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Above: In August, Paul Asari '24 met Pope Francis during the World Youth Day celebrations in Lisbon. His Holiness shook Asari's hand and asked him about the cast on his arm. Unprompted, he took a marker from Asari's pocket and signed his cast and a Regis World Youth Day T-shirt. He then blessed Asari, as well as a bag of items from Asari's classmates, including rosaries, bracelets, and prayer cards.

On the Cover: Students play football at the annual Bear Mountain outing last fall.

President's Report A Tradition of Rhetoric



This past summer, when I finished my first year in this role at Regis, I often heard the question, "What were the highlights?" There were many, but among the most memorable was the annual end-of-year Hearn dinner hosted by Coach DiMichele.

This year's dinner honored Eric's colleague Mary Henninger, whose care for our students and the program has been vast and meaningful. Like past dinners, we heard from the Hearnsters themselves as they performed, orated, and otherwise showcased their extraordinary skills and growth from the Hearn season.

The occasion to welcome attendees and offer an invocation provoked some reflection. The Hearn's competitive record speaks for itself: 32 of the last 38 years, Regis has taken the state championship in a region well-known for producing top-notch high school debaters and speakers.

Looking out into the crowd and seeing Hearnsters past and present, their families, and the legion of parent and alumni judges got me thinking about why Regis has excelled in this most academic of extracurricular activities, why it matters, and its relationship to our spiritual roots, mission, and tradition.

Regis attracts academically talented and intellectually curious young men, with an admissions process that includes an oral interview. So we start with a strong pool. Leadership makes an enormous difference, too, and in Coach DiMichele we have been blessed to have a strong leader who galvanizes student interest and attracts young men willing to sacrifice the time, effort, and energy necessary for such a rigorous commitment. Eric would also be the first to point out that he is one of many on a team that includes his Regis colleagues, the Hearn Fellow, and parent and alumni volunteers.

A deeper reflection, though, leads us to our Catholic Jesuit tradition. Ignatius Loyola is famous for saying that "love translates more readily into deeds rather than words." But this dictum shouldn't lead us to hastily conclude that, for Ignatius, words didn't matter.

The great historian of the Jesuits, John O'Malley, SJ, reminds us that the first Jesuits worked as missionaries and were encouraged to connect with listeners while avoiding ornamental, showy, or moralistic sermonizing. During the Counter-Reformation, the principal aim of Jesuits was to influence the listener to a conversion of mind and heart and to compel a course of action aligned with the person and teaching of Jesus Christ.

As Jesuit schools were established, the Ignatian rhetorical program broadened. Ignatius and the early Jesuits wanted graduates of their schools to be agents of change, and they believed this could be achieved through *eloquentia perfecta* — "perfect eloquence" — a value grounded in Early Modern Humanism that places importance on speaking and writing to further the common good.

The Jesuit rhetorical tradition emphasizes reflection, critical thinking, and careful preparation. In 2009, President George W. Bush awarded Anthony Fauci '58 with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Bush remarked that Fauci still quotes what he learned from his Jesuit education, which will be familiar to many a Regis alumnus: "Precision of thought. Economy of expression." In his follow-up, the President cracked, "That's why Dr. Fauci never ran for office."

These traditional values, principles, and skills are each manifest in the work of the Hearn and its significant place at Regis today. So when we listen to our Hearn students recite moving passages from *The Merchant of Venice*, read from the great speeches of presidents, playwrights, and social activists, or debate controversial political and social issues, let's recall that they are participating in a 500-year-old tradition. With gratitude and wonderment, I imagine how their Hearn experience and skills will be put to future use — not for their own sake or self-aggrandizement, but to win over others to goodness and truth, and to help create a society characterized by charity and justice.

Sincerely,

Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ
President

The Office of Advancement Leave a Legacy of Generosity

Our mission to provide tuition-free Jesuit education is only possible with your generosity. A growing number of loyal alumni, parents, and friends are supporting our school in a sustained way by making Regis part of their estate plans. A gift from your estate will go directly to the Regis endowment and have a profound impact on the lives of the young men who walk through our doors.

A planned gift to Regis may also provide a tax deduction for your estate, allow you to manage your assets, and meet your financial needs during your lifetime. We encourage you to consult with your financial advisor. There are many ways to give, including:

- A bequest in your will or trust
- A gift from your retirement account or life insurance policy by naming Regis as a beneficiary
- If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a gift directly from your traditional IRA during your lifetime. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) can provide a tax-efficient way for you to fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) while supporting Regis.
- Under new legislation, you may make a one-time-only \$50,000 QCD to Regis to create a life income gift in the form of a qualified Charitable Remainder Unitrust or Annuity Trust.

Those who make a planned gift become members of the **St. John Francis Regis Society**, our community of 168 alumni, parents, and friends that includes the generous supporters shown here.

We would be happy to discuss your planned giving options with you, and if you have already included Regis in your estate plans, we ask that you share your intention with us. Please contact Meredith Meagher, Director of Planned Giving, at plannedgiving@regis.org or 646-657-2089.



Mike LaMalfa '73

Mike made a bequest to Regis in his will.

“On a dreary and rainy day in 1968, I took the Regis entrance exam. I remember not expecting to be accepted and being so soaked that I just wanted to get home, which was over an hour away by subway and bus. Even further from my mind were thoughts of a will, with my whole life ahead of me. However God’s providence brought me to Regis. At Regis I not only received an exceptional academic education, but also an enriching experience that shaped the rest of my life. More important than Latin, French, math, and chemistry, I learned of compassion, social responsibility, and camaraderie that set a standard for me to aspire to in my professional career and family life.

“When I approached the point in my life to consider a will, I felt it was important to recognize the impact Regis has had on me. It was time for me to give back and to help Regis continue its mission. I hope my gift to the endowment enables future generations of Regians to further the school’s ideals of generosity, compassion, and service to society.”



Peter and Odalis Quinn P'18

Peter and Odalis made a bequest to Regis and also named Regis as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy.

“We were honored and very proud when our son Liam, Class of 2018, was accepted to Regis and are deeply grateful for what the school has done for our family. When we think of Regis, we are amazed at its ability to change the trajectory of the lives of its students. We were inspired to make a planned gift to Regis to do our part, in a small way, to ensure the school is able to continue with its mission of forming men for others.

“We will forever be indebted to Regis and want to do our part to support the school. We decided to make the gift at this particular time as we were updating our wills and incorporated it into our overall estate planning. We view our giving to Regis in two ways: ongoing through donations to the Annual Fund and longer-term through the designation of Regis as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy we no longer needed and the planned gift. Regis is one of the main focuses of our charitable giving, and structuring this way keeps us close to the school while we make our way to more significant donations.”



Bill Craco '82

Bill made a bequest to Regis in his will.

“John F. Keenan '47, for whom I had the privilege of working as a law clerk, is an example to me of what a young man launched into the world can do armed with a Regis education. He’s led a life of honorable public service, characterized by deep humility and a sense of justice, as well as unending intellectual curiosity. I hope my gift will enable Regis to send more such honorable men into the world.

“Regis is a welcoming and supportive environment, and I was eager to make sure that I did what I could to make sure that its vital mission — training men for others — continued after I was gone.”

Together Once Again!

Earlier this year, we welcomed nearly 400 alumni from as far back as 1953 as they celebrated their milestone reunions on 84th Street. Held on five Saturdays throughout the spring, the reunions gave alumni the chance to reconnect and share in their love of Regis. **Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to tour the school, attend Mass, and enjoy drinks and dinner with their former classmates.**

We’re excited to welcome alumni with class years ending in '4 and '9 at our 2024 reunions. The dates are below, and more information will be sent to alumni in these classes as the spring approaches.

2024 Reunions Calendar

APRIL 13
5th, 10th, and 15th Reunions
Classes of 2019, 2014, and 2009

MAY 4
20th, 25th, and 30th Reunions
Classes of 2004, 1999, and 1994

MAY 18
35th, 40th, and 45th Reunions
Classes of 1989, 1984, and 1979

JUNE 8
50th Reunion
Class of 1974

JUNE 15
Golden Owls Reunion
Classes of 1969, 1964, 1959, and 1954



The Office of Development is now the Office of Advancement, better reflecting our work to advance the mission of Regis.

News & Notes

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Mr. James Scacalossi '83 P'15'20 Honored With Ignatian Educator Award

Theology teacher Mr. James Scacalossi '83 P'15'20 was recognized with the 2023 Patricia Hannon Ignatian Educator Award during Spring Convocation on May 15. Accepting the honor before students, colleagues, and fellow alumni, Mr. Scacalossi was praised for his demonstrated passion for teaching, an enthusiasm he has taken with him into Regis classrooms for 33 years.

"While teaching the same courses for a long time, [he] is constantly looking for ways to innovate and to make new connections between the course material and the students' lives," shared one colleague when nominating Mr. Scacalossi for the award. Another described Mr. Scacalossi as "a trusted advisor and skilled teacher, always making classes interesting and fun, while the care shown for the needs and feelings of our young people shines through."

The award is named for the late Mrs. Patricia Hannon, a profound presence in the Regis Science department for 23 years. Mrs. Hannon left a lasting mark on decades of chemistry students and was revered by her peers for her approach and commitment to teaching. Since her passing in 2005, an award in her memory has been bestowed on a member of the faculty who, like Mrs. Hannon, has contributed to student development in and outside of the classroom.

The Patricia Hannon Ignatian Educator Award is the highest honor a Regis faculty member can receive. Mr. Scacalossi's name will appear alongside those of former winners on a plaque in the 84th Street foyer.

Senior Jack Flanigan Addresses Toledo Students About Mental Health

Jack Flanigan '23 addressed fellow high school students at St. John's Jesuit in Toledo, Ohio, on March 23, giving a presentation on mental health and the ways in which students can work with administration to promote concrete change in their school. Flanigan was the closing speaker at St. John's Jesuit's Summit for Justice, an annual weeklong event educating students on social-justice issues.

Flanigan first became interested in mental health's direct intersection with school administration during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. As students returned to their classrooms with a hint of normalcy last year, Flanigan and other Regis classmates founded the Student Well-being Committee. This group opened a direct channel between students and the administration, allowing Regians to voice their concerns and collaborate on ways to address them.

Last October, a delegation of Regis students traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the Ignatian Family Teach-In For Justice. Flanigan gave a presentation to a crowd of more than 150 people about student-led change at schools and how students can support each other with mental-health struggles. The presentation also touched on access to healthcare and how mental health is a social-justice issue.

A representative from St. John's Jesuit was in attendance, and Flanigan was invited to address the Toledo school over Zoom on the topic. That talk was well-received, and he was invited to fly out to address the school again in March, this time in person during the Summit for Justice. In addition to his talk to close the St. John's Jesuit event, Flanigan also led a large discussion group to share his own experiences and listen to those of the St. John's Jesuit students.



Sophomores Cap First Year of Student Historian Project With Research Presentations

Six sophomores this May gave presentations to cap the first year of Regis's Student Historian Project. Similar to the Science Research Project, SHP is an optional for-credit class available to sophomores on top of their existing academic curriculum. As part of SHP, students research a history topic of their choosing under the guidance of a faculty member. After completing their final research presentation, these students can choose to continue their research as juniors and seniors.

The six sophomores met regularly with the creators and moderators of SHP, Ms. Kaitlin Landrein and Ms. Kara Papp, to develop advanced research skills, formulate a topic of their choosing, and receive guidance on their capstone presentations.

"We want them to replicate what real historians do," said Ms. Papp. "They're going to publications. They're going to libraries. They're using a variety of different articles, interviews, books, and of course a lot of primary sources if they were encouraged to look for them. This is something a bit more than what you would see in the traditional research paper like the ones we offer in sophomore and junior year."

This year's projects included "The Impact of U.S.-U.K. Intervention on the 1953 Iranian Coup," by Lionel Augustine '25; "The Causes of the Russian Revolution," by John Bianco '25; "The Impact of the 1848 Hungarian Revolution," by Sebastian Garcia '25; "The Decline of Manichaeism in the Uyghurs," by Peter Grande '25; "The Japanese Occupation of Korea," by Holden Nelson '25; and "The Decline of the Lithuanian-Polish Commonwealth," by Matthew Kushner '25.

Regians Discuss Immigration for St. John Francis Regis Day

Regians on May 11 took a break from their academic studies to celebrate St. John Francis Regis Day, an initiative meant to inspire them to engage more deeply with contemporary social-justice issues. This year's theme, "Immigration: Towards a More Just and Humane Future," was suggested by six members of the senior class last fall.

"The story of immigration is the story of Regis," wrote Luke Dolan '23, Luke Donoghue '23, Aidan Gouley '23, Mac Healey '23, Andrew Joel '23, Hugh Kane '23, and Toby Platt '23 in their proposal, which noted that more than 40 percent of current students are sons of immigrants.

After a kickoff event in December, the JFR Committee has kept the school engaged with the topic through facilitated discussions during student advisement meetings and through assemblies featuring guest speakers.

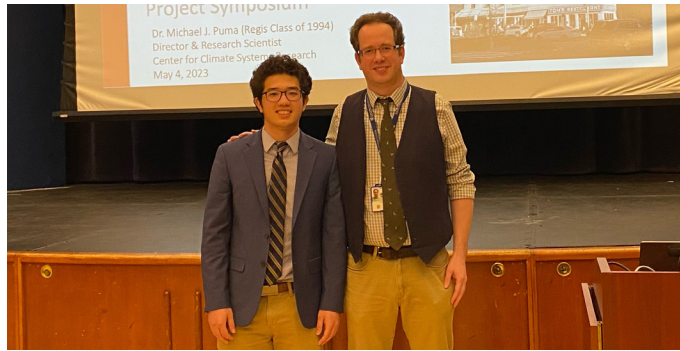
This year for the first time students had the option to work on service projects outside of the school as part of St. John Francis Regis Day. Some Regians spent the morning distributing food at St. Augustine Food Pantry, the St Francis Breadline, and the Washington Heights Food Pantry, while others helped Team TLC NYC provide food and clothing to migrants first arriving in New York City.

Meanwhile, back at Regis, other students participated in education and advocacy activities. Students could choose from talks by six speakers on such topics as the struggle of undocumented students in higher education and the violence and oppression in El Salvador that has led to mass migration. They also had the opportunity to watch documentaries or films on migration and asylum seekers.

"We have so many Regians that are already working with immigration organizations through Catalyst, senior service, or independently," said Director of Social Justice Initiatives Owen Smith. "Today, students listened to stories and learned about immigration in a humanizing way outside of political and national debate."

The day culminated with a talk by Fordham theology professor Leo Guardado, who discussed his own immigration story and his scholarship on "Theology of Sanctuary." Guardado tied together the political and social activism required to advance issues of migration with Regians' responsibility as Catholic men for others. "Let us imagine a communion of faith and feeling and struggling with and not against [migrants'] holy dreams of fiesta, and if not for themselves then fiesta for their kids or their children's children," said Guardado.





Students Present Research at 25th Annual Science Symposium

The 29 students enrolled in Regis's Science Research Project course presented their findings on May 4 at the 25th annual Science Symposium.

Senior Aidan Puma '23 and his father, Dr. Michael Puma '94 P'20'23, delivered the keynote speeches at this year's event. Dr. Puma, the director of the Center for Climate Systems Research at the Columbia Climate School, presented his research on the global network of food trade and its susceptibility to natural and manmade disturbances such as megadroughts or wars.

His son Aidan, whose own interest in global food security led him to focus his SRP studies on the topic, presented on an open-sourced model called MaxHop that's designed to predict the presence of adolescent locusts, also known as hoppers, that are a threat to food security in Africa. As part of his SRP research, Aidan worked to further develop MaxHop as a tool to predict the movement of adult locusts.

The SRP course is an intensive program open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors that gives students interested in scientific research the opportunity to investigate projects of their own design. This year's symposium was dedicated to the late Mrs. Diane Walsh, who taught at Regis for nearly 40 years and was a driving force behind the implementation of SRP in 1991.

Other SRP work this year included sophomore Will Filocamo '25 using a simulation tool to test the claim that the rounded corners of U-Haul trucks reduce wind drag and increase fuel economy by up to 20 percent, Julien Bober '24's testing of the efficacy of various memory-retention strategies in foreign-language vocabulary retention, and Antonio Lobaccaro '23 and Leonardo Lobaccaro '23's joint work to improve the clarity and accessibility of open-source hardware for the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory.

All SRP students are advised by either Mr. Frank Barona, Dr. Luca Matone, or Mr. Xavier Simon '05, who also serves as SRP coordinator. Students meet weekly with their mentor to seek guidance, but their projects are mostly self-driven. "Our students are more hungry now than ever to explore opportunities in research and science and to do lab techniques they've only read about in textbooks up until now," said Mr. Simon. "I think that doing work remotely was challenging, and coming back to do this work in person was fulfilling for them."

Students Hit the Streets for the 2023 Walkathon

Students from Regis and Dominican Academy hit the streets of the Upper East Side on May 5 for the 2023 Walkathon.

The Walkathon is a student government-run initiative meant to strengthen the school community and encourage Regians to reflect on the generosity that has kept Regis tuition-free since its founding. It's the one time each year students are asked to fundraise for Regis, and they share the story of the school with neighbors, parishioners, and family members as they seek donations. Regis students this year raised over \$17,000.

After the walk, students from Regis and Dominican Academy returned to 84th Street for a variety of activities including video games, board games, and basketball, as well as performances by students from both schools in the auditorium.

The day culminated with a barbeque in the Quad, where students ate burgers and watched as some of their favorite teachers perched nervously on the edge of a dunk-tank seat.

Students brought back the Walkathon in 2019 after a long hiatus, but because of COVID, it was paused again until last year — when rain disrupted all but the indoor activities at Regis. The sunny weather this year, however, provided a perfect setting for a day of school spirit.

Said Student Government Director of Communications Dean Minello '23: "Today we saw Regis and D.A. unite to celebrate the blessings their educations have provided them. The Regis spirit and connection to the mission are very much alive."



James Kennedy '02 Named President of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep



Vice President for Development James Kennedy '02, whose 16 years of service to Regis also included stints as a teacher, REACH dean, and coach, was named President of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep middle school this spring.

A 2002 Regis graduate, Kennedy returned to 84th Street in 2007 as an English teacher. In 2014, he was named REACH Dean of English

Language Arts while continuing to teach Regis students. Three years later, he became Director of Development, and in 2019 was named Vice President for Development. While on the Regis faculty, Kennedy also spent time as an assistant coach of the cross country team, moderator of the freshman retreat, and Assistant Athletic Director.

"In his work as a Regis and REACH teacher, head of the Development team, and a member of our leadership team, James has been generous, collaborative, mission-driven, and caring," said Regis President Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ. "Regis's transformative mission is to develop leaders who dedicate their talents, skills, and resources on behalf of the underserved and those on the margins. James's availability and desire to embrace this new work serves as a powerful example to our community of this mission."

The mission of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, which opened in 2003 in East Flatbush and serves students from low-income families in fifth

through eighth grades, is to break the cycle of poverty through education.

"Some of my best memories as an educator and administrator come from my time working with REACH," said Kennedy. "BJP is a middle-school that serves low-income students, and I was drawn to it in part because of those great memories. Jesuit education is transformational, and I think as Catholics, we're called to serve those who are most in need. I'm eager to continue this work in a new school."

During his successful tenure leading Regis's Development Office, Kennedy oversaw a team that set records for fundraising. The 2022 Annual Fund raised \$10.8 million, the highest total in the school's history.

"I'm truly grateful I had the opportunity to give back to Regis," said Kennedy. "As students, we were taught to be grateful, and that gratitude should inspire generosity. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be able to give back in my own way."

Maureen Barry P'21 Named Vice President for Advancement

Maureen Barry P'21 was named Vice President for Advancement on July 31. Since 2001, Barry had served as Director of Development and Community Relations at Saint David's School, where she oversaw annual giving as well as capital and endowment campaigns. Barry also directed Saint David's marketing communications strategies, guided the school's annual benefit auction gala, and evolved its alumni program by building long-term relationships within the community.

"We are blessed to welcome Maureen, whose experience, background, and skills as an advancement professional are well-known to many in the field," said Regis President Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ. "Maureen brings a strong commitment to the mission of Jesuit education, which was formed as a student at Fordham University and as a recent Regis parent."

Prior to her time at Saint David's, Barry worked in the Development & Alumni office at Trinity College in Dublin before establishing a development program at Dublin's Sutton Park School.

