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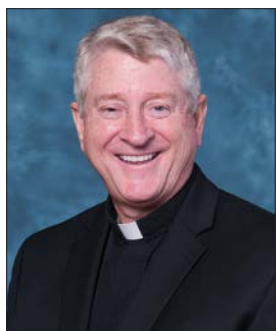


Above With this jumpshot, Joe Manfredi '20 surpassed 1,000 points scored for his career, becoming only the third Regian in recorded history to reach that milestone.

On the Cover REACH students react to the conclusion of a heated battle in their robotics class. Learn more about the REACH Program on p. 10-19.

President's Report

A Unique Undertaking



I have to admit that when I first arrived at Regis, I was a little put off by how “unique” we were. It seemed like we gloried in doing things differently than others. But, as time went on, I realized that it isn’t just talk. Regis is truly unique in many, many ways. Of course, there are

lots of commonalities between the Jesuit high school I ran in Houston and Regis. We are governed by the same Jesuit values – AMDG, *Men for Others*, *Magis*, Finding God in All Things, *Cura Personalis*. But there are so many ways that we are indeed unique.

It goes beyond the superficial – our Upper East Side location less than two blocks from the Met and Central Park, doing trimesters rather than quarters and semesters, seniors doing Christian Service on Tuesday mornings and often full-time in the third tri, eschewing AP classes.

Our uniqueness comes from our founding.

The Foundress, Fr. Hearn, and for 105 years our mission has supported “*a tuition-free Jesuit college preparatory education to Roman Catholic young men from the New York metropolitan area who demonstrate superior intellectual and leadership potential. In the admissions process, special consideration is given to those who cannot otherwise afford a Catholic education.*”

This IS unique.

As I meet alumni from various decades, they almost universally tell me, “Regis changed my life.” This assembling of talented young men from across the metropolitan area, regardless of ability to pay, has for generations made this a special place.

Just as Regis has been changing lives since 1914, the REACH Program has been doing the same thing since 2002. As our Strategic Plan states, through REACH Regis can establish “ourselves as the

academic and spiritual gateway for the economically disadvantaged segment of the middle school population in our community.”

The success stories of REACH abound, and just a handful of them can be found in the pages that follow. While many REACH alumni do matriculate at Regis (20 students from REACH have been accepted to Regis each of the last two years), all REACH alumni go on to good high schools and have the foundation necessary to be successful there and beyond.

The Jesuits have long been involved in middle school education and pioneered the Nativity model here in NYC going back to 1971, but the REACH model is different. An intensive enrichment program that provides for students to remain in their own grade schools, the REACH approach was unique to Regis.

But, alas, it no longer is. Yes, other Jesuit high schools have found this model so compelling that they have borrowed and implemented it at their own schools. And we couldn’t be happier.

REACH has been an integral part of Regis since 2002, and since its expansion in 2015 it touches even more lives. Its growth has been made possible through the generous support of those within and beyond the Regis family. I hope that the day will come when REACH is fully endowed, but until then, it rightly deserves our support.

As we start this new decade, I thank you for your generous support of Regis High School. Regis is unique, and Regis does change lives. And we can do all this year after year, decade after decade, generation after generation because others share the dream of the Foundress. Thank you.

Be assured of my prayers for you and the entire Regis community.

Daniel K. Lahart, SJ
President

The Office of Development

New Legislation on Charitable Giving: The Impact on Your Taxes

In the last several years, a series of laws enacted by Congress has resulted in several significant changes to the philanthropic landscape, causing charitable-minded donors to re-evaluate the *methods* by which they support their favorite non-profits.

The most recent development comes in the wake of the SECURE (Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement) Act. This major overhaul of the retirement system, which passed with bi-partisan (!) support in December 2019, impacts both charitable gifts and estate plans that involve IRAs.

RMDs and QCDs

The SECURE Act increases the age of Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from 70.5 to 72, allowing those taxpayers who can afford it to delay taking money out of their IRAs. One important piece of good news for charitable giving is that while the minimum age for the RMD has increased to 72, the age at which an individual may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) will remain at 70.5. This permits taxpayers who fall in that 70.5 to 72 range who are not itemizing deductions to still receive a tax benefit from their charitable gifts.

Since being written into the law permanently at the end of 2015, the IRA Charitable Rollover, as these QCD's are known, has been the tool by which an increasing number of people subject to RMDs donate to their favorite charities without increasing their adjusted gross income. Those QCDs also count toward any RMD owed in the tax year, up to a limit of \$100,000.

In 2019, Regis saw a 20% increase in giving through IRAs vs. prior year for a total of nearly \$800,000.

Those to whom RMDs apply should look for the IRS to publish new proposed life expectancy tables for calculating RMDs in the next year or so. The new tables, replacing those in effect since 2002, will likely result in lower RMDs for most IRA owners and beneficiaries.

The End of the Stretch IRA

Perhaps the single most significant impact of the SECURE Act is the elimination of what is referred to as the Stretch IRA for most (but not all) non-spouse beneficiaries in inherited IRAs and other retirement accounts. The new law removes the ability of an individual to stretch inherited retirement account distributions over an entire lifetime and now mandates that inherited retirement accounts be emptied by the end of the tenth year following the year of death.

Estimated to generate \$16 billion to the Treasury over the next ten years, the end of the Stretch IRA will also be a game changer in estate planning as people recognize the tax burden that distributions from inherited accounts (now forced to occur within a limited time frame) may cause the beneficiary. While it has always been more tax efficient within an estate to make charitable bequests from the retirement plan assets and gift to heirs from conventional investments (e.g., stocks, bonds, real estate), the new “drain-in-ten” rule may cause more individuals to consider naming a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) as a beneficiary of their IRAs or other Qualified Retirement Plans (401k and 403b). Establishing a CRT, which would provide a steady income stream to the donor's heirs for their lifetime or a set period of years, bypasses the required ten-year payout period and stretches out (but does not avoid) income taxes on IRA assets.

“Bundling” Charitable Giving

Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the standard deduction for 2020 has increased to \$24,800 for married couples and \$12,400 for singles, and to \$27,400 and \$13,700 for couples and singles aged 65 or older.

As a result, an increasing number of donors have chosen to “bundle” their charitable donations in order to exceed the standard deduction-- either by giving larger gifts in alternating years or by using a donor-advised fund (DAF) to condense

Key Takeaways

- You can still make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA when you turn 70.5 even though the minimum age at which you must begin to take a Required Minimum Distribution is now 72.
- Designating a charity as the beneficiary of an IRA and creating Charitable Remainder Trusts are even more attractive planned giving strategies now that non-spouse inherited IRAs must be liquidated within 10 years of receipt.
- The strategy of “bundling” charitable donations to exceed higher standard deductions continues to fuel rapid growth in donor-advised funds.

several years' worth of giving into one year and gain the maximum tax benefits available while still making annual gifts. The fastest growing giving vehicle in the US, grant-making from DAFs has nearly doubled in the past five years (The 2019 DAF Report). For the second year in a row, the number of DAF accounts grew by more than 50% as DAFs have evolved to offer more flexible structuring, the absence of minimums, and the ability to make smaller grants to charities.

As new laws impacting charitable giving take effect, Regis encourages members of its community to consult with their financial/tax advisors to understand the most efficient ways to meet their philanthropic goals.

To receive a copy of the Regis Planned Giving brochure or speak to someone in the Regis Development Office about the most tax efficient ways to give to the Annual Fund or include Regis in your estate plans, please feel free to contact the Development Office at giving@regis.org or (212) 288-1142.

News & Notes

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Friends, Regions, Countrymen!



In December, the Regis Rep's production of William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* enjoyed a successful four-night run in the Regis auditorium, including sell-out performances on Friday and Saturday night. The production, which was directed by Mr. David Grunner '05, took a novel approach to the canonical work. Putting to work the skills of costume designer Dr. Allison Tyndall, stage crew moderator Mr. James Langlan, and set designer Ms. Kathleen

Harris P'11'21, the rep brought the play into the 21st century, staging the tragedy as if it occurred in a contemporary boarding school. Additionally, the play was performed "in the round," with audience members on all sides of the performers.

"The play was a huge success," said Regis Rep moderator Ms. Gena Reisig. "We chose Caesar because it's read by every freshman who comes through the school. And it is still fresh and relevant today. The actors did a phenomenal job in bringing this play to life in the 21st century."

Christopher Pocchia '20 delivered a tour de force performance as the titular Caesar, while Obi Nwako '20, Juan Arturo Trillo '21, and Daniel Spiezio '22 deftly navigated the complex emotional currents and political intrigue as Marcus Brutus, Mark Antony, and Caius Cassius, respectively. Other members of the stellar cast included Blake Sheridan '20, Graham Johnson '21, Eric Krieger '21, Eamon McShane '21, Xavier Rousseau '21, Robert Buza '22, Connor Connolly '22, Aidan McMahon '22, Ryan Shanahan '22, Avery Espiritu '23, Charlotte Ainsworth, Molly English, Anaïs Escobar, Arijana Lukosevicius, Grace Marks, and Lauren Mlicko.

Young Alumni Gather for Collegiate Holiday Luncheon



On Monday, January 6, college-aged Regis alumni gathered in the auditorium to catch up with each other and the Regis faculty at the second annual Collegiate Holiday Luncheon. Roughly 100 young alumni returned to East 84th Street, where they enjoyed lunch together and shared news of their time after Regis.

"It was great to have our college-aged alumni back in the building," said Alumni Director Vincent Catapano '96. "It's a pleasure to hear about how they are doing in their college careers and watch them catch up with classmates and former teachers."

Regis Marches for Life

On Friday, January 24, 13 Regions rose early in the morning to travel by bus for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Each year, Amate Vitam, Regis's Pro-Life Club, sends a group to join the hundreds of thousands of Americans who collectively bear witness to the right to life.

"Witnessing for the right to life is part of our commitment to doing justice as a Jesuit school," said Mr. David Bonagura '99, Amate Vitam moderator. "Pope Francis has challenged us to reach out to those on the margins, to those whose voices go unheard by our society. Certainly, the unborn, the most vulnerable of all, need our voices to speak for them, so they may have life and fulfill the vocation God created for them at the moment of their conceptions."

This year marked the 47th annual March for Life with Americans from across the country and of every ethnic and religious

background cheering and praying that every life may be valued and protected. The marchers were blessed with a sunny and moderate day for their walk along Constitution Avenue, which began at the Washington Monument and concluded at the Supreme Court Building. Along the route the Regions spotted dozens of fellow high school students, including a large group from Tampa Jesuit that had made the long trip from Florida.

The event made an impression on first time marcher Ned Kerwin '23. "It was amazing to see so many people united for a single cause," he said. "Going to the March also helped me understand how necessary prayer is to saving lives."

Gabriel Alexander '21, who participated for the second time, understands the



importance of the March. "The March for Life," he said, "not only serves as a recognition of America's enormous pro-life population, but also as a show of solidarity with the voiceless unborn. As Catholics, we are called to uphold the dignity of all God's creation, and as Americans, we have a duty to safeguard the right to life."

Regis Rises to the Challenge

In a show of generosity and commitment to community, seven East Coast Jesuit high schools participated in a friendly but spirited holiday food drive competition. In all, the students of these schools collected 137,632 pounds of food to provide local food banks and pantries with much-needed provisions during the critical Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Launched in early November, the competition, called the Great Ignatian Challenge, included Fairfield Prep (Fairfield, CT), Fordham Preparatory School (The Bronx), Loyola School

(Manhattan), Regis, Saint Joseph's Preparatory School (Philadelphia, PA), Saint Peter's Prep (Jersey City, NJ), and Xavier High School (Manhattan).

The challenge was created by Jim Rowen P'12 in 2016 to put a spotlight on hunger in our communities. "St. Ignatius taught us that love speaks louder in deeds more than words," he said. "The students at these seven Jesuit schools embody Ignatian principles and beliefs. I am inspired by their commitment to be *Men for Others*."

This year, Regis students collected 15,352 pounds of food (29.02 pounds



per student), which was donated to New York Common Pantry, landing the school in third place among the seven competing schools. Loyola (68.67 pounds per student) and Fordham Prep (36.59 lbs. per student) led the way.

Since the Challenge began in 2016, the participating schools have collectively amassed 218 tons of food.

Regions Shave Their Heads to Fight Childhood Cancer



On Friday, January 31, nine Regions shaved their heads to raise money and awareness for the fight against childhood cancers. Maciej Adamczyk '21, Ryan Birney '20, TJ Jarvey '23, Seth Kampta '21, Piotr Kozlowski '21, Anthony LaBarbara '21, Justin Luckner '20, Liam McClain '20, and Erik Roll '20 each took to the barber's chair to fulfill a promise they made in order to raise funds for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which advocates for childhood cancer patients and helps fund cancer research.

The shavees ditched their hair in solidarity for all those affected by childhood cancer. This event, which has been held in the Regis auditorium for the past seven years, attracted a large, supportive crowd and roused the Regis community to answer the call to become *Men for Others*.

"I strongly believe that this helps foster an environment conducive to Christian Service and generosity," said Justin Luckner '20, who organized the event and has personally raised \$21,062 since he started participating in 2014. "And I think it helps strengthen the bond among Regions, whether it's the compliments that the shaves receive from their peers, or the bond among the community of shavees themselves."

In total, the Regis community raised more than \$6,500 (the goal set out by the nine young men), including donations as well as money raised by a special grub day to mark the occasion. The Regis coalition joins with a national effort that annually raises upwards of \$30 million in support of childhood cancer.

Prayer Service Honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



On Thursday, January 16, Regis students and faculty gathered in the auditorium to reflect on the life, legacy, and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students had the opportunity to pray and listen to classmates' reflections on interpersonal relationships.

The prayer service coincided with the end of "No Name-Calling Week" — a school-wide effort to rethink the ways in which we engage with those around us to continue to live as *Men for Others*.

"Martin Luther King's message of radical inclusion and solidarity offers us a clarion call to build up our community and foster a culture of inclusive brotherhood here at Regis," said Fr. A.J. Rizzo, S.J., Director of Mission and Identity. "We gather each year to pray for the strength, courage, and resilience necessary to make Rev. King's dream a reality. Taking his message to heart means intentionally living out the Gospel values at the heart of Jesuit Education."

Obi Nwako '20, who spoke at the event, concluded his talk by advocating for a greater focus on brotherhood in the Regis community. "I urge you to remember what Dr. King said: 'We may have all come on different ships but we're in the same boat now.'"



Joe Manfredi '20 Surpasses 1,000 Career Points

Two defenders hounded Joe Manfredi '20. With just under two minutes to play and a four-point lead to protect, Salesian seemed intent on preventing any late game heroics from the Regis star, who already had poured in 27 points.

Manfredi spotted an open teammate, Joseph Zuccarello '21, and passed out of the double team. As he released the ball, he immediately cut toward the basket, leaving the two Salesian players behind him. Zuccarello passed the ball right back, and Manfredi rose up and hit a contested jumper from just beyond the foul line, cutting the Salesian lead in half — and cementing his place in Regis basketball history.

That shot, taken in the final minutes of the game on Friday, January 10, put the Regis senior over 1,000 points scored in varsity competition for his career. Manfredi joins former greats Brian Foley '98 and Marty Mannion '77 as the only Regians in recorded history to reach that mark.

"It's an honor," Manfredi said. "It means a lot."

The milestone also carries special significance for Manfredi because of another former high school basketball star who is a member of New York City's 1,000-point club. Linda Manfredi, his mother, surpassed 1,000 points in her career at Moore Catholic High School

on Staten Island, and she accomplished the feat without the benefit of the three-point line. "She doesn't let me forget that," Manfredi jokes.

The younger Manfredi's march to 1,000 started two seasons ago when Mr. Kevin Cullen, the longtime Regis coach, invited the talented player to join the varsity team as a sophomore. Cullen didn't promise playing time, but Manfredi quickly established himself in preseason scrimmages as one of the team's top performers. He started throughout the season and helped lead the Regis squad to a city championship and a state title. In the thrilling state championship game, the young Manfredi led all scorers with 23 points. He followed up his standout sophomore season with an excellent junior campaign, again helping guide the Raiders to a city crown.

When Manfredi hit the shot that put him over 1,000, the tight game against Salesian was paused, and the senior was presented with the game ball as classmates and family members roared with approval. The following Tuesday, during halftime of a game against Sacred Heart, the Staten Island native was honored again and presented with a banner commemorating his 1,000 points.

"He deserves it," said Cullen, who is in his 19th season at the helm of the varsity program. "He works harder at his craft

than anybody I've ever coached, and I've coached some great players over the years."

Manfredi's tenacity and excellence on the court also extends to the classroom, where he has thrived at Regis. Rev. Arthur Bender, S.J., '67, who has taught Manfredi in each of the senior's four years at the school, remembers being immediately impressed with his inquisitiveness and fearlessness.

"My first encounter with Joe occurred when I took over his freshman history class for a couple of months when his regular teacher was on maternity leave," Fr. Bender said. "Joe stood out immediately from his peers because he was constantly asking questions. He really did want to understand completely the material we were covering, and he did not mind showing his ignorance by asking questions."

"I found this especially remarkable for a freshman at Regis since students here were all at the top of their class in grammar school and the last thing many of them want to do is admit that they do not know something. Joe had no such hesitation. He did not care what others thought; he only cared about mastering the material."

Manfredi will carry these attributes with him to college next year, where he plans to continue playing basketball. The University of Chicago, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a number of other Division III programs are recruiting him.



Ignatian Spirituality

The Fourth Day

Who was the real John Francis Regis?

Was it the man who was committed to the poor, the sick, and the powerless?

Or was it the Jesuit who gave his life to win souls to Christ?

*By Fr. Anthony D. Andreassi, C.O.
Principal*

One would be hard pressed to find someone who graduated from a Jesuit school in the United States in the last four decades who is not familiar with the term “men and women for others.” This familiar motto underscores a key objective of a Jesuit education: to prepare its students to be firmly if not passionately committed to promote the cause of justice, particularly in their chosen professions. However, I would wager that few of these same alumni/ae know the origin of the phrase or the full context of how it was first articulated, and this is not because its origin goes back far in time. In fact, its history dates back less than 50 years. It was on July 31, 1973 that Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the 28th superior general of the Society of Jesus, spoke at a gathering in Valencia, Spain of Jesuit alumni (at this time almost if not all of whom would have been men) from the Society’s schools around Europe. Because of the “new awareness in the Church,” which largely came as a result of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), Arrupe admitted that the education most of these men

had received before the Council had not given due emphasis to the “promotion of justice and the liberation of the oppressed” required of all Christians, especially in the daily work of their jobs. Nevertheless, Arrupe had a firm hope that a more modern and responsive Jesuit education could now form “men-for-others; men who will live not for themselves but for God and his Christ — for the God-man who lived and died for all the world; men who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors; men completely convinced that love of God which does not issue in justice for men is a farce.”

