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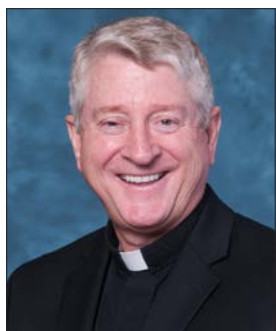


Above Mr. John Donodeo P'02, seen here running during "JD Day" in 2016, has retired after 37 years. Read more on page 14.

On the Cover Members of the Class of 2019 celebrate before receiving their Regis diplomas.

President's Report

Summer at Regis



As I write this column it is mid-summer. Summertime at Regis is delightful on so many levels. There is time to reflect on the year just concluded, time to plan for the year ahead, and time to get away and not think about school at all.

Yet at a school, there is something quite unnatural about summer. Walking the hallways on 84th Street can be haunting. There is the quiet that hangs in the air. As a large variety of summer construction plans are taking place, much of the building has a coat of dust on it as daily cleaning gives way to special projects. Classrooms and offices are empty, lights are off, and the air is still and heavy. The place is resting, but it just doesn't feel right without the energy of the students and faculty filling the place with life.

But this time does permit us to do a number of summer updates. The basement locker room will have a completely different feel by the end of August as new lockers, lights, flooring, and paint welcome students back. The Physics Lecture Hall, currently stripped of desks and old storage cabinets, awaits new seating, ceiling, lighting, boards, and air conditioning. Stairwells are getting painted, and the Science Project Room, which had a small fire in May, is being renovated as is the classroom below it, which had some water damage from the fire.

In a few weeks things will be cleaned up enough to allow REACH to return to the building from their camps at Fordham University and the University of Scranton, and by Labor Day, the building will sparkle and will welcome students and faculty back for a new year. Building and students rested and refreshed, and ready to start anew.

As has happened every year for 102 years, we said goodbye to our graduates in June and will welcome new students in August to begin the adventure of a Regis education. And as happens every year, we also said goodbye to several faculty and staff members, and we will welcome several new ones soon. As you will note in the pages that follow, longtime faculty member and coach John Donodeo retired after nearly 40 years at Regis, and after coaching over 100 seasons of track and cross country. Coach Donodeo exemplifies the commitment and dedication of men and women at Regis who make it the special place that so many of us call home.

While you will have to wait until the fall magazine for a full accounting of the fiscal year just finished, I can say with a genuine sense of gratitude that our community has once again responded with great generosity to the invitation to join us in the support of our Regis mission. While not setting a new record this year, the 2019 Annual Fund was the second best in the school's history. Moreover, the \$9 million raised surpassed our budgeted goal, and such support allows us to provide a tuition-free Catholic education to over 530 young, talented men, while also allowing us to care for our historic building and grow our endowment. Thank you.

Yes, these pages that follow recount a busy year just ended. A year with many successes, some challenges, but like the 104 years that preceded it, a year that changed the lives of our students. After such strenuous days, it is good to let the students and the building rest up during these days of summer.

I hope the days of your summer are not only restful for you, but are also richly blessed for you and your family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel K. Lahart, SJ". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "DKL" being particularly prominent.

Daniel K. Lahart, SJ
President

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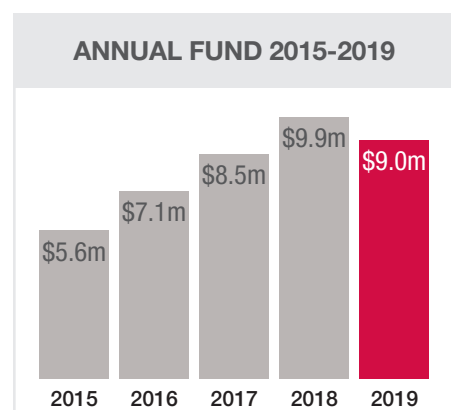
Living the Spirit of Generosity

2019 Giving by the Numbers

The theme of this year's Annual Fund was *Live the Mission*. Throughout the year, from July 2018 through the end of June 2019, many generous members of the Regis community helped us do just that.

With your support, the 2019 Annual Fund reached and even surpassed its goal, raising \$9 million to help cover a majority of the \$15 million in operating expenses of Regis for the year, and continuing the recent trend over the past five years of robust Annual Fund returns. Continuing this trend is a testament to the overwhelming and sustained generosity of our alumni, families, and friends. Without charging tuition, our business model would seem nearly impossible — but for over 100 years our mission has lived on and formed thousands of *Men for Others*. **For the fourth year in a row, we will be in a position to return funds to the endowment**, shoring up the long-term financial health of Regis.

Final results of this year's Annual Fund campaign will be detailed in this fall's Annual Report. In the meantime, here are some highlights of what we accomplished together:



GIVING CAMPAIGNS

- **Giving Tuesday** in November and **Giving Weekend** over graduation weekend together raised \$1.85 million in gifts and matches from 2,000 gifts.
- The **Young Alumni Challenge** raised \$132,000 from the youngest sixteen alumni classes from March through June. Congratulations to the **Class of 2005**, who won the championship and overall participation!
- The current **students of Regis**, bringing back the beloved tradition of the Regis-Dominican Academy Walkathon, secured a total of nearly \$30,000 in donations from their families, friends, and neighbors.

REUNIONS

- In commemoration of their special anniversary years, last year's reunion classes raised \$1.3 million to educate the current generation of *Men for Others*.
- The **Class of 1969**, in recognition of their 50th reunion, raised \$124,110 in gifts and pledges with 38% participation. The Class of 1969 more than quadrupled total giving from the prior year and also improved their participation by 19%.
- To celebrate their 40th reunion, the **Class of 1979** raised \$327,565 to create the Dr. John Tricamo scholarship.
- Members of the **Class of 1994** gave and pledged a combined \$210,000 for Regis,

beating the previous 25th Reunion record set by the Class of 1993.

- The **Class of 2009** raised an impressive \$39,000 from nearly 49% participation.

PARENT GIVING

- The **parents of the Class of 2019** raised over \$575,000 to honor their sons' graduation and establish a scholarship in their honor. This marks a new record for the Senior Parent Gift, exceeding the prior record by more than \$50,000.
- In March, **current parents** and attendees of the Parents Club Auction raised over \$220,000 for this year's Auction Challenge project, which will renovate the Physics Lecture Hall and locker room.

We are so grateful for the many reasons and ways our community has helped us *Live the Mission*. Every gift matters and helps keep the life-changing opportunity of a Regis education alive. Thank you for your support!

Endowment Giving

In fiscal year 2019, Regis received bequests totaling more than \$500,000 from 10 benefactors who generously chose to remember the school in their estate plans. Their final gifts to Regis go directly to the Regis endowment to create a legacy of philanthropy. For more information, visit regisgift.org.



Thank You!

The 2019 Annual Fund met and exceeded its goal for the year! More than 5,000 members of the Regis family came together to raise \$9 million to benefit today's *Men for Others* and keep alive the opportunity of a tuition-free Jesuit education.

The life-changing mission of Regis would not be possible without the remarkable generosity of our alumni, families, and friends. Thank you!

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News & Notes

For expanded coverage of these and other news stories, visit news.regis.org

The New Yorker Chronicles Sciutto's Debate Prep Session with the Hearn



Jim Sciutto '88, CNN's chief national-security correspondent, stopped by the Hearn Room on May 15 to help team members prepare for the upcoming National Speech and Debate Association championship tournament. A standout performer on the Hearn in his day, Sciutto joined Mr. Eric DiMichele and a group of seniors in talking through the various resolutions they would argue at nationals, from the need for government control of social media during times of national emergency to the value of a bipartisan unity ticket in the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

Documenting the visit in its June 10 & 17 print edition, *The New Yorker* wrote that the Regians "sounded like an Aaron Sorkin fantasy of what teen-agers sound like: fact-touting, earnest, quippy." At the end of the visit, Sciutto gave each student a signed copy of *The Shadow War*, his new book documenting "secret operations to defeat America" by Russia and China.

The preparation paid off, as Regis finished among the top eight teams in the World Schools Debate category at the national tournament.

Mr. Anselme Honored with Ignatian Educator Award

As the student body roared with approval, Mr. Andre Anselme accepted the Patricia Hannon Ignatian Educator Award during a school-wide assembly on May 9. Anselme has been a member of Regis' History Department since 1984.

Named in honor of the late Mrs. Patricia Hannon — who not only shared her knowledge and passion for chemistry with countless students over her 23-year career, but also touched just as many hearts in the process — the Ignatian Educator Award recognizes a faculty member whose dedication to his or her students fosters a learning environment that is the model of Ignatian pedagogy.

"It is a very singular honor," Anselme said. "To me, it is incumbent upon me to conduct myself in a professional manner befitting the award. Because the nominating and selecting process relies heavily on the faculty and academic committee, respectively, I consider the award 'peer recognition.' Finally, I feel a sense of validation that my work over the years, both inside and outside the classroom, is recognition worthy."



Dr. Anthony Fauci '58 Visits Regis



Dr. Anthony Fauci '58, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, returned to Regis on May 9 to share details of his groundbreaking work and reflect on his time at the school. In his position since 1984, Fauci oversees research efforts to prevent, diagnose, and treat established infectious diseases as well as emerging ones.

Fauci met with a group of Regis students considering careers in science and medicine. He answered questions from the students on a range of topics, from his involvement in the fight against the AIDS epidemic to attempts to combat the spread of Ebola.

"They're just incredibly bright kids," Fauci said after visiting with the Regians.

That evening, Regis President Fr. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, hosted a conversation with Fauci at the President's Dinner, an annual reception for the school's most generous benefactors. Fauci fascinated the audience with details of his work with the last six presidents and spoke on a variety of public health issues. He also fondly reminisced about his long commute from the Bensonhurst neighborhood of Brooklyn, his stint as captain of the basketball team, and the rigorous academic challenges he experienced at Regis.

"I'm multiple, multiple decades out of Regis, and I've been to some seriously good institutions, and I've been involved in a lot of academic things," Dr. Fauci said. "And I can say absolutely honestly that Regis High School is the best educational period that I could ever possibly imagine having."

Fauci said that when he thinks about the experiences and places that influenced him, Regis tops the list. "It is just absolutely the core of how I conduct myself," he said. "It really started right here."

A recording of Dr. Fauci's conversation with Fr. Lahart is available on the Regis website.

Sophomore Golfer Captures State Title

After a long hiatus, the Regis High School Golf team returned to action in 2019 and made school history. Christian Garcia De La Jara '21 shot an impressive 77 on June 3 at James Baird Golf Course in Pleasant Valley to win the state tournament by one stroke.

"The experience was thrilling," the sophomore said. "This was a first for me, and the entire time I was ecstatic about the possibility of winning. I had a feeling I was going to end up high in the standings, but people just kept coming in, and my score held up."

Assistant Athletic Director Sal Annunziata, who coached the team and will serve as Athletic Director beginning in the fall, raved about Garcia De La Jara's improvement during his first season in high school competition.

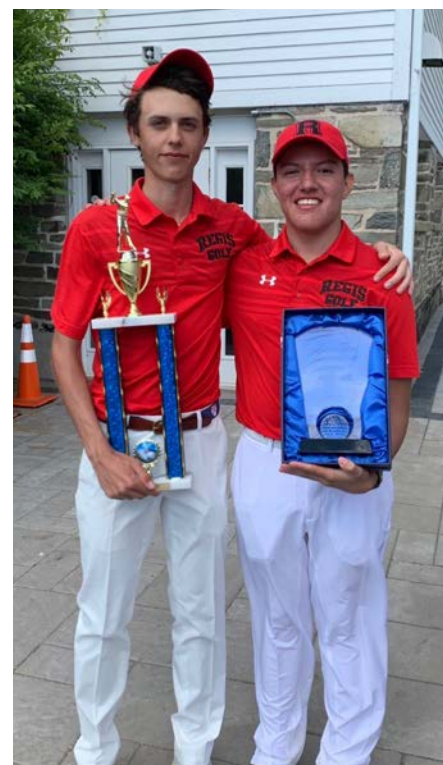
"Christian has put so much time and effort into perfecting his craft," Annunziata said. "It's so great to see it all come to fruition for him. To go out and shoot a 77 as a sophomore in the tough conditions of

James Baird State Park, it goes to show you what he is truly capable of. I'm very proud of him."

Garcia De La Jara wasn't the only Regian who was impressive at the state tournament. Classmate George Roessler '21, who excelled throughout the season, shot an 81 and won a five-person playoff to finish fourth.

The squad compiled a stellar 11-3 record during the regular season. With just one graduating senior, Alex Lee '19, on the team, the rest of the roster is poised to return for the 2020 campaign next spring.

"From hitting golf balls into the nets of the lower gym to a state championship, it has been great to see the quick development of our golf program," Annunziata said. "I can't say enough about the character and selflessness of the eight golfers on our team, who have put themselves on the map. We look forward to building off of this year and continuing to get better. Regis Golf is here to stay."



Roessler, left, and Garcia De La Jara celebrate after the state championship tournament.

Walkathon Return a Success



After a nine-year hiatus, the Regis High School/Dominican Academy Walkathon made a successful comeback on May 3. The student bodies of the two schools enthusiastically walked the streets of New York together before returning to Regis for a fun-filled afternoon.

Once a staple of the Regis experience, the Walkathon was resurrected after student leaders read about it in past editions of *The Region* and learned more from faculty members. While Regians enjoyed the walk down Park Avenue, across 60th Street, and north on Fifth Avenue, they also chased down an ambitious goal. The student organizers had challenged their peers to raise \$25,000 for the school through the Walkathon. The student body embraced the initiative and easily outpaced their goal, bringing in more than \$29,000 for the school.

"I am extremely grateful for the student efforts for the fundraising," Regis President Fr. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, said. "Together they raised the full cost of a student's year here at Regis. I am, once again, very proud of our students."

In all, 584 alumni, parents, and friends of Regis sponsored students in the Walkathon, with all donations benefiting the Annual Fund.

"I am immensely proud of the enthusiasm from the student body in both fundraising and organizing the event," said Student Government President Duncan Barcelona '19. "We initially doubted the possibility of bringing back the Walkathon this year, but with the determination and motivation of numerous members of the student body, we were able to revive the storied tradition, and hopefully it will become an annual event for years to come."

Alumnus Tapped to Lead REACH



Doug Eickman '05 this summer became the new Director of the REACH Program. Eickman previously had served as the Dean of Mathematics for REACH and a member of Regis' Mathematics Department since returning to his alma mater in 2010.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to recruit and work with students and families from underserved communities on a full-time basis!" Eickman said. "REACH is an incredible, transformative opportunity for our young men, and I'm looking forward to the challenge of helping the program live up to its mission even more fully — to better prepare our students for success at Regis and in our Jesuit partner schools, to offer more support to our graduates in high school and college, and to continue to inspire our alumni to live lives of faith, scholarship, and service."

The REACH Program was founded in 2002 to prepare Catholic, middle-school aged boys from families with significant financial need to earn scholarships to Regis, as well as other top Catholic high schools in New York City.

Mario Powell, SJ Named Sixth President of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep



Fr. Mario Powell, SJ, who served Regis for four years as the Director of the REACH Program, was recently named the sixth president of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep. BJP is a Nativity-model middle school serving low-income families in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn.

“Stories and Storytellers” Event Showcases Regis Authors



A large crowd of students, alumni, families, and friends gathered in the Regis auditorium on June 4 to hear from four Regians who have found success in the literary world. Hosted by Regions in Media and Entertainment and Noble Hearts Films, a production company founded by a group of Regis alumni, the “Stories and Storytellers” panel discussion featured noted authors Ed Conlon ’83, Phil Klay ’01, and Matthew Thomas ’93 as well as literary manager and producer Eddie Gamara ’90. A full recording of the spirited discussion, which was deftly moderated by Joe Mauceri ’04, is available at regis.org/livestream.

John Francis Regis Day Focuses on Women’s Issues

In 2019, John Francis Regis Day encouraged Regis students to reflect on the experience of women in America. For the second year in a row, the Regis community studied a chosen social justice topic throughout the course of the whole school year. The effort culminated on May 8th with a day devoted to exploring the theme: “Do you see me? The experience of the 51%.”

The entire student body participated, listening to presentations and taking part in small group discussions. Dr. Amy Uelmen, the Special Advisor to the Dean and Lecturer at Georgetown Law School, served as the keynote speaker, while a group of students from Marymount and Major Justine Davie, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, also led sessions.

With Gratitude to Departing Faculty & Staff

A number of faculty and staff members left Regis at the end of the academic year to retire or pursue other professional opportunities. We are so grateful for their dedicated service.