"It is an honor to be Regis High School's new Vice President for Advancement," said Barry. "As a Regis parent, I've been a member of the school community for six years, and I'm excited to extend this relationship by joining Fr. Devron and Regis's Advancement team in support of the school's mission to offer an exceptional, tuition-free Jesuit education."

Barry completed her undergraduate studies at Fordham University, received a master's degree at Iona University, and earned a Certificate in Fundraising Management and a Certificate in Nonprofit Executive Leadership from Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.



A Warm Welcome

Even before he formally began his tenure as Regis's Principal over the summer, Mr. Charles Heintz had heard about the unique connection between the school and those who pass through its halls. After it was announced that he'd be leaving his previous school, Loyola Academy in Illinois, a parent there sent him a note about her father, who'd attended Regis decades earlier. The parent said her family wanted to splurge for her father's 90th birthday, and they told him they could travel together anywhere he wanted, figuring he'd choose an exotic beach locale or some other relaxed environment. Instead, her father said he wanted to visit Regis because it had been so meaningful to him.

"The tradition, the legacy, and the history of Regis are peerless," said Mr. Heintz. "That's one of the things that attracted me."

Mr. Heintz grew up in Little Neck, Queens, and attended Chaminade High School on Long Island before studying at the College of the Holy Cross. There, he connected with the school's mission and felt a calling to go into Jesuit education. After working as a volunteer teacher as part of a program that helped under-resourced Catholic grade schools on the South and West Sides of Chicago, he came back to New York to teach at Xavier High School, then returned to Illinois to work at Loyola Academy in Wilmette. He spent 25 years at Loyola Academy as a teacher and administrator, including the last five as the school's Principal.

Mr. Heintz said that after a quarter-century at the school, it was time for a "renewal," but he knew that he wanted to remain in Jesuit education — and would only leave for the right position.

"When I saw this opportunity, I sparked up," he said.

Mr. Heintz succeeds Dr. Ralph Nofi, who served as Interim Principal last year before retiring over the summer following 32 years as a member of the Regis community.

As Mr. Heintz begins his first year on 84th Street, he brings not just a vision for how a school can adapt to modern times, but an enthusiasm that he hopes will invigorate the student body.

"I have a lot of energy," he said. "I've learned a lot, and I have a lot to give. This provided an opportunity where I felt like I could come to an

institution that was looking for growth and looking for innovation, but also stay true to the mission-driven, linchpin ideals of Jesuit education."

Heintz said he wants to make sure Regis maintains an atmosphere in which students are "seen, known, and loved." He said that among his first tasks will be learning students' names and that he plans to take time each morning to greet students as they enter the building.

"That's so important for a kid to have that stability and that sense that someone is looking out for them," he said. "How do we animate the mission to make people feel known and cared for? I think that's an important responsibility."

Regis President Rev. Christopher Devron first met Mr. Heintz in Chicago when Mr. Heintz was serving as a volunteer teacher on the city's South Side. Upon the announcement that Mr. Heintz would serve as Principal beginning with the 2023–24 academic year, Fr. Devron praised him for how he prioritizes the needs of students and inspires faculty members.

"Through his optimistic approach to challenges, Charlie exemplifies Ignatius Loyola's invitation to find God in all things," said Fr. Devron in the announcement. "In his vocation as a husband and father of two daughters, he is a role model to young people. I'm excited for the larger Regis community to get to know him and benefit from his vision, compassion, and leadership."

As Mr. Heintz considers the shape of Regis's curriculum, he said he's focused on maintaining the academic excellence that has defined the school since its founding while also ensuring that the course of studies well serves today's students.

"There's a lot that has happened in education, and some of it I think has been accelerated through the pandemic," said Mr. Heintz. "Regis is about classically trained students who can take in information and communicate well. And those expectations will always be there. It's just a matter of how we're taking on 21st-century skills, communication, collaboration, and creativity."

New Principal
Mr. Charles
Heintz wants
students to feel
"seen, known,
and loved."

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THIS IS *Major*

With his call-up to the Chicago White Sox, pitcher **Declan Cronin '15** became the first Regian to play in the big leagues.

During his senior year at the College of the Holy Cross in 2019, Declan Cronin '15 accepted an offer to work in the Campus Ministry office at Regis. He was eager to give back to his alma mater, but he had to include a caveat with his acceptance of the job: There was a chance he might be drafted by a Major League Baseball team, and if he was, he was going to pursue his dream of becoming a big-leaguer.

Cronin's draft stock had risen during his stellar senior season at Holy Cross. He'd earned All-Patriot League first team honors in 2019 and was also selected to the Patriot League All-Academic Team. His 2.70 ERA in his senior year was the second lowest in the conference, and his 156 strikeouts over four years were the tenth most in school history.

Even with a Major League Baseball Draft that lasted 40 rounds at the time — it's since been shortened to 20 — Cronin considered it "a coin flip" whether his name would be called. But it was, by the White Sox in the 36th round. And after working his way up through the White Sox farm system, on July 30 he made his debut for Chicago and became the first Regian to play in the Major Leagues.

"It's pretty surreal," said Cronin. "There are a lot of Regians who have gone off to do some pretty incredible things, so to be able to claim that I was the first Regian to do anything is pretty special."

Cronin was in his Durham, North Carolina, hotel room, playing a late-night game of chess online against his brother, Brian Cronin '11, when his triple-A coach knocked on his door to deliver the news that he'd be heading to Chicago.

"Brian was the first person I called, because I wanted to tell him why I kind of just let the clock run out," said Cronin. "I'll let him have that one. It was worth it."

After news of his call-up became public, Cronin's phone blew up with messages from Regis classmates and other alumni like Jon Sciambi '88, a broadcaster with the Cubs (see sidebar).

"It's been really nice to reconnect with some old classmates who I haven't really talked to a ton since graduation," said Cronin. "It's been tough for me to make JUG Night or anything like that, so to have an excuse to reconnect has been awesome."

Cronin also sent some messages of his own, including one to Athletic Director Mr. Kevin Cullen, letting him know he was in an Uber on the way to the airport and a plane bound for Chicago.

"I'm so proud of him and so happy for him and his family," said Mr. Cullen. "He's arguably the best athlete that has ever come through Regis High School, and we've had a ton of good athletes. He's also the nicest guy that you've ever known, and you're happy that good things are happening to him."

Cronin played on the varsity baseball team at Regis for three seasons, and he was also part of varsity basketball teams that won the 2014 state championship and the 2015 city



Declan Cronin '15, Patrick Thomas '15, and Liam Hogan '15 on the field in Chicago following Declan's Major League debut on July 30 (Photo courtesy of Liam Hogan '15)



Declan Cronin '15 with the White Sox (above) and during his junior year at Regis (left)

championship. After the White Sox drafted him out of Holy Cross, he was assigned to Chicago's Rookie-ball team in Arizona, then had stops in Kannapolis, Winston-Salem, Birmingham, and Charlotte. He joined the White Sox in Major League spring training this season before returning to triple-A, where he posted a 2.61 ERA with eight strikeouts in 10 July relief appearances in advance of his call-up.

When Cronin first took the mound for Chicago, in a game against the Cleveland Guardians, he had plenty of Regis support in the stands. His brother Brian made the trip, as did 2015 classmates Ryan Conlon, Monserrate DeLeon, Liam Hogan, and Patrick Thomas, who road-tripped through the night to arrive at Guaranteed Rate Field in time for his debut.

On August 8, in Cronin's third appearance for the White Sox, he pitched two scoreless innings against the Yankees, striking out five batters including slugger Giancarlo Stanton. On the YES Network broadcast, Yankees announcer Michael Kay repeatedly referred to Regis and its academic reputation. After commentator David Cone praised the movement and location of Cronin's slider, Kay joked, "Coming from Regis, he can calculate all the angles on that pitch, too. Take out his protractor, know exactly the break."

Cronin isn't the first Regian to reach the highest levels of professional sports. Tom Kelly '41 played 27 games for the Boston Celtics in the Basketball Association of America, one year before the league rebranded as the NBA. But while stories like Cronin's have been rare, they can serve as inspiration for future students.

Said Mr. Cullen: "It shows kids that if they work hard at their craft, they can make it to that level."

Meanwhile, on Chicago's North Side...

Jon Sciambi '88, the Cubs' TV play-by-play announcer, welcomed a group of classmates to Wrigley Field this summer in celebration of their 35th reunion. The group took in games on July 21 and 22 — both Cubs wins over the Cardinals.





CLASS OF 2023

College Destinations

Adelphi University
Jack B. Coyne

Arizona State University–Tempe
Michael McArthur

Bates College
Henry Jacob Kolani

Binghamton University
Senan Louis Garry
Brendan Thomas Heaney
Neil Alexander Johnson

Boston College
John M Angelica
Camilo A. Calderon
Andrew Joseph Haddad
Gabriel Joseph Margolies
Matthew Alexander Ruggiero
Jack Patrick Stappenbeck

Brown University
Avery Oliver Espiritu
Jack Michael Grondin

Bucknell University
Jacob An

California Institute of Technology
Raymond Alexander Provost

Carnegie Mellon University
Philip Matthias Konrad-Parisi
Roy Park

Case Western Reserve University
Alexander Diego Giordano

College of the Holy Cross
Ilan Dario Guerrero
Henry Christopher Noonan
Alexander Joseph Sabelja

Columbia University
Aidan Minsung Puma

Cornell University
Rory Luis Brett
Luke Patrick Dolan
Paul Ippolito
Jason Saebin Jang
Brian J. Park
Xavier Alejandro Pazos

CUNY Macaulay Honors College
Ralph-Montas Osias
Carmine Vincent Tepedino

Dartmouth College
Taylor Fahey Kruse

Davidson College
Patrick Aedan Grimes

Duke University
Nathaniel Peter Croce

Emory University
Damien Cavallo
Olivier M. Jawornicki
Kevin Andrew Juzeniw
Octave François Manteau

Fairfield University
Brandon Ally
Thomas Philip Fitzmaurice
Nicholas Guariniello
Aidan Laurence Lyons

Fordham University
Joseph Michael Cubi
William Edward Lee
Matthew John McNamara
Anthony William Sipe

Gap Year
Antonio Jun

Georgetown University
William George Cihra
Andrew Patrick Cimmino
Nicholas Labbat
Thomas Paul McCarthy
Peter Micheal Mylek
Luke James Neumann
Dean Gerard Rosamilia
Shane Vincent Stesner

Harvard University
Jonathan Peter Flanigan
Sean McGuire Healey

Johns Hopkins University
Jacob Chase Javellana

Lafayette College
Michael O'Sullivan

Loyola Marymount University
Justin Miller McCarthy

Loyola University Maryland
Joseph Dylan Larson

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Alex Zhindon-Romero

Middlebury College
Seamus Wilson Flannery

New York University
Thomas Henry Coyle
Ayden R. Fort

Northeastern University
Jude Thomas McEvoy
Joseph Bruno Portas
Christopher Sewkumar

Northwestern University
Jeremiah Alonzo

Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
Leonard Jin Phung

Pennsylvania State University
Finnigan James Cowan
John Joseph Rachinsky

Princeton University
Aidan Padraig Gouley
Dean Henry Minello

Providence College
Andrés Rodriguez Arriaga

Reed College
Eamon Dennis Bowen

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Elias E. Cueto
Steve Miruku
Michael James Nelson

Rice University
Jun Choi
Matthew Ramos

Rochester Institute of Technology
Rafael Chance Báez

Santa Clara University
Jacob Jonas Salazar

Stevens Institute of Technology
Justin Tyler Gajewski
Matthew James Nixon

St. John's University
Neil Fernandes
Jesus Sanchez

Stony Brook University
Daniel James Gaffey
Brandon Jose Raposo
Alessandro Reda

Thomas Aquinas College
Sebastiano P. Egan

Tufts University
Daniel Michal Jarka

United States Military Academy
Daniel Calderon

United States Naval Academy
Sergio Shiao Santander

The University of Alabama
Matthew Christopher Spinelli, Jr.

University of Chicago
Jeremiah Baez
Julius James Dorsey
Andrew William Joel
Nicolas F. Parra

University of Florida
Michael Spencer Donohue

University of Miami
Johnathan Fenlon Bernadeau

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
Nikil Gupta

University of Notre Dame
Luke William Donoghue
Edward S. Kerwin
Matthew Murawski
Leopold A. C. Rotter

University of Pennsylvania
Jason Arriaza
Max John Dingli
Austin Rex Durkin
Antonio Michael Lobaccaro
Leonardo Andre Lobaccaro
Daniel Chao-Hui Ngiam

University of Richmond
Thomas Joseph Hartey, IV

University of Rochester
Amaru Tupacypunqui

The University of Texas at Austin
Antoni Adalbert Kozłowski

University of Vermont
Robert John Graves

University of Virginia
Peter D. Zuccarello

Vassar College
Alexander Stephen Graber

Villanova University
Daniel Ian Guarnieri

Wesleyan University
Jake Maskara

Williams College
Sebastian Espinal
Jonathan Sunaryadi Hartanto
Reece Matthew Jones
Hugh Francis Kane
Carlton Patrick Roe
William Porter Tinson

Yale University
George Young Ho Cheung
Aidan Patrick Moran
Tobias Richard Platt

Prowlings

1949

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1950

Michael O'Connor, mjaconnor@gmail.com

1951

1952

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We were delighted to meet on May 12 for our 71st reunion, coming from far and near: **Mike Hayes** (Virginia), **Lee Sculti** (New Jersey), **Frank Neeson** (New York), **Bill Sullivan** (North Carolina), **Jim Murtaugh** (New York), **Al Kenneke** (Maryland), **Jerry Kappes** (New York), **John Kissane** (New Jersey), and **Ted McAniff** (California). It was great to catch up with everyone. Frank said he is still sailing on the Hudson, and Mike and Bill reminisced about their Navy experience aboard aircraft carriers. Finally, Jim Murtaugh, as he did at our special 70th anniversary reunion (June 16, 2022), led us in the Regis Alma Mater. However, a few days after the happy reunion, we got sad news: the deaths of two outstanding classmates, **Tom O'Toole** and **Jack Magan**. Both men stood tall, in height as well as in personality and spirit. In prayer, we mourn their passing and celebrate their remarkable lives. Both men developed financial expertise in their careers. Jack offered ambitious, sometimes quixotic plans for aiding the Regis endowment. Tom in the 1970s served as chair of the Finance Committee set up by Fr. Charles Taylor, SJ, then President of Regis, which successfully stabilized and grew the school endowment.

Larry Boland writes: "About 65 years after leaving Regis, I was still able to enjoy an afternoon with Tom and a half-dozen classmates at the NYAC, where we bantered as though it was weeks, not years, between sessions. Though he lived in Texas, he was still a guy from the Bronx with his mates. God bless." Bill Sullivan remembers: "Although we spent many years very distant from

each other, Tom in Texas and myself in North Carolina, I've always felt we had a very strong bond that began during our time together at Regis and particularly playing basketball there." **John Donohue** writes: "In early 1957, after graduating from Fordham University, Tom O'Toole asked me to go with him in his car to New Orleans. The car was not just out of the factory, but it looked like it was capable of maybe getting there. We made it in two days which surprised us. Two boys from the Bronx enjoyed what New Orleans had to offer then: Cajun food, jazz music, and spirited dancing. After three days we left for different destinations. I took the train to Jacksonville, Fla., and Tom drove to El Paso, Texas, each for our required military service. I doubt that Tom knew then how much more of his life he would spend in Texas, compared to the relatively brief time he would spend in the Army. Tom was a good friend, a kind and generous man to Regis and his classmates, and we shall miss him greatly." We are grateful to Casey Magan, Jack's daughter, for sending us her memorial to her beloved father. "John Joseph ('Jack') Magan, was born June 12, 1934, and died June 14, 2023. He was 89 years old. Jack lived a large and lucky life. Coming from the poorer parts of East New York, Jack had a rough-and-tumble upbringing out of which he somehow learned to excel in academics, playing the flute and piano, and immersing himself in mathematics. Brooklyn was still 'the country' then, where he would spend his days fishing with his friends, eating sun-warmed bologna sandwiches on white bread with mayo, and remembering them as culinary treats on par with Sardi's and the other fine restaurants he would frequent years later as a radio and television sales executive in Manhattan. Jack would tell you that his greatest bit of luck was getting into Regis High School. It might have saved his life. It certainly saved him from an abusive upbringing. There he was instilled with a call to excellence, looking up to the sky from his Upper East Side classroom and dreaming he would be a pilot to fly away and explore the world. And fly away he did. Jack joined the U.S. Marine Corps to pursue his dreams and become a Marine Corps aviator, but a training exercise exacerbated a birth injury, grounding him. Rather than dwell on his disappointment, Jack was able to transition into instructing pilots. This and his fellowship in London's Royal Statistical Society were particularly rewarding to Jack, especially when looking back on his life in his later years.

'Audacious' means 'unconventional,' and Jack would have learned at Regis that it comes from the Latin word *audacia*, meaning 'daring, boldness, courage.' That certainly defined Jack. At 6 ft., 4 in., fiercely handsome with an infectious laugh, Jack was a risk-taker with an unorthodox sense of humor that would dismay his Jesuit teachers but find them laughing to themselves. And Jack took that risk-taking, for better or worse, wherever his interests took him, from radio and television sales to racehorses and wagering. Jack was most proud of his five children and the love of his life, whom he was lucky to meet at a time when most men's lives are ebbing, bringing him decades of happiness and companionship through the last hours of death. Jack was refreshingly aware of his foibles and took note of the quote ascribed to Fr. John O'Malley, SJ: 'First, you're not God. Second, this isn't heaven. Third, don't be an ass.' Jack tried to remember these things, although he'd be the first to tell you, he was rarely successful. Jack will be greatly missed. As boisterous a life as Jack led, he wanted to go quietly. As per his wishes, no funeral or memorial service will be held."

Frank Neeson writes: "We are all saddened by Jack Magan's passing. He stands in the category of 'bigger than life' characters, and his stories were absolutely intriguing and might have made great movies. He will be missed by his '52 Noble Hearts. RIP." From **Bill Dougherty**: "A man of many talents. Jack never met a stranger. May he rest in peace." Al Kenneke: "A truly unique man. May he rest in peace." **Harry Demaio**: "Jack Magan was a great enthusiast of my *Casebooks of Octavius Bear* series. The Bear and I both miss him." **Lew Bowlby**: "Jack and I shared many emails through the years. At times serious, but more often outrageously funny. Always welcome. I will miss him." Jim Murtaugh: "I was memorized by Jack's exploits in applying his superior skills in statistics in researching 2020 election data. His brief autobio certainty portrayed a man of diversified skills. God be with him and family." **Bob Baron**: "With the passage of time we lose additional members of our class. The deaths of Tom O'Toole and Jack Magan are a special loss. I got out my 1952 yearbook and thought about classmates from 71 years ago. But I realized that we were all young, and memories fade. I got on my computer and looked at notes that Tom and Jack had sent during the last five years. They became alive as I read their thoughts

on Regis, the world, and their families. Regis was a start, a foundation for what they and we became, what life brought us, and how we dealt with it. They were both very special people."



Members of the Class of 1952 met on May 12 for their 71st Reunion.

1953

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1954

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The loss of two of our classmates in the last few weeks has caused much sadness. They were each very accomplished in their chosen fields, and their loss is felt by all who knew them. The following is taken from their printed obituaries, the full text of which can be Googled. **Dave Nicholas, MD**, who devoted his life to medicine "was a pediatrician and public health expert who was admired by all who worked with him as a man of tremendous integrity, humanity, and commitment to improving health services and health outcomes.... We join colleagues around the world in remembering Dave Nicholas with affection and gratitude for his work to help millions." **George Jeffers'** lifelong commitment to education led him from the classroom to leadership of districts on Long Island and California. **Frank O'Regan's** comment says it best: "The most decent human being one could hope to meet — a Brooklyn boy at heart and a humble, quiet leader. I did not realize that he had lost two of his boys. He must have had some very tough times along the way." A number of classmates spoke of George's leadership and kindness to them on the Regis baseball team and how much those memories have meant to them over the years. **Jim Perrone** writes that after 61 years, he has finished the course and left the classroom — another life lived in the Regis tradition. Finally, a message to all of us from **Dick Ward**: "This is a personal message to all of my

classmates in the Regis Class of 1954. As a native of Chicago I feel truly blessed to be a member of '54. It had to be divine intervention that prompted the nuns at St. Mary's in Manhasset to give me one of the applications for Regis. Me, a very new kid on the block. My father's job had taken him from Chicago to El Paso, Texas, in 1945 and subsequently cross-country to New York City in 1948. Then came the coveted application to Regis. The rest is history, resulting in my confirming to you how privileged I am to be a member of '54. Please keep in touch."