It is most important to not lose the strong connection Arrupe makes between the commitment to service and justice and the individual’s relationship with Christ as a member of the Church, even though the rest of Arrupe’s words from 1973 do not lend themselves as easily to the formation of a slogan as “men (and women) for others” does. Because of pressures and challenges coming from both inside and outside the Church, now more than ever is it our task as Ignatian educators to

help our students see the intrinsic connection between faith in Christ and service of those in need. While we try to do this both inside and outside the classroom, for the last few years we have done this in a most intentional way around the birthdate (January 31) of St. John Francis Regis. In coming together to celebrate Mass in honor of our school’s patron, we are able to bring to our collective attention the details of Regis’ life which so powerfully brought together in one human person that strong commitment to selfless service and a deep and transformative relationship with Christ.

Much of what is remembered today about Regis is his deep commitment to those on the margins of southeastern France where he ministered as a Jesuit in the first decades of the 17th century. He is especially remembered for the care and attention he showed to those in jail, bringing them both food and medicine; his work with vulnerable women, who because of abuse and poverty, were forced into prostitution; and his organizational efforts to provide basic medical care to the sick in rural areas. Because of all of this, we might call him a social justice pioneer for both his direct ministry to those in need as well as his attempts to address the structures which led to this suffering and injustice. And so many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics, believers and non-believers — can find much to celebrate and emulate in this aspect of his life. But this was only half of who John Francis Regis was; this was only half of his life and legacy.

After attending a Jesuit secondary school in Beziers, at the age of 18 he entered the Society of Jesus. Thanks to the strong spiritual formation he received while training to become a Jesuit priest,

by the time he was an adult Regis had developed a mature and transformative relationship with Christ that had shaped who he was how he saw the world. This led him to want to share with others how a relationship with Christ as a committed and practicing member of the Church might transform their lives too. This missionary zeal led him to do all



sorts of things in similar ways to how he ministered to the bodily needs of those who were suffering. To reach people's hearts, Regis spent countless hours teaching the Catholic faith to children, celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, and anointing the sick. Many of the people of the region of France where he worked had become Calvinist during the Protestant Reformation, but by his day, most had little or no real faith whether as a Catholic or Protestant. Thus they

were ripe for a representative of the Church, a priest, whose exemplary life might convince them to once again consider Christ and give their lives over to Him. Father Regis did this reaching out to these people's souls while also tending to the needs of their bodies and hearts too. One line from an early account of his life says it best: "Regis' mornings were spent in the confessional, at the altar and in the pulpit, and his afternoons he devoted himself to prisons and hospitals."

So who was the real John Francis Regis? Was it the man who was committed to the poor, the sick, and the powerless while also working to address the injustices that led to their suffering? Or was it the Jesuit priest who poured out his life in preaching and sacramental ministry? The answer, of course, is that it was both. This was the two halves of the one man with each part forming and fostering the other. If these two halves had been separated, then neither would have had the same strength or efficacy on its own.

This truth should stand as a model for us at Regis High School as we strive to help our students connect these two halves of their education and formation: their relationship with Christ as active members in the Church and their commitment to justice and to accompany those who suffer. So often in our daily prayers at school we offer them through for the intercession of St. John Francis Regis. As we do this, both educators and students, we would be well served to remember the legacy of St. John Francis Regis, a man whose life so powerfully brought together both a deep faith in Christ and a powerful commitment to service and the promotion of justice: two equal halves forming the whole life of this Jesuit saint and our school's patron.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT CORRECTIONS

The 2019 Annual Report contained some errors and omissions which are noted here. We apologize for these and any other errors. Regis could not exist without your generosity, and we extend to you our sincerest gratitude.

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THE REACH DIFFERENCE

For 18 years and counting, the growing REACH Program has opened doors and changed trajectories for Catholic boys from New York families with financial need.

“What do you hope to get out of this program?”

Pedro Polanco '13 searched for an answer. Days earlier, he had boarded a bus filled with unfamiliar faces and traveled from Manhattan to the University of Scranton, where he would be spending the next three weeks as a new student in the REACH Program. Now, away from his family for the first extended period of his life, the 11-year-old Bronx native had to articulate why, exactly, he had come to this faraway place.

Polanco finally settled on his response. His goal for the REACH Program, he decided, was to learn to write with his left hand.

“Clearly I didn't even fully understand what the program was about or what it really could give me,” he says.

Looking back 14 years later, Polanco says that REACH gave him quite a lot. After three summers in Scranton and at Regis High School coupled with dozens of Saturdays taking classes while many children his age played sports or watched television, Polanco was admitted to Regis, where he thrived academically. He went on to study Mechanical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and he now works as a senior strategy consultant at Accenture in Chicago.

Polanco's journey is inspiring but not uncommon. Since its founding in 2002, REACH (Recruiting Excellence in Academics for Catholic High Schools)

has welcomed hundreds of middle school-aged Catholic boys from low-income backgrounds and helped prepare them to earn scholarships to New York City's Jesuit high schools (Regis, Cristo Rey New York High School, Fordham Preparatory School, Loyola School, and Xavier High School) and other top high schools. Roughly 75 percent of REACH students today come from families who earn less than \$60,000 per year, and roughly 80 percent of students have at least one parent who was born outside of the United States. REACH alumni, from those currently in college to members of the original class, speak glowingly of the program's impact on them.

“The REACH Program doesn't just prepare its students to earn high school scholarships. It changes their lives in profound ways,” Regis President Fr. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, says. “REACH pursues the same noble goal the Foundress had for Regis more than 100 years ago: to provide an excellent Jesuit education to Catholic young men who otherwise could not afford it.”

REACH's success is inarguable yet remarkable. As concrete solutions to educational inequity continue to prove difficult to identify, the REACH model works — as demonstrated both by the impressive improvements in REACH student's standardized test scores and the many amazing success stories of REACH alumni. The program's effectiveness comes from a special combination of academic rigor, leadership development, and spiritual

formation along with a basic structure that has stood the test of time. And with a newly expanded enrollment and a growing team of dedicated administrators, REACH's impact should only increase in the years ahead.

That first bus ride that Polanco took to Scranton is a moment that comes up repeatedly when alumni reminisce about their time in REACH. Having just completed 5th grade, new REACH students are not eased into the program; their first experience with REACH involves leaving their family, often for the first time, to spend three weeks on a college campus. (Starting in 2017, when the program began its recent expansion, REACH students now spend their first summer at Fordham University and Fordham Prep, while second- and third-year students are in Scranton.) Fr. Christopher Devron, S.J., REACH's founding director, intentionally designed the program to begin with an all-encompassing, residential experience.

"I believed that if we took students out of their environment and created our own environment that would simulate what it's like to be at Regis or one of our other Jesuit high schools, then we could begin to help students develop the habits needed in order to succeed academically and socially and even spiritually," he said.

Fr. Devron, who has served as the President of Fordham Prep since 2013, arrived at Regis in 2001 with instructions to launch the program that would become REACH. Over the previous several decades, the socioeconomic status of much of the Catholic population in New York had gradually improved, and Regis administrators wanted to ensure that the school lived up to its founding mission and continued to attract and serve talented students from low-income Catholic families.

The basic structure that Fr. Devron and his colleagues implemented has largely remained in place. REACH students, who are chosen through a rigorous admissions process modeled on Regis' own, spend three weeks each summer at Scranton or Fordham and then three weeks commuting to Regis each weekday. During the school year, these

students, who are in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, attend classes most Saturdays at Regis.

The REACH curriculum focuses heavily on Mathematics and English Language Arts, the two subjects most critical for preparing students to gain admittance to and succeed at top high schools. Throughout the summer sessions and during the school year, all REACH students take classes in these subjects, and the REACH staff includes a full-time academic dean for both Mathematics and English Language Arts. The goal in both subjects is to both reinforce critical skills and lessons the students learn in their grammar schools and introduce new concepts that will be critical to their success moving forward. Students also take classes in Robotics, Coding, and Public Speaking on Saturdays during the school year, and Latin and Civics courses are added in the summer.

"We are explicitly not trying to cover everything that is in the New York State curriculum for grades 6, 7, and 8," says Doug Eickman '05, who became the Director of the REACH Program in 2019 after spending the previous nine years as its Dean for Mathematics. "We are focusing on what we think are the core skills that will be essential on the high school level."

In addition to the excellent faculty, the high caliber of the students in the

program promotes learning and hard work, according to several REACH alumni. Being in an environment filled with fellow students who are self-motivated and care about their grades isn't always the norm at their schools.

Serge Efap, who graduated with REACH's second class in 2006 and went on to Xavier High School, Syracuse University, and a career as an entrepreneur, says that at REACH for the first time he didn't always get excellent grades and he was "surrounded by people who were much smarter than me on an academic level. It's humbling for one, but then two, it just showed you the level of competition here. So it also validated that I had to step it up."

The hard work that REACH students put into their demanding classes on top of their regular school work has paid dividends. Each year, REACH administers a national standardized test that is similar to the exams its students will take to gain admittance to Catholic high schools. The progress has been remarkable. For the past seven REACH graduating classes, the average gain in percentile points (which measure where a student ranks compared to national norms) from 6th grade to 8th grade is 9.2, which is a dramatic, eye-catching figure for those in the education field.





These academic gains are exemplary, but they are only part of what makes REACH special. While sharpening its students' minds and academic skills, the program also molds these young men into exemplary leaders and, in the Jesuit tradition, *Men for Others*. REACH has five core principles that are integrated into every aspect of the program: Open to Growth, Intellectually Skillful, More Faithful, More Loving, and Servant to the Community.

"They preach about their five principles all the time," says Carlos Ventura '16, who graduated from REACH in 2012 and is now a senior at Cornell University. As a REACH student, Ventura didn't give much thought to how these principles were influencing him outside the program. Years later, though, he says he has a deep appreciation for how REACH changed his personality — transforming a shy, quiet student into one who is comfortable asking a lot of questions, for example — and how he continues to apply these principles to his daily life. "When you look back on it, you realize that actually it worked."

The Arrupe Project, a service initiative undertaken by all REACH 8th graders, is one component of the program that

many REACH alumni point to as having had a particular impact on them. Named for Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, the longtime Superior General of the Society of Jesus who passed away in 1991, the project calls on REACH students to identify a problem or challenge in their local communities and implement a program to help address it.

Polanco still draws inspiration from one of his classmates' Arrupe project. The student had organized an initiative in which he got elderly people in his neighborhood together on a regular basis to play checkers and chess. It wasn't a grand, groundbreaking undertaking. But what Polanco admired was how such a simple but meaningful act could tangibly impact others — in this case, elderly residents who often lacked other opportunities to socialize.

"He was a middle school kid. He was super young," Polanco remarks. "And it just felt really empowering to feel that, even though I was a child, I could do something really good."

Like many REACH alumni, Polanco says that the Arrupe Project and his broader REACH experience instilled in him an enduring drive to seek out opportunities to help those in need. In 2019, he led a service project focused

on nutrition and public health through the Obama Foundation's Community Leadership Corps. Polanco offered free cooking classes to Chicago residents who live in food deserts, sharing recommendations on how to make balanced, nutritious meals with ingredients that are readily available in their communities.

The Arrupe project is one of many examples of how Jesuit tradition and spirituality inform and animate the REACH Program. Advisement groups are named after saints (like St. Francis Xavier, SJ, and St. Peter Faber, SJ) and other prominent Jesuits (like Fr. Mateo Ricci, SJ, and Fr. Rutilio Grande, SJ). Each REACH class day at Regis begins with Chapel, where REACH students pray together, sing hymns, and listen to reflections. When the students live in dorms at Fordham and Scranton during the summer, each day ends with a nighttime reflection, a modified version of the Examen that teaches the boys a deeper, more introspective form of prayer.

"For me, it gets to the core of what the program was attempting to do, and that's self-reflection," Fr. Mario Powell, SJ, who served as Director of REACH from 2015 through 2019 before becoming President of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep. "God already knows who you are and God will continue to add to that information, but what God really needs from you is for you as an individual to know who you are as well."

When asked about their most meaningful memories of REACH, many alumni point to the nighttime reflections. "I didn't realize at the time how profound of an impact it was," says Ruben Martinez '09, who was a member of the inaugural REACH class that graduated in 2005. Martinez, who now works at Facebook in Austin, Texas, says that he still tries to take time at night to look back on the day and think about what he did well and what he could have done differently.

Nighttime reflections also are a key ingredient in the deep, enduring bond that develops between REACH students. Most students enter the program not knowing any of their classmates, who

come from different neighborhoods, schools, and backgrounds. But by the time they graduate, thanks to the three years they shared and especially the three weeks each summer living in community together, they have formed friendships that will last well beyond REACH.

Enrique Abreu-Ramos '19, who is a member of the prestigious Posse Scholars program at Vanderbilt University, says that he stays in close contact with his REACH friends during the school year and makes plans to get together with them when they return to New York for breaks from college.

"It's an interesting fraternity that they become a part of at the age of 10," says Russell Quiñones '09, who joined the administrative staff in 2018 in the new role of REACH Program Director of Graduate Support. "They have this connection across the city to all five boroughs, and it happens organically."

The connection extends beyond individual class years. REACH alumni, nearly all of whom graduate with great affection and gratitude for the program, are motivated to support and connect with the REACH students who have come after them.

"I know that going through the REACH Program is what led me here, and I just want to make sure that they understand how much I respect and appreciate the program," Ventura says. "I hope that the new students get the same experience that I got, that it's as transformative as I felt it was, and hopefully they can follow a similar path."

This desire to serve the program and its next generation has motivated many alumni to return to REACH during the summers as counselors during their high school years and collegians during college. Past and present REACH administrators agree that these two positions — which are now mostly filled by REACH alumni — have been instrumental to the program's success.

"They work 18-hour days, and they do it with a smile and are excited to be with the kids," Eickman says. "I think they model the perseverance that it takes to be successful in our institutions.

They share stories of their time in the REACH Program and, if they didn't go to REACH, their stories of their time at Regis or Xavier or Fordham Prep."

REACH students often connect with and look up to the counselors and collegians — who are closer to them in age and usually come from similar backgrounds — in a different way than they do with REACH teachers and administrators. "I've had so many people to look up to in the REACH program," Abreu-Ramos says. "I think that might be the thing that I'm most grateful for."

As a college student, Abreu-Ramos still hears from REACH. In his new role, Quiñones offers support and guidance to REACH graduates during the high school and college years, focusing especially on the transition years — freshman year of high school and college. He also works closely with REACH's alumni board and plans to increase opportunities for REACH graduates to support current students and younger alumni.

A sharper focus on alumni support is one of a number of recently completed, ongoing, or planned enhancements to the program, many of which were identified as priorities during Regis' strategic planning process. This summer, REACH completed a four-year gradual expansion that grew the total enrollment from 100 to 150 boys. Clyde Cole '87, an educational consultant who was REACH's original Assistant Director and helped Fr. Devron get the program off the ground, returned to teach a class at Regis in the summer of 2018 and was around the program full-time for the first time in years. "It feels very much like a school," says Cole, who noticed more "hustle and bustle" than he remembered. "It's a lot bigger than a lot of Nativity schools."

Eickman and his team also continue to look at how they can strengthen their curriculum, and they would like to add a fourth residential summer. (Currently, REACH students who have just finished 8th grade attend the three-week summer session at Regis, but they don't travel to Scranton.) REACH hopes to hire an additional admissions officer to work

alongside Assistant Director and Dean of Student Recruitment Alan Garcia '08.

There is no shortage of interest in REACH. In early January, Garcia stood up in front of a standing-room-only Regis auditorium and spoke to a crowd of more than 400 potential students and family members and, in English and Spanish, shared the details of a program with life-altering potential. He was followed on stage by a panel of REACH students and their parents, all of whom raved about the changes they observed in their sons. A few nights later, another 250 people attended a second open house. More than 400 students have been nominated for REACH this year. From this group, 75 boys will be chosen as semifinalists and brought in with their families for interviews. In the end, 54 full scholarships to the program will be awarded.

Those 54 will then find themselves in the same position as Pedro Polanco once did — away from home, living on a college campus with a group of strangers, and wondering what this program might bring. And while Polanco still can't write with his left hand, he can offer a resounding endorsement to any REACH newcomers.

"I don't know how you could ever say enough about REACH, to be honest," he says. "I wouldn't be anywhere where I am today without that program."

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CHARTING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

More than 400 Catholic middle schoolers have graduated from the REACH Program since its founding. These young men collectively have earned more than \$25 million in scholarships to Catholic high schools, and they've gone on to attend elite colleges, from Georgetown and Cornell to M.I.T. and Fordham.

Their stories, five of which are shared below, are the story of the REACH Program.

RUBEN MARTINEZ



REACH Program, Class of 2005
Regis High School, Class of 2009
The State University of New York at
Binghamton, Class of 2013
Program Manager, Facebook

When Fr. Chris Devron, S.J., visited St. Nicholas of Tolentine School in the Bronx to encourage students to apply for a spot in the inaugural class of the REACH Program, one fifth grader hung on every word.

"I had always been kind of ashamed of the fact that I was the smart kid or the nerd or pretty gentle and got good grades...while everyone around me was focused on basketball and the neighborhood and being cool," Ruben Martinez remembers. "It was the first day, honestly, I feel like in my school career up until that point that I actually felt like — wow, here's an opportunity to have somewhere where I could belong or something for kids like me."

When Martinez got home, he gave the brochures Fr. Devron had distributed to his mother, telling her that he wanted to attend Regis, a high school he hadn't heard of prior to that day, and that this new program could help get him there.

Asked where this internal drive came from at such a young age, Martinez points directly to his mother, who came to New York from the

Dominican Republic at 19. A single mother who didn't speak English and struggled to make ends meet, she stressed to her two sons that their difficult circumstances didn't have to be permanent.

"From as long as I can remember, she always said education was our one opportunity to change all this," Martinez says.

He took his mother's words to heart, throwing himself into REACH, where he immediately felt at home, and ultimately graduating from Regis and SUNY Binghamton.

Martinez, who now manages a team at Facebook in the tech giant's office in Austin and recently purchased a home there with his wife, has come a long way from that classroom at St. Nicholas of Tolentine. But he says he frequently reflects on the journey that began with a visit from Fr. Devron.

"It has been a step change in terms of my trajectory, and I would not at all be where I am today without that."

KEITH MESIDOR



REACH Program, Class of 2007
Xavier High School, Class of 2011
Notre Dame, Class of 2015
Dentist, Washington D.C.
VA Medical Center

Keith Mesidor wanted nothing to do with the REACH Program.

"Imagine you're 10, and they're like, 'Oh you have to go to summer school, but it's not because you did bad in one of your classes. It's just summer school,'" Mesidor says. "I'm pretty sure I cried."

Mesidor's parents felt differently. After moving from Haiti to Brooklyn when Mesidor was five, his mother and father sought out any opportunity to enhance their son's education.

While it still took time for Mesidor to come around to the idea of taking classes during the summer — or on Saturdays throughout the school year, for that matter — he liked his REACH classmates immediately. In fact, Mesidor says his best friend is Chris Chavez (see p. 19), whom he met on his first day in the program.

Mesidor's appreciation for REACH deepened, though, when he enrolled at Xavier High School along with several of his classmates from REACH. It didn't take long for Mesidor to realize how much learning algebra and doing advanced reading in REACH had set him up for success. "The transition both socially and intellectually was smooth," he says.

