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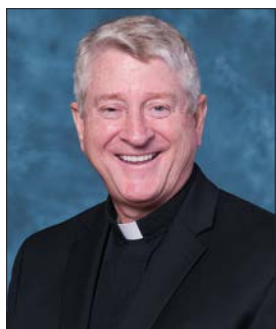


Above An owl keeps watch over the Regis quadrangle.

On the Cover The Class of 2020's time at Regis came to an end under unique circumstances. Learn more about how Regis celebrated its resilient graduates on p. 13.

President's Report

Living Up To Our Ideals



When I wrote my column for the Spring edition, and labelled it *Interesting Times*, I certainly hoped that by this point our lives would be *less* interesting. Maybe now it is just boring at times after more than five months of these challenges associated with this pandemic.

In June, the tragic killing of George Floyd set off a series of protests and a national conversation about racial injustice and prejudice, with so many companies and institutions called upon to do better. The stories on an Instagram page, BlackAtRegis, certainly make it clear that Regis has much room for improvement.

This summer, we have held Town Hall meetings on race at Regis, and those have been both informative and challenging. We will have several task forces this school year that will thoroughly and systematically examine this critical issue, and help us identify concrete areas and opportunities for improvement.

I recently received a letter from an alumnus who graduated almost 70 years ago responding to my July email on race. He wrote:

In your email you wrote that Regis is "far from perfect." I would agree, but I believe that Regis is a far better place today than it was years ago. I believe the same can also be said about many aspects of our society. However, much more undoubtedly needs to be done, both in society, and at Regis...

Regis has been far from perfect. I say that from my experience as a student in the 40s... However, reflecting on my student days at Regis and my association as an alumnus, I consider Regis to be one of the greatest blessings of my life. Although not being perfect, I am convinced that Regis has always tried to do the right thing. Through the years it has tried

with passion to live up to its ideals. Although Regis has improved through the years, it will never be perfect. However, I am convinced that Regis, with God's help, will continue to grow better and better. Through the years, I have lost confidence in most of the institutions for which, during my youth, I had respect. Regis has been the one big exception. For me, Regis has been an institution to be admired and emulated. Regis has changed most everything about itself, except its basic ideals.

Yes, this place is certainly different from when he matriculated in the 1940s, and there are some things that are better, and some things perhaps not. Our world is certainly different on so many levels, and we try to thoughtfully reflect and grow as we go along. I think we have done a pretty good job of it over the years, and I hope and pray that the work we are doing now is also progress towards being better tomorrow than we are today or were yesterday.

Our basic ideals have not changed. We didn't use the phrase *Men for Others* in the 40s as we do today, but it was the same idea: train these talented young men to use their God-given talents in the service of other people. That is our hope and prayer.

With the pandemic still raging, this will be a strange year, and if I could just fast forward it a year, I would happily do so. Instead, we will persevere. God only knows what it will entail, but certainly grace will abound somehow. And we will work to come out of it better than today.

Please keep us in your prayers as I remember you in mine.

God bless.

Daniel K. Lahart, SJ
President

The Office of Development

The Spirit of Generosity Continues

The 2019-2020 school year was without parallel in so many ways. In the midst of significant uncertainty, the 2020 Annual Fund: *Transforming Lives* reached \$9.8 million, a strong result for any year, and a remarkable result given the circumstances. This is the second largest Annual Fund in the school's history, just shy of the \$9.9 million mark set in 2018. We look forward to sharing a complete report in the 2020 Annual Report, which will be published this fall. In that report, we will formally recognize and thank our thousands of supporters. At this time, the Office of Development wants to express its sincere and significant gratitude for the many supporters who contributed to last year's fund and allowed the school to meet its operating expenses without taking an unbudgeted withdrawal from the endowment. Thank you!

Alumni, parents, and friends contributed not only through financial support, but also through efforts to maintain connection and community, despite social distancing measures and other obstacles. As you will read in these pages, some of the most prominent alumni of Regis, including Dr. Anthony Fauci '58, generously shared their time and insight with the graduating seniors in the week leading up to graduation. Over 200 alumni have given of their time and insight over the summer during Town Halls where Race at Regis has been a focus of conversation. Current parents have generously offered their time and support guiding incoming freshman families. And of course faculty and staff

have been creative and persistent in making sure that we pursue our mission of academic excellence and forming selfless leaders. Generosity begets gratitude, and we are deeply grateful for all of these special and meaningful efforts.

All in all, the Regis community remains exceptionally strong, even as we remain physically separated. Many alumni have been gathering on Zoom, and the Class of 1966 deserves special mention. They have been Zooming each weekend since the pandemic began — that's 20+ weekends in a row! The crowd varies from 20-40 participants, and it is a great way to stay connected. If any class would like support when connecting on Zoom, please write to alumni@regis.org

As we look ahead to another year beset by uncertainty, the Development Office is actively planning to continue its work of building community and raising critical financial resources in support of the Regis mission. There are several virtual events on the calendar already, including JUG Night for all alumni on October 16 and a reception for Freshman Parents on October 14. The Deo Et Patriae reception will also take on a virtual character, not dissimilar from the President's Dinner last May. While we hope to be able to hold spring reunions and other events in person, we will continue to monitor guidelines and restrictions from the appropriate authorities, and we will keep everyone informed as plans evolve.

Regis Polls Alumni Parents

In April, the Development Office fielded a questionnaire among Regis parents from the classes of 2010 to 2020 with the goal of better understanding the ways in which this group might be interested in connecting with the school and with each other. A total of 226 parents completed the survey, which covered a range of topics.

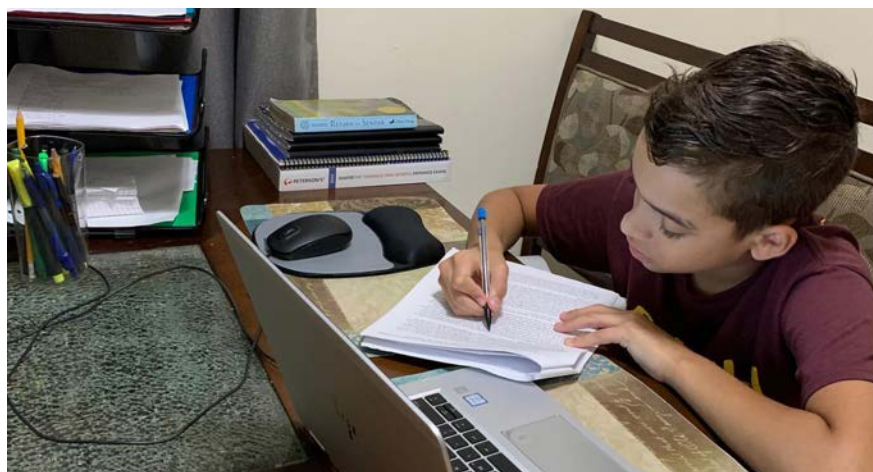
Following are some highlights from the responses, more detail of which will be shared with alumni parents in the coming weeks and months:

- Nearly 70% expressed a strong interest in becoming more connected to what is currently going on at Regis, while 63% were very interested in becoming more connected to their fellow alumni parents.
- From a list of possible events and activities, parents showed the most interest in a lecture series, alumni parent Masses and meals, community service, and social events (e.g., wine tasting, class "reunions").
- Although awareness of Regis' Ignatian Parent Program was low (26%), many expressed interest in attending lectures, spiritual meetings, and retreats led by this group.
- The Regis Magazine remains the primary way in which alumni parents stay connected to the school and responses indicated a desire on the part of this group to see more alumni profiles, teacher profiles, and stories about student service projects.

News & Notes

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

REACH Program Thrives in Virtual Setting



The COVID-19 pandemic created the most unusual and perhaps most challenging summer in the history of the REACH Program. Normally, the devoted team of REACH administrators and faculty and REACH's hardworking students depart for the University of Scranton in early July for three intense weeks of classes, formation, and fun followed by another three weeks commuting each day to Regis. This summer, the public health risks made in-person instruction impossible.

Instead, REACH persevered with REACH @ Zoom, an entirely virtual summer session that sought to replicate all of the most critical aspects of the usual experience. The program was defined by the dedication and tenacity of REACH students, whose schedules stretched from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on most days. By the end of the six weeks, those involved agreed that despite the unprecedented challenges, the summer was a success.

"I've taken all the habits that I learned in the classroom to REACH @ Zoom, but it's just a tad different because sitting over the computer screen seeing my mates over Zoom, it's not the same as being with them in person," one REACH student said during a panel discussion about REACH @ Zoom that is available at news.regis.org. "But overall I still continue to cherish and love REACH no matter where it's from, and it will always be one of the greatest things I have in my life."

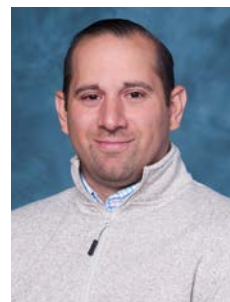
Regis Begins School Year in Remote Instruction

On Friday, August 7, Regis High School shared its plan to safely and effectively operate for the 2020-21 academic year in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In a letter to students and parents, Rev. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, announced that Regis would begin the year in remote instruction and hopefully transition to a hybrid in-person model after the midpoint of the first trimester.

Fr. Lahart, who has relied upon the advice of Dr. Anthony Fauci '58 throughout the pandemic, wrote that the decision on whether to return to Regis' historic building on Monday, October 19 using this hybrid model would be announced by October 1. To read Regis' full Reopening Plan, please visit news.regis.org.

With Gratitude to Departing Faculty & Staff

A number of faculty and staff members left Regis this past academic year to pursue other professional opportunities. We are so grateful for their dedicated service.



Mr. Vincent Catapano '96
ALUMNI DIRECTOR
12 YEARS



Mr. Andrew Kent
THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT
5 YEARS

Ms. Victoria Cerrone
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3 YEARS

Mr. Evan Chyriwsky '13
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1 YEAR

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1 YEAR

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ALUMNUS MENTOR
1 YEAR

Ms. Molly Cesarz Receives Hannon Award



In May, during the virtual Spring Academic Convocation, Ms. Molly Cesarz, a long-time member of Regis' Language Department, was honored with the Patricia Hannon Ignatian Educator Award.

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.

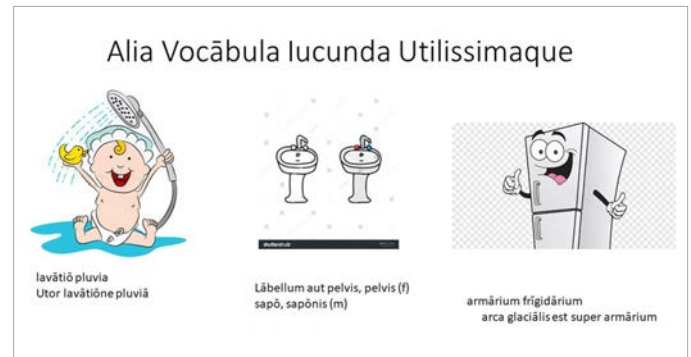
In announcing this year's recipient, Regis Principal Fr. Anthony D. Andreassi, CO, praised Ms. Cesarz for her "long, generous, and quiet service of our school and our students." He touted her success in the classroom as well as her commitment to her students that is often on display after school in the Language Resource Center, where she is sometimes joined by her sons, who attend Saint Ignatius Loyola School across the street from Regis.

"As an Ignatian educator, she is a sincere Catholic who like St. Ignatius Loyola himself gives her best effort as a teacher and as a mother to the greater glory of god," Fr. Andreassi said. "And also like St. Ignatius, she possesses a genuine humility in that she never seeks credit for herself, preferring instead to put others first."

That same humility was reflected in Ms. Cesarz's response to receiving the award.

"I am honored even to have been considered for the Patti Hannon Ignatian Educator Award, but I must say that I have been more educated than educator, as I am the one who has learned so much from my students and been so enriched by the entire Regis community!" she said. "I am grateful for the blessing of Regis in my life."

"Colloquia Aestiva" Zooms Regis Latin to New Heights



How do you say "refrigerator" in Latin? That's not a word found in Cicero or Caesar's writings, but it is an essential vocabulary word for speaking Latin. Knowing that the "amarium frigidarium" keeps food cold may not raise a student's Latin grade, but it does make for a more enjoyable, and more complete, understanding of the language. Latin teacher Mr. David Bonagura '99 decided to hold "Colloquia Aestiva," or "Summer Conversations," for Regis Latin students via Zoom for the four Mondays in June in order to facilitate this broader experience of the Latin language, with a special emphasis on helping students to speak Latin.

The format of the sessions was modeled after the active Latin seminars that Mr. Bonagura has participated in the last several years. Students encountered new vocabulary that is essential for everyday life: greetings, telling time, and housewares. Then students would, either in pairs or as a full group, engage in exercises that required them to use the new vocabulary in a creative manner. For the June colloquia, such exercises included writing a scene for the movies *The Jungle Book* and *The Grinch*, describing the physical characteristics of Hercules, and stating what one does upon rising from bed.

The colloquia also spent time reading Latin related to the two liturgical solemnities celebrated this June: Corpus Christi, for which they sang the beautiful hymn "Lauda Sion" that was composed by St. Thomas Aquinas; and the celebration of Sts. Peter and Paul, for which students read in Latin Jesus' entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and then narrated in Latin Perugino's famous Sistine Chapel painting of this event.

William Liao '22 summed up the communal goal of the Colloquia in the midst of challenging times quite well. "We begin each Latin class with the following quote from Virgil: 'Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit' ('A joy it will be one day, perhaps, to remember even this'). This pandemic will end one day, and I will remember the things that have bound us as Regians during these challenging times. Latin summer Zoom meetings were a great way for us to come together to learn and have fun."

Colin Jost '00 Promotes the REACH Program on *The Tonight Show*



Saturday Night Live star Colin Jost '00 appeared on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* on Tuesday, July 14 to discuss his new memoir, *A Very Punchable Face*. During the show, Jost also spoke passionately about the REACH Program.

"It's basically a boot camp from 5th grade to 8th grade for kids who are economically disadvantaged from all the boroughs of New York, and it helps get them extra training and help intensively in the summer and also throughout the school year to basically bridge the gap that exists for a lot of kids in New York," Jost explained to host Jimmy Fallon. "It's super effective. So many of the kids get into great high schools, great colleges, have great careers, and they just do such a good job."

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, *The Tonight Show* has invited its guests to discuss organizations they feel passionately about and encourage viewers to make contributions to these causes. Jost, a head writer and co-anchor of *Weekend Update* on *Saturday Night Live*, chose to highlight REACH, which has opened doors and changed trajectories for hundreds of Catholic boys from New York families with financial need since its founding in 2002.

You can watch Jost's appearance and his praise for REACH at news.regis.org.



Regis Rep Releases Virtual Performance

In the early weeks of 2020—what now feels like a lifetime ago—The Regis Repertory gathered together to begin working on and rehearsing its spring musical, a production of the musical comedy *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. The musical tells the story of an annual spelling bee set in a Putnam Valley Middle School and a cast of quirky kids vying for a spelling bee title under the direction of a likewise idiosyncratic collection of adults.

As with many other school-related activities, the global pandemic threw a proverbial wrench into the Regis

Rep's plans and they were forced, with heavy hearts, to suspend and ultimately cancel the production. In the weeks that followed, the talented cast—by now experts in the world of Zoom—gathered together to perform and record a song from *Spelling Bee* with the intention of sharing this performance with the Regis community at large. This collaborative effort is a testament to the talent, tenacity, and unwavering passion of the young men and women who comprise The Regis Repertory.

To watch their performance, please visit news.regis.org.

In Memoriam

Two beloved members of the Regis High School staff passed away this summer. With deep appreciation for their decades of service to Regis, we remember them here. Please join the Regis family in praying for the Jaworski and McGregor families.



MR. ANDRZEJ JAWORSKI

Mr. Andrzej Jaworski, a longtime member of Regis High School's Maintenance Staff, passed away on June 10 at the age of 64. He had been admitted to the hospital days earlier due to an illness.

"Andrzej's strong work ethic and kind, gentle nature will be sorely missed by so many of us at Regis," Regis President Daniel K Lahart, SJ, said. "Please join me in praying for the repose of Andrzej's soul and for the comfort of his family and friends."

A native of Poland, Mr. Jaworski joined the Regis staff in 2002. He is remembered by his colleagues past and present, as well as many Regis students and alumni, for his quiet warmth and acts of kindness.

Mr. Jaworski is survived by his wife, Danuta, and their son, Bartosz. The Jaworski family asked that anyone wishing to make a memorial donation in Andrzej's honor consider a contribution to the The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



MR. ERIC MCGREGOR

Mr. Eric McGregor, Regis High School's longtime Building Superintendent, passed away on July 4, 2020. Mr. McGregor, who had been battling health problems in recent months, suffered a stroke while in the hospital. He was 54.

For the past two decades, Mr. McGregor oversaw and maintained Regis High School's landmark building. He managed the school's Maintenance Staff and was a friend to many current and former faculty and staff members.

"It's difficult to imagine life at Regis without Eric," Fr. Lahart said. "His careful, expert stewardship kept our building fully operational and beautiful. His kindness and keen sense of humor will be sorely missed by Regis staff, students, parents, and alumni alike. I ask the Regis community to join me in praying for the McGregor family."

This spring, Mr. McGregor celebrated his 20th anniversary working at Regis. The 2020 edition of the *Regian*, the school's yearbook, marked this milestone with a brief appreciation of his service written by Vice President for Operations Mr. Joseph Amatrucola.

"Every school day, before most members of our community have even opened their eyes, one staff member has already arrived at the school

building, turned on the lights, checked the boiler, and executed a one-man fire drill (yes, he sets off the fire alarm every morning to ensure its proper operation)," the yearbook passage begins. "These are but a mere few of the numerous behind-the-scenes tasks completed by our Building Superintendent, Mr. Eric McGregor, as he works to keep the physical plant in tip-top shape. Throughout the year he can be found doing everything from fixing furniture and painting walls to monitoring equipment and ensuring compliance with local safety regulations. In addition, for 20 years he has supervised the maintenance staff that works diligently to keep our building clean and orderly. As the weather gets warmer and most head away from Regis, Mr. McGregor kicks into high gear serving as the foreman for all summer construction projects, including the most recent renovations to the lecture hall, locker room, cafeteria, and upgraded classrooms. Though he would certainly prefer to simply fade into the background and not have any attention brought to his significant contributions in service of the students, faculty and staff, we would be remiss to not recognize Mr. McGregor on this milestone in his career at Regis. Thank you!"

Mr. McGregor, a native of Ireland, is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and their daughter, Shannen. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Lung Association.



Ignatian Spirituality

The Fourth Day

Unity in Difference

By Fr. A.J. Rizzo, SJ
 Director of Mission and Identity

At its core, what we mean when we say that we believe in a triune God — Father, Son, and Spirit — is that we believe in love. Ours is a God who loves us so much he created us as God the Father. Ours is a God who loves us so much he became one of us as God the Son. And ours is a God who loves us so much that God remains with us as God the Holy Spirit, abiding with us and continuing in astonishing ways God's creation.

The unity that we see in the Trinity — a community of persons who even in their difference are so in love with each other that they are undivided — is the unity amidst our differences, which we are created for and invited into. It's what our families should look like. It's what our Church should look like. It's what our nation should look like. It's what our world should look like. And this is an experience we know deep in our bones: that we are created for love, for unity, for communion. How do we know that? Because we know how right that feeling of connection is. And how meaningful and joyful and just full it is when we experience it. There are glimpses of the perfection of this love all around us if we pay attention.

Before I knew how to articulate this, I saw God as love present in my parents — My Dad, a Philly police officer, and my Mom, a 4th grade social studies teacher — in the way that they looked at each other and the way that they looked at their six children. There are clues all around us pointing toward this unity.

Wherever there is love between human beings, God is present. God is the energy, the force that binds us. And in the love we have for one another, we make God manifest in the world.

As our country reels from the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, what I just described sounds like a Hallmark card — too good to be true. And that is because we are invited to live our lives in love, to participate in the life of God. We have a choice. And the sad truth is that all of us sometimes choose not to. Sometimes we get it wrong in obvious ways — perhaps through some blatant action we take against a sister or a brother. We consciously choose not to live in this love, to disconnect ourselves, or worse to disconnect someone else from the community. But sometimes missing the mark can be much more insidious.

And when it comes to the issue of race and systemic racism in the United States, I believe this is more often than not the case. I believe all people of good will would cringe at the idea of choking another person, leaning on their neck until they expire. But if my experience as a white man, an educator, and a Jesuit priest has taught me anything, it has taught me that apathy — doing nothing in the face of injustice — is far more common than active hatred toward people who don't look like me. It is far more common and far more difficult to root out.

