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Above: The Regis Repertory captivated audiences with its spring production of *Macbeth* during three performances from March 21–23.

On the Cover: The varsity basketball team sings the alma mater in front of the student section after winning the CHSAA state championship on March 8. For more on the team, see page 6.

President's Report

A Transformational Experience



The word “vocation” derives from the Latin vocāre, which means “to call.”

In his recovery from his famous cannonball injury and later in the cave at Manresa, St. Ignatius Loyola experiences a new call from God: away from his previous life of honors, riches, and glory, and toward one of

contemplative action, emulating the great saints like Francis and Dominic who committed their lives to God and service in the Church.

Ignatius's conversion could best be summed up in three parts. First, during his convalescence at Loyola, he discovers that God deals with him directly and loves him unconditionally. Second, he finds a new purpose in his life: to give himself over completely to God's greater glory. Third, he gradually comes to realize that this purpose includes a necessary commitment to help souls — i.e., a commitment to become ever more a Man for Others, and one who goes to the margins to serve those in need.

Echoing Ignatius's experience, Regis's mission statement uses the powerful verb “transform” to describe what we hope and work to accomplish in the lives of our students through a Regis education: *Regis High School transforms Catholic young men through an academically exceptional Jesuit education in a caring community which inspires leadership, generosity, and a lifelong passion for service as Men for Others.*

In the pages of this issue of *Regis Magazine*, you will find several examples of how our mission helps students find their calling and a transformational sense of purpose.

Mr. Pedro Acosta, profiled on page 10, is retiring at the end of this school year. During my first assignment in the early 2000s, Mr. Acosta and I joined the faculty around the same time. As Mr. Acosta built our Chinese program, he quickly became known as a challenging teacher whose patience and care for students

moved them to a love for learning and a deep appreciation for Chinese culture and language.

Today, when I meet Mr. Acosta's former students at alumni events throughout the country, I hear about his influence on their lives — how he helped them develop their passions and how they pursued careers that incorporated what they learned in his classroom. This spring, I had the pleasure of speaking with John Rindone '16, a graduate of Georgetown's School of Foreign Service and a Presidential Management Fellow in the U.S. Treasury Department. He credits Mr. Acosta's Chinese class for inspiring him to use his foreign language skills to pursue a career in public service. Transformation indeed.

You will also read about three Regis alumni who are answering God's call to life as a Jesuit: Melvin Rayappa, SJ, '08; Brian Englehard, SJ, '12; and David Said, SJ, '14.

Melvin was a Regis student when I was launching the REACH Program. Enthusiastic to give back even at a young age, he was in one of the early cohorts of mentors to our REACH middle schoolers. Melvin, Brian, and David describe the transformative experience of a Regis education: witnessing the joy of the Jesuits who taught them and receiving a Catholic education that allowed them to ask deep questions about their faith through retreats and reflection.

Jesuit education is an act of faith. We believe that God is calling each Regis student to a unique purpose — a path on which he will find the meeting place between his desires, his talents, and service to God's people. May God continue to bless Regis's mission of transformation for God's greater glory and the help of souls.

Sincerely,

Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ
President

The Office of Advancement Why I Give

Bill Armbruster '67 has been giving to the Annual Fund every year for more than four decades. He shares why supporting Regis is so meaningful to him.

The main reason why I give to Regis is quite simple: It's the right thing to do. I'm very grateful for the excellent education I received, and my family would have been hard-pressed to afford tuition at another Catholic high school.

I also give because I believe that Regis is even better today than it was back in the mid-1960s. I like the strong emphasis on community service, in keeping with the Jesuit motto of teaching students to be "men for others." In addition, the student body is far more diverse, as is the faculty and staff. REACH has been a transformative program, and I'm proud that Regis has invested in it. The curriculum is more flexible now, too: As someone who did not care for my Latin classes, I like that students can choose the language they'll study, and I'm delighted that Regis has been offering Chinese now for many years.

I'm proud that Regis consistently ranks among the top Catholic high schools in the country. As I'm sure many alumni have done, I've mentioned on more than a few occasions that I went to the

same high school as Dr. Anthony Fauci '58. Whenever I meet a Fordham alumnus, I'm always proud to mention my classmate, Rev. Joseph McShane, SJ, '67, who served as President of Fordham from 2004 to 2023. And when I meet recent Regis alumni, I always mention that Rev. Arthur Bender, SJ, '67 was a classmate, as well.

I'm also deeply grateful for the friendships with my classmates as well as other Regis alumni. I cherish these friendships, which is why I always try to make JUG Night and our class reunions. In fact, I feel much closer to many classmates than I did during my student days some 60 years ago.

Donating to Regis is a way of expressing this gratitude and paying it forward to help ensure that young men of today — and far into the future — can also receive an outstanding education.

To support the 2024 Annual Fund, visit regis.org/give

Your support fuels innovation, nurtures potential, and transforms lives. **Support the 2024 Annual Fund through June 30** and play a pivotal role in sustaining Regis's programs and initiatives.

Your generous contributions directly impact the lives of our students every day by:

Enriching Academic Programs

Your support enables us to continue to attract exceptional educators and offer advanced courses that challenge and inspire our students.

Cultivating the Arts and Athletics

Through your donations, we can continue to offer a wide range of extracurricular activities that enable students to explore their passions, from performing arts to competitive sports.

Investing in Technology and Innovation

In a rapidly changing world, your support helps us equip our students with the technological skills and resources they need to thrive in the digital age.

Promoting Spiritual Growth

Through theology studies, liturgies, retreats, and service projects, Regis helps students develop both intellectually and spiritually as they deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Keeping Regis Tuition-Free

The generosity of our community helps sustain our unique merit-based, all-scholarship model.



Auction Challenge Shatters Record

During the Parents' Club Auction on March 9, the annual Auction Challenge raised a record-breaking \$300,000 thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our community. Each year, the Auction Challenge raises money to support an enhancement that directly benefits students. As we prepare to renovate our lower gym and relocate and expand our fitness center over the summer, the 2024 Auction Challenge will fund new equipment for our physical education classes and athletics programs. This year's challenge ensures that when our students return in the fall, they'll enjoy upgraded equipment and modern amenities as they play and train. Thank you to everyone who made the 2024 Auction Challenge such a success!

News & Notes

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Varsity Basketball Wins CHSAA Class B State Championship

Regis's varsity basketball team won the CHSAA Class B state championship on March 8 with a 76-59 victory over St. Mary's of Buffalo at Fordham University's Rose Hill Gymnasium. With students, families, faculty, and alumni forming of a sea of red in the stands, the team claimed Regis's seventh state title and first since 2018.

Austin Mejia '24 led the Raiders in scoring with 20 points to go along with 7 rebounds. Brendon O'Keefe '24 added 19 points (including a buzzer-beating three-pointer to end the third quarter) and 7 rebounds. Alex Sepe '24 scored 17 points, and Caleb Garutti '26 had 9 points and 6 rebounds. John Duffin '24 scored 7 points to go along with his team-best 8 rebounds.

The state title is the fourth for head coach Mr. Kevin Cullen in his 23 seasons leading the varsity team.

Later in March, the team also won the inaugural PSAL vs. CHSAA Championship. In a matchup of the champions of the city's public school and Catholic school leagues, Regis defeated PSAL Class 2A champion South Bronx Prep 67-53 to cap a remarkable 23-4 season.

Regis Wins State Debate Championship for 33rd Time in 40 Years

At the New York State Forensic League Championship in April, the Hearn Speech and Debate Society won the state debate championship for the 33rd time in the past 40 years. Several members of the Hearn were also awarded prizes for their outstanding individual performances.

In the category of public forum debate, seniors Danny Bajada '24 and Kai-Shan Kwek-Rupp '24 won the varsity division, while juniors Emmet O'Sullivan '25 and Owen O'Toole '25 took the top prize in the intermediate division.

In the speech categories, juniors Ryder Kirby '25 and Jack Rice '25 won first place in duo interpretation, while Henry Perduto '25 placed second in varsity extemporaneous speaking.

Adhy Agarwala '24 and Mark Quaglia '24 finished third in varsity public forum, and Joseph Mora '26 and Antonio Takata '26 placed fifth in intermediate public forum.

In novice public forum, Henry Feldman '27 and Remy Picciano '27 placed fifth, while Alessandro Cupido Carlorosi '27 and Andrew Moszuti '27 finished sixth.

Paul Asari '24 and Jonah Kennedy '24 finished fourth in duo interpretation, while Asari also took sixth in program oral interpretation. David Solano '25 placed fourth in program oral interpretation and sixth in dramatic interpretation. Johnny Germak '26 placed third in junior varsity extemporaneous speaking and Michael Mayta '25 finished sixth in humorous interpretation.



Regions Travel to Jamaica for Service Trip

Over the winter recess, 12 Regians traveled to Jamaica to work with the Mustard Seed Communities, a faith-based non-profit organization that cares for more than 500 children and adults with disabilities or HIV/AIDS.

The group was lodged at one of the MSC apostolates and split time doing landscaping work for the community and spending time with the residents — who were mostly children — housed at their apostolate. Many of the children require the constant attention of caregivers, and the Regians helped feed the residents, played with them, and walked them to Mass and prayer services.

Assistant Principal for Student Life Mr. Christian Mariano '99, one of the chaperones of the trip, complimented the students for their selfless engagement with the communities. "The students responded really well to the trip," Mr. Mariano said. "Some want to do it again next year. Some might even be interested in starting an MSC trip when they go to college. I think it was a very impactful trip."

The students benefited from the generous contributions of the entire Regis community. In total, the group raised over \$15,000, in addition to collecting donations of clothing, bedsheets, and toiletries.

Leo Lee '25 Wins Top Prize in Elite Science Competition



Regis junior Leo Lee '25 won first prize in his category in the highly competitive New York State Science and Engineering Fair. With his victory in the March competition, which draws thousands of student participants from across the state, Lee qualified for the Regeneration International Science and Engineering Fair. Started in 1942 as the Westinghouse Science Talent Search, the ISEF is the largest international STEM competition for high school students.

Lee, a student in Regis's Science Research Project, won in the Biomedical and Health Sciences category for an image segmentation machine-learning model that is capable of detecting gastrointestinal polyps in colonoscopies. As part of the state competition, he presented his project in front of a panel of judges at the New York Hall of Science.

Michael Cameron '24 Publishes Research Paper in History Journal

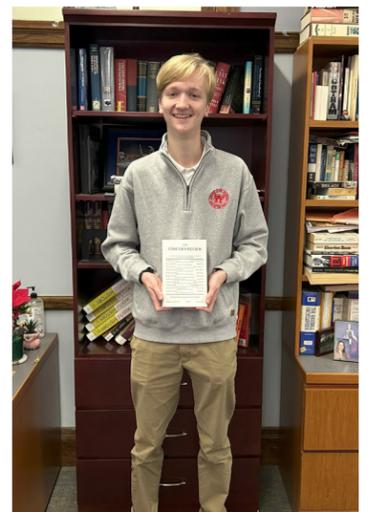
A research paper written by Michael Cameron '24 was published in the winter 2023 edition of *The Concord Review*, a quarterly journal that features history research papers by high school students. Cameron's paper, written during his junior year, focused on the Treaty of Trianon that ended World War I with the Kingdom of Hungary and cost it about two-thirds of its land. In the paper, Cameron describes the rise of Hungarian nationalism caused by the treaty, as well as the resulting diaspora.

As part of the junior history curriculum, students spend much of the year researching and writing a substantial research paper on the topic of their choosing. Cameron was inspired to write about the treaty as a Hungarian-American who wanted to better understand his heritage. Cameron's junior history teacher, Ms. Gena Reisig, encouraged him to expand the paper he wrote and submit it to *The Concord Review*.

"Writing for *The Concord Review* taught me the value of pursuing a project based on passion," said Cameron. "Since I felt a personal connection to my topic of research, I was committed to making the project worthwhile, which is why I readily accepted the invitation from Ms. Reisig to submit my paper for publication."

Since its founding in 1987, *The Concord Review* has published papers by students from 48 different countries. The journal only publishes about 6 percent of the papers that are submitted each quarter.

"Michael's incredibly hard work and intensive research are being recognized internationally, which is very exciting," said Ms. Reisig. "It inspires our students and gets them focused on the idea that their work can be more meaningful than just writing a paper for their history class."





Mr. Kevin Cullen to Be Inducted Into CHSAA Hall of Fame

In recognition of his decades of service to both Regis and the city's Catholic high school athletic community, Mr. Kevin Cullen will be inducted into the New York Catholic High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Mr. Cullen, who joined Regis in the fall of 1990, serves as Director of Athletics in addition to teaching physical education and coaching the varsity basketball team.

"I'm both honored and humbled to be going into the CHSAA Hall of Fame, a league that I've been a part of since I was 13 years old," said Mr. Cullen. "I'm also excited to be joining Mr. Andre Anselme and Mr. John Donodeo as a Regis coach in the Hall of Fame."

In 2001, Mr. Cullen began coaching the varsity basketball team, which has won seven city championships, four state championships, and one federation championship under his leadership. He has also served as a CHSAA vice president.

During his 34-year tenure at Regis, Mr. Cullen has also spent time as the coach of the freshman basketball, JV soccer, JV baseball, and varsity volleyball teams.