Mesidor went on to Notre Dame, where he earned a degree in Science Preprofessional Studies and was a long jumper on the track team. He became a dentist, and is now completing his residency at a VA hospital in Washington, D.C.

Looking back, Mesidor credits the REACH Program for instilling in him the discipline required to thrive academically and professionally.

ADRIAN ALONZO



REACH, Class of 2010
Fordham Preparatory, Class of 2014
Holy Cross, Class of 2018
Engineer, Turner Construction

Some days, Adrian Alonzo, who graduated from college less than two years ago, finds himself overseeing a dozen subcontractors as their teams execute construction projects at major commercial properties in New York City. And sometimes that means admitting what he doesn't know.

"I was taught to always ask questions," Alonzo says. "Be open to different opportunities and possibilities."

Alonzo was taught these skills, he says, in the REACH Program. They're hardwired into him now, allowing him to confidently ask men and women with decades of experience the right questions at the right time and in the right manner.

It's not the first time Alonzo has noticed the work he put into REACH paying dividends. In his first English class at Fordham Prep, he clearly saw REACH's impact. Alonzo, whose parents

are from Ecuador, grew up speaking Spanish, so English class always had been challenging for him. But now, as a freshman in high school, he felt comfortable.

"I didn't feel behind the other students," Alonzo says. "I felt like I was right on pace. And I definitely had the REACH Program to thank for that."

After excelling at Fordham Prep, Alonzo attended Holy Cross, where he majored in Economics and Physics and, for two years, roomed with one of his classmates from REACH.

Alonzo eventually plans to attend graduate school. He knows that, as he continues through life, the values and skills he picked up at REACH will continue to guide him.

CHRIS CAMPBELL



REACH, Class of 2012
Loyola School, Class of 2016
Senior, Tufts University

Chris Campbell loved his Math classes at REACH, but not necessarily for the reasons students typically enjoy a class. He always excelled in math at St. Ann School in the Bronx, but REACH was different.

"It was great because I didn't get everything right, and it took me a lot more time," Campbell says. "I was never just sitting there, and there was always room for improvement."

Similarly, in his English Language Arts classes at REACH, Campbell felt the conversations analyzing the books the students read were at a deeper level of sophistication than he was accustomed to. He relished learning alongside students who, like him, strived to succeed in school and genuinely enjoyed learning.

As much as Campbell improved as a student thanks to REACH — he earned a scholarship to

Loyola and will graduate from Tufts this spring with a degree in Biology and Biotech Engineering — he says the personal and spiritual formation side of the program may have been even more significant.

"I feel like I literally got my personality or learned what my personality is from REACH," Campbell says. He entered the program as a quiet, shy young man. By his second summer in Scranton, though, Campbell says the REACH principles had altered the way he carried himself and the manner in which he interacted with others. He learned how to lead inside and outside the classroom, and he was more open to new experiences.

As he looks forward to his college graduation this spring, Campbell, who is planning to find a job in Biotechnology in New York, is confident that these traits will help aid him in the professional world as well.

AIRAM CRUZ



REACH, Class of 2014
Regis High School, Class of 2018
Sophomore, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Airam Cruz can tell you exactly where his interest in Aerospace Engineering, his major at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, originated. During his first summer in Scranton, Cruz and his REACH classmates went on a field trip to a nearby observatory.

"It was the first time I saw with my own eyes the different planets and stars through a telescope," Cruz remembers. "And it blew my mind."

Cruz hadn't even started sixth grade yet, but he was instantly hooked on astronomy. He began teaching himself as much as he could about the subject in his spare time through documentaries, YouTube videos, and books. This passion continued throughout his high school years at

Regis, and Cruz has now immersed himself in the subject at one of the top-ranked engineering schools in the country.

A native of the Hamilton Heights section of Harlem, Cruz almost didn't even apply to REACH. He was hesitant to give up his summers and so many Saturdays during the school year, but his mother pushed him to pursue the opportunity.

Cruz now views REACH as the critical turning point in his life, and he is grateful for his mother's foresight.

"Honestly, it was the best decision I've ever made in my life."

A photograph of Doug Eickman '05, a man with glasses wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored checkered shirt and khaki pants. He is standing in a church, holding a small book or tablet, and looking towards the right. In the background, there is a statue of a religious figure on an altar, and red poinsettias are visible in the foreground. The church interior has stone walls and arched windows.

A Conversation — with — Doug Eickman '05

Doug Eickman '05 became the Director of the REACH Program in 2019 after spending the previous nine years as REACH Dean of Mathematics and a teacher in Regis' Math Department. In January, Vice President for Development James Kennedy '02, who served as REACH Dean of English Language Arts from 2015 to 2017, sat down with Eickman for a wide-ranging discussion of the program.

A condensed transcript of their conversation is published below. To watch a video of the entire discussion, visit regis.org/news or Regis High School's channel on YouTube.

I know you've been with REACH since 2010. I'd love to know more about how you got involved with the program and what inspired you to work with REACH.

On some level, I think I've always known I wanted to do work with something like the REACH Program. My path to being an educator started in high school and college — loving the classes I was in, thinking about educational access and my own personal story. My family was very much a working-class Brooklyn family. My mother was a nurse. My father had a bunch of jobs. He ended up working for the MTA. Neither of them had the traditional four-year college experience. I knew I wanted to do something that involved working with what we call an underserved population.

I fully intended to be a public school educator, actually. My arriving in Jesuit

education was a complete accident. I was in grad school around the time of the New York City teacher hiring freeze, and my grandmother found an ad in the *New York Times* for a teaching position at Regis, and it mentioned something about the REACH Program. I was only dimly aware of what it was. I was a young kid coming out of college and grad school and found out about the REACH Program by accident, and I'm really grateful that I did.

So you've been the Director of REACH for less than a year now, and you've remarked to me before that leaving the classroom and entering a leadership role is a big move. What has that been like?

I definitely miss the classroom. When I went into education, it was definitely to be a classroom teacher and interact with the kids. But one thing that's nice about

the REACH Director job is that I still have a lot of on-the-ground interaction with kids. I lead our chapel services on Saturday mornings and during the summer. This past summer I had a chance to be a classroom teacher. I don't think that will be the case going forward, but there are so many times where I still get to be on the front lines because we're still a pretty small program in the grand scheme of things.

I think that, as an institution, we're lucky to have you in the role since you've had a long history with the program. You have a teaching background and an administrative background to bring to the work that you do now. So, on chapel, I know the singing...

You're not going to get me to sing on camera.

I wasn't going to ask! But you do lead the kids in song?

I do. I actually love singing with the kids. I'm not a musician by any stretch of the imagination, but it's fun. We talk about being open to growth, and I think the best way I can do that is by being this big, goofy guy who is not afraid to get up in front of 100 middle schoolers at 9:00 on a Saturday morning and sing a Gospel song.

Thinking about the REACH summer, those six weeks — three of them residential, three back at Regis — what do you think has made those summers really impactful and really effective? And as you think about the future of the program, what are some of the ways you and your team are considering evolving the program?

When you think about it, we're taking 150 middle schoolers — we're taking 100 of them to Pennsylvania, and 50 to Fordham. They're staying with us 24 hours, so we're basically mom, dad, teacher, caregiver in all senses of that word for those three weeks. I think the magic of the summer happens because of how intense that experience is. I don't know if REACH would be anywhere near as successful as we are if we did not take the kids with us. That residential experience is key because it requires a high level of buy-in from the families and it offers us an opportunity to work with the kids in a really holistic way. We get to work with the kid from the moment he gets up to the moment he goes to bed and instill in him what it means to live your life according to these principles that we've established. It's that retreat aspect to it, where you go away into the wilderness of Scranton, Pennsylvania — not to offend the fine denizens of Scranton, Pennsylvania — and then you come back to your normal environment. Now you're ready to take what you've learned and take what you've experienced and bring it into your day-to-day life, and that's plugging into a tradition that we've used in Jesuit education for a really long time.

When I think about where we need to go, specifically vis-à-vis the summer experience, I have a lot of thoughts. I've often wondered what we could accomplish with a fourth summer right before high school. That's a big question for us.

One of the things that always sticks with me is how critical the other adults on campus are — not only the teachers that you hire, but also the collegians, who are really with their groups 24/7, living in the dorms with them. The counselors that support the teachers. And many of those counselors and collegians are REACH alumni. Some of them are Regis alumni.

One thing that I often say to staff is that the further I get in age from a REACH student, the less power I have

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in influencing them. I don't think that's always true but in some sense it can be. I have a Master's in math and I have all this experience, but it's actually that 20-year-old, who knows where they're from, who looks like them, who speaks in that same manner, that they're comfortable with. That [collegian] has an unbelievable ability — maybe even just in a manner that's as

simple as being the way that he is — to inspire that growth that we're looking to see. I often describe the collegian position as being a single father of 12. That's very much what it is for three weeks. And they are the backbone of our program along with our counselors and, during the year, our mentors. I think that's really where the most growth happens on the part of REACH students — not just as students but as people.

You make a great point about REACH alumni being able to talk to, kind of, their younger brothers, figuratively speaking. I think that's extremely powerful. And I know you guys did, earlier this month, an event with REACH alumni. Can you say a little bit more about that community of guys that are now out of college that came through REACH — what their connection to one another and the program is like?

It's pretty cool to be able to see this cohort of young men, who are really not much younger than I am, who are out in the world doing exciting things. We've got people in law school. We've got people becoming doctors. We've got people in successful business. That they went through this experience 12, 13, 14 years ago, they are bonded because of that. I think a lot of people have that experience in their high school and their college. But to say you had that experience in your middle school summer program? That's pretty remarkable. I don't think there are a lot of people who are eagerly changing their plans on a Friday night to get together with their summer camp buddies from seventh grade. So you see the kind of brotherhood that exists, and the one thing that I've been struck by when talking to REACH alumni is the hunger that exists in this population to mentor and to serve as guides, as you said, for the younger brothers — the ones that follow in their path. There's a real hunger in the community to support, in whatever way they can, future REACH students and ensure that they're successful.

One thing that I think is really special about REACH is how closely you and your team work not just with students but with their families.

Yeah, there's a lot of work that goes on with the families. When I started, I was very

much a teacher and curriculum designer, but over time as I got a little older—I was 21 when I started—I got a chance to have more individual conversations. You're calling the family in, and it's not because they're in trouble. You're trying to share feedback with them in a really productive way. And it's more than a traditional parent-teacher conference. We're going over test scores. We're going over these detailed narrative evaluations. We're trying to paint the family a holistic picture of who their child is as a student and as a leader, and understanding that leader in the context of the five pillars of Jesuit education. We're trying to work with the families and learn information from them about how we as a team can get this kid to where he needs to get over the next two years. And to make the gains that we make, that's the kind of work we need to do.

And these conversations can be kind of tricky because these young men have been successful wherever they are — that's why they're in the REACH Program. But you're trying to say: Actually, there's another world up there. There are these amazing schools, and we think you have the capability of being up there. And you're on track, but it's going to be a long road.

And we know that you're going to need to grow as a reader. You're going to need to take that 10 minutes every night and make it 30. And you're going to have to take that 95 that you have, and we're going to make it a 99. And the way we're going to do that is, we're going to use your planner and we're going to organize some separate homework time every day.

It's really about knowing the family and meeting each case where they are. I think there's this myth that families from underserved backgrounds don't care about education or value education. I've never experienced that in the work that I do. But I do meet families that aren't equipped, maybe it's because they don't speak English very well, or because the system they know is in another hemisphere. And so we're really trying to equip these families with the tools that they will need to navigate this complex system. The American educational system — for better or for worse — is incredibly complicated in New York. And it's really about giving them the tools that they will need, while assuring them that you will be alongside them the whole way, to navigate that landscape.

It really is inspiring work that you do with families. And I think you've even gone to

learn Spanish on your own, right? To be able to better communicate with those families?

I'm not fluent. My wife and I went to Costa Rica for a couple of weeks to do some immersion, and I audited a few classes here at Regis. And the families appreciate it. Sometimes I run into an accent that I struggle with, or sometimes I can't express an idea. But they appreciate the effort. We have two other staff members who are fluent in Spanish, and so they can do the lifting that I can't do, which is really good.

This has been great, and there's so much more we could talk about. One last thing I want to ask you is: What's your favorite REACH story?

I think I have to cheat and name two categories of stories. We're in high school admissions season right now so I have admissions on my mind. We just had a family — the kid just got accepted to Regis — and they did a video of their acceptance to Regis like it was a college signing day. And it was just incredibly sweet to see the kid and the family just going nuts and celebrating.

The other thing that just jumped out to me was broken bones, which is a weird thing to say is one of my favorites. But, weirdly, the moments where I've been most proud of the program and most impressed by the level of commitment that our families show is when kids are injured or hurt. I've never had a situation when a kid got injured and the family said, "Ok, well he's going to have to withdraw from the program." I don't want to make it seem like kids were breaking bones left and right at the REACH Program. It does happen. I'm remembering a particular instance where a kid broke his arm. We actually spent a whole night with him at the hospital. We called up the family and told them if he wants to spend a couple days at home, that would be understandable, and they said, "No. He broke his left hand. He's a righty. He's here to do a job. There's no reason he can't do it." It's a pleasure working 18 hours for a family like that. I think I've had that happen three or four times. Different digits and different bones, but I find it just incredibly inspirational.



Doug Eickman chats with REACH students at the beginning of a REACH Saturday in December.



FROM REACH TO **Sports Illustrated**

Sportswriter and podcast host **Chris Chavez**, REACH Class of 2007, reflects on the ways in which the REACH Program shaped his life.

I often think about how different my life would be without the REACH Program. It's a strange mental exercise that sometimes happens when I pass the 86th Street subway station or when I'll watch an episode of "The Office" and a Scranton reference is made to somewhere I visited as a seventh-grader for a summer weekend field trip. I truly believe that the REACH Program set the foundation down for me to build a successful future.

If it wasn't for the REACH Program, there's a high likelihood that I would have been a follower as a student. I possibly would have attended a high school just because my friends were going there or because it was closer to my home in Queens. There's a good chance that I would not have been introduced to the Jesuits and their tradition in education. Who knows what career profession I would've gone into?

Instead, I went through the rigorous application process and found myself in a class of about 30 rising sixth-graders headed to Scranton and away from our families for the first time. That's where we did more than just advance our skillset in language arts and math. We also learned valuable life skills and fostered friendships – some of which I still have to this very day.

The sacrifice of six summer weeks led me to become a leader in the classroom when I got back to school in the fall. Many of my former REACH classmates can recount a similar experience. Those weeks and Saturdays

throughout the school year were challenging but ultimately paid off when we all went off to high schools of prestige in the city. Many of us also earned scholarships to assist our families. REACH's namesake and mission of recruiting excellence in academics for Catholic high schools was accomplished but just one step forward.

I went on to attend Xavier High School, where I experienced some of the best four years of my life as I continued growing in my education and faith with many of the REACH principles still applied to my daily life. A funny story of how I went on to find a foothold in journalism at Xavier also comes as a result of REACH.

Many of the original collegians, Regions, and teachers from the early REACH years probably recall how much of a Yankees fan I am. REACH kickball and whiffle ball games were treated like the World Series because I didn't play organized baseball until 8th grade due to the conflict that a Little League schedule would have with REACH. It was a setback in my athletic development, and when I was cut during freshman year baseball tryouts, my dreams of playing for the Yankees were dashed. It was time to pivot to the next-closest way of staying involved in sports, and I figured reporting on it was the best option.

I wasn't the strongest writer in my REACH classes, but I grew to love storytelling in high school and stuck with it through college and post-collegiately. I chose to attend Marquette

University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin because while I was in a similar position coming out of middle school, I balanced scholarship offers with the sense of community. Marquette being a Jesuit school with a good journalism program made it the right decision.

I've covered countless college basketball games, Major League Baseball games, and eventually accomplished a dream of covering the Olympics in 2016. Whether it's through articles, videos, or podcasts, I harken back to the fact that REACH helped give me the tools that I've put into practice at *Sports Illustrated*.

Before fully immersing myself in newsrooms and internships, I spent three summers as a counselor and collegian trying to highlight that for the next generation of REACH students. When I'd see their work ethic in and out of the classroom, it took me back to the summers of 2004, 2005, and 2006, and I saw myself and my classmates in them. Many of the kids I worked with have gone on to great high schools – and since I'm getting older, some are already in college. I'm thrilled to see that the lineage of success stories continues to this very day and can't wait to see what comes next.

Chris Chavez graduated from the REACH Program in 2007, Xavier High School in 2011, and Marquette University in 2015. Chavez has worked as a writer for Sports Illustrated since 2015, and he hosts the Runners of New York City podcast.

A photograph of an older male teacher with glasses and a light-colored button-down shirt leaning over a desk. He is assisting two young male students. One student, with light brown hair and wearing a white shirt and a patterned tie, is sitting at the desk and writing in a notebook. The other student, with dark skin and short black hair, is also sitting at the desk, looking at a laptop screen. The teacher's hands are on the laptop keyboard. The background shows a classroom setting with bookshelves and other students.

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A photograph of a male golfer in a white polo shirt, khaki shorts, and a white cap, captured in the middle of a golf swing on a green tee box. A golf club is on the ground near his feet. In the background, there are lush green trees and a clear blue sky. A small white sign with a logo is visible on the grass to the left of the golfer.

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Prowlings

1939

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1944

We are saddened to report the death of Rev. **Thomas L. Sheridan, SJ**, longtime correspondent for the class of 1944. Upon graduating from Regis, Fr. Sheridan entered the Jesuits on July 30, 1944 and was ordained in June 1957. An accomplished writer, his book *Newman on Justification* was published in 1967, and his articles and reviews appeared in *Spiritual Life*, *Theological Studies*, *America*, *Woodstock Letters*, and the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*. His last published work was a chapter on "Justification" in *The Cambridge Companion to Newman*. Father Sheridan spent the majority of his career at St. Peter's College in Jersey City teaching Theology. In 1999 he began a ministry to immigrants in federal detention at the Elizabeth Detention Center. He also served as advisor to the North Jersey chapter of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. He had a fine tenor voice and sang for many years with the St. Cecelia Chorus in Manhattan, of which he served as president for two years. He will also be remembered as one of Regis's longest-serving and most dedicated class correspondents. His wit, wisdom, and razor-sharp memories of Regis history will be deeply missed.

1945

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1946

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1948

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1950

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We are sad to report the passing of **Paul Giuffre** on January 2nd in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he practiced law for more than 50 years. Please remember **Paul** and his family in your prayers. On the day this item is being written **Bill Stein** is in surgery receiving an aortic valve replacement; we wish Bill a speedy recovery. **Joe Marchese's** daughter, Dianne, had a great ground-level view of the Super Bowl as part of the crew setting up the halftime show. **Tom Farrelly** reports from Seattle that, like all of us, he is slowing down but still goes for a daily walk and remains mentally alert. **John McIvor** has disposed of his Jersey Shore residence and now is full-time in his Larchmont home. **Joe Purtell** reports that, after a stay in the hospital in December, he is home and well on his way to full recovery. Kaye and **Jerry Rubin** send good wishes to all for a happy and peaceful 2020. Remember to mark on your calendars a reminder that Thursday, June 4th is the date of the annual reunion of our class. As usual it will be held at 2 p.m. that day at Hurley's Saloon on West 48th Street. We hope that Regis President Fr. Dan Lahart, SJ, will again be able to join us to discuss all of the current events and programs at Regis.