Here's what we know: Black people are three times as likely to be killed by a police officer as white people. Because

we believe that God is unity in difference, we believe that this is our responsibility.

Here's what we know: For every \$100 of wealth held by white families, Black families hold \$5.04 in the United States. Because we believe that God is unity in difference, we believe that this is our responsibility.

Here's what we know: George Floyd was held down for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, fighting for breath, crying for his mother. Because we believe that God is unity in difference, we believe that this is our responsibility. Ours together. When we fail to speak out and act, we become a part of the problem.

This is not a partisan argument I'm making. I'm not writing as a politician, but as a person of faith speaking to a community of faith. Our identity as Catholics, as humans, calls us to fight against the sin of racism that pervades our society. As Pope Francis said, "We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life." The sin of racism runs contrary to everything we believe about the sanctity of life.

It's challenging. It's where the rubber hits the road in being a *Man for Others*. This fight against injustice is the point of the Catholic and Jesuit education we offer in these hallowed walls because injustice stands in the way of unity in difference — of God among us. We consider the rights of the whole community as important as our own well being because we belong to each other. We are called to unity

in difference. And, students, we want you to be really smart not as an end in itself but because we want you to use your smarts to recognize these insidious injustices in our midst — the ones that unfairly hinder Black people and other communities of color — and we want you to fight against these injustices with all of your being.

To the Black members of our Regis community, especially our current students, I want to say that we, the faculty, staff, and administration on 84th Street, see you. Your lives matter period, and they matter to us. We stand with you in solidarity and as allies. We want to fight to protect you. For the times when we've gotten it wrong, for times that you've felt less than under our care, we are sorry. You deserve better. I can promise you we are already brainstorming how to be and do better in our curriculum, in our formation programming, and in opportunities for your voices to be heard.

To all of our students, I want to say that we are committed to continuing this conversation, one we've already begun

truly with you and finding a way forward together. As Fr. Bryan Massingale told us this spring, the Jesuit *Magis* is a sense of dissatisfaction with the status quo. We are always searching for what is greater — that which is beyond us. We have a lot of work to do, and we will do it together.

To the white members of our Regis family, it is incumbent upon us to recognize and actively seek to dismantle these unjust social structures, our own privilege. This may seem like an impossible task, but it begins with everyday actions. Make an effort to really know someone of a different race, to listen to their story, to walk in their shoes. Use the gifts that you have been given to offer people on the margins opportunity. Connect to organizations that are working to make equal rights and equal justice for Black Americans a reality, like New Yorkers United for Justice or the Vera Institute of Justice. Add your voices to theirs and vice versa. I urge us all to use our voices to stand up to people in our spheres of influence who speak out against equality, even when they do it unknowingly.

Something that gives me great peace amidst this turmoil is the idea that the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity who Jesus sent upon his apostles, is as present among us today as on that first Pentecost. We have been given the Holy Spirit as our advocate. And the Holy Spirit is given to us in the form of breath — the breath which Jesus breathed on his disciples and which George Floyd was so tragically and horrifically robbed of. That breath of God still moves among us whenever love and connection and unity are to be found, especially unity in difference. It is the point of our lives as humans to seek out those pockets of unity and connection and to break down barriers so that everyone is valued and welcomed and safe.

That's the Catholic story, and I'm sticking to it. So let's get to work.

This article was adapted from a homily Fr. Rizzo delivered on June 6, 2020 during a vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Holy Spirit. The Mass, which was broadcast live from the Regis chapel, can be viewed in its entirety at regis.org/livestream



FIGHTING RACISM AT REGIS

In the midst of a global pandemic that has disproportionately affected minority communities, the murder of George Floyd on May 25 ignited a national conversation about racism in the United States. That conversation continues at Regis, where identifying, understanding, and fighting against racism will be a focal point of the 2020-21 academic year for students and faculty alike.

During Regis' virtual Graduation ceremony on June 6, Board of Trustees Chairman Anthony DiNovi '80 called on the Regis community to commit to a thorough process of self-examination and self-improvement.

"Regis must be better, and we will be," DiNovi said. "We will do our very best to lead on these topics, to support and protect our Black students and all students of color, and to encourage the dialogue and education necessary as the first step."

DiNovi said this important work needed to begin immediately, and the Regis administration spent much of the summer listening to and learning from its alumni and students. The @BlackatRegis Instagram account, where

anonymous Regians past and present have shared stories of the discrimination they experienced at the school, has underscored the urgency of the need to improve.

"These terrible anecdotes must become a thing of the past," Regis President Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, said in a July letter to all Regis alumni. "All of us at Regis are determined to create a safer environment for our current and future Black students and other Regians of color."

In the letter, Fr. Lahart announced that this fall Regis would convene a steering committee of administrators, alumni, trustees, and other members of the Regis family to thoroughly examine this important issue. This committee, chaired by Regis Director of Mission and Identity Fr. A.J. Rizzo, SJ, will ultimately recommend to the Board of Trustees concrete steps the school can take to prevent and combat racism within its community and prepare its graduates to leave Regis fully equipped to live up to and live out its ideals. The steering committee will be supported by a number of task forces made up of additional members of the Regis family examining specific aspects of the school.

In his July letter, Fr. Lahart invited all Regis graduates to participate in

this effort in two critical ways. He asked alumni to take a survey on their experiences with race at the school. The survey results will aid the steering committee and task forces in their work. Regis also hosted three virtual Town Halls on race for alumni during July, August, and September, providing an open forum for graduates to reflect on their experiences, listen to one another, and make recommendations to school administrators.

At the end of the final Town Hall, DiNovi echoed his comments from Graduation and assured the alumni assembled over Zoom that this effort to eliminate racism at Regis would be the Board of Trustees' highest priority during this academic year. It's a priority he shares with Fr. Lahart, Regis Principal Fr. Anthony Andreassi, CO, and the rest of the faculty and staff.

"While we are proud of our school and the service-minded Catholic men it produces, Regis is far from perfect," Fr. Lahart said. "To comprehensively and continually prevent and address racism and prejudice within our community, we need to do more and do better. With the help of so many members of our community, I am confident that we will."

The Regis family rallied around the Class of 2020 as their time at the school came to an end in the middle of a global pandemic.

Dr. Anthony Fauci '58 is not very available for lunch dates these days. At the helm of the country's response to COVID-19, Regis' most famous alumnus has a packed schedule. But on June 1, 2020, in the middle of the day, he got together with 128 New York City teenagers.

"I wouldn't miss this or not do it for anything, regardless of how busy I am," Dr. Fauci told the Regis High School Class of 2020 as they spent 35 minutes together over Zoom. Fauci answered questions, first from Michael Kuharski '20, the graduating senior chosen to lead the conversation, and then from several classmates, on everything from his work fighting COVID-19 and AIDS to his days on the Regis basketball court and the sandlots of Brooklyn. Fauci ended the conversation by pulling out a Regis facemask sent to him by an alumnus parent and proudly putting it on in front of the group. It was an experience the students won't forget.

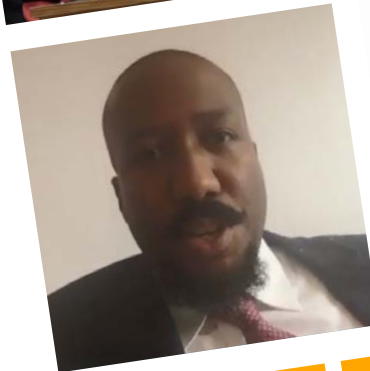
"I think at the critical juncture where I and my classmates now stand in our lives, possessing a great foundational education but soon tasked with discerning what we want to advance our God-given gifts in service of, admirable leaders on TV screens fuel our aspirations for who we dream to become," Kuharski said when asked to reflect on the conversation. "In the

current crisis, no other leader seems to inspire our generation in this way quite like Dr. Anthony Fauci, with his objective, honest guidance, something increasingly rare in our polarized world. Remarkably, through the love of the one institution that binds all Regians together, I along with my peers had the unique opportunity to discuss in a relaxed, relatable conversation with this incredible individual, and there is something profound about that deeply personal experience that shifts the focus from what we can dream of becoming to what we can become as Regis graduates."

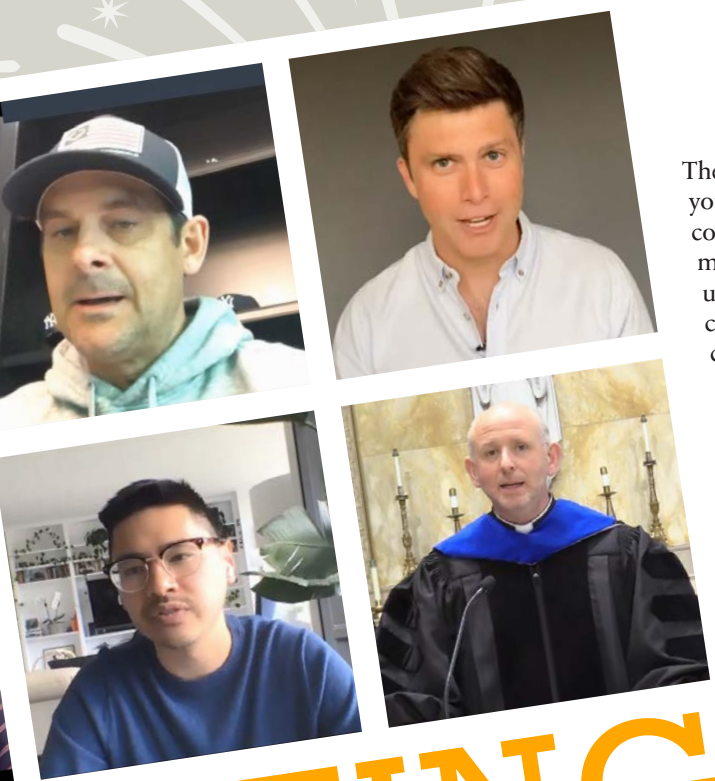
Dr. Fauci wasn't alone in his commitment to celebrating the Class of 2020. Seniors saw the end of their Regis careers permanently altered in March when Regis transitioned to remote instruction. The necessary public health measures instituted in response to the pandemic took away many of the traditional rites of passage for graduating Regians, from the prom at the St. Regis Hotel to graduation in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. Determined to make this time meaningful in spite of these challenges, the Regis faculty and staff and alumni, families, and friends

rallied around the class to create many memorable moments in the final days of their time as Regis students.

Dr. Fauci's virtual visit, held on the Monday prior to the June 6 Graduation, was the first in a series of conversations with notable Regis graduates that week. The program was the brainchild of Francis Barth '20, the president of Student Government, who asked the Regis administration for help in lining up an interesting graduate to meet with his classmates each day. In addition to Dr. Fauci, former WeWork co-CEO Artie Minson '88, ESPN host Pablo Torre '03, Assistant United States Attorney Martin Bell '99, and former Regis Dean of Students Kyle Mullins '05 reflected on



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Regis and doled out advice to the class over Zoom. A different senior led each conversation and called on classmates to pose questions directly to their guests.

Similar lessons came up each day. The alumni spoke with reverence about the lasting impact Regis has had on their lives and urged the graduates to appreciate the school and their classmates.

"I say often, and I don't say it just for effect, that of all the educational and other academic experiences that I've had in my now rather long career, there's no doubt in my mind that my experience at Regis High School stands out a cut above everything else," Dr. Fauci said. "One of the things that is of interest is that when you're going through it, you don't really fully realize the impact it's having on you."

The importance of directing your talents toward the common good was emphasized multiple times, with Bell urging the graduates to consider making "some chapter of your life one in which you can experience real public service." The value of their shared Regis connection and the calling alumni feel to assist other Regians also was highlighted. "My assistant always knows that the one group of people who can always get on my calendar is when someone calls from Regis," Minson said.

Several of the school's traditional end-of-year dinners, all of which were held virtually this year and saluted in special ways graduating seniors, also featured appearances by inspiring and

interesting alumni and friends. Chris Wierzbicki '83, a teacher who in the early days of the pandemic organized and led an effort to manufacture and distribute facemasks for hospital workers and others in need of them, spoke at the Catalyst Dinner. *Saturday Night Live* star Colin Hanks '00 headlined the virtual Hearn Dinner, which also featured appearances from a number of alumni, alumni parents, and friends of the school. And New York Yankees Manager Aaron Boone answered questions from Regis athletes during the virtual Athletics Dinner.

"These are times that are difficult but also help prepare you for inevitable gut punches you're going to get throughout your life," Boone said. "Hopefully we all will be a little bit better for going through this challenging time."

The week concluded with a virtual Baccalaureate Prayer Service followed by

virtual Graduation on Saturday, June 6. The ceremony, which was pre-recorded from the Regis chapel and broadcast via regis.org/livestream, included another appearance from Dr. Fauci along with remarks from Regis President Rev. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, Principal Rev. Anthony D. Andreassi, CO, Board of Trustees Chairman Anthony DiNovi '80, Director of Mission and Identity Rev. A.J. Rizzo, SJ, and History Department member Rev. Arthur C. Bender, SJ, '67.

During his remarks, Fr. Lahart cited the special bond he shares with the class, whose freshman year coincided with his first year as president. He urged the graduates to embrace the Ignatian values of gratitude and generosity.

"One thing doesn't change with Graduation or with time: No matter what or where, you are always called to be a *Man for Others* and to remember that to whom much is given much is expected," he said.

Fr. Lahart thanked the Class of 2020 for the myriad ways in which they shaped the Regis community. The 128 young men whose formal time at Regis ended with the school's first-ever virtual Graduation have permanently touched their alma mater and, of course, one another.

"All of us share a bond that transcends the computer screens in front of us, or even the interactions we could have had at prom or graduation," Jack Clyne '20, who was chosen by his classmates to speak on their behalf at Graduation, said during his remarks. "So, remember the things that make Regis great. The hard work required that caused us all to learn to persevere. The individuals, traditions, and humor that made Regis a truly fun place to be. And, most importantly, the brotherhood."

Full recordings of Regis' Graduation and end-of-year events, as well as selected clips from the alumni conversations with the Class of 2020, can be viewed at regis.org.



CLASS OF 2020

College Destinations

American University

Donato Di Bari

Bates College

Colin Thoman

Bentley University

Jeremiah Alago

Binghamton University

Theodore Brita

Patrick Buff

Matthew Gomez

Elbys Gonzalez

Boston College

Joseph Guzzo

Matthew Virtudes

Daniel Whang

Boston University

Thomas Lawton

Brown University

Michael Kuharski Jr.

Henry Lee

Nathanael Perez

Fengyuan Wang

Carnegie Mellon University

Rafael Rivera

Christendom College

Kevin Farley

Claremont McKenna

Michael Gadinis

College of the Holy Cross

Brendon Alvarez

Cullen MacDonnell

Blake Sheridan

Timothy Smalls

College of William and Mary

Bartholomew Kaminski

Daniel McArthur

Columbia University

Zsolt Marka

Patrick Puma

Ciro Salcedo

David Vazquez-Ortega

Columbia University and

Trinity College Dublin

Balthazar Sheehan

Cornell University

Christian Bertomo

Charles Brush

Marc Foley

Luke Hartigan

Derek Sanchez

Javier Vega

Dartmouth College

Justin King

Devin Kruse

Duke University

Brian Lee

Emory University

Stefano Derossi

Franklin and Marshall College

Evan Madden

Fordham University

Aaron Adviento

Owen Byrne

Andy Cuzco

Dramane Dombia

Michael Early

Joshua Gilbert

Gregory Guzman

Matthew Hayes

Sebastian Lee

Peter Monteleone

Christopher Murray

Paul O'Connell

Christopher Owen

Andrew Rachek

Alan Ventura

Georgetown University

Timothy Brennan

Marcos Caballero

Alex Cha

John Clyne

Eric Fava-Pastilha

Joseph Manfredi

Brendan Quill

Georgia Tech

James Molz

Hamilton College

James Gallagher

Eric Moss

Harvard University

Michael Mantello

Hunter College

Alejandro Scacalossi

Johns Hopkins University

John D'cruz

Lafayette College

Ian Duffy

Loyola University Maryland

Sean McMahon

Middlebury College

Charles Doyle

New York University

Edward Delatorre

Johnny Robinson

Northeastern University

Joshua Antony

Adam DeAngelo

Luke DeMarco

Nicolas Fernandez

Harrison Kim

Christopher Pocchia

Pennsylvania State University

Bernard Kramarchuk

Paul Sabini

Princeton University

Francis Barth

Cole Presten

Erik Roll

Purdue University

John Roberti

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Alexander Brush

Bryan Aviles Velasco

Rice University

Colin Freeman

Sophie Davis/CUNY School of

Medicine

Felix Lam

St. Andrews University (UK)

Jake Lillis

Stanford University

Matias Ysidro Benitez

Stevens Institute of Technology

Jacob Agbata

SUNY Maritime

Brandon Balsamo

SUNY Stonybrook

An Nguyen

Swarthmore College

Shane Ross

Tufts University

Gordon Liao

United States Marine Merchant Academy

Keith DeStaebler

United States Military Academy

Eugene Lee

University of Alabama

Robert Mark

University of California, Berkley

Spencer Eastep

University of California, Santa

Barbara

Sean Haran

University of Cambridge (UK)

Liam McClain

University of Chicago

Noel McGrory

Thomas Rogers

University of Connecticut

Colman Tokar

University of Michigan

Ethan Graber

University of Notre Dame

John Berkery

Ryan Birney

William Kim

Nathan Kucinski

Jack McHenry

Peter Murray

Dylan O'Donoghue

University of Pennsylvania

Rafael Foncillas

University of Pittsburgh

Francis Talty

University of Southern California

Matthew Chen

University of Virginia

Jack Penney

Vanderbilt University

Jefferson Guaman

Justin Luckner

Timothy Schachner

Villanova University

Christian Khoury

Craig Newton

Conor O'Malley

Virginia Military Institute

Maximillian Bradley

Williams College

Chan Lee

Obi Nwako

Justin Piccininni

Yale University

Cameron Greene

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Roman Chapelsky, Chapeln@verizon.net

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Joseph Breen, yofi798@yahoo.com

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Frank Cryan, ftcryan@aol.com

Greetings to all my classmates of '49. I'm going to make a feeble attempt to fill the shoes of the late **Andy Hernon**. After Regis, I pursued an education in mathematics and had a 44-year career as an Applied Mathematician. I spent 15 years in the Air Force, (5 active duty, 5 Ready Reserve, 5 Standby Reserve). I worked on programs for the Air Force, Navy, Army, Coast Guard, FAA, Lockheed Aircraft Corp, Boeing Aircraft Corp, and in-house projects. I was able to work alongside some outstanding engineers in my career. I am happy to report that my youngest daughter is cancer free since her surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy three years ago. She also claims no permanent damage from her head first fall from a step ladder last fall. My eldest daughter is overwhelmed working at home to schedule the classes for over six hundred students and forty some professors during the next semester at Princeton University. She will manage it with her usual professionalism. It's all in the myriad details and the ten hour work days. Please send me news about yourself. **Howie Gould** sent this message: "I retired in 1999 as Professor Emeritus in the Dept of Radiology, Univ of Tennessee. We moved to a lake in South Carolina. In 2013, my wife was showing early signs of dementia. We decided to move close to one of the children, and moved to Glen Allen, VA a suburb of Richmond. In 2017 we moved to a Continuing Care Facility in Midlothian, VA, also a suburb of Richmond. Physically we are doing OK, 'still above ground and taking nourishment.'" **Bob "Finley" Byrnes** reports: "My wife and I are fine, thank God. My youngest daughter

who works in a nursing facility, had the virus and recovered, received a congratulatory letter from Gov. Cuomo for her extraordinary work at her facility. Hope to see you one of these days at Hurley's when times become normal again." **'Sodium Joe' Mulqueen** reports that, in retirement, he "helps out at Saint Mary's Parish, Long Island City, and acts as Defender of the Bond for the Tribunal of the Brooklyn Diocese. Also, I am looking forward to hearing about when we shall have our mini reunion. I'll be there with mask and gloves." **Warren Roth** reports: "Recently, my wife and I have been working to raise money for two schools run by African Benedictine Sisters in Tanzania. Tanzania is where my wife and I met. We are presently working on a grant application for \$100,000 to build a convent for one of the schools. The schools are for girls because they are undereducated in Tanzania and all over Africa." **Joe Steady** and **Ralph Baron** each sent their regards to all their classmates.

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Larry McKearney reports that he recently welcomed his 8th and 9th great-grandchildren into the family. Congratulations! After a short stay in the hospital, **Bill Allingham** has been transferred to a rehabilitation center for several weeks of therapy. Get well soon, Bill. Kay and **Mike O'Connor** advise that they are expecting the arrival of great-grandchild number 2 in early September. **Don Hinfey** writes: "We are struggling with the virus problem here (Ghana). The main problem would be any heavy pressure on the hospital system here. If extended, such pressure could cause big problems. The people are, as usual, coping. So far, we have been healthy in our community. My concern right now is whether the authorities will allow the opening of universities and seminaries. The last semester was a washout. We are facing what others are facing elsewhere. My best to all. Stay healthy."