1955

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Very many thanks to all in our class for contributing to the 2022 Annual Fund. Please be assured that the administration, faculty, and student body are most appreciative of your very kind generosity. Your generosity is most inspiring! It is also downright "noble-hearted!" Great example of *pietas* (loyalty). Regarding the dollar amount of the 2022 Annual Fund, the Class of 1955 finished in the top 25 of all the classes! Impressive!

1956

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Paul Lennon has become a great-grandfather to Aila Ludwig, the granddaughter of **Andrew Lennon '83**. Our classmates enjoyed a number of pleasant get-togethers in the past few months, including a **Neil Coughlan**-arranged dinner at Neary's with **Mike Murray**, in from Florida for a long weekend. Not all of us know that Mike's wife Peggy died in February 2022 after a long illness. He met her in grammar school, and it was love at first sight. They were married for 62 years. In the meantime, **Ed Moran** (the most generous supporter of Regis in our class, with no close runner-up) penned a 225-page autobiography for his children and grandchildren. Ed's opus includes accounts of his years in the Air Force, his time at Chase, and the almost 40 years he spent as a court-appointed work-out specialist for bankrupt businesses. Is this something we should all turn our hand to? To get back to Mike Murray, he had his left knee replaced in February and has not had an easy time of it in the last five months. Despite his discomfort Mike managed to attend the graduation of four of his grandchildren in May and June, two from college (including

one from Annapolis) and two from high school. **Ray McGuire** and Judith got together with **Adrian Basora** and his wife Pauline Barnes for a pleasant dinner at Cucina 8 1/2 in Manhattan. Adrian remains active on various boards. He is, for starters, a trustee and senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. As most of us know, Adrian was the U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 1992 to 1995, then president of the Eisenhower Fellowships in Philadelphia after he left the State Department. Peg and **Dick Cronin** have been uncharacteristically land-bound since COVID shut us down but plan to visit their son John (also a physician) and his family in San Diego. As some of us know, Dick and Peg spent a fascinating six months in Bhutan a few years back, where Dick instructed local medical students and physicians in the finer points of nephrology. Judy and **Bill Bautz** are still ensconced in their Upper East Side apartment, have managed a recent river cruise in the south of France, and plan another cruise on the Great Lakes (who knew?). One of their 17 grandchildren, a Manhattan College graduate, recently was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship. **Bob Imbelli**, resident at a Riverdale retirement home for New York priests, keeps busy writing articles and book reviews. Among his recent articles is one in *The Catholic Thing* and several in *First Things* and *Commonweal*. Bob also has several podcasts on YouTube and other social media platforms. Finally, Ray McGuire keeps threatening to retire from his law practice, but so far has only gotten halfway there.

1957

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1958

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Via an internet search a couple months ago I learned that our classmate **George McCarthy** had passed away on August 23, 2019, at age 78 in Marietta, Ga. George was one of the Jersey natives in our class, born in Bayonne but later living in Ossining, N.Y., at the time of our graduation. He was a graduate of Pace University and had a career as a commercial lender where, according to his obituary, "he became a legend in the industry." George also became an avid golfer, having belonged, among others, to the Big Canoe Country Club in Jasper, Ga., where he had a mountain home which he loved. One

of my lasting memories of George was that he was the first San Francisco 49er fan I had ever met, decades before the Joe Montana era. At the time of this revelation George quoted a popular phrase of that era: “No title without Tittle.” This was many years before Y.A. Tittle became the New York Giants quarterback. From **Ken McAloon**: “Our 65th Reunion took place this last May at the school — small turnout. **Tom Nacinovich**, **Jim Moran**, Ken McAloon, **Peter Kern**, and **Tom Ryan** — three guys from Brooklyn, two from Queens, but now all from different states. First there was the tour of the school and its landmark building — blackboards replaced by whiteboards, the library more concerned with computers than books, it seemed. Our group was shepherded by a senior from Fairfield, Conn., who will be off to Princeton in the fall. Naturally we treated him to tales of how these things were done in our era. He was amused. Then followed Mass in the magical chapel, an assembly in the yard, and a welcome from Fr. Devron, the President, who assured us that he would transmit our best to **Joe Lienhard** up at Fordham. Drinks and dinner followed. War stories and reminiscences abounded. One more thing: We chatted with the two guys from '53 who swore they remembered **Pete Hamill** well. Peter Kern's trip from Pennsylvania to New York City was an adventure. The bus he had boarded at Stroudsburg broke down on the New Jersey Turnpike just before the Lincoln Tunnel. Peter was able to flag a yellow cab that was returning from a fare to New Jersey and dropped him off at Port Authority whence he proceeded uptown to Regis. Jim Moran writes: “I will be fully retired from medicine this June 30 after 50 years at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica.”

1959

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Doug Futuyama writes: “Although I retired from active university life in 2018, I fortunately still have my office and am still engaged with evolutionary biology. I'm on one journal editorial board (acronym PNAS) and am editor of an annual review volume on the subject. The latest (and last) edition of my textbook *Evolution* was published last December, and in 2022 Princeton University Press published my book *How Birds Evolve*, aimed at bird-watchers and others interested in natural history. I'm very fortunate to still have good health, although I had hip replacement in May. In the last year I traveled in central Asia (Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, which I recommend for historical sites) and in the Lesser

Antilles, but I don't expect I'll do any strenuous trips in the future. I'm enjoying classical music and opera more than ever and have been reading (or rereading) great novels and classics. With age comes reflection, and I am appreciating more and more how my life, interests, and values were influenced by Regis: the intellectual content, the discipline, and the moral ideals.”

1960

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On June 8, 19 of our noble-hearted classmates and some guests invaded the New York Athletic Club for a reunion lunch. Present were **Ed Brady**, **Jack Carney**, **Jim Doran**, **Kevin Clinton** (with wife and son), **Steve Hilbert**, **Ross Amman**, **Richard Marks**, **Brian Morrow**, **Billy Smith**, **Larry Squeri**, **John Ward**, **Pat Conroy**, **Carl Utsinger**, **Henry Ricardo**, **Charlie Nastro**, **John Werwaiss**, **Brendan Ryan**, **Jack Barnosky**, **Bill Dickey**, and our favorite English teacher, **Jerry Kappes '52**. The reunion celebrants had traveled from various places in the tri-state area, as well as from California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The organizers for this festive event were Jack Barnosky, Bill Dickey, Charlie Nastro, Henry Ricardo, Brendan Ryan, and John Werwaiss. In an encore performance, Brendan did a great job of arranging for a private room with a buffet table and a bar as well as a private outdoor patio overlooking Central Park. As the Irish say, there was great craic, lively conversations about the past, present, and future. Jerry Kappes was in good form. Virgil's line *forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit* could have been our reunion's slogan. Pat Conroy, a retired high school teacher, lives in Woodbury, N.Y., with grandchildren in Austin, Texas. He recently recovered from a broken femur. Kevin Clinton is professor emeritus of classics at Cornell and lives in Chantilly, Va. Having decided at Fordham that physics and chemistry had lost their allure, **Bill Brandt** reports that he had a “wonderful and satisfying” 35-year business career with AT&T. With even greater satisfaction he has been a deacon for 20 years, presiding at weddings and baptisms, assisting at Mass, and teaching. He has five children and four grandchildren and lives in Milton, Fla. He sends the greeting “May God bless y'all,” inspired by his Alabama-born wife. **Ed Powers** announces that his granddaughter Lia (in Minnesota) will start high school in September. Henry Ricardo had a book review published in the *Bulletin of the Irish Mathematical Society*. Henry and Larry Squeri have competed in the online trivia

game *Quiz Planet* more than 300 times. The lead keeps shifting between them, with many ties. An update regarding the Ken Bailie Memorial Fund: Thanks to the generous support of our classmates, we reached our \$50,000 goal. We are pleased to honor Ken and Frances with a gift to the Computer Science Department at Regis. A letter with more details will be provided to the Class of 1960 in the coming weeks.

1961

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Joe Wetzel summarized our predicament nicely: We keep getting older. “Those of us who were in parochial schools whose nuns did not believe in skipping grades are near or over 80 years old. Our older children are talking about retirement... gulp! Mary Ann and I have been splitting our time between New Paltz, N.Y., (the old homestead) and Pawleys Island, S.C., (the beach) for the past 13 very good years. Our older grandchildren are graduating from college. Grandchild Number 1, Jessica Wetzel, graduated from Brooklyn College last year. She is pursuing a masters in speech pathology. Her dad is Joe Wetzel Jr., offspring Number 1. Grandchild Number 2, Jaya Wetzel, graduated last month from Tufts, with a BS in biopsychology, summa cum laude. Her dad is Dave Wetzel, offspring Number 2. The other eight grandchildren range in age from 20 to 4. We are especially proud of the parenting skills of our kids and their spouses.” **Seb Pandolfo** added a similar report: “I am proud to report that granddaughter Lucy completed fourth grade with first honors and has also won grand championships in two recent equestrian competitions. Grandson Graham graduated cum laude from George Washington University and will be pursuing his master's degree in political science there in the fall. Grandson Miles has settled in quite well at Syracuse University and will be declaring an accounting major for the upcoming sophomore year. Meanwhile, Nancy and I are looking forward to together-time 'down' the shore.” **Jack O'Connell** provided this item: “Barbara and I spent a few days on St. Martin in late April with my brother **Mike O'Connell '63** and his wife, Nancy. Mike rents a villa there for two weeks every year as a reward for getting through another New England (Boston) winter, and it's always great fun catching up. Delicious food (French side of the island, of course), stunning views, and great weather. We always mention **Paul Diczok** at some point, since the three of us grew up together in Washington Heights and have the distinction of attending both Incarnation

School and then Regis. Like **Dave Eitelbach**, we also took the Number 3 bus every day. Other news centers around the grandchildren these days. We're blessed with five. Oldest grandson Luke graduated from Hopkins School in Connecticut and is headed to Annapolis for his 'plebe year' at the Naval Academy. We are s-o-o-o proud, not that we had anything to do with it! Granddaughter Megan was confirmed in St. Paul's Cathedral in St. Paul, Minn., in May, and Barbara was honored to be her sponsor. I continue my part-time writing and editing work at *The Maritime Executive* magazine, and Barbara goes to her studio almost every day when we're not traveling. Her artwork continues to be in high demand. We'll be in New York in early July for some shows and museums and then a river cruise in August from St. Louis to Pittsburgh. We do enjoy cruising.” I challenged Paul Diczok for a response. He wrote, “I have similar pleasant memories. Jack and I are indeed proud sons of Incarnation and we also spent much time on extracurriculars. And certainly Mike was part of the story, and I remember him well, but little brothers, well, you know! I too think of Jack often. He will doubtless remember the evenings we spent together, with others, at his apartment where his dad drilled us on problems to prep us for the New York City 'mental arithmetic' contest. And I have vague memories of a foot race we once ran on some sort of class day field trip in a local park and how our efforts delighted a gauntlet of cheering (guffawing?) classmates who I think were more impressed with our competitive vigor than our speed. My grandson, Sean Diczok, has graduated from Delbarton School, a Benedictine abbey school in Morristown, N.J., frequently rated as the second best Catholic High School in the nation. Sean's off to Lafayette in the late summer where he'll play Division I lacrosse. His mom was captain of the basketball team there. Marianne and I are doing well. We are headed back to Bryson City, N.C., for a month's vacation in August. Harry is now a young Australian Labradoodle and a delightful companion. Gotta get back to staying off **Greg D'Alessio's** list!” **Pete Madori** wrote, “I have re-upped as pastor for the final year allowable under Archdiocesan regulations. But after I finally release the reins of authority (such as they are), I will still 'assist' with everything in our parish because there's no one to take my place, and I live 90 seconds away by car!” Pete has also written a short story that he is trying to get published in the Jesuit monthly, *America* magazine. It's based on a tale he heard at Regis. **Don Hands's** book, *Spiritual Wholeness for Clergy* (Rowman and Littlefield), just sold its 17,000th copy. Don helped run an ecumenical treatment center for clergy with addiction and mental health issues. **Rich D'Arrigo** is having a tough time: “I am currently

disabled by spinal stenosis. I had emergency surgery last June to remove a non-cancerous tumor from my spine. It ended my back pain but did not fully restore my ability to walk. I have a new constant companion: my walker. I decided it needs a nickname, so I've named it Johnny.” Rich was scheduled for further surgery in August. Hopefully by the time you read this, he will have received some relief. I was stunned to receive a note from Susan Hesse that **Stephen Hesse** died on May 29. Stephen and Susan both grew up in the Nyack area and knew each other as teenagers. They married in 1968. After studies at Georgetown University, CCNY, and UC Berkley, Stephen became a journalist, while Susan became a fabric designer. Their careers took them to Winston-Salem, N.C.; Atlanta; and later to Washington, D.C. In the early 1980s they moved to New York City, where they remained for over 20 years. During this time Stephen returned to CCNY to study engineering, his second career for 17 years, until they retired to Ithaca about 20 years ago. Susan and Stephen had always enjoyed hiking, so as newcomers to Ithaca they joined a small hiking group. Within a few years they were organizing and leading three-per-week hikes that grew into a much loved community institution. Some hikes, particularly on holidays, ended with picnics or impromptu community dinners. They continued this tradition until a year ago when they moved to Jamestown, R.I., to be closer to Susan's family. We were all stunned when **Tom Walsh** sent out a note that **Peter Carter** had died of a heart attack while on a trip to Las Vegas with his son and daughter on May 24. After Regis, Peter earned degrees from both Fordham and Hofstra, then began a long career in public and private education. He began as a Latin teacher in parochial schools, but eventually made his mark in school administration. He served as principal and superintendent in several school systems, had a significant role in the takeover and restoration of the Newark school system, and eventually retired as superintendent of schools in Ringwood, N.J. In retirement, he continued to provide expertise in interim superintendent roles, volunteering in the local elementary schools, and serving as an expert witness/consultant for several New Jersey law firms. Peter was on the boards of the Delaware Botanic Gardens and Cape Henlopen Education Foundation. He had a regular column in his local newspaper, the *Cape Gazette*, where he had a dedicated readership. **Bob Crimmins** sent out a heartfelt remembrance, excerpted here: “Our friend Peter Carter has died. So sad for all of us who knew him from the days he staffed the Regis 'bookstore' off the basement-level locker room. During his days at Regis, Peter, like so many of us, took two subways

to school and back home again to Brooklyn. On most days Peter would ride with Tom Walsh (a.k.a. *Walshibus*), who would eventually become best man at Peter's wedding. **Jim Capo** was another rider along that subway route; Jim got on in Queens. The Capos invited Peter, the only Black kid in our class, to dinner a couple of times, an open-heartedness Peter never forgot. At Fordham he became student body vice president and chairman of events. One day a proposal came to his desk about a British band that wanted to come to the states to get exposure on college campuses, so they could make it to, say, Ed Sullivan's show. Peter looked at the name of the band and decided he wasn't going to book a band named after a bunch of insects. The rest, as they say, is history — or in this case, Beatlemania. Peter retired to Lewes, Del., where Tom and his wife Barbara also have a condo. Two months ago, Peter penned a St. Patrick's Day piece for the *Delaware Cape Gazette*, which worked its way around to a paean to his Irish friend Tom Walsh. The week before Peter went to Las Vegas, where he died, Dr. Tom told him not to go, he wasn't physically up to it. But Peter wanted to be together with his kids one more time. Their friendship, Peter's and Tom's, was a thing of beauty. Peter endured conflicts all his life. I just read his book *A Black First*, 'the story of a Black, Negro, colored man who weathered the storms of racism and bigotry and became a prominent educator.' Peter remembered the barbs and the bigotry from Regis classmates and faculty alike. Yet in his St. Patrick's Day letter to the *Cape Gazette*, Peter, focusing on an individual Regian, brother Tom, called his high school days fabulous. Peter died with a noble heart though his skies had been dark and his roadways unsure. Please let me close this not with a prayer as such, but with a few lines from a poem by Langston Hughes, the 20th century Black American poet. His college instructor told him to write a theme for English B. The instructor said, 'Go home and write a page tonight. And let it come out of you — then, it will be true.'

So will my page be colored that I write?

Being me, it will not be white.

But it will be

A part of you, instructor.

You are white —

yet a part of me, as I am a part of you.

That's American.

Sometimes, perhaps you don't want to be part of me.

Nor do I often want to be part of you.

But we are, that's true!

As I learn from you,

I guess you learn from me —

although you're older — and white —

and somewhat more free.

This is my page for English B.

Rest in peace, bro. We loved you. Rest in peace”



Peter Carter '61 spoke at a banquet celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Photo by Dan Cook/Courtesy of Cape Gazette



Susan and Stephen Hesse '61 hiking

1962

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John James wrote from South Carolina to report a serious health issue: “I have been diagnosed with stage 1B pancreatic cancer and have already gone through the first three chemotherapy infusions (each Thursday for three weeks, then a week off and restart). This schedule will go for four to six months, with some potential for radiation afterwards. The start of all this was an issue with my hemoglobin counts being below normal and the cancer was identified by happenstance during the diagnostic process for that issue. The hemoglobin issue is still unresolved despite having many different kinds of “scopy,” including colonoscopy, endoscopy, and laparoscopy, with no cause yet found for the blood loss. More testing (and transfusions) to come. My treatment is being done at Lewis Cancer Center in Savannah, an excellent, integrated facility and program. My oncologist and his team have been great, so I’m in good hands. Wife Pidge is managing my home and life care at her usual high level, of course, and the decision we made to move to a continuing-care retirement community has certainly been confirmed. The Cypress staff and service have

been excellent. Our son Chris, his wife Amanda, and their family have been super with getting us back and forth to Savannah and managing their schedules around our needs. We could not be doing this otherwise. Meanwhile our other son Steve, his wife Jenny, and their family have been keeping us updated daily with stories about managing their small Iowa acreage and their highly rated Alaskan huskies. A laugh a day.” Here’s hoping John has had good news about successful treatment by the time this appears in print. **Tom Cafferty**, now retired from the University of South Carolina, reported that he and his wife Loretta are doing well and enjoying time with children and grandchildren: “I’m still involved with the American Psychological Association as a member of their Commission on Accreditation, so I have had the opportunity to visit several universities over the last few years. It’s been an interesting experience.” **Peter Mooney** wrote from rural North Carolina that he is so dissatisfied with the leading presidential candidates in both parties that he is running himself as an independent. I assume Peter is joking, though no one can say he is too old for the job. **Greg Burke** and **John Paxton** have organized an informal book club with plans to meet monthly on Zoom. **John Shay**, **Bob Sheehan**, **John Docherty**, **Dave Birch**, **Jim Ralston**, and **JJ O’Rourke** participated in the initial meeting, a discussion of *2034*, a World War III novel by Elliot Ackerman and James Stavridis. (Could a Mooney Administration save us from this fate?) **Allan Service** wrote, “Esther and I are in Galway (yes, again).” Allan included a photo of the two of them in front of a Galway boutique named Regis to demonstrate that “Regis has reached Ireland, although I’m pretty sure this one is not operated by Jesuits.” From Phoenix, **Brendan Thomson** reported on the successful completion of the review of problems with Maricopa County voting machines in the 2022 elections. Brendan’s wife Sandy, working together with the ex-Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, found that new, longer ballots, on thicker paper, worked fine with the majority of tabulating machines, but not with older machines, and had to be counted by hand. This took longer, leading to some excitement, but in the end every vote was counted. Brendan added that he was looking forward to a visit to Buffalo and Chautauqua in July, including a meeting with **Rev. Joseph McShane, SJ, '67**. Brendan has also finished up work on the 2024 Vatican Observatory Calendar, which is now available from the observatory website or from Brendan himself. Finally, your correspondent, **Paul Spagnoli**, laments that the onset of knee problems in June has disrupted the daily walks that have kept him sane (more or less) since his retirement 10 years

ago. Paul’s goal has been to accumulate 50 miles of steps on his Fitbit every week, and he achieved this 56 times in 57 weeks from May 2022 through May 2023. Since then, knee pain has soared and daily activity has plummeted. He hopes this will not be permanent, but meanwhile intends to follow through on a planned, three-generation family vacation in Ogunquit, Maine, in July and a trip to France with his wife, Pam, in September.