1951

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The original class notes according to McCarthy: The family Christmas letter from Edna and **Dick Backe** contains news about their large blended family. (Dick and Edna were both previously widowed and have a huge progeny.) But there is something else there for the rest of us old guys: a note about Dick still planning to fill in on occasion on the ski patrol and as a volunteer tour guide on the Gettysburg battlefield. This is not so much how well he is doing but rather that he is still doing it at all. I wrote

back to tell him how amazing he is, and his reply cleared things up a bit: like the rest of us octogenarians, he is sometimes dubious about even getting out of bed in the morning. I hearkened back to the endless rehearsal hours for "The Mikado," and how I still remembered the songs. A number of us '51-ers were lowly worms in the chorus, but the two biggest roles were Nanki-Poo (**Bill Kane**) and The Lord High Executioner (Dick Backe). The title role was smaller, but 1951 held that role too, **Pete Donovan**. A Christmas card dated January 15 arrived from Pat and **Jim O'Rourke**. Jim's note was apologetic, but it's the thought that counts. We are also occasionally on the phone with **Bill Foote**. I would like to hear from the rest of you. Your class rep is increasingly besieged by life's minutiae and doesn't get to do in the day what he had hoped in the morning. Give it a try. Phone (516-627-7136) or email. I will include it in our next cliché-ridden 1951 notes. Here ends the real McCarthy text.

1952

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Charlie Lynch died on October 15, 2019. May he rest in the peace of the Lord. Charlie and his wife, Marilyn, enjoyed traveling and took many cruises. But their life together changed dramatically in late 2008, when his right leg was amputated as the result of a life-threatening aneurysm. Though many of his activities were curtailed, he was never bitter and graciously accepted his condition. We remember Charlie with great affection and are grateful to Charlie's daughter Cara, who brought him to several of our annual May 16th lunch reunions after Charlie was disabled; he was delighted to be there, as were we to see him. Of many memories of her father, Cara writes: "Most of the classmates do not know that Charlie went through most of his life being called Chuck, a nickname given to him at Notre Dame. What

surprised me was that he never liked that nickname, yet everyone in his family, including my mother, only addressed him as Chuck. My sister and I always knew it was an old friend calling if they asked to speak with Charlie. The Class of '52 meant a lot to Charlie. I brought my parents to NYC for the 60th and the May 16th reunions. Charlie almost did not go to the last reunion he attended, May 16, 2014. He did not want me to use a vacation day to accommodate him. But I knew how much he liked being with all the Regis classmates. I told him, 'I don't know what will happen in a year.' That was also the last reunion for **Jim McGough**, who faithfully emailed me to see if Charlie would attend on May 16th each year." **Larry Boland** writes: "Charlie was a jovial chap, one who enjoyed a good laugh. I have very fond memories of our get-togethers on May 16. Charlie was a walking treasure of funny stories about every classmate. He could rattle off the names of all the Class of '52 who attended the freshman class at Manhattan College with him. He liked to tell the story of meeting Fr. Hesburgh of Notre Dame on the airplane when he flew there for his Grad School interview, later gaining his Ph.D. in organic chemistry. I helped Charlie find a band to play at his daughter's wedding, a band the Bolands have used three times. He attended our annual reunion even after losing a leg, when he would challenge our memories of Horschler, the Jay, Clancy, Goober, Rice, Zema, Carroll, and Vogel." **Law Bowlby** writes: "Charles played my 'husband' in the Freshman Class play. It was his one and only time on the Regis stage. I have that effect on people. The only other extracurricular activity we shared (along with **Charlie Harbutt**) is we were all members of the library staff. As I recall, none of us were particularly devoted to stamping due dates on borrowed books; the comely librarian at the time was the attraction. Charles was very sharp with a dry, penetrating sense of

humor. A bit of a cynic, but it seemed that was an intellectual requirement to attend Regis. I always enjoyed his company and his conversation. He had a great intellect, and he never hesitated to let you know it! It was a real treat when he began attending the luncheons, and his departure is a great loss." Lew also reports on the home front: "Christmas was especially hectic this year. On December 8, my wife, Rosemary, suffered severe stomach pains. A visit to the local hospital ER the next day produced a diagnosis of a gallbladder problem. Ro has a rare blood condition, which required surgery at the Maine Medical Center in Portland, a two-hour ambulance trek from our home. After she returned home, unusual discomfort persisted, requiring another ambulance ride to Portland for minor surgery. It was two hours each way to visit her in Portland while prepping the house for the holidays and keeping three cats and a dog fed. Rosemary was finally home again on Christmas Eve. After a quiet Christmas Day, we had a combined Christmas feast and twin birthday celebrations for Rosemary and our granddaughter Clara. Fifteen relatives, roast beast, Christmas and birthday presents, cake and candles. We called it Mistletoe Madness. Ro's recuperation is slow, but progressing, and I am *not* counting the days until next Christmas." **Bob Baron** writes: "Three score and seven years ago, Jesuit fathers brought forth in New York a new graduating class, conceived in Latin and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. We may have been created equal, but after four years at Regis some were more equal than others. Such was my 4B classmate Charlie Lynch. We were the science group in senior year. Greek was beyond us, and we took our chances with physics and chemistry. Charlie was outstanding as a student and fun to be with. For four years, he worked in the library and was on the debating society. One tells you to be quiet and the other tells you to speak up. Only Charlie could have pulled it off. In

senior year, he wanted to be called Karl. He signed my yearbook with that name. But Charlie or Karl was a wonderful classmate." Bob also reports on his work as writer and publisher: "I will be organizing three days for writers at the 11th World Wilderness Congress (Wild 11). It will be held in Jaipur, India, March 19–26. This is my fourth Congress running programs for conservation writers." **Frank Neeson** reports: "Once again, Betty and **John Peloso** hosted an abbreviated group of Greeks (Maureen and I, as well as Nancy and **Jim Brennan**) for an afternoon of Bronx Tales and Regis reflections. The DeMaio's and Rose McGough sent regrets but look forward to sampling chef John's culinary specialty in 2020. It seems the Regis connections are everywhere, even up north in Pearl River. In addition to hanging out with past students of Class Rep Jerry (**Jim Shepard '60**) and the late **Charlie Cremeans '60**) and **Larry McKearny '50**, we had a small-world experience. While my better half, Maureen, was fresh from surgery for a second hip replacement, I spotted the name tag of the nurse practitioner tending so tenderly and skillfully. Who knew? Uncle **Gerry Loftus**, your niece sends her best wishes. While engaged in a favorite activity, channel surfing, I paused to watch professional squash, only because I remembered **Bill Sullivan** was a player. But it reminded me of playing handball in the courtyard with my champion partner, **Bob Dobbins**. Yes, there was a handball wall." The latest publishing news from **Harry DeMaio**: "The *Casebooks of Octavius Bear* keep chugging along. Book Eleven, *The Worst Case Scenario*, is scheduled for release in April, and Book Twelve, *The Nut Case*, is nearing completion." **Jack Magan** recalls a memorable meeting: "My first wife finally tired of my act and slid my luggage down the icy front steps of our Bronxville townhouse in January 1969. Staggered, I gathered my belongings, got in my car, and drove into an uncertain future — that was to include both sobriety and the most controversial figure of

our time. My closest friend was, and remains, Las Vegas hotelier Gene Kilroy, who happened to be Muhammad Ali's business manager at the time. Gene regularly stayed with me whenever he was in New York, so I got to know Ali, close up and personal, and I have some great stories. The Champ was appearing at the Brooklyn Paramount with Ray Charles, and picked us up at my Manhattan apartment. When we walked into Charles's dressing room, he was playing chess, and Ali, holding his index finger to his lips, walked up behind the blind superstar and covered 'Brother Ray's' eyes with his hands. Charles exploded in boisterous laughter. Yet, once the singer took the stage, Ali paid no attention; instead, he busied himself autographing hundreds of 8x10 copies of the now-iconic photo of scrawny, 12-year-old Cassius Clay in a boxing pose at his local Louisville Police Athletic League gym. When we made eye contact, The Champ queried, 'Hey, Jack, what d'ya think? I'm gonna hawk these to the crowd for five bucks apiece!' 'That's great,' I responded, 'but you spelled "Muhammad" wrong.' The most highly recognizable man in the world, who had changed his name upon embracing Islam five years earlier, became extraordinarily pensive, stared at his signature on the top photo, and, without looking up, asked, 'How d'ya spell it?' With that, I burst into laughter, as he did once he realized the absurdity of what had just transpired. Ali, who was perpetually good-natured and non-confrontational in private, then pursed his lips and menacingly shook his right fist as he chortled, 'You smart guy!'" From **Jerry Kappes**: "In my first class in 1957, **John Ward '60** was an outstanding student, a sophisticated sophomore who was a bit intimidating to this rookie teacher. Congratulations to John, whose life and exemplary law career were the focus of a lengthy and heartfelt interview/article in *Bostonia*, the alumni magazine of Boston University: 'For 40 years, Ward has been at the forefront of the crusade for LGBTQ+ rights,

fighting in the courts to end discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status, and gender identity and expression.'"

1953

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Bob Mulligan's family wrote that he died on October 20, 2019. He was not ill, but suffered a massive stroke. Bob had played tennis just a few days before his death. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Helen, five children and their spouses, and seven grandchildren. He was always grateful for his Regis education, loved God and his family deeply, and was a true gentleman. **Ed Kapp** sends the joyous news that he and "Edie Gustafson were married on December 21st at St. Elizabeth's Church in Bakersfield CA. Msgr. Perry officiated. My son, Lawrence, was the best man and Edie's daughter, Kathy, was the maid of honor. It was a simple wedding with family members only and had about 25 guests." For anyone who would like to contact the newlyweds, they will live in their cottage at 350 Calloway Dr., Bakersfield CA. Ed added that "The start of the year was special. We attended the Rose Parade in Pasadena. We saw all the floats from an area close to Larry and Petities (Edie's sister) house." **Vic Figurelli** has been very busy (and generous with his time) down in the heart of Texas. "I am now President of A Gift of Time Adult Day Care. This is an organization that will offer holistic programs for people experiencing early to mid-stage dementia and support for their caregivers. We hope to be up and running 3rd or 4th Qtr 2020. Georgetown, TX, some 70,000 strong, has the largest percentage in Texas of residents 65 and over. According to the American Alzheimer's Association, one in ten in this age group has Alzheimer's, which is only one form of dementia. Georgetown currently does not have a day care facility. I also am involved in a program called, Talking BaseballALZ. This program brings together people with dementia and their caregivers

to reminisce about baseball, movies, TV shows, and events of a particular era and engage with others. It's a great program and has received positive feedback, especially from the caregivers. On the other end of the age scale, I am mentoring a 1st grader and helping him to read better." **Fred Gluck** sent an email concerning his most recent contribution to the national discussion on the health care crisis: "I thought you might be interested in the attached article that was published this morning (12/31/2019) on Real Clear Politics under the heading of Policy. The last line in the Article includes a link to the website: <https://www.sensiblehealthcarereform.com>."

Dick Coleman let us know that he and Bonnie are moving to Palm Desert, CA. Getting his necessary medical care required numerous doctor and therapist visits, follow-up tests and rehabilitation therapy, at sites located in various parts of Los Angeles County. "I cannot drive, so the brunt fell upon Bonnie to fight the increasingly impassable traffic, multiplying the hours to meet the medical consults. The stress became too much for us and led us to decide to move to Palm Desert. (Our emails remain the same.) My illnesses have prevented me from publishing my ireallymissreagan.com blog. The last issue was a year ago and the ones before that were several months earlier. I pray I will be able to resume the blog sometime this year. I am most appreciative for your emails, and your continued patience and support. Thank you." **John Cannon** has completed his and Jean's move to a senior residence. "Jean and I have completed the move into our apartment in a CCRC in Sleepy Hollow by closing on the sale of our home on the grounds of the Saint Andrews Golf Club in Hastings-on-Hudson. We moved into the one-bedroom CCRC apartment in July with much less than half of the furniture and a mere fraction of the books, etc. we had at St Andrews. The Lord's providence has intervened: A Ghanaian priest on assignment

to our local parish while getting a Masters in Law at Fordham, is happy to take all of our books and much of our furniture. He's filling up a container with items that are in short supply or unavailable in Accra. It looks like we'll have no trouble having a 'broom clean' house by the 27th when the purchasers do their walk-through. BTW, the priest's name is Thomas. In his early 40's, he's a cinch, IMO, to be a bishop before he's fifty." **Paul Olivo** checked in by telephone the other day to let us know that he and Valentina are living full time in Manhattan. They find getting around their Gotham neighborhood much more comfortable than life in the "country." Accordingly, they have sold their secondary home on Long Island. **Ron Tobin** reports that he and **Jack Roche** had what has become an annual, hour-long phone call while Jack winters in his Tucson residence. Besides the inevitable Organ Recital, Ron and Jack discussed recent readings involving theological issues — which surprised them both! Finally, **Tom Hickey** learned just yesterday that his granddaughter, Miki Lainovic, will begin her quest for an MBA at Stanford Business School. Already holding an undergraduate degree from Stanford, she hopes to join her father, Sacha, as an alumna of that august institution. Her brother, **Stefan Lainovic** '10 is currently on course to receive his MBA this May from Harvard Business School. All in the family indeed! If you change any of your contact info, please update your entry in the Regis alumni directory and let me know via email or text message.

1954

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Well it happened — the 65th reunion of the class of 1954 took place on September 14th in what is now called the auditorium but is merely a modest remnant of what we knew as the auditorium since the gym moved into the balcony. Present were: **Bob Bergen** up from South Carolina with his son and **Joe Bilodeau**

from New Jersey with his son, **Fred Burgess** and Carole and **Dave Nicholas** from Virginia, **George Culliney** and **Joe Sullivan** and his son from New York, **Tom Finnegan** from North Carolina on his way to Ireland, Regina and **Mike Lanzarone** and Jo and **Lou Luceri** from Long Island, Marie and **Charlie Mc Dermott** and Ann and **Ed Wilson** from Brooklyn, **Jim McGroddy** and Kathy and **Jack Conroy** from Westchester, Peggy and **Traug Lawler** from Connecticut, and Ann and **Dick Ward** from California. **Tom Smith** sent his regrets because of ill health, and **Frank O'Regan** was in the midst of moving. The biggest surprise was to see Joe (aka Ron) Bilodeau for the first time in 65 years. In our day he was "Ron," master of the horse and uneven parallel bars. Now as slim and suave as ever, he is Joe, and his son, who has taken over the family business, is Ron! Tom Finnegan reports on his reaction to the reunion: "It was great to see so many of our classmates at the reunion in September. I had a nice long talk with Bob Bergen and his son that night, and was grateful to Fred Burgess for giving me a lift to my daughter's condo on his way home to Brooklyn. It brought back so many happy memories of days gone by. The next day, I flew to Ireland to spend a few days with Maudy's cousins. No sightseeing. Just visiting. Again in 2019, I was the only member of '54 at JUG Night, until **Bill Monahan** arrived. We had a great visit, remembering how he used to beat me up in PE in freshman year, and our days at basketball practice. My youngest daughter, MaryJo, and I are planning to visit Santiago de Compostela and Lourdes, and maybe London to visit her daughter who is in Grad School there. This might happen in May or July. I hope you and all my classmates will have only good things come their way in 2020." Bill Monahan adds, "I joined **Tom Finnegan** as the rear guard at JUG Night. It was a ball! I visited **Tom Cahill** at Watermark

in Southbury CT. He's recovering from a vertebrae operation. He says greetings to all. He could use our prayers." **Sam Milana** is also asking for prayers:" hi jack: hope u r well, healthy & happy...i had a mild stroke a few months back.. could use some prayers... thanks... speech is ok but i have a slight balance problem...like kidney stones it will pass....it would be great if '54 kept in touch more...face it, we're running out of time..lol. God bless all u noble hearts of '54... it seems like only yesterday that we assembled in the quad & said the magnificat... wow! enough sappy nostalgia i'm in ca, 18188992241..would love a hello call.....take care, jack & ty for the great job u r doing as class rep. always your friend,sam milana" George Culliney had a fall right after Christmas and broke four ribs but feels he is coming along. **Jim Perrone** writes: "I am still teaching at UCONN on a part time basis and have a part time practice as a clinical psychologist in Shelton, CT. I have though reduced my workload to spend a little more time relaxing and with my wife who will be retiring soon. My son Daniel is a research analyst for Save The Children." Other than the turmoil of the break in the European Union and the rupture in the royal family, **John Fanning** feels there is very little of note happening in his life. May he continue to feel that way! Thanks to all of you who responded to my plea for news. As Sam so blithely puts it "...we are running out of time." Many of us are dealing with significant health issues — an intention to remember in our daily prayers. Please keep Regis informed of any changes in your address or e-mail.