The new logo for The Casebooks of Octavius Bear, a series of books written by Harry DeMaio '52.

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1952

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On May 16, we had our annual lunch via Zoom, thanks to tech-master **Bob Baron**, and including **John Amabile, Larry Boland, Ginny and Harry DeMaio, Mike Hayes, Jerry Kappes, Ed Kelly, Joan and Al Kenneke, John Kissane, Maureen and Frank Neeson, Tom O'Toole, John Peloso**. On June 16, we shared some memories of our graduation, 1952. **Larry Boland** remembers: "It was a joyous day/evening, but I nearly missed the ceremony. Having started my first day at a summer job, I missed the rehearsal, when we were told to wear a white shirt. But I showed up wearing a yellow dress shirt. Fr. Burke scolded me and said without a white shirt I was forbidden onstage. Fortunately, my father was in the audience with a white shirt on. So, we did a fast swap, and I was permitted to participate in the ceremony. Quite a close call." **Mike Hayes** writes on this June 16th: "16 June 1962 was my wedding day, and tonight, my three children and 11 grandchildren are 'zooming' together to celebrate a virtual graduation from Archbishop Spaulding High School (near

Baltimore). At my age, I need all these same-day events to keep from forgetting one of them." **Bill Dougherty** reminisces: "Graduations can provide memories from many angles. Larry B's father was the Dad of The Moment—great Dad. I guess Father Tom thought that the rest of us would be jealous if Larry got to wear a yellow shirt for graduation and we didn't. (Only kidding! Just using some Jesuit logic.) The guest speaker at my son Brian's graduation at the University of South Carolina was Bill Cosby, who, at the time, was a favorite, funny, and clever TV actor. He was memorable. He is memorable now, but not for the same reasons. Graduations for my stepsons, Steven and David Lee, were held outdoors at 'The Cistern' of The College of Charleston on Mother's Day, during different years. Tuxes and white shirts for the gentlemen, ballroom gowns for the ladies—a tradition at The College since it was founded. David was awarded a Ph.D. in electrical engineering by the University of Texas, and also was married on the same day. That is a hard-to-forget association of events. The guest speaker for my Princeton graduation ceremony in 1963 was Robert McNamara, the former organizer of the Whiz Kids and president of Ford Motors, and the then Secretary of Defense for JFK—

impressive. Then the Vietnam War spun out of control. The longest graduation ceremony ever attended was that of my grandson Owen at the University of Tennessee. Guest speakers for the various schools and programs. Several thousand undergraduates and graduates. Every one of them walked and was awarded a diploma—long day. The best graduation I ever attended was that of my grandson Gabriel. Two hours of entertainment by the graduating students of the School of the Arts, a high school in N. Charleston, S.C. Long-hair music by the orchestra, other music by the band. Gabriel did the French horn in each group. Dance, acting skits, singing—exhibitions of skills learned. Quite a special and memorable night. And recently the 2020 virtual graduation from the School of The Arts, Nashville, Tenn., of my granddaughter, Sara Frances Dougherty—memorable.” **Ted McNiff** read about the Regis virtual graduation and reported on June 7: “We are all fine and well, and I gather that the distance learning is going well despite all the gloom about schools and the internet. Our granddaughter, Ally, just graduated from the Naval Academy and left Thursday for Quantico as a newly minted Marine second lieutenant. From there, she goes to a special school and then directly to the Marine Cyber Warfare Command. Jane and I shall celebrate our 60th on June 11 and continue to ‘deteriorate right on schedule.’ Thank God, the schedule is well shorter than it might be. We hope you and yours are likewise blessed.” **Gerry Loftus** reports: “The good news is that there have been no virus incidents on Riderwood’s campus here since May 27. We are still, however, on ‘house arrest’—also known as ‘involuntary confinement’ since March 17. I have cancelled my annual trip to Cape Cod at the end of July. A similar trip to the Cape after Labor Day is out of the question also. I don’t believe that a vaccine will be available until early 2021 and vaccinations (300,000,000+) will take who knows how many months. Hopefully, I will be able to deal with the ‘new normal,’ whatever that will be. Stay safe and keep your mask on.” **Leon Sculti** writes: “Rereading the *Wall Street Journal* article about **Dr.**

Anthony Fauci ’58 (3/30/20) ‘The Point Guard They Called Fauch,’ put me in mind of a team my Queens friends and I formed during our high school years. Myself and three other similarly vertically challenged players named the team, appropriately, The Dwarfs. We were there mostly to have fun, and to make the other teams feel great. We each chose Dwarf names, and mine was ‘Sleepy,’ no doubt due to my four-hour round-trip daily commute from southeast Queens to Regis and three-hour homework requirement. We were best known for our full-court game. One basket was in a local sandlot, and the other was four blocks away in the driveway at ‘Bashful’s’ house. Play was relatively slow, but I think the ‘Fauch’ would be proud of us, AS WE SURE ARE OF HIM!” **Tom O’Toole** reports: “Weeks before the Dallas lockdown, I reviewed *WSJ* reporter John Carreyou’s book *Bad Blood* for wife Jane’s two book clubs. The book details the Silicon Valley billion-dollar blood-testing fraud. The lockdown has forced cancellation of the final session of a six-session course I was co-teaching on mental illness. We covered the session with email materials to our group of some 20 participants. In Santa Fe, N.M., our usual summer home, all performing arts and major events were canceled. We decided to stay and ride things out here in Dallas. So far, so good.” Publication news from author **Harry DeMaio**: “The Casebooks of Octavius Bear keep chugging on. Book 11, *The Wurst Case Scenario*, is now in bookstores; Book 12, *The Nut Case*, comes out in October; and Book 13, *A Case of Déjà Vu*, is slated for Winter. A new series logo is now appearing on T-shirts, cups, and accessories.” **Lew Bowlby** happily announces the birth of his newest and ninth great-grandchild: “Her name is Estrella Olafson. She was born earlier in July and resides with her parents, Anders and Adriana Olafson, in Madison, Maine. In my volunteer work for the local railroad (SRRL), I restored a historic crossing sign that was in poor condition by tracing over and painting in the original ghost lettering.” **John Amabile** reports: “On July 24, we moved to Macon, Ga, into a continuing life community. Our new address: 5300 Zebulon Road, GH 21, Macon, Ga.

31210. Thus, a new chapter in our life. PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER.” **Larry Boland** writes: “In the summer of 1952, I visited the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where one of our own had started his Army career as a Plebe. I had not started college yet, but **John Keutmann** was already in uniform, enrolled in classes, part of the ‘long gray line.’ Now 68 years later, I find his counsel on our sorry politics to be fresh and insightful, coming from one who has put his life on the line for the freedoms we enjoy. I think Reagan said Loss of Freedom is only one generation away—Antifa, BLM, Green New Deal, Wuhan Virus, Electoral College repeal, Loss of Borders, China as supplier of tools, motors, generators, machinery, electronics, pharmaceuticals, textiles, computers. The ‘Wuhan Virus’ showed us we can’t even supply paper masks for ourselves. Lenin was wrong; China will sell us the rope with which we’ll hang ourselves. Our ‘leaders,’ political and industrial, have blundered. I pray we voters see the danger and react.” From **Al Kenneke**: “Like most everybody our age, we are in our COVID cocoon, lovingly maintained by our daughters who hug-less deliver groceries and meds as needed. Joan gets her exercise by shuttling between her reading and typing chairs, while I continue my park restoration work across the street. We try to keep track of our increasingly dystopian world through non-corporate media—Joan through magazines like *The Nation* and *In These Times*, and I via internet sources like *Democracy Now*, *Consortium News*, and *The Intercept*. Joan recently finished (and recommends) *The Power* by Katherine Stewart about the influence of religious fundamentalists on U.S. politics. The *National Catholic Reporter* informs us about our Catholic version of that influence in the likes of the Francis-antagonist clique. The power of the moneyed elite here and abroad continues to drive our world toward ever-increasing inequality, militarism, and planetary destruction. We R-52ers are among those who most gained from the progressive reforms of the New Deal and the post-WW2 boom, but look at what our grandkids have been left

to deal with. We have watched for a half-century while such as the Koch brothers have been funding university ‘research’ to come up with anti-democratic narratives that are pushed by ALEC into state legislation and by Americans For Prosperity into corporate media. The Trump administration is a reflection of what they have succeeded in producing. Since Bernie was again cut off at the knees by the DNC power structure (as **Jack Magan** predicted), I spend time with YouTube thinkers on how progressive values might yet find purchase in the wider American consciousness. Hope all are safe and well. Peace, love, and prayers to all.” At Regis graduations, the **Robert Tomasulo Award** is presented for excellence in computer science. Our late classmate Bob Tomasulo, with degrees from Manhattan College and Syracuse University, worked in the Poughkeepsie Development Lab for IBM, as did **Larry Boland**. He recounts: “Bob worked developing the logic for the arithmetic units where he implemented his ideas for ‘out of sequence execution,’ preserving the correct sequence of programmed instruction steps. The philosophy resulted in a hardware (circuits) unit that contained extra buffers and detection of instruction and data dependencies and could perform arithmetic functions out of sequence while maintaining program-sequence integrity. The goal of superior performance, even at the cost of significant additional hardware was deemed appropriate for the Model 91 market. The Tomasulo Algorithm became even more valuable in subsequent years once ‘cache memory’ became popular, because ‘cache misses,’ which cause long delays while next level memory fetches are awaited, makes out-of-sequence processing attractive, even if complicated. Later, Bob was recruited by an IBM competitor/startup, which offered him stock options that made him a millionaire. I believe that he donated \$2.5 million to Regis for a scholarship named for his parents. An older brother, **Vincent** ’48, also attended Regis.”

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News-wise, this last quarter seems to have been the quietest our class has experienced in a long while. Nonetheless we haven't been overly restrained in expressing opinions (and sometimes facts) about what's going on around us. The constant threat of COVID-19 and the stabilizing influence of our brother alumnus, **Anthony Fauci '58** (is a Nobel medal in the offing?); the upcoming presidential election; the presence of racism in American society have all been the fodder of email exchanges — some more heated than others — among our classmates. Participants have included **Fred Gluck, Bob Golden, Jim (FL) McGuire, Ron Tobin, Joe Barbosa, Bruce McAllister, George Bouvet, Denis Woods, Ed Jentz, John Cannon, Vic Figurelli**, and the undersigned. Even the late **Jim Shea's** wife, Phyllis, chipped in with some political humor. My apologies to any contributors I have not credited. Fortunately this is not the 18th Century or gloves might have been thrown and differences of opinion taken to the Heights of Weehawken for settlement. Sally-Ann and **Jim Whelan** are in the process of "right sizing". According to Jim, their new home is not in a senior housing community. Wish them well! Jim's phone number is 585-755-0340. Ron Tobin writes, "My book, *L'Aventure racinienne*: un parcours franco-américain, was published by the large Paris house, L'Harmattan, on July 15, 2020. That is, on the day after Bastille Day when all the French will be leaving town for vacation with a copy of Marie-Claire as their only summer reading." Vic Figurelli emailed an update: "As I noted in the Spring Prowlings, plans to open a day care facility in Georgetown TX for those with early-to mid-stage dementia are on hold because our foundation partners suspended capital expenditure grants and focused funding on helping established nonprofits maintain operations. So in the interim, our organization, A Gift of Time, is developing a number of programs for those with dementia and their caregivers that are delivered virtually in English and Spanish. It looks like that will be our operating model for the foreseeable future. I don't know if you're allowed to publish website URLs, but if you are, agiftoftimegeorgetown.org

is the address of our website, which has information about our programs. Other than that, life in Sun City, Texas, a community for active retirement living, is not so active with most facilities closed." **Gerry Karg** reached us at the last minute. He is still involved with Habitat for Humanity and writes, "Habitat was basically shut down for three months. At the end of June, turning out for workdays at last seemed viable. The number of people working has been strictly limited to avoid crowding. We wear masks and try for six-foot distancing (not always practical). So far no one has contracted the virus, thank God. All is well on the home front." **Tom Hickey's** granddaughter, Miki Lainovic, will soon begin her MBA studies at Stanford Business School. Please, everyone, keep those masks on, keep safe, and stay connected. If you should change any of your contact info, please update your entry in the Regis alumni directory and let me know via email or text message.

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Ed Malloy reports that, after a very pleasant February vacation in Florida, Iris and he have shut down during the virus. "We see our two kids and their two grandchildren and my nurse once a week, and the neighbors. Occasional friends from the Foreign service call but they are mostly shut down, and live out of town. **Pat Lee** called from Toronto to say his book is being published. It's a brilliant philosophical piece on the environment in history unlike anything you have ever read. Not only deep but funny too." Annelisae and **Bill Renard** have been in assisted living since July 1. Due to the virus they too are confined to the facility for the time being, except for doctors' appointments. "We cannot have visitors, but do have low-impact exercise classes, movies, and card games. The food and service are very good, with weekly wine socials or sparkling cider for those who don't drink. With prayerful regards to all. **Bill Renard.**" **Sam Milana** reports: "I'm OK. My balance is returning but I could use a bit more stamina to suit me. Did you ever think we'd make it to our ninth decade? I can still remember Rgis almost day for day. God bless

you and all of '54. Keep in touch noble hearts." **Tom Finnegan** who is recovering from heart surgery is very worried about his granddaughter and asks for our prayers. "My granddaughter is still very sick and in need of many prayers. She is a student at the high school in FL where the Valentine's Day shooting took place. Shots were fired into her classroom, and eight of the students who died were friends of hers. I think they were all freshmen, as she was. It seems that she has been suffering from PTSD, which has destroyed her immune system, and left her unprotected from any viruses that come her way. Her first problems involved her sinuses. For over two years, now, she has had to have her sinuses scraped every week to remove the threat to them from the viruses. This is done in a hospital in Miami, over an hour's drive from her home, and is bloody and extremely painful. In addition, she has been attacked by the MRSA virus and several others, including Weggener's virus, and another virus that her doctor hasn't heard of since med school. She is currently in a great deal of pain, especially in her face, eyes and ears. Her mother, my daughter Maryjo, expects that, when she goes for the sinus treatment tomorrow, they will keep her in the hospital. Please continue to pray for Maura and Maryjo." Enjoy the rest of the summer and please keep in touch.

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*Editor's note: Due to an editing error, the Prowlings submitted for this class for our previous issue were not included in print. They appear below followed by the most recent submissions. We apologize for the error. A thousand thanks and much gratitude to **Dr. Anthony Fauci '58**, for his preeminent role in dealing with the Coronavirus-Covid-19. Also for his preeminent role in dealing with the AIDS crisis in the 1990s. He has been a medical doctor for 50 years. He graduated from the College of the Holy Cross and the Weill Cornell Medical School. Weill Cornell says that he was the best attending physician they ever had. His daily explanations to the public of medical and scientific material have been brilliant, concise,*

specific, and reassuring. Tony was a freshman at Regis, when we were seniors. He studied Latin and Greek and probably had some of our teachers, like Steve Duffy, SJ, (Greek), Bob Clancy (French), Joe Quintavalle (Latin), James J. Daly (Latin), Cy Egan (Economics), et al. He no doubt was influenced by the ancient rhetoricians, "Rederre audientes attentos, dociles, et benevelos!" The Class of 1955 produced 9 medical doctors, a unique record (never met or surpassed!) in the 106-year history of Regis, and unlikely ever to be met or surpassed in the future. One of our classmates, **Vincent Manganiello, MD/PhD**, served for over 40 years at NIH and was in contact with **Tony Fauci**. Vinny was a biology health specialist at NIH, where he was a change agent and a difference maker in the field of public health. At Regis (Latin and Greek), Vinny was a brilliant student whom we all admired and tried to emulate. He also had a marvelous and subtle sense of humor, which was greatly appreciated and much enjoyed. RIP. **Fr. Harry Burke** has served for 42 years at Cardinal Hayes High School in The Bronx, as a priest, teacher, and counsellor. He has affected the lives and careers of thousands of Cardinal Hayes students, some 90+ percent of whom attend college. Deepest condolences on the passing of **John McDonnell, Jr.**, who passed away on March 1, 2020, in Fort Myers, Fla. Jack graduated from Manhattan College (BS/Engineering) and from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (MS/Engineering). He served for two years in the Air Force during which he trained as a pilot and designed satellite systems for the National Security Agency. In the Washington area, he started a company selling technology peripherals and ran an executive airline service. In 1976, he was named director of technology and telecommunications for the National Commission on Electronic Fund Transfers, a now-defunct federal body to keep Congress up to date on developments in the industry. In 1990, he started Transaction Network Services and served as chief executive as it grew to include banks, Wall Street firms, and telephone companies as clients. In 1999, the company was sold for \$720 million in cash

and stocks. Jack was known as a telecom entrepreneur and a “star of the Internet.” He was a leading lobbyist for the telecom-hardware industry. He served on the board of the Shakespeare Theatre and Marymount University in Arlington, Va. The American Ireland Fund honored him for helping support the development of religiously integrated schools in Northern Ireland. He also was a prolific corporate investor and advisor. He was listed among the “World-Ranked Golfers.” Jack was the son of Irish immigrants and grew up in Woodside, Queens. The first time you met Jack, you clicked, and the click remained forever. In the 106-year history of Regis he was among the most generous benefactors. He believed and bled Regis. For decades he offered a full, four-year scholarship to any Regian who would major in Engineering at Manhattan College. He had a house in Ireland and was an advisor to Bertie Ahearn, the Prime Minister of Ireland. He had over 100 cousins in Ireland. He continued to pilot his own private, personal plane into his senior years. He had a home in McLean, Va., next door to that of Sen. Ted Kennedy. He loved to drive his car down his driveway with a Bush sticker on the back of his car! The McDonnell home was most welcoming to Regis Jesuits who were visiting alums in the area. Kindness and generosity were Jack’s middle name! Jack was an impact player and a difference maker who saw around corners and over the horizon. He was “*Sui generis*; *Crème de la crème*; *Ne plus ultra*.” Man of great insight, imagination, inspiration. Great wit, great charm. Great Irish tenor voice. When he walked into a room, he lit up the place. In a word Jack was Jack! RIP. We thank **George Royall** profusely for alerting us to Jack’s passing and to the obituary in the *Washington Post*. For decades, George has been a major communications specialist in the Washington area. His younger brother was the freshman roommate of **Tony Fauci’s ’58** at Holy Cross. George sends his best wishes to all our classmates. After sending Dr. Fauci an appreciative email, **John Morris** received this reply: “Many thanks for your kind note. It is much appreciated, and it was great to hear from you. I remember

well as the Captain of the Freshman basketball team at the time watching every home game and most away games of the varsity during your senior year. I still remember the great performances of **Bill Brennan**. Small world with having **Vinny Manganiello** here at NIH for 40 years. I hope that you are well and staying safe during these difficult times. Warm regards, Tony.”

1956

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Ed Moran has shared news of his move to the deep South: “Well, in the space of three months we bought a house virtually in Charleston, SC; sold our house virtually in Montclair, NJ; moved over 50 years of NJ memories with the help of our two daughters, and my wife Sonnie got a new hip. Seeking the pandemic boredom that I’ve heard so much about these days.” **Chuck Wertalik** writes: “Paul, the only thing I can think of is the (VERY) recent death of Regis Philbin. Our local rag had a lengthy writeup about him, including a thinly-veiled reference to Regis...his father went there and then named his first-born son after his (and our) alma mater. Guess he’s the most noteworthy alum of the school, even surpassing **Tony Fauci ’58**???”

1957

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Pat Ryan has been sheltering in place on Fordham’s Rose Hill campus, which is lovelier than ever this year. He teaches a course every fall to undergraduates on Islamic Political Thought, and he has been redoing the notes for students, which have doubled in size and are now over 90,000 words long—a textbook he will share with them. **Joe Vaira** reports that his granddaughter Katie Vaira, about whom we’ve heard over the last four years, has graduated Summa Cum Laude from San Diego State University. Congratulations to her and her proud grandfather. **Fred Brown** has done some detective work online, and made contact with three classmates who have stayed somewhat incognito over the years: **Don Bindler** and our twins **Tony** and **Joe Mancini**. Don stays active in the real estate business on Shelter

Island, Tony is the Chair of the Journalism Department at Brooklyn College, and Joe is a consultant to the NYC PBA. Thanks, Fred, and to Don, Tony, and Joe for sharing your current news with us. Even non-TV people like me are probably aware that Regis Philbin died recently. **Joe Vaira** was aware that his full name was Regis Francis Xavier Philbin, and that Philbin said (while he was alive) that he was named for the High School his father attended in NYC. Joe’s question was whether it was his first or middle name that had the connection. **James Kennedy, ’02**, supplied the following information from Philbin’s obituary in the Catholic News: “He was named in part for Jesuit missionary St. Francis Xavier. But his unusual first name came from Regis Catholic High School in New York. ‘In the 1920s, my father was asked to leave Regis High School in Manhattan during his sophomore year. It was a Catholic school, and he had gotten into a fight with a priest or a brother. Years later, he was so sorry about what had happened that he and my mother named me Regis when I was born,’ he told the *Wall Street Journal* in 2016.” Thanks to **Joe Vaira** for the inquiry. The timing of this story means that his father was probably at Regis at the same time as **John J. Lawler ’26**, father of **John P. ’51**, **Traug ’54**, and **Packy**. We never heard this tidbit before now, though.