Mr. Tomasz Otlowski '09
Language Department
4 Years

Mr. Vincent Peterson
Fine Arts Department
4 Years

Fr. Mario Powell, SJ
REACH Program Director
4 Years

Mr. Michael Allocca '81
Theology Department
3 Years

Mr. Carlos Angeles
REACH Program
2 Years

Mr. Ermanno Morelli
Dean of Students
1 Year

Mr. Jonalex Asperti
IT Support Specialist
1 Year

Mr. Luis Gomez '14
Admissions Associate
1 Year

Mr. John White '14
Pastoral Associate
1 Year

Mr. Sebastian Dilones '14
Alumnus Mentor
1 Year

Mr. Gordon Farley '14
Alumnus Mentor
1 Year



Mr. John Donodeo P'02
Phys. Ed. Department
37 Years



Mr. Joseph Quinn '04
English Department
8 Years



Mr. Don Allison
Vice President, Finance
12 Years



Mr. Thomas A. Hein '99
Dir. of Communications
8 Years



Ms. Kathryn Humora
Science Department
9 Years



Fr. Mark Lane, CO
Dir. of Campus Ministry
5 Years

CLASS OF 2019

College Destinations

Ave Maria University
Thomas Vincent Gilmore

Bard College
Antonio James Martinez

Baruch College
Marc Anthony Cruz

Binghamton University
Michael Arthur Evans
Donal George
Stanley Grullon
Devon Chidubem Umeozor

Boston College
Patrick John Flood
Liam Robert McDonough
John Philip Mendizabal
Sean Patrick Yung

Boston University
Matthew Adrian Gomez

Bowdoin College
Matthew Regus Perez
Paolo Antonio Russo

Brown University
Jacob Stephen Kaiserman
Morgan Francis McCordick
Owen Michael Ryan
Daniel Smith Tully

California Institute of Technology
Michael McAlarney Valverde

Colgate University
August Alfred Girardi
Allen Abracosa Quizon

College of the Holy Cross
Andrew Joseph Chin
John Matthew Conlon
Justin C. Hudson
Brett Thomas McCarron
Jesus Alexander Mendez

Columbia University
Logan Thomas Boyce
Philip Barrett Healy
Aleksandr Petukhov

Cornell University
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Sean Michael McCabe
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Education Program**
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Davidson College
Aidan Drew Glynn
Matthew Robert Kluge

Emory University
Alexander Young Kim

Fairfield University
Brian Michael Polito

Fordham University
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William Rene Hernandez
Faris A. Madi
Christian Alexander Morales
William Walter Murphy
Robert Alexander Schier
Miguel Antonio Sutedjo

George Washington University
Christopher James Finkelstein

Georgetown University
Terence Michael Coyne
Jack Fitzhenry Daly
Wilkin Junior De Los Santos
Robert Anthony Fanciullo
Colin Edward Hall
Ralph J. Lamberti
Michael Mazzariello II
Liam Howe Nicholson
Finn Flanagan O'Malley
Daniel Hunter Wolfe

Hamilton College
Brendan Kevin Wiseman

Harvard University
Alexander Misup Lee

Haverford College
Hikaru David Jitsukawa

Johns Hopkins University
Kyle Tyler Kampta
Daniel Schouten Lewis
Nicholas Angelo Guarneri
Lombardi
Carlos Daniel Tenreiro-Braschi

LeMoyné College
Nicholas Joseph Carinci

Loyola Marymount University
Ryan Bradford Meade

Loyola University Maryland
David Gregory Garcia
Nolan McKenna Morgan
Jason High Remy

Macaulay Honors College
Chris S. Dyjak
Rafael Joseph Garcia
Brian Austin Hernandez-Armenta

Morehouse College
Jalen Isaiah Ellis

New York University
Carlo Miguel Bueno
Andre Simon Cartano
Moises Espinal
Sebastian Lorcan Jamshahi

Northeastern University
Richard Zachary DeCurtis
Peter Matthew Doran

Northern Arizona University
Connor Douglas MacSpadden

Northwestern University
Nathan Colby LoPinto
Cole Donovan Mader
Oliver Marcell

Princeton University
James Paul Chambers McGibbon

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ryan Sangjoon Lee

Rice University
Joseph Murphy O'Neill

Rochester Institute of Technology
Joel Marcel Clyne
Kenneth Pearse Rossi

Saint Joseph's University
Daniel Braeden Phelan
Luca Andrea Trigiani

Saint Louis University
Brian Gregory Golinski

Sarah Lawrence College
Matthew Henry Trapasso

The New School
Christian G. Boolbol

Trinity College Dublin
Colin McKeown Adamo

Tufts University
Gregory John Terry

U.S. Air Force Academy
Dylan Luke Gomez

University at Buffalo of the State University of NY
Tyler Jacob Graham
Ethan Perez

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University of Chicago
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University of Connecticut
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Ignatian Spirituality

The Fourth Day

By Rev. Mark J. Lane, CO
Director of Campus Ministry

Fr. Mark Lane, who has offered his spiritual guidance in this space in several previous issues, left Regis this summer after five years helping Regians grow in their faith. As one of his final acts at the school, Fr. Lane offered the benediction at Graduation on June 1. With deep gratitude for his service to Regis, we share Fr. Lane's benediction in its entirety below.

A warning: The actual blessing part of this benediction is going to go very, very quickly, so stay awake. But I will need a little time to set it up, so please stay with me.

I presume part of the reason I was asked to do this benediction is because, like you, my formal time at Regis is at an end. But I also presume that I have been asked because I am a priest. Giving blessings is part of the job description.

As a newly ordained priest, a long time ago and far away, I was humbled by people who would bring me things to bless. Who was I to do this? I was particularly uncomfortable when people would try to kiss my hands when I knew full well that I was and remain a sinner. What is so special about these hands? I was so uncomfortable that at the end of Mass when the priest gives the blessing, I would say, "May almighty God bless us," instead of the prescribed, "May almighty God bless you."

Although life continues to remind me I am an all-too-flawed human being, I have also come to learn that it is not all about me. God chooses the weak as well as the strong, the young as well as

the old, the saint as much as the sinner. God can and does impart blessings in all manner of ways and by all manner of people.

And so, Regis Class of 2019, the blessing which it is my honor and privilege to bestow on you in a minute is a timely reminder of all the blessings you have received from the hands of others over these past four years.

To be blessed means to be made holy — to be consecrated. And you have been blessed again and again in many ways by many people: In the classroom. In the chapel. In the field. In the cafeteria. In song, and in speech and debate, and in listening on the subway and on the sidewalk. You have been consecrated by teachers and classmates; by priests and maintenance staff; by parents, grandparents, family, and friends. Your four years here have consecrated you. They have made you holy. Gentlemen, you have been blessed.

If I can leave you with one small piece of advice from many years of imparting blessings, it is this: You are a blessing. Not because you are worthy of it. Not because you earned it or deserve it, but because you allow yourself to be a channel of grace for yourself and for others. And you will be that means of grace if you humbly and gratefully accept the blessings of where you are. They may not always be easy circumstances or situations. They may not always be easy people. They may not always be what you want, and you may often be called to great courage and indeed sacrifice. But if you are always present to wherever you are, and you embrace it with generosity and gratitude, you will be a blessing.

Feel this place. Feel this moment.
Feel the person that you are and are



becoming. Feel and be aware of the people around you and with you. Feel the God who is always with you in each and every moment. When you know that you are indeed blessed, then you can become a blessing for others.

Gentlemen, I ask you to look at your hands. What is special about them? Gentlemen, I suggest to you that you have the power to bless. That you have the power to heal, to console, to caress, indeed to bless.

You are blessed, the Class of 2019, so that you can go out from here and be a blessing in a world that so keenly needs you. So finally, here is the blessing I impart on behalf of all gathered here to support you: Regis graduating Class of 2019 — just a reminder the appropriate response is a confident "Amen" — I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

East Meets West

Regis Student and Teacher Bring Latin to China



Top: Mr. David Bonagura '99 brings Latin verbs to life: "lace pilam ad me!"

Middle: Francis Wang '20 proclaims the benefits of studying Latin in Shanghai.

Bottom: Bonagura and Wang on stage with students at Chengdu Foreign Language School.



In 1582, Father Matteo Ricci, SJ, became the first missionary to bring Christianity to mainland China. Over 400 years later, two Regians set out for China and its secondary schools as missionaries of the Latin language.

Fengyuan (Francis) Wang '20, inspired by his love for Latin, conceived and coordinated "Western Classics Lectures in China" to inspire Chinese secondary schools to offer Latin in their curricula. To help showcase the West's classical language, Wang invited Regis Latin teacher Mr. David Bonagura '99 to assist him in this brand new endeavor.

Visiting four schools in three cities from June 24-26, 2019, Wang began each presentation recounting his own study abroad experience. Born and raised in China, Wang came to the United States at age 11 with limited facility in English to begin his studies at the Fessenden School in Massachusetts. Wang persevered through a difficult adjustment period to have a wonderful career at Fessenden. Before matriculating at Regis, Wang detailed his experiences in a book entitled *The Zeal in Youth*, which has sold widely in China.

At Regis, Latin quickly became Wang's favorite subject, which he has pursued eagerly outside the classroom through two trips to Rome, participation in a spoken Latin conference in New York City, and working as a research assistant for a classics professor at Stanford University. Through these experiences he also realized that his peers in China, for whom Latin is completely unknown, could come to learn and appreciate Western culture by studying Latin.

"After several years studying in the U.S., I acquired a strong desire to play some role in connecting the west to the east," Wang said. "Teaching Latin in China to children who otherwise would have no chance to know Latin is only a small step, but each one contributes to the greater goal, which is to connect

cultures and people on other sides of the world. My belief is that the more we know each other, the less misunderstanding will exist between countries."

The hundreds of students and parents who heard Wang's presentations had to be surprised when he introduced them to his favorite subject. He briefly explained what Latin is and where it came from, and made some connections to Latin that his audiences would know: Julius Caesar, the *Veritas*

"To see Chinese students and parents genuinely interested in the Latin language, and responding eagerly to the Latin that they saw acted out in front of them, was another sign of Latin's enduring, immortal character."

insignia of Harvard University, and Vivo electronics. He then introduced Bonagura for demonstration lessons on the Latin language.

Using the spoken Latin techniques that he has developed in the Regis classroom, Bonagura selected "*discipuli conscripti*" from the audience to demonstrate briefly the nature of Latin imperatives, Latin nouns in the nominative and accusative cases, and Latin counting. The students and parents laughed as they watched the *conscripti* respond

to Bonagura's Latin speaking, which was accompanied by a full range of gestures to clarify meaning. In exercises of "learning by doing," the audiences encountered the Latin verbs for walk, run, sit, stand, stop, and throw. This last verb they learned by throwing a ball on the stage: "*Iace pilam ad me!*"

At two schools, the principal was pulled from the audience to participate in the final demonstration: pulling ten coins from a *sacculus*, or bag. "*Unus nummus e sacculo! Duo nummi! Tres nummi!*"

Bonagura relished this unique teaching experience. "To see Chinese students and parents genuinely interested in the Latin language, and responding eagerly to the Latin that they saw acted out in front of them, was another sign of Latin's enduring, immortal character," he reflected. "Their excitement also testifies to the value of teaching Latin as a living language rather than as one solely to be read from a page."

The presentations were a big success. Student enthusiasm for Latin was palpable, and two schools, the Beijing Royal School and Chengdu Foreign Language School, are now exploring the possibility of offering Latin in the immediate future. A few parents also expressed interest in having their sons apply to Regis!

Wang hopes to return to China next summer to help the schools he visited lay the groundwork for establishing their own Latin programs and to promote Latin at a few new ones. Both Wang and Bonagura were humbled to walk a similar path to Father Ricci, about whom they were reading during their travels between cities.

"Ricci's genius was to present Christianity in a way that the Chinese could understand," Bonagura said. "Our goal was to present Latin in the same manner. If students in China can learn Latin, they can then come to learn the heart of Western Civilization, of which Christianity is an integral part."

A large photograph of Mr. John Donodeo, an older man with glasses and a white long-sleeved shirt, pointing towards two young men in the background. The young men are wearing white t-shirts with "REGIS" printed on them. Mr. Donodeo is holding a yellow ball in his left arm. The background is a gymnasium with a wooden floor and a red wall.

What a Run!

**Mr. John Donodeo P'02
retires from Regis after 37
years as a teacher and coach.**

John Donodeo was nervous. Walking into Regis High School on his first day in 1982, the new physical education teacher felt “intellectually defensive,” acutely aware of the lofty academic reputation belonging to the school’s faculty and students.

A friendly face approached, but his greeting only made it worse.

“Welcome to my school,” Fred Donodeo ’84, then a junior, playfully told his older brother.

Looking back decades later, it’s a story — like many others — that John Donodeo can’t wait to tell. “So I wasn’t even top Donodeo!” he exclaims. “Let alone feeling comfortable.”

The nervousness didn’t seem to last very long. For 37 years, Mr. Donodeo, with his endless energy and unbridled enthusiasm, helped define the Regis experience for class after class of gifted Catholic young men. The fast-talking teacher and ebullient coach retired this

June, leaving behind a legion of grateful and amused former pupils.

A native of Astoria, Queens, Donodeo grew up in a loud, boisterous family. He starred on the cross country and track teams at Mater Christi High School, which he pointedly chooses not to call by its current name, St. John’s Prep. After majoring in physical education at Manhattan College, Donodeo taught and coached for five years at the McBurney School on the West Side before moving across Central Park.

Donodeo arrived at Regis on a mission: He wanted to ensure that the physical education program earned the respect of the school community. “I knew that would be an extra-special challenge in this place,” he says. “It’s a place of intellectual prowess.”

He accomplished that, along with his close friend and longtime fellow physical education teacher Kevin Cullen, by introducing a variety of interesting, often lesser-known sports. Not content simply



Mr. Donodeo’s headshot in the 1983 yearbook, his first year on the faculty at Regis.

to roll out a basketball or break the class into two teams for dodgeball, Donodeo had his students playing European Handball and Pickleball, which fittingly was the chosen activity for his final class on May 23. Once a year, he would lug out equipment from the closet outside

the lower gym and set up gymnastics stations, insisting that each student attempt to master the parallel bars.

And then there's tchoukball, a game Donodeo discovered 15 years ago at a national conference for physical education teachers. An unfamiliar observer can watch for 30 minutes and still have virtually no understanding of the rules. But Regians took to it, and it has become a beloved tradition for the school's recent graduates. "Tchoukball is a game made for the students of Regis because you don't have to play any defense," Donodeo quips.

Donodeo took these sports seriously, and he wanted his students to follow suit. But

he also knew how to make each session fun, whether through his extremely spirited officiating or his signature quirks. He'd often excitedly begin by introducing his vocabulary word of the day. When students didn't pay attention or mouthed off during class, he'd loudly and eagerly brand them "jabronis."

For many Regis graduates, the most lasting image of Donodeo is at the Central Park Reservoir, urging freshmen to pick up the pace or risk having to redo the mile run. Of course, his love for running and his time logged at the reservoir extended well beyond physical education class. Donodeo began coaching cross country and track at Regis in 1982 and continued to do so

full-time through the end of the 2016-17 school year. His many successes earned him a spot in the CHSAA Hall of Fame.

When reflecting on his impact, his former runners don't point to the race victories. Kieran Darcy '96, now an ESPN sportswriter, penned an article in 2009 on his former cross country coach. "I was the sixth best runner on a seven-man team, but he treated me like an Olympic prospect," Darcy wrote. "He stalked the course at Van Cortlandt, barking at me just as much as the guys who were way out ahead of me."

To outsiders, Donodeo's constant, exuberant urging on of his runners during competitions — he was "like a



Clockwise from left: (1) Mr. Donodeo leading a physical education class. (2) The teacher surrounded by students. (3) Longtime friends and colleagues Mr. Donodeo and Mr. Cullen in their office.

wild man out there,” as one alumnus put it — might have seemed excessive. His guys knew better. More than anything, their coach wanted them to give it their all, and he gave them his all at all times to set the tone.

As with physical education class, he also knew how to lighten the mood and relished opportunities to poke fun at his brainy athletes. On the first truly cold day in the fall, when one runner inevitably would show up to cross country practice in shorts and a t-shirt, the coach was always ready. His routine, according to the memory of Ron Romano '16, went something like this: “What are you doing? You look like you’re in the Bahamas! You should be drinking a piña colada!”

Donodeo’s athletes, some of whom ran all three seasons — cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track — for four years grew close to their coach, and many have stayed in regular contact with him. “He was a father figure to a lot of people,” says James Langstine '97. “He was always there for you.”

That familial bond was on full display on Sunday, May 22, 2016 when a huge crowd turned out for “JD Day.” To honor his 100th season as coach (three seasons per school year since 1982), the team captains and school administrators held a Mass and reception at Regis, and Donodeo led the large group of current and former runners, along with faculty and parents, on a jog through Central Park. Before the run began, the group surprised him by unveiling a paved stone on the bridge that leads to the reservoir with an engraving commemorating his milestone.

It meant a lot, and Donodeo still stops by his stone when out for runs. “I always check to see to make sure there’s no bird remains on it,” he says earnestly.

JD Day is a special memory for the coach on a number of fronts. Most meaningfully, his beloved wife Myrna,



Top: The Donodeo family in the Regis Chapel on JD Day.

Bottom: Mr. Donodeo poses with students after teaching his final class at Regis.

who was in between chemotherapy treatments in her long battle with Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, was able to attend. Sadly, she passed away eight months later.