1955

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Deepest condolences on the passing of **John Doyle, III**, who passed away the week of December 2, 2019. John (aka: "Jack") graduated in June 1959 from Fordham University (Fordham College, Encaenia

(Honors) Program). He received a law degree from Harvard Law School. During summers at Harvard Law he took part in civil rights marches in the South in the early Sixties. He was a highly respected Assistant United States Attorney and later Chief of the Criminal Division in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. His superb judgment and ability as well as his warmth were recognized by all of his colleagues of the United States Attorney's Office. He enjoyed a long and distinguished career at the Anderson Kill law firm before and after serving as Chief of the Criminal Division. His advice and judgment were sought by many of his colleagues ("lawyer's lawyer"). Throughout his career he generously gave of his time to bar and public interest activities, many of which he served in a leadership capacity. His genuine decency, warmth, and friendship will be greatly missed. John was also affiliated with the Robert B. Fiske, Jr. Association, the Robert M. Morgenthau Association, and the Whitney North Seymour, Jr. Association, who regarded John with great esteem and friendship. RIP. In October 2019, attending JUG Night were **Karl Brunhuber** and **Lou Umscheid**. In November 2019, attending the Deo et Patriae Reception were Carole and Lou Umscheid, Maryann and **Charley Vaughan**, and **John Morriss**. Carole and Lou travel between Princeton, Philadelphia, New York, and Washington, DC. In the summer of 2019 they attended games with the Phillies, Yankees, and Washington Nationals (before the latter turned around in the second half of the season to win the World Series). The Nationals won all four games against the Houston Astros in Houston! Winning four games on the road is incredible and may never happen again. The World Series took our mind off of impeachment, the national debt, and New York football! Maryann and Charley have enjoyed North Carolina for 24 years. They lived

in Cary, but now live in Raleigh. Their daughter, Cathy Vaughan, was in class in Georgetown University with Daniel Lahart, SJ, President of Regis. We expect to have our next Fifth Year Reunion in September 2020 at Regis, with invitations going out around June 2020. PS. John Doyle attended St. Raymond's Elementary School in the Parkchester area of The Bronx, while we attended the smaller, nearby St. Anthony's School. We would kid John that he had a leg up on us, coming from a larger school and a larger community. John would smile and laugh. Both schools were bastions of academic excellence, who educated many children of European immigrants. When you met John for the first time, you clicked and that click never went away. Both of us went on to the same high school (Regis), and to the same college (Fordham). John's mother was a schoolteacher and, typical of a female schoolteacher, no doubt inspired John toward the educational, the intellectual, the humane, and the personal. You would seek him out to get validated and elevated. With John there was never a downside, always an upside. In senior year at Fordham College (one of the great gems of American higher education!), William F. Buckley delivered a lecture to some 350 seniors. We were all impressed with his mannerisms, Yale education, and sesquipedalian vocabulary. The good looks, the wealth, the height, and the seasoned television personality also impressed. Besides, he had recently written and published *God and Man at Yale*, taking on the entrenched establishment at Yale. At the end of the lecture, young, 21-year-old **John Doyle** stood up and asked a question to which Buckley responded with grace, fluidity, charm, and metaphysical certitude! It took young John to have the courage to ask the question, which he no doubt never stopped doing throughout his legal career. John was all about civil rights, personal

rights, and equal rights. John embodied in a way St. Thomas More, patron saint of lawyers and consummate Catholic layman in the public square, raising the issues and not backing down. John, we thank you so much for your wisdom, your graciousness, your sense of fairness, and your sense of humor, making us all bigger, better, more perceiving, and more feeling. Deo et patriae! AMDG! In April 2020, a memorial for John will be held in New York. Enjoy "An Instant Classic about Learning Ancient Greek," *New Yorker* (Jan. 2, 2020). Kudos to our highly dedicated, Greek teacher, Steve Duffy, SJ. In January 2020, **John Githens**, John Morriss, and **Arthur Weisenseel** attended a tribute to Dr. Joel Shine, 105-years-young, preeminent psychiatrist, affiliated with the Mount Sinai Medical Center and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine (Professor of Psychiatry). Dr. Shine is still active, and doctors send their patients and/or diagnoses to him for his analyses ("doctor's doctor"). For relaxation Dr. Shine enjoys reading, say, Einstein's *Theory of Relativity*. In his apartment he has 1,000 books in his library ("scholar doctor"). When Dr. Shine was a student at Princeton, only two Jewish and three Catholic students were in attendance. Thank heaven for the JFK election of 1960! At the tribute we sang songs around a piano. The musical arts and the medical arts have a great connect: They are both uplifting, restorative, and, thanks to them, "On a clear day you can see forever!" The tribute was held in the vicinity of the UN, so far from the battlefields and killing fields of Iraq and Afghanistan. A picture-postcard night on the East Side of New York. A great way to usher in 2020, the New Year. Bonne annee, mes vieux!

1956

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Early in December, eleven of us

got together at the Park Avenue Tavern in Manhattan for our annual Christmas lunch. The food was very tasty, but the stories were much more interesting — both fact and fiction. The "long distance award" was a tie between **John Flynn** and **Mike Murray** who both hailed from Florida, trading their Bermuda shorts for overcoats with mufflers. **Bill Bautz**, **Neil Coughlan**, and **Ray McGuire** were able to roller skate from their Manhattan homes. **Ed** (alias Cy) **Moran** and former Swim Team star **Bob Neuner** both swam across the Hudson from Jersey. **Dom Padilla**, **Charlie Lynch**, **Tom Kelly**, and yours truly also managed to show up with smiles on our faces. The food was good, the noise level was quite tolerable, since the staff kept the neighboring crowds at a distance. As always, it was great to get together and catch up on things. We wished the rest of our class a very Happy Christmas. If you are ever visiting NYC, give me a little lead time and I will be happy to assemble a welcome party.

1957

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Friday, October 25, 2019 was the annual JUG Night, and this year the usual suspects were augmented so that there were 12 of us in attendance. There's supposed to be a photo of us somewhere near this text, and, in order starting from the right are: **John Hannaway**, **Jim Power**, **Ted O'Neill**, **Pat Ryan**, **Bill Bartlett**, **Jack Hyland**, **Bob Arbour**, **Gene Cheslock**, **Willie Werwaiss**, **Bill McGeveran**, **Bill Gillen**, and **Packy Lawler**. It's been a while since Cheslock and Arbour have been seen on 84th Street, and we thank them for making the trek in from the Jersey hinterland. A good time was had by all; great to have this opportunity (free for Golden Owls) to catch up each year. **John Hannaway** reports that he and **Paul Lennon '56** spent a most enjoyable evening taking in the Regis-Xavier basketball triple-header at Fordham

University. Regis prevailed in the all-important JV game, but lost the other two. About 300 Regians, way outnumbering the Xavierians, attended and cheered boisterously, just like Cheerleader Hannaway used to urge us to do in the old days. During the game, John and Paul were talking with one of the Regis mothers, who remarked on their devotion to Regis so many years after graduation. They were stopped in the parking lot after the game by a different Regis mother, who congratulated them on their presence at the games, with the word having traveled pretty fast that guys from the 50s were there. John reports that this was nice, but that there was some hint of surprise in her voice that guys so old could still be standing upright. In February 2020, **Pat Ryan** will be in Africa for four weeks. In South Africa he is revisiting the connection he helped to establish more than a decade ago for Fordham University with the University of Pretoria, as well as Jesuit works in Johannesburg and Cape Town. In the last half of February, he will be in Ghana for the opening of The Sanneh Institute, a research body dedicated to the study of Islam and Christianity in Africa. It is named after a friend and former colleague of Pat's, Lamin Sanneh. Pat and Lamin were both teaching at the University of Ghana in the 1970s. Professor Sanneh, a Gambian who was teaching at Yale until his death last year, began his life as a Muslim but became a Methodist Christian in his late teens. In 1999 Professor Sanneh entered into full communion with the Catholic Church. Pat presided and preached at his funeral in January 2019. Pat's Spring McGinley lecture at Fordham is entitled: "Caring for our Common Home: Jews, Christians, and Muslims Confront Climate Change." It will take place at Fordham's Lincoln Center campus on March 31 and on the Rose Hill (Bronx) campus on April 1. On a trip to Ireland last summer, **Neil McCarthy**

visited EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin, where he saw **John O'Keefe** honored with his own exhibit as a Nobel Prize winner whose parents were born in Ireland. **John Coyle** had a unique (for the Class of '57) experience last June, a rim-to-rim backpacking into, across, and back up out of the Grand Canyon; the oldest and slowest in the group, per John, but a survivor. **Joe Vaira's** granddaughter Katie is approaching graduation this June, maintaining a Summa Cum Laude 3.88 GPA. Your class rep had a great experience in 2019, participating in the Christmas Revels here in the Boston area, with 18 performances at Sanders Theater, part of Harvard University. This was the 49th year of these celebrations of Christmas and the Solstice, a three-hour show, new every year, of singing, instrumental music, dance, and storytelling. We did 18 performances in December, with a total audience of over 20,000. I sang in the adult chorus, danced in the Kentucky square dance, and had a small solo/acting part in one of the skits. Lots of fun.

1958

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From **Carlos Arnaldo**: "Unasked blessing from my Naughty Boy Saint! I had just sent a few hundred pesos to a student for her New Years meal. She lives in a provincial town and was going home with several *dilata* (Creole Spanish for canned sardines and corned beef), when a gang of young boys attacked her, stole the canned food and bananas, and pushed her into a passing car so she was hit solidly in the legs and partly on the arm, and taken to the hospital. First blessing was the duty nurse who checked her cell phone and thought she should contact me. She was taking care and making sure she gets the right medical relief even though she has no money with her. Second blessing: her best friend came over and will watch over her and get her meals, etc.



Packy Lawler '57, Bill Gillen '57, Bill McGeeveran '57, Willie Werwaiss '57, Gene Cheslock '57, Bob Arbour '57, Jack Hyland '57, Bill Bartlett '57, Pat Ryan '57, Ted O'Neill '57, Jim Power '57, and John Hannaway '57 shared a few drinks and many laughs at JUG Night.

Her name, coincidentally, is Angel. And she is really an angel for doing this. I thank my special patron saint, whom I call Naughty Boy Saint (a small mixed alloy *santito* from Bulgaria, maybe St. Anselmo?) for sending these two blessings, two angels! The car ran off without stopping and the boys also ran away—mga duwag lahat yan. Didn't realize how mean and evil some people can be on New Year's. But the two angels more than compensate."

John Friia writes: "I trust everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and is looking forward to a New Year much better than the last. Our Christmas certainly has been a joyous one as our youngest daughter, Brianna, became engaged." From **Jack Forrest**: "We're at our condo in Kauai until April. If anyone is visiting Kauai this winter, please let us know and we can get together. Aloha, Jack." **Peter Kern** writes: "**Peter Kern** and wife Carol (of 57 years) fulfilled a bucket-list item with a three-day working cruise aboard a 140 year-old two-masted schooner. Five other couples ranging in age from 28 to 65 joined the octogenarian Kerns and were complemented by a crew of four as they sailed in a

regatta in the Gulf of Maine. No running water, no electricity (save for a few 12-volt car batteries), no refrigeration (except for an ice chest for beer and wine), and a galley fired with a wood-burning stove took them back to the whaling era. Nature provided spectacular visual effects with matchless sunsets. Definitely recommended for those who are jaded by Carnival cruises!" From **Charley Stark**: "All is well here in sunny Florida where RoseMarie and I spend the winters. We are blessed with 5 grandkids and their four parents who visited us over the Christmas holidays. We hope all is well with our classmates."

1959

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1960

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John Ward meets with **Michael Coogan** every so often to read some selections from the Iliad in the original and declares the experience is "a lovely way to share." John was profiled in a recent issue of *Bostonia*, the alumni magazine of Boston University. The article described John's "four decades



Six members of the Class of 1961 got together in Washington D.C. in December: Standing left to right, **Bill Hannon** with his enigmatic smile, **Greg D'Alessio**, **John Lively** and **Ted Vorburger**, with **Bob Crimmins** and **Tom Walsh** seated in front.

of activism as an openly gay lawyer advocating for the rights of LGBTQ+ people and more recently, against the death penalty."

1961

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Well, seems like quiet times for the Class of 1961 — only three people reported news for this issue. **Paul Diczok** says that he is still enjoying Florida immensely, "at least my part of it (Sarasota area). So many culture vulture things, restaurants, shops and all that, and good people. As we near our 7th anniversary here we find that we like it more and more. If it had hills it would lack very little." Paul and I have compared notes a bit on bicycling, something we have in common. I complained that my access is limited by our cold, wet winter weather. In the past, Paul has marveled at Florida's great biking climate. But this time he reported that back issues and balance have kept him off his bike. "My bike handling skills began to slip, the upside being some spectacular, acrobatic, high air face-plants that surprised me as spontaneous combustion

would." So Paul has shifted to walking and some supervised weightlifting. He and Marianne continue to play duplicate bridge at least twice a week. "We are accumulating master points at a tortoise pace — we now have about 25, scooping up as much as .47 some weeks. But it is fun and has led to some very nice friendships. This February we'll be taking a Holy Land Tour led by James Martin, S.J., whose book *Pilgrimage* led us to seek it out. I hope to share some details in time." **Phil Rossi** noted the passing of Robert Heyer, a Jesuit Scholastic during our time at Regis. "Robert taught a number of us first year Latin and English. He was also (with Herb Ryan, SJ) a moderator of the Hearn Debate Society. After he left the Jesuits, he had a long and distinguished career as an editor and publisher of theological books, first for Paulist Press and then for Sheed and Ward." Meanwhile, the Washington, DC contingent continues to have a wonderful time, as reported by **Tom Walsh** (who sent visual proof of the occasion). "On the dark and stormy night of December 10, 2019, six DC area Regians gathered at The Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square for our planned quarterly (if we're lucky),

but as it turned out, annual Boys Night Out under the watchful eye of George Washington. Standing left to right, **Bill Hannon** with his enigmatic smile, **Greg D'Alessio**, **John Lively** and **Ted Vorburger**, with **Bob Crimmins** and **Tom Walsh**, or "Walshibus," as Father Prior so named him, seated in front. Missing with regrets were **Jim Giammo** (newborn grandson in Boston) and **Joe Krassy** (injured limb restricting travel from his distant suburb), with even more distant regrets from our two far out suburbanites, Pennsylvanians **Buck Favorini** and **George Dowdell** who both now call California home. Seafood Buffet night it was, and we toasted our school and ate well and got home safely, one and all, after promising to do this again in the Spring." And Spring it is, indeed, with its promise of new life. Here in the Pacific Northwest the grass is growing and daffodils are getting ready to bloom. And somewhere near Sarasota, Paul and Marianne are on the waiting list for an Australian Labradoodle!

1963

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Gerry Hickman notes that grandson Taner Campbell will be marrying Hannah Whitehead on April 25th in Maggie Valley, NC. Taner is a paramedic in Hendersonville, NC and Hannah is a first grade teacher. Gerry and his wife, Kathy, were married on April 26, 1969, so this will be a big celebratory weekend in the NC mountains. **John Tuccillo** and his partner, Leslie Young, spent the month of November in Italy. It began with a two-week tour of Sicily in a group of 17 people. John says it was a tour that got them into places that you never ever find on your own. The last two weeks were spent relaxing in Rome, living in an Airbnb apartment near the Piazza Navona and the Pantheon. **David Dowd** reports that he has been enjoying Florida since 2004, living

in Pembroke Pines. In case any of our classmates are in the area, he would love to get together. He is still working: Adjunct Professor at Barry University, School of Social Work, helping another social worker start up a community mental health center in Ft. Lauderdale/Sunrise, Florida; and finally following God's call to the Secular Carmelite order — just took temporary promises. David is enjoying a nice quiet life and grateful for his son, daughter, and grandchildren. He is turning 75 in March, so it's time for another five-year plan.

1964

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On October 11, **Brian Flanagan** sent an email to our 55-classmate group commemorating the 50th anniversary of the "Bring the War Home" movement by the SDS in Chicago. Brian enclosed multiple photos of the Weathermen from those days in Chicago as well as a telling photo of Brian being dragged off to jail. His comment under this photo was "Off to solitary confinement at Cook County Jail with bail set at \$100,000. A year later I surfaced from the Weather Underground to stand trial and was acquitted of all charges by a Chicago jury. Happy ending!" This email prompted a response from **Mike Ryan** that I am sure many classmates echo: "I'd love to hear more about this sometime. Did you ever write anything? If not, why don't you? There would be many interested in your experience." **Marty Besant** certainly agreed as he wrote that same day: "Brian et al. I am with friends today and around 11:00 AM I shared your Facebook picture explaining your part in the protests to end the war. What a strange coincidence that this should be the anniversary of your resistance. Thank you for sharing the complete details as I have rarely returned to Regis and miss most our history stories after graduation." Since Lynne and **Jeff Weinlandt** only returned

late on October 24th from a Viking River Cruise on the Douro river in Portugal, several scribes had to be hired to report on the behavior of our classmates at JUG Night on October 25th.

Kevin Rodgers emailed me that "since you missed it, I thought I'd give you a brief update on JUG Night. As might be expected in view of the temporal proximity to our 55th reunion on September 14th, attendance was very light. The attendees were as follows:

Vince Alline, Jim Pielli, Lou Fuoco, Lou Scheeder, Dennis Moulton, Ron Tristal, Dave Ritchie and your humble scribe. Dave and Ron left fairly early as did Lou. My son, **Kris Rodgers '05**, stopped by for a brief visit and livened things up a bit but all in all our table was pretty sedate. I spent a good portion of the evening in the cafeteria talking to Kris' classmates (his class also had few attendees) and to work-related friends from other Regis classes." In the same vein, I had asked Lou Fuoco by email to again provide a JUG Night update to me. His immediate email response was sent at 4:30 AM which prompted me to ask "Don't you ever sleep?" His retort was that "A true journalist never sleeps." And here is Lou Fuoco's report: "Hello, fellow members of the Class of '64. Your intrepid reporter has returned safely from JUG Night to issue this 'on the ground' account. I entered the building eager to learn of the latest exploits of our classmates but when I approached our table in the erstwhile old gym, I was greeted by a sight which made me wonder if I had finally, irrevocably lost my grip. There, sitting in the exact same seat as last year, was Jim Pielli haranguing Kevin Rodgers' son who was also sitting in the exact same seat wearing the same look of bewilderment. After some hesitation I got close enough to figure out that the conversation (monologue) was about the U.S. entry into World War II. I tiptoed away. In other news, Vince Alline is still churning out rehabbed computers from his

mountain hideaway in Tennessee. Ron Tristal and his lady friend attended a wedding reception featuring enough food to satisfy a horde of Visigoths. Dave Ritchie bought a Regis hat which looked like it could double as a Rutgers hat. Kevin Rodgers and I talked about roads not taken. Dennis Moulton and I played the always popular 'do-you-remember-this-guy-from-our-class-who-didn't-graduate' game, which is never over until someone mentions Tony Rifino. Unfortunately, I didn't speak with **Ken Kelly** or Lou Scheeder, probably because I was too busy trying to flag down the servers who kept bypassing our table. I hope next year's gathering brings more of us together." Congratulations to **Dr. Joe Coyne** who sent word on December 1st that "I was awarded the 'Mentor of the Year' award by the New Jersey Psychological Association last month. More significantly, I was also awarded the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the same meeting. This is the highest award given by the Association. It was quite a shock as well as quite an honor. I realized then how many PREVIOUS conversations I had been a part of where we were discussing a potential nominee and the conversation would include something like: 'We better give it to the SOB before he kicks off!'...then I thought...AM I THAT GUY!?!?" Our annual Christmas dinner gathering was held on December 3rd upstairs at our usual watering hole, *Brendan's Bar & Grill*. It was thought by some of us as one of our most enjoyable evenings shared together...and the final revelers left after 11:00 PM. This year's group consisted of **Bob Shullman**, Jeff Weinlandt, **Ray Smith**, Ron Tristal, Ken Kelly, **Rob Haberski**, **Jim Oliviero**, Joe Coyne, **Bob Metz**, Brian Flanagan, Dave Ritchie, **Joe Cirrito**, Jim Pielli, Dennis Moulton and **Frank Michel**. Some of the regrets regarding the dinner floated in prior to the dinner. Vince Alline sent word "Sorry I can't make it. I'm up in that neck of the woods waiting to recuperate

from JUG Night before heading back down south to hibernate until late April." Mike Ryan was scheduled to come down from Maine but a foot of snow up there the previous day ruined those plans. **Rich Shanley** reported that "Unfortunately I can't make the dinner. I've had knee surgery and I'm not yet able to get around."