1958

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Carlos Arnaldo writes: “I find that schools here in the Philippines are going crazy—opening a school year with online teaching...” From **John Friia**: “Because of COVID, my daughter Brianna had to modify her wedding plans. The ceremony, with only the immediate family in attendance, will be held as scheduled on October 2nd, but the reception is being postponed to next year. Currently, as President of the Suffolk Classical Society, my days are occupied tutoring a number of our membership’s students on-line as their *Magistri* are overloaded with their Zoom classes.” **Daniel Marshall** writes: “By the way, in my opinion, the latest, just-published ‘big book’ on the subject of the talk given last

year by **Jack Forrest** and his wife is *Eat for Life*, by Joel Fuhrman, MD. In this modern world, with what we know, it is intolerable that the state of American health should be so wretched, even aside from COVID, with epidemics of obesity and systemic disease, most of which are preventable and reversible. I remember JFK, semi-invalid that he was, introducing the push for fitness with images of the Kennedy family playing touch football and sailing, and reports that he favored the Canadian Air Force fitness program. We need such leaders today who will in modern terms show the same boldness in teaching America how to become healthy.” From **Jim Moran**: “I am officially retired from private practice as of today. It sure feels weird not to have to make rounds or worry about phone calls. We were planning on traveling a lot this year but will have to wait until a vaccine is available. We are all so proud of **Tony Fauci** here in California.”

1959

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George Hay experienced the challenge of teaching his two large Cornell classes remotely during the last 3 months of the Spring semester. “The Fall looks much more complicated with most classes being some combination of live and online to preserve social distancing in the limited-capacity classrooms and to accommodate our many foreign students who may not be able to return to campus. With all that said, Ithaca has been a remarkably pleasant place to spend the lockdown. With the students gone, the incidence of the virus has been quite low, stores have been fully stocked, and important activities like golf have continued uninterrupted.” An update from **Jim Bonnell**: “Here in Puerto Rico we remain under curfew from 2200-0500; stores closed on Sunday; bars close at 1900; and the usual mask and distance restrictions; Ponce airport still closed. But, on the positive side: down to an average of six small (under 4.0) quakes a day; thanks to FEMA partially fixing our electric grid, we have had no power outages since December 2019; and daily water; having survived Hurricane Maria, Cat V, we are

well prepared for this season. On the VERY positive side: my eighth grandchild was born 5 July, and first great grandchild due on 26 Sep."

1960

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Bill Brandt says that he "retired from the active Diaconate in April and my wife and I left Alabama for Milton, Florida. Now, we may have the time to visit our children and grandchildren, scattered as they are from the Big Apple to the State of Washington and a few places in between. Unfortunately, driving seems to be the best way, seeing what COVID-19 has done to the airline business. I hope to see some of you at our 60th." **John Werwaiss** has filed plans to build a 22-story luxury rental multifamily building at 8 Court Square in Long Island City. This will be the first of several similar residential projects in Long Island City where he has previously concentrated on commercial developments. His son, **John '91**, is leading this initiative.

1961

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Sadly, we have two losses to report.

Bill Eng wrote: "I don't have any good news, only a personal loss. Sue, my wife of nearly 55 years, passed away on July 2nd, from complications following an emergency abdominal surgery in early March. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, hospital visits were not allowed, so I was only able to use FaceTime to try to look in on her. There was a very brief period during her hospitalization when she seemed to be improving, but the underlying sepsis which eventually took her, was too virulent for her compromised immune system. Sue had undergone a kidney transplant in 2003 and had been battling recurring infections in recent years. My two adult children, two of my grandchildren from NJ, and I were allowed to be with her in her final days. Plans for a family memorial in Brooklyn, NY are on hold until New York State relaxes its COVID-19 restrictions on large gatherings." **Joe Graziano** wrote to let everyone know that **Bob Astorino** has passed away on June 25th. "Fr. Bob Astorino M.M. was a Maryknoll priest for 50 years,

serving much of his time as a missionary in Hong Kong. Bob and I not only attended Regis, but were also together for nine years at Maryknoll College, and Major Seminary in Ossining, NY. We were ordained together in 1970. In 1971, Bob was assigned to Hong Kong, while I was sent to get a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at the University of Colorado. We saw each other only a few times after that, once in Bolivia, another in Denver, and at the Maryknoll headquarters in Ossining when he was back on furlough. He was a great priest, and a great missionary. Many of us will miss him dearly." **Phil Rossi** added: "Bob was a good man who did very good work promoting Catholic journalism in Asia. He was a superb host (it's in the Italian DNA!) when I had the opportunity to spend a few days in Hong Kong in 1985. May he rest in peace." When sending my request for RAN input, I asked how the pandemic was going for each of you. **Michael Caruso** responded that the pandemic has had serious consequences. "COVID 19 creates a huge dilemma for those of us still wanting to work. After practicing dermatology for 46 years, 38 of which have been on the West Coast of Florida, I have taken a leave of absence from the practice. I think it's very unlikely that I will be able to go back after what may be a year or longer without having the benefit of regular repetitive use of those skills learned over 50 years. I would love to hear from anyone else who may be about to make this difficult decision due to these unusual circumstances." Others in the class spoke of isolation and/or extra time. **Seb Pandolfo** used his time to write a book. "I will be joining **Pete Carter**, **Matt DeLuca**, and others on the roster of published authors in the Class of '61. My novel, *McGowan At War*, has a projected publication date of August 17. A US Army linguist in Vietnam whose assigned duty is to translate intercepted enemy communications is drawn into the hunt for a spy. In the course of that counterespionage investigation, he himself comes under suspicion as a potential security risk." Seb, of course, recommends that everyone get a copy. "If you like it, tell your friends. If you don't like it, tell your friends you liked it." Like many of us, **Tom**



Marianne and Paul Diczok '61 have added Harry, a miniature Australian Labradoodle, to their previously empty nest.

Daley has focused on family. "Not doing much beyond losing battles with squirrels and chipmunks over my tomatoes. My two oldest granddaughters (13 and almost 11) live six blocks away and bicycle to our house to join Betty and me for soda and snacks on two afternoons each week. Our two youngest granddaughters live 20 minutes away and we visit with them in their yard for two hours on Sunday afternoons. Our other two grandchildren (Tommy, 15, and Annie, 10) live in Birmingham AL and visit us via Echo Show on Thursday evenings. These are our real pleasures. I participate in one or two teaching sessions at Jacobi Medical Center each week via Webex. It is more than adequate, but still not as good as being there although it does save me a 30 minute drive each way. I now have the time to read the *New York Times* but also am spending too much time watching MSNBC. I do enjoy the calm demeanor of **Tony Fauci '58**." Several people mentioned Tony Fauci, including **Pete Madori**. "I take dialysis treatments three times a week at a clinic in Middletown, NY. It goes without saying that Dr. Anthony Fauci, Regis '58, is a big hero to the medical staff at my clinic. I brought them the 1958 Yearbook so that they could see what the future Dr. Fauci looked like as a high school senior. Interesting to note from the bio under his picture that he was a

well-rounded Regian, with a strong faith commitment — just the kind of person we needed to confront the COVID pandemic, with the public angst it produced and the prevarications of the national leadership. 'Fauch' certainly has done our alma mater proud. As I write this, Dr. Fauci may be headed for a 'High Noon' moment with the Big Boss Man." Pete has continued to serve as pastor for a small parish. "Our parish, like all the others in the Archdiocese of New York, was closed to public worship from March 15 until mid-June. Having paltry 'tech' skills, all I could do to keep in touch was to post my homilies and other pertinent info on the parish website. Despite the distancing, I 're-upped' for another year administering St. Joseph's parish. I may be one of the few members of the Class of '61 still gainfully employed." **Joe Limanowski** put his time to another use. "I am a member of the Model Railroad Club in the On Top of The World subdivision in Ocala, FL. Our club has recently moved into a new facility twice the size of the original one. The new layout will include a model harbor with an animated model bascule bridge. This type of bridge relies on a huge concrete counterweight that allows a relatively small motor to lift the bridge. During the early days of the pandemic, I spent approximately 150 hours creating a working model of

this bascule bridge. Most of the structure is made of hundreds of plastic components. The motor runs on 5 volts dc and its speed is geared down to enable the bridge to raise or lower in approximately 60 seconds. It automatically stops when fully raised or fully lowered. The concrete counterweight is simulated with approximately 6 oz. of lead fishing weights. Somewhere in the bible it says, 'Blessed are engineers for they shall build bridges.' Well, if it doesn't really say that, it should." **Tom Walsh** sent this reminder: "Our classmate **Peter Carter** has a book out, *A BLACK FIRST*, available on Amazon. It's a good read, especially of course the sections on Regis and Fordham. Peter and I were the D Train to A Train to the Lex IRT to 86th Street contingent from Brooklyn for 4 years. He and I have remained the closest of friends since 1957 when we started our transformative Jesuit educations. In fact, after Peter's mom passed away, my parents and Peter adopted each other, and he and they were family while I was off at Georgetown for 8 years and then off with the Navy Medical Corps for 24 years. He now lives the retired life in Lewes, Delaware, where my wife and I have a second home and we see each other with great regularity. He writes a column for the local paper there and seems to know every politician in that small state, with photographic records thereof, including a certain Presidential candidate who is a former Vice President." I sent Peter a note to say that I had ordered a copy and assumed that he would get rich on royalties. "Yeah, right!" he replied. "A regular J. K. Rowling!" In May, **Phil Rossi** received the *Presidential Award* from the College Theology Society. He wrote that "the award is given every other year to a person 'whose life and work exemplify the mission and values of the College Theology Society.' While the award citation mentioned a variety of my activities as a teacher, scholar, and (even!) as an academic administrator, the comment that I consider most notable was the following: 'He has brought his Jesuit charism to the College Theology Society, especially by founding the *discernment of spirits group*.' (The latter is open to any and all CTS members interested in sampling the

quality of Scotch whisky available in the areas in which we meet.)" And finally, **Paul Diczok** and Marianne have added "Harry," a miniature Australian Labradoodle, to their previously empty nest. You may recall that they were on the wait-list when we last went to press. They are already swamped in dog paraphernalia and new expenses, but they are very happy. Be well. Stay safe. Keep your distance, wear your mask, and wash your hands!

1962

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We note with sadness the unexpected passing of **Dennis McNally, SJ**, on May 6, just after our last deadline. Dennis entered the Society in 1964, was ordained in 1974, and joined the faculty of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia in 1975. He taught there in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts for 45 years, serving as Department Chair for 22 of them. A prolific artist, Dennis was also a dedicated teacher who was scheduled to receive the university's Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching this year. **Ken Gavin, SJ**, recalls studying theology with Dennis at the Society's Weston College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the 1970s. (Weston is now part of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.) "One of my prize possessions," writes Ken, "is a head of Christ in charcoal that Dennis drew for me when we were students together in Cambridge. I have carried it with me throughout the years and it still hangs in my room, reminding me of our common Jesuit mission." Those of us who are still here have coped with the COVID-19 pandemic in a variety of ways; exotic residences and grandchildren have helped. **Frank Stella** writes from Westport — not Connecticut but County Mayo — where he and his wife, Roberta Beary, a retired attorney and award-winning poet and writer, have been living for more than three years. Frank had a long career working for unions and non-profits, the last 22 years for the American Federation of Teachers in several roles, including retiree director. After they retired, he and Roberta sold their house in

suburban Maryland and traveled through Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia before settling in Westport as "blow ins," the local term for those not born in the town. **Rich Muth** has been living in Colorado for 47 years, currently in a county in the southwestern part of the state with a land area larger than Rhode Island, a population of about 12,000, and lots of gorgeous mountains displayed in photos taken from his deck, one of which showed elk grazing on the mountainside below. **Dave Birch** writes that "after 75 years in NJ, my wife Mary Ann and I have exited the Garden State and transplanted ourselves to northern Virginia. We now live in an age-restricted golf course community in Prince William County about 45 minutes west of DC. Our oldest daughter and her family are in Falls Church, VA, so we get to see them more regularly. Middle daughter and family are confirmed Manhattanites, living near Regis. Our son and his wife live in New Orleans where he is GM of Dixie Beer (and working to rebrand the name to something less controversial). We would love to hear from any Regians in our area. **Jim Ralston** and his wife Karen are down the road in Fairfax, but we don't know anybody else in the area." With more conventional travel difficult, **Ed Petruzello** has left his home on the coast of North Carolina and set out in his new Leisure Travel Van, planning to visit his son and two grandsons, aged 2 and 4, in Washington state. A retired radiation oncologist, Ed notes how "terribly" he misses his previous residence, San Diego, "with its wonderful climate and diverse and active residents," but he doesn't say whether he plans to head there after leaving the Northwest. **Paul Spagnoli's** travel has been much less ambitious, but he and his wife Pam roamed more than ten miles from home in mid-July for the first time in over four months. Having passed the required COVID tests, they gathered in Ogunquit, Maine, with their son Andrew and their daughter Laura, up from Philadelphia with her husband and daughter. Paul's four-year-old granddaughter Dorothy was ecstatic on the beach, and a splendid time was had by all. **Kieran Meagher** reports that "my son Evan and his

wife Beckie had our first grandchild, Jude Andrew Wilder Meagher, on June 12. Needless to say, Jude is handsome, brilliant, and a star athlete. He does tend to be somewhat irascible when his feedings are delayed more than 15 seconds or so, but that is normal, I suppose. His grandmother, Judythe, does not seem to mind the partial appropriation of her name. It is very hard, however, not to be able to travel out to San Francisco to hold Jude and begin telling him about the benefits of a Regis education. What a commute story that would be!" **John O'Rourke** finally escaped from his winter residence in Florida and got back to New Jersey in mid-June. "Now we can be spotted almost every morning walking on the boardwalks in Long Branch or Spring Lake; far too often, we are the only people wearing masks, so we're trying to set an example." John recently met with Ken Gavin to review construction progress on Brooklyn Jesuit Prep's new home in the completely renovated hall of St. Vincent Ferrer parish in East Flatbush. "BJP will continue to serve very low-income students from Central Brooklyn," John continues, "and hopefully send at least a few of its graduates on to 84th Street. **John Shay** and I are working with some younger Regis grads to jump-start a capital campaign to pay for the renovations. With no baseball until recently, and no theater or travel to Paris in the foreseeable future, I spend a lot of time reading. I am working on my bucket list, for example reading *Ulysses* once again and determined to get past noontime this time around." **Wayne Merritt** regrets that COVID has interrupted his work at the Boston analogue of BJP, the tuition-free Nativity Prep Middle School. During his time there, Wayne has connected with **Kyle Mullins '05**, principal of the school. Wayne enjoys giving back to Nativity in thanks for his tuition-free Regis education. In the same spirit he has also tutored for several years in an inner-city adult high school equivalency program. "Keeping up with algebra and trig keeps the few remaining brain cells clicking," Wayne adds. **John Facciola**, who is still teaching at Georgetown Law after his retirement from the judiciary, reports that his spring semester was tough. "We

closed in early March and went entirely online. I teach in the international, advanced degree program and my poor students, who are from all over the world, had a brutal time. Most of them went home where they faced quarantine when they arrived. One, an Italian, was treated as an international pariah and the Nigerian government refused to permit her and her mother to enter the country to see her ill father who is a professor there." John resumed teaching in late May. "When this is over," he adds, "if I hear the word 'zoom' I will run screaming from the room."

Peter Mooney sends word that he is "living the good life in rural North Carolina. I decided at the start of the year to close down my market research firm; COVID-19 made that a wise decision since it has adversely affected both my domestic and international customers. The virus also disrupted my annual visit to Ireland where I worked for many years as an economist for the Irish government. Wait'll next year. I am now content living the life of a gentleman farmer – *mens sana in corpore sana*, and all that." In the morning Peter heads to the office building on his property and trains his market research skills on the stock market – more for intellectual stimulation than for enrichment. Then after lunch he changes into old clothes and assists his wife with her commercial and home gardening and landscaping operations. When the opportunity arises he escapes to his man-cave (the barn) to work on building new and restoring old furniture. Alternatively he packs the kayak into his pick-up truck and heads for one of several local lakes. Peter adds that he would be "thrilled" to get a visit from any classmates who happen to be in the area. **Bill Gallaher** strikes an autumnal tone, writing that "a buddy of mine and I have been involved in putting a deck up outside the kitchen door, probably the last major DIY effort on my part. At the same time we battled against the outer rain bands of Hurricane Hannah. Foolish old man standing on wooden blocks in his carport, to cut 2x6 treated lumber with an ancient 110v rotary saw in the rain without being electrocuted or shorting out his pacemaker. Fay and I are otherwise well in isolation.

There is an old saying in New Orleans, stemming from our hurricane history, that applies to shortages due to weather, virological as well as meteorological. 'If you have toilet paper, beer and cigarettes, you can trade for anything.' Well, we won't buy cigarettes, but we are staying well stocked in toilet paper and beer for what may be a long winter of COVID discontent. **Brendan Thomson** and I have been exchanging notes by phone on COVID, he from a clinical viewpoint and I from a research perspective. I continue to post findings on the molecular nature of the virus via virological blog, and I have a paper on the mechanism of the history of SARS-CoV-2 recombination due out online soon. Likely my last single-author paper in a scientific publication history in virology now extending 52 years." Brendan himself reports from Phoenix that health issues have finally begun to limit his world travel in the last couple of years. His 35-year involvement in medical training in Nepal earned him a lifetime achievement award in 2018. Some of his work there was supported by a Fulbright grant, and Brendan is a past President of the Arizona Fulbright Alumni Association. Over the years Fulbright work has also taken Brendan and his wife Sandy to Cuba and Ho Chi Minh City. "Sandy and I are blessed to have each other after 52 years of marriage, with three grown sons who are independent and still talk to us. We also have a 'cabin' in Flagstaff, Arizona, where Wayne Merritt and his wife Susan Murray visited us several years ago." Brendan speaks for all of us in the conclusion of his long letter: "In summary, God please have mercy on all of us, our families and loved ones and our country."

