and are pathologists at Dartmouth. Hope all is well with everyone.”

1990

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Bob Walsh has been keeping himself busy and productive. “I wrote a book! Pete Cacio would never believe it,” wrote Bob. *Entitled To Nothing* is an inside look at an uncommon approach to leadership, built over Bob’s coaching career spanning almost 30 years. It’s available on Amazon and at Entitledtonothingbook.com.

Alex Pagano writes, “I’m now the voice of the third shift for the Westwood One Rock Network. I play the hard rock and classic rock tunes on about 35 stations across the country from 1a-6a Eastern. And yes, Nirvana and Pearl Jam are classic rock now. Sorry, everyone.” Ashley and **Dainius Remeza** welcomed their daughter, Dalia, into the world on January 9th. The family is happy and healthy. Lastly, **Tom Lardner** wrote that he was going to apply some serious thought to coming up with a Prowling entry, but one has yet to be delivered so...stay tuned for the summer.



Nick Guglizza '93, Stephen Schmidt '93, and Martin Dengler '93 met up with their Dartmouth classmate Paul Manger for a reunion and a round of golf in Santa Barbara.

1991

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Class of '93, it's been a while and lots to report. In June of last year, **Dan Roche** became the Director of Marketing for DecuSoft, a compensation software firm in Ramsey, NJ. Good luck, Dan! In October, **Martin Dengler**, **Stephen Schmidt**, and **Nick Gugliuzza** met up in Santa Barbara for old time's sake. Martin writes: "We had a mostly-Regis and all-Dartmouth golf round, which went as well as can be expected. We just missed meeting up with **Cesar Angobaldo '91**, but look forward to more SoCal and Bay Area meets." **John James'** debut documentary, "Siempre, Luis" was released on HBO in October. The documentary had its world premiere at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival and follows political activist and consultant Luis Miranda (Lin-Manuel Miranda's father). The film explores Miranda's work in shaping New York City politics over three decades and the quest to bring "Hamilton" to Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. You can catch the film on HBO Max and on-demand. Congratulations to John! **Rob Cortes** writes: "I have been a New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker for the past 20 years in the non-profit child welfare sector, and more recently in higher education. I graduated from Columbia University School of Social Work with my MS degree in 2000. I chose social work as a career to pursue my passion to help improve the social welfare and social justice of the individuals I serve. Regis has instilled a deep commitment in me to be a leader who serves the community as a "man for others". For the past 10 years, I have been working in the Counseling Center at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, where I serve as the Assistant Director of Outreach. This December 2020, I completed doctoral coursework at the St. John's University School of

Education with a 4.00 GPA, and am working towards my dissertation, which will focus on the impact of stereotype threat on male students of color attending community colleges. I am also a proud husband and father to 2 young boys ages 3 and 1, and a 15-year-old daughter who is attending St. Francis Preparatory High School in Queens, NY. Greetings to all my fellow Regians!" **Ned Byrne** has kept himself busy with memes, emojis, GIFs, and other modern teaching tools during these strange times. More than ever, he is reminded of this advice offered by Br. Menkhaus, S.J., "Always remember, you don't teach a subject; you teach a human being." Furthermore, Ned is very grateful for the belly laughs, slight chuckles, and uncomfortable groans provided by his Regis buddies. Lastly, he wishes to distance himself from any and all statements made about him by any of the aforementioned people with the notable exception of Brother Menkhaus. Finally, the members of the Fore Trost Golf Committee (**Rob Calarco**, **Mike Daly**, **Bill Foley '94**, **Matt Guiney '94**, **Matt Heinz '94**, **Brendan Loonam**, **Gerard McCarthy**, **Mike McNamara**, **John McPadden**, **Brian O'Neill**, **Dan Roche**, and **Mike Smyth**) were disappointed not to be able to have our 19th annual golf outing last Spring or Fall, but we are optimistic to get the outing back on the calendar for our 20th Anniversary this May. We are eternally grateful for the way you have all allowed us to celebrate the legacy of **Gregory James Trost** each year at our golf outing. We are truly blessed to share our friendships with each of you. Our hope is that you and your families continue to stay safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. We are immeasurably grateful to all the first responders and essential workers who have been diligently trying to keep us all safe. We look forward to seeing all of you together, sharing stories, and enjoying each other's company in the near future. We look forward to seeing everyone in May of 2021 as we celebrate 20 years of ForeTrost! For updated information, please check our website at www.foretrost.org. And with that, be well, be safe and hopefully, we'll all be able to get together soon.

1994

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2020 had its bright spots for **Michael Palumbo**. "In August, we moved from the Upper East Side to a house in Chatham, NJ. In November, Andrea and I celebrated our 5th wedding anniversary and our son, Michael Patrick, turned 3. Last year, I launched an Executive and Leadership Coaching practice (michaelpalumbocc.com). I work with leaders at all levels to build confidence, lead high-performing teams and navigate their inner landscape as deftly as their organizations and marketplaces. I have also become a regular speaker with the Holy Cross Alumni Career Development Network presenting workshops and masterclasses on How To Land Work You Love, How To Safely Talk About Differences and Leadership Starts by Leading Yourself. Lots of great changes last year and much more to come!"