"Kevin is a caring and tireless advocate for student-athletes, and he is committed to promoting the mission and values of Catholic Jesuit secondary education," said President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ.



Regis Community Gathers for Record-Breaking Parents' Club Auction

The Regis Parents' Club held its annual auction on March 9, with more than 500 people gathering on 84th Street for a night of bidding and camaraderie. With a theme of "Embracing Difference, Celebrating Unity," this year's auction paid tribute to the close-knit Regis community that makes such an evening possible.

The auction's prizes included an array of gift baskets, art, and experiences for attendees to bid on during the silent auction as they mingled throughout the building. The live auction, emceed once again by Eugene Flinn P'10 and Mr. Eric DiMichele, offered fabulous prizes like a trip to Hawaii and tickets to this year's World Series.

The evening also featured a performance of the alma mater by Regis students, as well as an original song by Tony, Emmy, Grammy, and Pulitzer Prize winner Tom Kitt P'24.

The night culminated with the reveal of the Auction Challenge, which each year funds an enhancement that directly benefits students. This year's record-breaking challenge raised more than \$300,000 for new equipment for our physical education classes and athletics programs. To read more about this year's Auction Challenge, see page 5.

James Stappenbeck '25 Breaks Indoor 1,600-Meter School Record

James Stappenbeck '25 broke the school's indoor 1,600-meter record at the New York State Federation Track & Field Championship on March 2 with a time of 4:17.20, lowering the school mark he'd set the month prior. Stappenbeck's time was the best of any junior in the event.

In February, Stappenbeck won the 1,600-meter race at the CHSAA Intersectional Championship with a time of 4:17:81, breaking the previous school mark held by Sean Phillips '15. Stappenbeck is the first Regian to win the indoor track and field 1,600-meter race at the intersectional championship.

Regis's indoor track and field team this year won its second consecutive CHSAA A Division Championship.

"It's great to see the team perform so well when I know the effort that they put into their events," said Mr. Christopher Febles, one of Regis's track and field coaches. "With all the work they have to do to be a varsity athlete at Regis, it is testament to their effort when the athletes perform as well as they did."



Regis Hosts Inaugural Ricci Forum on U.S.-China Relations

On April 16, the Hearn Speech and Debate Society and the Ricci-Xu Young Scholars Program jointly hosted the inaugural Ricci Forum on technology and the U.S.-China relationship. A three-person guest panel of academic and policy experts were invited to judge a parliamentary-style debate between two pairs of Hearn debaters on the following resolution: "This house regrets the recent technological decoupling between the United States and China."

Taking the proposition side were seniors Danny Bajada '24 and Mark Quaglia '24, while William Carragher '24 and Michael Cameron '24 represented the opposition. The spirited debate centered on the role of emergent technologies such as artificial intelligence in the current geopolitical arena.

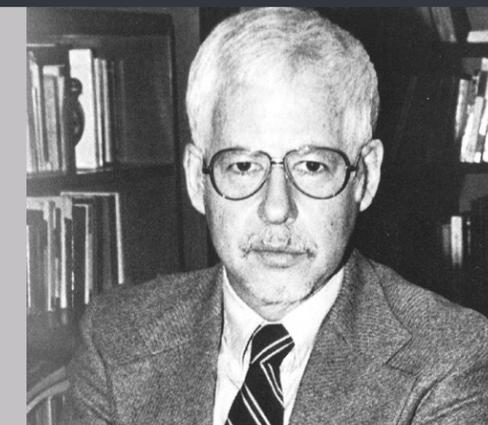
The debate's judging panel featured Dr. Susan Shirk, former deputy assistant secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and director emeritus of the University of California San Diego's 21st Century China Center; Dr. Zongyuan Liu, Maurice R. Greenberg fellow for China studies at the Council on Foreign Relations; and Peter Vanderslice '16, research advisor at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. At the conclusion of the debate, each of the three panelists offered brief but rich commentary on the arguments proposed by the two teams.

The Ricci Forum is the creation of senior Kai-Shan Kwok-Rupp '24, who emceed the event. He initially conceived of the Ricci Forum — named for Matteo Ricci, SJ, a pioneer of intellectual exchange with China — a year ago with the intention to create a space for open and honest conversation about China among his peers.

The importance of dialogue as the basis for learning is a core principle of the Ricci-Xu Young Scholars Program, a cultural leadership and exchange program that brings together students from Regis, Dominican Academy, and Nanjing Foreign Language School in China for regular conversations.



IN MEMORIAM



Regis Mourns the Passing of Mr. Jerry Kappes '52

It was with great sadness that Regis shared news of the February 15 passing of Mr. Jerry Kappes '52, an alumnus and longtime English teacher who made wonderful contributions of wisdom and care to the Regis community even after leaving the faculty.

Mr. Kappes, who graduated from Manhattan College and earned a master's degree from NYU, taught English at Regis from 1957 to 1982. During that time, he was instrumental in ending the use of what he called "tedious" anthology textbooks, allowing teachers to design their own courses and assign paperbacks. In 1972, Mr. Kappes co-founded the Theater in New York elective for seniors that is still offered today, and he was the moderator of *Folio*, the school's literary magazine at the time.

Even after leaving Regis to edit textbooks, Mr. Kappes remained close to the school, attending alumni events, contributing updates on his class to *Regis Magazine*, and keeping in touch with former colleagues.

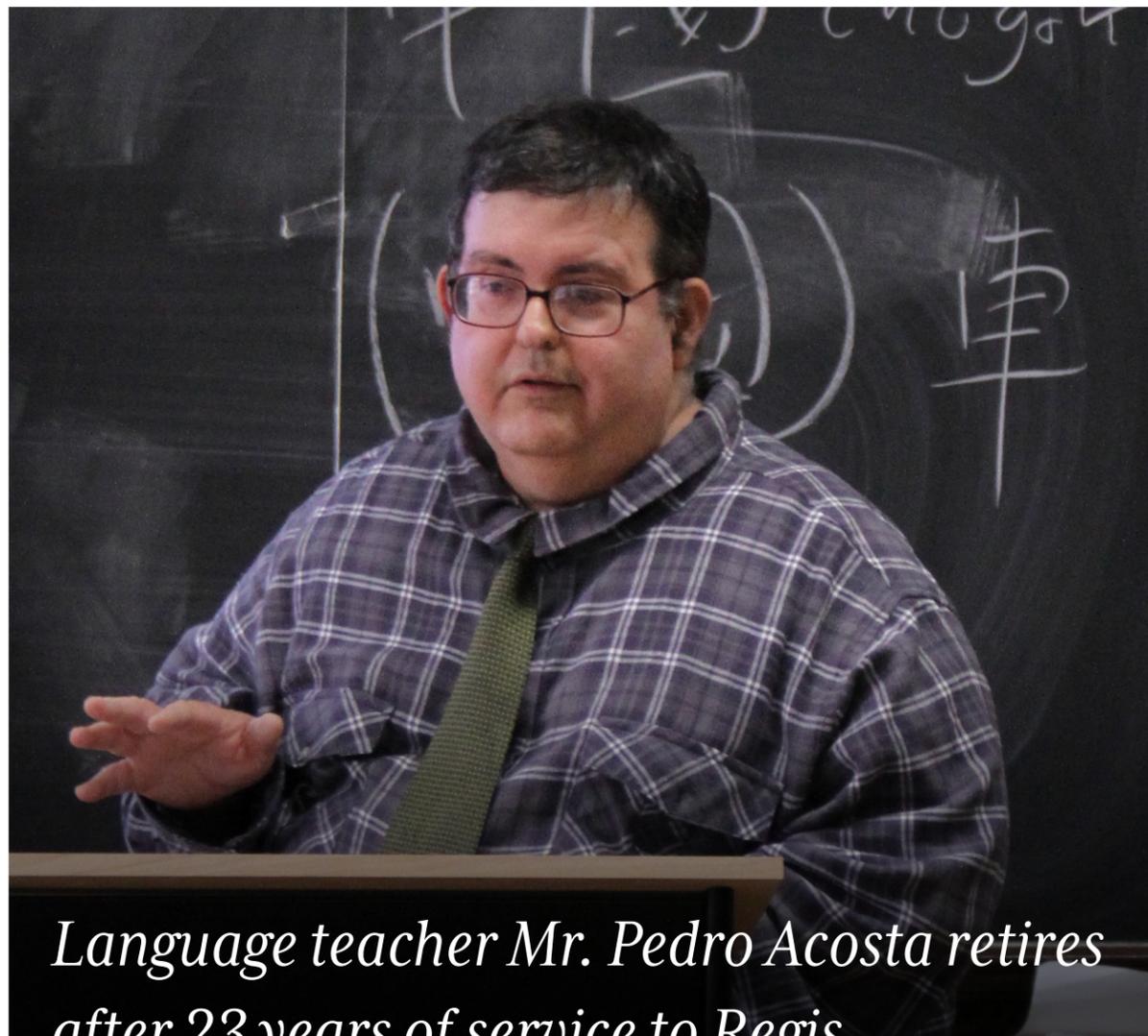
In recent years, he often returned to Regis to visit with Dr. Allison Tyndall, the English Department Chair who joined the faculty in 2018. The two struck up a friendship after meeting at a Christmas gathering in 2022, and Mr. Kappes would sit in on occasional classes to discuss works like *The Great Gatsby* or *Waiting for Godot* and attend outings to shows with Dr. Tyndall's Theater of New York class. (While teaching at Regis, he'd once staged a successful one-night-only performance of *Godot* "on kind of a dare" after his students said it would be impossible to put on.)

In Winter 2023 issue of *Regis Magazine*, Mr. Kappes and Dr. Tyndall spoke about theater, books, and the ways the school has and hasn't changed since Mr. Kappes was on the faculty.

"In the classrooms I've visited, I sense the same eagerness to speak up and voice an opinion," said Mr. Kappes during that conversation. "It's still very much there, and that's what you want in an English class. You don't want to be standing there lecturing."

In advance of their chat for the magazine, Dr. Tyndall reflected on the bond they shared.

"I think it's safe to say we're in sympathy on a lot of impressions about what to teach and how to teach it," said Dr. Tyndall. "I count it a singular privilege that I've been able to have a friendship with Jerry."



Language teacher Mr. Pedro Acosta retires after 23 years of service to Regis.

For more than two decades, Mr. Pedro Acosta has taught French, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese to Regis students, but these are just a few of the seven languages he speaks. Indeed, Mr. Acosta, who is retiring this spring after 23 years of service to Regis, often engages with students outside the classroom in a multitude of languages, including ones not offered in the curriculum. And he does it all with a warm demeanor that encourages students to further challenge themselves in a new language.

Mr. Acosta joined the faculty in 2001, initially intending to teach just Spanish and French. But when Rev. Vincent Biagi, SJ, the principal at the time, learned of Mr. Acosta's background in East Asian languages, he asked Mr. Acosta if he would like to teach Chinese as well. Mr. Acosta was a published translator of Chinese and had studied and taught the language for many decades. When he taught Regis's first Chinese class in 2001, it became the first non-Western language offered to students. And for the better part of his tenure at Regis, he taught every student who took Chinese at each of the four levels, designing and redesigning the course curricula.

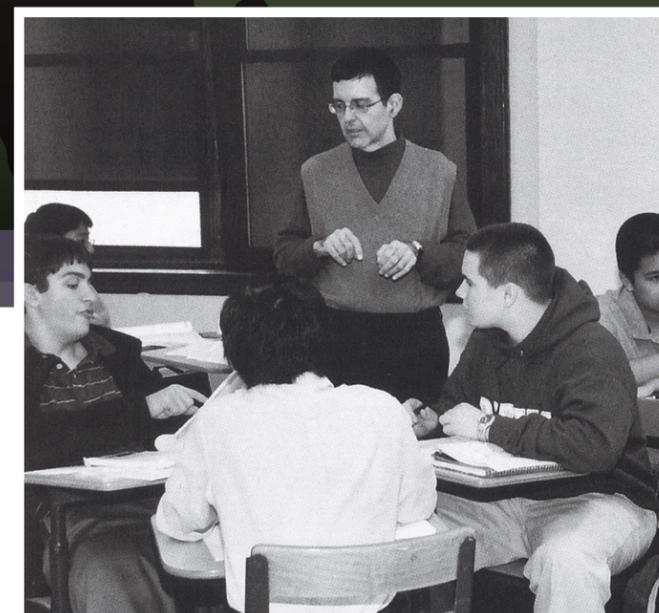
Mr. Acosta says that crafting Regis's Chinese program from scratch was a

"wonderful" experience. "I had taught Chinese in other schools, but never in a place like Regis where I actually got to create the curriculum," he said. "So it was very enjoyable."

In 1983, while he was a graduate student studying East Asian languages at Yale University, Mr. Acosta began his teaching career at East Hamden High School in central Connecticut. He later returned to his home state of New Jersey to teach Spanish and Chinese at Pope John XXIII Regional High School, before moving to Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, where he added French to his teaching load. Taking Mandarin Chinese classes may seem like a daunting task for incoming students unfamiliar with the language, but courses have maintained a consistent enrollment under Mr. Acosta's stewardship. "Yes, it's true. Chinese is harder," said Mr. Acosta. "The students work harder to get what they need to get. And I as the teacher work harder to help them get where they need to get. But it's a good thing. If you really want to know something, you have to work at it, and that's something Regians know very well."