1963

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We were saddened to just recently learn of the passing of **George Konikowski** on April 23, 2019. May he rest in peace. Born in London, England, after graduating Regis George attended Dartmouth and graduated with a major in anthropology. He taught at the Woodstock Country School before



Luke MacCarthy '63 and Jack Prael '63 return to the Blind Tiger as July ends.

returning to New York City to work as an analyst in the commodities markets and as a reporter and columnist for **Barron's**. Friends have noted that George loved New York, and he and his wife of 29 years, Diane, would take long walks and bicycle trips around the city as well as local picnic excursions by boat. Living in New York, George had a very small carbon footprint: third floor walk-up apartment; no car, cable TV or Internet, cell phone, or answering machine; little travel; very few material possessions. He was a model of sustainability long before that term became popular. He enjoyed classical music, jazz, and gypsy guitar and was fond of saying that "any day in which he enjoyed a meal outdoors was a day well lived." George is survived by his stepdaughter, Mia. Diane predeceased him by four months. **Bill Bevilacqua** reports that both he and his wife Jean are age 74. "We are retired, living in Boca Raton, Florida. We love it here--sort of like we already died and went to heaven. Our oldest son Chris just retired as a Colonel from the USMC. He did six tours in the Mid-East — three in Iraq and three in Afghanistan. Our second son Tom, living in Paris, France, is an international contract lawyer with dual citizenship. Our

third son Mike is a civil engineer working on water preservation/restoration in Austin, TX. Finally, our daughter Anne is a licensed plumber and owns her own business here in Boca Raton." Linda and **Bob Gardella** are also enjoying their Florida "Zen" existence in these trying times. They are busy and active locally every day but, like so many of us in these very unusual times, they really miss global/U.S. travel and seeing friends and family. **Bill Brown** reports that his three youngest grandchildren, of six total, graduated (albeit virtually) from high school in June. Kasey Turner from Upper St Clair HS (Pittsburgh) will attend Lewis University; Eddie Brown from Kinnelon HS (NJ) will attend UNC Asheville and Julia Brown from Abington Heights HS (Clarks Summit, PA) will attend the University of Scranton. Bill and Barbara (married 50 years and counting) have ruefully decided not to have any more children. Pat and **John Tweedy** have also made the same decision after 55 years of marriage. **Jim Higgins** says that he and Barbara, like many of us, have been, basically, homebound due to the Coronavirus, except for occasional trips to the grocery store and regular walks around the neighborhood. "We spend a great

deal of time reading. Our eyeballs are holding up well so far. Two novels I've consumed in recent months that I would recommend to any confrere who hasn't read them are Norman Mailer's *The Naked and the Dead* and Tom Wolfe's *A Man in Full*. These are weighty tomes and will pleasantly consume lots of otherwise empty hours." Like many of us, **Brian Sullivan** notes that "I too, haven't had a haircut in a long time. For me it's since December. I am approaching the look I had during my Hippie days." Yet **John Tuccillo** says "Having shaved my head for the last twenty-five or so years, the quarantine has not affected my grooming that much." On a more serious note the pandemic has given classmates more time to reflect on our environment and Brian echoes an important concern of many of us, one that will particularly affect our children and grandkids, when he notes that "more serious are the effects of climate change and growing human population. Birds and animals are being deprived of wilderness and are forced to become our neighbors...Animal to human disease transmission is heading toward becoming an increasingly frequent event... Obviously international cooperation is necessary. But we also need to instill a vibrant sense in each individual that he/she faces a choice between progress as we have known it for the past 600-700 years — or a backsliding toward a Hobbesian existence." Pat and **Jack Prael** were finally able to get out of lockdown in early July, when "we had dinner with friends in Staten Island along with our daughter Elisabeth and her toddler Julia. It was wonderful to see friends and family again. We visited our other daughter Kathryn in Providence in mid-July, seeing our granddaughters Emilia and Helen for the first time since early February."

1964

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Once COVID-19 crashed onto our shores, all of us began sheltering in place. On March 24th **Tom Reilly** sent word that "We're holed up in Berkeley. My husband, Kevin, is a

high school teacher who is trying to continue to educate his students via email and phone calls. He hasn't ventured into the realm of video conferences yet, but he's trying a group chat." On May 17th **Larry Kenah** reached out to the group and forwarded an article from the April 30th issue of *The Economist*. The article was titled "The Real Reason to Study the Classics" and it unleashed a torrent of replies and comments. The article proposed that "Classical languages are good training for the mind, many now argue. Latin and Greek, with their panoply of case-endings, force readers and students to pay attention to the grammatical function of every word in a sentence, incidentally improving their English grammar as well." The first response came from **Denis Burt** who wrote "Not primarily being a linguist, it was always a struggle to keep both (Latin and Greek) marks up. In each marking period I would work hard on the one I had most recently gotten the lower grade in and, of course, the two would flip-flop! Anyway, some of my fondest memories from my Regis days are of good old Father Duffy and his efforts to make it all good fun." **Ken Beirne** chimed in that "Always nice to see a committed defense of Latin and Greek, though I tend to think the most important reason to learn them is similar to the reasons to learn German and French, etc., to understand better the writers in those languages (although the German and French are also a help when you are schlepping through Berlin or Paris)." **Tom Girolamo** added that "Sometimes learning for the sake of learning and curiosity can dictate the path of one's life... practicality be damned. There may be little purpose in my remembering Fr. Duffy putting out the eye of the cyclops with his cincture and a window pole but the memories will last a lifetime and will constantly remind me of what a special and unique education Regis gave me. The bond that has kept us all together for all these years is a benefit beyond words." **Joe Coyne** agreed: "I'm with Tom. While I know not 100% of us feel the same way (about Regis...or anything else for that matter), I keep coming back to so many of us (and certainly I am

one of them) who felt Regis was a life-changing experience." **Bob Metz** chimed in that "I remember thinking that not only were all my classmates far superior but even that savage Polyphemus exhibited better comprehension of Attic Greek than I could muster. While I didn't learn much about the ablative or the optative, in retrospect it is clear at graduation I walked away with a discipline that could be applied to many diverse subjects, often with better results. I will always be grateful." Bob's recollection prompted **Jeff Weinlandt** to recall that "your comments mirror my experience. Countless times I have told my wife and my twin sons (Regis '10 and never had to take Latin or Greek) that I will NEVER forget the first two weeks of Greek in my sophomore year with Fr. Duffy. Duffy said that he was going to have everyone read aloud in class from the text the following week. I'm not sure I slept that week. No matter how hard I tried, I could make no sense of the Greek alphabet or how to pronounce any words once you added two letters together. The whole experience scarred me for life." **Bob Metz** quickly replied, "Jeff, that scarring is the basis for our band of brothers!" **Tom Reilly** reported "I recently spent a few months learning to sing Mozart's Requiem with a local chorus....As I sang the words over and over, I realized that I could understand the meaning of the sentences of the Latin text without thinking about how to translate them. All because of the four years I spent studying at Regis. A pleasant surprise." **Paul Czuchlewski** recalled "distant memories of my failed attempt to offer (as a member of the non-Greek science class minority)...a dissenting view by penning a little essay, 'The Greek Myth,' for our *Science Journal*. The gist of the argument, as I recall, was that while the study of Greek might have value, having only a single year of high school science (except for our double-majors) was not adequate for students in the 1960s. Unfortunately (for me), the *Science Journal* was run off on Father Duffy's mimeograph machine, and when he happened to notice the article, he was not amused, and the powers-that-be immediately ordered the essay suppressed. My

recollection, however, is that as we tore the pages out of the already stapled issue, we somehow accidentally missed a few copies." **Jim Oliviero** added "I was one of the science/no Greek students. I never felt missing Greek, with a full Latin study, hurt me. I became an attorney but did not regret my science background." **Marty Besant** wrote "I'm with Paul and James. Didn't miss one more way to flunk out of Regis. Proud that I did learn to memorize the first 2 dactylic lines of *The Odyssey*. Of course, that was taught to me by a Xavier cadet who rode the same commuter bus as I." **Mike Christy** agreed. "As I recall, it seemed that the Greek track was pushed more than a bit by the advisors but I went science. Even then, it was a year of physical science...Mr. Mahern (Batman) was surely an interesting character. The highlight of Physics was the day after a Beatles appearance on the Ed Sullivan show. Fr. Egan started off with an extended rant about the salacious dance by Mitzi Gaynor... After Regis, no one could believe that Biology was not taught at all...I may be wrong but I believe there was a Middle States accreditation visit shortly after we graduated. I heard that the school was roundly criticized for the lack of Biology instruction and its very strong resistance to applying to non-Catholic colleges." The subject of non-Catholic college applications will be reviewed in the next *Prowlings*. The mention of the Beatles led **Jim Oliviero** to add "I was at the Ed Sullivan show...I am moving to St. Petersburg in June. I have always enjoyed the Regis dinners here in NYC. Are any of you guys nearby?" **Mike Christy's** comment about non-Catholic colleges prompted **Larry Kenah** to add that "Fr. McCusker left when we did and I am pretty sure this policy left with him." **Denis Burt** remembered *The Science Journal* and has "fond memories of that enterprise. The best thing about it was that they had given us the old band room on the fifth floor to serve as our office, so we had a place of our own to hang out. There was an old upright piano in there and it got played while we worked on the 'magazine.' I still have a bunch of issues in the box with my other

memorabilia.” **Michael Bierbauer** commented that “Whenever I am asked whether Regians ever ‘bucked the system’ despite fear that our scholarships might be revoked, I use *The Science Journal* and ‘The Greek Myth’ rebellion as an example of how far we would go to make a point...I could not take advantage of the double major or science track because I wanted to take the only AP course available — English. I have never regretted four years of Latin and three years of Greek (including The Homeric Academy) and I believe that their study taught me to appreciate foreign languages (and made studying German and Russian at Fordham simpler). And yet I became a math major and went on to teach math at the college and high school levels for 42 years...and I bemoan the fact that Latin and Greek have moved to the sidelines at Regis.” During this lengthy exchange on the value of a classical education, **Kevin Connolly** jumped into the conversation to relay “So this is what happened. At some point in my education at Regis, I was placed by myself in a black limo and taken to the seminary in Poughkeepsie to be encouraged by Regians who were now novitiates to become a Jesuit. I don’t know if this happened to anyone else because I never mentioned it, and my thought was to flunk out as soon as possible anyway. Soon after, I purposely failed a Greek final with Mr. Kelly, who was a nice guy, and was told I had to take a makeup exam. I failed that too, and sat there while Mr. Kelly corrected it. I noticed he was marking my incorrect answers as correct, and when I pointed this out he said that anyone who could read Greek upside down would not fail this test, and that ‘powers higher than he or I’ had determined that I would not flunk myself out. A little spooky. Oddly, what I retained from these experiences is a fondness for classic literature, a fairly secular outlook, and a slow developing appreciation for the education I reluctantly received at this school.... Stay safe, and be careful of the rides you are offered. Cyclops.” **Bill Janofsky** asked “Kevin, I’m really curious: Did you take the red pill after that black limo ride? How strange!” **Gene Boggia** added “the

bottom line is that we all greatly benefited from our years at Regis — despite the lengthy commute, the education we received enabled us all to enjoy the richness of life to a degree we may not have experienced without those four years in Manhattan. It certainly helped me through college, law school (even with a two-year hiatus, courtesy of Uncle Sam, in such Edens as Guantanamo Bay and Danang (‘see the world’), and decades of legal practice. I am proud and grateful for surviving those four years with my classmates.” **Ron Malanga** emailed “AMEN! Know that without the Regis experience, with all its difficulties, my life would not have been what it turned out to be. Further, I believe that going through it with all of you made it worthwhile.” “Sorry to be late to the discussion,” **Dan McCaffrey** retorted, “I am really enjoying reading it. As one who continues studying Latin and Greek after 60 years, I love to read and see the words fall into the place where the author wanted them. I even have a T shirt that says ‘The endings justify the meanings.’” **Mike Christy** managed to nudge the email exchanges toward a semi-conclusion with the words that “One thing I’m getting from this thread is that many of us shared a struggle more than we admitted while at Regis. Of course, 1/3 of our freshman colleagues flunked out on the almost ridiculous standards of the time, but we managed to survive but perhaps not with a spring in our steps or joy in our hearts — but more so in retrospect.”

1965

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Al Airone spent a pleasant day visiting **Rich Superti** and Thea Fenichel in Brooklyn recently. “COVID-19 didn’t prevent us from lunch on the roof of their Park Slope residence, a walk (fully masked) through Prospect Park, and a relaxed dinner ‘au sidewalk’ at a local pizza restaurant. It was good to see them and catch up on family and other friends, and the world in general.” Al also listened to a Zoom performance by **Dan Halford**, on piano, of several Cole Porter songs. “Though plagued by sound

quality issues, the music shone through, and Dan included a very detail-packed commentary on each song that was highly informative.”

Harry Bonnell reports, “I’m still quarantined in Belize where the international airport is closed until 10/1 at the earliest. Susan returned to the states before it closed so she could help our son and daughter-in-law with their precocious 5-year-old boy since they both were obligated to work at home. She’s a college professor and he’s an international rep for Google. So I have been a ‘bachelor’ for almost 6 months now. Even so, I’m still a lousy cook. At least I’m enjoying the deserted beaches.” **Jack Cashill’s** new book, *Unmasking Obama*, debuted August 18. Jack reports his book received excellent reviews. (“I give the book 6 out of 5 stars. It’s a must-have for history buffs and political geeks” - Leslie Eastman, *Legal Insurrection*.)

Rich Costabile sadly reports the loss of his only brother, Robert, in a single-vehicle motorcycle accident on the Taconic Parkway on August 17th. “I’ve received condolences from a number of my classmates, which are greatly treasured. Suffice it to say, I’m confident that you’re sending your support in spirit, even if you haven’t reached out. Our ‘65 bond is surprisingly enduring and an important part of our lives. In other news, Randy and I are staying safe and being pandemic-cautious in our island paradise down the Jersey shore. No travel on the horizon at all, which is quite the turnabout considering the itineraries we’ve racked up over the past few years. But think of the money we’re saving!” **John Felago** and wife, Jill, continue their quarantine in Manhattan. “Many area restaurants have set up outside dining so we enjoy an occasional al fresco meal. We have been able to visit family for grandchildren’s birthdays (we have 8).” **Dave O’Brien** continues to try to practice law out of Mt. Sinai, Long Island. He has been volunteering in a program to assist people hammered by the pandemic to find jobs. He writes: “It is a truly brutal situation, which is going to get much worse. A fellow volunteer is a retired actuary and a numbers guru. His projected figures for unemployment by year’s end just

take your breath away. The suffering will be excruciating. Post-Oct. 1 massive layoffs in major industries, like airlines (my son-in-law at American Airlines!), will create a tsunami of unemployed people. Our cruel political logjam makes matters worse. The tidal wave won’t spare Regians, so I hope and pray our caring Regian alum will ramp up efforts to help each other job-wise, especially on Regis’ various listservs. That certainly was the case in the past, although efforts of late have waned considerably. We need to be at the top of our game to help each other. Also pray that brother Regian **Dr. Fauci ‘58** hits a homer very soon. Best to all Regians and their families in these brutal times.” **Lou Pangaro** was just selected as Interim Dean of the School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University, where he has been on faculty since 1981. Lou stepped down as Medicine Chair in 2018. **Tom Moebus** reports, “The COVID crisis stirred me out of retirement and back to work. Much has to do with a program called Pandemic Shift, a Workshop to help small businesses pivot their practices to respond to new realities. Organized with Stony Brook University, this project was recently funded by Bank of America and Investors Bank, and will be rolled out to 300 businesses over the next year. It’s 6 hours of Zoom sessions featuring intensive peer-group work that creates solutions and new business partnerships to rescue Main St. type businesses. At the same time, the Matteo Ricci Scholars program has been starting up on Zoom also linking Regis with Nanjing Foreign Language School in China. The idea is to breed a new generation of young people who become friends in these two countries, and are encouraged to maintain intellectual ties over their careers. Its official ‘academic year’ start is September 12, but we’ve been meeting an hour/week for two months, planning and getting the group of 20 students to know each other. To include females, we invited a small group from Dominican Academy to join us. In coming months, students will dialogue about the US Presidential Election, COVID-19, US-China Relations including Technology Exchange, and



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Cultural Similarities and Differences between the countries. Oh, and basketball and music. Students are very eager on both sides, as are we organizers. Assistant Principal **Christian Mariano '99** is a great partner at Regis, and the students are terrific. My work at a nearby Retreat Center in Madison, CT, Mercy-by-the-Sea, which has a School for the Second Half of Life, led to a realization about a role for OUR GENERATION at this stage of life — especially we Regians, trained with a mind for service. I invite you to listen to my thoughts in an Apple Podcast interview on Futurized, where I talked about the Future of the Second Half of Life. Whether you agree fully with my perspective, I hope you find the premise of interest (with an apology to golfers). You can find it at <https://www.futurized.co/e/second-half-of-life/>. **Jack Murtagh** reports, “Wonderfully sweet figs can indeed be grown successfully in Ingomar Pennsylvania, an island of Zone 7, surrounded by a sea of Zone 6. Next on the arboreal ‘why not’ list: pawpaws.” **Jim Ross** reports that, “Three months after my wife Ginger began having falls it was determined in late June that a fast-moving tumor was compressing her spinal cord. While not an ideal time for lengthy hospitalization, there was no choice. Post-surgically, Ginger is on her way to regaining full mobility.” Of several articles Jim recently published in literary journals, he recommends

“Escaping into Pilgrimage,” published online in New World Writing. After tripling the size of their vegetable garden, Jim and Ginger plan to join **Jack Murtagh’s** experiment by growing pawpaws.” **John Woodruff** announced the birth of his granddaughter, Adelaide Maine Woodruff, born to Michael and Erin on November 19th last year. Also, the first volume of John’s trilogy, “The War at Home,” subtitled “The Battle of Flushing,” will be coming out soon on Audible.

1966

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With COVID still rampant, many of our classmates draw comfort from regular contact with each other, both in small groups via FaceTime, phone, or Zoom, or through larger groups like the weekly Zoom meeting hoisted by **Richard Corelli**. We take pleasure in the accomplishments of fellow Regis grad **Anthony Fauci '58**, while regretting the circumstances that require his expertise. **John D’Emilio** has a new book, *Queer Legacies: Stories from Chicago’s LGBTQ Archives*. Published by the University of Chicago Press, it covers a range of topics in Chicago’s LGBTQ history from the 1960s into the 21st century. John has published several other books on history, sexuality, and social movements. **Charles Webel** submits this news, reprinted without

comment: “During the pandemic, Charles Webel is ensconced with Wolfie in their Prague lair, while his partner, Viera, continues her medical residence in hematology. He is working on his next book, *The Fate of this World*, which he may submit with tabulae rasae to the publisher if Duce Donald is reelected by the Electoral College. Charles had hoped to reoccupy the Divided States by completing an advanced training program in epidemiology and clinical trials onsite at Harvard Medical School (HMS) this coming academic year. But since HMS has gone fully online, he may be forced to revert to Zoom, the platform he used for 6+ consecutive hours per weekday in June to teach courses in Philosophy and Ethics to undergraduate ZoomBees.....” Despite the ban on Americans traveling to Europe, **Bob Cartwright** got through to the Netherlands: “I made it to Europe and am again back on my boat. After looking at the proposed EU guidelines...I cancelled my plane reservations, called my Netherlands contact to put the boat back in storage. Literally, minutes after I cancelled my air reservations, I received a personal response from the Dutch consulate saying I would be allowed in. So I had to make new air reservations and hope for the best. ... When I went through passport control in Copenhagen, simply flashing my EU passport got me through. When I

arrived in Amsterdam, I went right through since I was coming from an EU country. So, I am in Sneek, NL right now on my boat. I keep my boat in Friesland which forms a northern province and a claimed distinct culture (with Frisian as the local language). The virus is almost zero here, much safer than the US. People follow social distancing and hand washing, covering one’s mouth with an elbow when sneezing, etc., but NO masks, a little unsettling after coming from the US. I will travel only in the northern provinces this year which are all (3) mostly virus free. ... I teach at a NJ university that is faced with the question of re-opening, and the possibility of a 20-40% loss of students if we go completely online. The result of their decisions may mean that I stay here longer than my planned date home of Aug 16. I bought the boat 3 years ago fulfilling a 10-year fantasy. I normally live on it 3 months a year and return for the fall semester.”