Myrna’s death partially influenced her husband’s decision to retire. Rest assured, though, that Donodeo is planning for an active retirement. He’ll spend more time with his children, John '02 and Laura, a former Regis guidance counselor. He has a long list of desired travel experiences: hiking in Glacier National Park, walking across the Golden Gate Bridge, and traveling to Antarctica to “hang out with the penguins,” to name just a few. He’ll volunteer multiple days per week, tutoring at St. Ignatius School in the Bronx and, in honor of Myrna, visiting pediatric cancer patients at Morgan

Stanley Pediatric Hospital. “I hope this place has taught me to be more of a man for others,” Donodeo says.

He’ll remain a familiar face around Regis, as well, attending occasional events and visiting friends. Donodeo knows that a large part of him will miss it when the school year begins in September, but he’s excited for the next phase of his life and proud of his accomplishments at the school.

“I’ve loved what I’ve done here,” he says. “And I hope that that has shown.”

It has. And generations of Regians — even his brother Fred — can agree on one other fact: Regis High School is John Donodeo’s school, too, and its students, faculty and staff, and alumni have all been better for it.

— IN MEMORIAM —

John L. Connelly

Mr. John Connelly '56 P'90'99 passed away on April 16 in Norwalk, Connecticut. Connelly, the longest serving faculty member in school history and a revered icon for generations of alumni, educated Regis students for 52 years.

Mr. Connelly first arrived at Regis for his freshman year in the fall of 1952. He earned his undergraduate degree from the College of the Holy Cross and a Master's degree from Fordham University. In 1981, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Georgetown University.

At Regis, Mr. Connelly taught mathematics, European history, economics, classical political thought, and epistemology. His students admired his vast knowledge, his deep faith, and his quick wit. Mr. Connelly was the recipient of the 2015 Deo et Patriae Award, and a scholarship in support of REACH is named in his honor.

Mr. Connelly is survived by Susan, his beloved wife of nearly 50 years, and his sons, Jamie '90 and Michael '99.

The Regis High School community will forever be grateful to Mr. Connelly for the wisdom and friendship he shared.



By Brian FitzGerald '94

When I began my own career in the classroom, I could have found no better exemplar for how and why to teach than John Connelly. Four years after I graduated from Regis, back at the school as a teacher, I was blessed to become one of John's colleagues, and over the next decade he became not only a mentor but a friend. At the start, though, I was simply an apprentice fortunate enough to have found an acknowledged master, and I lost no opportunity to learn from him.

In the first month of my very first year, I sat in on a weekly morning reading group which John led, a group whose initiative came from a few students seeking greater understanding of the Catholic intellectual tradition, and of how to unify mind and heart. The

young men had been wise enough to discern that Mr. Connelly was the teacher to lead them. The first piece he assigned to the group that year — and indeed at the beginning of every year — was Étienne Gilson's "The Intelligence in the Service of Christ the King." No title more apt could be found for John's own career at Regis.

Re-reading the essay after John's funeral this spring, I recognized that what he wanted his students to see was also what he himself spent his years at Regis trying to live out: one could indeed — and should indeed — serve Christ with one's intelligence, but one must do so by first aiming at something else. "Piety never dispenses with technique," Gilson writes. If you want to serve God with your academic gifts, you must commit yourself

to cultivating them. If you want to build a building for the glory of God, you first need to know geometry, and if you want to teach for the glory of God, you must master your craft. To be a good servant of God, John became a great teacher.

Mastering his craft meant for John not just an attention to method but a comprehensive grasp of his subject matter. He was learned in many areas — he began his teaching career as a mathematician, and was revered by his students for his command of philosophy and theology — but his true love was history. In the capaciousness of that subject the entire font of human experience — he found space for the play of his mind.

John told me once that his goal in teaching history was to "diminish

ignorance.” This diminishment was not a negative goal: it was instead a great affirmation of Creation, for it meant in reality the opening of eyes to truth, like the polishing of a diamond, and in that exercise John shone.

I do not know at what point in his career John acquired the reputation for being “the smartest teacher at Regis,” but this eminence was well-established by the time I entered as a freshman in 1990. Students with questions on any topic would turn to John for the clarity of an answer or the resolution of a dispute. One of my own classmates tried to stump him with the question that plagued the Reformation — “Mr. Connelly, are we justified by faith or by works?” — and found him ready with an answer that might have saved centuries of upheaval: “We are justified by Jesus Christ.”

John could use his piercing intellect to devastating effect when confronted with mediocre efforts by his students. One written comment of his on an assignment had achieved legendary status among the faculty: a boy discovered at the end of his essay what looked to be the glowing praise of an impressed teacher — “Incredible!” — only to see beneath it a firmly scripted ‘F’.

But John also recognized that Regis students more often than not would rise to the challenge, that indeed the challenge was essential to their education. For years, he ran a special section of his freshman Medieval History course that was essentially “off the books,” not subject to the usual array of lectures and quizzes on textbook readings, but rather something akin to a great-books seminar, where he could assign Boethius, St. Benedict, and Chaucer. What most delighted him was that these fourteen-year-olds would select themselves for this section after he gave the whole class a deliberately exaggerated and foreboding speech at the beginning of term, declaring that the special section would be extremely hard, the most work

they had in any course: “And still they signed up!”

The devotion and enthusiasm of such young men gave him hope, gave him the energy to keep teaching. But surely the reverse was also true, that the obvious joy he took in teaching history drew students to him. I once came across him in the Regis foyer mischievously trying to abscond with one of the large ornamental chairs there for a re-enactment of a feudal ceremony with his freshmen.

John was constantly hoping to spark enthusiasm for learning. One of the reasons he taught his famous senior elective Classical Political Thought was simply to introduce young men to Plato, Aristotle, St. Thomas. I know numerous alumni who still possess the texts they

bought for that course and who look upon them as their entrance into a lifelong love of wisdom.

In his later years especially, John taught as much by example as by word. Many a young Regian came to cherish him for not being wholly of this time. The typewriter and fountain pen he continued to use, his straw hats and fedoras (with Hapsburg medallion firmly ensconced in one), his vast store of memorized Cole Porter lyrics — these were not mere antiquarian accoutrements. Instead, they revealed him as the representative of another age who, along with his charm, grace, and wit, showed students another way of being in the world, as a Christian gentleman.

He was also an embodiment of Regis’ memory and as such offered glimpses of a tradition stretching back in time. A man who first began teaching when faculty members at the school wore academic robes in the classroom, John was faithful to what he himself had learned there as a schoolboy, and he transmitted many classroom experiences: the outlining of essays before beginning



Left: John Connelly's graduation photo in the 1956 yearbook. Below: John and Susan at the 2015 Deo et Patriae reception, where John was recognized for his decades of service to Regis.



to write exams, the index card to summarize readings, the black-and white marble notebook to be filled with notes on one side of the page only. Till his last days as a teacher, John wore on his lapel the Guard of Honor pin he first put on as a student over 55 years earlier. The Guard itself had been established in 1917 for Regians pledging to attend Mass and receive Communion several times a week. It no longer existed at the school, except in John's presence for Mass every morning in the chapel. During my time at Regis, John's was also one of the few classes to begin with a prayer, students on their feet, as had been widely the case in his day.

John's devotion to his Regis formation was bound up with his commitment to the faith which had been strengthened there by the Jesuits. The constancy of that faith sustained his love for his wife and family and for his Church. It also sustained his work: John's piety never dispensed with the technique of his craft, but that piety was at the same time the indispensable foundation of his whole life of learning and teaching. Many of John's students recognized this and turned to him not just for intellectual satisfaction but also for guidance and help in matters of faith. He was a symbol of stability for those in confusion, struggling to find their path to God or trying to understand how to harmonize faith and reason.

One of John's favorite philosophers, Josef Pieper, once wrote, "love of truth and love of men — only the two together constitute a teacher." John did love his students, "the lads," both for who they were and for what they could be. Those who grew closest to him became over the years a part of his life beyond Regis. He was constantly meeting groups of alumni for dinners or attending their weddings or ordinations. He followed the course of their lives with paternal fondness. He also, assuredly, spent numerous evenings on his knees praying for them. He was

the fixed center point for a vast network of generations of men who bore his imprint in some way.

Whenever the subject of his potential retirement came up, John would tell me with a laugh that he wanted to pass from this life in a classroom, the chalk in his hand describing half of a perfect parabolic arc down across the blackboard as he fell. (John never lost his early mathematical tendencies.) He recognized how his body was beginning to fail him, how memories were harder to retrieve. But he could think of no conclusion more fitting for a teacher.

And almost as soon as he hung up his Regis robes, he found himself back in a classroom, in a small Catholic school near his home in Norwalk, teaching Religion to eighth-graders. He loved it. And was nearly granted his wish.

Unto the very end, he was a teacher *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*. We shall not look upon his like again.

Brian FitzGerald '94, the Academic Dean at Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts, taught English and History at Regis from 1998-2008.

Clockwise from top left: (1) Mr. Connelly works on his typewriter. (2) The legendary teacher speaks at a retirement ceremony in 2015. (3) Mr. Connelly instructing his pupils.



Prowlings

1939

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1940

Patrick J. McCarthy passed away on May 20, 2019 at the age of 96. The son of Irish immigrants, McCarthy starred on the basketball court at Regis and served as the Vice President of his senior class. He continued his education at Fordham University and graduated as the school's valedictorian in 1943. After college, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the final years of World War II. McCarthy earned his Ph.D. at Columbia University, where he focused on Victorian Literature. At Columbia, he met a fellow English Ph.D. student named Helen Lasek, whom he married in 1951. They enjoyed a wonderful life together before Helen's passing in 2018. McCarthy taught in the English Department at U.C. Santa Barbara for 25 years before retiring in 1991. He deeply loved Regis, and in an extraordinary act of generosity, he and Helen bequeathed their home to Regis and Fordham University. May he rest in peace.

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We were delighted that Father Dan Lahart joined us on June 6th at Hurley's Saloon for our annual reunion. Seven classmates attended: **Frank Tarsney, Jerry Rubin, Mike O'Connor, Howard McCormack, Rick Donovan, Bob Dalury, and Bill Allingham.** Four other regular attendees had signed up but were unable to be there: **John McIvor, Dennis McCrory, Ted Harrington, and Tom Farrelly.** The mention of grandchildren in the last Prowlings inspired some responses: **Greg Byrne, Jerry Rubin, and Paul Giuffre** reported 11, 11, and 2 grandchildren respectively. The champion of the responders is **Larry McKearney** with 25 grandchildren; he also has 7 great-grandchildren. **Joe Marchese** has 15 grands and 1 great; **Bernie Sheridan** has 14 grands, 2 greats; **Joe Purtell** has 9 grands, 2 greats while **Mike O'Connor** reported 13 grandchildren and 1 great

granddaughter. The leader in the "greats" category is Bill Allingham with 10 greats produced by 5 of his 14 grandchildren. Joe Marchese's music genes have been passed on to his oldest daughter who is the principal bassoonist in two symphony orchestras in Indiana. Joe Purtell who now is a full-time resident in Florida comments that he misses the summers in Breezy Point.

1951

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The genuine class notes according to McCarthy: I have scavenged through my emails to unearth what follows. **Bill Foote** sent out word of the death, in 2017, of **Joe Tighe**, with a picture of Joe that looks exactly like everyone's (some of ours, anyway) old Irish uncle. Bill asked the Alumni Office why we never got an email about Joe's death. They advised him that they send an email when they get timely notice; otherwise it goes into the Alumni Magazine. Joe's obit issued by the funeral home had been written by his lifelong friend, none other than **Joe Biscoglio**. Joe Tighe spent his working years in Chicago and retired to the Carolinas. He grew up in Elmhurst and was part of the bunch who rode home from Regis daily on the Flushing Line (now prosaically called the "No. 7" train). We all probably share fond memories of the Tighe-Scott-McGovern trio of years ago. Joe Biscoglio, by way, has mentioned the possibility of another reunion lunch, like the one he organized last October. Watch This Space. **Bernie Tracey** circulated a recent picture of two old guys out in Sunny California, labelled as **Leo Laporte** and **Marty Molloy**. Leo's note pointed out the contrasting complexions, Latin and Celtic. Maybe it is indeed a picture of Marty and Leo. **Bernie Tracey** suffered a fall, appropriately in the Fall, as did **Don McCarthy**, who now walks about, a human question mark hovering over his cane. Be mindful of your balance, all you old men! **Bernie** has also recently organized a class plaque, to be mounted in the Tunnel, adjacent to the Chapel door. The plaque honors several of our deceased classmates: **Hank Kensing, Rich Meyer, Jack Hopkins, and Tom Hughes.** **Bernie** asked us to help finance it, and we did, with **Pete Donovan** issuing a thumping big check for the project. **Bill Foote** voiced some unhappiness at the whole idea, essentially over who was not listed on the plaque. He was seconded by **Dave Kingsbury**, who speculated that this might be the first time he has ever agreed with Foote about anything. Look over all the names in these class notes; it has been said that you have grown old when half the people you know are dead. You, the living, should let us know what you are up to. What's happening? Get in touch with me (22 Shorehaven Lane, Manhasset, NY 11030; 516-627-7136). Here ends the authentic McCarthy text.

Remembering Raymond V. O'Brien, Jr. '45

O'Brien served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1988 to 1991.

Raymond V. O'Brien, Jr. '45 passed away on July 15, 2019 surrounded by his wife, Ellen, and his six children.

A Bronx native, O'Brien started at Regis in the fall of 1941. In addition to an accomplished four years as a debater on the Hearn, he played basketball and ran cross country. He went on to graduate from Fordham University and earned his law degree from Fordham University Law School.

O'Brien served as Chairman and CEO of Emigrant Savings Bank in New York. Prior to that, he worked at Chase Manhattan Bank, rising to the role of Senior Vice President in charge of Shipping and Aerospace.

Fiercely dedicated to his beloved alma mater, O'Brien served two different stints on the Regis High School Board of Trustees. He chaired the board from 1988 to 1991.

We pray in gratitude for his service to Regis and for the repose of his soul.



1952

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Once again, on May 16, we met for our annual lunch reunion. Stalwarts in attendance: **Larry Boland, Lew Bowlby, Mike Hayes, Jerry Kappes, Al Kenneke, John Kissane, Gerry Loftus, Bob Maresca, Ted McAniff, Frank Neeson, John Peloso, Lee Sculti, and Bob Walker.** Before lunch at the *gemütlich* Heidelberg restaurant, we met at Regis to view our Class gift of the new altar in the Chapel. We are very grateful to Fr. Anthony Andreassi for celebrating Mass. Author of the centennial history of Regis, *Teach Me to Be Generous*, and now principal of Regis, Fr. Anthony spoke of the important work and generous spirit of Fr. Gabriel Zema in the early days of Regis Alumni and his devotion to those who died in World War II. With our freshmen '48 memories of Fr. Zema as a kindly man on the verge of retirement, we were amazed and happy to learn of his vital and charismatic devotion to Regis. At lunch, we shared memories and stories as we enjoyed wursts and beers. A few men shared thoughts about Regis and its strategic planning, expressing the hope that increased emphasis on science and computer skills would not overtake the key subjects in humanities and the arts that have been so vital to the traditional Regis education. We send prayerful condolences to **Charlie Lynch** on the death of his beloved wife, Marilyn. Their daughter Cara writes: "My mother had many accomplishments in her 82 years as a teacher and a lifelong advocate for children. Marilyn started her career as an elementary school teacher, earned her master's degree in Nutrition, and joined the Women, Infants and Children program at the NJ State Department of