Classmates Laurence Broderick '94 and Charles Donovan '94 joined the celebration when Frank Martignetti '94 married Heather Apgar in March 2020.

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1997

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Makayla and **Rich Biddulph** welcomed their son, Richard III, into the world on November 19, 2020. His parents joyfully report that “RJ” is happy, healthy, growing rapidly, and proudly following Dr. Fauci’s COVID-19 guidelines. Not content to start one new job at a time, **Frank Salamone** started two. After ten years in Enforcement at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, he joined the FDIC as Supervisory Counsel for its e-Discovery Group. He’s also become a perfumer and launched FSMQ Fragrances with his husband. The company produces two lines: Ex Libris, which works with authors to create scents based on their work, and Adamantis, a fine fragrance line. Check out <http://www.fsmqfragrances.com> and email frank@fsmqfragrances.com for free samples.



Makayla and Rich Biddulph '97 with Richard III, whom they welcomed into the world on November 19.

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Jason Reed emerged from his COVID chrysalis as a woodworker and designer/maker of functional and aesthetic home decor. Follow him on instagram @ironwoodstudiodesign. Newly sworn in President Biden spotted **Mike Memoli**, his favorite pool reporter, on the rail at the post-inauguration parade and took a moment to chat. Sources say that Biden wanted to make sure that Mike would be doing his famous Troll Roll, not seen in public since **Scott Callahan's** wedding, at the inaugural ball. **Christopher O'Leary** and his wife Meg welcomed their third child, and first son, Declan Patrick O'Leary, who was born on December 29. Says Chris, “We wanted an Irish name, but not just any Irish name, the Irishest name.” **Colin Jost** married actress Scarlett Johansson in an intimate ceremony on October 25, 2020. In a recent interview reflecting on his life and career, the SNL star and New York Times bestselling author attributed his success to many things, including his parents, his friends, hard work, and the mysterious street vendor in Marrakesh who sold him that monkey’s paw.



After his inauguration, President Joe Biden stops to take a question from NBC News White House Correspondent Mike Memoli '00.

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Pandemic? What pandemic? Michelle and **Chris Elms** gave birth to their first child, Daniel Christopher, on December 28. The family is back in Washington, D.C. learning Burmese language ahead of their assignment to Rangoon in the summer. (If that includes Daniel, we are truly impressed.) Emilie and **Aidan Sleeper** continue to time things perfectly as they welcomed their second child, a baby girl named Oona Mar, on January 12th. Managing their family and major upheavals at work this past year have been a real struggle, but they feel very lucky to have been able to expand their brood. Oona’s big sister, Paloma, is pleased to have someone around who isn’t her parents.



Michelle and Chris Elms '02 with their son, Daniel, who was born on December 28.

2003

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On October 22nd, **Gabriel Velez** and wife Catherine Curley welcomed their second little one, Lucas Lorenzo, into the family. Big brother Ian (born 2019) has handled the late night screaming like a champ. **Mathias Weiden** has

been living in Brooklyn (the Carroll Gardens neighborhood) with his wife, Kathleen, for just over 5 years. He works in Operations & Supply Chain for the meal-kit company, HelloFresh. The company has grown significantly during this time, so it's been a fun and challenging professional experience. If anyone wants to become a customer (or already is), Mathias can hook you up with a Friends & Family Discount! Sadly, Mathias' uncle, **James McCarrick '84**, passed away in December. Jim had remained very close to many of his own Regis classmates, and that entire class stays well-connected. The outreach from Jim's classmates after he passed away was really impressive and moving. And was quite a powerful reminder to Mathias of the specialness of the entire Regis experience and community. **Peter Luccarelli** and wife Stephanie welcomed their first son, Peter Joseph "PJ" Luccarelli this fall. They look forward to his application to the Class of 2037 (yikes); even at only five months, both parents presume he will be a better student than his father. Also in 2020, Peter was promoted to Partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith's New York office, where he works in litigation defending businesses and municipal organizations in construction, Labor Law, and general liability matters. Stephanie was promoted to Home Director at Real Simple Magazine.

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Joe Villarin and his wife Olya welcomed their second son, Daniel Myroslav Philip, on December 27, 2020. At the baby's christening, **Peter Tierney** stood in as the proud godfather. Joe is in his last year of psychiatry residency at Columbia and will soon begin a fellowship

in schizophrenia research, while Olya is a postdoctoral fellow at Rockefeller University. Christopher James Bandera, Jr. — "C.J." for short — surprised his parents with his early arrival on December 30th. Orellana and **Christopher Bandera** are enjoying their new adventures in parenthood, and would like to thank C.J. for the 2020 tax break.