1967

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Nearly a third of the Class of 1967 reconnected on Zoom in mid-July for an extraordinary two hour and 40 minute conversation. Our Virtual Jug Nite wasn’t the same as the beefsteak banquets in the packed Regis cafeteria on a Friday night each autumn. In many respects it was better. Often, people come away from even the happiest gatherings of family and friends wishing they’d had more time to catch up and thinking about those they didn’t get to speak with. Well, at Virtual Jug Nite there was enough time and bandwidth for the 34 of us, almost all on board start to finish, sharing stories, laughs and, to a lesser degree, commiserations in the pandemic. Everyone spoke his piece thanks to our hilarious moderator, **Chris Meatto**, who hopscoched among the Hollywood Squares with the aplomb of a Peter Marshall. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention infectious disease specialist **Terry Chorb**a spoke about the prospects for a vaccine but also how demoralized the disease fighters are at a time when science and scientists including **Dr. Anthony Fauci '58** are under attack. Terry also

told a story of how 10 years ago he snagged Fauci to keynote a CDC conference in Atlanta by closing the letter of invitation, “May Ours Be the Noble Heart.” On the half-hour drives to and from the airport, “we didn’t talk about TB, HIV, STDs, none of that. We talked only about Regis, what teachers he had, what teachers I had.” **Mike Fahy**, wearing a “Stranger Things” T-shirt to honor the Chapman University alums who created the science fiction horror series, took laurels for best Zoom background — his pool in Orange, Calif., where unfortunately “a lot of crazy people asserting their liberties are walking around without masks.” In contrast, **Bill McLaughlin** checked in from Boston where “it’s a pleasure to be living in a place where people are not fighting” and where it’s easy to get a free test for COVID-19. “Everybody’s on the same page We’re coming alive, but it’s been super slow, which seems right.” Bill was vacationing in Europe, bound for Venice, when things shut down. “I have this fantasy that at some point I’ll go back and just pick up where I left off — the same hotel, the same room — as if nothing happened.” One side benefit: an ongoing text chat with his six siblings that “is more communication than we’ve ever had.” **Kieran Quinn** and **Bill Armbruster** reported on another strong showing by 1967 in the Annual Fund Drive, \$250,000-plus and 53 percent participation. Kieran and Donna left Virginia in May for two weeks at their home in Hilton Head, S.C., and they are still there with their daughter’s family, “including my 7-year-old grandson Tommy who is outdriving me on the golf course.” Bill had the biggest non-Regis news of the night: “For the first time in many, many years, there is a woman in my life,” a recent widow he once dated when they worked together at Ramapo College in the early 1970s. They share political views and interests, and most importantly “she’s a Mets fan.” **Peter Landis**, who had the virus in the spring, missed planned trips to the Galapagos, Machu Picchu, Portugal and Italy, “but think of the money we’re saving!” He and Bebe live in Asheville, N.C. “We’re still waiting for a grandchild, but that’s it. We are happy. Life is good.” **John Katz** retired on July 4 from the

VA hospital near his home in Union, N.J. “This is my first week and a half off in a year. This is still sort of a vacation,” he said. **John Dowd**, in West Islip, N.Y., showed off the Fauci socks his three grandkids gave him for Father’s Day. **Brian Fitzgerald** hasn’t seen the inside of a courtroom in Buffalo, N.Y., in 18 weeks, but still goes into his law office a few hours two or three times a week. “I’m getting an insight into retirement, but I will never retire,” he said. With kids well launched into families and careers (including an anesthesiologist daughter at New York Presbyterian Hospital), “We’re lucky, very lucky.” Retired pulmonologist **Gene Lugano**, in Elkin Springs outside Philadelphia, said, “This lockdown is not as drastic a change in our lifestyle as it has been for a lot of people who are still working or younger than us and who have older parents, younger kids and jobs they have to worry about.” Gene showed off a mask his wife, Marcia Boraas, made from the same silk material she used to make him a tie as a birthday present when they were classmates at Princeton. In Chatham, Mass., on the elbow of Cape Cod, **Rene Haas** and his wife became grandparents in May, but haven’t been able to visit little Hazel in Austin, Texas. “Very exciting, but frustrating, of course,” said Rene, who keeps active in several organizations, including a local pilots’ association and the MIT Club of Cape Cod. “It’s surprising how you get sucked in. You don’t have to say yes, you just don’t say no and find yourself doing a lot of things.” Rene, too, has a doctor son who was in the thick of the pandemic at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. “The youngest Hollywood Square in the room,” as Meatto put it, was **Steve Rehm**, riding out the storm in Chatham, N.J., with three kids and grandkids who live nearby “using our home and yard as their country club.” Wife Carolyn, a physician, “is on DEF-CON 5 as relates to COVID. She keeps us all on the straight and narrow.” Outside Boston, **Marty Maffeo** is still volunteering to help seniors with Medicare issues, but it’s now done on the phone, not in person. He’s followed the pandemic restrictions “right by the book” and golfs at a social distance, but laments his handicap has gone from

seven to 16 since retiring a decade ago. In Red Hook, N.Y., **John Kelly** said of the Zoom gathering that it was refreshing to have a conversation with people our age about things other than their last medical appointment. The Kellys were enlisted to babysit their grandkids when New York began opening six weeks ago and now, with the possibility schools may reopen in the fall, the parents have told them, “Okay, we’re ready to have you back.” Not far away, **Michael Connor** and wife Noni relocated in March from Riverdale to their weekend home in the Catskills hamlet of Phoenicia and are thinking of making that permanent. Michael heads a media advocacy nonprofit, OpenMic, that jousts with social media giants to promote openness, privacy, and diversity. Taking note of something Dr. Fauci mentioned in an interview about his Regis commute, Michael, a quondam Bay Ridger, lamented that Sea Beach Express, the same subway line that Fauci took to Regis, “is now very unromantically called the N train.” **James Keane** has had to forgo weekly trips from Hastings on Hudson, N.Y., into the city for a Spanish class and glee club practice. That’s over for good, he thinks. “Quite frankly, I don’t want to go to New York City anymore. I don’t want to go on the subway, and I grew up in Hell’s Kitchen.” **John Cordes** said, “For us retired people, life is not so difficult. Things could be a lot worse.” The volunteer program in which he taught English to Latino immigrants in Washington, D.C., lapsed after their community was hard hit by the virus and the priest who ran it died. Also in abeyance: his partial season tickets to the Washington Nationals. **George McCann** kept disappearing briefly from his Hollywood Square. In the true spirit of Jug Nite, he explained, “I only left because I had to fill my glass.” George escaped his winter home in Jupiter, Fla., in June, stays in Manalapan, N.J., during the week, and joins his daughter and grandkids in Breezy Point, N.Y., on weekends. Medical issues he dealt with in recent years are mostly in the past and “I’m just happy to be enjoying life. It’s great to see you guys. It’s like reliving my life all over again.” **Anthony Lo Secco** was unable to bury his wife for two

months after her death in early April. “The wait was not good,” he said. Anthony, who lives in Del Ray Beach, Fla., is also uncertain what it will be like to return without her to the summer home they bought in a village in Abruzzo, Italy, a few years back. **Bruce Hector**, also recently widowed, is riding out the pandemic with his son in Cape May, N.J., posting his solo song performances daily on Facebook. “You never know how antisocial you are until you realize that the pandemic really hasn’t changed your social life all that much,” he quipped. Bruce still mediates legal disputes and feels badly about the professional jazz musicians he performed with who have lost their livelihoods. “I regard myself as incredibly fortunate. I can do this standing on my head however long this takes, and so many people are not in that position.” **John Enright**, in Bucks County, Pa., feels “relatively unscathed by COVID-19 ... and thankful every day. The days fly by.” Their biggest hardship is not seeing grandchildren in California. He is worried about the impact on the next generations. Apart from the Vietnam war, “we’ve lived 70 years without anything even remotely close to this.” John has used his free time to write a screenplay set in 1939 with a main character who is a Regis student. He is happy to share a PDF with anyone curious. In Beverly, Mass., **Steve LoVerme** is a neurologist whose hospital, once teeming with COVID patients, now has but a few. His daughters, who live in the area, steered clear for a while, but “now every weekend they’re up here at our pool. We’ve been happy about that.” **Jay Azarow** is now doing all his organizational psychology and consulting work from home in Santa Clara County, Calif. “I’m an extrovert, so spending more time at home just runs counter to my basic personality,” he said. “I would give anything for a good concert or a club date right now to see a good band.” **Tom Curran**, retired in Avon-by-the-Sea, N.J., said, “My big decision every day is whether I ride my bike north to Asbury Park or south to Spring Lake. And I play golf two days a week.” A daughter and two grandkids were able to visit from Seattle in June and aim to do so again before summer’s end. **Art**

Bender, SJ, filled us in on how Regis handled remote classes, including making students observe the dress code and keeping them busy during 2½ months of Zoom with tests, quizzes and essays. "The kids actually and the parents were relatively happy with it," said the history teacher. Art, in response to a comment from Landis, also addressed steps Regis is taking to address charges by Black students and alumni that they endured the sting of racism and mistreatment by fellow students and from teachers. Father **Michael Holleran** said his parish, the Church of Notre Dame, in East Harlem, has resumed public Masses with limited seating. He normally ministers to patients at Mount Sinai Morningside Hospital, but that's now by Zoom only. He is looking forward to a delayed cruise on the Queen Mary 2 next summer, "but that depends on whether I'm still alive and the country and the world are still functioning. All that's in God's hands. I have had extra time for prayer and reading, which I've greatly appreciated." **Robert Kestler** had both good luck and bad, departing home in Italy in January before the virus erupted there, but fracturing his hip in a fall at the airport in New York and spending six weeks in a hospital and rehabilitation center — but getting out before COVID devastated such facilities. **Vin Hartnett** joined the conversation from home in Chester Springs, Pa., but not from inside the Hobbit House where he keeps his Tolkien collection (Google the RAN article). The Wi-Fi cannot penetrate its 1.5-foot-wide walls. **Victor Skowronski**, newly retired in Woburn, Mass., looks forward to teaching girls to code and volunteering as a docent at the Boston Museum of Science when it's safe to resume normal living. His English Country Dancing is on hold. John Enright learned from a neighbor that Victor enjoys an international reputation as a choreographer ... Brian Fitzgerald interjected, "Hey, Victor, I often tell the story of having gone to high school with a guy who got 1596 on the SATs and knew which one he'd gotten wrong on the English." To which Victor replied, "I don't know which one I got wrong, but I thought it was 1592." **Steve Malone** will be teaching business in person and

online to Naval Academy midshipmen in the fall. They'll all be in Annapolis, but only half face-to-face at a time. **Paul Litka** was in San Francisco to see the ballet when the country shut down; they made it back to Salt Lake City, where Zooming with friends at the University "keeps me sane." **Richard Szajewski**, retired in Rochester, N.Y., from a career as an Eastman Kodak chemist who worked on inkjets and patent agent, now is part of the Rochester Angel Network that works with aspiring start-ups. And speaking of start-ups, **Chris Meatto** has passed the six-year mark as chief financial and legal advisor with FruitStreet.com, a telemedicine company working to prevent diabetes and other diseases. After his masterful Zoom orchestration, Chris also provided a coda to the evening. "The wonderful thing about tonight for me is it's like you guys are here You're all vibrant, alive, intelligent. This evening for me is extremely inspiring. I'm blessed to be in this group."

1968

James C. Sherwood, the longtime correspondent for the Class of 1968, passed away on June 9 after a valiant battle with lung cancer. A proud Regian, Jim went on to attend Yale University and, following graduation, taught for two years at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He then graduated from Columbia Law School, where he was a Stone Scholar. Over a distinguished career, he practiced law at several successful firms. He spent the last 27 years at the boutique firm of Schlam Stone & Dolan, where he was a leading white collar defense attorney. Jim loved music of all kinds, from Gilbert and Sullivan to Handel to Sousa marches to Chuck Berry. A lifelong trumpet player, he also was an actor and a singer. He sang in the Ascension Church Choir and the Lehmann College & Community Chorus, was a legend of the Yale University Precision Marching Band, and late in life even made his Off-Off-Broadway debut in an experimental theatre piece. Jim was a kind, compassionate, upbeat, witty man and a beloved friend to many Regians. His classmates and the broader Regis community are grateful for his dedicated service as class correspondent and his

devotion to Regis. Please keep Jim's wife, Dr. Shauna Vey P'03, and his family in your prayers. The Development Office is working to identify a new correspondent for the class.

1969

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Chad Gaffield sends greetings from our upstairs neighbor, Canada, "Wasn't 2019 a great year???!!! One highlight for Pam and me was the visit of **John and Ann Kearney** in September. They had not been to Ottawa before and we had a wonderful time visiting Canada's capital while having more great conversations about the past and present. We made plans to visit them this summer in NJ while also anticipating the Ottawa visit of **John and Kim Gimblette**. The best laid plans. Ah well, Regis taught us how to deal with any situation, right???!!! We are looking forward to re-launching such visits as soon as possible." **Mike D'Angelo** writes, "Deb and I have been splitting our time between North Potomac, Maryland and Bradley Beach, New Jersey, since retiring several years ago. Our four children are pretty widely dispersed across California, Colorado, Michigan, and Maryland. Fortunately, everyone is healthy and pursuing a career. We are looking forward to a lengthy road trip once things settle down." **Joe Travo** reports on social distancing on one block in Visalia, CA, "Our long-time neighbors, Jim and Olga, had decided to move closer to their kids and grandkids. Although COVID-19 has kept us from getting together to do anything for them, Cassie and I were able to get photos of all 7 neighbors in front of their own homes holding a blank poster, and then we photoshopped it all together with our message to them: 'All-of-us-will-really-miss-you.' So, we did kind of get together." **Jim Cunningham** is "heavy into grandkids and harvesting my better half's tomatoes. Irish dancing and gym are shut down still. Oh, for an Irish pub and a long tall draft. Be well." **Joe Sciafani** sent an update on his story: "I returned to the US in 2018 after living in Malawi for four years working for Baylor College of Medicine as the Director for their Global Women's Health Program. During those four years I was part

of a multinational consortium to establish the first residency program in obstetrics and gynecology in the country. Upon my return to New York, I worked for a year in a hospital in Westchester, but it never matched my experiences in Africa, so I retired from clinical practice 1 year ago. COVID-19 has put the brakes on my travels to Africa for a while. I am currently writing an implementation plan for a USAID maternal mortality project in Madagascar. Working behind a desk is not the same as working in the operating room, but it will have to do. My goal is to get vaccinated in 2021 and head to Madagascar to work more directly on the project. For the past two years, I have also been volunteering at the New York Archdiocese for the Cause for Canonization of Dorothy Day. Dorothy was a 20th century Catholic writer and activist who lived on the Lower East Side of New York, advocating for the poor and promoting peace for almost 50 years. Dorothy's story is as relevant today as it was in the 1960's." **Jeff Burke** sends a message of good news: "O frabjous day! (1) The Slough of Despond (2) is drained./ The quondam* company that laid me off in the cruelest month (3)/ Wants me back on the chain gang (4) in September./ Blue Cross! Magdalena, [not] my daughter dear (5)/ Retirement remains an elusive butterfly. (6) -1: Carroll; 2: Bunyan; *: Half-sheet quiz; 3: Eliot; 4: Hynde; 5: Zappa; 6: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_L4rklibtE."

1970

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This update was prepared at the end of July before any determination had been made to postpone once again the Lth Reunion scheduled in October. While we were all disappointed that the June soiree did not happen as planned, we had an excellent gathering of over 40 alumni via Zoom celebrating the anniversary of our graduation on June 16. Glasses (including one of Wild Heaven Fauci Spring Pale Ale) were raised to classmates no longer with us and many hoary stories were pulled from deep in the collective memory (one involved the Junior Retreat at Inisfada, the

Nassau County Police Department, and several severe cases of Poison Oak rash). Should we be obliged to further postpone the party, we will plan another virtual meeting but look forward to the time when we can regale and embarrass each other face to face safely. The meeting jogged the memory of **Rick Antosh** and he related to your class correspondents an occasion in 1972 when he and some friends accessed a small club in Westhampton Beach, The Long Island Potato, via a back door because the joint was packed to capacity. Shortly before they were 86ed by management for avoiding the cover charge, Rick noticed what he thought were some familiar faces on the tiny bandstand. The house band at the Potato that summer was Cottonmouth, and the band had made a bit of a stir in the Hamptons. The lead singer and songwriter for the group was **Dennis Blair** while other members were John Durkin who went on to become a successful restaurateur and Mayor of Port Washington, and two Fordham Prep Class of '71 grads Pete Saladino (who attended Regis for three years) and Larry Campbell, who became one of the most valuable sidemen in pop music history, spending years in Bob Dylan's touring band and as Levon Helm's musical director at The Barn in Woodstock. **Jay Allen** was often seen at The Potato capitalizing on his strong resemblance to Jerry Garcia, while **Jack Regan** was "the guy with a car" who would drive the band out to the South Fork for free drinks and giggles. **Ken Dee** was on the scene, and one would often see **Ed Murphy** hanging out after his summer day gig as a waiter in a Westhampton deli. We were happy to corroborate for Rick that this was not a fever dream that has been nagging the back of his mind for 48 years. Also On June 16, **Bruce Williamson** received the Charlottesville-Albemarle Bar Association's Lifetime Service Award. Bruce is a Past-President and has served his local bar association in a variety of capacities up to the present time. He is a Past-President of both the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Charlottesville Area Criminal Bar Association. He served as a Substitute Judge in the local General District Court for a dozen

years and was a member of the Adjunct Faculty at the University of Virginia Law School for many years. Congratulations to **Joe Loffredo**, who reports that he was promoted in April to Deputy General Manager of the New York Branch of the China Merchants Bank. Joe and his wife Diane have lived in Glen Rock, NJ for over 40 years. Their son Dennis is a VP Operations Strategy for IT in Pasadena and his daughter Donna is an Executive Editor at Penguin Random House in New York City. You are strongly urged to submit your profiles and reflections to <https://www.regis.org/alumniProfile/submission.cfm?gradyear=1970>. Many of your classmates have done so already; it's a great way to catch up on our lives, whether you can make it to the Lth or not. Here is an excerpt from **John Potapchuk's** entry: "We are blessed to have a large, extended family — between Kathy and I there are 11 siblings, 39 nieces and nephews and 15 great nieces/nephews. Summers on the beach and parties on our deck with countless family members and friends are priceless! I remain close with my friends from Boston College, one of whom is **Tom Neufeld**. I continue to be a big-time sports fan and particularly enjoy debating the merits of the Red Sox and Mets with diehard Yankee fans. Although I live on Long Island, I purchase season ticket packages for both Boston College Football and the Boston Red Sox every year. Life is good and I have been incredibly blessed in so many ways for so many years! I am grateful to Regis for providing me with a strong foundation in the early stages of life's journey." **Tom Derise** chimes in: "I spent most of my career in Commercial Banking and Public Accounting. I got my CPA license at age 45 after going back to St. Peter's for the necessary courses. I teach Audit and Compliance courses now about 30 days a year. Donna and I both retired in 2017. Cecily Rose, our granddaughter, arrived the same year. Donna and I are celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary this coming November. I can't find anyone to jam with — the ones I've found online require you to sign up for a specific instrument (no split assignments) and learn a set list of songs — that's not jamming! If you're in North Jersey

and want to jam, please let me know!" **Roger Flahive** and his wife Eileen have retired to New Jersey after careers in Massachusetts. They stay close to home, walking the hounds, and visiting with friends and family through Zoom. On July 8, We received a preliminary report from Megwin Hoopes at Regis; Megwin was a terrific help to **Bruce Williamson, Jack Martin, Buzz Doherty** and **Kevin Conboy** in contacting our classmates in the most appropriate ways, in connection with the 50th anniversary of our graduation. (Thanks as well to **Jim Harkins** and others of you who pitched in and helped us reach as much of our far-flung group as possible.) It appears that our class raised (in cash and pledges) over \$420,000, with 55% of the class participating, substantial increases over the \$304,521 and 39% numbers from last year. Megwin was especially pleased (as are we all) that 15 of the 69 donors had not donated to Regis in recent years. Also in the mix of good news is that our class featured 22 mates who gave at the Order of the Owl (\$3,000) level. The dollars are crucial to the school, but the percentage is important to us, the Class of 1970.

1971

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1972

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Sorry to report that **Michael O'Rourke's** mother, Catherine, has died from a COVID related illness. **Matt Dineen's** daughter, Ali, released her second album of original songs, the "Hold On" EP, digitally and on vinyl on Spirit House Records. Matt says "the album gives heart, hope and a fierce rallying call for the love and human connection we need as we move through 2020." **Mike Molyneux** reports that he participated in a Zoom reunion organized by **Vin Grosso**, along with **Herb Webner, Kevin Gil, Bob Rosentel, Tom Dinger, Frank Gulino, Mike Davies, Greg Syrek**, and **Rich Reina**. Mike also points out the beautiful photographs of NYC and other places which Lou Garavanta, SJ, regularly posts on Facebook. Lou, who now teaches at Xavier, has a keen eye for color,

lighting, and shapes. **Bob Schneider** is now a third degree Knight of Columbus.

1973

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1974

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Peter Rivera writes: "I married Lynn Behrendt in August 2019 and we are now living in Poughkeepsie. I am teaching at Manhattanville College where my son is a sophomore. His twin sister is attending Ithaca. My long, slow slog toward a doctorate from Pace made a huge step forward with an accepted dissertation proposal in the spring. Hopefully, the pain will be over this fall."

Robert McGrath writes: "I changed my shirt last week!" and "I'm happy to say I'm no longer the chair of psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University. After two years in which reorganizing the university was immediately followed by COVID, I will happily go back to teaching and research. I just switched computers and came across pictures from a dinner my wife and I had with **Tony Fischetti** and his wife, **Jim McConnell**, and **George Nowak** back when the world was more normal."