Mr. Acosta has spent many years working with the Chinese-speaking community in New York City, including as an English language teacher

*¡Adiós
y buena suerte!*
*再见，
祝你万事如意*
*Adieu
et bonne chance!*



in Chinatown and Elmhurst. When it comes to the diversity of spoken languages in New York, "you get a little bit of everything," Mr. Acosta said. "Go to a subway and sit down and perk up your ears. What are you going to hear? Different languages. And you'll see people reading in different languages. It's normal here, but you don't see that in most cities."

Regis and the many students who've passed through his classrooms over the years owe much to Mr. Acosta, but he reflects on his tenure with humility. "If there's anything I truly enjoyed about Regis, even more than creating the Chinese program, it's simply working with good students," he said. Teaching at Regis "is really a worthwhile experience. It certainly is for me, dealing with students who like to learn and work well not only with their teachers, but with each other too."

Mr. Acosta leaves a language department that will continue to bear the traces of his service, and his fellow departmental faculty are quick to praise him for all he's done inside and outside the classroom.

"Pedro is more than just a colleague; he's a mentor and a true friend," said Ms. Arianna Huergo, chair of the Language Department. "I can't even

begin to thank him for everything he has done for me. He changed my life, and I'm sure I'm not the only one whose life he has changed."

In 2009, Mr. Acosta won the Patricia Hannon Ignatian Educator Award, recognizing his passion in the classroom and his wider commitment to the education of his students.

Said Ms. Huergo: "We affectionately call him the 'Google of languages' because of the passion and incredible knowledge he shares with everyone. We are incredibly sad to see him go."

'There Are Doors Opening That Would Have Never Been Opened Before'

The new Rise Program offers mentorship for Regians who will be first-generation college students.



Members of the Rise Program were joined by their mentors, as well as Dean of Students Mr. Brian Robinson and Director of Belonging, Dignity, and Justice Ms. Belkise Dallam, at a Nets game on March 29.

As a boy, Dean of Students Mr. Brian Robinson was the first student to win a scholarship to St. Peter's Prep from Centro Amici, a community-based organization that supports education in New Jersey for students who are most underserved by existing need-based programs. He credits that support for changing his life, and when Mr. Robinson arrived at Regis in the fall, he wanted to create a program that would, in its own way, help set up Regians for success later in life.

The resulting initiative, dubbed the Rise Program, pairs current Regians who will be first-generation college students with alumni who can provide support and guidance as they prepare for life beyond 84th Street. The program is a joint venture between the Office for Belonging, Dignity, and Justice and the Student Life Office, led by Mr. Robinson.

"It's a full circle moment being able to start the Rise Program," said Mr. Robinson. "When I think of the ways that I grew up and how some of my friends grew up, I am reminded of the opportunities that were not afforded to us. Whether we were too busy in the classroom, playing a sport, or working, we didn't have the ability to be in a program like this. I am honored that I get to be a part of something that can influence these young men's lives in a positive and supportive way."

As part of the program, students meet alumni who were also first-generation college students. These alumni facilitate a group mentoring environment to help participants navigate their future scholastic pursuits and professional endeavors.

Among these mentors is Matthew Ulloa '09, who is also a graduate of the founding REACH Class of 2005. After Regis, Ulloa was the first of his immediate family to attend college, studying business at the University of Delaware.

"Being in that first REACH class, the students and their families were taking a huge leap of faith

and putting a lot of trust into a new program, which ended up being one of the most meaningful opportunities of my lifetime," said Ulloa, who joined Bloomberg as an internal auditor after college and is one of the leaders of the Regians of Color alumni affinity group. "Through my experience with REACH, I came to realize that nobody does well in a vacuum. We need that support around, and being able to give current students the tools to succeed at Regis and to eventually succeed in college and their careers is truly special."

The Rise Program formally launched in February. Among the early opportunities for Regians and their mentors to get to know each other was an outing to a Brooklyn Nets game, where they were joined by Mr. Robinson and Director of Belonging, Dignity, and Justice Ms. Belkise Dallam.

As Rise Program students graduate from Regis, they'll also be able to return as mentors for future Regians, offering the kind of guidance on college and professional life that they themselves received.

"The students are really excited about the program, and they will be helping us to build Rise and eventually be mentors for future generations of Regians," said Ms. Dallam.

Lucas Bujosa '26, a founding member of the program, says he's thankful for the opportunity.

"The one word I could use to describe the Rise Program would be 'hopeful,'" says Bujosa, who is also a REACH graduate from the Class of 2024. "With these alumni mentors, there are doors opening that would have never been opened before. Getting my start in REACH led me to think that college was not only a possibility, but a reality. Now with the Rise Program, I see that those dreams that started in the REACH Program were not only real, but I would now have the support available to help me thrive beyond Regis."

Called by God

Three Regis alumni in Jesuit formation for priesthood discuss their paths to religious life.



In 2015, David Said, SJ, '14 was a sophomore at Georgetown with plans to attend medical school after graduation. A friend had gotten him a ticket to see Pope Francis speak on Capitol Hill during his visit to the United States, and Said quickly accepted. Said says that at the time, he "wasn't so deep" in his faith, other than going to Mass on Sundays. But something changed in him that day.

"There was something about Pope Francis's presence," recalls Said. "Just seeing his example and being in his presence rekindled the faith that was always within me that never really left."

Today, Said is one of three Regis alumni currently in Jesuit formation for priesthood, a process that can take up to 12 years. The process includes two years of Novitiate and seven to 10 years of academic studies and pastoral work in preparation for ordination. A Jesuit scholastic's journey continues with

additional years of ministerial work, professional studies, and a year of preparation for Final Vows.

During his time at Regis and working at the REACH Program in Scranton, Said got to know history teacher Rev. Arthur Bender, SJ, '67; Rev. James Croghan, SJ, then the Interim President of Regis; and Rev. Mario Powell, SJ, then the Director of REACH. Said says that while he wasn't yet considering entering the Jesuits at the time, each of these men left an impression on him.

"They seemed genuinely joyful in what they're doing," remembers Said. "I didn't have an inside look at what their day looks like exactly minute-by-minute, but just based on what they were doing and how they worked, there seemed to be a real joy there."

Said, who is currently in the Regency stage of his formation and teaching at Xavier High School, had also considered becoming a diocesan priest, but he was ultimately drawn to the Jesuit order.

"I was just really drawn to the mission and this idea, which is both scary but also very inviting and exciting, of being able to be sent anywhere, of being sent to the margins," he said.

Brian Engelhart, SJ, '12, who is also in the Regency stage of his formation and teaching at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School, recalls reading a book by Rev. James Martin, SJ, in which Martin described his day-to-day life during the Novitiate stage of formation. During the Novitiate, Jesuits take part in four fundamental experiences: a month of Spiritual Exercises, a month of service in a hospital, an extended time serving in a Jesuit ministry while living in community, and a pilgrimage in poverty.

"It was a crystal clear picture of like, oh, that's how I would like to spend my time," said Engelhart, who at the time was studying electrical engineering at Villanova. "It took a few months before I realized that the thought wasn't going

away, because as attractive as that idea was, there was a little bit of like, I didn't ask for this. I was hoping to just find an easy way to graduate from college and find a nice, comfortable, simple life as soon as possible. But when I realized it wasn't going away, I started to look into it, and I reached out to the vocation office and went from there."

Rev. Philip Florio, SJ, Director of Vocations for the USA East Province, says that for some, God can be like a "nagging puppy who is constantly nipping at your heels to get you to pay attention" and that individuals should pay attention to the signs all around them.

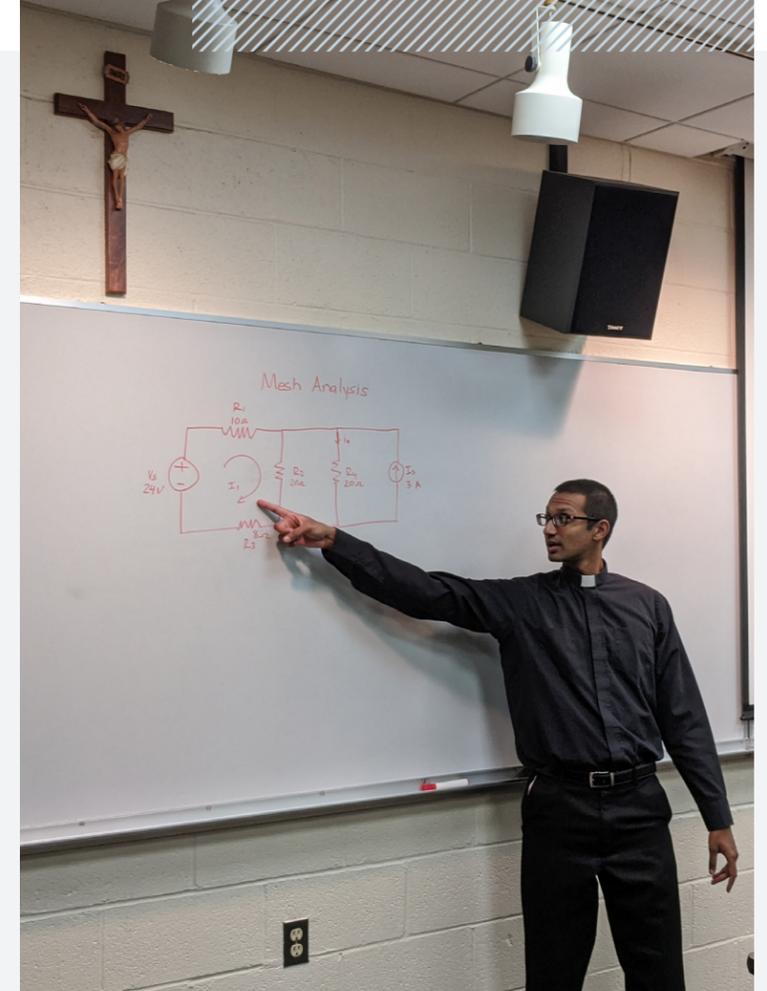
"God's call can sometimes be very subtle, and other times it can be extremely dramatic," said Florio.

He says that the vast majority of men entering the Jesuits are between 22 and 32 years old, drawn to the order's mission-focused spirituality and the community life that Jesuits are a part of. He said it's common for students to reach out to the Jesuits, as Said and Engelhart did, but the Jesuits also encourage individuals to get some life experience.

"We tend to encourage young men in high school to go to college," said Florio. "A number of college students belong to discernment groups, but we also encourage them to be college kids at the same time."

Melvin Rayappa, SJ, '08, who is currently in his second of three years of theology studies and hopes to be ordained a priest in June 2025, says that his time at Regis was an opportunity for him to grow spiritually, especially during the retreats he attended, even if he didn't know quite yet that he'd choose a religious life as a Jesuit.

"In those teenage years, you're on the cusp of being a child versus being an adult," said Rayappa. "I appreciated that Regis didn't really answer the questions for me but gave me the space to struggle with some of these questions about my faith and what it means to be an adult. I appreciate the structures and the resources that helped push me towards this good direction in my life."



From top: Melvin Rayappa, SJ, '08 teaching electrical engineering at Loyola University Maryland and Brian Engelhart, SJ, '12 teaching math at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School.

Opposite page: David Said, SJ, '14 in the student chapel at Xavier High School, where he teaches religion and math.

Prowlings

1949

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Francis Cryan writes, “Greetings to all my classmates. I am fully aware that many of you are living in great distress, and I pray for you each day. I feel very fortunate to be able to continue to serve my community and church while living alone and doing everything necessary to maintain my own house and lifestyle. Best wishes to you all.”

1950

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1951

1952

1953

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Hats off to Class of '53! There are 35 living graduates, all of whom went to college and 80 percent of whom went on to graduate school. Listed below are fellow classmates by name, college, graduate school, and occupation:

Thomas Bergin, Manhattan, Seminary, Hunter, priest and head of New York City Catholic schools

George Bouvet, Naval Academy, Carnegie Tech, MBA, sales/marketing

John Cannon, Fordham, Harvard Law, senior counsel

Richard Coleman, Georgetown, Harvard Law, lawyer, mediator, professor

Ray Conrad, Manhattan, Fairleigh Dickenson, manufacturer rep

Victor Figurelli, Wagner, Stevens, consultant

Brian Fitzgerald, Manhattan, Northeastern, engineer/management

Archibald Fleming, Iona, data engineer

Raymond Gehan, Manhattan, Fordham Law, financial consultant

Fred Gluck, Manhattan, NYU, large worldwide consultant company head

Thomas Hickey, Manhattan, Fordham Law, attorney/engineer

Peter Holzer, U of Detroit, Stanford, group leader

Edward Kapp, Manhattan, MIT, engineering manager

Gerhart Karg, Manhattan, Polytechnic, chemical director

William Kenny, St. Peter's, director of psychiatric center

Bruce McAllister, Holy Cross, Harvard Law, attorney

Joseph McDonald, Manhattan, Polytechnic, engineer/executive

James I. McGuire, RPI, Harvard, engineering consultant executive

James J. McGuire, Fordham, American University Law, attorney/U.S. Army officer

Brady McKaig, Notre Dame, Cornell Medical, medical director/doctor

Joseph Merklin, Manhattan, University of Minnesota, professor, Ph.D

Robert Mulligan, Manhattan, Fordham, attorney

Paul Olivo, NYU-BME, Fordham Law/MBA, atty/engineer

Thomas Rossano, Manhattan, engineer/manager

John Roche, Manhattan, Harvard Law, large Wall Street firm general counsel

John Russo, Seton Hall, New Jersey College of Medicine, director of pathology lab

Patrick Ryan, St. Francis, Villanova, general counsel

John Sullivan, Seminary, priest/pastor

Ronald Tobin, St Peter's, Princeton, Ph.D, professor/author

Louis Villamana, Fordham, St. John's, school principal

William Walker, Fordham, physicist

John Wallace, Holy Cross, Fordham Law, attorney

James Whelan, Fordham, St. John Fisher, consultant

Denis Woods, Fordham, University of Chicago, professor

Brian Fitzgerald writes, “My wife Kathy and I just returned home from a vacation in Palm Desert in not-so-sunny California. We had a delightful lunch with Dick and Bonny Coleman and Jim Whelan for our annual ‘Regis reunion in the desert,’ where we played some golf, saw some shows and avoided the big storm back home. Our grandson, William, has the title role in a new movie called *Ezra* starring Bobby Cannavale and Robert De Niro. The film will be released to theaters on May 31. I hope you all will enjoy seeing it.”