Allan Service '62 and wife Esther in Galway, Ireland

1963

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Twenty-five of our classmates appeared in person on May 6 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our graduation from Regis. In addition, 16 of our wives and close friends joined us in the festivities. Following tours of the school, we attended Mass in the Regis chapel where we prayed for all the members of our class and their families and remembered those who are no longer with us. A cocktail hour and dinner followed, offering us a good time reminiscing about the great days and antics of the past and discussing our current activities as well. Our group included **Justin Arechi**, **Dan Burns** and Smilka, **Dick Chiarello** and Barbara, **Dave Cordes** and Gloria, **John Domingue** and Jane, **Jim Higgins** and Barbara, **Jim Joyce**, **SJ**, **John Koeltl**, **Bob Loewenstein** and Paula, **Dan Lynch** and Clellie, **Kenny Lynch** and Mary, **Luke MacCarthy** and Nancy, **Gene McKillop**, **Kevin Morris** and Mary Ellen, **Tom Mullaney** and Chris, **Mike O’Connell** and Nancy, **Andrew Phelan**, **Jack Prael** and Pat, **Bill Pries**, **Vincent Rocque**, **John Sesody**, **Jack Stack**, **John Tuccillo** and Leslie, **John Tweedy** and

Pat, and **Walter Wisniewski** and Mary. **Robert Gardella** notes: “Things continue to go well for Linda and me. I was really disappointed to miss the 60th Reunion, but the commute from Europe was quite an obstacle. We spent May in Lecce, Italy, then in June traveled to Puglia, Barcelona, the Catalanian coast, and Porto/Lisbon, Portugal, then home to Fort Lauderdale in early July. Trip to the Southwest and California is planned for September. We visit scattered daughters when possible and are leading a happy life!” **Mark Olesnicki** writes that his knee replacement of April 10 has been very satisfactory and life-changing in the mobility it has restored to him. Pat and Jack Prael enjoyed great weather on a British Isles cruise in June, where among other ports they visited Liverpool and ran into some statues of the Fab Four on the docks. Speaking of the Beatles, Dan Burns reports an interesting story about the origin of the title of singer Paul McCartney’s fourth classical album, *Ecce Cor Meum*, released in 2006. Apparently, McCartney was inspired by the inscription above the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Church of St. Ignatius that we all knew so well from our First Fridays there. Sir Paul has also used “*Ecce Cor Meum*” as the motto on his coat of arms.



Members of the Class of 1963 at their 60th Reunion



Pat and Jack Prael '63 in Liverpool

1964

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I again hope this edition of the Prowlings finds you healthy and well. And once again I have been fortunate to have a number of conversations with

several of you. As the years move on I still feel that these are part of an “unearned gift” I was given over 60 years ago. This time I will try to organize your missives by “theme.” As I am putting the finishing touches on this submission, the Spring 2023 copy arrived in the mail just yesterday. **Lou Fuoco**’s report on his acting activities made it into this last issue as did **Marty Besant**’s service as the “Chief of Timing and Calculations” at the World University Winter Games (more on Lou’s activities later). Not too long thereafter we all received an important message from **Jeff Weinlandt**: “Gents: Long time with no contact but I’m still breathing and upright. You all received an email from Regis yesterday called ‘Your Monthly News and Notes.’ Being a curious Regian I was intrigued that a senior (Class of ’23) had put together a documentary on the members of the Class of 1941, a class even earlier than ’64. There are 20 episodes within it, and the total time of the documentary is 2.5 hours. However, even with that caveat, I am finding it an absolutely fascinating look at Regis in that time period. And yes, it shows the senior room with guys shooting pool and smoking, the senior staircase, etc. I feel like I am watching a documentary on New York City (including the Bronx, Queens, etc.) in the late 1930s and early 1940s. I am only up to the 13th episode, but they all run one after the other so there is no reason to click on the next episode. Sounds a bit like streaming a TV series these days? My wife Lynne is as fascinated by it as I am.” Jeff notes that this project was the work of **Daniel Ngiam '23**, who titled it *Project 1941*. To anyone who may just now be looking for this, it is available online through YouTube. The whole experience of viewing this remarkable historical record seemed to propel several class members to share information (or speculations) about forebears who were also Regians. Among these was **Frank Michel**, who had an uncle at Regis just before the war. In fact several of us were apparently sent swirling around in memories. **Denis Burt** writes, “By the way, while we’re on Regis family stories, my brother, 10 years younger than me, had an application to attend Regis rejected, but the reason given was that the nuns, having more applicants than official forms, xeroxed the form they had. My brother had the misfortune to have been submitted on a copy — and he’s never gotten over it! Of course, he went on to have a successful life anyway and is now a senior database administrator for the State Department. Oh, and has more than 20 300-score games at bowling! The bowling association used to give you a fancy ring for each one, but they later cut back to one per year, I think. At any rate he ran out of fingers to put them on and got one of the later ones sized for his wife.” **Joe Coyne** thought he saw something in one of the episodes: “Gentlemen, I

need some of you to check me on this. I’m watching *Project 1941*. I’m on episode 14 about 2:45 in when I see the following: a picture from our year? Fr. Duffy holding a baseball bat; Mr. Ed Mulhearn, science teacher, just to the right (in glasses); Mr. Vincent Cook in a floral shirt with a big smile (about center); another scholastic whose name I do not recall to the right of Mulhearn; and, maybe, **Lou Scheeder** in sunglasses almost all the way to the left?” Several members of the class chimed in that they thought it was a shot from our trip to Bear Mountain. All of this wandering down “Memory Lane” made some class members wonder about our original (freshman) class and how many of us remain. Collected wisdom says we started the first year with 175 members (five homerooms of 35 each) and graduated with 131 seniors. Thus far we have bid farewell to 24 members, some tragically early on and some more recently. With the help of **John Boden** (a.k.a. “Chief”), we now have a list of those who have passed. After these details were passed along to the class, Denis Burt wrote, “More than I would have guessed.” **Paul Czuchlewski** responded: “Sobering. I need to appreciate each day.” Mike Ryan capped off this discussion with a message that is truly memorable: “I do cherish my Regis classmates now! Although it took us away from our neighborhood high schools, it has provided a great set of personal experiences with fellow travelers. I consider myself a recovering Catholic but do not regret my Regis time, particularly interactions with the Jesuit scholastics who smoked in our classrooms standing on the radiators near the open windows. And the smoking-allowed senior room! What could have been better?” In other news, your trusty scribe finally fell to the sneaky COVID on Easter Monday, 1,125 days after his wife got sick in the beginning of April 2020. (Maybe we will skip the packed Easter Saturday Vigil Mass next time? Or wear a hazmat suit?) Anyway, an unexpected reminder that “it” is still out there. This brought on a number of supportive responses from the brotherhood. **Rich Luc** reports: “Yikes! Here at the Luc-Storts house Sue just tested negative this past Tuesday after being positive and after five days of Paxlovid. Her symptoms were not bad except one night which may have been gallbladder disease (the virus attacks the GI tract and so the gallbladder is susceptible). She’s doing well now. Me? Still negative but I’m more of a hermit than she is.” Denis Burt emailed: “Sorry to hear you got it. Like you, my wife Diane and I went through the height of the pandemic without ever getting it. But in the past year or so we finally did. Naturally, being fully vaccinated, it proved to be quite mild — probably wouldn’t have thought much of it except for the test results. Get back to normal (whatever that is) fast!” On the subject of technical skills, Joe

Coyne had a conversation with Marty Besant in which Joe said, "I recently had a back-and-forth with one of the brethren about another class member (whose name it would be indelicate to divulge) who claimed to be a luddite. When I expressed my doubts about this individual's purported lack of skill, I was strongly disabused of my suspicion: 'I've been with him. It isn't pretty!,' I was told. It was then I became convinced that there is probably a wide range of tech skills across our merry little band." The Class of 1964 is currently experimenting with monthly Zoom meetings since a number of our members have expressed interest. Joe Coyne reported on June 1: "Last evening the first Regis Class of 1964 Zoom meeting was quite the event! Attendance was sparse (with a few guys having time conflicts). Attendees included myself (New Jersey), **Ken Kelly** (New Jersey), Marty Besant (New York), **Tom Girolamo** (Maryland), and Rich Luc (Oklahoma). We had a great discussion lasting almost an hour with many reminiscences, laughs, storytelling, the usual affectionate harassments ('You lived in Bayonne? Did anyone from Bayonne ever graduate from high school?'), etc., etc. The group raised a question: 'Did you have an interview before you were admitted?' Besant/Girolamo/Luc = 'Yes'; Kelly/Coyne = 'no recollection whatsoever'). It was unanimous that we should do this again, probably once a month. Our little band seemed to prefer midweek, early evening, once a month, with an invite sent to all." On June 27, a second Zoom call took place. Again it was reported to the class: "Last night marked the second Zoom meeting for our class. In attendance were Denis Burt, Paul Czuchlewski, **Rob Haberski**, Rich Luc, **Dan McCaffrey**, and myself. Paul joined 'all the way' from New Mexico and Rich — who would normally be in Oklahoma — was visiting family in Ocean Grove (a.k.a. 'Ocean Grave'), N.J. (A few others had technical issues and were unable to join.) A great conversation with the usual reminiscences and storytelling, this time going all the way back to elementary ('grammar') school!" Finally, just in under the wire, **Rich Shanley** writes, "Hi Joe. In Shanley family news, my son Rick and daughter-in-law Gayle welcomed Abigail Grace Shanley on April 7 (Number 5). My younger daughter Kate and hubby Ben are expecting Number 1 in December." And, also just in, Lou Fuoco reports: "Hi Joe, I hope you and yours are well! I'm definitely planning to make the next Zoom call. My partner Ellen and I recently celebrated our 10th year together. I just finished my turn as world-weary Mr. Bennet in *Pride & Prejudice*. It was a lot of fun with very appreciative audiences. I recently completed my sixth year as an ESL volunteer teacher in Cambridge and my ninth year as a writing tutor at Berklee College of Music.

When I'm not doing that, I'm on my bicycle, on a hiking trail, spending time with the kids and grandkids, and doing my daily puzzles (Squaredle is the new favorite). We'll be leaving for a week in Ogunquit, Maine, on Saturday." Finally (really), I, like others among us who are no longer in our "salad days," continue to enjoy the ease of camaraderie that over 60 years of fellowship brings to our interactions, whether it be through the Prowlings, by Zoom, phone, email, social media, etc. Let's keep connected. In the meantime, I wish you all good health and happiness.

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Al Airone has self-published (on Amazon) a science-fiction novel. The novel is called *AUTOGNOSION* and can be located by searching that name on Amazon. It presently exists only as an e-book and can be read using Amazon's free Kindle app. It can be read for free by members of Kindle Unlimited. It is largely an adventure story featuring what I think are some interesting characters and should please anyone who's a fan of futuristic sci-fi. Here's the official description: "Nero Long has been searching for the *AUTOGNOSION* for as long as he can remember, hoping that the legendary A.I. will teach him how to be happy in relationships; Rho Rondella has her own reasons for finding it — its equally legendary treasure trove. A chance meeting of the two in a tavern on al-Deborah III soon leads soon to a chance partnership. In an empty region of the galaxy known as the Net, they find the fabled A.I., and the treasure — and a whole lot of trouble." Al thanks **Art Sullivan '61**, author of *Walden 3.0: Living at Large*, for encouragement and for some valuable advice on navigating Kindle Direct Publishing. From **Bob Carlina**: "On June 18 I had my callback for the Actors Studio. My partner and I auditioned an intense scene from *A View from the Bridge*. Quite an emotional experience. On July 3 I leave for Baltimore for five nights for the annual Mensa gathering. Talk about geek/nerd overload. I'll tell ya', it is strange to be thought of as one of the few 'normal' guys." **Harry Kutner**, still practicing full-time, noted that lately more than the expected statistical norm of clients, attorneys, and judges have Regis connections, its positive mention occurring in odd ways. Or, he's just getting older and it only seems that way. On December 28, **John Woodruff's** son Michael and his wife Erin brought a third granddaughter into the world: Margaret (Mae) Woodruff. **John Felago** writes, "We continue to hold our Slattery's events on a quarterly basis. If

you have not attended one in the past, please try to make one in the future. The most recent gathering in April was attended by Al Airone, **Rick Dunn**, John Woodruff, **Mike Ingrisani**, Bob Carlina, **Ron Statile**, **Jim Klein**, **Joe Lyons**, Harry Kutner, **Bob Kalisch**, **John Fogarty** and John Felago. Holly Romano (**Red Romano's** widow) graciously arranged to buy the 'first round' in Red's memory." At the end of April, John Woodruff announced the launch of book two, "Assault on Fordham Heights," from his novel *The War at Home*, on Audible with John as narrator. Currently he is working on the final volume, "Skirmish for the Upper West Side," due to appear next year. Hard copy and Kindle versions of the entire novel are available on Amazon. In the meantime, John is finishing his latest novel, *Steadfast*, which he describes as "a love story disguised as a mystery." **Rich Costabile** and Randy Wilcox are now temporary residents of Portugal. "Good for two years, renewable for another three, at which point we can — and will — apply for citizenship. This move has been the best decision in our long lives, which is saying a lot. Our new, chosen family is ever-expanding — mostly other expats from a great variety of countries, but some Portuguese friends as well. We are looking forward to our first visitors later in the summer, and by the time this issue gets to you, we expect to have seen eight or nine guests. We plan to share the wonders of the Algarve with them as well as explore other areas of Portugal. Give a shout if your travels might take you to this part of the world." **Peter Nardi** and Jeff Chernin spent a wonderful day stomping around Bristol, England, with **Ron Musto** and Eileen Gardner. Ron and Peter spent four years together in the Regis Dramatic Society stage crew "so it's always wonderful to reconnect." John Felago recently learned he will become a grandfather for the seventh time. **Dave O'Brien** continues to practice law in Mt. Sinai, N.Y. He's also devoting much of his time to a project many consider important to counter the decline of Church influence in today's turbulent world. Dave, along with several attorneys, is researching all evidence of the Resurrection of Christ. If that's proven, it follows that Christ is God. That conclusion can restore the confidence of many shaken by the crises overwhelming the Church. Contact Dave if you want to join his effort. **Jack Cashill's** newest and most personal book, *Untenable: The True Story of White Ethnic Flight from America's Cities*, should be available wherever you buy books. **Bob Brophy** is getting a multimedia play (historic photos and scenes) done on (believe it or not) a COVID arts grant, then posting everything slowly on his website, BrophySynergyArts.com. He writes, "Making 1-2 day trips to New York City for my wife's renewed French passport and seeing

family and childhood friends. The older generation is gone, people younger than us are passing, but in eternal life I still trust." **Bob Logan** writes "I found out that New Jersey exempts lawyers 75 and older from the continuing legal education requirements that apply to everyone else. This is the first and only benefit I have observed from getting older. I don't know whether the Supreme Court thinks folks my age know everything, or whether we won't remember anything we hear in the CLE class once it's over. Either way, it's one less requirement so I suppose I should be grateful. In May, my younger son and I had an invitation to a private museum on Long Island. The Nettesheim collection consists of 110 BMW motorcycles including the oldest one in existence, serial number 0022 from 1923. There is at least one of each model from 1923 to about the 1980s. Not everyone's idea of a good time, I am sure, but for anyone interested in this sort of thing, it is like the Met and the Louvre combined. The next day, I had an invitation to go to Memphis, Tenn. My late father was an inventor, and one of the things he invented is the cable tie. The vulgar term is the zip tie, but the genuine article is the Ty-Rap. The company that now makes them is part of the European company ABB. They opened a new research center in Memphis. Since I am the only person left who remembers the development in 1958, I was invited down to talk to some of the people about the old days. The video of the event is now on YouTube. Anyone who watches 'The Robert M. Thomas Innovation Center grand opening in Memphis' can see me pointing to a copy of the original patent. The T-Rap cable tie is on the Mars Rover, so the company considers itself the galactic leader in cable ties. All in all, the trip was something very much out of the ordinary, but quite a good time. That's it for now. Best regards to all."



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Peter Nardi '65 and Jeff Chernin spent a wonderful day stomping around Bristol, England, with Ron Musto '65 and Eileen Gardner.

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Steve Bogacz put the early years of his retirement (and the downtime caused by the pandemic) to constructive use. He independently published two recent books on Amazon.com: *Beyond Polarization: Robert Kennedy Reconsidered — In His Time... And Ours* and *Injustice: The Cooperstown Case for Keith Hernandez*. Both are available in print and digital formats. His son, Jesse, graduated from William & Mary Law School on May 20. He took the bar exam in July and started as law clerk to Hon. Ariane D. Vuono, second senior Justice on the Massachusetts Court of Appeals, in August. **Bill Mulligan**, who recently retired from the history department at Murray State University in Kentucky, was awarded the Frank R. Levstik Award for Professional Service from the Kentucky Historical Society. The presenting speech noted, "The breadth and depth of Dr. Mulligan's work has been profound. In addition to teaching a full course load at Murray State, Bill has been involved in multiple public history projects across the commonwealth. For example, I first met Bill in the mid-1990s, when he was helping establish multiple Civil War trail projects across Kentucky. Bill has also been heavily involved with the Jackson Purchase Historical Society, where he has been instrumental in publishing their great journal, hosting meetings, and recognizing important public history projects across western Kentucky. He currently serves as that organization's president. Dr. Mulligan is also a prolific author. He has tackled projects as wide ranging as the Civil War in Kentucky, Irish-American history (of which he has written extensively), shoemaking in Massachusetts, Michigan during the Great Depression, religious history, and more. While at Murray State, Bill ran the university's public history program for a time. Important to our efforts here at KHS, many of Dr. Mulligan's former students are still active in the museum and public history field, with many of them working

in Kentucky. Since several of them have worked here at KHS, I know that they have been greatly influenced by his teaching and his dedication to the preservation and interpretation of our state's history." **John D'Emilio** got a wonderful review of his recent memoir, *Memories of a Gay Catholic Boyhood*, in *America* magazine. An excerpt: "Unlike the novelist and critic Mary McCarthy, whose *Memories of a Catholic Girlhood* was characterized by precocious atheism and a sense that priests were generally idiots, D'Emilio found an intellectual, warm and affectionate home in the Catholic community, particularly at Regis High School, the academically elite Jesuit prep school in Manhattan. The Regis of D'Emilio's time was not a place of bullying or name-calling, but rather a place where excellence in the classical languages was expected and esteemed, while proficiency in debate or forensics was as highly prized as athletic prowess. In a particularly touching recollection, D'Emilio remembers a Mr. Ridley, a young Jesuit scholastic who recommended that D'Emilio do a book report on James Baldwin's *Another Country*. Whether the young Jesuit was just an admirer of Baldwin's work or whether he suspected that D'Emilio was same-sex-attracted is unclear. Still, such a recommendation of a book featuring homosexual relations would have been extraordinary at a Catholic high school in 1963. For D'Emilio, the novel provided an explanation for the inchoate feelings and same-sex desires that he was beginning to experience. Like many Catholic boys of his generation, he suffered great anxiety and guilt about his sexual desires and experiments, but his coded attempts to mention them to his Jesuit teachers were met with responses as benign as they were inept." Back in June, **Bill Arnone** reported, "Having dinner with **Peter Colasante** at one of the best restaurants in Georgetown. Got here early and gave them his name, but he had not made a reservation. The receptionist said: 'Mr. Colasante needs no reservation!'" From **John Van Name**: "Alex Van Name, our seventh grandchild, joined our family on April 11." And from **Bob Cartwright**: "I am living on my boat again this summer." The boat is based in the Netherlands. Linda and **Steve Boatti** got back into travel big-time with a Metropolitan Museum-curated tour of medieval monasteries and churches in Southeast France and Paris in April, followed by a family trip to Tuscany, Puglia, and Rome in June. Toni and **Richard Corelli** recently spent "an awe-inspiring 28-day sojourn to the Land of the Rising Sun, where Richard immersed himself in the breathtaking food, culture, art, nature, and the warm-hearted people of Japan." Richard emailed an account of his trip "written by ChatGPT" to

all of us classmates, so just an excerpt follows: "Another highlight of the trip was when Richard underwent a self-transformation to become a samurai by wearing his kimono or yukata all through Japan to the consternation of the locals. Yes, you read that correctly, our classmate is now a full-fledged samurai! With a heart brimming with pride and honor, Richard showed great dedication in learning the ancient ways of the samurai, from eating sushi with chopsticks to bowing three times in front of all the Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines he encountered. Back home in the United States, Richard continues to work full-time in his psychotherapy practice.... Richard has another adventure on the horizon. This August, he will embark on a three-week land expedition of Spain and France and a three-week cruise across the Western Mediterranean."