Patrick Nolan writes: "My second grandchild arrived on May 7th, Nolan James Quesnell, 10 lbs. 8 oz. (the weight trait was inherited from his maternal grandfather). Thanks to the pandemic, it took us about a month to meet him in person, but he is happy and healthy and his big sister, Mom and Dad are all well too, thank God." **Thomas Dudar** reports that "Mary and I finally decided where to live in retirement after a lengthy and far flung search. We are happy to call Sarasota our new home and relieved to have escaped from Illinois. Selling, buying, and moving during a pandemic are experiences we hope to never have to live through again. All are welcome to visit. We are truly empty nesters now that our youngest son, Ryan 'graduated' from Purdue with a BS in civil engineering." **James Cummings** writes: "Here's the news from Slingerlands, NY. My wife Debbie (also a pediatric specialist) still hasn't retired, even though I 'quit' my full-time clinical job almost 2 years ago. Her excuse not to join me in retirement is that I haven't



Classmates Andy Merola '76, John Denari '76, Peter Baecher '76, and Rob Franco '76 got together (at a social distance) this summer.

really retired. I guess that's kinda true. After a year of mostly being home I was asked to come back and provide per diem coverage for my overworked former partners. And shortly after that I was offered a part-time position as Chief Medical Officer for a small biotech company. They wanted a full-time CMO but during this past year I embarked on a childhood dream - that of becoming a private pilot. I soloed back in May and hope to take my licensing exams (written, oral, and practical) by end of summer. It's been a lot of work — putting in 10-12 hours a week between flying and studying — but I absolutely LOVE it. On the family side, my younger son Chris was supposed to get married this October, but the COVID pandemic turned everyone's plans upside down. He and his lovely fiancée Robin will still be getting married this fall, but in a small private ceremony. We will have to wait until next October to have the actual celebration, which will be at Ommegang Brewery in Cooperstown (don't ask). My older son, Jimmy, is Co-Director of Communication Research at Boston U and is taking advantage of the classroom shutdowns to do a lot of hiking and camping throughout the Northeast. Our daughter, Jillian, is working as a junior architect in Brooklyn, hoping to complete her exhaustive licensing exams later this year." **Carl Barbera** writes: "We will be moving out of New York State sometime soon. Not that I don't like the confiscatory taxes or being told

how to live every detail of my life, or anything. I just feel the need for a winning sports team. My eldest daughter has been established in San Diego for a while. She's a paralegal for a big firm out there, and in Cali, you need a lawyer to buy a ham sandwich, so she's off Daddy's payroll. My middle daughter just started in her endodontic practice in Portland, ME, so she's off the payroll. I'm sending free candy to all the schools in southern Maine just to boost business. My youngest has begun her doctorate program in environmental biology at Notre Dame, so she's off the payroll. She's presently trapping midges in Colorado. Not sure how you trap a midge. I think they use something like a bear trap, just very, very tiny. So Papa Bear is free to live a life of leisure and misanthropy." **Len Scarpinato** writes: "My son Mark (actual name: Mario after my dad in a good Italian tradition) virtually graduated from Medical College of Wisconsin (the old Marquette Med school). Another tradition — I hooded him. You may remember I taught there for 13 years...He matched in The University of Denver Internal Medicine program — where he was promptly started in the COVID ICU. He is actually thinking of following in Dad's footsteps and doing Critical Care as a specialty! Summer is here and I am spending as much time as possible at my Wisconsin lake house — I managed to avoid COVID, the riots, and everything else Chicago wants to share. I try to keep in touch with

Jim Tynion and now **Tom Dudar** left and is in Fla. I sold my last rental duplex in Wisconsin and may actually eventually retire — but the company I work for has a very 'Jesuit' mission and I am really enjoying medicine! Last week I virtually attended the Chicago Regis reunion — we are old!!!! In my spare time I am getting back into audio — I still have the Bose 901 speakers Carl started helping me to build when I visited him at Cornell — thanks again! I finally have the money for McIntosh and Thiels. Hope you all are well!" **Richard O'Leary** writes: "I am trying to stay safe in this time of coronavirus. I enjoyed all the emails from the class of 1974. Not much to report. I am still working, looking forward to retirement when the last tuition bill is paid!"

1975

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The "New Hampshire" team of **Andy Merola, John Denari, Peter Baecher, and Rob Franco** got together (at a social distance) over the summer.

1977

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Mike Bellissimo reports his daughter Elisabeth has begun her career as a Nurse Practitioner at Columbia Presbyterian in pediatric rehab. "After four months caring for pediatric coronavirus patients at Mt Sinai we are glad for her safe exit from the frontline. We also pray for all fellow Regians and their families for a safe return from this terrible pandemic."

1978

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The Class of '78 is united in sadness for the passing of beloved teachers Robert Sikso and Peter Cacio, may they Rest in Peace.

Phil Guarco has become a regular guest on Bloomberg TV and other financial news outlets as an expert on fixed income markets in his role as Executive Director and Chief Investment Strategist for J.P. Morgan Private Bank. **Martin Snow**, owner of Trinity Boxing Club in New York and Los Angeles, is enjoying lots of screen time on TV as the trainer of one of the stars of "Real Housewives of New York." Just before the pandemic shut down the college basketball season, **Tom Burgess** and **Bernie Kilkelly** met up with fellow Flushingite and one of our favorite Regis classmates **Pat Crilly** to cheer on the St. John's Red

Storm in a big upset over Creighton (sorry Tom!).

1979

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Russ Altman reports that he has been a grandfather now for two years. Little Theo (son of daughter, Rosie) is now almost 2 years old, lives 20 minutes from Russ, and is a total joy. Russ's POV: nothing better than being a grandparent! **Bob Schmidt** has been repatriated to the US after a three-year assignment in Japan with Deloitte. Bob is also a relatively new member of the grandfather club, enjoying life with his 1-year-old granddaughter Amelia.

Steve Okonski writes that his first quantum physics book, titled *Reality's Prism*, has been published. Wow! In it Steve proposes that not only do many-worlds (many parallel universes) exist, experiments reveal those worlds interact. The book, intended for a general audience, is a blend of popular science and Steve's research. **Tim Murphy** in adapting to the COVID reality of 2020 has arranged five Class of '79 Zoom cocktail hours between April & July. The attendees have included **Ivan Lozowy** from Ukraine, **John Scola** from Arizona, **Rich Walczewski** from "the road," **John Morgan** from Brooklyn, **Dave White**, **Deacon Joe Santiago**, **Joe Faga**, **John Becker**, **Kevin Downes**, **Fabian Fondriest**, **Ed Hayes**, **Frank Messina**, **Don Diverio**, **Marcos Rodriguez**, **Kevin Rochford**, **John Leavy**, **Bill Tietjen**, **Bobby McDermott**, **Tom Watson**, **Peter Barraso**, **Benson Louie**, **John Haddad** ... and Tim of course. Tim believes **Pat Norberto** has attended every single one of these cocktail hours, and he's been in charge of taking the group photo. **Ray Norberto** showed up to one too.

Sorry if we missed a few people. Tim used the photos to help remember but not everyone was still on Zoom when the photos were taken. Some news from these cocktail hours:

John Scola is bringing a great, strong, mentally tough attitude to his fight against cancer. Deacon Joe recently welcomed a beautiful new granddaughter into his family. Overall, it's been great seeing and hearing from old friends. **Bob Zielinski**, also joining the Zoom calls, "is hanging tough and sends his love from Puerto Rico, despite

9 plagues: dengue, chikungunya, zika, COVID, drought, Saharan dust, earthquakes, tropical storms, and bankruptcy. But he and wife Maria are well. Gracias a Dios!"

1980

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Frank Whelan reports a surprising interaction in a surgical suite. Frank, always one to keep himself well-maintained, was having cataract surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian hospital in New York. A series of masked and gowned professionals cycled through each following their checklists. Finally, a dashing doctor asks, "Are you Frank Whelan? And did you go to Regis?" On hearing the affirmative, anesthesiologist **Charles F. Cain, MD** announced himself from behind the mask. Small world indeed. **Ken Berger** wishes our class well and reports no real milestones, but that he and Trish are enjoying their Airstream trailer, which they bought last year. Timing was great with no desire to get on a plane or stay at a hotel these days. Currently Ken is spending most of his time up and down the Pacific coast. Still enjoying San Diego. Ken sends his best to all. Mary and **Paul Squire** report that their oldest daughter Claire has graduated from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana *magna cum laude* and that their daughter Maddie is entering her Junior year on-campus at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Colby College is addressing pandemic preparedness with universal testing for novel coronavirus. Paul sends his regards to the entire class.

1981

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The Class of 81 held two Zoom reunions in May, featuring (in no particular order) **John Conlon**, **Mark Mitchell**, **Mike Morriss**, **Mike Allocca**, **AJ Smith**, **Tom Knierim**, **Fred Basedow**, **John Jurkovic**, **Mike Rendich**, **Bruce Monte**, **Carl Catauro**, **Paula Neira**, **Gus Haracopos**, **John Gillen**, **John Peelen**, **Pedro Ramirez**, **Ray Cappiello**, **Tom Fergus**, **Tom McCluskey**, **Steve Gyenis**, **Rich Truta**, **Matt O'Brien**, **Ed Gillespie**, **Bob Schirling**, **Fred Martin**, **David Klein**, **Phil Onorato**, and **John**



Before the pandemic ended the college basketball season, Pat Crilly '78, Tom Burgess '78, and Bernie Kilkelly '78 got together to watch St. John's defeat Creighton.

Delaney (sorry if I said you were there and you weren't or you were there and I missed you. There were too many talking heads to track!).

John Dieffenbach and his wife, Anne, welcomed a granddaughter in June, Charlotte Rose Garis. John's daughter, Rose, lives in Philly, and the goal now is to make Charlotte a Giants fan before the Eagles get to her. **Mike Sanderson** and his wife, Kim, left the confines of Brooklyn for Brookline last year. (OK, it's Salem; but wouldn't it have been cool if it was Brooklyn to Brookline?) Mike is an accountant with executive search firm Isaacson Miller. **John Conlon's** son graduated Regis in 2019 and attends Holy Cross, joining his sisters Eleanor and Anna. **John '19** enjoyed his time at Regis, finishing as a captain on the city championship volleyball team. **John '81** enjoyed attending many of the games with **Kieran Cassidy '80**, **Pat McGoldrick '82**, as well as **Timo '80** and **Andy McGillicuddy '83**, whose sons and nephews were on the teams over the years. **Phil Onorato** was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Brooklyn Plaza Medical Center, Inc., located in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. **Mike Allocca** will join the Religion department at St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City, as a member of the faculty. **Fred Basedow** and his wife made the trip from NJ to CT for a day of social-distance reminiscing, hiking, and outdoor dining with **Ed Gillespie** and his family. Ed also writes that his company, BizMark, received a Top Award from the ANA (Association of National

Advertisers) taking the bronze in B2B Small Advertising Agency of the Year as well as best-of-the-year awards in three categories: B2B Product Launch, Account Based Marketing, and Direct Response Marketing.

1982

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2020 has been about as tough as they come with everything going on in the country and world. In that context, I've got to give a big shout out to our class, which responded to my call for updates "qum magnum studium" (if I got the Latin wrong, you can blame Father Lynch). I believe we have a record number of submissions since I took over these duties, including **Lev Chepelsky's** communication that he hopes I get "precisely *null* positive responses" to my offer to remove names from the class email list. I am now pouring through my old math (?) textbooks to clarify what he means. Speaking of mathematics, **Pat Lopez** expressed his regrets at the passing of Mr. Robert Sikso. He recalled the moment in either our junior or senior year when he was home watching television and discovered that our brilliant mathematics teacher had a second career as an actor. (Search "1982 Raisinets Theater Candy TV Commercial" on YouTube to find the commercial.) Pat writes, "I'll never forget coming in the next day, standing over his desk and whispering 'Lawrence of Raisinets' and watching his face

drop." Pat reports he and his family have spent much of the spring and summer in Rhode Island. The pandemic has produced its fair share of ups and downs. **Paul Collins** left his role at Playworks due to COVID-19. While looking for his next challenge, he has been doing a lot of biking and hiking in the Bay Area, a ton of reading, enjoying an occasional adult beverage, and supporting the #BLM movement whenever he can. **Sean Reddington** is a first-time contributor to Prowlings. Welcome, Sean! He reports that he has been working at the Federal Reserve Bank of NY for the past five years as a bank examiner after a long career at BNP Paribas as a Managing Director in Fixed Income. His daughters Paige (Amherst) and Grace (Cornell) moved back in to the house with him and his wife Hollie and their brother Callum in March. Sean is in touch with **Greg Pitaro** and **Bob Maggiamo**. He ran into **John LaRocca** at the bus stop in Montclair, NJ a few years ago. I guess that gets John off the hook, who wrote to me last week to say he has nothing to report. The "nothing to report" crew also includes **Mario Casella**, who must be too busy enjoying the beach on Long Island to think of anything to write. He can't blame his typically robust music concert itinerary for the absence of a submission. COVID put a wrinkle in **Joe Peiser's** plans. He and his wife Andrea moved to Hoboken as recently minted empty nesters to be closer to NYC and so he could have a short commute to Downtown. But due to COVID they are no longer empty nesters and Joe's commute got even shorter — from bed to laptop in 20 seconds! **Greg Pitaro**, **Tony Spina**, **John LaRocca** ("Mr. Nothing to Report" shows up again), **Mike Madigan**, and **Larry Lonergan** held a COVID ZOOM call to catch up. Greg reports that he is still practicing internal medicine in the same practice with two fellow Regents — **Joe DeVito '84** and **Frank O'Brien '74**. Greg's son **Nicky '16** just graduated college and will be starting medical school at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in the Fall. Greg spent two weeks volunteering at one of the COVID wards at NYU-Langone Hospital. On a somber note, **Pat McGoldrick's** father

passed away in June. Condolences to the entire McGoldrick Family including Pat's brother **Raymond McGoldrick '84** and his son **Patrick '18**. **Warren Finnerty** posted a series of impressive Facebook updates regarding his biking exploits. When the 2020 North East AIDS Ride was canceled, he logged a 258-mile one-day trek from Boston to NYC, raising a lot of funds in the process. Then he was off to the Rockies and completed a bucket list ride from Durango to Ouray, which included three mountain passes at 10,500-foot elevation. **Don Hess** has been living in Boston for the last 20 years, working as a surgeon at Boston Medical Center — a hospital that was hit pretty hard with the surge of COVID-19 patients in April. Don reports that the good news is the hospital never had an issue with PPE, and the staff weathered it well. Prior to the pandemic, Don joined **Tony DeBlasi**, **Joe Ryan**, and **Kieran Buckley** for a drink at a local Irish bar, Doyle's, in the final weeks before it closed. Don's older sister had two of her sons graduate from Regis this year (one other starts senior year in the fall). The American West is also popular with the Class of 1982. **Ben Sokolow** has been living in Utah since 2006 with his wife Dixie Harris and their two daughters. They're prepping to be empty nesters this Fall (maybe it will last longer than **Joe Peiser's** foray) with Valerie a junior at W&L and Annelise a freshman at Carleton. Ben states, "Between vaping and COVID-19, Dixie has been quite busy this past year. She's a pulmonary critical care physician at Intermountain Healthcare, and as such she was the first to alert the Utah Department of Health about a possible sickness/vaping connection. She also spent two weeks in New York helping the Northwell Health System during their COVID-19 surge." Ben is a consultant in the healthcare data analytics area. Back East, **Tom Kwiatkowski** is living in the Berkshires with his wife and daughter. He is a staff Neurologist at Berkshire Medical. He is still in touch with **Charlie Bailey**, who is a Pediatric Oncologist and Bioinformatics "guru" at UPenn. When I asked Tom to say hi to Arlo Guthrie for me the next time he sees him on Main Street in West

Stockbridge, he pointed out that Arlo, his daughter, and grandson have all been patients. I guess you can get anything you want at Tom's Restaurant (er, hospital). **John Conway** is never short on stories. I would not do his latest offering justice by paraphrasing, so I'm going to copy his narrative verbatim. "Here's an example of how weird our world has become. My wife Peggy became very ill in the beginning of May. Essentially her pancreas stopped functioning properly and her blood sugar levels rose as high as 700. So she got hospitalized for a week. Her nurse told her that she was her only patient not on a ventilator, and that it was nice to have someone to talk to! My wife was also one of only three patients in the hospital who did not have COVID. When she was being released, she asked to be tested again, because she was going home to someone who had comorbidities (guess who?). They refused to test her because she was asymptomatic! However, my boss called me the following day and told me that he needed a haircut so he had arranged for him and his barber to get tested and well as his wife and her hairstylist!" **Carlo DeLuna** and his wife Doreen celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in June with their three boys - Bobby, Richie, and Gabe. **Bill Mitchell** is preparing to drop his oldest son off at the University of Notre Dame to begin his freshman year. He will be going through the college process again this fall with his daughter, and another two sons to follow after that. Bill and family have lived on Saint Simons Island for 20 years, where he practices plastic surgery. He boasts that Saint Simons Island is "a great place to live and vacation (and great retirement spot for future reference) - beaches, golf, tennis, boating, fishing, winters not bad at all." **Joe Shalhoub** checked in to say hello. His son will be an eighth grader this year, and Joe says, "I have come to the sad realization that Boston to Manhattan is probably just too much of a commute for him to consider applying to Regis. It's probably almost as bad as Staten Island to Regis!!" Joe says he speaks to **Terry McGovern** on a regular basis. There are a few more family educational milestones to report. **Tim Dowling's**

son Dean will be attending Davidson College this Fall after virtually teaching middle school students as a Breakthrough Fellow this Summer. **Bill Bartlett's** youngest daughter Becca graduated virtually from Elon University in May. He says they all still plan on going back whenever it's safe to do a full on-campus, in-person graduation ceremony, even if it's all the way into spring of 2021. Elon has a tradition where they do a large ceremony on opening day where each freshman gets an acorn that they're supposed to keep until they graduate — there's a significance of Elon and "Under the Oaks" - and then on graduation day, they trade in their acorn for an oak sapling signifying their growth. None of the students or the school wanted to miss out on the tradition. **Arthur Xanthos** had one more college graduation in May — Kiera from Emory — making it two college tuitions down and two left. He and his wife Colleen are working remotely from home. Arthur says, "So far I haven't overstayed my welcome here. Things that are different since the pandemic: daily checks to make sure the fridge is stocked and the wine level is adequate, more calls and check-ins with friends and family, and more appreciation for you guys who were brave enough to take computer science and ended up working in IT, keeping everything running for the rest of us." After being an empty nester for the last four years, COVID struck and **Fred Lynch** was suddenly joined at home by his son's five-person rock band, his daughter and her boyfriend, and his three nieces. They spent the next few weeks eating and drinking Fred out of house and home. Fred remarked that he should have filmed a reality show documenting the experience. The band, Parrotfish, recorded an EP and even let Fred sing harmony on their new song "Higher Love." A live performance of the song can be watched at: <https://youtu.be/trniOITD22E>. Fred is living in Tampa and was just about to sign for an apartment in NYC when COVID struck. **Chris Barnett** checked in and reported that he and his wife Patti have been married since 2001 and are living in Kansas City. He said it is nice to have a Super Bowl win in his hometown. I'm not sure if he really is a Chiefs fan or if that is just a shot

at NY Jets fans. Chris's son Evan is 15, playing competitive soccer, and will be studying BC calculus in the Fall and expecting his dad to be helpful with the homework. Chris' daughter Juliet is 17 and playing varsity basketball and going into senior year in the Fall. She is planning to study civil engineering in college. Chris himself started Barnett Strategies in summer 2017 and is working with tech start-ups on business development and marketing. As for me, I've been largely teleworking since March. COVID has decimated mass transit and I have been working with my colleagues at the MTA to help get through this unprecedented crisis. A June family trip to Disney World was canceled and replaced by an August trip to the Adirondacks. My wife Zoe and our two toddlers Tate and Pippa can't wait for a much-needed escape to nature. If anyone has any contact information for the following "lost classmates" let me know and I will forward to the Regis Development Office: **Al Blumenstock, Christopher Carl, Mario Consing, John DeRiso, Eugene Fee, Vincent Garofalo, Peter Laino, John Lawler, Anthony Ligouri, Horace Lindsay, Marc Muschitiello, John McDermott, Don Murray, Gregory Pierce, Matt Rafferty, Michael Reine, Tom Ryan, Tom Sands, Bill Smith, Steven Stalzer, Michael Stewart, Michael Straub, Chet Szatkowski, Joe Titta, Ray Toledo, Mark Varous, Edgar Zaragoza, or William Ziruolo.** If you are one of these wayward Regians yourself, it is in your hands. Well, that's a wrap. We got 32 classmate citations in this submission (not counting the "lost souls"). Good job! Stay safe, healthy, and happy.