1954

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Bill Monahan's comment when he heard of **Dick Ward's** death — “We have lost a sweetheart” — provides a perfect segue into his obituary: “Richard (Dick) Ward, an intellectual property attorney and former mayor of San Marino, passed away at his home on March 20, 2024, surrounded by his wife of 55 years and his five children. He was 87 years old. Known as ‘Da’ to his 13 grandchildren, he will

be remembered for his dedicated service to his community, his competitive love of sports, his passion for winemaking, and his love for his family. The oldest of five children, Dick was born in Chicago, Ill., to Irish parents Richard J. Ward and Catherine Joyce Ward on May 10, 1936. His father worked for Santa Fe Railroad, so Dick grew up in multiple cities across the United States. He lived in New York City during his secondary school years and attended Regis High School, a Jesuit Catholic school. He went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from St. Louis University in 1958 and a juris doctor in law from the University of Southern California in 1964. Dick was a partner and practiced patent law for the firm Christie, Parker & Hale for 46 years before he retired. Dick married Ann (Salvaty) Ward in 1967 and moved to San Marino where they started their family of five. Despite his busy law career, Dick joined and served many local civic organizations, coached countless basketball, softball, and baseball teams, and spent decades pursuing his wine-making passion bottling his under the beloved label, La Vista. He never shied away from leadership positions and over the years served as president of the San Marino Schools Foundation, San Marino City Club, the Pasadena Respiratory Health Foundation, and San Marino Little League. His most cherished position was serving on the San Marino City Council and as mayor presiding over the city's centennial celebration. Dick was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2009. For 15 years, he battled the disease, but never let it beat him physically or mentally. With the assistance of his trusty walker, his wife, and his team of dedicated caregivers, he made cross-country trips for Regis reunions, family weddings, and multiple celebrations of life. He loved his family and friends and never wanted to miss out on a party. He stayed connected to everyone through phone calls, emails, and visits. His presence was felt and will be missed. Dick is survived by his wife Ann, and his children Beth Francesconi (Gary), Katie Ward (Eric Hamilton), Megan Abramsonward (Hans), Peter Ward (Anna), Tommy Ward (Selina Keilani); grandchildren Madelyn, Charlie, Ben, Felix, Murray, Caetano, Tomasso, Ronaldo, Grace, Maggie, Oliver, Faris, and Ayman; siblings Joyce Ninneman, Marilyn Mathis, and Phil Ward, and was preceded in death by his brother Tom Ward. A funeral service to celebrate Dick's life will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church in South Pasadena.” Dick was hoping to come to the 70th reunion in June and volunteered to chair it if we needed one. He loved Regis and felt it was one of the great gifts of his life. **Traug Lawler** writes, “My wife Peggy

and I have sold our Hamden, Conn., house and will move to a new townhouse a couple of miles away in Woodbridge, N.J. The point is to downsize. We will be at the 70th reunion and hope to see many of you.” **Jim McGroddy**, despite some physical setbacks, has kept busy and updates that he was blessed with the arrival of his second great-grandchild, Kate Liebscher, on March 13. She and her big brother, Rob, live in Burlington, Vt., and Jim hopes to meet her in person soon! He himself is dealing with the effects of CIDP, an autoimmune neurological condition, likely triggered by inappropriate prophylactic use of Keytruda, which severely limits his mobility. Complicating things, there were major problems in anesthesia at his recent hip replacement at HSS, and his breathing and other aspects of life were badly affected. With tremendous support from his wife, Amy, and his son and four daughters, all living within driving distance of his home in Westchester, he survived and is making good progress toward recovery. He hopes to join our 70th reunion in June. Given the encouragement of Traug and Jim and the Regis spirit of Dick, the Golden Owls Reunion on June 15 should be a good one. See you there!

1955

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Joseph Ramos has published a book on the existence of God titled *Belief or Unbelief: The Mystery of God in the Light of Reason*. In the book, which is available on Amazon, Joe argues that belief is not only the more hopeful hypothesis, a point unbelievers readily concede, but more importantly, the more reasonable one in the light of philosophic considerations and the evidence of modern science. The book is an invitation to open-minded readers with the courage to rethink basic positions.

Deepest condolences on the passing of **Paul Anderson**, who passed on November 27, 2023. Paul graduated from the University of Notre Dame and Carnegie Mellon University. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army, worked as a White House Fellow for one year, and worked 40 distinguished years at Booz, Allen & Hamilton consulting. He once said that “the friends he made at Regis were among the brightest and most interesting he had ever made.” Paul had many friends in many places! Paul never forgot from whom he came and from what he came. He lived for more than 40 years in Chicago where he was heavily involved in Chicago cultural activities and philanthropic causes, and for 65 years, he was most generous to Regis. RIP. Deepest condolences on the passing of **Ed Ahearn**, who passed on December 11, 2023. Ed grew up in Brooklyn and was the oldest of five brothers. His father was a lieutenant in the New York Fire Department. At Regis he was a member of the Classical Greek program. We were in class with Ed for three years. He was

very studious, focused, and mission-oriented. He was an outstanding pitcher on the Regis baseball team. He received a full scholarship to Manhattan College and later a Ph.D in French and comparative literature from Yale University. In the Classical Greek program, he studied English, Latin, Classical Greek, and French. Language study whetted his appetite and determined his college major, graduate school specialty, and professional career. Some five students from the Classical Greek program in their senior year of college received a Woodrow Wilson National Foundation Fellowship. The five students were Ed Ahearn, Manhattan College, Yale University studying French and comparative literature; **John Githens**, Fordham University, Yale University studying Russian; **Donald Lyons**, Harvard University studying classics; **John Morriss**, University of Chicago studying French; **Walter Ward**, University of Chicago studying anthropology. Ed Ahearn taught French and comparative literature for 49 years at Brown University, where he was a full professor and department chair. He was not only a great professor, but a popular one. Students would “fight” to get into his courses. Ed met his future wife, Michelle Respart, on the campus of Brown University. He was a professor and she was a student in French class. She grew up in Montpellier in the south of France, west of Marseille. We met Ed and Michelle at our Regis 50th Reunion. They were a great couple and true soulmates. They were both bilingual. They were married for 60 years and were bi-linguistically connected. The route from Brooklyn and Montpellier to New Haven and Providence was long traveled, well executed, and well worth the effort. There was a memorial service in the Brown chapel, attended by hundreds of faculty, administration, students, family, and friends. RIP, *mon ami et mon vieux, mon copain*. At Fordham we majored in French and graduated *cum laude*, receiving at graduation the Silver Medal of Excellence. We received a French Government Assistantship and a Fulbright Grant. This allowed us to teach English and American culture in a middle school in Toulouse, France. We studied French at, and received a degree from, the University of Toulouse. We received a master's degree in French from the University of Chicago. Years later, we published two books that were translations from the original French. In June 1994, we served as the French-English interpreter for the 29th Division of the U.S. Army for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France. We were impressed with the 29th Division's accounts of the war and with their courage, bravery, patriotism, work ethic, and single-mindedness. They were truly part of “America's Greatest Generation.” Bob Slaughter was the iconic medic who treated the wounds and injuries of the division and those of the captured Nazis. We were awed by his presence. When he entered a room, he lit up the place. Years later, he played a role in the film

Saving Private Ryan, for which he was also an adviser to the filmmaker. June 2024 is the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. The division was basically 18-year-old kids who were fighting 3,000 miles from home, in a country, on a continent, and against an enemy they did not know. They fought bravely against the Nazis and liberated Normandy. They fought against the Nazis in Germany until the end of the war. The 29th Division exists today and has served with distinction in all of America's wars. There is a National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., which honors the D-Day warriors. We attended, as a guest of the 29th Division, the opening day ceremony on June 6, 2001. We heard speeches from Admiral Philippe DeGaulle (son of Gen. Charles DeGaulle) and from President George W. Bush. *Sic transit gloria mundi!*

1956

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Ray McGuire writes, “We lost two of our most accomplished classmates in the spring of 2024: **Peter Cinelli**, M.D., died on February 27, and **Robert “Bob” Neuner** died a month later, on March 25. Bob Neuner grew up on City Island (St. Mary's Star of the Sea) and turned up at Regis in 1956, measuring no more than 5'4” and weighing about 130 pounds. He was a feisty kid and made the freshman basketball team. Bob and I were the only Regians to stay on the IRT local after the E. 177th Street-Parkchester stop. We remained good friends until our different academic tracks took us on different career paths. Bob was a strong swimmer and lettered for three years, along with team captain **Paul Lennon**, as a member of the Regis swimming team (yes, we did have a swim team). Bob majored in electrical engineering at Manhattan College, found his way to Fordham Law School, and ended up a highly respected intellectual property lawyer at Brumbaugh Graves Donohue & Raymond. Bob was the managing partner at his firm until it merged with Baker Botts. While at the Brumbaugh firm, Bob served as president of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association. He is survived by his wife Debbie Aronson Neuner, along with four children and 12 grandchildren. According to family members, he always put his family first and delighted in spending time with his grandchildren. As we all observed over the years, the feisty kid from City Island grew into an impressive 6'2” mature man and a quietly competent and accomplished lawyer. Rest in peace. Dr. Peter Cinelli had a distinguished career as a reconstructive surgeon in New York City, ending up as Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital. Peter did his pre-med at Holy Cross and completed medical school at John Hopkins. We recently learned from his close friend Dr. Thomas Smith that Peter was also a successful

real estate entrepreneur, investing in properties on Fire Island early in his career and then in Fort Lauderdale, where Peter retired in 2010. Peter's partner of 45 years and eventual spouse, Michael, died in 2015, apparently leaving a huge void in his life. But he eventually turned to philanthropy and was highly regarded in Fort Lauderdale for his support of numerous art programs, including the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, as well as for Care Resource, Holy Cross, and John Hopkins. Peter was estranged from Regis for some years. Several of his classmates reached out to the good doctor in 2006 for our 50th reunion, where he turned up and had a wonderful time. From then on, he resumed his support for Regis, particularly for the REACH program, and made a generous contribution towards our \$225,000 class gift commemorating our 65th anniversary. Among Peter's most significant philanthropic contributions was his support for SPOT, a subsidiary of Care Resource in Fort Lauderdale. The Care Resource Behavioral Health Center in Broward County will be renamed the Cinelli Center at Care Resource, in recognition of Peter's generous support over the years. Again according to Dr. Smith, Peter's most heartfelt philanthropic involvement was with the Sunshine Cathedral, Broward County's largest LGBTQ church. This man exemplified everything good about Regis culture."

1957

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John Garvey writes, "Emma and I will be celebrating our 60th anniversary in June, to be followed shortly thereafter by our eldest granddaughter, Shannon, delivering our first great-grandchild! After 43 years of living in a split-level home on the East Side of Columbus, we moved to a single floor condo on the North Side and have been here for about a year and a half. We both have mobility challenges, Emma much more so than I. Six of our nine grandkids have graduated from college, with the remaining three in the process, and all are living the faith. Our two oldest kids, Erin and John III, are successful small business owners and our youngest, Sean, is a retired firefighter/medic. A personal highlight was receiving my 50-gallon pin from the Red Cross last summer. We are truly blessed, and I will be forever thankful for the opportunity to be a Regian." Channeling former *Owl* sportswriters **Dennis Flannery** and **Tom Nacinovich '58**, **John Hannaway** provides an up-to-the-minute (as of this writing) report on the triumphs of the Regis basketball program: "I was able to attend a few Regis basketball games this season, all of which were won by our team. The varsity dominated during the regular season and thus had the top seed for the CHSAA playoffs, which produced three tournament wins, including the title game against St. John's Prep. Next up was St. Mary's, who were the upstate champs from the

Buffalo area. Another double-digit win for the state Catholic championship. Finally, two days ago was the inaugural tournament between the New York City public schools champions and the CHSAA city champs. Regis beat South Bronx Prep by 14 points. Regis plays in the "B" division but had several wins against bigger schools including Xavier and Fordham Prep — a rare double win. Needless to say, I was impressed by the quality of play, which reminded me of some momentous moments from the '50s and tales of the '40s. The father of one of the current seniors (who I'm proud to say started his career as one of my CYO players and who will play at West Point next year) remarked to me that this year's team might be the best in school history. Be assured that I pushed back appropriately on that. But, more than the basketball skills impressed me. After the state championship win, witnessed by many of the present students and a full house of parents and family, the team stood at the foul line facing the student section behind the basket and, with arms joined, roared out a full-throated alma mater, which all the students in the stands roared back at the team, as did this alum. It seemed to me that the Regis experience is as life-changing as ever. Briefly, two other observations: The freshman team cruised to an easy victory in the city championship and the JV lost in the semifinals of the Archdiocesan playoffs. Both augur well for more victories in the near future. Finally, the varsity and JV teams traveled to New Rochelle to cheer the freshmen in their title game. Regis guys support one another."