Health in Trenton as Assistant Director for all WIC agencies in NJ for more than 25 years. Retiring in 2006, she received many accolades for her contributions to the health and welfare of NJ women and children." Jerry Kappes writes: "**John Connelly '56** was a longtime friend and valued faculty colleague — congenial, contrary, and conversant with so many subjects, everything from the shows of Rodgers & Hart to the *Summa* of Thomas Aquinas. His passing is a great loss to Susan, sons **Jamie '90** and **Michael '99**, and all of the Regis family." **Tom O'Toole** adds: "John and Jim Connelly certainly contributed a great deal to others. Jim was one of my best friends at Regis and his leaving was a blow. I understand that now the school works with the students, an enlightened policy. I wish it had been in effect when we were at Regis. We lost some very good people, including Jim. Another was McMaster, who may have gone on to be a Jesuit. He was keeping a notebook of Long Island tombstones and tracing lineages, perhaps the best original historian in the class. Maybe there is more room now for genius and for outstanding social contributors like Jim." **Jack Magan** recalls: "I won a citywide music contest for kids, and Mayor La Guardia rewarded me with a scholarship to study flute under Juilliard's Sam Baron. I'd travel to the Henry Street Music Settlement in Lower Manhattan for lessons, and at age 12, Sam prevailed upon Leonard Bernstein, then assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic, to have me perform 'The Song of India' flute solo in Rimsky-Korsakov's 'Sadko' at Carnegie Hall. When Bernstein congratulated me, he also dropped a bombshell: 'You're not going to be able to truly interpret that work until you have your first love affair!' I'm happy

to report that my interpretation of 'Song of India' was in full flourish by my senior year at Regis." Jack further reports that his wife, Ann Hoopes, has known Justice Sandra Day O'Connor for 38 years and is quoted several times in Evan Thomas' new biography of O'Connor, *First*. One example occurs regarding her decision in the Bush-Gore case: "At a New Year's Eve party thrown by Najeeb Halaby, former head of Pan American World Airways, Justice O'Connor came up behind Ann Hoopes and grabbed her arm. 'Ann, everybody hates me,' she said. 'I felt like saying, Well, you deserved it,' said Hoopes." Also: "She [O'Connor] did not hesitate to instruct others, including champions, at their own sport. 'She would say, Don't hit the golf ball there, hit it straight,' recalled Ann Hoopes, who had the lowest woman's handicap at the Chevy Chase Club." Lew Bowlby proudly reports on the success of his daughter Astrid's artistry: "Astrid, who exhibits in the Philadelphia Museum of Art and is the recipient of four fellowships, makes drawings, prints, sculptures, and installations. Her latest work, *Kiosk*, 'explores drawing as both a physical analogy to thinking and as a gateway from desire to acquisition.'" Lew also reports on his own work: "Each weekend from July through October, I continue to volunteer as a conductor/docent on the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Narrow Gauge Railroad in Phillips, Maine. The line went bankrupt and was sold for scrap in 1934. In 1970, a group of rail enthusiasts/historians decided to preserve and restore this important part of Americana. Today the railroad includes about a mile of track, seven of the original nine passenger cars, several freight cars, flat cars, and a caboose. Five round-trip rides are scheduled each Saturday and Sunday. All aboard!" Al Kenneke reports: "Despite mobility limits, Joan keeps busy typing letters to the editor and her non-stop reading. She recommends: *Educated* by Lara Westover, *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean, and *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. Joan agrees with critics that Powers is a new Herman Melville. I am keeping healthy and active — at church, still choir-singing at Mass and funerals; with a Creation Care group, working on climate change; and with a Pax Christi group, demonstrating monthly at the NRA to prevent gun violence. I remain a staunch and active Bernie2020 supporter. The state of the world is not positive: accelerating climate crisis; increased threat of nuclear weapons use; apparently endless U.S. engagement in Middle East wars; the movement to authoritarianism here and abroad. Yet I intend to continue my Don Quixote imitation." **Harry DeMaio** and Octavius Bear keep rolling along. Volume 10 of the "Casebooks of Octavius Bear," *The Camera Case*, is now on Amazon. He is working on Volume 11, *The Wurst Case* (sic) *Scenario*. In addition, Harry has produced seven Sherlock Holmes short stories that appear in several anthologies. Congratulations to **Bob Baron**, who reports: "My book *The Light Shines from the West* won the

2019 American History Award from the Independent Press Association. I had planned on doing a book tour around the West this summer, but because of my auto accident I had to cancel. I hope I can do some of it this fall. My leg is getting better. A broken tibia means that you can't put any weight on it so I have to stand on one leg like an aging flamingo. *The Light* is the third book in a trilogy. I have been doing research and writing for 20 years on America and why it is so special." Jerry Kappes remembers **Peter Thornton '61**: "An outstanding student in one of my first classes, how delightful to learn he turned to translating classics after a law career. Peter published his verse translation of Dante's *Inferno* in 2016. We kept in touch about his work and his plan to tackle the *Purgatorio*, though his death came too soon. In 2014, he wrote: 'Hi Jerry, I have translated the majority of Petrarch's sonnets by now, 256 of the 366 poems in the collection, and will finish the collection in a couple of years. That may give me time to do the *Purgatorio* before I shove off. All that Aristotle, Aquinas, Bible, and Latin poetry in eight years of Jesuit education has prepared me.'"

1953

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1955

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Deepest condolences on the passing of **Paul Rosso**, who passed away on March 16, 2019. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Manhattan College in 1959, his master's degree in electrical engineering from Ohio State University in 1960, and his doctorate in electrical engineering from Ohio State University in 1968. He had a long career as an engineer developing missile, ground, and aircraft systems. He had extensive experience with the Department of Defense, including Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marines. Paul received the Dr. Manuel Garcia Memorial Award for outstanding service as the lead Flight Test Engineer for the F-14D Navigational Guidance System. Paul developed test systems for the navigation of the Stealth Bomber, and was a special consultant who evaluated the integrated radio room of the Trident submarine. He retired from the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division in 2003. In his personal life, Paul was an avid ornithologist, genealogist, and Italian enthusiast. RIP. Deepest condolences on the passing of **John Connelly '56**, who passed away on April 16, 2019. He was one year behind us in school. We wore jacket-and-tie then, and Jack comported himself with dignity and *elan*. He was "buttoned-down" before "buttoned-down" became fashionable. In the '60s or '70s we met accidentally and we knew instinctively that given his History degree from Holy Cross and

his History MA from Fordham, he "ate, drank, and slept" History 24/7/365, which is the only way to teach History if you wish to engage hearts and minds. One student taking his courses remarked that "Mr. Connelly reads everything!" — books, newspapers, magazines, journals, historical documents, etc. He would be a hard man to stump. Jack was a lifetime student *and* teacher. He was the "Internet" before the Internet was invented. He could have been an Oxford don, Secretary of State, and Head of the Library of Congress (in turn, or all at once). A few years ago, he was spotted on a train returning to Norwalk (his residence), reading a very large picture book on the Egyptian pyramids. That day he had attended a lecture on the pyramids at the Met. As Robert Coles opined, "If you're teaching and not learning, you're not teaching; and if you're learning and not teaching, you're not learning." Jack taught over 5,000 students at Regis over 52 years (a record never to be broken). He was an impact player and difference maker for over 5,000 students. He was also a man of deep religious faith, no doubt heeding the command of Christ, "Go teach ye all nations!" After a student tribute in the school auditorium to honor Jack's retiring, he was pictured in the RAN, doffing his fedora (the last man in America to wear a fedora, and fittingly so!). A veritable "Mr. Chips!" RIP. In May 2019 we attended the graduation of our grandson (James Callaway) from Georgetown University. Great weather, great speeches; it seemed as if the world had stopped! Georgetown retains its ever-present "buzz," cuttable with a knife. The overall atmosphere of the campus is national and international. On any given day, 20+ foreign languages are spoken fluently. SAT scores are sky-high, as are the course levels and fundraising. The Dahlgren Chapel continues to inspire since it's filled with the S(s)pirit! Georgetown is a great place to study, and a great place to come home to! *Hoya Saxa!* We fondly remembered **Timothy Healy, SJ, '40**, who was Dean of Students when we were students at Fordham College, and later the legendary President of Georgetown. He single-handedly raised Georgetown to the stratosphere, both academically, athletically, reputationally, nationally, and in terms of alumni-and-friends, financial and moral support. How many people did Tim influence for the better! Legions! He was a presence, a force of nature, and a saint. He was "charisma" before "charisma" came along! Once you met Tim, you were never the same. He gave you a new perspective on life (worth living!), education, history, culture, spirituality, and religion. He was Christocentric, Ignatian, and humanistic without belaboring it. A "Renaissance Man" in a world that needed a "Renaissance Man." Regis President Daniel Lahart, SJ, an undergrad at Georgetown, was influenced by Tim to become a Jesuit. How providential for Regis! Tim is missed and remembered by the thousands. RIP. In 2019, **Arthur Weisenseel, MD**, received

a Distinguished Services Award from the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Rockland County for volunteer medical services delivered to many people over the years. This year's 75th Anniversary of D-Day (June 6, 1944) evoked our participation in the 50th Anniversary in Normandy, France (June 1994). We were the French-English interpreter for the US Army, 29th Division, which per capita suffered the most casualties of any US military unit in history. Being in the company of war heroes, especially D-Day warriors, is both humbling and uplifting. The US military cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer is "America's altar." The memory of D-Day never dims; it only gets stronger and more vivid. There is a National D-Day Memorial (museum, etc.) in Bedford, Virginia, which we visited in 2001. We attended the dedication ceremony where we heard speeches from President George W. Bush and from the only son of Charles De Gaulle (Admiral Philippe De Gaulle). On D-Day, 19 young men (ages 17-19) from Bedford gave their lives, the ultimate sacrifice. RIP. Thanks to everyone who gave to the 2019 Annual Fund. Please be assured that the administration, faculty, and student body are most grateful for your very kind and generous support.

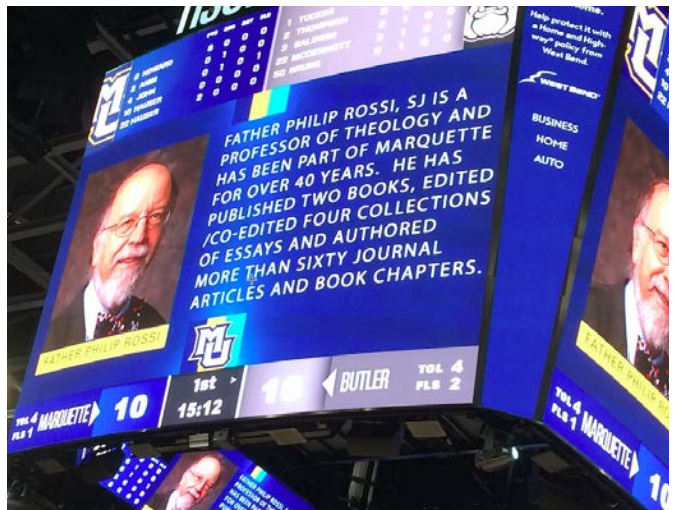
1956

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1957

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Pat Ryan writes "I taught a three-week course on Islam in Africa at the Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies in Rome during March. My twelve students came from eight different countries, with the best being three Italian women who knew Arabic very well. I am traveling to Paris in July for a conference of Jesuits in dialogue with Jews, and later to Beirut for a conference of Jesuits in dialogue with Muslims. In between these trips, I will be in Ireland for 10 days to help, among other things, in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the wedding I did for a first cousin in 1969, a year after my ordination. After Beirut, I am going to Ghana via the UAE to begin the celebration of my 80th birthday. I'll be back in NYC before the actual date, August 11." Pat also reports making some progress against arthritis in his knees by a course of physiotherapy. Keep up the exercises, Pat. **Tom Lippman** is happy to report the publishing, by Praeger, of his eighth book, "Crude Oil, Crude Money: Aristotle Onassis, Saudi Arabia, and the CIA." Per Tom, "This is a bizarre, little-known Cold War tale of what happened when the king of Saudi Arabia gave Onassis a tanker contract that would have broken the American monopoly on the oil business in Saudi Arabia. President Eisenhower ordered the State Department and the CIA to make sure the contract never went into effect. Here's how they did it." I have started reading the book, and it is a fascinating tale, well written by Tom, with full documentation



In celebration of his retirement from the Theology Department, Fr. Phil Rossi, SJ '61 was honored during a Marquette University basketball game.

of his sources, some of which were once secret but have now been declassified. Tom also reports that he and Sidney had "custody" of their two-year-old grandson Luke while his parents spent a weekend in New York. "The boy is delightful and not naughty, but we were exhausted." All we newly minted octogenarians can empathize. **Brian Carney** is still resident in eastern Hungary; his seven children are somewhat scattered, two in Hungary, three in the USA, one in Ireland, and one in the UK. All are doing well. **Willie Werwaiss** and Deb are just back (in June) from a great Viking Cruise in Russia with a stopover in Paris. They visited St. Petersburg and Moscow, and traveled the Neva and Volga Rivers. They found the country very modern and the people happy and welcoming. Willie continues to work part-time in the chaplain's office at the Hospital for Special Surgery, "a fulfilling job in a special institution." Christian Werwaiss, son of **John Werwaiss '60** and nephew of Willie, was married in the very warm Regis Chapel on June 28. **Ted O'Neill** writes "Our son, Ted, continues to pursue his academic career in Japan. Last year, he was admitted as full professor in the Faculty of International Social Sciences at Gakushuin University in Tokyo. This is a new program aimed at preparing its students for international careers in Economics and other social sciences. Bilingual fluency is a must for all its graduates. He and his wife, Etsuko, manage to visit us at least once a year, often piggy-backing off other professional travel." **Joe Vaira** reports that granddaughter Katie followed up last year's trip to New Zealand by traveling in the other direction: Paris, London, and a month in classes in Dublin. Your Class Rep and Judith spent 10 days in France in June, visiting several old favorite Romanesque Churches in Burgundy and the Massif Central, some new ones (to us) as well, and toured the reproduction of Chauvet, the recently discovered cave

with over 1,000 paintings of prehistoric creatures, dating from 36,000 years ago. This is a spectacular exhibit, well worth the trip to get to this slightly out-of-the-way corner of France.

1958

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The emails with condolences and reminiscences on the recent passing of **Peter Lupario** were numerous and some of them are presented here. **Carlos Arnaldo** writes: "I do admire Peter very much and looked up to him as our leader, not only in our senior year but throughout. Like many, I was jealous of his flexing biceps and leg muscles, knowing I could never reach that stage. But beyond the physical, Peter was a friend and leader." From **Bob Burns**: "Pete was a warm and loving guy and such a fine representative and leader of our class. May he rest in peace." From **Ken McAloon**: "So sad about Peter. He was a great senior class president. I can still see him in my mind's eye at the top of that little stoop in the corner of the Regis courtyard leading us in singing *Salve Regina* in the month of May. He was a true polymath, intensely interested and very capable in so many areas — but philosophy (phenomenology and all that) was his intellectual true love. RIP." From **Ray Sisk**: "We have lost one of our best men, an athlete, scholar, and liberal in the classic sense. He was a true friend to many at Regis and will be missed. Last time I saw him was in Connecticut when he came visiting for the day on a souped-up Harley. My children wondered how their 'stuff shirt' Dad could have such a cool friend! Pete and I stayed loosely in touch over the years until we moved to SC. And fairly recently, we reconnected via email, after I met a boyhood friend of his on the golf course. May he rest in peace." From **Bob Stanley**: "I visited Pete last year after his heart

surgery and as he was recovering in the hospital he was reading Victor Hugo in French! He will be missed." From **Charlie Stark**: "Such a good guy, all-around athlete and a true Regian. I for one will miss him greatly." Class correspondent's note: "I once spent a very wintry December night at Peter's place in Northern New Hampshire. I was amazed at the size of his library, especially the quantity of philosophy books. Peter was a true philosopher and a genuine *mensh*." On other topics, **John Friia** writes: "Another successful *Certamen* in March at Stony Brook University. Barbara and I are scheduled to go to Italy in August." From **George Garces**: "In an effort to simplify our lives, we sold our 'big' Pittsburgh home in August '18, with plans to replace it with a smaller, low-maintenance condo. We're still looking. Turns out we're not alone in finding such a place. So far, we've been on the losing end of 4 bids. Small supply, large demand equals a hot market. Pittsburgh...who'd believe it? In the meantime, hanging out in our Florida condo. Our Pittsburgh place is out there and no doubt we'll find it soon. Keeping the faith."

1959

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Mike Shef has corrected me for an error I made in the last issue. Lorraine and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in May 2019, not in 2018 as the last magazine said. Our anniversary Mass was celebrated by our very dear friend Bishop Edward Scharffenberger, the bishop of Albany. From Puerto Rico, **Jim Bonnell** writes: "Here in PR there is nothing new; no hurricane planned this year; but I do plan to attend our Reunion on 14 Sep. Recently my first granddaughter married; a month earlier my fourth son married; and my second grandson will marry on 28 Sep: I am wedding-out. But will head to Germany on 1 Oct for my 31st visit to the Beer Festivals. See you on 14 Sep." From **Rich Loeffler**: "Hi Leo, I will not be attending the reunion, but hope all those who do attend have a great time. Here's my entry for the RAN. Kudos to Professor **David Bonagura '99** for his recently published book, *Steadfast in Faith: Catholicism and the Challenges of Secularism*. I purchased the book and found Bonagura's defense of the traditional Catholic faith to be outstanding. Traditional Catholicism has taken a major hit as attitudes toward Mass attendance, reception of the Sacraments, the sacredness of life, even the general feeling about Christianity are no longer seen as relevant. Catholic schools are closing every day. In fact, St. Jerome School in West Long Branch NJ, the school my own children and many of my grandchildren have attended, and which was designated as one of only 49 non public schools in the country as a US Department of Education Blue Ribbon school in 2018 has suffered from a major reduction in children attending. I applaud Professor Bonagura for maintaining his

traditional Catholic values and for writing an exceptional and well-documented book which he himself describes as a 'labor of love.'" Sadly, I was recently notified by his son that **Pat Monahan** passed away in January, 2019, after a long illness. May he rest in peace.

1960

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Pat Conroy is delighted to announce the birth of his first granddaughter, Elizabeth. Pat's son lives in San Jose, so lots of airline miles are undoubtedly going to be accumulated. **Michael Coogan's** latest book, *God's Favorites: Judaism, Christianity, and the Myth of Divine Chosenness*, was published this spring by Beacon Press. He tantalizes us by saying: "In the first chapter I am uncharacteristically autobiographical, including some reflections on Regis, and toward the end I am more than usually political." **John Rooney** and his wife, Dorothy, recently spent some time in Israel/Jordan, visiting their granddaughter who is studying at Tel Aviv University. He reports: "We happened to be in Tel Aviv on Holocaust Remembrance Day, when at 10 AM the entire city stood absolutely still as sirens wailed for two minutes — one of the most heart-rending scenes I've ever witnessed."