Christopher Bandera '06 poses with Christopher James Bandera, Jr., who surprised his parents with an early arrival on December 30th.



Joseph Villarin '06 and Olya Yarychkivska's 3-year old son, Joey, meets baby brother Daniel for the first time.

2007

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Brendan Hannon is married, living in Queens, and working for the city's Department of Environmental Protection (where the office director is the daughter of a Regis grad). After a few years back in NYC, **Tim Haefele** has returned west to sunny California, residing in the city by the bay. If you're ever in the area, give him a shout. **Peter Liubicich** was married to Lindsay Peterson in March 2020 in Palmetto Bluff, SC, with **Tom O'Connell**, **Chris Santangelo**, **James Newman**, and **Rugare Zvoma** in attendance.



Margaux Guyonneau and Tim Hudson '07 welcomed Marie Louise on February 1.

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Milestones

Births

Dalia Sophia Corselia Remeza on January 9, 2021 to Ashley and **Dainius Remeza '90**

Richard III on November 19, 2020 to Makayla and **Rich Biddulph '97**

Declan Patrick on December 29, 2020 to Meg and **Christopher O'Leary '00**

Daniel Christopher on December 28, 2020 to Michelle and **Chris Elms '02**

Oona Mar on January 12, 2021 to Emilie and **Aidan Sleeper '02**

Lucas Lorenzo on October 22, 2020 to Catherine Curley and **Gabriel Velez '03**

Peter Joseph to Stephanie and **Peter Luccarelli '03**

Daniel Myroslav Philip on December 27, 2020 to Olya Yarychkivska and **Joe Villarin '06**

Christopher James Bandera, Jr. on December 30, 2020 to Orellana and **Christopher Bandera '06**

Marie Louise on February 1, 2021 to Margaux Guyonneau and **Tim Hudson '07**

Weddings

Al DeGrasse '84 on December 20, 2020 to Stephanie Spellers

George Zanazzi '89 on November 7, 2020 to Mary Rosenblatt

Frank Martignetti '94 on March 7, 2020 to Heather Apgar

Colin Jost '00 on October 25, 2020 to Scarlett Johansson

Peter Liubicich '07 in March 2020 to Lindsay Peterson

Deaths

James J. Neville '45 on November 26, 2020

Cornelius J. Tuomey '47 on January 22, 2021

Alfred B. Cherry '47 on November 15, 2020

Thomas J. Garrity '47 on September 14, 2019

Robert J. Forrester '48 on December 19, 2020

George P. Montefalcone '49 on Feb. 3, 2021

Michael J. Rocks '49 on November 16, 2020

Warren C. Nolan '50 on January 31, 2021

Daniel P. Lavery '50 on January 1, 2021

Eugene P. Reilly '51 on December 2, 2020

Dr. James J. Grant '52 on August 14, 2019

Rev. George A. Restrepo, SJ '52 on Dec. 20, 2020

James Robert Bergen '54 on Dec. 16, 2020

Lt. Col. Thomas J. Smith '54 on Jan. 28, 2021

Brian C. Irslinger '54 on February 16, 2021

Michael J. Ambrose '55 on April 14, 2021

Robert F. Reddington '56 on Nov. 26, 2020

Dr. John J. Carthy '58 on February 6, 2021

John T. Boorman '59 on January 6, 2020

Stephen R. Bourne '60 on March 27, 2021

Robert P. O'Neill '60 on November 23, 2020

James E. Shepard '60 on November 30, 2020

Dennis L. O'Connor '61 on November 23, 2020

Matt J. DeLuca '61 on December 3, 2020

Edward F. Butler, Jr. '62 on April 8, 2021

John T. Schott '62 on September 29, 2020

Robert L. Nowicki, Jr. '62 on March 24, 2021

Alfred J. Bartosh '66 in November 2020

Stephen J. Fischer '69 on January 6, 2021

Hector O. Boscarino '73 in June 2020

Edward J. McGovern '73 on February 26, 2021

Alfonso L. Russo '82 on January 6, 2021

James M. McCarrick Esq. '84 on Dec. 19, 2020

Fr. Kevin J. O'Reilly '87 on January 31, 2021

Tom O'Connell '07, Chris Santagelo '07, James Newman '07, and Rugare Zvoma '07 traveled to Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina in March 2020 for Peter Liubicich's '07 wedding.





Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 7** Freshman Family Welcome
- 8** Sophomore Family Welcome
- 10** Mass of the Holy Spirit
- 25** 50th Reunion for the Class of 1971

OCTOBER

- 2** 25th Reunion for the Class of 1996
- 13** Freshman Parent Reception
- 15** JUG Night
- 16** 25th Reunion for the Class of 1995
- 23** 50th Reunion for the Class of 1970

NOVEMBER

- 3** Deo Et Patriae Reception

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many Regis events have been reimagined or rescheduled. Please visit regis.org/events for the most up-to-date information.



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