1958

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Jim Higney passed away on August 12, 2023. An outstanding student at Regis, Jim continued his excellence at Notre Dame, where he graduated at the top of his class in the School of Engineering, and later at Gibbs & Cox, Inc., a naval architecture firm, where, in a 40-year stint in mechanical and nuclear engineering, he achieved the rank of president. Jim was also a member of the Homeric Academy at Regis and received an award for his paper on the site of Troy. **Peter Kern** also passed away on February 14 at age 83. Peter received a BA in chemical engineering from Pratt Institute and an MA in mathematics from the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology, and thereafter had an outstanding career in engineering and other professional areas. His accomplishments are too numerous to list but included the following: Senior VP at the New Jersey Zinc Company, president of Palmerton Hospital and later its foundation, board president of the Pleasant Valley School District, director of the American Lung Association of the Lehigh Valley, and president of the Palmerton Area Chamber of Commerce. Peter recently mentioned to **Tom Ryan** that his proudest Regis achievement

was setting the shot put record which still stands today. **Ken McAloon** is mentioned in the Wikipedia article on the Kanamori-McAloon Theorem. **Tom Nacinovich** has informed us that the autobiography of **Tony Fauci** will be published in June. **Michael Napoliello** made his sixth trip to Poland in October of 2023, spending eight days in Zielona Góra. This lovely small city of 140,000 was chosen because it is not a tourist haven, allowing him to live like a Pole for a week and improve his Polish. Also, it is a one-day rail trip from Frankfurt, where he had lived for three years during his military service as a medical officer for the U.S. Army. **Tom Ryan** advises us not to put on trousers standing up due to the (quite real at our age) possibility of falling since he has seen the serious medical consequences in others.

1959

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Frank Figlozzi writes, "A short note about my recent life: After 53 years of service I've finally turned in my retirement as a music group director at our church, Sacred Heart in Bowie, Md. We were always a small group consisting of about six or seven singers and one or two accompanists. The parishioners have followed our lives all the way with home Masses, baptisms, funerals, our yearly Christmas concert, and much more. Many of our members have been with us since we began, one of them going out the door with me. Together, she and I served for more than 100 years. It's amazing how time flies!" **Jim Bonnell** will now spend summers in Malone, N.Y., and winters in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

1960

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John Ward and **Michael Coogan** have just finished reading *Oedipus Rex* in Greek. They do about a hundred lines together once a month. Next they're turning to *The Libation Bearers*, written by Aeschylus, with help from **Kevin Clinton** on the best text. **Ed Powers** reports that he and his wife Nancy spent an enjoyable spring break vacation with their son's family at the Marriott World Center in Orlando. **Henry Ricardo** continues to give talks to the Westchester Area Math Circle and has had two math articles published, one in the United Kingdom and one in a Romanian journal. **Henry and Larry Squeri** are still competing in the online trivia game Quiz Planet. At this time, the lead has shifted in favor of Larry.

1961

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Several people complimented **Greg D'Alessio** for his work researching lost and deceased classmates. **Dom Pistone** wrote "I am impressed with the

work Greg D'Alessio has done on our *bon amis*. A Manhattan classmate, **Matt Dowd**, went to Cornell Law School, graduating in 1968. One of his classmates there was **Mike Bizerjian** who went on to work for the state in Albany. Matt said he came to a few Cornell Law reunions but then dropped out of sight. The Cornell Law School alumni managers seem to have lost touch with him just like us." CatManDan (**Dan Flanagan**) added, "Kudos to Greg for the updated list. Shocked to learn about **Mickey McGuire**, who was looking great. As I recall, **Pat Sullivan** was killed in Vietnam between '70 and '75. They're in a better place, but I urge you all to become centenarians. 'You are what you eat.' So call me 'kale.' And drink filtered water. Get a pet." **Pete Madori** wrote, "I learned of **Dave Mahle's** death in the last issue of *Regis Magazine*. I set aside a date to offer morning Mass for him. It's funny how things go. He was right behind me in homeroom ID, because he's M-a-h and I am M-a-d: two complete strangers thrown together by the alphabet. I had some of my own friends going to Regis with me: **Joe Angelo**, **Bob Esposito**, **John O'Shaughnessy**, and **'Rug' Paolini**. Joe and I were classmates for eight years in grade school; the others, who attended other nearby parochial schools, got on at the same stop as me on the Third Avenue el, and we bonded quickly. Bob lived across the street from our church, *Our Saviour* on 183rd and Washington Avenue in the Bronx. Eventually, we both were employed as evening receptionists in the parish rectory, and we remain good friends to this day. But, as frightened frosh, Dave and I made a bee-line for each other during those first fraught days, any time we had to gather. But that only lasted for a week or two until we both got acclimated to our new school. Dave quickly found other friends and joined sports activities. Since he lived in New Jersey (basically a foreign country for us Bronx kids), we had little in common outside of school — no commuting companionship, no social or neighborhood connections. By the end of freshman year, we were reduced to 'hi' as we passed each other in the halls or locker room. Still, he holds a place in my memory as 'my first Regis friend.' There would be others, many of them now on the Regian obituary list, some lost in the rush of the years. *Requiescant in pace* until we meet at God's eternal JUG Night." On a happier note, **Ted Vorburger** and family are looking ahead to the coming eclipse. "We are aiming to chase the total eclipse on April 8 with our younger daughter Jane and her family after witnessing the preceding total eclipse in 2017 in Wyoming with our older daughter, Judy, and her family. We will fly to Oklahoma City and pick up Jane and her sons, who live in Norman, then drive to Fort Smith, Ark., just outside the zone of totality, where we were fortunate to book rooms early. On April 8, we will drive further and hope to make it to Waldron or Mount Magazine State Park or Petit Jean State Park in Arkansas, depending on the most promising weather forecast.

It turns out that Judy and our granddaughter Anja, don't want to miss this eclipse either after seeing the last one, so they are tagging along. As of today, March 31, the long-range weather forecast for April 8 is looking gloomy. We are praying for a little break in the clouds the afternoon of April 8!" **Mike O'Gara** has been successfully fighting lymphoma. He sent this update: "I'm well and still in remission. Will be checked again next week, but odds are in my favor. Working toward 10,000 steps! Weather has been somewhat *nevermind*, but Easter is nigh, the forsythia hedgerows are yellow along with the daffodils. Regards to all and as per **Father Carney**, *courage and confidence!*" **Phil Rossi** added his own status: "As I approach the end of my second year in the Jesuit health care community outside Milwaukee, I've mostly adjusted to its way of *proceeding* (to use what has become a well-worn Jesuit expression!). Despite limitations on my mobility (I need to use a walker), I have been able to participate in small-scale academic conferences in local venues (one at Notre Dame, two at Marquette), where I presented papers on two of my "go-to guys," Immanuel Kant and Charles Taylor, the Canadian philosopher. The last of these conferences will be late in April, after which I have scheduled replacement surgery for my left knee. Should have an update for *Regis Magazine* on the next go-round!" **Jim O'Sullivan** and his wife, Janet, are moving from their waterfront home in Windmill Harbour on Hilton Head Island, S.C., to Tide Pointe, a continuing care retirement community, also on Hilton Head. Now, a final note from your class correspondent. Greg D'Alessio and I (mostly Greg) had some success last year in locating two classmates for whom neither Regis nor I had contact information. Happily, **Gerry Reilly** and **Frank Terranova** are back in the fold and should be receiving *Regis Magazine* once again. We are still missing some or all contact information for 21 classmates. We would like to solicit your assistance in finding any of your close friends from your days at Regis. The list of missing classmates can be found in the "Overview Statistics" section of Greg's Chronological List which I sent out previously. If you decide to reach out to one of the missing, let me know and I will provide any contact information we have. For example, we have new contact information for **Vic Gonnella**, **Ray Hayes**, and **Joe Welch**, but have not gotten a response from any of them. An old pal might be able to do the trick.

1962

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Bob Abbott wrote last fall to solicit opinions on Emily Wilson's new translation of the *Iliad*, sparking an erudite online conversation that, among other things, revealed how much our high school study of Greek still means to many classmates. Bob liked Wilson's version much better than the Rieu

translation he used for the Homeric Society in senior year, and thought it would be even better to listen to orally than to read. **Spencer Weig** was stimulated to check Wilson's 2018 translation of the *Odyssey* and agreed with Bob. "Like Spencer," wrote **Ken Gavin, SJ**, "I enjoyed reading Emily Wilson's translation of the *Odyssey*. I found it straightforward but bold, filled with many moving images and metaphors that describe well a man's deep desire to return to his home. This free translation brought forth in me a broad set of emotions and events that I wasn't quite able to tackle as a youngster, especially reading it in Greek. I look forward to her *Iliad*." **Greg Lowell** commented, "I loved our Greek classes and consider the study of ancient Greek one of my favorite and best learning experiences. Still keep the original version of the *Odyssey* by my bedside though my Greek has become rusty. Liked the Fitzgerald translation, but nothing beats the original. Thanks for reminding me about the *Iliad*." **Allan Service** noted that he has long believed that Greek and debate were the two key elements of his Regis education and added, "I've read the Wilson version of the *Odyssey* and found it to be the best ever, by far. Her line-by-line faithfulness is truly imposing. She richly deserves the genius grant she received. Looking forward to the *Iliad*." The discussion reminded **Bill Gallaher** of many conversations with his late son, Will, a *summa cum laude* classics major at Princeton, and it stirred **Jack Clarke** to recommend Simone Weil's 1940 essay, "The *Iliad*: Poem of Force," which he first read in 1966 against the backdrop of Vietnam and which had a powerful influence on his life. Amid all of the acclaim for Homer, **Edward Ryan** offered a dissenting view: "A short time ago I read some of the *Iliad* (not the Wilson translation) and wearied of the repeated and detailed gory descriptions of battle deaths." Edward solicited the opinion of our resident classicist, **Richard Tarrant**, on the translation question. The Pope Professor of the Latin Language and Literature, emeritus, at Harvard soon responded, arguing that "translators can broadly be divided into familiarizers, who aim to bring the text as close as possible to the language of their audience, and those who deliberately adopt a less familiar idiom, as a way of conveying some of the otherness of the original. Wilson is a familiarizer, and her translation will make Homer accessible to contemporary readers — a good thing. But there is also something to be said for the other approach, as exemplified by the translation of Richmond Lattimore, published in 1951 and still in print. Translations of the classics that have something fresh to offer are always welcome, and that is true for Wilson. But I will be holding on to my broken-backed copy of Lattimore." I found it interesting that Abbott, Lowell, and Gallaher, very far from being classics professors themselves, all indicated that they still pick up their old Greek original texts from time to time. On the other hand,