1961

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I was saddened to learn of the recent passing of two of our classmates: **Fred Crisafulli** (in May) and **Peter Thornton** (last December). Fred was a beloved doctor in the Providence area for 40 years and a lecturer in the Brown University Medical School. He retired in 2013 but said that he missed his practice and his patients. In 2016 he received the Irving Addison Beck Laureate Lifetime Achievement Award of the American College of Physicians to honor his lifetime of work. To quote his obituary, "To all who knew him, Fred was a trusted *consigliere*, a philosopher, and a Renaissance man who loved all things Italian. His intellectual curiosity knew no bounds and was perhaps only exceeded by his generosity of spirit and unique sense of humor. He loved life and his family passionately." Fred and Bettina have four children and eleven grandchildren. **Peter Thornton** was another Renaissance man. He could speak or read eight languages including Latin and Greek (of course) and Arabic! He received a Ph.D. in English from Stanford University and a J.D. from the University of Illinois where he was editor in chief of the law review. He practiced law for 36 years but used his spare time to translate Dante's *Inferno* (published this April) and the poetry of Petrarch (*Scattered Rhymes*, to be published later this year) from their medieval Italian to modern English while preserving the essence of the original text. **Phil McGough** shared these memories of Peter: "Peter Thornton was an important

friend at Regis and Boston College. Afterwards we were both in graduate school in Northern California, Peter at Stanford, me at UC Berkeley, and we met regularly if not often. Then in the forty-five plus years after that we met only once, at our Regis 40th class reunion. We exchanged emails just a little less than a year before he died. I had written a review of his translation of Dante's *Inferno* on Amazon. His translation of Petrarch's love poems is due out this year." **William O'Connor** added this: "Pete was a very bright and sharp-witted adolescent while we were at Regis. He was quick to see the humor in things and often had us laughing. I have a vague memory of a bunch of us, during our junior or senior year, going after school one evening to the Kolping Club near Regis and all ordering beers. When asked for proof of our ages, we had only one baptismal certificate among us for someone over eighteen (the legal drinking age in New York at the time). We surreptitiously passed this certificate under the table from one to the other of us, to show to the immigrant waiter who barely read English. The waiter expressed surprise, saying that where he was from they let boys of fifteen have beer." On a lighter note, several classmates sent updates. **Al Luongo** lives in San Francisco near his son Paul, along with Al's brilliant and accomplished daughter-in-law Amie and two outrageous grandchildren, Stella and Ike. "Paul is Senior VP and General Counsel for a local software company, *Fastly*, that just went public and did way better than a well-known ride-share company located a few blocks away that also went public recently. For the occasion, the grandchildren got to go on their first trip to NYC and made the terrifying acquaintance of the *Allosaurus* at the Museum of Natural History." Meanwhile, Al has started writing science fiction. Mostly short stories, but he's also currently working on an alternate history novel set in a world that still has mammoths, sabertooth cats and Neanderthals. If anything ever gets published anywhere he guarantees you'll be among the first to know. **Phil Rossi's** official retirement was honored at a Marquette basketball game, complete with his photo and bio flashed on the big screen. "In May I became professor emeritus and retired from teaching in the Theology Department at Marquette after 44 years of faculty and (more than occasional) administrative service. In late February, in anticipation of that transition, I was recognized, as part of the pomp and circumstance of a Marquette men's basketball game (vs Butler University), as a 'Faculty All Star.' In April, I also received honorary induction into the Marquette

Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. As part of that ceremony, I was invited to give a brief 'oration' (eat your hearts out Demosthenes and Cicero!) on my choice of 'any subject related to the liberal arts and sciences.' This presented an opportunity to encourage the new student inductees and the other chapter members to develop a taste for the art form that I have come especially to appreciate — the opera — so I declaimed on 'Opera as Theater for Human Drama.' I'll continue to live at Marquette for at least the next two years, with my time devoted to own writing (finishing one book, starting another) and to editorial work for a theological journal." **Bob Kelly** sent a trip report: "As for me, a bucket list was finally fulfilled as we (ten in all) spent three days in New Orleans enjoying epicurean and bacchanalian delights before departing on paddle-wheeler eight-day cruise up the Mississippi River, with many historical stops (including a Mississippi gated community — Angola Prison!) ending in Memphis. There we enjoyed the history, essence, and sound of the blues for two days, Graceland and the BB King homestead, and then departed to Nashville to enjoy the other side of the spectrum, country music. We enjoyed a *Salute to the Troops* performance at the Grand Ole Opry and a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame. A highly recommended trip to enjoy a slice of America not seen in NYC and environs." **Seb Pandolfo** reports "My grandson Graham has been accepted by, and will attend, George Washington University, one of three colleges to offer him a scholarship. He plans to study Political Science. Nancy and I could not be more proud." **Cosmo Salibello** took a trip back into his past. "In the late 1970s, I lived in Ellensburg, WA earning a biology degree in preparation for optometry school. Visiting friends often took me to Wenatchee, WA, the *Apple Capital of the World* (really!), located about an hour north of Ellensburg. The famous 'Aplets and Cotlets' candies were created in nearby Cashmere, WA. Very industrious folk! On June 19th, my friend Pam and I went to Wenatchee to visit her sister and family. The visit brought back all the great qualities of that town, which had made it so special to me forty plus years ago. Lots of fond memories from that phase of my life." **John Berta** sent a note asking if we could have lunch to talk about old times at Regis High School. I had to decline, given the inconvenient three thousand mile commute. John said "I had a career in technology. Wonderful in so many ways, but I guess I am old fashioned and prefer communications the old way...face to face. Lately been thinking about my Regis days. In a positive manner. Thought I would reconnect. But everybody is scattered. Of course." **Dom Pistone** wrote that he and Mary are enjoying retirement and planning a few trips, which also describes life for your correspondent. **Dave Eitelbach** and Sarah. Finally, several people bought copies of our *Regis High School Class of*



Members of the Class of 1963 spent a weekend together in May playing golf in Hilton Head.

1961 *Biographies* book (still available on Amazon). This brings our total royalties to \$21.93 so far. **Nick Zirpolo** bought three copies! "I plan to give one to a Regis alum from the class of '87! I met him at a Regis Alumni 'field meeting' in Palo Alto in 1996, when he was doing an MBA at Stanford. We made a good connection and have been in pretty regular contact since, over a couple decades when he worked in Europe and Asia, finally settled in Australia, formed a foundation there, and advised NGOs in many Pacific, Asian, and South American countries. This year he's returned to the US to do legal work on behalf of gay rights. I plan to tell him he should set up a book like this for his own class. *Before 50 years have passed!*"

1962

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1963

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Pat and **Jack Prael** had a great time in late June with a Pacific Northwest vacation. They spent two days in Seattle and visited Whidbey Island, where friends had purchased a snazzy cabin. While in the town of Langley, Jack visited the Double Bluff Brewery which is now his favorite minuscule beer making spot. Next came a 10-day cruise on Oceania's Regatta along Alaska's inside passage. Pleasant weather and beautiful sites plus a fine ship made for a great time. Nancy and **Luke MacCarthy** headed to Alaska in early July for a cruise and a trip to Denali National Park.

1964

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Another winter...another Christmas... another Regis dinner gathering at you-know-where on December 11, 2018.

The cast of characters remained somewhat the same as in past years, though we did boast a total of 16 attendees. The group, in no particular order, included **John Boden, Dennis Moulton, Ken Kelly, Jeff Weinlandt, Bob Metz, Ron Tristal, Frank Silvestri, Bob Shullman, Frank Michel, Jim Pielli, Joe Cirrito, Louis Scheeder, Dave Ritchie, Kevin Rodgers, Ray Smith, and John Steinmuller**. It was wonderful to have Ray join us but he warned us in advance that "since I am staying in Albany that night, I will be ducking out at about 8:40." Our table upstairs eventually was reduced to just six of us as we left the premises a bit after 11:00 PM. The six stalwarts at the end of the evening consisted of four NYC residents (Frank Michel, Joe Cirrito, Jim Pielli, Dennis Moulton) and two with overnight passes for the city (Jeff Weinlandt, Bob Shullman). The last hour or so was spent reminiscing about many of the eighteen deceased classmates that Regis can confirm. Jeff Weinlandt recounted his long personal friendship with **Phil Reilly**. They met in second grade and remained "best" friends in all the following years. After Phil earned his M.D. from Cornell, his medical practice included stints in such locales as Haiti and the Central African Empire ruled by the dictator Bokassa...all the time accompanied by his wife and daughters. Phil died of metastasized lung cancer in New York on February 27, 1995, and Jeff gave the eulogy at his funeral. Bob Shullman followed Jeff's comments with his recollections of **Bob Enright**, whom he met at Regis and then both attended Georgetown. The two remained close friends and a few years after Enright earned his law degree from Harvard Law, he moved his family to Old Greenwich where the Shullmans were living. Bob (Enright) went on to a stellar career as the head of all tax matters for Pepsico. On a business trip to Australia in 1993 he died in a swimming accident in the surf on

March 3. PepsiCo contacted **Bob Shullman**, and it fell on his shoulders to inform Bob's wife of his death...a task one would wish on no one. These two deaths approximately 25 years ago have been followed by the passing of too many other classmates. If you still have our senior yearbook (1964), look at the full-page photo on page 67 that introduces the "Students" section of the yearbook. It is a photo of Phil Reilly, Bob Enright, and **Louis Scheeder** (more about Lou later in this *Prowlings*) at the base of the "senior" staircase. It is the only photo in color in the entire yearbook. We did receive a bunch of dinner regrets from classmates unable to attend. **Rich Shanley** emailed: "I will be en route back from Arizona on the 11th after a week's R&R in Sedona. Hope to see the group next spring." **John Keane** wrote: "Regrets but I cannot make it. My bride is having cataract surgery and will be recovering." **Jim Hoolahan** sent word: "Wish I could be there but 'stuck' in sunny Florida." The excuse that generated the most sympathy was from **Brian O'Leary**: "We are spending a lot of time babysitting for our grandchildren — nine of them including 1 ½ year-old boy triplets. Six of the nine are 3 years and under so we have our running shoes on. No need to run laps around the court anymore." In mid-January **Tom Girolamo**, **Rob Haberski**, **Marty Besant**, and **Dennis Moulton** travelled to Portugal to enjoy the sights and spend some time together. I heard reports from three of the amigos but **Dennis Moulton** is still searching for the old computer he used while teaching at Loyola and his flip phone can't send emails. **Tom Girolamo** nailed it when he wrote that "Dennis managed to get into an altercation with every electronic device in Lisbon...ATM machine, rapid transit ticket machine (and the tickets), McDonald's order input (why should McD's bacon in Portugal be cooked differently than in the good ole' US of A), disabled credit cards, and more that I don't remember. Lisbon is a beautiful step back in time...cobblestone streets and walkways, small neighborhood grocery stores, trolley cars. Lisbon buildings are all decorated with tile exteriors...a really striking effect." **Rob Haberski** added "some highlights — the Castle of St. George with spectacular views of the city (but also a flock of peacocks who make New York pigeons look polite and restrained), the town of Sintra with its crazy lego-like palace and another municipal palace with ceilings so incredibly elaborate that Tom asked permission to lay on the floor to get a good photo of one of them. One historical note — in 1755 the city of Lisbon was devastated by an earthquake. Most of the credit for reconstruction went to the Marquis de Pombal who has a very prominent statue in his honor. Unfortunately, his other claim to fame was that he was rabidly anti-Jesuit." **Marty Besant** wrote that "my personal preferences were the museums. I went alone to the Natural History museum with a very nice dinosaur exhibit and a 19th

century restored chemistry lab and lecture hall. Rob and I also toured an Archaeological museum and a display of ornate carriages in Belem. All four of us had a great day at the Gulbierkian Museum of Modern Art and the Classical Wing. I guess you can see where my interests lay. The city has a Metro system that should be the envy of many American cities. Besides being clean and an efficient underground, there are street cars moving regularly, an interesting system of funicular lifts (Lisbon is quite hilly) and above ground trains." **Tom Girolamo** commented: "On a more personal note, the trip made us all relish the incredible bonds developed at Regis...that people who met some fifty-eight years prior were still hanging out. We all owe Regis so much." After returning from Portugal, **Marty Besant** headed in April to Kigali in Rwanda to visit his daughter and grandchildren. He wrote that "the government has shut down several major roadways in anticipation of 9 or 10 heads of state arriving for the 25th anniversary of the genocide of the Tutsi." We all received the April email from Regis that **John Connelly '56** had died peacefully at home. **Mr. Connelly** taught at Regis for 52 years and many of us had him for Mathematics in his first year at Regis when we were sophomores. **Kevin Rodgers** sent word that his son, **Kris Rodgers '05**, "had him for History and by then he had developed into one of the legendary teachers of the 'modern' Regis era (i.e., anything after we graduated). He was a wonderful mentor for Kris." **Jeff Weinlandt** reported that his twin sons, **Will Weinlandt '10** and **Thomas Weinlandt '10**, both had **Mr. Connelly** as a History teacher. On their first day in his classroom, **Mr. Connelly** would read out the students' names to put a face with the name. When he came to one of the Weinlandts, he asked if their father had attended Regis. When my son replied yes, **Mr. Connelly's** quick retort was, "when I start teaching the grandsons, I will retire." Now back to **Louis Scheeder**. Two momentous events occurred in **Louis'** life within six weeks. On March 13th **Louis** married **Patricia McNamara**, his longtime partner and soulmate. **Lynne** and **Jeff Weinlandt** can attest to how fortunate **Louis** is to have found such a wonderful caring individual...and a woman whom **Louis** recently thanked "for enduring my foibles, irrational outbursts, and plunges of cynicism." He is certainly a fortunate man. Then, six weeks later, on April 27th, there was a celebratory retirement party for **Louis Scheeder** by the NYU Tisch Office of the Dean and NYU Tisch Department of Drama. Over 250 individuals gathered to honor the 30 years **Louis** spent at NYU as the Founder and Director of the Classical Studio at NYU Tisch School of the Arts and as the Senior Associate Dean of Faculty. His accomplishments in theatre are too numerous to list within this *Prowlings*, but they include stints with Washington's Folger Theatre Group, the Manitoba Theatre Center, and the Royal Shakespeare Company in London and Stratford-upon-

Avon. He has produced three off-Broadway shows and conducted acting workshops in Los Angeles, London, Havana, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Singapore and Shanghai. His career covered far more than these few listed items, but we need to recall where it all started. Page 88 of the 1964 Regis yearbook shows that **Louis** was part of "Dramatics: Actor 2, 3, 4, Stage Crew 3, Silver Mask 3, Gold Mask 3." And now we know where the seeds of such a career were sown.