Frank Silvestri "got blindsided by our office scheduling its holiday event for the same time. I've been torn over it, but it's something I pretty much ought to go to." Marty Besant emailed "Thank you for arranging these dinners that I am rarely able to attend. I will maintain my record of absence again." **John Keane** wrote "Once again, thanks for including me on these invitations but I can't make it. Too many medical issues. Coming up for the 55th was a bit of a challenge but well worth the effort." **Bob Schmidt** added that "I made the reunion, but I will be in Chicago at the time of the Christmas dinner at our LAST RSNA (radiology) meeting. My wife, Gillian, is still exploding in retirement with a major book published by Thieme and a company making an AI workstation for breast MRI (Qlarity Imaging) debuting there... Me, I'm Euripedes,...' (sitting) in the meadow and (plucking) with glad heart the spoil of the flowers, gathering them one by one.' Except in Maine, the flowers are withering faster than I can chase them." Kevin Rodgers missed it because "Kris '05 and my daughter Katie decided it would be a good idea to take our granddaughter Alice to Paris for Thanksgiving so we're all headed off to the City of Light on November 26th. My wife, Karen, has her birthday on December 12th so we're going to stay in Europe so we can celebrate her birthday in Paris and don't return home until December 14th. We're also heading to Dublin and other parts of Ireland for two weeks. We've got to be nuts with this kind of schedule." Lou Fuoco continues his second career as an actor and is "in a Greek comedy

by Aristophanes called *The Congresswomen* in which I play an old-school politician determined to uphold the patriarchy. At every rehearsal I feel like I'm channeling Father Duffy." Finally, **Tim Chorba** sent word on December 13th that "**Peter Rattiger** noticed the obituary of our Regis classmate, **John DeCarlo**, who went to Georgetown with Peter and me." John received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Columbia University and he practiced dentistry in Great Kills (Staten Island) for 43 years. He passed away in his home in Rumson, NJ, on November 30th and is survived by his wife of 29 years, Jacqueline, and his son, Jonathan.

1965

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On Thursday, August 22, we had a fantastic quasi-quarterly gathering at Slattery's. Those in attendance: **Al Airone** (from Philly), **Bob Carlina**, **Vin Daly** (from Baltimore), **Rick Dunn**, **John Felago**, **Steve Gabriel**, **George Griffith**, **Bob Kalisch**, **Jim Klein** (a first timer), **Joe Lyons**, **Tom Moebus** (a first timer), **Ed O'Brien**, **Red Romano**, **Rich Superti**, and **John Woodruff**. Carolyn and Al Airone hosted **Dan Halford** for a three-day visit. Dan is living and still working (Community College teacher and musician) in San Francisco but each year visits either the East Coast or several favored locations in Europe. Al is completing a second two-year term as a board member of his local neighborhood community association, and will probably let someone else have all the fun after this term ends in May. **Paul Bressan** reports that, after 44 years of practicing law, he retired at the end of 2019 and lives in Orange County, California. After sojourning nearly 3 years in the wilderness (of Atlanta), Prodigal Son Bob Carlina undertook a 9-day, 8-city road trip back to permanently relocating in Brooklyn, calling it the "Recovering My Sanity Tour."



Members of the Class of 1965 gathered at Slattery's in August to reminisce.

Along the way he spent some time with classmates **John Hansen, Bobby Serow, and Jim Ross**. After interviewing for a co-op in the shi-shi section of Bay Ridge, and certain he was on the brink of rejection, Bob cited the Groucho Marx aphorism, "I wouldn't belong to any club that would have me as a member." Bob finally abandoned his cardboard box under the Verrazzano (n.b. correct spelling) Bridge and relocated to a respectable residence back in Bay Ridge. Thomas Wolfe was wrong; Maya Angelou was right! Post Hill Press has just published **Jack Cashill's** most recent novel, a political thriller co-authored with Mike McMullen called *The Hunt*. For a collector's edition signed by both authors, please see thehuntbook.com/. **Rich Costabile** received the Del Hughes 2019 Master of His Craft Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in the Art of Stage Management, selected by the Stage Managers' Association, of which he's a founding member, with husband Randy and friends and family in the audience. Showing they are "enthusiastically retired," Rich and Randy spent a week skiing at Mt. Tremblant, a month in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, a few days in Los Angeles, three

weeks on the Big Island of Hawaii, 10 days traveling through the Midwest, followed by a six-week jaunt through Spain, Portugal, and Morocco (based on suggestions from **Peter Nardi**). High points included a night-time tour of the Mosque-Cathedral in Cordoba and riding a camel for an hour and a half each way through the western Sahara to their overnight desert campsite, with 12 other hardy souls. To ring in the New Year, they drove back to Lauderdale-by-the-Sea for three months! "If you're in the neighborhood before April 1st, let's make a date." Rich is always glad to spend time with Regis classmates, and in the past year visited **Jim Derham** and his wife Joleen in Williamsburg, VA and hosted **Paul Behr** in Normandy Beach, NJ. Rich asks that friends "call, text, WhatsApp or Gmail me." Louise and **Jeff Davis** are still biking strong. They completed their 6th summer-long trip through Europe on their trusty tandem, "Little Red." Their journey from Nuremberg to Copenhagen spent its first 60 days in Germany, and on every one of those days Jeff found his rusty but serviceable German was necessary. Thank you, Fr. Daley! "Though we're only 75% done as of August 13, we're currently on an

island in southern Denmark, and I'm assuming we will indeed complete our journey for the benefit of the RAN. One of these days I hope to make it to JUG Night or to one of John Felago's gatherings at Slattery's. John, please give our regards to those at your next gathering!" John Felago and wife, Jill Fitzgerald, traveled to Russia in early June. They spent most of the time in Moscow with a short side trip to St. Petersburg. John took a truck load of photos of the amazing Russian architecture. In September, John and Jill made a joint presentation to a corporate retirement group in San Diego... the themes were 1) Photography (John) and 2) Painting & Fitness (Jill presented excerpts of her paintings featured in her book *A Healthy Life in Pictures*.) **Jack Murtagh** reports, "To borrow a phrase from Gail Godwin, I live 'by the grace of daily obligation': reelected as President of the Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) Library Association, a consortium of all 46 libraries and their branches, with responsibility for ensuring equitable library service to all residents; serving on the board of the Honduras Hope Mission, a 501(c)3 nonprofit building a community education/medical facility in La Villa de San Francisco Honduras; leading a Small Group in our parish; and, perusing seed catalogs and rebuilding my raised beds for the upcoming yearly joust with the abundant critters in this part of the world. It's more fun than practicing employment law ever was." Peter Nardi, who volunteers as a docent at Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House, Los Angeles' UNESCO cultural heritage site, says "Come visit!" Bob Romano writes: "As cancer patients, my wife and I have spent countless hours in hospital waiting and treatment rooms. We've often observed that an upgrade in 'art work' might make patients and accompanying family/friends feel better about what they're experiencing. Meanwhile, the medical

profession has promoted the benefits of including art in cancer treatment as means for expressing difficult feelings artistically and offering soothing images to address the cancer experience. A long-time amateur photographer, I've recently begun taking my photography more seriously with the intent of donating my images to nationally-recognized cancer hospitals. I've approached several, have donated six images to one, and am in discussions with two others. I'm still not sure what 'photographic art' is supposed to look like, but my Nikon and I are having fun and, yes, I love my images — especially my Water Reflections, an idea I've been chasing since 2006. My photography has taught me that natural beauty can be hiding in plain view — on the sunlit surface of lakes and rivers and at seaports. Even after sunset, streetlights can create alluring water reflections: Nature's abstract paintings. Earlier this year, a gallery in Venice invited me to show my water reflection images during the Venice Biennale. I went and brought my Nikon. And there I was in a 16th Century villa called Ca' Zanardi, showing my photos at a gallery called Anima Mundi. In the days following the gallery opening, I stayed in Venice — a town where water reflections are essentially everywhere — and captured some beautiful new images. Sadly, only a few weeks after these photos were taken, Venice was inundated with horrific floodwaters — and its water reflections took on a sad reminder of Nature's destructive power. Ginger and Jim Ross welcomed their fifth grandchild, Owen, and on the 8th day participated in his bris (their second). Earlier in the year, they met up with **Rick Commandich** at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs in Portland, Oregon, where Rick lives. En route to Montreal they lunched at the lovely Norwich, New York home of **T.J. Moorehead** and his wife, Angela Reed. Jim and Bob

Romano caught up at the Georgetown 50th where they discussed the joys and challenges of photography. John Felago and Jim have been playing leapfrog by publishing photo essays in alternative issues of *Barren*, a literary journal with a strong social media presence. Jim's recent stories and photo essays have focused on youth climate strikers, the planetary health diet, women's suffrage, research ethics, and homelessness. He considered it a coup to publish a piece on the Nepalese child goddess tradition in *The Ignatian*. **Bob Serow** writes, "I've formed the Canon 1374 Historical Society to look into the restrictions that some religions have placed on education. The name comes from the former ecclesiastical law that forbade Catholics to attend any non-Catholic institution of education. Follow us on Twitter @1374Canon or visit religionandrestrictededucation.com/." Within recent months John Woodruff has had two creative projects published. The third volume of his novel about the late Sixties and a family in New York, *The War at Home*, *Skirmish for the Upper West Side* was published by Mascot Books; and Albany Records released *Of Death and the Planets*, a cycle of poems by John set by composer Jim Lahti for six instruments and two voices. But most importantly, on November 19th, John became a grandfather for the first time. His son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Erin, gave birth to Adelaide Maine Woodruff. With regard to archives of The Owl and The Register, John Woodruff writes, "Some of you will remember during our Fiftieth Anniversary weekend Father Andreassi said, 'For some reason the archive has a gaping hole around your class's years' in archives of The Owl.' I opined that it might have something to do with a change of format during those years that proved fairly controversial and was (after our

years) eventually discarded for the more conventional and traditional tabloid style. Since then, with the help of **Michael Ingrisani** and Jim Ross, I've been able to restore five of the issues from that era, which roughly extends from May of 1963 to May of 1965. They were handed over to Father Lahart last Fall. If anyone has any copies of the shiny booklet style literary magazine that The Owl briefly became for those two years, please get in touch with me (jwoodruff7@comcast.net) and let me know what you have. We are close to completely restoring that 'gaping hole' but there might be one or two overlooked issues out there. You might also remember that part of the reaction to that format change was the appearance of The Register (thanks to Bob Serow and company) which during that period served as the tabloid style newspaper. Again, if anyone has saved any issues of The Owl or The Register, please let me know."

1966

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Jim Maguire continues to enjoy the sunshine on Maui, learning ukulele and volunteering in Haleakala National Park and the local Friends of the Library used bookstore. He plans to take an Overseas Adventure Travel vacation in Germany and Prague early in 2021. Let him know if you're interested in that or other travel plans.

Mario Rizzo is the coauthor with Glen Whitman of a new book from Cambridge University Press, *Escaping Paternalism: Rationality, Behavioral Economics, and Public Policy* (2020). Mario is an associate professor of Economics at NYU. **Ed Marut** writes: "I have grandchildren news: with the birth of Patrick David Birch (my daughter's third child) in November 2019, my wife Joanne and I now have five

grandchildren 5 years old (Kate and Mimi, twin girls, my son's) and under (4 year-old Billy and 2 year-old Jolie, my daughter's). Christmas at our house with everyone was certainly amazing! We feel very blessed!" Toni and **Richard Corelli** write that they "are staying warm and dry on the Pacific Coast now that the winter storms are settling down. Richard was recently told by one of the state's deputy attorneys-general that he is in the 'top echelon' of medical experts in providing expert psychiatric opinions for the state medical board. No exotic travel plans this year but staying close to home and doing home remodel projects and landscaping our back yard. Later in the summer planning a trip to the Oregon coast. Toni is enjoying retirement and raising our 5 year old goldendoodle Phoebe. Richard is still working full time in Palo Alto and Half Moon Bay and enjoying his passions of photo-editing and acrylic painting." Marian Hooegeveen and **Gerry Moran** arranged a get-together with various classmates at the Ginger Man bar in New York in December. Attendees included Gerry's sister Jennifer Moran, **Bob Cartwright**, **Ken Ryan**, **Charlie Pignatello**, **Jim Periconi**, **John van Name**, Kathy and **Doug Brown**, Maryann and **Lou Recano**, Janet and **John Sawicki**, Peggy and **Tim O'Connor**, and Linda and **Steve Boatti**. Phyllis Pantirer, widow of **Bob Mollenhauer**, is continuing their tradition of escaping winter weather on Maui. Their first grandchild, Raven, is just a year old.

1967

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Regions and a legion of friends and family celebrated the life of **John Collins** who died on the first day of the new year only weeks after flummoxed physicians finally came up with a diagnosis of terminal illness. John was a quintessential New Yorker — gifted pianist, lover of musical theater and opera, and someone

unafraid to switch careers in mid-life, switching from network news analyst to law student at night and becoming a civil rights lawyer for the city and the federal government. In our 50th reunion yearbook, he recalled attending a seminar on international human rights and hearing "the meaning of 'justice' as if Pedro Arrupe were speaking. I was thrown from my 42-year-old self-absorbed horse (like St. Paul, except for the Abercrombie riding gear and Hermès saddle) and directed to something like service There was finally a reason to get out of bed in the morning that involved other people." His health failed, but never his sense of humor.

Bill McLaughlin, who visited John in the hospital the day after Christmas, said John quipped he just wanted a clear prognosis before putting a deposit on his customary Fire Island summer rental. **Art Bender, S.J.**, was at the wake, and McLaughlin, **Joe Zeller**, and **Jim Keaney** attended the Requiem Mass at John's hometown parish, Blessed Sacrament, on Staten Island that **Michael Holleran** concelebrated with the pastor, Fred Berardi, who has ministered to the extended Collins clan for decades. Other Regions who turned out included **Jerry Kappes '52**, **John Mullin '66**, and retired Toronto Star theater critic **Richard Ouzounian '66**, who delivered the eulogy, quoting from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J.'s poem "Spring and Fall," and Stephen Sondheim's song, "No One is Alone," from "Into the Woods." Richard "highlighted John's generosity as a friend and his remarkable ability to form meaningful relationships with people from all walks of life," Holleran wrote in an email. "It was a joy and a privilege to know John. He could be 'wickedly funny,' as Jerry Kappes put it, but was also deeply humble. In fact, John wrote in my '67 Regis yearbook: 'The most difficult test of a true actor is his performance

in the most trying role of all — humility.' He added: 'May you see the light you are looking for' — which is a benediction for us all as we move forward." **Bill Armbruster** traveled to Vietnam in January for two weeks with a group of journalism students and professors from Saint Peter's University. Bill writes: "It was a fantastic trip. We started in Ho Chi Minh City, which many locals still call Saigon, then flew to Danang, where we met several American veterans of what the Vietnamese call the American war. The vets are there doing humanitarian work with victims of Agent Orange, which is transmitted genetically. We visited a center for children and young adults suffering from Agent Orange. Some looked and acted quite normal, but others had obvious physical issues. The children were very happy to see us. The vets told us that the people who come to this center have to be able to socialize; at other centers, people just lie in bed all day." They also journeyed to beautiful Hoi An and to the capital, Hanoi, "where we met an American vet who's an adviser to Project Renew, a group that seeks to defuse unexploded bombs dropped during the war. We ended our tour with an overnight cruise on Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site. It was a memorable trip for all of us, but especially the students." Separately, Bill put on his journalist's hat again in late January when he attended a press conference where Gov. Phil Murphy, joined by former congresswoman Gabby Giffords, announced \$20 million in grants to nine New Jersey hospitals for intervention programs with victims of violence. Bill wrote it up for the Jersey City Times, a new online publication, where Bill is an advisor. **Sal DeLuca's** mother, Loretta, passed away in October, leaving five children, 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. "As the best tribute, with spouses and significant others added in, we

now need to use an outdoor tent to help accommodate the family gathering for Christmas Eve's Feast of the Seven Fishes," Sal said. **George McCann** also lost his mom, Natalie, who "was 95 years young. The last few were difficult as she struggled with Alzheimer's. Pray for a cure!" George attended a Regis alumni lunch in Palm Beach in January. "Anyone living in the area should consider attending next year. It was a lot of fun," he said. **Bob DeCresce** says: "My wife and I went to Egypt for two weeks over Christmas for sightseeing and snorkeling in the Red Sea. Had an enjoyable and educational vacation. An extra bonus was stopping over in Munich for a beer and big pretzel. Unfortunately at the Lufthansa Lounge and not the Hofbrauhaus!" Karen and **Jack Alexander** were headed to New Zealand and Australia in February for a 30-day cruise, fingers crossed that their plans won't be disrupted by either the fires or the coronavirus. **Christopher Meatto**, as chief financial officer of FruitStreet.com, a Public Benefit Corporation that delivers its Diabetes Prevention Program via a Telemedicine platform, has helped raise \$13 million from physician investors.

1968

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After ten years together, **Michael Husar** married Betty Jo Brown on September 5, 2019. **Carl Guarneri** and his wife Valerie Weller celebrated their 45th anniversary by enjoying the musical *Hamilton* in SF. Carl also logged his 40th year of teaching US history at Saint Mary's College of California, with visiting stints at Colgate and the University of Paris 8. His latest book, *Lincoln's Informer: Charles A. Dana and the Inside Story of the Union War*, was published by the University Press of Kansas in November 2019. Carl writes: "While I was completing a draft of the book, an East Coast colleague

suggested that I get in touch with the John W. Wright Literary Agency of New York. I made a call, and within minutes I realized that I was speaking with the same 'Mr. Wright' who taught us world history more than half a century ago! He was very gracious and claimed to remember our class. He told me that after his brief career at Regis, he worked as an editor at Oxford University Press, as a packager of reference books, and then as an independent agent. He generously agreed to read a couple of draft chapters and gave me sage advice that shaped the book's final draft. His name is in the acknowledgments. Small world!"

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A vicious rumor has been circulating that members of this class graduated from Regis High School nearly 50 years ago. How could that be? I've still got pimples, an urge to tell corny jokes...but then there are the grandchildren. Against the possibility that there is truth to this rumor, plans are being made for a celebration in New York the weekend of June 12th-14th. Current agenda items include: on Friday evening, a choice of a Mets/Nationals game or a Circle Line boat tour around Manhattan; on Saturday, a gathering at Regis around 3 p.m. for a talk with the President, a tour of the school, and Mass, followed by fine dining at Maloney & Porcelli (37 E. 50th St.), and libations there and elsewhere until the wee hours; on Sunday, to be determined, with the school having offered to host a brunch, and the possibility of other groups gathering, such as the survivors of Regis in Austria VI, various athletic groups, the Homeric Academy, etc. Please mark your calendars now. More details will come very soon.