Class of '66 reunites with Class of '84: Fr. Vincent Hevern and Pat Coffey in front of the Le Moyne Dolphin



Scott Alvey and Cynthia Torp of the Kentucky Historical Society presented the Frank R. Levstik Award for Professional Service to Bill Mulligan '66, center.

1967

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With all the buzz about artificial intelligence, I turned to ChatGPT for assistance with these class notes. I gave it nothing to work with, and that's pretty much what I got back, apart from identifying

Regis as a prestigious Jesuit high school whose alumni "including the Class of 1967 have gone on to achieve success in various fields. Many alumni have pursued higher education at prestigious universities and have made significant contributions in academia, business, law, medicine, and the arts." I mentioned to media executive and entrepreneur **Michael Connor** that a pastor recently confessed to his flock in Washington that he'd used ChatGPT as an experiment in writing part of a sermon. Michael, whose nonprofit organization Open MIC works to foster greater corporate accountability at media and technology companies, says "AI is an incredibly complicated subject. Yes, it can do some seemingly cool things (like writing a sermon), but it is also highly flawed and dangerous. I asked ChatGPT to do a bio of me. It said I had held numerous positions at ABC News that I hadn't held and that I died in 2006, leaving a 'distinguished legacy' in the field of broadcast journalism. Sort of funny, and I'll survive that misinformation, but many people might be harmed by such nonsense. Open MIC has filed a shareholder proposal at Microsoft that focuses on ChatGPT and its potential to spread misinformation and disinformation, especially in 2024, a big election year. We need some sort of guardrails on this technology." In other non-computer-generated news, **John Dean** writes: "We have returned to the ranks of renters after taking an apartment in Centennial, Colo., close to our daughter, son-in-law, and, more importantly, our grandchildren. We still have our home in McLean, Va., but are once again dealing with rent payments, a lease, and all sorts of other things we left behind years ago. Well worth it, between views of the Rocky Mountains and sleepovers with the young'uns." **Bob Rienzo** sent greetings from Australia, where he and Cathie "recently spent three weeks after a 30-hour trip from Allentown, Pa., to Brisbane. Cathie was invited to be a guest speaker at the Australasian Sonographers Association, and I toured the koala sanctuary and local botanical gardens. We then went to Broome, where we embarked on our 10-day Silversea Kimberley expedition cruise. We traveled around the northwest part of the country and enjoyed stunning scenery, interesting wildlife, and plenty of good food and drink! We ended the cruise in Darwin, and 37 hours later we were back in Pennsylvania. On a personal note, I am one year into retirement from my 42 years as a radiologist and am keeping busy with golf, pickleball, bridge, travel, and projects around the house." **Bruce Hector** sent this update from across the pond: "These days, I have spent part of my time working with a group of former Becton Dickinson colleagues who have formed a public benefit corporation, MNHL, to introduce a new, hopefully innovative product to improve clinical

outcomes for mothers and babies in situations which require assisted births, where formerly forceps or vacuums were used. There have already been successful clinical trials in France and the U.K., and we're looking forward to broader introduction in the fall. In other news, Heather, who I met over a year ago, and I are currently embarked on a tour in the U.K. that will take us around Britain to a variety of locations (including a stop in Liverpool, home of the Fab Four), ending in Edinburgh, where I can look up the tartan of my mother's maiden name, Campbell! We both brought our Regis hats for sunny days." **Bill Armbruster** and wife Nancy drove to Kentucky in May to attend her grandson's graduation from Air Assault School at Fort Campbell. On the way back they visited the Louisville Slugger Museum and Bat Factory, the National Air Force and Wright Brothers National Museums in Dayton, Ohio, the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Other stops included the Maker's Mark Distillery in Loreto, Ky. and various bars in Nashville. From Chicago, **Bob DeCresce** writes: "Some 48+ years since medical school graduation, I plan to retire at the end of this year from the 20-member pathology practice I founded. Unfortunately I will probably have to work part-time for a little while longer since it is extremely difficult to hire young physicians these days. Mary and I plan to spend more time with the grandkids in Larchmont, N.Y., and Minneapolis, as well as enjoying our place in Vero Beach when not in the Midwest. Best of all we have our health, which is a real blessing as time marches along." From the Bay State, retired computer engineer par excellence **Victor Skowronski** sent this post: "I have been recruited into a mentoring program. My first mentee was a young man who wants to become a nurse. I was able to give him some advice about his resume, and he was ultimately able to find a company willing to help train him. I was also introduced to a high school student interested in thermal engineering. I forwarded him some articles and may also be helping him with his mathematical skills." From New York City, **Michael Holleran** sent word: "I have adapted very well to living and working at Corpus Christi parish where Thomas Merton was baptized, while continuing as assistant pastor several blocks away at Notre Dame, the official French-speaking church of the Archdiocese of New York. The two parishes were canonically joined on January 1. I was also happy to attend the annual meeting of the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests this June in San Diego. It is a progressive organization, therefore overwhelmingly of older priests, working for the more energetic implementation of the vision of the Second Vatican Council. Cardinal Robert McElroy welcomed us in person and Cardinal

Luis Antonio Tagle of the Philippines spoke with us by videoconference." **Joe McShane, SJ**, did his annual retreat at the Campion Center, the Jesuit retreat house in Weston, Mass., 20 miles outside Boston, where the beautiful chapel was donated by Julia Grant in memory of Father David Hearn, SJ, with whom she founded Regis. **Steve Malone** reports: "Enjoying retirement. I just returned from a weeklong trip to Helsinki and Tallinn, Estonia. I used expiring airline vouchers dating back to a COVID-canceled 2020 trip to Dublin to see Navy and Notre Dame play football. On our 2022 Baltic cruise the ship skipped these two ports (too close to Russian waters), so we decided to go this year. Tallinn has a fascinating walled old city with Russian Orthodox and Lutheran cathedrals. I saw a boisterous pro-Ukraine demonstration outside the Russian embassy in the old city. The demonstrators had to pause their chants and drums to let a skittish horse drawn carriage pass. They resumed the chanting posthaste. My next trip planned is a Viking River Cruise on the Rhone (Avignon to Lyon) in September. Our grandson (rising high school junior) plays water polo for his high school and in the offseason for an AAU-type team sponsored by the Naval Academy, using their facilities and coaching staff. He is currently in Greece (evidently a water polo hotbed) with his team and will be playing in the Junior Olympics in Texas at the end of July. He hopes to continue playing at the college level. I hope to make JUG Night (my first since college) this fall."



Cathie and Bob Rienzo '67 by the King George Falls

1968

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The very savvy travel tips introduced by **Peter Poggioli** in the last issue of the magazine continue. He recommended the birthplace of St. Ignatius Loyola as well worth the trip should you be near San Sebastian on your way to the Camino

del Norte. Highlights of his visit included both the home and the basilica. Class President **John DiLiberto** attended the Golden Owls Reunion last May at Regis. Among the attendees was **Brian Foley**, who was (thankfully) mistakenly included in the "In Memoriam" portion of the program. John was also at the Regis Golf and Tennis outing last spring. The Class of '68 was ably (if not amply) represented by John, **George Bacolini**, **Tom Kelly**, and **John McElligott**. **Don Donahue** reacted to the news from the last issue regarding the loss of Mr. Wright with memories of his own. He remembers the very first day of class, with Mr. Wright proclaiming his strictness and rigor, a diatribe that intimidated all these frosh until a guffaw, allegedly by **Rick Costello**, eased the mood and cemented our teacher's relationship with his students. Don was also a thespian for Mr. Wright, portraying a "jolly tar" in the chorus for *HMS Pinafore*. On at least one occasion his director asked that he perhaps be a little less jolly so that other chorus members could be heard. Could that have been the director's Wright call?



Peter Poggioli '68 visiting the birthplace of St. Ignatius Loyola

1969

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A leisurely retirement continues to elude **Neil Zevnik**. He checked one off the bucket list and joined Beneath The Waves (a non-profit ocean conservation organization that he has written about in his magazine columns) on a shark-tagging and reef-sampling expedition in the Bahamas. He emerged with life and limbs intact, and "a renewed appreciation for this admirable apex predator."

After many years of writing columns and features for *Better Nutrition* magazine, he is currently writing a column called "Innovation For Good" for *Alive USA* magazine, as well as a cover feature for the September-October issue. **Mike Visaggio** has all good news: "Kinetic Element (my band) played at the Winter's End Prog Rock festival back on April 1. Our new album, *Chasing the Lesser Light*, came out on March 20. It's a concept album about the Apollo moon missions and where we could have been by now if we hadn't stopped. I waited a long time for the chance to take the band to Europe, and we finally were invited and went. I have a lot of physical issues, but I'm still here, and there are a few Regians from '69 who follow the band, which is very gratifying. God bless you and all the rest of my classmates." Kathryn and **Peter Tomao** are celebrating their 45th anniversary by taking a North Atlantic cruise in August from New York to Iceland with stops in New England, Nova Scotia, and Greenland. Their son Robert is brewing beer professionally in San Diego and has won several awards. Their older son Pete is a freelance journalist operating out of Brooklyn. He has several published articles focusing on housing issues. Peter is "trying hard to retire but has had only limited success." **Chad Gaffield** writes: "I was able to spend a terrific afternoon/evening with **Bob Fredericks** in Fairfax, Va. I was in D.C. for a gathering of associations that represent research universities in various countries (like U15 Canada where I am CEO) and added an extra day to drop in on Bob who hosted me at his golf club restaurant. In addition to catching up we plan to get together for golf in Virginia, especially now that my youngest daughter, Julia, is a professor at William & Mary in Williamsburg." **Joe Sclafani** tells us: "For the past nine years I have devoted my retirement to my two favorite causes: the canonization of Dorothy Day and medical care in low-resource countries. Dorothy Day was a 20th century social activist and devout Catholic who started the Catholic Worker movement, which is still active and alive today. She devoted her life to helping the poor, the homeless, the marginalized, and the incarcerated, and called attention to the injustice of war and nuclear weapons. After more than six years of collecting evidence of Dorothy's life of heroic virtue, the Archdiocese of New York sent the required evidence to the Vatican in December 2021. I have continued my work with the Cause for Canonization by researching medical cases that demonstrate evidence of God's graces or potential miracles. We have some very interesting leads! It has been a spiritually uplifting journey that has allowed me to meet many individuals who have a devotion to Dorothy and her works of mercy. If you want more information or would like to donate please visit

DorothyDayGuild.org. After working in Malawi for four years to assist in the development of the first OB/GYN residency program in the country, I returned to the United States in 2018 and have been working with a variety of organizations to provide training for doctors and midwives in Afghanistan, Uganda, Madagascar, South Sudan, and Zambia. I will be leaving in August for my second visit to Mwandi, Zambia, a remote area bordering Namibia and Zimbabwe. I will be working with two beloved colleagues: Claudia, a medical doctor from Cali, Columbia, and Virginia, a nurse practitioner who is also a third-order Carmelite. For two months we will train midwives and doctors in obstetrical ultrasound, newborn resuscitation, and other essential skills in maternity care. I expect the experience to be extraordinary and fulfilling. If you are interested in helping our cause, please visit CMMB.org, which has been extremely generous with their support. I will also be posting our work on Facebook. On a personal note, my son Michael has followed his father into the medical field and opened a sports physical therapy center in Sarasota, Fla., three years ago. His center is thriving with the addition of two additional sports physical therapists in the past three years. My daughter Jenna received her masters degree in preschool special education and is now the Director of Education at her preschool. I also had the opportunity to have lunch two weeks ago with my dear friend **Al Aversa**, as we reminisced over our days at Regis and Fordham. We are both so grateful to Regis for giving us a head start in life and in our careers.” **Jim Cunningham** reports: “Daughter Bridget swims for Baltimore County in the Special Olympics and won four gold medals this weekend at the Maryland Summer Games. Special Olympics is a great organization. My wife Kathy and I harvested our first veggies of the season Sunday. Great hedge against inflation and nothing tastes better than the stuff you grow in your backyard.” A press release from the American Psychological Association announced “**John Gonsiorek** was awarded the American Psychological Association (APA) Division 44 Distinguished Lifetime Contribution Award for his decades of work in sexual minority mental health. Division 44 of APA is the Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity. The award will be presented at the 2023 American Psychological Association Convention in Washington, D.C., in early August. His most recent accomplishment was serving as founding editor of the Division 44 journal (*Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*) from 2013 through 2019. This journal’s initial impact factor, based primarily on his years as founding editor, was 4.617, in the top 20 percent of the Psychology, Multidisciplinary category, an

unusually strong rating for a new journal.” And John tells us, “I’ve been enjoying retirement in Santa Fe, busy with woodworking, gardening, painting, and other pursuits. This award and convention attendance will be my ‘kiss psychology goodbye’ moment. Nothing negative about psychology; it’s just that I’m on to other things. I’d love to see any classmates passing through Santa Fe.” News from **Chris McArthur**: “This note is written on the last day of your deadline, coming from the cavernous and comprehensive National Museum of the U.S. Air Force near Dayton, Ohio. It’s part of a renewal of my pre-COVID practice of a swing up the East Coast every 12–15 months from Florida to Chicago and back down to Jacksonville via St. Louis. During these trips it’s my pleasure to visit friends, relatives, acquaintances, and museums all along the way. Typically no interstates are used, only secondary and tertiary roads. It gives me a much more informative and much more scenic journey through the states east of the Mississippi. February and March were spent in Berlin, where my role was a loose ‘in loco parentis’ for a family friend. Berlin matches New York in all the positive categories, but it suffers from being excruciatingly cold in the winter. Since my return to the U.S.A. it’s been a tumult of graduations, birthdays, weddings, and reunions. A huge event was the wedding of **Jimmy McGuire’s** youngest daughter in April. That produced a flurry of engagements with Jimmy Mac and **John Kearney**. In turn they keep me apprised of the activities of **John Gimblette**, Bob Fredericks, and **Sonny Avallone**. Every time my travels bring me near those three something happens to derail my plans to see them in person. My official residence for the past two decades is a town called Fleming Island just south of Jacksonville, Fla.” From the north country of Vermont, **Bart Robbett** shares the news that his daughter Andrea has been named chair of the Middlebury College Economics Department. Bart is seriously considering working on his golf game, which at one time was good, but has deteriorated horrifically. John Kearney writes, “I’ve been able to spend some time with classmates in the past few months. I had dinner with John Gimblette and his wife, lunch with Sonny Avallone, the wedding of Jim McGuire’s daughter (where I also saw Chris McArthur), and a planned get-together with **Roger Fox** on Long Beach Island around July 4. I also saw **Steve Truhon** at my Holy Cross reunion several weeks ago. I’m looking forward to our 55th reunion in New York City next year. Hope we have a great turnout.”



1970

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The annual Class of '70 Rump Reunion returned after the COVID pause and preemption by last year’s much-delayed 50th Reunion. The very successful 2023 version of the Rump Reunion series was held the weekend of June 9–11. We offer thanks to the organizers; Übermensch **Bruce Williamson**; **Jack Martin**, who scored a choice block of tickets for the Yankees/Red Sox game on Friday night; **Charles Radcliffe**, who secured the Pig and Whistle for the Saturday night soiree; and **Kevin Conboy**, who arranged the Regis/LeMoyné Sunday brunch. Attendees who made it to any of the functions included the aforementioned as well as **Rick Antosh**, **Dan Boyle**, **Mention Bryant**, **Frank Carroll**, **Tom Daly**, **Ken Dee**, **Frank DeLeo**, **Tom Derise**, **Frank Grealy**, **Jim Harkins**, **Doug Kellner**, **Stan Krawczyk**, **Joe Lamantia**, **Tom Osborne**, and **Bill Wisniewski**. Several classmates had hoped to attend but weren’t able to make it due to circumstances: **Jay Allen**, **Jim Bergin**, **Phil Gandolfo**, **Dan Gonzalez**, **Bill Lee**, **Gene Logusch**, **Bob McDonald**, **Jack Regan**, and **John Sullivan** (more about Bob, Jack, John, and Bill later). **Mark Tronco** lives in Paris and was awarded a coveted Regis Class of '70 T-shirt as the classmate who traveled the farthest to attend last year’s Class of '70 50th reunion. He took a 2,000-kilometer motor scooter trip across North Africa in November. Mark and three fellow riders started out in Dakar, Senegal, crossed the border into Mauritania on day two and off they went. Logistics included sleeping under the stars, on the ground, and on several rooftops, a three-day hike on foot into the Sahara, and a 22-hour ride on the iron ore train from Zouérat to Nouadhibou. The train is a mile long and one rides (and sleeps) directly on top of the piles of iron ore. Mark brought the Class of '70 shirt along on the trip and modeled it for a shot. **Ed Murphy** writes: “Miriam and I are proud to report the marriage of our son Nicholas and Jessica Osorio in Carmel Valley, Calif., on June 10.” Ed’s son, Nick, is a fellow in pulmonology at the University of Washington in Seattle and Jessica is Dean of Students, Middle School, at the Bush School there. Jack Regan sent his regrets for the 2023 Rump as he was out in California with Ed for the wedding at the beautiful Gardener Ranch. Jack said it was a fabulous party. Ed, Jack, and their wives spent a couple of days at Ed’s home in Berkeley with a visit to the Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond and stops at several microbreweries for sustenance. Before the wedding, Jack Regan and his wife, Ginger, completed a bucket list journey in March with a trip to Cape

Town, South Africa, to visit friends and do the tourist things. Highlights included the Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden and the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art in Cape Town, the night sky over the blacked out Victorian Lord Milner Hotel (load-shedding is an interesting experience) in Matjiesfontein, and bottles of excellent wine in restaurants for eight bucks. John Sullivan says, “I spent a week in D.C. in May to attend my son Devin’s graduation from GWU with two degrees, a JD from the law school and an MA in Security Policy Studies from the School of International Affairs. (Sat through two commencement ceremonies!) After he takes the bar exam in D.C. in late July, he is off for a year-long judicial clerkship in Guam. I do intend to make two trips in 2024: one to visit him in the South Pacific and one to attend the next Rump and visit my little sister. I just didn’t have the luxury this year of being able to take two weeks off from my fairly relaxed law practice in successive months.” **Buzz Doherty** reports that he is a newly minted grandfather. George Connell Maycock was born to his daughter Maura and son-in-law Robbie Maycock in London on April 3. Baby George is growing like a weed and will spend his summer, along with mom, dad, and their pet corgi, with the Dohertys here in the States. **Jerry Nunn** has retired to Hershey, Pa. after 14 years in Richmond, Va., to be closer to family. He is now a grandfather for the third time, with his new grandson, John Nelson, also born on April 3. Jerry’s daughter, John’s mom, lives nearby and is an attending pediatrician at the Penn State Milton Hershey Hospital. Jerry and his wife were also able to take a trip to Hawaii, the last of the 50 states he had not visited. Jerry says, “Our trip to Hawaii was last winter, a 10-day visit along with my wife’s sister and husband, with whom we have made other trips over the years. On the big island, we made outings all around the island: a coffee/chocolate plantation, Kilauea crater park, lava tubes, lots of sunshine and rainbows, and great food. While we could (faintly) see glowing lava from the park crater viewing location, there were no eruptions during our stay. We had scheduled a guided excursion up to the Maura Kea night sky observatory (14,000+ feet elevation), but the weather didn’t cooperate. Maybe we’ll get there next time.” Bob McDonald was sorry to miss this year’s reunion. He was at home recovering from successful surgery to repair his ruptured quadriceps tendon, an injury he incurred chasing a bat out of the house, perhaps back into hell. Bob said his next challenge is figuring out how to accessorize the post-surgery leg brace for his youngest daughter’s upcoming wedding. Bill Lee’s new career as an election worker in Virginia precluded a trip to New York for this year’s Rump. Bill told us: “My wife, April, and I drove

to California and back during three weeks in April to see our son, Raymond, a civilian meteorologist for the U.S. Navy in Monterey. While on the road we also visited five national parks/monuments and saw five baseball games. The trip brought my total to visits to 250 ballparks in 44 states, from high school and city rec fields used in the Cape Cod League, to Yankee Stadium and Citi Field. I had hoped to make it to the stadium and to the Rump Reunion, but I had to staff early in-person voting on Saturday, June 10.” He promises to be in attendance for Rump Reunion 2025, when he expects to be fully retired. We checked in with **Dennis Blair**, and he had just released a new record. He says, “Funny you should mention the record, it’s called ‘Reset,’ and it just went online on all streaming platforms a few days ago. Recorded it in Nashville with some of the best musicians available in that town. All original songs and skews toward country/rock/Americana. Very happy with it. Also just did a Simon & Garfunkel show at a unique, small theater in Vegas, the Firelight Barn, which went very well. I recently produced a seven-piece, two-night ‘Salute to the Sixties’ show which included the former lead singer for Starship, Stephanie Calvert. The older folk really enjoyed that. So keeping as busy as possible, tough for me to relax.”