Bill Leunig noted that he found all the languages very tough going in high school but added that Greek offered at least some preparation for his later role as on-site project director for Bechtel's construction of the new Athens subway system for five years in the 1990s. Neither Bill nor Richard completely ended the discussion. **Frank Stella** wrote from Ireland in December to recommend an online interview with Wilson in January in Dublin, and in March **John Docherty** called attention to a New York Public Library interview with her, then coming up at the end of April. Also in March, Bill Leunig reported on "a very enjoyable evening" with Fr. Devron, S.J., VP for Advancement Maureen Barry P'21, and about 30 Bay Area alums. But in a "sad" capstone to our discussion, Bill noted that Fr. Devron mentioned that the classical languages were no longer required at Regis! Latin continues to be offered, and Spanish has been added to the French and German options we enjoyed. Mandarin Chinese has replaced Greek in the course offerings. This brought a question from **Gene Burke** about other changes at Regis over the last six decades. In particular, Gene wondered about the roughly 30 percent rate of attrition among those who entered with our class in September, 1958. Bill Gallaher recalled asking someone officially about it at the time. "The answer I recall was that the entrance exam only measured ability to meet Regis standards, not the motivation. Not who would leave their neighborhoods for the East Side of Manhattan every day. Not who would sometimes endure a long commute. Not who would put in the work. Not who really wanted to be there as much as their parents wanted them there. Guys with lower entrance scores could succeed, and ones with higher test scores drop out." Bill contrasted the "Darwinian" Regis experience during our years with the extensive efforts at LSU Medical School, where he later taught, to retain as many students as possible — efforts that generally produced successful results in the long run. **John James** offered a health update in January after a week of CAT scans and follow-up physician appointments related to his pancreatic cancer treatment. "Both the oncologist and radiologist are pleased with the results of the scans. There has been no apparent spread of the cancer after the chemotherapy infusions, 30 radiology treatments, and 180 chemo pills (but who's counting?). The current plan is that I will continue on 'maintenance therapy' with chemo pills and, barring any unforeseen events, will be on a schedule of quarterly scans to track, hopefully, the reduction of the tumor. My hair has grown back and I have regained five of the 30 pounds I lost during the past nine months of treatment once we rediscovered chocolate donuts." **Brendan Thomson's** question to the group about Istanbul experiences called forth some vivid memories from **Joe Connors**, **Jim Ralston**, **Bob Sheehan**, Bill Leunig, and Bob Abbott, who also

recommended Ephesus and its "mind-boggling" excavations of Roman and Hellenistic ruins; the advice is strongly seconded by John Docherty. **Dave Birch** wrote about a "true bucket list trip" to Turkey, including Izmir and several Aegean islands as well as Istanbul and Ephesus. In a later message, Brendan reported that he and his wife Sandy would be attending the wedding of another of his protégées in Palermo, Sicily, in September. Brendan and Sandy had assisted the bride-to-be in Phoenix last year following her graduation from the University of Louvain in Belgium, helping her to settle in and showing her some of Arizona. At Louvain, she wrote a doctoral dissertation on the Biblical book of Ruth, and she is now working on the translations of the Old Testament into Greek that some believe were commissioned by Ptolemy II, Pharaoh of Egypt, in the third century B.C.E. **Ed Curtin** wrote in March with a link to his blog review of the first installment of a new documentary series, *Four Died Trying*, about the assassinations of the Kennedy brothers, MLK, and Malcolm X. This installment, "The World as It Was," masterfully sets the historical context of the 1950s, reported Ed. Last but not least, several classmates reacted to the sad news of the February passing of **Jerry Kappes '52**, who taught English to many of us. **John O'Rourke** recalled Jerry as "a warm and thoughtful person," and **Kieran Meagher** added that "Jerry was a gracious and sophisticated part of the Regis experience and for so many years afterward." Gene Burke, who (like John and Kieran) knew him in the years after Regis, noted that "Jerry was fun and fascinating to talk to. I'm sure he greatly missed teaching" after he left Regis in the 1980s. Frank Stella recalled helpful discussions with Jerry a few years ago when Frank was trying to stimulate interest in the possibility of coeducation at Regis. "Jerry was truly devoted to Regis."

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Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, SC, remarked in her eulogy for **Rev. James Joyce, SJ**, "Each of us here have countless stories of Jim. These stories about his caring, his challenging, his-risk taking that will continue to be told for years to come. He told us through his actions about his intimate relationship with God and how it affected each and every person he encountered on his journey over his 78 years." **Kevin Morris** notes that he is in his third semester at Lehman College, taking art history this term from a professor much like himself: "It's a hoot!" On a different note, he added, "In a singular moment of distraction, I volunteered to sit on the board of my 50-unit co-op, where people get tight shorts about a yapping dog and a blocked parking spot." He meets grumpy old men like himself in the coffee shops, which are "sprouting like mushrooms" in the 'burbs'

north of the Bronx. **Jack Prael**, along with daughters Kathryn and Elisabeth, plus granddaughters Emilia, Helen, Julia, and Clare celebrated Pat Prael's birthday at Manducatis in Long Island City while also welcoming Elisabeth's one-month-old daughter Charlotte. **John Sesody** writes that six alumni of the class of 1963, along with two good friends, have a golf outing coming up on May 5 on Seabrook Island, Charleston, S.C.. This will be the eighth outing for this group — a good time always had by all in spite of the golf! **Len Smiley** relates "a death-defying feat of procrastination: the birth of my first grandson on March 26. As **Pete Roidakis** would say, "Welcome to time, Lester!" In early March, Pat and **John Tweedy** managed to take a rare winter trip to the South to get away from New York winter. They started with a week-long cruise from Florida to the Caribbean, happily greeting the warm temperatures all the way. The following two weeks were spent enjoying visits with daughter Maureen in Sarasota and several siblings and friends who have retired to Florida. On a sad note, we wish to note the passing of **Jerry Kappes '52**, an English teacher for many of us who taught for many years at Regis. Over the years Jerry, John, and Pat became good friends. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.



Jack Prael '63 with his family

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I again hope this edition of the Prowlings finds you healthy and well. 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. Readers will recall — as previously explained by email — that this is our first submission since June 2023. **Ron Malanga** sends along, "Just received *Regis Magazine* and it got me wondering if anyone was doing the Fr. Carney alumni road shows or did they 'pass away' with him? Personally, I really miss his presence. He and Father Duffy were the essence of Regis to me. Our family is getting together next weekend up on Lake Michigan. Hope to have everyone there except for our oldest grandson (we

have 10, with number 11 on the way in late October), who recently began his first job in Pittsburgh. **Ed Scheel** emails: "You did a fantastic job on the Prowlings in the spring edition of *Regis Magazine*. I just finished reading it, and so many names came back with so many wonderful memories. It seems so hard to believe that so much time has passed. After I graduated from Georgetown, I went to medical school at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid and then back on Long Island at Nassau County Medical Center for a five-year general surgery residency and then a fellowship in peripheral vascular surgery at Winthrop University in Mineola. So I was out of touch with everyone for a good 20 years. I have two beautiful daughters, and I'm now retired in Stuart, Fla. Spending time boating and fishing. I have many fond memories of **Lou Fuoco**, **Bob Schmidt**, **Ed Hattauer**, **Jeff Weinlandt**, and **Bob Shullman**. I send my best to everyone." **Joe Coyne** reported that the June 2023 Zoom was attended by **Denis Burt**, **Paul Czuchlewski**, **Rob Haberski**, **Rich Luc**, **Dan McCaffrey**, and **Joe Coyne**. In other news, Jeff Weinlandt asked Joe what he had offered classmates that resulted in more men joining the class list. Joe responded, "After 14 years of Jesuit education (Regis, four; LeMoyné, four; Fordham doctorate, six), I am officially empowered to offer plenary indulgences!" (FYI: There are now 61 members of the class list). Our third class Zoom was held in July and attended by 13 guys: **Ed Scheel**, **Ron Malanga**, **Lou Fuoco**, **Paul Czechlewski**, **Marty Besant**, **John Keane**, **Tom Girolamo**, **Mike Christy**, **Tom Kelly**, **Rich Luc**, **Mike Carris**, **Gene Boggia**, and **Joe Coyne**. There was a lively discussion that included the threats and benefits of AI, complaints about changes at Regis (no shirt and tie? No senior staircase? No senior room? What is this world coming to?), thoughts about what continues to bind us together, as well as the usual good-natured ribbing and banter. In other news, Jeff Weinlandt sent this in: "After coming across a copy of the 1941 yearbook, **Daniel Ngiam '23** (that would be 2023!) was inspired to produce *Project 1941*, a documentary on Regis's 24th graduating class that explores the lives of its members before and after graduation." Visit regis.org/project1941 to watch the documentary." **Pete Rattiger** sends the following: "I rarely get to the East Coast these days, so *Regis Magazine* is a great link to the long ago and far away. I am up in Vancouver at the moment with my wife, Etsuko. British Columbia has been my home away from home for the last 40 years, though I had a long absence thanks to Covid. I'll be driving back to California later this week, but I hope to be back this way in September for a month or so. We'll work our way around the fishing villages of Vancouver Island, which is a bit nicer than Staten Island. Eagles, whales and great fishing for Chinook salmon and halibut. My grammar school pals still call me Rat, as does **Tim Chorba**, a nickname that never offended me. I

always felt that it was quintessentially Brooklyn, the borough of my youth, though I grew up on Staten Island." Mike Christy writes, "I caught up with Joe Coyne this week, and I sent him one of my favorite Monty Python bits. I thought the centurion was remarkably similar to Mr. Cooke. Somewhere during the year, the question of 'pre-admission interviews' came up on the list. Some folks recalled it, others had no recollection (which does *not* mean it didn't happen)." Tom Kelly writes, "I do vaguely recall my parents and I having an interview." On the other hand, **Ed Strickland** claims, "I definitely did NOT have an interview before admission. I recall the post-admission interview well." Then he added, "As I said to a friend yesterday in fact, 'How lucky lucky lucky I was to "make Regis," as we used to say.'" **Bob Walter** had the following recollection: "The first time I entered 55 E. 84th Street was on the day I took the entrance exam; the second time was the first day of class. I was not called for any sort of 'pre-admission' interview." Marty Besant unleashed the following interaction which was found on a certain 'social media platform': "Just saw a sentence concerning produce in season. 'Asparagus is done.' As a scholar of Latin, that presents an interesting subject-verb challenge." Tom Girolamo replied, "It is the plural of asparagus." Then further, he said, "A Latin scholar might posit that the correct plural of asparagus is asparagi." Joe Coyne chimed in: "My wife and I both have a Lexus. Do we own 'Lexi'?" To which Marty Besant answered, "No, no. Your wife and you both have Lexi. Your sentence implies shared ownership of a single vehicle. Or is Lexus like deer or sheep?" Tom Girolamo: "At the other end of the automotive spectrum, those of us with Foci feel your pain." And again: "Should I buy another car so that I own Sonatae? Or Konae? I wonder how to pronounce Prii?" Finally, Marty Besant said, "Sincere apologies for starting this. Now, something serious that I was not intellectually ready to share on the most recent Zoom. We Regians are proud of our classical language background, but I wonder if the Romans or the Greeks scientifically analyzed and categorized their speech as much as we do now. I imagine that their languages morphed and mangled just as our English does now. Somehow, I think the third declension was just a mispronunciation of words from the second." There were other comments about "asparagus/i" but Mike Carris brought a final end to this with: "I guess we probably shouldn't discuss the plurals of "lettuce" So my wife says we should leaf the lettuce alone, and spear her from more asparagus stalk." Joe Coyne's wife concurs: "This is proof all you guys need to come out of retirement and get back to work — you have WAY too much time on your hands." Notwithstanding, John Keane replied, "Perhaps we should use artificial intelligence to settle the arguments, but then it might give us conflicting answers depending on how the questions are presented?" To which Mike Christy said: "Freshman

year, Mr. Cacio. 'The Giants is winning' is technically correct if 'Giants' is a collective noun. The use of 'are' is the custom. Advance to Mr. Clancy for fourth year Latin. Student, 'Why did they use such an odd grammatical construction?' "Because that's the way Roman mothers taught their children." And there you have it." This brought the following observation from **Charlie Cornell**: "Which reminds me how cruel some children can be to their mothers when they teach them. When my mother would help my older sister and I with our Latin homework, we would respond to her always-right corrections with, 'Sure, Mom, you know that because when you took Latin it wasn't a dead language!' All of this prompted Joe Coyne to share the following story: "I was visiting Regis with my son, then a possible prospective student (he's turning 47 this year so you do the math). We were walking along with Fr. Carney when I happened to mention that I still had my Henles except for the third year which had disappeared sometime over the years. Fast forward to JUG Night when I bump into Fr. Carney again. He says, 'I have something for you!' A few moments later, he appears with a third-year Henle with a blue note sticking out of it. The note reads: 'Enjoy! S Duffy.' I still have the Henle and the note. One of my fondest memories of Regis." **Mike Ryan** replies: "Fr. Duffy! Wow! Am I the only one in my Class of '64 who is now an atheist? One would not think that was even possible having been exposed to the Jesuits at Regis, not to mention all the Catholic upbringing before that. I'm happy with my life and comfortable with no 'afterlife.' I still love all you guys, not to mention Fr. Duffy, and many of the cool Jesuit trainees!" Rich Luc comments, "Thanks, I should remember Fr. Duffy was my confessor as I went through my crisis of faith (agnosticism won so he gave me a book on the New England transcendentalists). Fr. Steve was a wonderful man." Joe Coyne commented, "I still can't ever go to Mass without Fr. Duffy's voice in my head when the celebrant says Holy 'SPIRIT.'" Joe Coyne reports, "Sitting here with wife Stephanie (a woman who has a personal letter from Roger Maris) watching the Yankees play the Chicago White Sox. Declan Cronin '15, the Chicago pitcher, a New York Yankees fan, and the first-ever Major League player from Regis, just struck out Giancarlo Stanton and, in fact, the entire side. David Cone, who is announcing the game, said, 'He came from New York, went to Regis, is a Yankee fan, and he just struck out Stanton? He must be having an out-of-body experience!'" To which Rob Haberski replies: "Love it!" **Jim Hoolahan** and **Ken Kelly** followed with links to articles about Declan Cronin. Then Tim Chorba chimed in: "Joe, thanks very much for this note. Regis should be very proud of one of its own who made it to 'the Bigs.' This is far more significant than sequentially expounding on the plural of asparagus." Mike Carris wrote, "I've attached an article about my younger brother's experience after surviving 9/11. Not