Note that the annual Regis golf outing is the next day, Monday, for those of you golfers who are interested. In other news, **Buzz Doherty** and **Jack Martin** report that their sons, Marron and John, respectively, are getting married this July. **Jack Regan**, who is still undergoing treatment but with positive vibes, entertained **Ed Murphy** in Atlanta recently. Ed is Professor Emeritus in Laboratory Medicine at UCSF, and working as hard as ever. Whose fault is that, Ed? Ed's son Nick followed in his father's footsteps, getting his MD at UCSF and serving his residency there. Ed's daughter Marina has her PhD in School Psychology from UC Riverside and is a Mental Health Clinician and School Psychologist in the Bay Area. **Bill Lee** reports that he saw 56 baseball games last year in 30 different stadiums, in 13 states, DC, and the province of Ontario. At what point does an avocation become an addiction? Contact Bill directly if you'd like to hear more about the minor league contraction proposed by MLB. Bill tells us he'll be with us from the Tidewater area in June! **Kevin Bryant's** daughter was to spend the semester in Australia, but timing is everything, and so she'll be in New Jersey and Boston this semester to further her studies. Kevin is not yet heartbroken about this change in plans. **Marc Tronco**, from overseas, reported to **Rick Antosh**: "Still in London and hopefully through September 2020...I volunteer at a horse stable here called Ebony Horse Club. It is for kids who live in Brixton. I muck out stalls and when there are lessons will help lead horses for the kids who haven't ridden much and need a helper on foot with a lead rope. I have a great time there — great variety of kids — some riding for the first or second time ever — great to talk with them while they are riding. Anyway, they have an annual charity event at a polo club in London. Part of that includes polo matches. One of the teams is made up of volunteers so I volunteered for the team and was

chosen. I never in a million years thought I'd ever play polo — I thought they wouldn't allow me to take lessons because I didn't have the right boots but they couldn't have been nicer. I told the instructor I had that I was glad I never did this as a kid because I would have never shown up at school and I would have been breaking into houses to pay for the lessons (you can take the kid out of Jersey City....) It was a right proper British charity event — food and drink, speeches, hip hip hooray for the Queen. When I rode out onto the polo pitch I looked up to the sky to my Mom and Dad, Cynthia's Mom and all the kids from Virginia Ave. that I grew up with and just shook my head back and forth."

1971

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Our favorite CBS News producer, **Rich Buddenhagen**, reported that on Sunday, Jan. 26 he was in LA (that "other" coast), producing a story with correspondent Tracy Smith of CBS Sunday Morning. The piece is about the Oscar-nominated comedy, "Jojo Rabbit." It's directed by Taika Waititi and co-stars Scarlett Johansson, both of whom they were interviewing. As many of us know, Scarlett is engaged to Regian **Colin Jost '00** of "Saturday Night Live" Weekend Update fame. (Cue chorus of "Lucky Man.") Rich of course gave her a Regis t-shirt. Astonished, she went on to tell Rich how she and Colin and fellow Regian (and possibly her agent) **Kevin Huvane '76** often talk about Regis. Rich closed with "I wish I could tell you more, but about that time security dragged me away." **Pete Fanelli** weighed in with a planned family trip to Jamaica in April, to celebrate their February 9th 40th (!!) anniversary. Congratulations, Pete and Diane. He mentioned that his daughter Laura, who teaches at Hicksville High, won't make the trip because she is

with child, and can't risk the Zika virus. **Luke Garvey** just returned from his annual jaunt to Jamaica, where each January, he and his wife Michelle join several hundred other crazed Little Feat fans for 4 days of music on the beach with Feat and a number of other bands. Yah mon!

1972

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After deciding it was time to start collecting his pension, **Tom Collins** took a six-month hiatus which was interrupted with a lengthy stint on jury duty. He and Kathi went RVing to Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, and the Canadian Rockies. Tom writes that "my girls are still with us, but my son landed a great programming job in San Francisco and loves it out there. I will do some part-time gig soon, but doubt I will ever get enticed back to full-time. I really found having the time to exercise and play too great to give this up completely." Tom also attended last year's JUG Night, along with **Mike Davies, Herb Webner, Eric Achacoso, Bob Schneider, Michael Meskers, Michael Battiston, Frank Giordano, Kevin Gil, Vinnie Grosso, John Rogers, and Jim Burdi**. Jim writes that "with twelve attendees, we were among the best represented of the older classes. Of course, the conversation has moved to children's marriages and impending or recent retirements, but it always amazes me how comfortable we all remain with each other, despite the time that has passed and the different lives we have lived." After 41 years living in Liberty, New York, Pat and **Jim Dennis** will be moving to Niskayuna, New York in March. **Peter Farranto** and **Kevin Murray** teamed up to travel to Antarctica on board the SS Zaandam. They visited ports in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, and the Falklands as well as spending four days cruising up and down the Antarctic peninsula. Kevin admits that "Peter was a



Peter Farranto '72 and Kevin Murray '72 braved the cold together when they traveled to Antarctica on board the SS Zaandam.

wonderful traveling companion despite consistently beating me at trivia!" **Bill Greiter** and partner Deb Leonard enjoyed a late summer trip to Italy. He says "the high point of the trip was undoubtedly the mountain biking — a full day of gentle pedaling through the hills of Tuscany followed by a white knuckle sort of day in the Italian Alps pedaling through an area full of cows endlessly ringing their bells as though they understood all the tourists who had read Heidi expected nothing less." Bill's son Christopher continues with his engineering studies at the University of Colorado in Boulder. His daughter Elizabeth is in her last semester of JD/MBA studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and will join Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis in its health care practice after sitting for the bar exam this summer. Bill then celebrated his 65th birthday in November with a trip to Alberta, Canada. He says the high point of that trip was "rappelling down a sheer 60 foot cliff inside of a place called Rats Nest Cave (yes they were in residence!) and sort of smiling when I reached the bottom without incident. Goes to show something or other about judgement over the decades!" Speaking of 65th birthdays, **Gene Billeci** toasted

his with a surprise party attended by **Kevin O'Reilly, Kevin Moran, Fran Barra, Rick Venino, John Tucciarone, Joe Schwarz, and Mike Morris** at Violette's Cellar on Staten Island. Agnes and **Greg Czuchlewski** have been traveling. They returned to their St. Thomas condo for the first time since the 2017 hurricanes and found that the island is recovering well. Then they took their first trip to Italy, where Greg stood up for a friend getting married in Tuscany. Greg says "Florence was beautiful and historical, food tremendous, people lovely, though we could have used some shade trees while touring the gardens during a 100+ heat wave." Then off to New Mexico to visit Greg's brother **Paul '64**, nephew **David '94**, and older brother, Steve. Greg says "we're certainly appreciating the freedom of retirement." Sad to report that our classmate **Tom Giuliano** died on December 4, 2019. **Jim Provenza** remembers Tom "as a very friendly guy who always seemed positive in attitude and with a deeper appreciation of the world than most. The photo of Tom in the notice issued by the funeral home really captured his personality as I remember." In addition, Margaret Mary O'Reilly Johnston, mother of **Jim** and **John Johnston** and the youngest of 11 children from County Cavan,



John Ward '77, Mike Holden '77, Marty Dowd '77, Shawn Feeney '77, Jim Fields '77, John Canning '77, and Mike Dowd '77 cheered heartily at Fordham University to support Coach James Shanahan '77 and the freshman basketball team during the annual Triple Header against Xavier.

Ireland, died on December 17, 2019, shortly before her 96th birthday. May their memories forever be a blessing for those touched by their lives.

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Joe Bringman has been a *Man for Others* this year. He writes that the past year has been heavy on pro bono work. Early in the year, he prepared an amicus brief on behalf of 20 civil rights organizations to support a petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court on some first amendment issues. He followed this with two years' worth of work trying to obtain clemency for a guy who 20 years ago was sentenced to life

in prison under Washington's three-strikes law for a second-degree robbery (a crime that isn't even a "strike crime" anymore) that he committed when he was 22. He's done a remarkable job turning his life around since he's been in prison. Joe and an associate submitted the petition in June and made their presentation, with witnesses, to the Clemency and Pardons Board in December. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of clemency (now goes to the Governor). There was another Regis connection here from **Vinny Schiraldi '77**, who was kind enough to submit an expert opinion regarding research into brain development on behalf of Joe's client. Joe's son Joey is now in his second year of graduate work in the University of Washington's Classics Department. He's doing very well, has received teaching assignments ahead of more senior grad students, and is tutoring a high school student in Latin on the side. He's already completed the requirements for his Masters, in a little under a year and a half, leaving another three or four years to earn his doctorate. **Jim Marchwinski** welcomed his first grandson in November, and despite jokes on Facebook from several for leaving

him anonymous, did not give us his name. **Lou Jerome** also joined this club, welcoming his grandson in the fall. Congrats guys!

1977

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Mike Bellissimo checked in from Massachusetts to report he is in year one of a PhD in Management at Case Western, his wife Barbara is Development Director at Martha's Vineyard Community Services, and his daughter Elisabeth just became a board certified Nurse Practitioner at Mt. Sinai. Since 2016, **Mark Kolakowski** has been one of the lead writers for Investopedia, "the world's largest digital financial education platform," as they style themselves, having contributed 1,200 articles to date. Prior to Investopedia, he was the financial careers expert for what used to be About.com, publishing over 1,900 pieces on that topic. Many of those articles now appear on a successor website called The Balance Careers. He is also a regular guest lecturer at Manhattan College, and manages to fit in a hockey game about once a week. (Non-checking, escaping injury is a cause for celebration.) **John Ward, Mike Holden, Marty Dowd, Shawn Feeney, Jim Fields, John Canning** and **Mike Dowd** convened at Fordham University to support **James Shanahan**, coach of the Freshman basketball team, in the opening game of the tripleheader against Xavier. Alas, the frosh lost, as did the varsity.

1978

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Lou DiBella will be inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame on June 14, recognizing 30 years of achievements in the sport as a boxing promoter, an executive with HBO Sports, and a producer (and actor, playing himself) of boxing films. Another classmate involved in boxing is

Martin Snow, who continues to own and operate Trinity Boxing Club locations in New York and Los Angeles.

1979

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Manny Ribot's younger son David moved back to Chicago from Boston to take a job at GoGo Inflight. Older son Evan is finishing his last semester at University of Chicago Law, and also became engaged to a wonderful young lady, Emily Fern. Their wedding is planned for January 23, 2021. Manny hopes to see many of you at our 40th reunion in April. **Richard Macksoud's** son James, who got his bachelor's degree from Columbia and his master's from Cambridge University, is getting his Ph.D in Roman History at Stanford University. Richard's son John recently graduated from Boston University and has started a career in marketing. **John K. Hayden** will be traveling to Poland in March with his wife Laura and one of their daughters, Alexis. They plan to explore both historic and natural sites. In the meantime, the entire family is beyond excited about the Super Bowl since Laura grew up south of Kansas City and both daughters, Alexis and her older sister Christiana, live and work in the Kansas City area. Go Chiefs! Christiana Kelly Hayden, elder daughter of John Hayden and Laura Endicott Hayden, married Will Rangel of Omaha, Nebraska in a beautiful wedding mass last June 1 in Christiana's hometown of Weatherford, Oklahoma. Over 150 wedding guests traveled from California to New York to share in the couple's big day. Christiana and Will have made their home in Kansas City. Judith and **Bill Passannante** report that son **William '10** is working at a federal judicial clerkship on the United States Court of

International Trade in New York; son **Luke '14** is working as an Analyst at Guggenheim Partners in New York; and daughter Grace has entered her final semester of college at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. **John McNicholas** shares some family news: John's daughter Jenna graduated from Middlebury College where she was a member of the women's lacrosse team which won the NCAA D-3 National Championship. She was recognized as an Academic All-American in her senior year. Jenna's team also won the National Championship in her freshman year. She is currently working in New York City. John is looking forward to catching up at our 40th reunion in April.

1981

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As we plod through another mild winter, I asked the Class of 1982 to reminisce about what it was like to attend Regis in cold, blustery, and snowy conditions. Everyone has their own memories. A lot of them probably relate to the challenge of just getting to and from the school (something Manhattanites like **Arthur Xanthos** and **Tim Dowling** probably can't relate to). But then there were others who came from faraway places each morning (wasn't **Mario Consing** commuting all the way from Pennsylvania?). I'll start with my memory of the annual Regis Ski Trip. How I ever woke up at 4AM or whatever to get to East 84th Street in time to board the bus is a marvel to me. And I'm fairly certain I brought my own skis and boots. For some reason I remember one time sitting on the bus and listening to **Bill Chen** play Super Freak by Rick James. On the way back I remember surprising myself by winning a hand wrestling competition against Arthur and then learning a few days later that my victories

were not the result of superior muscle but due to the fact that he had broken both of his thumbs on the slopes. There was a separate trip, not sure if it was officially endorsed by the school, when a few Regians including at least Arthur, Bill, **Tom Kuntz**, **Gerald Coamey**, and **Jim Livio** traveled to Vernon Valley-Great Gorge for a day of skiing. Tom crashed into a lift pole and got knocked unconscious. Initially, in a half-stupor he could not remember the names of any of his friends, but by the time he came to his senses, all of his lunch had been eaten. The culprit has yet to be identified. **Bill Mitchell** noted the irony of receiving my request for Regis snow stories on the coldest day of the year in his home state of Georgia — 35 degrees. He recalls huddling around the radio at his house waiting to hear whether school would be canceled. **Dennis McCooe**, whose Facebook posts reveal his love for skiing, writes: "**Jim Frawley**, **Ed Fargis**, **Tim Gallgher**, and myself gathered for dinner in October at Kristin and **John McElroy's** lovely home in Westchester. Our kids are all doing well, we are all showing a touch (or more of grey) and, amazingly, our wives continue to show kindness and tolerance for our ceaseless banter about the good old days. Despite the years, the Regis bond remains strong. Theresa and I are in the Philly area (coming up on 25 years), the Frawleys are still on Staten Island, Farg is stuck in the 'swamps of Jersey,' and the Gallaghers are in New Rochelle." Dennis forwarded a mysterious text purportedly from Jim claiming he met up with **Brian Rohan** in London. **John Conway** checked in with the news that he had his third defibrillator/pacemaker installed in August. "I'm hoping to get up to 5 or 6 before we're through. They last 8 to 10 years each," he added. Now that's a positive attitude! His younger daughter, Kathleen, just finished her first semester at Fairfield University. He noted that she, showing an interest in grades for the first time, earned a 3.92



Top: Ed Donahue '82, Patrick McGoldrick '82, John Conway '82, Patrick Lopez '82, John Porada '82, Mark Young '82, Bill Bartlett '82, Tom Laresch '82, and John Lemanski '82 share a laugh with Fr. Bender, S.J., '67 at JUG Night.

Bottom: A huge contingent from the Class of 1983 turned out for JUG Night this fall.

GPA. His older daughter, Megan, is working with him in Midtown. **Jim McGovern** sent a quick note that he just celebrated 30 years of employment with the American Cancer Society. I wish I could say I have more snow stories to share, but I guess everyone is too cozy in this balmy weather. I'll sign off by urging everyone to check out the photo of our class close to this column. There you will find a nice shot of **Ed Donahue**, **Patrick McGoldrick**, **John Conway**, **Patrick Lopez**, **John Porada**, yours truly, **Bill Bartlett**, **Tom Laresch**, and **John Lemanski** sharing a laugh with **Fr. Bender, S.J. '67** at JUG Night 2019. Good times. I strongly encourage everyone to attend the next JUG Night and the Spring off-site gathering.

1983

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Ralph Acampora fondly remembers our fallen brother **Mike Cardinale**: "I treasure great memories of Mike: going to our first rock show (Jethro Tull in NJ), attending comic book conventions in Manhattan and starting a fanzine at Regis, and playing D&D in Flushing. He kept me sane, and I'll miss him deeply." **Joe Accetta, Sr.** reports that, after receiving his Masters of Science in Accounting (Taxation), **Joe Accetta, Jr. '14** began his professional career at EY this past October, and now resides in Yorkville, only a few steps from our beloved alma mater. Joe Sr.'s



Top: Lolani Adan '89, Lexi Russello, Elena "Mom" Adan, Gerald Russello '89, and Edmund O'Brien '89 break bread in Hyde Park, Chicago.

Bottom: 1994 classmates gathered in December for their annual Christmas brunch.

younger son, Thomas, is finishing his senior year and final season on the varsity Wrestling team at Pleasantville High School, and is awaiting news on his college admissions. Also, our class enjoyed a great evening at JUG Night this past October, as a hearty gathering of our brothers celebrated many fond memories, with the help of some welcome "younger guests."

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Over the year-end break, **Manny Grillo**, his wife, Lisa, and their kids went to Spain. While in Barcelona, Manny and his son, Chris '13, read at the International

Mass on the Feast Day of the Holy Family at the famous *Basilica de la Sagrada Familia*. Since it was an international mass, Chris read one of the petitions in English, and Manny read the first reading in Italian. As Manny said, "at our age, there are few highlight reel opportunities, but for me that was one." **Dan DaSilva** writes that "Katy, our oldest, will be following in her old man's footsteps and will be attending Boston College in the fall. She anticipates majoring in psychology and hopes to have one of the three remaining professors who taught me. Looking forward to some fun tailgates. My son Peter is playing varsity and JV hockey at Oratory Prep where he is a freshman, and I continue to be busy with my aerospace neuropsychology

practice." **Mike Horwitz's** wife, Ann, recently published her first novel, *Trident*. It's a fantasy based story that involves the lost city of Atlantis, shapeshifters, and other magical forces, with a target audience of middle grade readers. When an "alert" was sent out to our class right before Christmas, about 10 copies were purchased in the next hour(!), and **Fred Donodeo** reports that his son, Joey, is enjoying the book. Thanks all for your support! Fred's other son, Michael, was accepted by Villanova University and will start this fall. "We're sorry to be leaving the Jesuits after a great experience at Gonzaga HS in DC, but he's very excited about the next four years." **Gerry Noone's** daughter, Eilish, married Timothy Schweitzer last March. In addition to other friends and family, fellow Regions **Brian Smith** and **Thomas Noone '14** were in attendance for the celebration. And finally, another reminder to those *not* on our class email list. If you want to be in touch with the rest of us via our Google Group, please let **Kieran O'Connor** know at oconnorkieran@gmail.com.

1985

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Congratulations to our classmate and buddy **David Barbrack**! He was celebrated, recognized, and placed into the Epiphany School Hall of Fame — a much deserved honor! We too celebrate David for being a *Man for Others* everywhere! We can all toast him and each other at our 35th Class Reunion — more details to come. Personally, I would like to extend my heartfelt and sincerest thanks to the great Class of '85 and all in the Regis family for the notes, phone calls, text messages, prayers, and the presence at my dad's funeral services. My mom and six siblings are truly touched by the thoughtfulness, the generosity, and the love you have shared with us during these sad and challenging times. It has warmed our hearts in ways that cannot be described. In my dad's

eulogy, I reflected on the words a very dear friend shared with my dad at our grandmother's wake after hearing some incredibly powerful reflections — "did you ever think about writing a book about your mother?" He said, "Nah, we are her book and the chapters get written with each life added and changed." As many of you know, my dad gave his life to education: 43 years at Rice High School in Harlem and 30 years coaching women's basketball at The Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica, Queens. One of my dad's Rice students with his wife drove all the way from North Carolina to the wake, he shared with us that our dad made a difference and saved his life — he was going down the wrong path, distractions and other outlets that would have destroyed him and everyone in his family. Then his wife said separately, your dad helped form the man I married, the man I love. Wow — powerful! As our dad always said, "change a life, save the world." Every day we can and will change a life, every day we can and will make a difference. That's what I believe Regis does, that's what it did for me, and dare I say us, that's what we do for the Regions who follow. Through our collective commitment to the gift of education, in some respect, we continue my Dad's work, and that of our loved ones who have gone on to their eternal glory — the Fr. Duffy's, Fr. Callahan's, Fr. Kelly's, Fr. Carney's, and so many more. My dad and those that I mentioned, and those that I didn't mention that you are thinking of, they gave their lives to education — they knew what the gift of education meant — not only to the recipient and their families, but to the giver. There is no doubt the difference we make is for others, us and you, because there is no better way to grow "our" story or add chapters to "our" book, than be a living testimonial to those who have gone before us and taught us how to live & give. We have learned lots through words and actions

over the years — so, let's be *Men for Others* always, and continue to help write the story of Regis — one that has no ending but countless beginnings and endless opportunities to add, change and save. Wishing all in our Regis family the very best — today, tomorrow and always.