Jack Regan '70 and Ed Murphy '70 in California



Mark Tronco '70 in Africa

1971

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On Wednesday, April 26, 12 members of the Regis Class of 1971 (**Mike Piscitelli**, **John Schopfer**,

Mike Curcio, **Art Beaver**, **Frank Flaherty**, **Bill Ferns**, **Bob Genovese**, **Tim Brennan**, **Joe Pozzuoli**, **Larry Gertner**, **Ray Lombardi**, **Alex Motyl**) met at the chapel to take part in a memorial Mass in honor of **Craig Smith** and our 27 other missing classmates, as well as Mr. Gregory Rapasarda and family members Betty Curcio, Charles Milazzo, Austin Schwarz, and Josh Stabile. Craig’s wife, Dr. Celia Hooper, and their sons were unable to attend, but in a very nice note of appreciation, she included, “Regis was SO important to Craig. Even though he went to Princeton, he said that Regis meant more and added to his education more.” She is planning to be in the city around Christmas and is looking forward to her first-ever visit to the school.

The mass was said by **Rev. Arthur Bender, SJ, '67** (“I was getting out as you were coming in”). Alex Motyl was awarded the Jan Karski Mission Medal on May 7. The chairman of the Jan Karski Society, Waldemar Piasecki, pointed out that it was no coincidence that the ceremony took place on the eve of May 8, the day of victory over Nazi fascism accompanied by the wish that victory over Putin’s racism will come quickly. Mike Curcio’s daughter, Renata, walked in the commencement procession at The College of New Jersey, after three years of college. She has a few more courses in the fall but was invited to the graduation for Class of 2023. She has many exciting plans for life after TCNJ, where she majored in psychology, with minors in criminology and deaf studies. **Dennis Petito** remains cancer free after treatment for gastroesophageal cancer in December. Sixty pounds lighter and newly retired, he has rekindled his love of photography, including dusting off some old and recently purchased 35mm vintage film cameras, and accepts all prayers, well-wishes, talismans, and tokens from all religions to augment his digital collection. Youngest son, Nicholas, will wed Yennifer Orioli on July 8, after which Dennis and Lisa will be vacationing for two weeks in Santa Fe, where they hope to meet up with **Emil Mottola** and his wife for dinner. With the Hudson Valley somehow becoming very attractive to film producers, **Pete Fanelli** has found a second career in show biz, with background characterizations in productions including *The Sex Lives of College Girls*, *The Plot Against America*, *Pretty Little Liars*, *Original Sin*, and *Poker Face*. “I dressed as a cop for *I Know This Much Is True* and got in an argument with the props person about the proper way to wear the cross strap on the outfit. She was not impressed with the fact that I wore one on my dress uniform for 32 years, so it’s on backwards.” **Roger Moran** accompanied a friend on a cross-country road trip to said friend’s oceanfront condo in Long Beach,

Wash., completed his fourth year as a substitute teacher of French, and embarked on another jaunt to the South of France to check up on his 99-year-old mother-in-law, returning home on a transatlantic crossing aboard the *Queen Mary 2*. Bob and Tillie Genovese are planning a return trip to Eugene, Ore. this September, primarily because it's the mecca of track & field in the U.S. Last year, they viewed Hayward Field and the grounds of the University of Oregon, where he did some running at adjacent Alton Baker Park. Until then, Bob continues with literacy tutoring, working with two organizations. To support that effort, he was recently accepted into the masters program in language and literacy at City College, and has also branched into GED test-prep tutoring, as well. Daughter Kira has been working primarily with Kate Spade in her role as a stylist on their fashion shoots. She recently returned from Barcelona, where she and a friend saw Beyoncé perform in her Renaissance tour. **Stu Schoder** and Larry Gertner again teamed up in May for an enjoyable week or so tramping around Gettysburg, Pa., and obscure places of historical interest, including Rockville, Md., the final resting place for generations of the Fitzgerald family, including F. Scott and Zelda; Brookeville, Md., the U.S. capital for a day when Madison fled Washington in 1812; and Falling Waters, W.Va., the little-visited namesake of two Civil War engagements, with, unsurprisingly, a cute little waterfall. Back in Gettysburg, they met up for dinner with **Dave Speranza**, who continues to lead an impressive life as a mostly retired gastroenterologist and pilot, while Kerri continues as an enthusiastic equestrian. Thanks to the efforts of Art Beaver, **Larry Schmidt**, and **Bruce O' Neill**, the entire run of *The Owl* for all four of our years is being posted to the Regis Class of 1971 Facebook site. (You really should look into joining up to access more frequent news and witty repartee. **Tom Brennan** recently became member Number 51.) In addition, Mike Piscitelli and **Carol Milazzo** got together to make copies of that classic piece of underground journalism, *The Occasional*, available to all. It is with regret that the demise of New Amity Restaurant must be reported in these pages. Even though it has not been the fabled "Amity Restaurant" beloved by many Regians as "Dirty Harry's" for the past 45 years, it was nevertheless a go-to neighborhood fixture. Bill Ferns had rhapsodized about the experience in an *Owl* piece that has since shown up in the Files section of the Regis Class of 1971 Facebook page. Please remember in your prayers: **Ed Lutton** (1C, 2A, 3E, 4D) passed away on Sunday, January 29, at age 69 in McGregor, Texas. Ernie had a wacky sense of humor and did that amazing work

of '70s-style art for the 4D yearbook ad. Charles Michael Milazzo, father of Carol, passed away peacefully in his sleep at Sun Oak Senior Living in Citrus Heights, Calif., on April 10 at the age of 97. Vinny Stabile's younger son, Josh, passed away in April.



Twelve members of the Class of 1971 met at the chapel to take part in a memorial Mass in honor of Craig Smith and 27 other missing classmates.

1972

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John Kreiser sends greetings from Dunedin, Fla., where he's lived for the past two years. He writes, "Sad to say my dad passed away recently at age 96. He is the reason a boy from Northern Westchester found his way to Regis. Dad refused to let his son settle for an easy ride through high school, brought home the information and application forms, and the rest is history. In happier news, Helen and I celebrated the 40th anniversary of our first date in August as first-time grandparents. Our youngest daughter had a baby girl in January. The only drawback is that she and her husband live in Seattle, so it's not like we can just pop in for a visit. My older son and his wife are expecting a boy in early September." **Richard Reina** and **Jerry McAloon** got together for a lively dinner with their wives Margaretanne and Kathleen recently in Doylestown, Pa., as they promised to do at the 50th Reunion. Spent the evening catching up and discussing classmates, music, and grandchildren. **Bo Twerdowsky** says that "unlike some of our more fortunate classmates who can indulge in the luxury of retirement, I am still very much self-employed as a real estate agent, although in the current market I might as well be semi-retired. But I have my health, which is what matters. In March of this year I was blessed with my first grandchild, Nathan, who is the epitome of the little cheerful smiling baby who knows damn well what he's putting his frazzled parents through. But my daughter Natalie and

dad Greg love him immeasurably as do I and everyone else in his young life. Tanya, my older daughter, keeps surprising and inspiring us with her antics. As an ultrarunner she's progressed to the point of finishing among the top three in races of 100 or 50 miles. As a world traveler she continues to scare the bejesus out of me: "Hey dad, I'm going to Mexico/Ecuador/Morocco/Ukraine..." She did actually pop into Ukraine overnight to deliver supplies to autistic children who had escaped from the war zone along the eastern border. **John Rasiej** and his wife, Luisa, have been on the move quite a bit during the first half of 2023. They've set foot in four continents thus far, including Europe (easy since they live in Torino, Italy) and North America (centered around seeing Billy Joel at Madison Square Garden, plus seeing **Vinnie Grosso** while in the city). They celebrated John's 68th birthday at the end of February with a wild time in Bangkok (first time he's ever been in Asia), and then about a month later celebrated Luisa's birthday in Morocco (first time ever in Africa for either of them). In late June they also made a trip to Napoli (where they stood for 10 hours to be able to stand at the barrier at a Coldplay concert and see Chris Martin up close and personal). Their travels for the year aren't over yet, as a trip to Sicily and a sailboat through the Aeolian Islands await in September. On a recent Zoom alumni call, John was asked to provide some insights on ways he's found to travel inexpensively, and he shared a batch of ideas (plus other tips on hunting for great deals on the internet). And yes, John (who celebrated 20 years of retirement this past January) does stay on for the entirety of Zoom calls even though they start at 1 a.m. for him and last past 3 a.m.! "Come to Italia for a visit, everyone!" **Rich Potter** reports on the "51st Mini-Reunion" organized by **Jim Provenzale** and **Vinnie Grosso**. About 25 classmates (and many spouses) attended, including several who traveled from afar: Pro, **Tom Abate**, **Brian O'Donnell**, **Michael Schneider**, **Kevin Gil**, and **Mike Nardone**.



Members of the Class of 1972 gathered at a restaurant for a mini-reunion.

1973

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Thanks to everyone who made our 50th Reunion a great success! One of the benefits is that we now have over 80 classmates on our email list. This allows us to communicate easily with each other. If you are not on the list, send your email to Steve and Mike at the above addresses. **Bob Hughes** will spend July in Assisi, Italy, teaching writing at the Art Workshop International, a long-running summer series devoted to the arts. Since leaving the *Wall Street Journal*, where he was an arts reporter, Bob has been dividing his time between New York and Paris. He still writes for a living — no retirement in sight. **Bob Taschler** reports: "Sorry I missed the festivities at Regis. Great photo of the class. What a bunch of good-looking young fellows! And I hear, pretty smart, too! Still healing up, and I still have some mobility issues. I lead a rather quiet boring life most days. Going back to 'work' this week which is occasionally teaching at medical seminars for med students and advanced nursing students where I play 'patient' for them. They get to try out their interpersonal skills with a 'practice' patient and learn basic examination techniques. Oh my, they are so young. My big news is my daughter is expecting my third grandchild in August. I love babies, so I am very excited. When they are born and we get to meet them for the first time, I will get to say that I waited

67 years to meet them! Hope I can make it to their high school graduation! I plan to live forever, and so far, so good. From **Brian Donohue**: "The Donohue family is spending a week in Montauk from August 5–12. **Steve Evers** is in Southampton these days. Hoping he, the Honorable Bernie the Attorney, and I can get together for a libation or two. Any other visitors to the East End are welcome to join us." **Pete Gordon** says, "It was great seeing everyone at the reunion and hearing from other classmates via email. Patti and I continue to enjoy retirement and our grandchildren: Pierce Gordon Witzke (born December 24, 2020 — yes, a pandemic Christmas gift!) and Cole Gordon Witzke (born February 21, 2023). We look forward to the marriage of the youngest of our three children (Nicholas) next year." **John Collins** checks in: "Very sorry to have not been able to have made the reunion. Still plugging away. It's my 42nd year in the New York criminal justice system (not prison), sitting in Riverhead Supreme Court hearing felony cases. Glad to see everyone looking so well. Hope to catch you at a future event." From **Frank Pesce**: "The reunion was fantastic! I'm planning to do my best to get to JUG Night this year in hopes of catching up with some of the fellas who couldn't make it to the reunion. Otherwise, I'm inching closer to retirement from the practice of law but still spending a lot of time as a deacon at St. Brigid's Church in Westbury, Long Island, hatchin', matchin' and dispatchin' (that's jargon for baptisms, weddings, and wakes). Most happily, though, I fill up most of my 'free' time helping to watch my 4-year-old grandson and 2-year-old granddaughter. I'm trying to teach them classical Greek so they can pronounce it better than I can. (And, guys, I do appreciate your *splaghnistheis* — Greek for compassion — for my linguistic foul-up at Mass. See? It's a real word, now you try to say it!) Still so very proud of my kids: Jeannine, who just finished her 18th year teaching third grade in the New York City DOE; Dan, whom you can thank for bringing you *Thursday Night Football* as an account exec at Amazon; and Joe, who, as a (civilian) occupational therapist and certified hand specialist is helping to keep our service men and women healthy out at the naval hospital in San Diego. Looking forward to our 55th, God willing." **Don Meunier** says: "It was great to see you guys after all these years. I told everyone in Houston that I was going to meet a bunch of old, bald guys in New York. Surprisingly, some of you were not bald. I'm jealous. I hope you got to meet my girlfriend, Rena — love of my life and constant support, a truly remarkable woman. My three granddaughters are doing well. I am so proud of each of them. They are ages 11, 15, and 22. I appreciate your prayers also. I was recently diagnosed with cancer and am

still trying to manage that. Keep doing good. See you guys next time!" **Ed De Angelo** reports: "I'm semi-retired for the past couple of years and have been traveling a bit. I was in Paris in October, where I met up with **Bob Dillon** and Bob Hughes. We had dinner near Bob Dillon's apartment and caught up. We all agreed Regis changed our lives. Otherwise, I'm well. My two sons are out of school and working, one here in Boston and one in Philadelphia. Life is good. It was great seeing everybody at the reunion." From **Nick Yaremko**: "I must admit that before the reunion I had jitters, like the morning right before our first day at school 54 years ago. Oksana and I had a great time. Great to see you all and see you in 25 years!" From **John Vella**: "Great seeing everyone. Since we're all not getting any younger, how about a reunion in five years?" From **Robert Billings**: "Again I apologize for ducking out of the reunion so early and missing so many of you. I was invited to a farewell dinner at the Cardinal's residence for our retiring Superintendent of Schools." From **Eugene Ferraro**: "The night before the reunion, 10 of us went to the Mets game and saw a rare Mets win! **Ed Poppiti**, **Bob Emmons**, **Rich Sloper**, **John Donovan**, **Tim McCarthy**, Frank Pesce, Brian Donohue, **Mike Henderson**, myself, **Nick Bonifanti**, and his wife. Before the game we met at a local bar and ran into ex-Met Tim Teufel." From **Vincent Maher**: "A great time at the reunion and catching up. Glad to hear I'm not the only one still not retired! Hats off to John Donovan for leading a panel discussion." From **Steve Menillo**: "The reunion was a great event, I think, for everyone involved. I know that Alice and I had a wonderful time, and she found the discussion particularly interesting. I know that a lot of people wanted to come but were unable to, and some folks came with a significant amount of effort. I particularly think of Don Meunier coming from Houston and **Bill McCann** driving from just outside Minneapolis. I know there are others who made a long and/or difficult trek, and I am, sorry to say, remiss that I couldn't spend some time with everyone. Hopefully some JUG Night soon." From **Mike Walczewski**: "Sorry I missed the reunion. I have been in Europe for the past few weeks on a trip scheduled a year ago with my wife, Cheryl. I have two kids: My daughter Lauren is a newly married physical therapist with a practice in Scarsdale. Trivia: Lauren's wedding was the last that **Fr. Joe McShane, SJ**, '67 presided over before he finished his tenure as President of Fordham University last summer. My son Danny is a recreation superintendent in Westchester County and a Knicks statistician. I have just completed Year 34 as PA announcer with the Knicks at MSG and doing some voiceover work. Still have my headhunting business but semi-retired from that.

I'm getting lazy." From **Vinny Ferriola**: "It was so great seeing everyone at the reunion. The event was fabulous. John Donvan's panel discussion was very enlightening. The tour of the school was very informative and stirred up memories of the times when we had the privilege of being students at Regis. Mass in the chapel was spiritually uplifting. The cocktail hour and dinner were wonderful. It was a pleasure spending time with my classmates, some of the most brilliant and accomplished gentlemen it is my pleasure to know. Some of them, I am happy to say, are dear friends I have remained in touch with and have gotten together with over the years. These days I live with my wife Kathy in Shoreham, N.Y. We enjoy watching our two grandchildren, who give us so much joy.



Deacons Frank Pesce and John Hum assisted Regis President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, at the Class of 1973 50th Reunion in June.



Some members of the Class of '73 with ex-Met Tim Teufel at a bar before a game



The Class of '73 gathered at Regis on June 17 to celebrate their 50th Reunion.

1974

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Ralph Menendez writes: "Jill and I are still living in New Jersey, getting down to Panama for a couple of the cold months every year (done with the Northeast winters, as mild as they've become). Fishing as often as I can, frequently with **Kevin Moffit**, we had a good night in June." **Thomas Barra** writes, "I am currently living in south central Pennsylvania, my home for the past 40 years. Now semi-retired, I have four children and five grandchildren, all of whom live close by. In that, and all aspects of life, I consider myself truly blessed. I do get into Brooklyn occasionally to visit family and friends. I'm looking forward to meeting up with you and our classmates at future reunions." **Alberto Acosta** writes, "We are still enjoying life on Manhattan's Upper East Side — not quite as close to Regis as when we were all there together. The city has come back to life after the pandemic pause. The 'foodie' scene is amazing with lots of great restaurants to explore, and there are multiple new exhibits and shows at museums and galleries. My wife, Rebecca, and I are still working and trying to make the time to enjoy what the city offers. Our daughter Ana Sophia is working at a fashion start-up and also living and working in Manhattan. One of her roommates is the daughter of **Gene Grossi '73**. Our son Nico is a rising senior at Tulane and is doing an internship this summer with a solar energy company. Juggling our family schedules is getting more challenging, but we were able to coordinate a week for a family beach vacation later this summer that I am looking forward to." **Peter Rivera** writes, "I am pleased and proud to report that I have fulfilled my responsibility as a parent: My twins Rebecca and Alexander graduated college, Ithaca and Manhattanville, respectively, and are both 'adulthood' on their own. I am still teaching at Manhattanville but warming to the idea of joining my wife, Lynn, in retirement." **Jose Ochoa** writes, "Hard to believe I have now been retired for five years and still love it. The pandemic did steal some of my time, but it did have a big plus: My daughter lost her job in New York City because of the pandemic and relocated to St. Pete, Fla., about 30 miles from my home. Like so many millennials, she makes absurd income working from home at a job that even she is surprised someone is willing to pay her for. She connects companies with influencers (TikTok, Instagram, all things that did not exist when we graduated). **Tom Dudar**, when he is not traveling, lives 16 miles to the south of me. I was able to connect recently with both him and **John Hall** down in Sarasota. I own a 30-ft. Class

A RV, which Theresa and I use to travel most of the summer, and one of my frequent stops is my grand new grandbaby in Charlotte, N.C." **Len Scarpinato** writes: "On June 17, Mark Scarpinato (Marquette University High School grad) was married by Fr. Tim Lannon, a Jesuit, at Gesu Church in Milwaukee, Wis. Oh by the way, the new daughter-in law is Catholic. They live in Denver and the children will go to Denver's Regis Jesuit High School. The happy couple is on their honeymoon in Europe." **John Hall** writes, "Enjoying life in Southport, N.C., which looks like a little town out of the 1960s. No Starbucks and free live music! Skiing this February with **Rich O'Leary** (and son **Colin O'Leary '06**), **John Canavan**, **Tom Dudar**, and **Jim Cummings** in Colorado was a great time — looking forward to doing it again! Saw James Taylor in Atlanta in June — great performance. Ed Sheeran is next in Pittsburgh. Daughter Rhys (senior at JMU) is studying Russian in Lithuania this summer. She is clearly enjoying her time there based on the credit card activity. We will be taking the 5-year-old grandson Sean for a week in mid July and, assuming Gloria and I survive that encounter, we will be visiting my daughter Diana in southern Utah in August to repel down some slot canyons. We trust the equipment will hold up. Ryan is still rehabbing his arm and hoping for another UFC appearance later this year. Life is good."



Ralph Menendez '74 had a good fishing night in June.