1965

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On May 2, 2019 our class had a mini-reunion at Slattery's in New York City. The following classmates attended: **Dick Superty**, **Rick Dunn**, **Paul Strong**, **Bob Romano**, **Steve Gabriel**, **Andrew Cavanaugh**, **John Felago**, **George Griffith**, **Eddie O'Brien**, **Joe Lyons**, **John Woodruff**, and **John Sheridan**. A good time was had by all. **John Felago** has a cousin, likewise named **John Felago '59** and likewise a Regis grad. **John's** cousin recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination as a Maryknoll priest. From *Catholic New York*, November 8, 2018: "In Japan, he (John Felago, M.M.) was an assistant pastor in Otaru and Tsu. He currently serves as a volunteer at Maryknoll Tokyo Society Center. In Egypt he was supervisor of Maryknoll's overseas training program and was a hospital chaplain, both in Cairo. He was an assistant pastor in Hodeida, Yemen. In Jiangmen, China he was an American language and culture instructor at Wuyi University. He did mission education and promotion in Chicago and New York, where he was also on the vocation staff." Our classmate **David O'Brien** on November 6, 2018 had a Letter to the Editor published in *The New York Times*. It is set forth as follows: "For Americans, this Election Day is a moment like no other. Never in the annals of human history has an individual, holding such survival-threatening military power, been so ill equipped to exercise it reasonably. On display for all to see, virtually every day, are President Trump's profound mental ineptness, grave psychological instability and moral bankruptcy. He openly, repeatedly and defiantly flouts the very underpinnings of American democracy — our basic institutions of balanced governance, the rule of law and the primacy of truth. Let's not be fooled. Of his touted achievements, any economic gains, including employment increases, spring from a Treasury-crippling tax cut lavished by Republicans on their wealthy handlers. The bill for this outrage will diminish the futures of nearly all Americans. No matter the effort or inconvenience, Americans must vote on Tuesday, applying the fruits of serious reflection, clear-mindedness and courage. The paramount issue is whether we can check the power of a patently unfit demagogue to squander what in fact really makes America great." **David G. O'Brien**,

Mount Sinai, New York. Words of Wisdom — "Give the ones you love wings to fly, roots to come back, and reasons to stay." — Dalai Lama

1966

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Steve Bogacz writes, "At the end of 2018, I retired (not necessarily my choice, but I reached the NYS constitutionally mandated retirement age of 70 for appointed judges!) after almost 23 years on the NYS Family Court bench, including 3 years (2006-08) as Supervising Judge in Queens County. During my tenure, I also published 3 editions of New York Juvenile Delinquency Practice (LexisNexis 1998, 2002, 2010), as well as its annual cumulative supplement through 2018." **Bill Mulligan** writes, "I have 'retired.' As of July 1 I am Professor of History Emeritus [at Murray State University in Kentucky] — I will teach half-time for up to three more years as a transition. First taught my own course in 1974 — so it has been a good, long run. In May and June I spoke at the Association for Irish French Studies in Lille, France, at the Spanish Irish Studies Association in Mallorca, and the Society for the Study on Nineteenth Century Ireland in Leicester, England." **Joe Petrillo** tells us that on June 3, his third grandchild **Orli** arrived, joining her sister **Eva** and her cousin **August**. **Toni** and **Richard Corelli** are "staying close to home this year after three month-long trips last year to the Canary Islands, Bordeaux and Indonesia, Borneo & the Philippines. A lot of home remodeling took place this year as we celebrated thirty years of living on the bluff-tops of Half Moon Bay, California. We are looking forward to getting away this autumn to the shores of Spain & Portugal. I continue to have an active full-time private psychiatry practice working mostly with Stanford students and professors and also doing a good deal of consultation & evaluation work for the Medical Board of California as an expert psychiatrist. **Toni** is enjoying retirement and raising our little golden-doodle **Phoebe** and our tabby cat **Thor**." **Bob Cartwright** writes, "I am in the Netherlands living on my boat again this summer. **Ken Ryan** and **Claire** will be joining me on July 14. We will then be getting together with **Gerry Moran** and his wife in Amsterdam." Meanwhile, **Bob Thoms** was recently at Soukya in Bangalore for two weeks for his sixth annual Ayurvedic rejuvenation: "Monsoons delayed in these parts but in the meantime delightful. FYI Dame Emma Thompson was here a few weeks ago." **Linda** and your correspondent **Steve Boatti** continued our relatively recent tradition of visiting a different major-league baseball park and surrounding city each summer with friends of ours. This year the choice was Kansas City, a surprisingly cultured and cosmopolitan city. Good barbecue too! **Mike Kelly** writes, "This has been quite a time for the Kellys: two hemorrhagic brain bleed strokes, two brain surgeries, two new blood clots, two basement floods, and so much time in

so many different hospitals that I could almost qualify as a secret evaluator for healthcare-related establishments." Mike's summary of his challenges follows: Debbie and Mike went to New York in May 2018 for the wedding of Mike's sister's son. When they left the reception, another guest bumped into Mike on the stairway. Mike lost his balance and fell, landing on his left knee. He was totally immobilized and in great pain; he couldn't move his leg, much less stand on it. He had completely ruptured the quadriceps tendon. By the grace of God, the closest medical facility was a small hospital in Glen Cove that specializes in orthopedics and is one of the few hospitals that has its own full rehab unit as part of the hospital. They successfully operated to reattach the tendon. He was admitted to their rehab unit and progressed well in occupational and physical therapy. More sadness: because of his injury, Mike could not attend his son's wedding in Florida in June. However, they were able to connect Mike to the event live over the internet. He could see everything going on, and his wife saw "him" sitting right next to her in the church. They could see Mike cry as the beautiful bride was escorted down the aisle, and Mike got to participate in the whole wedding celebration. They even got him into the family photo: Debbie is holding up an iPhone that clearly shows Mike right there with the rest of the family. Later, they looped him into the reception, and one of his sisters took "him" from table to table so he could see and speak with everybody. At the proper time, they held the phone up to the microphone so Mike could offer his prayer and a toast to the bride and groom, and the photographer got a great picture of the newlyweds clinking their glasses with Mike on the computer screen. Even though Mike could not be there, God provided a way for him to participate in the ceremony. Mike continued to make good progress in therapy, and the doctors decided he would be well enough to make the journey back to Virginia on the following Saturday. They said it would just be a long, slow recovery. Unfortunately, Debbie and Mike had to cancel their long-planned vacation trip to Ireland. During this same period, the basement in Mike and Debbie's house flooded TWICE. We had hoped the challenges were about over. However, after going back to work for a full week as Chief of Staff for an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mike suffered a hemorrhagic brain bleed stroke in September 2018 and had brain surgery. Mike then suffered a second (and milder) hemorrhagic brain bleed stroke during the first week of November. Mike also developed two blood clots (DVTs) in his left leg, to go with the one that had been in his right leg since 1999. Mike also suffered a heart attack on May 6, 2019. The tests revealed that the Greenfield filter that had been implanted in Mike's inferior vena cava to trap any stray debris from the 1999 clot had tilted slightly to the point that small particles could now bypass the filter. The doctors

found that one small particle had gotten to his lung, where it became a pulmonary embolism. Although this one posed no immediate danger, the doctors were concerned that any repeat would probably cause far more damage, and thus the filter would have to be replaced. However, these filters were designed to stay in place for life. Again by the grace of God, one of the staff members at that hospital had perfected the process for retrieving errant filters. He successfully removed and replaced the filter. Mike continues to progress in an aggressive schedule of therapy 3 to 5 days a week at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence for Traumatic Brain Injury at Fort Belvoir, VA, about 6 miles from home.

1967

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The major anniversaries in our lives customarily are the ones in big, round numbers such as our 50th reunion two summers ago. Fifty-second anniversaries normally slip by without fanfare. But perhaps because another big, round number — 70 — is staring us all in the face, we find ourselves at the front of the class in the Annual Fund drive — "an incredible \$492,000," to quote Annual Fund Director Caitlin Devine Masserano. As we collectively bask in the laurels, we salute **Vin Hartnett** once again for his unbounded generosity that elevated the entire 1967 squad into this lofty position. All of us owe a debt of gratitude, too, to **Bob DeCresce, Kieran Quinn, and Bill Armbruster** for the countless calls they made and the hand-written thank you notes. (Did anyone else get two from Bob?) **Paul Litka** reports from Salt Lake City: "I started teaching English as a second language in February under the auspices of a very capable community organization. My students are older immigrants whose children are permanent residents or citizens. My group includes native speakers of Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, and Albanian." The community organization also provides services for refugees from troubled parts of the globe. "It's been an incredibly uplifting experience for me and is something I would urge others to consider." **Victor Skowronski** writes from the Bay State: "My parish here in Massachusetts was recently collaborated (combined) with another parish. The results have been rather intriguing. I sing in my parish choir. We originally were told that there would be two separate choirs, but they have been merged and we now alternate between churches. Another result of the joining of the two parishes is that we have a couple of priests from Africa who are graduate students at Boston College helping out. They live in our shared rectory. On another note, I had volunteered to tutor a while ago and was finally assigned a student last month, a high school junior looking for help with physics. My engineering degrees make me somewhat qualified." From the South Shore of Long Island, **Sal Deluca**



Terry Chorba '67 and his Samoan public health counterparts at Mass in Pago Pago.

reports: "Steph and I have finally settled in to our new duplex digs in Merrick — our own version of 'Upstairs/Downstairs' — we're down and my daughter, son-in law, and two grandkids are up. We were living in a work zone for nine months, completely renovating our part of the house, but finally have a summer to relax. That is, if you can call relaxing having a four-year old come downstairs every morning at seven serenading you with one of her various musical instruments. My daughter was promoted to VP Ops at her radiological group and my son-in-law has taken over a Stewart's franchise restaurant. Out in the Chicago 'burbs, my son and his wife — both attorneys — continue their extensive (leisure) travels, this year to Russia, Denmark, and the California wine country, with a trip to Japan next. Plus he and a friend went to London for the Yankees-Red Sox games. In contrast, Steph and I had a pedestrian winter sojourn to Hawaii and chilly Southern California." Jersey boys **Steve Rehm, Chris Meatto, and Jack Alexander** broke bread before the Fourth of July. "George McCann was supposed to attend, but had a last minute conflict," says Jack. "We are scouting for others in North Jersey to join future gatherings." Footloose Bebe and **Peter Landis** are back from Belgium, the Netherlands and Iceland, a trek that included stops in Bruges ("a beautiful, medieval city with breathtaking architecture and more tourists than it can reasonably handle"), Amsterdam (where they visited the Anne Frank House, the Rijksmuseum, and the Van Gogh museum, not to mention a cannabis café), an eight-day barge trip arranged by their Asheville, N.C., public radio station, and a weeklong circuit around Iceland, where the 20 hours of daylight each day in May afforded ample time to see glaciers, mountains, waterfalls, and huge crevasses ripped open by earthquakes. "Rather than go for a dip in the famous but crowded Blue Lagoon, we soaked in the hot springs near

the northern town of Husavik," which they had almost to themselves. "What we did not see were the Northern Lights. Wrong time of year." From Buffalo, barrister **Brian Fitzgerald** reports: "Still working. Still trying cases. What else is there to do? A jury verdict in your client's favor is the next best thing to beating Fordham Prep." If you're looking for **Marty Maffeo**, try the 10-mile mark of the Boston Marathon or, more precisely, Natick, where Marty and DC settled on a lake named Cochituate after they wed in 1975. "We did a lot of water-skiing and tubing when we were younger, not so much now. Sold our boat!" he writes. "Natick's a great sports town, home of Doug Flutie. I grew up next to Yankee Stadium, but it didn't take more than a couple of years before I was a Sox fan. Always liked the Celtics and the Knicks. Didn't know much about hockey but it sure grew on me up here." Long before the Patriots entered their hegemony, Marty's last shred of allegiance to New York teams evaporated. "Everybody in New England was a Giants fan until the Pats came along," he says unapologetically. Marty got the proverbial gold watch from Fidelity Investments in 2010. "Our 40th reunion at Fordham (Lincoln Center) greatly influenced my retirement plan. During Mass, **Joe McShane** and **Mike Holleran** asked us to consider the notion of service. It made me incorporate three volunteer projects: leadership coaching for Babson College students, Medicare counselling...and tax preparation for seniors. DC has gravitated to hospice activities." They have a daughter in Bethesda, Md., more family in California and Arizona, and "through all this I've managed to play a lot of golf and tennis (winter)." Another son of the Bronx, **Terry Chorba**, fulfilled a childhood dream when his far-flung work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention took him to the South Pacific. "After a childhood of playing the board game 'Cargoes' and reading all of Howard Pease's books, I finally got to Pago Pago,

the capital of American Samoa. American football is very popular, reflecting the NFL's propensity for recruiting Samoans with very large body mass. The accents on this charming island are distinctly American, while in neighboring Western Samoa, the accents are Kiwi." Terry is chief of a CDC field service branch working to eliminate tuberculosis. In March the CDC's *Emerging Infectious Diseases* journal published the essay that he and scholar **Dennis Mahoney** wrote on the toll tuberculosis exacted on great German writers, artists, and musicians of the Romantic era. The aforementioned Bob DeCresce reported from Chicago: "Still working away as I approach 70 this September. I am also busy riding my bike this summer, planning to hit 1,000 miles to celebrate this milestone. My younger son got married in Asheville — unfortunately things were pretty hectic so I was unable to contact our classmates living there. My older son recently moved to Larchmont, N.Y., with his wife and two kids. Mary and I have been going back there regularly from Chicago to visit. Not exactly the Jersey shore of my youth but the kids think it's the ocean! My grandchildren are spending the summer with us so I'm getting used to even earlier morning wake ups and walks to Lake Michigan for swims." The also aforementioned Bill Armbruster traveled to Peru in late May on an Amazon rainforest study tour led by a biology professor from St. Peter's University, his alma mater. It was Bill's first trip to South America, and he has now visited every continent except Antarctica. "The literal high point was a walk on a canopy footbridge amidst the tree tops, but what I found most meaningful were the visits to several villages of indigenous people," he writes. The trip also gave Bill a new appreciation for indoor plumbing and electricity. **John Kelly** writes: "I am a beginner in practicing meditation, and getting better acquainted with the role and value contemplative practices have had in our Christian and other faith and wisdom traditions. Michael Holleran recently provided helpful suggested readings...if any others in our class have recommendations of further readings or other resources, I'll welcome them! Enjoyed golfing with **John Dean** in February in Arizona and again in June in Delaware." And finally, **Gene Lugano** writes that three years into retirement as chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care at Pennsylvania Hospital, "my days are filled. Marcia and I celebrated our 45th anniversary on a river cruise in Bordeaux. It was fun to visit vineyards whose wines I have in my cellar. Marcia has retired in stages (almost complete) but we've had time for trips to Provence and Paris, Switzerland, and Wyoming. Next up, Japan. We also visit Raleigh where our son Daniel is a software engineer for IBM. That's a job he started last year after recuperating from open-heart surgery, an 11-hour operation that completely corrected the underlying problem. His

surgeon, the best in the world at that procedure, was Marcia's medical student 33 years ago. Daughter Elisabeth is completing Nurse Practitioner training at Penn. I spend time working on and decluttering our 150-year-old Victorian house (got some power tools). Any classmates coming through Philly are welcome to stay. Just call. Finally, I now have time to read whatever I want. Surprisingly for an old English major, I find reading history to be the most satisfying. Any history: ancient, medieval, American, history of philosophy, East Asian, South Asian, geological history. I feel like I've been waiting 40 years for this. No start-up founded or novels written, but, all in all, lovely."

1968

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Please hold in the light our classmate **Henry (Hank) Belaus** and his loved ones. Hank passed away on June 2. We are sorry also sorry to note the passing of two beloved teachers, Bob Weimann and **John Connelly '56**. May they rest in peace. **Bill Lee** updates us on his never ending baseball odyssey. "I'm at 28 games seen, in all levels from college summer wooden bat leagues for prospects, to the Majors, for this season, and have run my ballpark total to 226. Planned trips for later in July, and again in August, may run the total to close to 235 ballparks. As I have often done, in May I pulled off a 2 state double header, with a day game in Jacksonville FL, and then drove to catch a night game in Charleston SC. My son topped that; he went to a day game for the Blue Jays rookie team in Vancouver BC, and a college level night game back in Bellingham WA, for a 2 country doubleheader. I plan to work one more school year, and next year's summer programs, before calling it a career, although I'll continue as an election official and part-time scout program leader at the VA Air & Space Center in Hampton (sometimes mistaken for, but not part of the Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy facility at Dulles Airport)." We have a brief report from **Adrian "Buzz" Doherty**: "Liz Ann and I are empty nesters in the Cobble Hill neighborhood in brownstone Brooklyn. She is still working as the head of the nursing office at Packer Collegiate, the school our children attended. I was a board chair there for a couple of years, but am much happier being known as the school nurse's husband. We love it here, and haven't had any serious conversations about leaving." And an update from **John "Jack" Martin**: "Almost two years since I retired from ESPN in August 2017 after 25+ years as Sr Director/

Executive Producer of ESPN Radio's national play-by-play properties. Despite my best efforts to totally embrace a life of leisure I've been busy ever since. I'm still producing a variety of NBA, MLB, NFL, College Football and Basketball events. In January 2018 I went back to Fordham to finish my degree which I finally completed February 1st. I've now been offered an adjunct teaching position in the Masters Communication program at Iona College. Maryann continues to work with NCIS, Survivor, Amazing Race and other properties as VP Operations at CBS Consumer Products. Our daughter Megan got married this past July and will get her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from St. John's two years from now. Her brother John got engaged at Christmas. The wedding is next year. He's working for Nielsen Media Research. **Joe Porcelli** and I try to meet for lunch once a month and have been joined at various times by Buzz Doherty, **Rick Antosh**, **Dennis Sheehan**, **Kevin Bannon**, **Rick Peiser**, **Tom Osborn**, **Ed Mills**, and most recently, **Bill Murray** as he paid a visit to NYC from North Carolina. When not engaged in any of the aforementioned pursuits and the weather cooperates I try to tee it up weekly with my old grammar school buddies from Jackson Heights. I'm very fortunate." The latest Rump Reunion was a great success, setting a record for attendance and boding well for participation in next year's 50th reunion, which is scheduled for June 12-14. Let's give a special shout out to **Phil Gandolfo** and his wife Mary Ann for spending their 45th wedding anniversary at Rumpfest. Even the spouses seem to enjoy themselves!