bad for a kid from Cardinal Spellman High School. We grew up with ‘disasters’; our dad headed the NYPD Emergency Services and Anti-Terrorist divisions throughout the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s. I’m planning on watching the hedges grow today.” Joe Coyne reports: “In a Sunday issue of the *New York Times*, there was an article about the change in NFL rules allowing for greater options in *not* returning a kickoff or a punt. The change has to do with an attempt to minimize concussions since the kicking team’s members wish to stop (i.e., bury? kill?) the returning opponent. To convey the scene, the writer claimed the player returning the kick would be met with ‘a phalanx of hoplites.’ Great phrase, you will agree, but it left me wondering how many readers understood the term ‘hoplite?’ Ah, the benefits of a Jesuit education: priceless! Ken Kelly opines, “Sure. Heavily armed foot soldier. Close in fighter.” But Jeff Weinlandt states, “In the NFL, not one. Not even those of Greek extraction.” Rob Haberski: “The happy hoplites strike again!” Lou Fuoco: “A phalanx of hoplites followed by a quiver of peltasts.” **Bob Lopato** submits: “In answer to your question about who (besides Regis alumni) would understand what a ‘phalanx of hoplites’ is, frankly I have no clue. But I wonder if our fellow Regis alumnus, Gene Orza, as COO of the NFL Players Association, had some long lasting effect upon the NFL management’s vocabulary? Possible, do you think?” Back to *Project 1941*: A few keen-eyed guys saw a possible picture of our class among those in one episode? **Ray Smith** speculates, “Just saw the picture with Fr. Duffy, et al., in *Project 1941* that was mentioned in your Prowlings write-up. I think the scholastic in the pattern shirt was Mr. Quigley. I agree with all that **Lou Scheeder** is in the shades behind the bat. I think there are one or two members of the class in the picture as well. Will dig out the yearbook.” In the beginning of October, the class noted the passing of **Ken Fisher**. “*Ave atque Vale*.” We had another class Zoom in October (five members of advisement 1A were “in the house!”). A good hour with the usual leg-pulling and memorable stories. Fr Neville imposing punishments for pool table bets in the senior room (because it may be ‘gambling’?). Anecdotes about Fr. Duffy abound. Wearing out two LPs in the senior room (*Meet the Beatles* and *The Ventures*). Mike Christie getting “The Royal Treatment” while traveling in the United Kingdom after mentioning *1066 And All That* to the attending guide. **Dave Ritchie** wrote in, “I forgot where my brother and I had gotten what I set forth below, but I immediately understood the Royal Treatment reference as to the book *1066 and All That*. All my life, I have gotten so much good use out of the *1066 and All That* poem that recites the English monarchs since then. It never fails me when there is an English monarch question on *Jeopardy!*” Probably most notable was the moment, in the middle of all these remembrances, when the *Aeneid* was quoted: “*Foran et haec olim meminisse juvabit.*” (At least three

guys on the call quoted the line verbatim!) We also were reminded of Cicero’s famous statement about friendship: “Seeing that friendship includes very many and very great advantages, it undoubtedly excels all other things in this respect, that it projects the bright ray of hope into the future, and does not suffer the spirit to grow faint or to fall. Again, he who looks upon a true friend, looks, as it were, upon a sort of image of himself. Wherefore friends, though absent, are at hand; though in need, yet abound; though weak, are strong; and — harder saying still — though dead, are yet alive.” (*De Amicitia*, Cicero.) Following the reference to *1066 And All That*, Marty Besant raised a question about *A Canticle for Leibowitz* and asked whether it was an assignment, a personal choice, or perhaps from a reading list. He maintained that it was an assignment in freshman year (astonishingly, Marty quotes from the book: “*Fiat Homo; Fiat Lux; Fiat Voluntas Tuas*”). Rob Haberski claims: “My memory is that **Larry Kenah** found the reading list and that there was some leeway. However I believe *Canticle* was taught in class, but not to all classes. I only finally read it about three years ago.” Mike Christy comments, “We had a reading list that was sent to us in the summer prior to freshman year. *Canticle* was definitely an assignment, I believe in sophomore year.” Dave Ritchie says, “I kinda remember Fr. Furey assigning it to me.” Denis Burt: “Interesting discussion. I definitely read *Canticle* when we were in high school, but I couldn’t tell you whether it was an actual assignment or not. Makes me want to read it again, now, though.” **Jeff Weinlandt** chimes in that he has a copy of the reading list and *Canticle* was *not* on it. To which Denis Burt replied: “Wow! This is just like *Canticle* itself! In only a few more years this will be a priceless relic. What else have you saved?” Paul Czuchlewski differs: “My memory is also senior year with Fr. Furey who taught us English. *Canticle* did not seem to fit with the rest of the syllabus.” Mike Christy: “That sounds more accurate. Also it was during Fr. Furey’s class that the news of the JFK shooting was announced. The class engaged in prayer (his condition was unknown), and I think the balance of the class was canceled. This unleashed a robust set of remembrances about the day Kennedy was shot. Our Class noted the passing of Mr. **Jerry Kappes ’52**. Joe Coyne noted in email: “Some of you may remember that Mr. Kappes had attended at least two of the periodic dinners of the class of 1964 at our invitation. He certainly was a welcome and enthusiastic dinner guest. Rob Haberski said, “I had a chance to speak with him at a book talk last year. I’m glad I got the chance to tell him my memories of his teaching. He was a real gentleman.” Rich Luc stated, “I remember him reading *A Perfect Day For Bananafish* by J.D. Salinger in class and being vaguely aware that stories meant something more than simply the literal words on the page. Still trying to figure out just what.” Ron Malanga reports: “We are

doing well in our new home in Indiana. Doesn’t seem like it could be nearly two years that we are here. Our family continues to grow. In November, we added grandchild number 11, Ford Christopher Hagel. Our oldest grandchild, Tony Malanga, is getting ready to turn 21 in April so we have quite an age span. Finally, my wife Rosemarie and I are really looking forward to our 60th Reunion in June. Can’t believe it’s been 10 years since we were together for the 50th.” **Alan Lupack** offers the following update: “My wife Barbara and I are mounting at the University of Rochester. Called ‘Visualizing Camelot,’ the exhibition features over 350 items — paintings, drawings, illustrated books, and popular culture items (movie posters, toys and games, comic books, youth group memorabilia, advertisements, etc.). All items are from our personal collection, amassed through over 45 years of obsessive collecting. Any classmates who might be in Rochester from March 7–December 2 might find it interesting.” (FYI, Alan is emeritus director of the Robbins Library at the University of Rochester. His wife, Barbara, was academic dean at Empire State College, part of the SUNY system. Together, they are noted experts on the “Arthurian Legend” and prolific collectors of all things “Arthurian.”) Marty Besant perceptively reports, “*American Masters* on PBS will have a two-hour special on Dr. Tony Fauci ’58 February 27 starting at 8 p.m.” You can still search for it on PBS’s website. Our March class Zoom had the biggest turnout yet: Marty Besant, Gene Boggia, Denis Burt, Mike Carris, Mike Christy, Joe Coyne, Paul Czuchlewski, Tom Girolamo, Lou Fuoco, Rob Haberski, John Keane, Tom Kelly, Bob Lopato, Rich Luc, Marty Quigley, Pete Rattiger, Bob Schmidt, and Ed Scheel. The wide-ranging discussion included traveling via the Staten Island Ferry, the problems with ‘artificial intelligence,’ issues surrounding retirement, and a detailed review of the Power Memorial-Regis basketball game involving one Lou Alcindor. We also fondly remembered **Mr. Robert Marasco ’54** and Mr. Jerry Kappes ’52. The reminiscences of the Power Memorial game brought forth some pictures and attempts to identify our players by their uniform numbers. As one would expect, there were agreements and disagreements about who was whom, but we had a few players and eyewitnesses to try to help our aging memories. (And, yes, number 33 was **Joe Cirrito**). **Vinnie Alline** also contributed a news clipping that evoked numerous comments. Charlie Cornell added, “Wow! That’s great! I was definitely at that game, and it really brings back memories. Funny story: I was a student-manager for the junior varsity in sophomore year (when Lew was only 6’11”). We played Power Memorial away that year. The visitors locker room was between the home locker room and the bathrooms. Lew must have gone back and forth three times before the game, moving slowly past the open visitors door. After the second time, someone

said he must be doing that on purpose to intimidate us. It worked.” To which **Bob Metz** commented, “These recollections of ‘the game’ seem to relate to one during our junior year, I hope. My memory conflicted with the anecdotes. Pulling our yearbook down from the shelf confirms that there was a game during our senior year where the result seems consistent with my memories. As I recall, Power Memorial was behind at the end of the first quarter of that game. Now reassured that while my memory may be slipping, I’m not recalling events that only happened in my imagination.” Finally, Joe Coyne writes, “The readers of *The Week* magazine are familiar with the repeating section called “Good Week, Bad Week” which then gives you three reports of news in each category with a single word prompt. This week was a “Good Week” for “anarchy,” after dictionary publisher Miriam-Webster defied centuries of education and tradition with an Instagram post that declared, ‘It is permissible in English for a preposition to be what you end a sentence with.’ What? No jackets and ties? No senior room? No senior staircase? Now this? What are we coming to?” To which Denis Burt replied: “Hilarious! This is precisely the kind of thing up with which I will not put!” Joe observes: “An adept adaptation of Churchill from a few years ago!” Finally, let’s keep connected. In the meantime, I wish you all good health and happiness.

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George Vornehm writes, “Nothing special to report. Just as boring as I was in high school. I retired from full-time work at the beginning of 2020 and moved with my wife to Myrtle Beach, S.C., later that year. I am now completely retired, discontinuing part-time work at the end of 2023. Like a lot of Myrtle Beach retirees, I play golf all year long, but only once or twice a week in my case. I lowered my handicap index by nine strokes so I’m no longer completely embarrassing myself. I also got back into amateur radio in 2018 after a 57-year hiatus. I got my technician and general class licenses at that time and then upgraded to Extra class a couple years later. I live in a community with an HOA that prohibits outdoor antennas. So, I’m operating with 100 watts into a wire strung around a spare bedroom ceiling. Despite the antenna limitation, I have achieved the “Worked All States” award and membership in the DX Century Club (confirmed two-way communications with other amateur stations in at least 100 different countries).” From **Joe Mc Evoy**: “I am still working full time, doing a mix of clinical care, clinical research, and teaching. We have two federal grants going and a few industry trials. Got the “Best Lecturer” award for our department this past year. Working on a book attempting to simplify and clarify concepts and treatment algorithms in

biological psychiatry. Visiting my kids and grandkids regularly. These are the highlights of my life. Putting in my 10,000 steps each day. Having my one drink each evening.” **Bob Carlina** writes, “Inspired by posts from **Jim Ross**, whose photographs of birds and flowers are stunning, and **John Felago**, whose photographs of New York City’s people and buildings are evocative, I have added photography to my hobbies. Currently I am trying my hand at sunrises and moon shots and having fun doing it.” The semi-regular Slattery Beer Conferences continue to prosper. The latest one on March 27 was attended by John Felago, **Mike Ingrisani**, Bob Carlina, **Ron Statile**, **Jim Klein**, **Rich Superti**, **Bob Kalisch**, **Rick Dunn**, **Tom Moebus**, **Andrew Cavanaugh**, **John Fogarty**, **Harry Kutner**, **Jack Cashill**. **Dave O’Brien** continues to practice law in Mount Sinai, N.Y. He also devotes increasing time to a project many consider vital 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. For the same reasons, Dave’s group is also investigating the vast body of miracles, healings, and apparent supernatural appearances as possible evidence of a Divine presence. Contact Dave if you want to join either or both efforts. At the latest Slattery’s luncheon, Bob Kalisch related that February 12 was the 60th anniversary of the Beatles’ Carnegie Hall concert which he and **Peter Nardi** were lucky enough to get tickets to. On the Friday before, the two of them headed to the Plaza Hotel at 2:42 to see if they could grab a glimpse of them. No dice. So they took a shot at going to Carnegie Hall to see if they could get tickets for Lincoln’s birthday appearance. As there are always shows there, there was a short line at the ticket window. There was a man ahead of them. They got to the window. “Do you have two Beatles’ tickets?” The ticket agent told them they were the luckiest kids in New York. Despite being sold out since the tickets first went on sale, that man ahead of them just returned two Dress Circle tickets. They saw the show. Didn’t hear a note. The screaming was so loud. But they were there to see history.” **John Woodruff’s** son Michael will begin a new position in May, Assistant Attorney General for the state of Connecticut. He will be investigating internal corruption and fraud in general. He and his wife, Erin, and their two daughters, Addie and Mae, will be moving to West Hartford, Conn., sometime this year. In November, John Felago was presented with his seventh grandchild. Welcome Ozzy! Tom Moebus is thrilled to report that the Matteo Ricci Scholars will actually *travel to China* this summer. Beginning June 22, nine Regis boys and eight Dominican Academy girls will travel to Shanghai, Nanjing, and parts in between to learn and deeply

experience China, together with a like number of students from Nanjing Foreign Language School — the partner school whose students we have been meeting bi-weekly since 2020. The program is a deep dive into education and the future, culture and heritage, business and the community, and global issues and China-U.S. relations, as well as fun, family engagement, cuisine, philosophy, and song. Our visit is part of a new initiative to welcome 50,000 scholars from America, launched by Xi Jinping, who has spoken publicly about his appreciation for the courage and groundbreaking cultural understanding of Rev. Matteo Ricci, SJ, who was the first European to visit the Forbidden City in the late 16th Century. He is the exemplar for our American students, as is Xu Guangqi, his Chinese partner, who was equally courageous in creating a partnership with Ricci and is venerated by the Church for his role in supporting Catholicism in China. Next year, we hope to bring the NFLS students to New York. As ever, we much appreciate the financial support of members of the Class of 1965 to help this program launch. Jim Ross had back surgery in early February and the rehab went well. A month after surgery, when Jim went for a follow-up with the surgeon, his wife Ginger slipped on the hospital floor, fell, and broke her wrist, which eventually required surgery. By mid-March, Jim’s pain and mobility were worse than they were prior to surgery. It’s hard to figure out how to get this back on track. Any suggestions? Jim keeps writing. He keeps publishing photos and articles in lit journals. Their kids and grandkids are all doing great. **Bob Logan** writes, “I’ve booked a room in Oswego, N.Y., for the upcoming eclipse on April 8. I thought it would be interesting to see a total eclipse and the distance is not too far from New Jersey. I decided that waiting for the next one in 2040 was not a good strategy, so I will be heading to Oswego on Sunday. If the sun doesn’t disappear permanently, I will have a report on the event for the next issue, assuming it doesn’t rain. Fingers crossed.”