1975

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1976

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Rich Slattery opens these updates. He continues to be Amtrak's Senior Research Director and has reached his Medicare birthday (as we all will this year). He celebrated his and son Tim's birthday on a chartered parlor car pulled by a steam

locomotive in Delaware. **Tony Cunningham** replied with news of his retirement schedule (May 2024) now that he has resolved all the world's great questions of life (that last part is from me). His second granddaughter is due in September, and he and his wife are closing on a house in Woodbury, Conn. He wanted to be close to Fenway in case the Red Sox needed some bullpen help. **Ed Taylor** replied with a question for all of us who have retired already. I posted that question on our Facebook site where more interactive dialogue can occur. The question to the retirees: "Is life after work really better?" **Bob McCaffery-Lent** and his wife Eileen just completed a pilgrimage in Spain tracing the steps of St. Ignatius between Madrid and Barcelona. Bob was serving as the musician for a group of 50 pilgrims. An expected fellow Regian crossing was found in the bookstore at Loyola Castle: a guide book on the Ignatian Camino co-written by classmate **Chris Lowney**. **Lou Jerome's** daughter got married in July, and Chris Lowney and a few other '76ers attended. **Steve Pecorini** sends a robust update. A second large shipment of medical supplies was delivered to Ukraine earlier this year organized by the Sunflower Community Fund: Founder **Bob Hay '77**, Secretary **Mike Bellissimo '77**, and me as Treasurer. Steve sends a big thank you to Chris Lowney for initiating the connection with Common Spirit, who donated the first shipment. Anyone interested in finding out more please reach out. In addition to helping provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine, Steve is also privileged to be helping homeless veterans and families on Long Island as President of the Board of New Ground. Another big thank you, this time to **Hugh Finnegan** for introducing me to this wonderful organization. On the family front, Mary and Steve are enjoying their two grandchildren and looking forward to the wedding this summer of the second of their three boys. **Matt Baber** insisted he had no updates but did send me a photo that he allowed me to caption (risky decision). I was kind and assumed the photo is of a soon-to-be 65-year-old man playing with his first iPhone. Finally, on my own front, **Jon Powers** and wife have added two more grandchildren (up to three total) that include a two-and-a-half-year-old grandson (Class of 2038), his 4-month-old brother (Class of 2041),

and a 10-month-old granddaughter.



Rich Slattery '76 and sons Tim and Danny in Delaware



Bob Lent '76 and Eileen in Manresa, Spain



Matt Baber '76 playing with his first iPhone

1977

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1978

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The great Class of '78 celebrated our 45th Reunion on June 10 at Regis with a tour of the school (looking great), Mass, cocktails, and

dinner. It was great to reminisce about the good old days with classmates including **John Goggins**, **Al Rocco**, **Larry Ehmer**, **Jim Murphy**, **Dave Rodriguez**, **Greg Tino**, **Frank Giancola**, **Rob McKenna**, **Jim Rohan**, and **Brendan Heneghan**, who won the prize for coming the farthest, from Chicago. The evening was brightened by the presence of several of our better halves, including Alejandra and **Bob Marraccino**, Maureen and **Bernie Kilkelly**, Marie Wieck and **Seamus Carroll**, Susan and **Jim Olivo**, and Jane and **Joe Marconi**. A few of us continued the celebration at the only remaining German restaurant in Yorkville, the Heidelberg. Many classmates sent their regrets but promised to be at the 50th reunion, and we will hold you to it — mark your calendars for 2028!

1979

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Kevin Rochford has started a new role as Managing Director for Bernstein Private Wealth in Chicago. Kevin and his wife, Julie, spend as much of the winter as they can in Naples, Fla. **Bob McDermott** and his wife, Beth, have been traveling far and wide to see Dead & Company shows. They visited Tampa and Austin, but unfortunately were unable to connect with **Rich Walczewski** or **John Leavy** — next time hopefully. They then headed off to San Francisco, Saratoga, and back to Fenway Park. As Bobby says, "Happiness is dancing with the Dead!" Bob was also back in Queens for the dedication ceremony renaming 108th Street and 62nd Drive in Forest Hills in honor of his uncle, Joseph Hennessy Way. **Russ Altman** gave the address at the President's Dinner, which was also attended by **Fabian Fondriest**, **Dave Bowen**, and **Tom Massaro, SJ**. Russ talked about his work at the intersection of medicine and computer technology, and in particular about AI. Russ lives 12 minutes from two grandchildren, Theo (5) and Lainie (8 months), who are nothing but a joy. Tom Massaro, SJ, enjoyed a spring semester sabbatical free of teaching at Fordham University. He invested the research leave time in the preparation of two book manuscripts for publication. Look for his new book *Pope Francis as Moral Leader* from Paulist Press in October. And in November Rowman and Littlefield Publishers will release the expanded fourth classroom edition of his popular book (used by Regis seniors) *Living Justice: Catholic Social Teaching in Action*. Now halfway through his six-year term, Tom continues to enjoy serving on the Regis Board of Trustees. Fabian is a grandfather for the first time.

Grandson Fabian Edward was born in June. **Brian Scully** is retiring in August, relocating to Virginia Beach. He will have two guest bedrooms in case anyone needs a place to stay! **Brian Sheehan** reports that he, **Rob Schmidt**, **Rich Johnson**, and **Mike Guararra** attended the dinner portion of the Golf & Tennis Outing in Garden City. Rich won Yankees box seats and also had the longest drive home. A great time was had by all present. **Rob Zielinski** played tour guide for a day for **Marcos Rodriguez's** daughter when she visited San Juan, Puerto Rico. Rob and Maria later visited **Rick Weber** and his wife, Catherine, in New Jersey during a stopover en route to Spain for the Santiago de Compostela bicycle tour. **Mike McConnel** reports that he was among the 12,000 in the Oakland Coliseum in late June with daughters Kelly and Mia to see the 24th perfect game since 1880 (and fourth for the Yankees)! Kelly (28) got married last year and just finished her first year of medical school in Chicago. Mia (25) is working in social media in San Francisco and moving to New York City in September. Mike's wife Lena Wu does strategic advising and board work in biotech. Mike is still doing a mix of preventive cardiology at Stanford and advising startups and nonprofits in digital health and prevention. Mike also has a book coming out next year, *Fight Heart Disease Like Cancer*, and advises that at our age every classmate should be on a statin or have a zero coronary calcium score, so please email Mike if that's not the case! He also is interested in planning tailgates in Las Vegas in the near future to watch A's vs Yankees games there! **Tim Murphy**, benevolent organizer of many Class of '79 Zoom calls ever since the COVID lockdown and a 35-year Boston resident, has changed law firms. Tim is now spending some time working out of his new firm's New York City office (Nutter McClennen & Fish). When he's down in New York City, he would love to get together with old friends from Regis. Just let him know you're interested. Finally, **Ivan Lozowy** reports via Facebook that he is currently serving as a volunteer of the 2nd Battalion of the 93rd Brigade of the Ukraine Armed Forces and that he recently had wild boar meat for breakfast. He has stayed in Ukraine throughout the war and until recently had been mostly running humanitarian supply missions. We will keep him and his comrades in our prayers.

1980

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Giuseppe Del Priore reports that **Manny Ribot** "is a grandfather!" Manny Ribot himself reports,

"Happy to let you all know about the birth of our first grandchild, Jonathan Franklin Ribot, born on April 26 to Emily and Evan Ribot! Everyone is doing well." Giuseppe and Manny also sent a photo of both of them hard at work on the beach in Hawaii. **Michael McGovern** lets us know that his son Michael finished his Ph.D in History of Science at Princeton and has accepted an appointment as a Resident Fellow with the Information Society Project at Yale Law School. Smart, hard-working and good-looking... takes after his mom! **Ken Berger** notes that in support of our *Deo et Patriae* motto, he strongly encourages all Regians to proudly display the American flag and a Catholic display of our belief in front of our homes. Ken observed, "In California where this motto is treated with something close to contempt, Trish and Ken resisted with a beautiful Nativity display and two beautiful American flags. The response has been largely positive."



Giuseppe Del Priore '80 and Manny Ribot '80 working on the beach in Hawaii

1981

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Chris Varrone is a grandfather! Alfred Torbjorn Hutson was born June 9, 2021. Healthy and happy. Emilia (his mom) is a second year resident in ophthalmology at VCU in Richmond, Va., and a very busy gal. Espen, Chris's son, lives in Manhattan and is an account executive at Salesforce. Elise, his youngest, lives in Copenhagen, Denmark. She is acting and has appeared in commercials for Starbucks, McDonalds, and Bang & Olufsen. Chris currently lives in Boulder, and when not skiing, hiking, or doing yoga, he has been helping solar, battery, and carbon capture and storage companies raise money.



The Class of '81 at the Regis Golf & Tennis Outing. From left: Ed Gillespie, John Conlon, AJ Smith, and Tom Fergus.

1982

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1983

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On June 10, the Class of 1983 gathered at Regis to celebrate our 40th Reunion. Following a beautiful Mass in the chapel (joined by attendees of the Classes of 1978 and 1988), many friendships were renewed and classic stories recalled (and doubtlessly enhanced) throughout the evening. Your Class Correspondent enjoyed the time he spent with each and every one of our attendees immensely and humbly refers you to **Andy McGillicuddy's** Facebook page for an outstanding array of photos taken throughout the evening! Sadly, all of our classmates could not attend, though some sent the following regrets: **Pat Clarke** was attending an "amazing" two-week conference in Germany for teachers through the Goethe Institute. Pat reports: "I was lucky enough to catch up with **David Pohle**, who was staying in Leizeig working on his German. Dave was kind enough to come up to Berlin for a day to show me the sights. It was an excellent tour. Dave is working with recent refugees to help them acclimate to their new home." **Gerard Foster** sent his best wishes from California, reporting: "Hello, my old friends: While I will not be attending this year, I will be with you in spirit. I will definitely be there at the 50th. I still get to New York City a couple of times a year, so I hope to see some of you soon. I recently had a mini-reunion with my good friends **Chris Bucci** and **John Feerick**. We wandered around the park, hung out in front of *Hamilton*, and spent some time at the planetarium. To catch you up quickly on my last 40 years: I've been married for 38 years (to the same amazing woman), have two incredible kids (both in their 30s), and have two grandchildren (ages 11 and 7) who are the absolute joy of my life. I

wish both of them could go to Regis, but it would be one hell of a commute from SoCal. Please, please, please reach out to me separately if you want to get together next time I'm in New York City. If any Californians want to have a reunion of our own, I'm in! God bless you all." **Bob Gallagher** reports: "Come September the kid who lived next door to the tunnel will be an empty nester... both kids in university. We enjoyed some amazing high school graduation parties and events, and there are many Regions from the Class of 2023 in the mix of my kids' New York City schools circle of friends. I will be receiving my 2nd degree black belt in taekwondo (Korean karate) over the summer. I don't have the invitation certificate yet, but my Master walked up to me in class last month, grabbed the tips of my black belt (1st degree or "IL - dan") and asked to confirm my size (as he's going to order the fancy 2nd dan belt now!). I continue to do credit work for various family or small group investing, almost identical to my work for 30 years at the Bank of Nova Scotia (a.k.a., the hockey bank in Toronto), Mizuho Financial Group (a.k.a., the largest bank on planet), and finally, Royal Bank of Scotland (a.k.a., the bank where they let me keep two motorcycles and a sports car in the corp. garage in Connecticut!). I handled the Harley Davidson and GM/Pontiac accounts at two of those three banks. It explains a great deal, and the rest of my vehicle rogueness is due to encouragement from Messrs. **Chris Wierzbicki** and **Gene Parr**. My wife has been very involved with her academic life in helping to plan the next major use for Governor's Island in New York Harbor along with a few other research universities, the Mayor's Office, and private funding from Bloomberg Philanthropies, inter alia. She is also a general strategic planner in the local university for, say, where it wants to be in 2028, 2033, etc. One of my college-aged kids (Comp. Sci. major) is doing a 'suit & tie' internship this summer in Manhattan at a place like ThomsonReuters or Bloomberg Info Systems, and I believe he's making more than me as a retired 'on the dole' pensioner. I really need to start sucking up to **Tony Hauck**, so my son can score a \$300K/annum job out of college in 'Hi Tech.' Aside from Comp. Sci., he took a class reading and dissecting all of Milton's *Paradise Lost*. Very Regian, yes? My other collegian is focused on public and social policy — saving the entire world, and New York State in particular. On the acting front, for my 'whimsy job,' **Peter Gallagher** got me into it in 2017 with *Succession*, with a focus on stunts, stunt driving, karate, many sports, and lots of 'Senior Male in Tuxedo' roles. See if you all can spot 'Waldo G.' in *Gilded Age*, *And Just Like That* (a.k.a. *Sex & City II*), *Billions*, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, etc. You may see Pete G. too! The kid from 85th Street has spent

many retirement hours diving deeper into family roots, farms, and ancestors in Elizabeth, N.J., Staten Island, Brooklyn, and even Manhattan. Perhaps a screenplay along the lines of "Pride and Prejudice on Hylan Blvd." will come out by 2030! P.S.: 1. I'm sorry to have missed our reunion — super group of guys and photos. 2. I challenge any '83er to a five-set squash match for a \$165 purse (\$165/10 hrs. is the basic background actor wage!)." **Frank Grillo** was detained in Italy for an event attendant to his new wine venture. Buona fortuna, Frank! **Ned Heiskell** reports: "Some of you may know that I was ordained a deacon back in 2019, and our diocese (San Diego) has a major initiative running that weekend. We are assembling 1.5 million meal packets that will be shipped to the poor all over the world. Each packet feeds about six people, so we will feed about 9 million people through that program! Thousands of volunteers working Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will get the job done. I'm sorry, but I need to be there. Please pray for the success of our program! I wish you all the best, and the next time I'm in New York City, I will buy a round for whoever happens to be in town that I can find! My wife Kathy and I are doing well. Our four kids are almost all grown up and 'out of the nest.' Retirement planning is full speed ahead! 2030? Enjoy the reunion my brothers. I wish I could be there!" Congratulations to **Pete Labbat**, whose son recently joined the ranks of our alumni upon his graduation as a member of the Class of 2023! **Ino Maquirang** narrowly missed being in New York City for the reunion, as he had returned to Sydney, Australia, to run his successful martial arts school there. **Mike Martin** was in Dublin running and teaching at Fordham's Summer Law Program - Belfast/Dublin, as he does each summer, noting, "Going to miss seeing you all — a great group whom I have grown to appreciate even more as the years have passed." **John Muccigrosso** was also in Italy, noting he had just been back home for a family wedding and his mom's 80th birthday. Younger brother **Paul Muccigrosso '88** represented the family well! **Mike O'Hagan**, President of Arrupe Jesuit High School in Denver, Colo., was celebrating the wedding of his eldest child, John, at Arrupe, noting: "With the Mass held at the St. John Francis Regis Chapel, I will need little prompting to think of you as you gather on 84th Street." Here are some more "Prowlings" from some of our classmates who were in attendance on June 10: **John Fargis** reports, "I have lived in Greenwich, Conn., for the past 26 years with my wife, Heather. We have four children. Maddy (25) is in equity research at Citi, Brian (23) is a police officer in Washington, D.C., Dylan (21) is a junior at Hamilton College, and Patrick (20) is a sophomore at the University of San Diego. (**Ed Conlon** and **Ron Anderson** were wonderfully

helpful in guiding Brian as he considered a career in law enforcement). I spent my career after business school on Wall Street as a banker primarily doing M&A and financings for data, technology, and media companies. I saw a lot of ups and a few big downs. It was a fantastic career. Having left banking earlier this year, I now spend my time very selectively advising CEOs and boards of earlier-stage businesses. I am also nurturing a small side hustle with which I am having an enormous amount of fun: I started a small bourbon business." Peter Gallagher proudly reports that his son **William Gallagher '16** will begin teaching math at Regis in fall 2023, noting: "Guess my donations will need to increase." **John Ponterotto** attended the wedding of his nephew and fellow Regian **Mike Ponterotto '04** in Los Angeles in 2022. Also in attendance was Mike's classmate **Dan Rios '04**. **John Sym** and his wife, Christina, welcomed their first grandchild, Zoey Jane Dornbrook, born on May 14 (11 days early) weighing 7lbs., 8oz. John reports that his daughter Kelsey (Zoey's mom) is a high school English teacher in Newton, Mass., and avid hiker, and met her spouse Roy (originally from Nevada) at Colorado College. John further reports: "Christina and I are thrilled because they live just five minutes from us in Waltham, Mass. (We're in Lexington). My son Tyler (also went to Colorado College) is living in Denver, Colo., working for Charter Communications. We visit him a couple times a year to ski, hike, and fly fish. I'm still in solo law practice, primarily commercial leasing transactions, and actually most of my work is in New York City, which I do remotely. But I would love to retire like **Roland Hlawaty** did (after 30+ years at Milbank, LLP)! Christina is still running her own landscape design business, so she drives a pickup truck and has way more clients than I do." Gentlemen: These prowlings are faithfully submitted in memory of our departed brothers: **Mike Cardinale**, **Greg Giraldo**, **Chris McVeigh**, and **Jack Rogers**. AMDG.



Attendees at the '83 Reunion. Back row: Clem Thomson, George Wasilenko. Front Row: Chris Wierzbicki, Gene Pare, Sal DiMartino, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foley.



John Ponterotto '83 (left) at the wedding of his nephew and fellow Regian Mike Ponterotto '04 (right) in Los Angeles in 2022. Also in attendance was Mike's classmate Dan Rios '04 (center).



John Sym '83 and his granddaughter, Zoey



The Class of 1983 preparing for a photo at their reunion

1984

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Updating a blurb from the last magazine, in April **Mike Horowitz's** curling team won the bronze medal at the 5U National Championships in Hibbing, Minn. "The event featured 24 teams (all with five or fewer years of experience in the sport)

that had qualified during the season by winning a USA Curling-sanctioned event. The competition was top notch, and my team went 5-0 in pool play (one of only two teams to do that) to make the playoffs. We won a thrilling come-from-behind game in the quarterfinals before losing in the semis, but bounced back to win the bronze-medal game and finished 7-1 overall, which was tied (with the gold medal winners) for the best overall record. We were the only East Coast team to make the semifinals, as the other three teams were from the curling hotbeds of Wisconsin and Minnesota! Overall, it was an incredible experience to be part of, and coming home with some hardware was icing on the cake! And, I promise, no more curling updates for a while." **Kieran O'Connor** reports that his third daughter has moved out into the world, having graduated from Berklee College of Music in December 2022: "She's a musician/music director and is currently in Boston, then Washington, D.C., and, hopefully, New York City for the Broadway show *Evita*. She plays the piano, is the assistant music director, and, depending on scheduling, switches to being the overall music director." Kieran added that "for those of us who took *Theater in New York* with Eric DiMichele, maybe it's come full circle for me, going to a show and seeing your own child as part of it." **Dave Fernandez's** daughter Elena has been accepted as a Ph.D candidate in Atmospheric Science at UAlbany and is studying the meteorological effects of changes to the Northern Gulf Stream. Dave's youngest daughter Marisa (RPI '25) is currently doing a research apprenticeship at the University of Texas at Arlington in cognitive science and game design. His oldest, Lydia, continues to advance at Estée Lauder with a promotion to chemist. She continues her work converting various makeup lines into more environmentally friendly products. With more news on the next generation, **Mark Coyne** writes, "In the spirit of bearing glad tidings, not ill ones, here's the latest from the Coyne corner of the world. My middle niece, Jenny Coyne, graduated from Yale in May. I attended my 35th at Harvard in early June, and Selda just left for Turkey for the summer. She's in Istanbul with her mom and younger sister until early July, when they'll drive down to my in-laws' summer home on the Aegean coast. I'll join Selda there in late August for three weeks or so. In the meantime, I'll tend to our cats (or they'll tend to me) while writing briefs at work and stripping paint at home." In June, **Manny Grillo** caught up for the first time in a long while with **Ray McGoldrick** and **Kieran Fallon** at the Georgetown Class of '88 Reunion in Washington, D.C. **Al DeGrasse** submitted this whilst within the hallowed halls in June: "I didn't have this on my

bingo card, but I'm in the lecture hall for REACH orientation, getting ready to teach the candidates civitas course later this summer." Ray and Al also feature in the next update, as **Mark Leeds** attended the annual Regis Golf & Tennis outing with Ray and **Michael P. Murphy** in June. All three had the good sense not to golf but participated in the great cocktail hour and dinner at the Garden City Country Club after the tournament. Mark reported that the food, especially the shellfish, was superb, and he encourages others to join them next year. Al was there golfing, accompanied by his wife. **Andy Schaad's** eldest, Annika, just graduated with a mechanical engineering degree from Tufts. Her honor cords breakdown was light blue for Latin Honors (summa cum laude), redish-orange and white for Tau Beta Pi (engineering national honor society), pink and blue for Phi Beta Kappa (arts & sciences national honor society), and green for T-86 (a "secret" non-sanctioned culinary club that caters fine dining zero-profit events). As Andy notes, "an honorable step up from the Regis Dining Society/Culinary Association!" Others cords she wore were for audio engineering jobs and lab/teacher assistant stints. She is working this summer (and beyond?) at Microsoft Cambridge's "N.E.R.D. Garage" (New England Research and Design) maker space. Andy's daughter Bridgette is a rising junior at Haverford College. She has a paid summer internship with Tracelink pharmaceutical software. And finally from **Pat Coffey**: "I recently attended my nephew's graduation weekend at Le Moyne College. The evening before commencement included a baccalaureate Mass that featured Bishop Douglas Lucia (Bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse) as the principal celebrant along with 11 other priests. After scanning the concelebrants, I turned to my sister and stated that I knew one of the priests: **Fr. Vincent Hevern, SJ, '66**. Fortunately the event included a post-Mass reception that gave us a good hour to reminisce while sharing stories about where life had taken us. Vinny Hevern has a keen memory and is as vivacious as ever. He has fond memories of the Class of '84 (we were his first class after he returned to Regis as a teacher and psychologist). He has been a professor at Le Moyne since 1991 (which is also the year that he left Regis), and he reports that Le Moyne has been a great experience and tremendous opportunity for him. Le Moyne has afforded him the opportunity to pursue his professional interests in psychology and to participate in many academic conferences both at home and abroad; he has been to Europe many times. It was great seeing him, and I would encourage anyone who is interested to check out

his webpage at Le Moyne. Fr. Hevern is also very interested in photography, which prompted me to include a photograph that I have dubbed 'Class of '66 reunites with Class of '84.' The photo was taken in front of the Le Moyne Dolphin with water running down a glass wall as the backdrop. Le Moyne just announced that it will be moving to Division I in all sports as of next fall as part of the Northeast Conference. 'Phins Up! Go Dolphins!"