1971

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In February, **Mark Baber** returned to the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he obtained his Doctor of Laws, to judge the final round of the school's intramural mock trial tournament for first-year students. His fellow judges were the Hon. Marjorie Rendell, Senior Judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, who presided, and fellow Penn Law grad Paul Konney, Esq., General Counsel of Metagenics, Inc. Noticing the Regis cufflinks he was wearing that night, the tournament committee gave him a pair of Penn cufflinks at the end of the evening. **Charles "Chuck" Sikorski** weighed in with this: "My wife Lucy and I have been travelling a bit in 2019. We did a week's trip to the west coast of Florida in January to visit some friends and see the sights. Then in April we flew to Spain and spent a week catching up with Lucy's extended family in Madrid and Toledo, which was filled with tourists for commemoration of Holy Week. We just finished our fourth annual road-trip to visit our daughter in Oklahoma City and our son in Fort Worth, with a tour of east Texas between the 2 weekend kid-visits. Upon our return I received a voicemail from **George Limbach** with a

reminder of our upcoming 50th graduation anniversary in 2021, which I hope to attend. Best wishes to all my classmates!" Speaking of George Limbach, many of us read an inspiring article about how George and his wife Mimi are doing incredible things to find work for former prisoners. Walking the walk of "men for others." **Tom Stio** has been posting amazing pictures on Facebook from his trip to Uzbekistan. Check them out. **David Speranza** reached out to say that he's still practicing medicine in Gettysburg, PA. **Luke Garvey** recently took a sentimental journey, having lunch at The New Amity Restaurant, aka "Dirty's," prior to taking in the "Play it Loud" exhibition at the Met. He found Dirty's to be not much different, except the lunch check was literally 10 times it's 60s version. Mark Baber recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of becoming a Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hudson County. That's the longest any judge has sat in Hudson. His brother threw a party for 50 family members "to celebrate my inertia!" **Mike Schwarz** and **Peter Fanelli** recently reunited in Texas in early July. Pete and his wife, Diane, were visiting Dallas and San Antonio for the National Game Wardens Convention. **Frank DeSanto** reached out from the depths of Red Sox territory to tell us he's celebrating 20 years in Harvard, MA with his Significant Other (nickname "the CHEESE"). He is working in the insurance industry (not a bad gig, he says). Frank, bless him, is still rooting for the Rangers, Yanks, and yes the long-suffering Giants. He has four horses (Hanoverian Warmbloods) for sale if anyone is interested. "Other critters on the property include a goat, a mini horse, nine chickens, three ducks, two dogs and one very fat cat." Very different from his Brooklyn days. His golf game has suffered due to arthritic knees but otherwise he is in good health. He hopes to get to Jug Night this year and have a beer or two with some old friends. He styles himself a happy underachiever. With a menagerie like that, we would dispute that.

1972

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Summertime and the living is easy in Oakland, California, reports **Tom Abate**, as he tends his garden and spoils his three grandchildren, whenever he gets time off from his job as a science writer for Stanford. **Kevin Farrelly** and **Robert (n/k/a Richard) Galgano** got together to reminisce on a warm July afternoon at the park in front of the American Museum of Natural History. Debbie and **Bob Kopp** were members of a group of 20 singers from Jackson, Wyoming who traveled to Salzburg, Austria to participate in the Jubilate Mozart Festival. They joined 130 other singers from choral groups throughout the United States to perform Mozart's Coronation Mass in the Salzburg Cathedral and then followed up with singing for Sunday Mass from the choir loft about five stories above the sanctuary. Bob says "It was an incredible

experience." At its annual meeting in May, the Texas Dental Association conferred Life Membership on **John Hederman** in recognition of professional service in the practice of dentistry. John thanks **Fran Barra** and **Kevin O'Reilly** for their valuable assistance in the earliest years of his dental career at NYU. **Vin Manno**, now Provost Emeritus of Olin College of Engineering, began a one-year sabbatical leave during which time he plans on doing interesting things on his own schedule including spending more time with grandsons Henry Manno and Edward Donisan, ages one year and one month, respectively. Referring to himself as "a long time listener, first time caller," **John Musci** proudly announces the marriage of his son Stephen, a New York State trooper soon to be promoted to sergeant, to his lovely wife, Madison, a nurse studying to be a nurse practitioner, at the historic Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs in early July. John looks forward to the addition of a few more Muscis. **Doug Redosh** reports that he retired on June 20 after 28 years in Neurology, 38 years in medicine, and a recent diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease like his father. He plans on staying active in outdoor sports, nonprofit boards, and the Democratic party. **Robert Schneider** retired as Special Counsel from Cuddy & Feder LLP on July 19. **Gary Staab's** oldest daughter, Juliana, was accepted as a postulant in the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, an order of disclaled Carmelite nuns in Fairfield, Pennsylvania who hear the Mass in Latin. She has been given a list of several items of clothing she has to make by hand before she enters, so she is teaching herself how to knit and sew "at warp speed." The Fairfield monastery is in the early stages of construction on a farm recently donated to them. The sisters will ultimately be largely self-sustaining, raising livestock and growing vegetables on the farm. Gary says that Juliana would not easily forgive him if he failed to mention the sisters are open to assistance, including volunteers in the actual building of the Carmel, from anyone who wants the experience of a lifetime. There is more information and great pictures of the monastery plans and the construction process at www.fairfieldcarmelites.org.

1973

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1974

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John Santa Maria writes: "My wife and I are happy to celebrate the recent wedding of our son, John, which took place June 1st on the grounds of the Endicott Estate in Dedham, Ma, and we are looking forward to the September wedding of our daughter Olivia in Point Pleasant at the Jersey Shore. So far the weather has cooperated with the first and we are optimistic for an awesome day in September as well." **Richard Dries** and **John Hall** are planning

a Louvre visit in November with **Robert Sexton**. **Steve Sullivan** writes: "My son Eric's wife, Rebecca, just last week delivered a baby boy — Colin Sleath Sullivan, my first ever grandchild — which provides me with the impetus I need to get healthy and stick around for a while — instead of the early demise I've always expected." **Ralph Menendez** writes: "Coming up on the 4 year anniversary in September, of my retirement from the NJ Division on Civil Rights. After 36 years of service, I'm part of the last generation of workers who'll have spent their entire career with one employer. Meanwhile, in retired life I'm enjoying taking several trips to Panama each year (especially in the winter) and am looking forward to celebrating my 40th wedding anniversary with Jill in November. Did I mention my beautiful 2-year-old granddaughter Abigail Kerley? Don't get me started..." **Len Scarpinato** writes: "Sorry I missed the reunion, but I made up for it by attending a Regis event in Chicago with **Tom Dudar** a couple of weeks ago. We met some Regis folks and enjoyed ourselves. My son entered his fourth year of medical school at one of my Residency Alma Maters: Medical College of WI in Milwaukee (previously the Marquette Univ Med School). While I continue as Chief Medical Officer for the Chicago section of JenCare/Chenmed here in Chicago, I spend weekends at the Wisconsin lake house contemplating it all."

1975

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A few reunions over unusual circumstances these past few months. **Mike Verde's** law partner and **Paul Kiernan's** friend is the same person — and only he knew they would meet up at his 60th birthday party. Mike writes it was great to catch up, especially since he and Paul are "both still looking so boyish." **Luke O'Keefe** and **Jon Powers**, Yankee and (long suffering) Met fans respectively, celebrated their 60th birthdays by attending the first of the two Subway Series games in Citi Field in early July. Jon was lucky and it was a night the Mets won! Finally, **Bob Franco** and **Andy Merola** posted a photo from Praiano, complete with Regis hats.

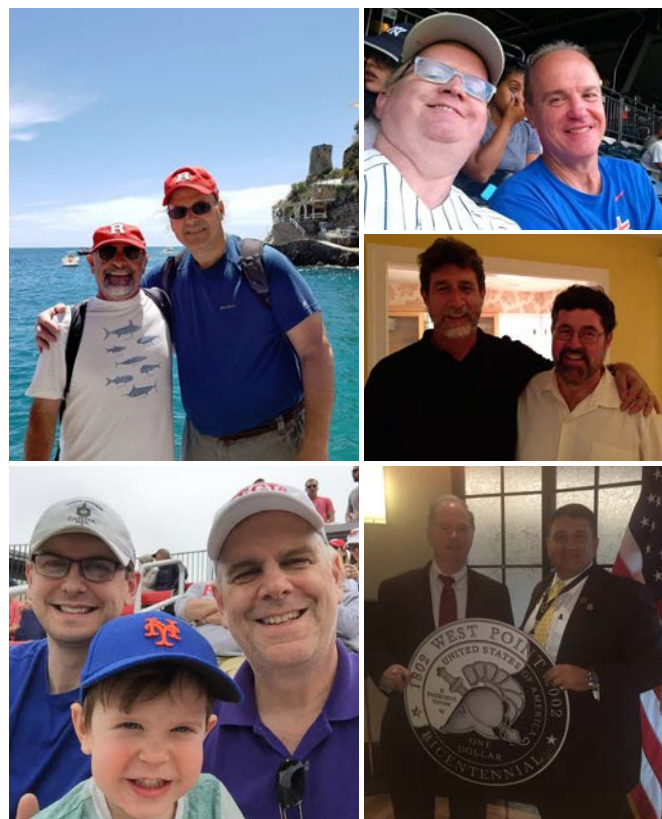
1977

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Ken Carroll writes: "Over the last couple of years Regis' baseball team has been coming up to Fairfield CT to play Fairfield Prep. This year, my son (a Prep alumnus and former baseball player), my grandson and I attended. Tough day for the good



Clockwise from top left: (1) Bob Franco '76 and Andy Merola '76 don their Regis hats in Praiano, Italy. (2) Luke O'Keefe '76, left, and Jon Powers '76 attend a Subway Series game at Citi Field. (3) Mike Verde '76, left, and Paul Kiernan '76 run into each other at a mutual friend's party. (4) John Schorn '80 and John L. Buckheit '80 at the 2018 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition. (5) Ken Carroll '78 attends the Regis-Fairfield Prep baseball game with his son and grandson.

guys. Regis lost 5-1." Maureen and **Bernie Kilkelly's** daughter Bernadette graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead and will be going to college at New Paltz in the fall. Bernie caught up with two great storytellers, **Kevin Rush** and **Dr. Bob Marraccino**, at the Regis Stories & Storytellers event in June.

1979

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John L. Buckheit is the President of the West Point Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). While attending the 2018 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition, John wandered over the United States Mint to visit with **John Schorn**, the General Counsel.

1981

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At a recent gathering of fellow 1982 classmates including **John Lemanski**, **Patrick Lopez**, and **Patrick McGoldrick**, I apparently volunteered to serve as Class Correspondent and committed to boosting our class contribution to the Prowlings section, which has been, shall I say sluggish, in recent years. Never one to be bashful, especially when it comes to assigning work to his friends, Mr. McGoldrick immediately informed the Alumni Office that I had accepted this role. And next thing you know, I'm facing a quick deadline to turn around copy. It's almost as if I was back in 1981 and **Jerry Coamey** was pressuring me to submit my newspaper article ahead of Father Feeney's deadline for the next edition of *The Owl*. I boldly set a goal of one-and-a-half pages of Class Notes and laid out the challenge to our class. While the

initial response was slow, with a day to go before the submission was due, the response intensified. So, with kudos to my classmates, here is the Class of 1982's first submission in at least five years. The honor of our opening entry goes to Mr. Lopez, who was the first person to respond to my request for an update. Pat is a dedicated attendee at JUG Nights and unofficial off-site gatherings so it is no surprise that he was first to answer the call. Pat reports that he is living 10 blocks from Regis (is this closer than **Arthur Xanthos** and **Tim Dowling** lived when we attended school?). He has three sons: one a junior at Gettysburg College, one in high school, and one in eighth grade. And in another smart move, Pat reports he will be spending the summer in Narragansett, Rhode Island. Continuing the graduation theme, John Porada noted that his daughter, Natalie, just graduated from Columbia College and will begin teaching at The Taft School in September while pursuing her master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. John's oldest daughter, Julia, also a Columbia graduate, just started an MD/PhD program at Columbia. **Joe Ryan** checked in with news that he and his wife, Heather, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 9th. Congrats, Joe and Heather! Their daughter Ashley just graduated from Elon University. Their other daughter, Katie, performed the National Anthem at Fenway Park recently. Son Connor was not to be outdone and earned his Eagle Scout rank. Speaking of singing, vocalist extraordinaire **Joe Dempsey** has been active as a member and leader of the Westchester Chordsman. His choir has performed at Carnegie Hall and Geffen Hall in the last few years and is now practicing for the upcoming New England Harmony Brigade. **John Larocca** checked in with news that since last February he has served as general counsel at Aerie Pharmaceuticals in Bedminster, NJ. One of the benefits of working in Bedminster is that John, a resident of Montclair, has the chance to join **Tony Spina** for lunch every now and then. As far as I know, **Joe Dagrosa** earns the class award for going the furthest in organized sports. Not as a player, mind you, but as an owner. Joe's company, the equity firm GACP, recently acquired the Bordeaux soccer team, which plays in the first

division in France. Joe has been shuttling back and forth between the US and Europe and is still struggling with learning the language (he says **John Conway** wouldn't be surprised to hear this given Joe's performance in high school Spanish class). As I write these notes, I suddenly realize that only people whose first names begin with the letter J seem to be inspired to submit updates. Keeping the trend alive, **John Deriso** reports that he is teaching English to newcomer students in the Brooklyn public school system. He will be spending August in Taiwan. **Dennis "Ernie" McCooe** recently moved to Bethlehem, PA, after more than 20 years in Philly. He currently works as head of compliance and associate general counsel for Scandinavian Tobacco Group, the world's largest seller of premium cigars and pipe tobacco. Why doesn't this surprise me? Dennis promises to share a sampling of premium cigars at the next Jug Nite. **Paul Collins** lives in San Francisco and is very proud to work for the non-profit Playworks and also serves as Development Executive for NorCal. With such proximity to the Sierras, Paul reported that he recently rode a dirt bike for the first time in Tahoe. Vying for most successful athlete in our class, **Bob Smith** sent some photos of his participation in the annual Vintage Base Ball Game in River Edge, NJ. The game is played using 1864 rules (no gloves, no overhand pitching, no steroids). Bob was the starting pitcher and did not break any bones, which he considers a modest success. Off the field, Bob and his wife, Mary Clare, have three daughters: Emily is pursuing an MBA from Georgetown; Molly teaches at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Philly; and Caroline will attend Fordham in the Fall. **Fred Lynch** retired as CEO from Masonite in June and will be taking a six-month sabbatical before taking on his next challenge. Yours truly lives in South Midwood, Brooklyn, with my wife Zoe and two toddlers — Tate and Pippa. I manage the finances of the Long Island Rail Road. Most days it's great. On the other days I have to read **Mario Casella's** Facebook rants about the MTA. I am proud to report that Pat McGoldrick, Arthur Xanthos, **Jim Livio**, and I are owners in what must be one of the oldest Roto leagues in the US. The league has been in continuous

existence since 1988 (my first ever pick was Nolan Ryan if you need help remembering how far back that is). Other former owners include Jerry Coamey, **Tom Kuntz**, **Chris Barnett**, **Kieran Xanthos '84**, and **Mark Leeds '84**. Well, I think that's a wrap. If this submission doesn't reach one-and-a-half pages, I will ask the copy editors to increase to 18-point font and expand the margins. Thanks to all of you for contributing to these class notes. If you haven't done so already, please join the Regis Class of 1982 Facebook page. It's a great way to keep up with your classmates.

1983

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Gentlemen: Our class continues to remember our brother, **Michael L. Cardinale**, who died peacefully at his home in Chicago on March 16, due to complications from glioblastoma. Among his many accomplishments, Mike was a tireless, passionate advocate and organizer of youth chess tournaments for children in the Chicago public school system. He is survived by his spouse, Autumn Mather, whom he married in 2003. Here is a tribute to Mike, written by **Thomas English**: "Mike passed away on Saturday, March 16, in the late afternoon, just five days after his 54th birthday on March 11. He was surrounded by those he loved, in the sunshine and surrounded by spring flowers. Also by his side was his loyal dog, Flavia. In an email his wife Autumn sent this morning, she reminded me of this quote from Robert Browning Mike used for his senior quote in *The Regian*: 'Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, The last of life, for which the first was made...' Mike didn't get a long time, but he lived a full, exciting life filled with eclectic interests. He was one of the most profoundly good people I have ever met in my life. I live in the hope I will meet him again. The friendships Mike created at Regis and still maintained even 40 years later, were, according to Autumn, 'the foundation upon which he built his life, and was the part of Regis that held the most meaning for him.' May Mike Rest In Peace." In other Class of 1983 news: **Andrew Lennon** sends his greetings, as follows: "Regis Friends: I met a guy from Iceland a few weeks ago at a maritime conference we were hosting in London. He's a Commodore in their Coast Guard (Iceland is a NATO member but doesn't have a military). It turns out this fellow graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy in '87. He knew **Don Culkin**. How odd is that?! I hope you're doing well. It's been quite chilly this week, and we've had ice on the car a few mornings. Traci, Maigread, and Peter are in Wales on their way to Ireland. Tim is flying home from Greece. We'll all meet up in Derry, Ireland (or Londonderry, Northern Ireland if you're a Loyalist) next week and spend

Easter with friends on the northwest coast. Time is coming to an end here, and we'll be very sad to leave. Although it's too cold for me most days, I do enjoy the 1 mile walk to work, the pleasant and not too rushed work environment, and being able to get around via train. And another thing, there are very few bugs here. I don't mind bugs, but despite our slovenly ways, we don't have ants, and even though we leave the windows open, we don't have roaches. I don't have orders for my next assignment yet, but I'll know quite soon what my fate is (or "what opportunities for adventure lie ahead" if you want to say it in a more positive manner). I did finally get to see some steeplechase racing. Dick Francis, former jockey, is one of my favorite authors, and I felt right at home on the track. Horse racing is a bit more dressy and refined than a football game. There are no assigned seats, one just mills about from the parade ring to the stands to the grassy area next to the track to the winner's circle. Sure enough there are plenty of 'well served' punters, and some of the folks are quite astonishingly dressy. I wore a tweed blazer. Binoculars are a must (and I was well prepared). We'll head to Ascot again, but that's not as much about the racing and the horses as it is about hats and champagne and more hats. I read a fascinating unclassified report about Russia's ability to spoof GPS signals. They send a strong signal in the area that makes drones think they are at an airport miles away. This causes the drones to land (supposedly) due to software interlocks that prevent drones from flying near airports (except Gatwick?). Anyhow, shipping would also be affected, and I suppose commercial air. I'm giving a keynote speech on hybrid warfare in June, so I'll add that to my notes. Anyhow, travel with a map! (do teenagers know how to use those things?) Keep in touch!" On May 17, **Joe Accetta's** son, **Joseph M. Accetta, Jr. '14**, received his Masters of Science degree in Accounting (Taxation) from Binghamton University. After sitting for some of his CPA Exams this summer, Joseph will commence his Accounting career at EY (New York City) in October. Please continue to post news and events on our Facebook page: Regis High School Class of 1983.