1983

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1984

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On June 27, **Chuck Detrizio** passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. As soon as we heard the news, there was a flurry of emails back and forth amongst our class. The recurring theme was simple and clear: Chuck was a good guy who will be missed by all. Here is a link to a tribute that appeared on his law firm's web site:

www.shermanwells.com/charles_detrizio_memoriam. **Kieran Fallon** suggested we take up a collection to make a donation in Chuck's name and, as is always the case, our class quickly came together in a time of need. In about one week, we raised over \$8,000! Part of that was put towards a floral arrangement that was delivered to the funeral home for Chuck's wake (kudos to **Jim McDonnell** for getting that done), while the rest was donated to Regis in Chuck's memory. As Kieran said "It has been really heartwarming to see so many pitch in to make this gift possible. I know Chuck would be overwhelmed." In an effort to change gears and lighten the mood, I offer up a poem written by our class poet laureate--**Pat Coffey**--as a combined tribute to **Dr. Tony Fauci '58** (class of '58) and our own **Jaroslav Kicuik**: "*While your nickname may rhyme with slouch, / As all your classmates will avouch, / Onwell's class is proud of their Slawch, / While the Class of '58 claims a Fauch!*" **Al DeGrasse** writes: "Last year I gave up on sleeping, walking, sitting or living *without* nerve pain. Less than one year after spine surgery, I laced 'em up for RABL and took on Bethpage Black (paired with Mets prospect Gavin Garay!). God is good, the Columbia Spine Institute is good, and the RABL squad remains pure '84. But until '58 joins the league, I'm not buying the Fauci hoops hype." **Pete Webner's** small biotec — Zionexa USA — has had its first Diagnostic Imaging drug for recurrent or Metastatic Breast Cancer, Cerianna, approved by the FDA (www.cerianna.com). They will be launching commercial production with Siemens Healthineers PETNET Solutions in early 2021. **Kieran O'Connor's** son, Matthew, has graduated from Skidmore College with a degree in Computer Science and Mathematics. He is currently working for Epic Systems in Madison, WI. Epic is a large maker of health care software. Finally, please remember the family of **Pat '82** and **Ray McGoldrick**, who lost their father in June.

1985

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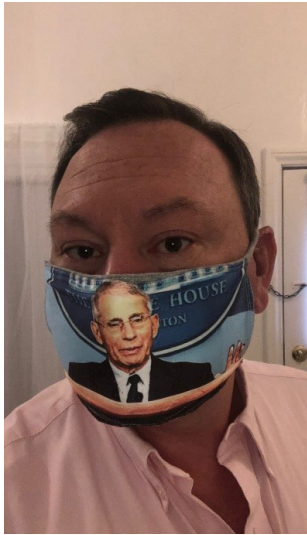
Wishing you and your loved ones well during these challenging times — you all are in our daily



Al DeGrasse '84 takes on Bethpage Black.

prayers. Not too long ago, I shared a note with our class about "R & R." The first "R" was about Regis and reunion — 35 years since our graduation from 55 E. 84th St. Our plan was to gather on April 4th with classmates and spouses, with the goal to reminisce and reflect on what Regis has meant to our families, careers, and service to others — while also having lots of belly laughs. Needless to say, COVID-19 derailed our plan so we will have to wait for our reunion — but the good news, the plan is to have it next spring while sharing it with the Class of '86. The more the merrier (Regians, stories, and laughs) — and 85/86 have always been close, so much so they have now united in the Regis Alumni Basketball League effort. We look forward to gathering for our 35th next spring. The second "R" relates to us being *Men for Others* and perhaps in this instance being men for a brother, *one of our own*. **Ross Dobson** and his family had a devastating fire at their home — they were displaced, almost nothing salvageable, a long time before they have a home to return to, and extremely sad, their dog Bailey perished in the fire. Ross, his wife, and two young lads need to replace everything. So, we thought we could help in a small way. Many of us checked in with Ross — it says so much about us as Regians, as a class, as brothers. We asked him what he needs, how could we

help? Not surprisingly, he said he didn't need anything — but during my conversation with him, he shared ever-so-humbly that there are some needs, so based on the recommendations of other 85ers, we did a class-collection for Ross and family. Personally, it was touching to be on the receiving end of the thoughtful response, and it was a privilege to steward and share the gifts you all gave with Ross and family. Know that he was touched too by the generosity and genuine gestures. Needless to say, I was not surprised by the response. It was more evidence of what we know: Regis teaches us lessons for life, produces *Men for Others*, and in the case of our class, men for our brothers always. So thank you for the generosity you share with Ross, each other, Regis, and those that follow us. The intention of the "R & R" note was to build a buzz about our 35th Reunion, reminiscing, and Ross but it evolved into a *Reflection* and *Reminder* of how special Regis is, how special you are to me and we are to each other, and that we need to keep growing the gift of Regis so others can experience it. Let's continue to build the buzz about Regis and do all we can to grow the mission, impact, and lessons for life for those that follow us. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the gift of you. We close by asking for one more thing — and that is prayers for **Glenn Cummins** and his family. His mom died recently, and



Eddie Gamarra 'go rocking his
Fauci mask.

we reflected with him on memories of his mom, and her memories of Regis, our class, and some basketball adventures. The gift of Regis is not just for the graduates but for the families — and Glenn shared that through some of the reflections his mom shared with him during her final days. Glenn, we pray for you and your loved ones, and we pray to your mom and ask that she watches over us all from above. Here is praying for all in the Class of '85 and your loved ones, may you remain well, safe, and strong.

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Jim Buck recently released the first single "Shining Winter Girl" from his new album "Elmhurst" (named after where he grew up). Both are available on Spotify, Apple Music, and other music platforms.

1989

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Arsenio Santos (arsenio@gmail.com) recently celebrated his 2nd anniversary of retiring from the SF tech startup industry, and also celebrated 2 years working in Engineering Management at Cisco (which was already a 100%-remote job, so he's been weathering the world with a well-practiced hand). **JP Freeley** (jpf321@gmail.com) recently completed his second Master's of Science degree, writing "This one is from St. John's University in the field of Data Science. In 1998 I had completed my first Masters of Science in Computer Science at Pace University." **Maurice Dostal** (mauricedostal@yahoo.co.uk) is enjoying his work at Sotheby's International Realty and is excited to be assisting a first time home buyer with the purchase of a condominium in downtown Jersey City. **Jerry Russello** (grussello@sidley.com) and wife Lexi are back after 12 years to one-on-one defense as opposed to zone, now that their first is off to college. Jerry is spending his time going backwards, and is working on a children's book and trying to practice law from his basement.

1990

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In spite of quarantine, **John Farrelly** and his wife, Aileen (D.A. '91), and family had a lot to celebrate this year. Their oldest, Ellen (23) graduated from Manhattan College with a degree in chemical engineering and minors in chemistry and theatre. Although her graduation was postponed, she was awarded one of Manhattan College's most prestigious and competitive awards, the Gunn Medal. It is awarded to the graduating senior who has made the most significant overall contribution to Manhattan College during his or her undergraduate years with an emphasis on excellence, leadership, and service. Ellen will be staying at Manhattan College for a masters in environmental engineering. Their youngest, Aileen Mary (14) graduated 8th grade from The Ursuline School in New Rochelle and is staying on for high school. Clare (20) is going into sophomore year at Manhattan College, majoring in Accounting and Marketing and

Sean (17) will be going into junior year at Loyola. Everyone is working and taking classes this summer and is praying for in-person learning in the fall. The family escaped quarantine for a road trip to Mount Rushmore in July. It was a lot of driving, but all worth the family time and laughs. **Eddie Gamarra** writes: "My quarantine has been super busy. Mediated an amicable divorce. Sold a house. Flew in and out of Minneapolis. Vacationed in the Mojave Desert. Did a 12 state road trip over the Fourth of July. Celebrated my 48th birthday up in the Central Coast. All while staying properly distancing, ever sanitized, and rocking my Fauci mask. By no means am I trying to be glib about COVID as I know our brothers have been directly impacted and lost loved ones. Everyone is in my prayers." **Greg Schwartz** writes: "After spending the last 15 years in self-imposed exile in the wilds of Scotland, my family and I are looking forward to a return to the U.S., with a gratefully received assist from **Peter Santoro**, who not only provided some valuable insight as to the merits of the new position I was interested in, but importantly, put me in touch with the appropriate people within Pete's company (where he had been for many years, and where he is very well regarded as his classmates would expect to be the case) during their hiring process." Greg has joined the U.S. bond team after having tried for a few months to set up a new fund independently (turns out you need quite a lot of cash to do that) and having run the Investment Grade bond team at a local Edinburgh firm for a few years prior to that. Greg added: "Exciting times ahead — made more complex by the current COVID situation, but hopefully in the near to medium term, the family and I will be back on the East Coast." Lastly and most joyously, **Anthony Canale** writes, "My wife, Sandy, gave birth to our sixth child, Thomas Charles Canale, on June 18th. At birth, Thomas weighed in at 9 lbs and 6 oz and was 21 inches long. Both my wife and little Thomas are doing great, and his five older siblings (Pasquale, Michael, Angela, Gianna, and Stephen) are absolutely overjoyed with having a new little brother."

1991

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After about 20 years in California (the first couple in Silicon Valley and then in Pasadena), **Gerard Marra** and his family are moving to South Bend, IN. After initially working in IT, Gerard transitioned to CFO/controller roles in the auto dealership industry. His new position in South Bend is a homecoming as both he and his wife attended Notre Dame. Adding to the turbulence associated with any cross-country move, Gerard's 10-year-old son was also recently diagnosed with cancer, so please keep him and the entire Marra family in your prayers.

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John Kuhner checked in from upstate New York: "My wife Catherine and I bought a house in Allgerville, New York last fall, an 1803 house which once functioned as 'the John Forbes Hotel.' We're hoping it's our last house. We have some kind of intention to fix it up, but as we came here with three toddlers, that may not happen anytime soon. I usually teach Latin for the Paideia Institute in Italy during the summers, but not this summer, so I've been writing: some freelance writing for Scholastic, some for the Paideia journal In Medias Res, and a column for Inside the Vatican magazine. We've also just started an online used bookshop called Redux Books, a Latin and Greek bookshop which will do quarterly sales."

1995

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COVID-19 saw the Class of 1995's 25th Reunion postponed until next Summer. The chicken marsala, **Paul Cummins**-led Alma Mater renditions, and Page 6 gossip will have to wait until 2021. Friends and classmates of **Guthrie Garvin** are dismayed to report that Guthrie had to postpone his wedding to Claire Ogdon until 2021. See you in Chicago next year pal. For all of your lawyer needs, call **Rob Boller**. Rob accepted the position of Partner in Charge of the New York office of Barnes & Thornburg this past February. Rob made his first order of business to physically close that office — way to play hard to get Rob. Best wishes to you all and stay safe out there.

1996

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1997

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Scott Moringiello was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the Department of Catholic Studies at DePaul University. Insanely happy to report that **James Short's** son Aidan will begin at Regis in the fall as a member of the class of 2024! He is the first of hopefully many more to come!

1998

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1999

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Neha and **Karl Lugo** welcomed their second child, Lucia Indira, on June 14 at 2:05 a.m., weighing 5lbs, and 17 inches long. Though she arrived five weeks early, both Neha and baby Lucia are healthy and happy. Ishan has embraced his new "helper" role



Left: Paula and Anthony DeFrancesco '02 welcomed Katherine Cesira on June 7.



Right: Regis Principal Fr. Anthony Andreassi, C.O., with Victoria and John Hein '02 at the baptism of their daughter Antonella Margaret on June 28.

and is very loving towards his baby sister. **Owen Reidy** and his wife Maureen welcomed their second child, Theresa Halleran, on July 6. Theresa joins big sister Eileen (2 years old) at home in the beautiful Bronx.

2000

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Ariel Perez and his wife Maria were blessed with the arrival of their second child, baby girl Cassia Kavatsiuk-Pérez on July 13th at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London. Ariel insisted on smuggling her into the US in a duty-free popcorn tin so that she can run for President in 2056. She is currently vetting VP candidates. In June **Daniel Shapiro** celebrated his 15th anniversary working for The Boeing Company in their commercial aircraft division. Among his notable successes are leading the 737 Max team and championing a new project: "The Spruce Goose for the 21st Century." This summer **David Fannon** was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor of Architecture and Civil Engineering at Northeastern University, where he studies and teaches the science and design of buildings. Although certainly influenced by Ms. Steers (and his

first client, **Fr. Arthur Bender, SJ, '67**) he has not yet assigned his students to draw Stravinsky upside down. For any Regians in the Boston area, David would be happy to meet up once campus reopens

2001

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Jessica and **Phil Klay** are excited to announce that they welcomed their third son, Lucas Ignacio, in April. Mom and Lucas are doing well and big brothers Adrian and Marcos are thrilled to have their new brother at home. Phil is also pleased to announce the publishing of his first novel, *Missionaries*, which will be out in October.

2002

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Jillian and **Rick Fasano**, along with big sister Scarlett, welcomed August Michael Fasano to the family on June 2, 2020. Little Augie is still figuring out the whole "sleep" thing but he is a cheerful presence and a constant source of joy. Best wishes from the expanded Fasano family to all! Paula and **Anthony DeFrancesco** welcomed their first child, Katherine

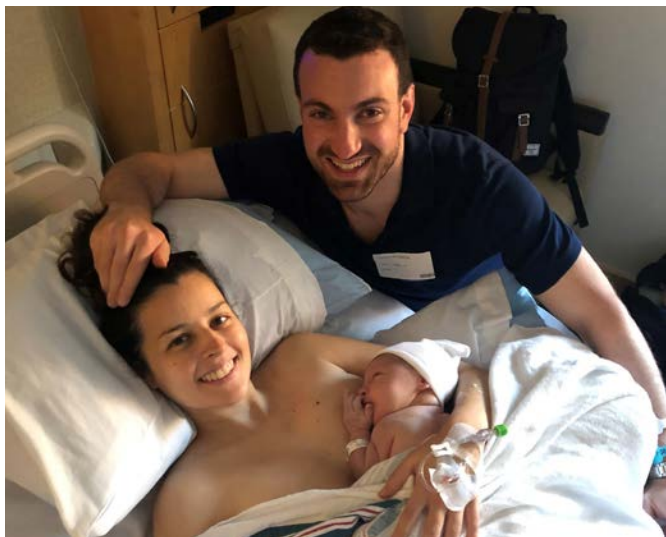
Cesira, into the world on June 7, 2020. On June 28, after churches reopened, Fr. Anthony Andreassi, C.O., graciously made the trek from Brooklyn to Yonkers to baptize Antonella Margaret, daughter of Victoria and **John Hein**, at St. John the Baptist Church. It was a reunion of sorts, as Victoria and John were parishioners of the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where Fr. Andreassi serves as a parish priest, during their one-year sojourn in Brooklyn Heights. Both John and Fr. Andreassi were baptized at the same baptismal font at St. John's, and both Victoria and John (in 2017) and Fr. Andreassi's parents (in 1967) married there. Michelle and **Chris Elms** finished their assignments in Islamabad for the State Department in August. After two years in Pakistan, they'll spend a year in Washington, DC learning Burmese before heading to Rangoon next summer. **Tim McGinn**, an attorney in Miami, Florida, is now a partner at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. Tim specializes in civil and probate litigation.

2003

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Top: Tim De Santa '07 and his wife, Genelle Diaz-Silveira, welcomed their first child, Theo Jesse De Santa, on July 28.

Bottom: Christine and Rob Wyllie '07 are expecting their fourth child this fall.

Jonathan Barsa and his wife Maria welcomed their second daughter, Sage Frances Barsa, on October 14, 2019. **Jean-Claude Desrosiers** and his wife Elizabeth Foley welcomed their son William Michael Desrosiers on the last day of June 2020. Big brother Elijah is excited to teach his little bro all about trucks. Meanwhile, Dad is conjuring arguments to persuade mom to

move back to New York, so — God willing — the boys may one day have the opportunity to become Regians. Suggestions are welcome, and prayers are appreciated. God bless. **William Marra** and his wife Erin welcomed their first son, Maxime Dean Marra, into the world on July 10, 2020. Heeding his New York and Arkansas heritages, Max looks forward to transitioning from

a milk-based diet to one of pizza and grits.

2004

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Matthew Murtagh and his wife, Kalene DeHaut, welcomed Seamus Enrico on July 22, 2019.

2005

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2007

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Tully McLoughlin,
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Several members of the Class of 2007 are happy to announce the fulfillment of a long-standing birth pact dating back to the halcyon days of 2006. **Rob Brochin** and his wife Sara welcomed their son Samuel Edward Brochin into the world on May 28. **Jay Jay Loftus** and his wife Andrea welcomed their son Iain Fortunato Loftus into the world on July 15. Five days later on July 20, **Jimmy Burbage** and his wife Mary Alaina welcomed their son James Jeffrey Burbage into the world. Finally, on July 28, **Tim De Santa's** wife Genelle Diaz-Silveira gave birth to their first child Theo Jesse De Santa at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ! Theo's middle name was given in honor of Tim's big sister, Jess, who passed away from breast cancer this past December. Tim and Genelle hope Baby Theo will be inspired by his Aunt Jess's legacy of love, compassion, and the joy of life! These new fathers have a long way to go before catching up to **Rob Wyllie**, who, along with his wife Christine are expecting their fourth child in the fall! Additionally, this past December, Rob successfully defended his doctoral thesis entitled "Beyond Envy: Spinoza's Solution to An Ancient Political Problem." He hopes to teach at the college level.

His family is exceedingly proud of his productivity these past few years!

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Ryan Glassman married Carly Porath on November 9, 2019 at The Whitby Castle in Rye, NY. Ryan and Carly were thrilled to host a sizable Regis contingent at their wedding and are extremely thankful to have such good friends in the Regis crew and their significant others.

2010

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On January 3, 2020, Fr. Andreassi married **TC Weinandt** to Kendall Post in the Regis Chapel.

2011

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Emily and **Alex Pisano** welcomed their second child, John Mario Pisano, on May 15th, 2020. Congratulations!

2013

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Top: Carly Porath and Ryan Glassman '09 celebrated their wedding alongside a large contingent of Regians, including: Paul Gorynski '09, Conor Dwyer '09, Tom McKenna '09, Joe Lumley '09, Mike Agresti '09, Nick Thomas '09, Pat Fasano '09, Brendan Graham '09, Rob Betz '09, Chris Insana '09, James Sayer '09, Joe Schade '09, Tim Steinmetz '09, Chris Schaller '09, and John Wynne '09.

Bottom: The January 3, 2020 marriage of TC Weinlandt '10 and Kendall Post in the Regis Chapel performed by Fr. Andreassi. Left to Right: Jeff Weinlandt '64, Kendall Post, TC Weinlandt '10, Lynne Weinlandt, Will Weinlandt '10.

Events Calendar

For more information on upcoming events, visit regis.org/events

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

OCTOBER

14 Virtual Freshman Parent Reception

Virtual cocktail reception with Fr. Lahart

16 Virtual JUG Night

Annual alumni reception held digitally this year

17 Virtual Grandparents Day 2020

Mass and program with Fr. Lahart

NOVEMBER

11 Virtual Deo et Patriae Reception

Honoring all who gave at the Order of the Owl level.

Milestones

BIRTHS

Thomas Charles on June 18, 2020 to Sandy and **Anthony Canale '90**

Lucia Indira on June 14, 2020 to Neha and **Karl Lugo '99**

Theresa Halleran on July 6, 2020 to Maureen and **Owen Reidy '99**

Cassia Kavatsiuk-Perez on July 13, 2020 to Maria Kavatsiuk and **Ariel Perez '00**

Lucas Ignacio in April 2020 to Jessica and **Phil Klay '01**

Katherine Cesira on June 7, 2020 to Paula and **Anthony DeFrancesco '02**

August Michael on June 2, 2020 to Jillian and **Rick Fasano '02**

Sage Frances on October 14, 2019 to Maria and **Jonathan Barsa '03**

William Michael on June 30, 2020 to Elizabeth Foley and **Jean-Claude Desrosiers '03**

Maxime Dean on July 10, 2020 to Erin and **William Marra '03**

Seamus Enrico on July 22, 2019 to Kalene DeHaut and **Matthew Murtagh '04**

Samuel Edward on May 28, 2020 to Sara and **Rob Brochin '07**

James Jeffrey on July 20, 2020 to Mary Alaina and **Jimmy Burbage '07**

Theo Jesse on July 28, 2020 to Genelle Diaz-Silveira and **Tim De Santa '07**

Iain Fortunato on July 15, 2020 to Andrea and **Jay Jay Loftus '07**

John Mario on May 15, 2020 to Emily and **Alex Pisano '12**

WEDDINGS

Peter Rivera '75 to Lynn Behrendt in August 2019

Ryan Glassman '09 to Carly Porath on November 9, 2019

TC Weinlandt '10 to Kendall Post on January 3, 2020

DEATHS

John P. McCall '45 on May 22, 2020

Peter J. Masella '47 on May 28, 2020

Joseph J. Griffin '49 on October 22, 2019

Jacob J. Hiel '49 on June 27, 2020

William J. Kearney '49 on January 12, 2020

Peter Hamill '53 on August 5, 2020

John McDonnell, Jr. '55 on March 1, 2020

Angelo J. Lopano, M.D. '57 on May 18, 2020

Rev. Robert Astorino '61 on June 25, 2020

George Konikowski '63 on April 23, 2019

Douglas J. Grady '68 on May 9, 2020

Charles S. Detrizio '84 on June 27, 2020

In our previous issue, we incorrectly reported the date on which William J. Kearney '49 passed away. We regret the error.



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