Andy Schaad '84's eldest, Annika, just graduated with a mechanical engineering degree from Tufts.

1985

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When preparing the last edition of class notes, I did not realize that Greg Rapisarda passed away. Once again, we pause and reflect on another legendary Regis faculty member who lived his teaching vocation and shared it with many of us. I think **Jim Scacalossi '83 P'15'20** said it all in his quote, and we highlight this part: "He continuously offered his best to the students, which other faculty members wish to emulate." Teaching is the gift that keeps on giving, and it is up to us to grow Rap-man's legacy. For this and more, we thank Mr. Rapisarda, Jim Scacalossi, and all the teachers at Regis and out there who look to "increase the knowledge" of their students and teach invaluable life lessons with the focus of how to be *people for others* always. May Gregory Rapisarda rest in peace and revel in his eternal rewards. During travels to Florida for St. Thomas Aquinas College-related advancement endeavors, I had the opportunity to have dinner with our classmate **Kevin Condon**, attend a reception with **Tom Ferguson '87**, and catch a Mets-Marlins game with **Peter Labbat '83**. Always an enjoyable time hanging out with Regis brothers. Speaking of our Regis brotherhood, I attended the Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School Gala where we honored the late **Peter Carter '61**, who sadly passed away just before the event. A crew of Regis representatives

were present: **Elliot Ikheloa '07**, **Kevin Esteves '08**, **Alan Garcia '08**, **Ron Llewellyn '90**, **Eddie Rodriguez '88**, **Bob Sumberac '86**, **Mike Higgins '86**, **Woody Victor '90**, **Mark Hannefey '87**, **Osterman Perez '97**, **Freddy Taveras '90**, **Brian Gavin '86**, **Angel Garcia '74**, and yours truly. **Clyde Cole '87** met up with us post-event. Regis President **Fr. Chris Devron, SJ**, was also present. Alan Garcia gave an emotional testimonial to the mentorship and exemplary example Peter was to him and so many others. I was blessed to meet Peter a week before the Gala, and in that short interaction, everything Alan shared was spot on. Peter Carter Jr. shared heartwarming and humorous remarks about his dad. The world has lost another great Regian. We will continue Peter's life-changing work. Lastly, I had the opportunity to attend the Basketball Old Timers of America event at Sirico's in Brooklyn where hoop legends were inducted: Jay Wright, Irma Garcia, Barry Rohrsen, Gene Doris, and Jeff Ruland. There I ran into **Kevin White's** brother Kenny (a legend in his own right.) We had serious laughs recollecting the Regis wins over pretty renown New York City basketball programs and talent. Of course, the stories are getting better as the days pass — **James Sullivan's** dunk over Olden Polynice, **William Hogan** picking the pocket of Rodney Strickland, White scoring a then-record 75 points in a high school game, **Thomas Burke** and Condon being called by the late, great high school basketball scout Tom Konchalski the best hoopster to come out of Mt. Vernon and the Bronx, respectively — ever! Sorry to report these never happened (the 75 points scored in a game did happen, but it was Kenny, not our Kevin), but to stop the storytelling at a Basketball OT event is useless. Someday with these stories we can get our classmates inducted LOL. To our Regis brothers: cheers to you for all the good you are doing in the world, and for the generosity you share with our alma mater. Please keep it up. May I encourage you all to share news so I can stop making up stories about the Class of '85 hoops legends? Cheers to the great Class of 1985!

1986

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I hope you all enjoyed the summer. I received a couple of updates for this issue. **Vin Margiotta** wrote, "My son Vincent, 26, is starting at Fordham Law School in August, and daughter Nicole, 24, will be starting Rutgers University School of Medicine, also in August, following her return from South Africa where she will be competing

as the Number 1-ranked United States woman in an international tournament for Shukokai karate. The kids' recently published book, *How to Raise Successful Parents: Life Lessons Learned from Grateful Offspring*, has produced many laughs and some tears among our family and friends. Blessings Brothers!" I also heard from **Jerry Lawrence**, who I had the pleasure of seeing in person at a Regis event in May. Jerry writes that he continues to live and practice law in the Philadelphia suburbs while spending as much time as possible on the Jersey Shore. He is the proud father of three daughters. Virginia is a junior at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Rose, a recent graduate of Drexel University where she played on the school's nationally second-ranked squash team and (jokingly) "majored" in squash, is putting her experience to good use and is making a living coaching junior players. Grace is a junior officer on the USS *Milius*, an Arleigh Burke-class Aegis guided missile destroyer of the United States Navy forward deployed in Japan. Congratulations to **Claude Archer** on the graduation of his son from his medical residency, to **Sean Cadogan** on the graduation of his daughter from Syracuse University, to **Alain Bertoni** on the graduation of his son from Yale University, and to **Rodney Prezeau** and **Denis Gooding** on the graduations of their respective youngest from high school (and a big welcome to the empty nester club in the fall). As I finish up writing this note, I am about to go downstairs and greet **Allan Powe** who is visiting us today. He is enjoying his summer vacation after finishing his first year teaching biology at Regis. I'm leaving in a couple of days for a trip to the Galapagos Islands with my father, stepmother, and son, **Miles Crosby '19**, who graduated this May from UVA. I'll post a pic from the trip in the next issue. Be well, classmates!

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Liam Reichenberg shared some exciting news from across the pond. Liam ran for election to the Newry Mourne and Down District Council in County Armagh. **Joe Mecane** is pleased to share that his younger son, Thomas, will be entering Regis as a freshman this coming September. His older son, **Christopher Mecane '22**, just finished his first year at Dartmouth. **Greg Schwartz**, as a true man for others, geo-mapped the responses to the "favorite destination" question from the virtual reunion we had a few years back. Definitely some great suggestions, but, beware, you can quickly go down a travel rabbit hole! Lastly, **Sergio Sortino** writes that "Last June I retired from government service after 24 years as a federal agent. In November I moved from New Jersey to Los Angeles and am now enjoying early retirement out here." Congrats, Sergio, and thank you for your service!

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In January, Colonel **Chris Dougherty** was appointed Commander of the 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, California overseeing 1,100 military personnel. He, his wife Leeann, and two children still reside in Los Angeles. **Dr. Andrew Liteplo**, an emergency physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, traveled to his ancestral homeland of Ukraine in May to teach doctors about the life-saving technology of point-of-care ultrasound. After the course the participants were gifted their own portable ultrasound machines to take to the frontlines to help save the lives of wounded soldiers. The trip was run by MedGlobal, a non-governmental organization in collaboration with Razom and the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America. He hopes to return sometime soon but hopes even more that he doesn't need to.

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Pictured left to right are Class of '95 graduates **Paul Quinlan**, **John Morrison**, and **James Gormley** with their sons: Will Quinlan (#36), Patrick Morrison (#16), and Seamus Gormley (#2). Coach Morrison has led the Manhasset LAX squad to a third straight undefeated season, with standout performances from all of the Regis legacies! Congratulations to all!



From left: Paul Quinlan '95, John Morrison '95, and James Gormley '95 with their sons, Will Quinlan (#36), Patrick Morrison (#16), and Seamus Gormley (#2)

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Members of the Class of 2000 recently registered for the Queens 10K in June. Their grades, based on their results, are as follows: **Leon Cruz:** High Honors, **Jonathan Conte:** Honors, **Francis Fallon:** Honors, **Chris Nooney:** Merit, **Joe Forte:** Unsatisfactory, **Sam Valverde:** JUG (registered but didn't show). Sam was probably busy after his promotion to Principal Executive Vice President of Ginnie Mae in March. The runners were joined at dinner afterwards by classmate **John Quigley**, as well as beloved retired Regis faculty member Tony Conti. The restaurant was Italian, the whiskey was Irish, and the discussion was most likely incomprehensible. **James Walsh**, **Terence Kannengieser**, **Colin Jost**, and **Dan Aviles** recently got in a round of golf at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club. The writers' strike has apparently hit Colin very hard (see the "beard" he's sporting), as he repeatedly tried to sell the unsuspecting trio "ferry timeshares." When they left him, he was opening the door for incoming guests and asking them, "Wanna buy a ferry?" Their hosts' memberships were immediately revoked. **Tim Dunham** recently moved to Monroe, Conn., switched careers, and had his fourth child, Timothy John (TJ), who is now 4 and little brother to three sisters Emma (10), Charlotte (8), and Catherine (6). He went to nursing school, finished in August 2020, and got a job as a float nurse at Bridgeport Hospital. In December 2022 he switched to the Medical ICU and is really enjoying critical care. **Matt Lazzari** was promoted to Managing Director at JP Morgan, which explains their recent announcement that they were funding a professional wiffle ball league. It was an up and down few months at the home of **Jason Reed**. After arriving two months early at 4 lbs., 8 oz., his son Jackson is now a chunky 24 lbs. and the healthiest person in the family. It is with a heavy heart that he would like to inform the Regis community of the passing of his mother, Susan Reed, at the age of 71 on June 4. She is loved and will be greatly missed.



Dan Aviles, Colin Jost, James Walsh, and Terence Kannengieser recently got in a round of golf at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club.



Members of the Class of 2000 registered for the Queens 10K in June. From left: Francis Fallon, Jonathan Conte, Joseph Forte, and Christopher Nooney.

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After 16 years on the faculty and staff at Regis, **James Kennedy** is excited to become the President of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a middle school in Flatbush serving low-income families. He looks forward to staying connected with everyone and continuing to shake down classmates for money for Regis and other worthy causes. Being on the inside of alumni relations and development has shown James that the Class of 2002 really is strong and exceptional. **Chris Elms** and his wife, Michelle, were blessed with their second son, William, on April 25 in New Delhi, India. Chris and Michelle both work at the U.S. Embassy there and, despite his complete lack of Hearn experience, the powers that be have let Chris serve as the Embassy spokesperson. **Eric Tseng** moved out west to Arizona in 2021, indefinitely extending what was only supposed to be a vacation stay because the weather was just too nice. Eric left the corporate world and joined a small, 12-person investment advisory in Scottsdale to run the financial planning team. He recently participated in the WSOP \$3,000 Limit Hold'em (6-Handed) Event, which included a small field of world-class players. Eric lasted a grueling 9 hours and plans to participate every year until he makes the final table! Recently going the opposite direction back to New York City after nearly 10 years in Hermosa Beach, Calif., is **Luigi Naguit**, who traded views of the sunset on the Pacific with views of the sunrise over the Park. While the warm, nearly perfect weather year-round was nice,

nothing beats being close to friends and family again. He'll miss the great Mexican food in SoCal, but he's glad to have real pizza and Chinese food again. Luigi is staying with his current company and working remotely as a VP of Product Management for NEOGOV, which sells HR and policy management software to public sector and higher education organizations. While he hasn't changed jobs with the move, other members of our class have had exciting career updates. In June, **Ned Hanlon** was elected President of the American Guild of Musical Artists, the labor union of singers, dancers, and staging staff in opera, ballet and concert dance, and concert choral performance in the United States. He started his four-year term strong, marching in a Writers Guild of America picket line with Liz Shuler, President of the AFL-CIO.



Incoming American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA) President Ned Hanlon '02 with the guild's former President, Raymond Menard, at the AGMA offices

2003

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Michael Jangl married Amara Parseghian this past August in Big Sky, Mon. **Keith Hoffman** and his wife, Juli, made the trip across the country to help celebrate. Michael and Amara live on the Upper West Side and would enjoy catching up with anyone in the area. Michael worked as a civil engineer on large infrastructure projects throughout the New York City area for a number of years after college but has since switched gears and is now a firefighter for the city of Yonkers. **John Latella** joined the Saratoga County District Attorney's Office as the head of the Appeals unit in October 2021 and continues to serve in that position. **Gabe Velez** and his wife, Catherine Curley, welcomed their third little one, Anna Mercedes Velez-Curley, into the world on January 31. She is already holding her own with her two older brothers, Lucas (2) and Ian (4), running amok around her, and mom and dad are drowning

in caffeine. **Peter Luccarelli** and wife Stephanie welcomed their second son, William Luccarelli, this past fall. Big brother PJ is thrilled with the new edition, so far. In 2021, Peter, Stephanie, and the family moved to Tampa, Fla. Peter is a partner at Sisco-Law, where he works in litigation defending businesses and professionals in civil, criminal, and administrative matters. Stephanie is currently writing a book with designer Natalie Papier called *Home is Where the Arts Is*, due to come out in Fall 2024. The entire family looks forward to seeing Regians and their families in the Central Florida area. **Greg Hills** and his wife, Nina Bell, welcomed their first child, Bella Hazel Hills, this past July. Bella has just entered day care and is racking up immunity to new illnesses each week. **Gregory Caravelli** and his wife, Katrina, are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Anna Maria Caravelli, on February 18. **William Marra** and his wife, Erin, welcomed their second child, Caroline Louise, on February 1. **Rev. Arthur Bender, SJ, '67** generously officiated at Caroline's baptism on June 10.



Michael Jangl '03 married Amara Parseghian in August 2022 in Big Sky, Mont. Keith Hoffman '03 and his wife, Juli, made the trip across the country to help celebrate.

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Earlier this year **Mike Esposito** was promoted to Managing Director at Morgan Stanley, where he is the Chief Operating Officer for several business areas.

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Dave Gregory finished his doctorate in curriculum and instruction while teaching theology and instructional coaching at a Cristo Rey school in Portland, Ore. He proceeded to resign in protest to certain administrators, along with over a dozen faculty and staff, and opened a wine bar and shop in Portland with his wife, Sarah, and toddler, Jack Ignatius. The aforementioned administrators were fired two weeks after he signed the lease, but so it goes. Ora et Labora is currently the highest rated wine bar in Portland, with a whopping 25 Google reviews, and Dave would be overjoyed with any Regian visitors traveling through.

2007

James Burbage, jhburbage@gmail.com
Tully McLoughlin, tully.mcloughlin@gmail.com

2008

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After seven years in Durham, N.C., **Luke Gatta, MD**, has completed his residency and fellowship training at Duke. In July, he started on faculty at Vanderbilt School of Medicine, where he splits his time between the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society. He and his wife, Dr. Brittany Gatta, now have three children with the addition of John Paul in March. His new email is Luke.gatta@vmc.org, and he'd love to connect with Regians in the area.

2009

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2010

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Ethan Corcoran graduated from Columbia Business School in May, receiving Dean's Honors and the CBS Student Service Award. He also shared the stage with former Regis track & field teammate **James Rowen '12**.



Ethan Corcoran '10 graduated from Columbia Business School in May, receiving Dean's Honors and the CBS Student Service Award.

2011

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Daniel Lehane and **Matt Vuoncino, MD**, each attended and presented research at the 2023 Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM23) in National Harbor, Md. Dan is taking a research year in vascular surgery at University of Rochester. Matt is going into his fourth year of vascular surgery residency at UC Davis. Congratulations and good luck to them both!



Daniel Lehane '11 and Matt Vuoncino, MD, '11 each attended and presented research at the 2023 Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM23) in National Harbor, Md.

2012

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2013

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2014

David Vascones, djvascones@gmail.com

I am sure many of us had the pleasure of attending our 5-year college reunions this summer. On such an occasion at Williams College this June were gathered many sons of Regis, who proudly call both schools their alma maters. Our own classmates, **Luke Passannante**, **Chris Carley**, **Spencer Thomas**, and **David Vascones**, rekindled old friendships and shared a lot of laughter. I was also thrilled to meet two more Regians who came to the reunion, **Jeff Padilla '99** and **Peter Tierney '06**. Jeff shared his memories of working with the late **John Connelly '56** at a Catholic elementary school in Connecticut after the beloved magister's retirement from Regis. A former president of Williams, the illustrious Frank Oakley has famously called the Regis-Williams pipeline an "apostolic succession." Who could disagree? **David Said, SJ**, writes in: "I just finished my philosophy studies at St. Louis University and will be teaching at Xavier High School beginning this fall as a part of the next stage of my Jesuit formation, called regency." David, we better not hear you cheering for the Knights! I hope you will all save the date for our 10-year Regis Reunion on April 13, 2024.



From left to right, the Class of 2014's Chris Carley, Luke Passannante, David Vascones, and Spencer Thomas at a Williams College reunion.

2015

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2016

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In February, **Erik Jaklitsch** and Veronique Falkovich got engaged. Congratulations to Erik and Ver!

2017

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2018

Nicholas Drury, ndrury@villanova.edu



Members of the class of 2018 met in New York City to cheer on the New York Knicks. Back: Declan Flood, James Cobourn, Nick Drury, and Conor Nicholson. Front: Eric Schemitsch, Matteo Palacardo, and Sean Stix.

2019

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2020

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2021

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2022

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2023

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Milestones

BIRTHS

William Michael on April 25, 2023, to Michelle and **Chris Elms '02**
Anna Maria on February 18, 2023, to Katrina and **Gregory Caravelli '03**
Bella Hazel in July 2022 to Nina Bell and **Greg Hills '03**
William to Stephanie and **Peter Luccarelli '03**
Caroline Louise on February 1, 2023, to Erin and **William Marra '03**
Anna Mercedes Velez-Curley on January 31, 2023, to Catherine Curley and **Gabe Velez '03**
Lola Emanuel on May 29, 2023, to Lacey Gutekunst and **Pete Madden '05**
John Paul in March 2023 to Drs. Brittany and **Luke Gatta '08**

WEDDINGS

Michael Jangl '03 and Amara Parseghian in August 2022

Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER

29 JUG Night

OCTOBER

18 Chicago Regional Reception

NOVEMBER

2 Deo Et Patriae Reception

6 Boston Regional Reception

JANUARY

3 Home for the Holidays

Requiescat in Pace

Dr. Franklyn Gerard '44 on April 8, 2023
William Stein '50 on November 26, 2022
Daniel Boone '52 on June 12, 2023
John Magan '52 on June 14, 2023
Thomas O'Toole '52 on May 18, 2023
James Paul '53 on April 9, 2023
Dr. George Jeffers '54 on May 16, 2023
Dr. David Nicholas '54 on May 8, 2023
Dr. George Pepe '57 on May 2, 2023
Dion Ryle '57 on April 21, 2023
Peter Carter '61 on May 8, 2023
Stephen Hesse '61 on May 29, 2023
Joseph Christian '63 on April 22, 2023
James Trezza '63 on April 13, 2023
Karl Blaha '66 on July 14, 2022
Jeremiah Sheehan '68 on December 17, 2022
Edward Lutton '71 on January 29, 2023



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Eleven Regians traveled in June to Wheeling, W.Va., as part of a service immersion project through the Appalachian Institute.