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Sabino Augello (drbino@yahoo.com) checks in with the following: "Where do the years go? I'm living in Whitestone, Queens. My older daughter Ariana is a senior at Mary Louis Academy and aspiring to go to Georgetown next fall. My younger daughter Julia is a freshman at Mary Louis Academy (2 girls, so no Regis legacy). I'm a gastroenterologist in private practice (Metropolitan Gastroenterology) in my hometown neighborhood of Astoria, and my wife of 21 years, Gerri, is a faculty radiologist at NYU Langone." Good to hear from you, Sabino! **Ed Heraux** (ed@computizeconsulting.com) reconnected with his very humble roots at the Hearn, returning to judge at the Sister Raimonde Memorial speech tournament hosted at Regis on January 18th. Ed was thrilled to manage a few minutes to chat with coach Eric DiMichele (yup, he's still Coach!), and was reminded of his tough early beginnings in forensics when he got to judge rounds of Declamation and JV

Extemp this month. Ed will be hunting down more local former Hearnsters to join in the fun for other tournaments this season.

Tom Kopczynski (tomkop@optonline.net), Dorothea Schlosser (Tom's wife), and **Giles Kavanagh** (tgkavanagh@hotmail.com) met in Buffalo on January 23 to discuss the renovation of the Schaefer Malthouse, an 1880s malthouse built by two Alsatian brothers as part of Buffalo, NY's large German brewing industry. Giles writes, "With Prohibition, the malthouse became a chocolate factory, later vacant. We bought it three years ago. Phase 1, as noted here a few months back, has finished, and houses Community Beer Works' brewery and brew pub. Tom and Dorothea are also owners of the brewery, so now firmly entrenched in Buffalo's resurgence. Phase 2 of the project is underway: the conversion of the original malthouse into thirty-two apartments. Tom, Dorothea and I are frying our brains navigating historic tax credit and other parts of the process, but are otherwise enjoying seeing a handsome building brought back to life. I never thought I would discuss kitchen finishes with Kopczynski when we ran track together, but such is midlife. We're still as manly as ever, don't worry. More projects may follow. We'll see how this one goes. CBW's beer is on tap in NYC at various places. If you buy it, some money will likely circle back to Regis." On another note, Giles visited **Ted Capuano** (ted.capuano@bopenworld.com) and wife Stephanie in Fulham, London last November for a whopping 26 hours to attend the 18th birthday party of Gianluca, their eldest of three, and Giles's godson. "Ted and I watched Gianluca play soccer at his high school in Sussex, which looks like it's out of Harry Potter. Ted and Steph later hosted a dinner for Gianluca in Londontown. Great fun." **Jerry Russello** (grussello@sidley.com) recently met up in D.C. with **Roger Rigaud** (roger.rigaud@gmail.com), who disclosed the secret love of Mexican Mennonites, love of KFC.

1990

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Anthony Canale and his wife Sandy are expecting "Canale baby #6" in late June. Anthony writes that "Our oldest son Pasquale starts high school this September, so we have quite an age range going." Things have been busy "across the pond" for **Greg Schwartz**. He writes, "I finished (barely) the hilly Athens Marathon original route in November. The day before the temps were a lot higher than what one gets used to running in Edinburgh and I was a little worried about heatstroke potential but the gods smiled on me and the morning of the marathon we had cool rain for the first few miles, just like 'home.' My wife Marina ran the 10km run the night before, so we were able to make it a bit more of a family event. We enjoyed a nice long weekend in Athens before the race and then a couple of hobbling-around days before returning to Scotland. Have just signed up to the Edinburgh Half for the spring, to keep me motivated during the Dark Days we have here near the 56th parallel in winter." Greg also writes, "After finishing 2019 with a really good ranking here in the UK corporate bond market (which I had in 2018 too, during very different market conditions) I'm looking for an opportunity to either start a new bond fund or work with an existing team to expand their offering — maybe a US team with an interesting expanding to the UK market, or an existing equity boutique with interest in adding fixed income — any leads/suggestions on either front would be gratefully received." **Jim Donohue** has recently displaced **Tom Scully** as "favorite customer" at a restaurant frequented by both. Jim started going last year after hearing about it for years from Tom.

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The class of 1994 met for our annual Christmas dinner in mid December.

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We are very sad to report that **Father Daniel Vitz, IVE**, passed away on April 19, 2019.

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Brian Brockmeyer and his family send their regards from their new home in the Bay Area. If you are in the area, reach out. **John Cahalan** is training for the Mini Mighty Man Pool Triathlon in Nassau County in April. Although he is confident that he will win, John would welcome competition.

1997

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The Catholic University of America Press published **Scott Moringiello's** monograph *The Rhetoric of Faith: Irenaeus and the Structure of the Adversus Haereses* in October. Scott really wants the Regis library to have a copy. **John Russo** and Niña Caballero are engaged! They



Top left: John Russo '97 and Niña Caballero are engaged and getting married 23 years to the month after they attended the Regis prom together.

Top middle: Benson Pulikkottil '97 poses with his wife, Lily, and their son, Lazar.

Top right: Brian Healy '97, Billy Wheelan '97, and Phyllis Wheelan '97 celebrate Jonathan Tuzo's '98 Metropolitan Opera debut in October.

Left middle: The Class of 1997 had a big turnout to toast Erik Netcher '97 and Andrea G. Sharkey at their wedding in September.

Left bottom: Greg Vrecenak '99 married Zeina Husani on December 6 in Abu Dhabi. The couple celebrated with a 1920s themed wedding reception in New Jersey on December 29.

Right bottom: Allison and Kevin Windels '06 with their son, Nicholas Kevin.

are getting married 23 years (to the month) after attending the Regis prom together. Lily and **Benson Pulikkottil** are enjoying life with their son Lazar in Denver, Colorado. He's gotta figure out how to make that commute to Regis! After a small ceremony at the Regis Chapel on September 7th, **Fr. Philip G. Judge, S.J. '80** officiated another more unofficial wedding ceremony at the Montauk Lighthouse for

myself and Andrea G. Sharkey of Marymount High School fame. Regis '97 was well represented with **Richard Brockmeyer, Mike LaValle, Alex Muzich, Pat O'Keefe, John Rossiello, Matt Rosenblatt, John Shivickas, and Paul Tedeschi** all in attendance.

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Peter Lasorte reports that as of November 2019 he started working for the hedge fund Millennium Management as an IT Team Lead, overseeing

Production Support of the firm's Reference Data platforms.

Vincent Indelicato, a Partner in the Corporate Department of Proskauer Rose LLP, was selected as a 2020 Economic Club of New York Fellow. On December 6th, **Greg Vrecenak** married Zeina Husani in Abu Dhabi. The overseas nuptials were followed by a 1920s themed wedding reception in New Jersey on December 29th. In attendance were **Jeff Vrecenak '01** and **Lenny Trivigno '98**. Amanda and **Dave Bonagura** welcomed the newest addition to their family, John Lawrence, born on January 21, 2020. **Michael Ricks-Aherne** reports that he and his wife are expecting their first, as are **Jarrad Skinner** and his wife, with due dates just weeks apart this spring.

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John Witkiewicz and his family recently moved to Ithaca, NY after fifteen years spent in Colorado. John spent ten years as a teacher and four years as a counselor at Arrupe Jesuit High School in Denver. In Ithaca, John is currently working as a day treatment counselor for the Turning Points program at TST BOCES. His sons, Henry (9) and Wendell (5), are attending Ithaca Waldorf School, and John's wife, Kelsey, is a long term substitute there. The family has enjoyed having a backyard that abuts Buttermilk Falls State Park, better access to grandparents, and the delicious pale ales of the Ithaca Beer Company. After over a decade of trail running in the West, including a Run Rabbit Run 100 finish and running Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim of the Grand Canyon, John is very excited to run the Cayuga Trails 50 in May, his first ever race in New York State. He looks forward to catching up with folks at the reunion in April, but if you find yourself in Ithaca, drop him a line: jdwtikiewicz@

gmail.com. Less than a mile from Regis's doors, **Ollie Browne** and his wife, Dalya, welcomed their daughter, Roosevelt Zina Browne, on October 26th, 2019. Ollie immediately took her to the reservoir for her first 1.6 mile run. **Justin Ratcliffe** and his wife, Jolene, welcomed their son, Jaxon Ascher Valero Ratcliffe, born June 6th, 2019. The baptism was originally scheduled to take place on the rim of a volcano in the Philippines, but Fr. Vincent Biagi, S.J., is on the no-fly list. Instead, baby Jaxon was baptized by Fr. Biagi in the Regis chapel in September. Struggling "comedy" writer **Colin Jost** has apparently decided that print media is the wave of the future. His memoir, "A Very Punchable Face" comes out April 14, but you can pre-order it online.

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It has been a joyous and eventful few months for several classmates. Caroline and **Jim Garnevicus** welcomed Cole Turner into the world on September 21st. Cole's first food, as a born and bred Californian, was avocado. Sheva and **Andrew Darcy** welcomed their daughter, Kerry, on November 30th. She has proven to be a fun-loving, sweet, and smart little girl. Sheva and Andrew hope she meets a nice Regis boy in 17 years. Christmas came early for Victoria and **John Hein**, who welcomed Antonella Margaret on December 14th. Each day has been brighter ever since, and John has already started researching convents. Liz and **Ted Stenger** welcomed twins Celena and Mateo to the family on January 7th. The Stengers live in Montgomery County, MD.



Top right: Dom Sciamie '04, Thomas P. Moran '04, Bob Payne '04, Chris Seneca '04, Rich Martinelli '04, Quang Nguyen '04, Hezzy Smith '04, and JP Uehlinger '04 attended the annual Class of 2004 "Day After Christmas" reunion.

Top right: Two generations of Regians, including Tom Neufeld '70 P'04, John Potapchuk '70, Ryan McCartney '04, John Taddei '04, Alex Jenko '04, Scott DeBenedett '04, and Rich Martinelli '04, came together to toast the wedding of Chis Neufeld '04 and Maanasa Indaram.

Middle Left: Charlie Davis '04 and Megan Kielytky were joined at their wedding by Scott DeBenedett '04, Rich Martinelli '04, M. Aidan Kelly '04, Dom Sciamie '04, Vincent Penge '04, JP Uehlinger '04, Chris Seneca '04, John Davis '01, and James Kennedy '02

Middle Right: Carlos Molina '04, Tom Moran '04, Matt Smith '04, Jessica Muoio, Brian Taylor '04, Ed Taylor '76 P'04, Joe Mauceri '04, Edmund Anstey '04, and Mike Skrapits '04 celebrate Jessica and Brian's wedding.

Right: A sizable Regis contingent came out for the wedding of Megan McHale and Tim Fleming '08.



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Brian Taylor married Jessica Muoio on October 13, 2019 at the Carousel at Lighthouse Point Park

in New Haven, CT. Brian's father, **Ed Taylor '76**, attended along with **Carlos Molina, Tom Moran, Matt Smith, Joe Mauceri, Edmund Anstey, and Mike Skrapits. Chris Neufeld** married Maanasa Indaram in May 2019 in Port Jervis, NY. The two generations of Regians in attendance included **Tom Neufeld '70, John Potapchuk '70, Ryan McCartney, John Taddei, Alex Jenko, Scott DeBenedett, and Rich Martinelli. Charlie Davis** married Megan Kielytky in July 2019 in a lovely outdoor ceremony on Block Island, RI. Regians

in attendance included Scott DeBenedett, Rich Martinelli, **M. Aidan Kelly, Dom Sciamie, Vincent Penge, JP Uehlinger, Chris Seneca, John Davis '01, and James Kennedy '02.** Many Regians once again gathered in New York for the now annual Class of 2004 "Day After Christmas" reunion. Those in attendance included Dom Sciamie, Thomas P. Moran, **Bob Payne, Chris Seneca, Rich Martinelli, Quang Nguyen, Hezzy Smith, and JP Uehlinger.** As always, for details on next year's edition contact phatkelly8@gmail.com.

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Allison and **Kevin Windels** welcomed their son, Nicholas Kevin, on November 27, 2018. He's now a very social 1-year-old who loves "reading" books, almost-exclusively eats chicken, and enjoys seeing his nearby uncle, **Conor Halloran**, on a weekly basis. Kevin, Allison, and Nicholas live in Alexandria, VA.

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Tim Fleming married Megan McHale on Saturday, November 23rd. The celebration, performed by classmate **Father John Wachowicz**, was in the Regis Chapel. Tim is presently a 5th year associate at Willkie Farr Gallagher in NYC, while Megan is the North America Sales Manager for Monte-Carlo SBM. **Sean Gallagher** served as the Best Man, with classmates **Derek Escalante**, **Pete Flynn**, **Alex Frawley**, **Mike Giannetto**, **Paul Masi**, **Frank Mayer**, and **Ian (Munch) Ramos** in attendance. The reception was held at the Central Park Boathouse. Tim and Megan honeymooned on Safari in Kenya, with the gorillas in Rwanda and with a visit to the Sphinx and Pyramids in Egypt. They reside in Midtown Manhattan.

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Andrew Ceonzo had an opinion piece featured in the *Wall Street Journal*'s online Future View section on January 28. Each week the *Wall Street Journal* elicits responses to a prompt and publishes two to four of them on its website. Andrew's piece is available on WSJ.com by searching for "Open Borders, Affirmative Action, the Framers, and the Neocons." It is titled "The Framers Are Still Right."

Milestones

BIRTHS

John Lawrence on January 21, 2020 to Amanda and **Dave Bonagura '99**

Roosevelt Zina Brown on October 26, 2019 to Dalya and **Ollie Browne '00**

Jaxon Ascher Valero on June 6, 2019 to Jolene and **Justin Ratcliffe '00**

Kerry James on November 30, 2019 to Sheva and **Andrew Darcy '02**

Cole Turner on September 21, 2019 to Caroline and **Jim Garnevicus '02**

Antonella Margaret on December 14, 2019 to Victoria and **John Hein '02**

Celena and Mateo on January 7, 2020 to Liz and **Ted Stenger '02**

Nicholas Kevin on November 27, 2018 to Allison and **Kevin Windels '06**

WEDDINGS

Ed Kapp '53 to Die Gustafson on December 21, 2019

Michael Husar '68 to Betty Jo Brown on September 5, 2019

Erik Netcher '97 to Andrea G. Sharkey on September 7, 2019

Greg Vrecenak '99 to Zeina Husani on December 6, 2019

Charlie Davis '04 to Megan Kielytyka on July 20, 2019

Chris Neufeld '04 to Maanasa Indaram in May 2019

Brian Taylor '04 to Jessica Muoio on October 13, 2019

Tim Fleming '08 to Megan McHale on November 23, 2019

DEATHS

Thomas L. Sheridan, SJ '44 on February 17, 2020

Alan E. Pinado '49 on October 6, 2019

Paul L. Giuffre '50 on January 2, 2020

Robert F. Mulligan '53 on October 20, 2019

Hubert J. Horan '54 on October 7, 2019

Keith K. Stocker '54 on December 5, 2019

John H. Doyle, III '55 on December 2, 2019

Robert M. Kelly, Jr. '63 on December 8, 2019

John M. DeCarlo '64 on November 30, 2019

John P. Collins '67 on January 1, 2020

Thomas C. Giuliano '72 on December 4, 2019



Luke Valdes '18, Angelo Osofsky '18, Andrew Ceonzo '18, James Cobourn '18, Nicholas Drury '18, and Liam Walsh '18 met up in Philadelphia to cheer on the Villanova Wildcats.

Events Calendar

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

MARCH

- 10 Sophomore/Junior Parents Reception**
Cocktail reception with Fr. Lahart
- 23 Denver Regional Reunion**
Humboldt Farm Fish Wine
- 28 Parents' Club Auction**
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 31 Boston Regional Reunion**
The UMass Club

APRIL

- 4 35th, 40th, and 45th Alumni Reunions**
Classes of 1975, 1980, and 1985
- 25 15th, 20th, and 30th Alumni Reunions**
Classes of 1990, 2000, and 2005
- 29 Washington, D.C. Regional Reunion**
The Dubliner

MAY

- 4 Philadelphia Regional Reunion**
Union League Club
- 9 5th and 10th Alumni Reunions**
Classes of 2010 and 2015
- 14 President's Dinner**
Recognizing supporters of Regis at the President's Circle Level
- 30 25th Reunion**
Class of 1995

JUNE

- 3 Baccalaureate Mass**
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola
- 6 Graduation**
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola (ticketed event)
- 13 50th Reunion**
Class of 1970
- 15 Golf and Tennis Outing**
Pelham Country Club

2020 REUNIONS!

April 4	1975, 1980, 1985
April 25	1990, 2000, 2005
May 9	2010, 2015
May 30	1995
June 13	1970

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for more information



REGIS ON THE ROAD

While many Regis alumni are based in the tri-state area, Regians can be found across the country. Each year, Fr. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, makes an effort to visit alumni and friends of the school where they live and host regional reunions in select cities. This winter, he traveled to Florida and California with Vice President for Development James Kennedy '02.

In January, the visit to the Sunshine State started in West Palm Beach, where a Regis group gathered for a luncheon at Brio Tuscan Grille. A day later, another group event was held at the Capital Grille in Miami. Alumni were present from classes ranging from 1953 to 2011, including a particularly large group from the Class of 1978. From there, Fr. Lahart and Kennedy traveled across "alligator alley" to Naples for a group dinner at Coopers Hawk Winery. There is a significant contingent of the Class of 1962 in Naples — a trend begun



by the late, great Ron Ferreri '62, former Vice President for Advancement — and a lovely evening was had by all. The trip concluded in Tampa, with an event at Tampa Jesuit High School, where alumni peppered Fr. Lahart with questions about the strategic plan and asked about where the Regis baseball team would do its spring training.

The following month, Fr. Lahart and Kennedy packed their bags for a trip to the west coast that began in the Bay Area and concluded in Los Angeles. (A trip to San Diego is being planned for later in the year.) The Regis administrators spent one day on the peninsula, visiting alumni and friends in San Mateo and on Stanford's campus. The following day, they stayed in San Francisco, meeting an alumnus at Google and then hosting an event at the Olympic Club.

During their visit to the Los Angeles area, Fr. Lahart and Kennedy drove from Manhattan Beach to San Fernando and from Westwood to Santa Monica for a number of individual meetings before a group event that evening. Having hosted an event last year at the Jonathan Club's downtown location, this year they accommodated the "west siders" and gathered at the Jonathan Club's beach location in Santa Monica. The group enjoyed drinks near a fire pit and heat lamps as Fr. Lahart gave an update on all the news from 84th St.

In all, Fr. Lahart and Kennedy met with more than 70 members of the Regis family during these two trips. Please check the events calendar above for upcoming regional reunions and visit regis.org/events for additional trips that will be scheduled in the coming months.



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