1984

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Nice to see such a good turnout at our 35th reunion. (Has it really been 39 years since we assembled in the quad in our respective advisor groups for the very first time, wearing our snazzy plaid shirts and hush puppies?) By most counts, we had 36 show up; for those of you who couldn't make it, you have five years to block out the date for the 40th. Hope to see you there! Kudos to **Bob Venchiarutti** who flew in from San Francisco for the event and **Dan Sullivan** who, after missing his train in New Hampshire, drove straight

down to Regis rather than wait for the next train, lest he miss most of the affair! We did miss **Steve Geiger** who passed on the event as he chose to travel to Louisville and then Minnesota, instead, to watch his beloved Cavaliers win their first NCAA championship. While on the topic of championship basketball, we recently finished another exciting season in the RABL with a regular season record of 1-5, followed by a tough, hard fought playoff loss to the class of 2012. A game we all felt we could have won, especially when we closed it to 11 with the ball and about five minutes to go. But alas, it was not meant to be and the young guns outlasted us to move on. The two highlights of the season were: 1) our win(!) vs the class of 1987; and 2) the game versus the class of 2014, which featured the first ever RABL father/son matchup (**Kevin Lee** vs. **Ryan Lee '14**, with mom in attendance, as well!). The line out of Vegas was equal to the difference between our graduating classes, with a dinner riding on the outcome for the Lees. It is also worth noting we played the game with *NO subs*, while they had two (something seems backwards there!). However, with 1:45 to go we were holding strong at minus 28 points and went into our "4 corners" offense to take over a minute off the clock before they got the ball back and scored to get up their lead to 30. However, another stall by us and a made foul shot with just six seconds left "won" the game (or at least the bet) as we fell by 29! Hopefully, Ryan took Kevin somewhere nice. In addition to Kevin, this season's contributors included: **Joe Carroll**, **Pat Clarke '83**, **Andy Coamey**, **Pat Coffey**, **Al DeGrasse**, **Kevin Duggan**, **Bill Dunn**, **Manny Grillo**, **Mike Horowitz**, **Tom Lavin**, **Mark Leeds**, **Tom Ryan**, **Noel Selegzi**, and, in a Willis Reedian like comeback from two years on the DL, our player/coach **Michael P. Murphy**. After the game, Murph asked for a show of hands as to who wanted to retire from the RABL and (to his shock) none went up. So, we'll be lacing it up again next season. Look out class of 2015! **Andy Coamey** has a new position as he has been named the Executive Director for Bailey House, a subsidiary of his former employer, Housing Works. Bailey House combines all of the existing Housing Works and Bailey House supportive and affordable housing assets and will focus on developing and operating new supportive and affordable housing for the populations they serve. The press release (yes, Andy is important enough now to have press releases issued on his career moves!) stated: "Andrew will continue the proud work of Bailey House, the first organization in the country to house homeless people living with HIV/AIDS, and help fulfill its original mission." Andy has worked for over 25 years developing and providing support services and housing for homeless people with HIV/AIDS, and has been a fierce activist (just ask Lt. Kevin Lee!) and outspoken advocate for the rights of homeless and formerly homeless New Yorkers. Are you

on the Regis 84 email list? If not, contact **Kieran O'Connor** at oonorkieran@gmail.com, and he'll add or update your contact info. The list has about 75 members of the class on it and is a quick way to contact folks. Kieran also adds: "My oldest, Emily, recently graduated from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. She took a job with a bio-tech startup in Seattle. She's the first employee! Although it would have been nice to get a break from tuition payments, my third child will be entering Berklee College of Music in Boston in September. I'm not sure how I'm old enough to have a kid out of college—I feel like I just went to college!" Speaking of college graduations, the recent festivities at Georgetown was a mini reunion (x2) for three Regis '84/G'town '88ers, as **Mike Nemecek** (Amanda), **Kieran Fallon** (Aidan), and **Ray McGoldrick** (Aisling) had kids graduating in the Georgetown class of 2019! And in a "graduation" of a different sort, **Carlos PiSierra** retired last fall after 25 years with Fidelity. Carlos is enjoying traveling, seeing friends and family and is hoping to make a trip to Slovenia and Italy, shortly. His children, Zoe and Nat, are both recent graduates from NYU. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Charleston, MA and spend as much time as they can at their condo in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Manny Grillo reports that his daughter, Kate, will be starting at Marymount High School in the fall. Manny says, "I have already told her to stay away from those Regis boys!" On a more serious note, earlier this spring, after a few hours of experiencing "the worst headache ever," **Mark Leeds** decided to walk himself over to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital from his place in Washington Heights. Upon arrival, he was told he was having a heart attack! Mark went into surgery and two stents later, began his road to recovery. He is doing well, while trying to decide if the Nets actually helped themselves by signing Kevin Durant and friends, and appreciates all the well wishes and prayers he has received from his classmates. Please remember the family of **Gerry Noone** in your prayers, as his mom, Bernadette, passed away in April. **Anthony Loscalzo** recently attended the annual scholarship benefit for St. Ignatius School, the Jesuit Nativity Mission School in the South Bronx. He is very happy to report that two SIS students will be attending Regis in the fall, joining a third SIS student who will be a junior. The school has a beautiful mission consistent with our Regis mission. In 2015, as Chairman of the Board of Directors at Directions for Our Youth, I arranged for a Schools Out New York City (SONYC) grant for St. Ignatius in the amount of 375K, renewable every three years, as well as the same grant for St. Aloysius, the now closed Nativity school in Harlem. I also supervised the initial programmatic implementation of the grants. St. Ignatius has used their grant to provide an extended day program for its students and families, while also using the funds to help retain talented



The Class of 1984 and the Class of 2014 after a spirited but lopsided Regis Alumni Basketball League game.

and dedicated faculty members. The St. Aloysius grant has since been transferred to the Cornelia Connelly Center's Connelly Middle School of the Holy Child, a wonderful school for at-risk girls on the lower east side. Like St. Ignatius, the Connelly Center uses its SONYC grant to provide an extended day program.

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Over 50-plus 89'ers, including significant others, attended our recent 30th reunion this past May 4. Kudos to all who were able to make it. **Paul Degnan** ([paul@sueandpaul.com](mailto:paul@ sueandpaul.com)) recently joined Emilie Scientific, a NYC healthcare startup helping find patients for clinical trials, as Head of Engineering. Recently, Paul, **Joe Sheehan** (joesheehanbp@gmail.com), **Derek Jacques** (derekjacques@gmail.com), and four of their six kids watched the Brooklyn Cyclones get obliterated by the Staten Island Yankees at Coney Island. Paul tried but couldn't lure the teen girls out for minor league ball. **George Zanazzi** (George.zanazzi@gmail.com) just moved to New Hampshire to work as a neuropathologist at Dartmouth. "If anyone is in the area, come by and visit any time," George writes. From **Roger Rigaud** (roger.rigaud@gmail.com): "Bummed I couldn't make the 30th but our flight from Germany landed and I was wiped out. Latest from DC in short is that we opted for domestic stability. In other words, I finished my master's program at the Eisenhower School/

National Defense University on June 13th and am enjoying some time here in FL with the parents and family until I start as Deputy Comptroller for the Bureau of Consular Affairs on July 15th. Our daughter Lara will start kindergarten at St. Mary's in Alexandria so we're looking forward to not moving abroad for another two years to give her some stability as well." **Ernie Borghese** (eborghese@gmail.com) is busy raising his toddler son, Luca. Ernie relays his regret for not being able to make our 30th and says, "Give the guys my sincerest love. That building sourced some of my fondest memories. Also, my black Labrador is names Regis. I kid you not." **Matt McGeary** (Matt.McGeary@EagleAsset.com) was unable to attend our 30th as he was coaching his son's AAU basketball team at a tournament that weekend. Matt is "staying busy for sure. My 16 year-old daughter (about to get her driver's license) and 13 year-old son are keeping me on my toes. I manage a small cap stock portfolio for Eagle Asset Management, which is a subsidiary of Raymond James. Small team in Stowe, VT. Not a bad place to be."

1990

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Our classmates have been busy this past quarter. **Peter Huh** launched a non-profit, Adopt History. The mission of the organization is to honor those who served and sacrificed in the US Armed Services by elevating the level of gratitude and service demonstrated by all Americans. Congrats, Peter on the noble undertaking. **Greg Schwartz** reached out from Scotland to say that his daughter Katerina "is visiting NYC (we are in Scotland and have been for most of her life now) and met with one **John Murray** to hear from an old hand the ins/outs of the law profession. Katerina is an undergrad at U of Glasgow and has a tentative plan to go to the US to study law in due course. John very graciously gave up time to go and have a chat, which was much appreciated by Katerina and myself by extension. John is working with the SEC and while I don't think Katerina knew very much about that, she was really happy to get a chance to ask some questions."



Clockwise from top left: (1) Fr. Philip Judge, SJ '80 with Brian Devaney '97 and family at the baptism of son Xavier. (2) Rich Biddulph '97 and Makayla Rupp at their June 29th wedding. (3) Greg Hills '03 celebrates his engagement to Nina Bell. (4) Rob Gestone '02, Joe DeLessio '02, Chris '02 and Michelle Elms, Mike Botta '02, and Luigi Naguit '02 at Chris and Michelle's wedding.

Sean Hinners recently returned to his "Hopkins roots" and moved to Baltimore. The last quarter was also chock-a-block with visits back to NYC from a number of our wayfaring brothers. **Jon-Peter Kelly** writes that, "on June 20, I was honored to be named one of the 50 Outstanding Asian-Americans in Business by the Asian-American Business Development Center. It was a great event at Cipriani Wall Street, and I was delighted that **Mike King** and, more importantly, Soumaly King were able to attend." **Steve Urgola's** visit home from Egypt was a big draw. **Tim Spencer, Joe Kuroly, Rob Reichenbach,** and Mike "I show up everywhere" King were able to join Steve one evening for some good conversation and refreshments. On June 4th, **Eddie Gamarra** participated as panelist in the official launch of Noble Heart Films' Stories and Storytellers series, co-hosted by the RIME Alumni Group. The event was held at Regis. Eddie writes, "It was so great to meet current students, their parents, older alums and to also reconnect with friends like **Terry Dollard '92**, who was so kind to buy us drinks after the event." Lastly, it is with great sadness that we note the passing of our dear friend and brother, **George Kim**. George passed away in May after a two-year battle with colon cancer. He died at home surrounded by the love of his family, including his wife and his two young daughters. We will miss him.

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The Class of 1994 met for its 25th Reunion in June. Turnout was strong, laughs were hearty, and spirit was high. All of those in attendance hope to see many of our missing classmates at the next reunion. Special thanks should go to **Matt Heinz**, who spearheaded the anniversary fundraising effort.

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Charlie O'Donnell married Aja Singer on June 14th at The Green Building in Brooklyn. The venue is not too far from the apartment they purchased together Park Slope in February, even before they started living together, or before they had ever lived with anyone for that matter. The date was one day short of the 18-month anniversary of their first date. No, they are not expecting, but all advice on jumping into the deep end would be greatly appreciated. **Fr. Philip Judge, SJ '80** baptized Crystol and **Brian Devaney's** son Xavier Quinn Harber. **Dr. Benson Pulikkottil** and his wife, Dr. Lily Daniali, are plastic surgeons at the Burn and Reconstructive Centers of Colorado at Swedish Medical Center. They are currently reconstructing a hunter's face who was mauled by a grizzly bear. **Rich Biddulph** and Makayla Rupp were married in New Jersey on June 29th. **Clinton Greiner** served as a groomsman, and Fr. James Van Dyke S.J., former Regis Director of Campus Ministry, celebrated the wedding.

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C. Ian Stevenson completed his PhD in American & New England Studies at Boston University. Congrats, Ian!

2000

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Bruce Connolly was named a partner at his law firm, Raiser & Kenniff, in 2018 and recently moved to Naples with his wife and two daughters to start the firm's Florida office. He practices in the areas of matrimonial and family law, criminal defense, and general civil litigation. If you have any Florida legal needs, or want to get together when you're vacationing in Southwest Florida, please drop him a line at bruce.r.connolly@gmail.com or 914-450-4322. **Toma Dedaj** married Jenny McNally on March 23 in a ceremony presided over by Fr. Vincent Biagi in the Regis chapel. The original plan was to have it in Greenpoint in **Frank Novick's** parents' backyard but they have a strict one Albanian policy.

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Chris Elms married Michelle Janzen on August 25, 2018, in her home state of North Carolina. The two met while serving at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. They are now posted to Islamabad where they would love to host you as visitors (but the embassy won't allow it). The newlyweds look forward to catching up with classmates the next time they are state-side.

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Greg Hills and Nina Bell were engaged in May. Greg lives on the Upper West Side, works at Twitter, and is always game to grab a drink with another Regian. **Richard Stevens** and his wife, Trish (who some of you might remember since they met while Rich attended Regis), had a baby girl, Ryan Anne Stevens. She was born on January 7th. Now if Rich can just figure out a way to get her into Regis...he's thinking first female full athletic scholarship in school history. **Nick Zimick** finally finished training in Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology and Critical Care at Columbia (15 years, if anyone's counting). He just moved to Morristown, NJ to work at Morristown Medical Center and would love to meet any alums in the area.

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Ben Lindbergh lives with his wife, Jessie, and their guard dachshund, Grumkin, in Manhattan, where he works as a staff writer at The Ringer, the sports, tech, and culture website started by Bill Simmons. His second book, *The MVP Machine: How Baseball's New Nonconformists Are Using Data to Build Better Players*, was published by Basic Books in June

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Clockwise from left: (1) Chris Schaller '09 and his wife Meredith Bates flanked by Regents at their wedding in June. (2) Hugh Esterton '18 just behind the flames during his summer internship at the Indy 500. (3) During a Jesuit Volunteer Corps retreat at the Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center in Atlanta this June, Fr. Peter Fink, SJ '56 served as the spiritual director for David Vascones '14.

Events Calendar

For more event information,
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SEPTEMBER**6 Mass of the Holy Spirit**

Opening Mass for the Regis academic year

14 Golden Owls Reunion

Classes of 1954, 1959, and 1964

18 Auction Challenge/Senior Parent Gift Reception

Unveiling of the renovated locker room and Physics Lecture Hall

OCTOBER**20 Grandparents Day**

Students host their grandparents at Regis

25 JUG Night

Annual fall gathering for alumni

NOVEMBER**6 Deo et Patriae Reception**

Recognizing supporters of Regis High School at the Order of the Owl level

Milestones

BIRTHS

Ryan Anne Stevens on January 7, 2019
to Trish and **Richard Stevens '03**

WEDDINGS

Rich Biddulph '97 to Makayla Rupp
on June 29, 2019

Charlie O'Donnell '97 to Aja Singer
on June 14, 2019

Toma Dedaj '00 to Jenny McNally
on March 23, 2019

Chris Elms '02 to Michelle Janzen
on August 25, 2018

DEATHS

Patrick J. McCarthy '40
on May 20, 2019

Edward J. Cook '42
on September 23, 2018

Raymond V. O'Brien, Jr. '45
on July 14, 2019

Robert E. Broderick '46
on April 19, 2019

Mallick J. Fitzpatrick, SJ '47
on April 25, 2019

Thomas M. O'Brien '50
on April 12, 2019

Paul G. Rosso '55
on March 16, 2019

John L. Connelly '56
on April 16, 2019

Patrick J. Monahan, Jr. '59
on January 8, 2019

Charles A. Cremeans '60
on June 24, 2019

Frederick S. Crisafulli '61
on May 5, 2019

Richard E. Fitzgerald '65
in April 2019

Ado P. Leporati '65
in May 2019

Henry E. Belas '70
on June 2, 2019

Derek E. Marrero '87
on May 15, 2019

George S. Kim '90
on May 24, 2019

Daniel C. Vitz, IVE '95
on April 19, 2019

Alexander Urtula '15
on May 20, 2019



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