1966

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Charlie Antinori writes, “I semi-retired from cardiology in 2023. I am just working two days a week in a wound care clinic. I’m spending more time with my grandchildren. I also took trips to Australia, New Zealand, and Dubai. The Burj Khalifa in Dubai is still the tallest building in the world. However, the Saudis are building a bigger one in Jeddah!” In September of 2023, **Doug Brown** visited **Gerry Moran** in France, where “we had a chance to use our (rusty) Latin at the 2000-year-old Arcus Triumphalis in Orange.” **William H. Mulligan, Jr.** was among the featured speakers at the Global Irish Diaspora Conference in Durban, South Africa, in July. His presentation dealt with the varieties of Irish identities at various times and how that, combined

with the sense of identity in the receiving country, affected both how the Irish were received initially and the particular Irish identities that developed in the receiving country. Bill continues as president of Jackson Purchase Historical Society in Kentucky and has just become editor of the society's journal. He lives in Murray, Ky. **Richard Corelli** continues working full-time in his remote practice of psychiatry and psychotherapy at Stanford University. Last year, Richard and his wife, Toni, spent a month traveling through Japan and Okinawa and then two months traversing the islands of the western Mediterranean in a "wild Odyssey adventure." In April, they spent three weeks on Crete where they visited twice studying the Minoan civilization. Richard recently completed his 150th portrait painting and is quickly running out of wall space to hang them all. Richard and Toni continue to enjoy living in Half Moon Bay, Calif., on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Richard continues to host a weekly Zoom reunion event Saturday at noon for his fellow classmates from the Class of '66. He says, "In April we celebrated our 208th Zoom reunion which was our four-year anniversary. It got us through the pandemic isolation, and it allows us to be Regis "teenagers" once again." Thanks, Richard! **Bill Arnone** is the CEO of the National Academy of Social Insurance in Washington. He is retiring in June after seven years of leadership. Bill tells us that in retirement, "My focus will be on writing a book about working for Robert F. Kennedy and one of the worst five-year periods in modern U.S. history (1963–1968). What might we learn from that period and from him as a leader that applies to the mess we are in today? My agent is lining up a major publisher for publication in 2025. I don't really consider this "retirement," but rather the next phase in trying to make a difference — mostly for my millennial daughter and her generation of 80 million." In March, the prolific Bill co-wrote an op-ed for the *Boston Globe* titled "How to Fix Social Security: It Requires an Automatic Balancing Mechanism." He also penned letters to the editors of the *Washington Post* ("Older Workers Doing Physically Demanding Work Need Our Help" and the *New York Times* ("Investing in Caregivers and Nursing Homes.") **Charles Weibel**, who lives in Prague, writes in his inimitable style, "I recently attended a local screaming, eh, screening, of the Met's rendition of Verdi's *La Forza del Destino*, and, *mirabile dictu*, it was probably the finest production of a Verdi opera I've ever scene, with the possible exception of the Salzburg Festival's production of *Traviata*, with Anna and R. Villazon, about a decade ago. While I'm certainly no Verdi devotee (surprise, surprise!) and found some of the scenes unnecessary (especially those with strutting bunnies and the querulous priests, but perhaps "Joe Green" had something against dancers and the Church?) and some music filler, overall I found the sets and costumes stunning and appropriate, the

conducting excellent, and the singing splendid. It was a production (almost) up to Wagnerian standards! Speaking (or shouting?) of Wagner, three new *Ring* cycle productions await me this spring, one in Wiesbaden, another in Stuttgart, and the third at the Deutsche Oper in Berlin. I'm skipping the desecration of the *Ring* as parodied by the Staatsoper Berlin (I walked out of it last year). But Berlin is probably the only city in the world that puts on and proudly supports two simultaneous *Ring* cycles."



Charlie Antinori '66 at the Burj Khalifa building in Dubai



Gerry Moran '66 and Doug Brown '66 at the Arcus Triumphalis in Orange, France

1967

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Marty Maffeo flew down from Boston before Christmas to visit **Kieran Quinn** in his new digs in Springfield, Va. **Chris Connell** also joined the gathering of the former basketball teammates. The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities bestowed its highest honor, the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, Award, on **Joe McShane, SJ**. The award is named for the late Notre Dame president and civil rights leader who left such a mark on the academy, the Church, and American society during his 97-year life. Joe was, of course, himself a legendary President at the University of Scranton for five years and then as the 32nd President of Fordham from 2003–2022. In a video tribute at the ACCU annual meeting, he deflected the accolades and said to colleagues, "I want to shine the spotlight on you: the scores of women and men religious and the

hundreds of talented, devoted laywomen and laymen who have led and continue to lead our member institutions with discerning wisdom, deep love, and great effectiveness. You keep our sacred and noble mission alive." From **John Dean**: "**John Kelly** and I, along with several non-Regian friends, including one from (gasp!) Fordham Prep, resumed our annual Arizona golf adventure in February. The pandemic had postponed the outings for several years. I am pleased to report that, despite the passage of time, our golfing skills have not declined. Once again, we proved the venerable scientific principle that you can't fall off the floor." **Victor Skowronski** recently was a tuxedo-clad model in a charity fashion show organized by the Woburn chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society as part of Kindness Day activities in the city of Woburn, Mass. Victor and other seniors residing at New Horizons at Choate wore garments from the society's thrift store. "There were activities all over the city. The fashion show had an overflowing crowd. I received many compliments," said Victor, who also stays in touch with a 102-year-old friend who moved from New Horizons to an assisted living facility. It's near his church so he pays a visit after Mass. **Bob DeCresce** writes from outside Chicago, "Some 48+ years after 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. My wife, Mary, and I plan to spend more time with the grandkids in Larchmont and Minneapolis as well as enjoying our place in Vero Beach when we are not in the Midwest. Best of all, we have our health, which is a real blessing as time marches along." **Anthony Lo Secco** sent us a couple of pictures of himself, his new bride and family with this caption: "I got married on either November 24, December 1, or December 2. It's complicated but I'm married now." We've recently lost two brilliant classmates. **Bob Sharp** died in November after a long illness. Bob, a graduate of Yale and Harvard Law, was exceptionally devoted to Regis. **John Spear** died peacefully on January 8 at Yale New Haven Hospital after a series of strokes. John, a MIT grad, was a financial advisor for MetLife for many years. Our sympathy to their families, including John's brother **Wally Spear '69**. **Michael Fahy** is still teaching computer science at Chapman University in Irvine, Calif., when he and Melodee aren't at their New York City pied a terre visiting grandson Rowan, now two-and-a-half, or when he's not playing traditional Irish music on the mandolin at local Irish pubs. He shared this list of favorite pub crawls in and around the Big Apple: Monday: the Landmark in Hell's Kitchen; Tuesday: Slainte in the Lower East Side; Wednesday: Grace's on 14th Street; Thursday: Mary O's on the Lower East Side; Friday: the Wheeltapper in Midtown; Saturday: the Long Hall in Midtown, Downey's in the Bronx, or Sanger Hall in Queens; Sunday: the Laurels on the Lower East Side or Hutton in Jersey

City or Moriarty's in the Bronx." **Vince Hartnett** writes, "Vince and Donna Hartnett, still residents of Chester County, Pa., enjoyed the first three months of the new year on Casey Key near Sarasota. Vince is still a partner with Sidekick Operators, currently working with Owl Services, a new national provider of petroleum fueling and EV charging systems. In Florida, they had a great time with visits of granddaughters, an old Fordham University friend, Donna's cousin from Brandon, Fla., and former neighbors from their time in Andover, N.J. If any of our class is in the area, let Vince know and they'll be glad to have you stop by when they return later this year." Donna and Kieran Quinn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Springfield, Va. Recent visitors there include Marty Maffeo, **Bill Armbruster**, and Bill's wife, Nancy Mackin Robinson. Bill also celebrated his son Chris's graduation from Columbia University with dual master's degrees in public health and international affairs. Many of us have warm memories of the late **Jerry Kappes '52**. **Michael Connor** remembers, "I recall Mr. Kappes coming into our junior year English class and telling us about a remarkable piece of new non-fiction writing that was being serialized in the *New Yorker* magazine prior to its publication as a book. I'm not sure we were required to read it, but we were certainly encouraged to. That series was Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*. Mr. Kappes said he thought it was going to be a sensation and he was right; people still talk about it today, more than half a century later." Including this one from **Steve Malone** recalling a lesson from his senior English class: "We were assigned to read *Gulliver's Travels* with a half-sheet quiz on the due date. Myself and another student read the Golden Book version of *Gulliver* from our home libraries, not appreciating that it was heavily edited. This children's version only had two of his four voyages (Lilliput and Brobdingnag) skipping the Laputans and Houyhnhnms). Needless to say, we tanked the quiz and were mightily embarrassed when it was discovered why. Mr. Kappes was a good sport about it and let us read the full (and more interesting) unabridged version of the book with its poignant satire." The Malones will set sail this fall on a cruise around the United Kingdom, followed by a week exploring "the unspoiled north coast of Iceland. When I lived in Iceland in the '70s serving the Navy, the 230-mile drive from Reykjavik to the north took more than 12 hours on gravel roads, and I suffered two flat tires en route. Now, one can do it in five hours on paved roads (with tolls, of course). Progress?" **Christopher Meatto** says his company, HarvardLaw74, is gaining traction with its "democratized and disintermediated" campaigns raising money directly from individual investors and skipping over VC funds and angels. His latest client is Firstday.health, which delivers neonatal intensive care for newborns and beyond. "Startup raises from \$500,000 to \$5 million are the sweet spot for HL74," Chris says.



Marty Maffeo '67 and Kieran Quinn '67 in Springfield, Va.

1968

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Sauna Vey W'68 writes, "In honor of **James Sherwood**, the residents of our building on Riverside Drive voted to name the building "the Sherwood," which has been carved into the stone lintel. Jim really was a man for others, and the dedication acknowledges his kindness and humor during his 35 years of service as co-op board president." **Ken Geraghty** sends greetings from Las Vegas after enjoying a particularly special Thanksgiving holiday as he and his wife Dolly hosted her granddaughter Krishnia and great-granddaughter Kenzie for their first ever visit to America from their home in the Philippines. It was a truly memorable occasion, including a Raiders game, Formula One racing on the Strip, and a show at the brand-new Sphere. Ken invites any classmate to drop him a line, along with an open invitation to get together, especially if Las Vegas is in your travel plans. **Steve Hirdt** is still operating at the highest levels of the sports we love, serving on the Baseball Hall of Fame's Historical Overview Committee. In that capacity, Steve participated in creating the ballot of candidates for the Hall of Fame in the Contemporary Baseball category. **Joe Stachnik** reached out to express his pride and gratitude to the Class of '68 for our collective rank as the number-one class in alumni donations. Joe has become a "man for all seasons," enjoying winters with skiing and skating and spending summers on his home ground of Long Island's East End, taking up boating and swimming. Super Bowl Sunday marked more than another Kansas City Chiefs victory. **Rich Gallagher** was featured earlier that day on the History Channel's "Unexplained" series, exploring the inexplicable (at least to many of us!) phenomena of exorcisms. **George Deisler** and wife Jennie welcomed new granddaughter Anuhea in October. Congratulations to the happy and proud grandparents. In closing, the Class of '68 offers sincerest condolences to classmate **Tom McCormick** on the passing of his brother last fall. May he rest in peace.

1969

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On March 6, **Joe Sclafani**, **Mark Puleo**, **Dennis Blair '70**, and **Bart Robbett** had a Zoom reunion with Anthony Meyer, a former Regis English and theology teacher (1966–1968). According to Joe, "After intermittent searches for Tony by several of us that spanned 55 years, this reunion was a joyous celebration." In addition to being a beloved teacher and mentor in the mid-'60s, Tony was responsible for the creation and promotion of Holy Ghost Reception Committee #9. HGRC#9 was Regis's musical response to Vatican II, creating Catholic songs of worship that were used by Regis students during Mass and other occasions. This successful musical venture resulted in the production of two LPs that are still available online to this day. After leaving Regis, Tony went on to receive his Ph.D at Stanford University, and had a long and successful career working for USAID in international child health. He was responsible for the introduction of rehydration salts to prevent child mortality from intestinal diseases, a medical rescue method that is still used today. The five of us reminisced about many Regis teachers and students, reflected on the legacy of Regis on our life, and acknowledged the impact that Regis faculty had during our lifetime. Now retired, Tony lives in Eugene Ore. Joe adds, "This was the first of what we hope will be other reunions in the future." **Chris MacArthur** reports, "Greetings from northern Florida. The weather remains unpredictable and mostly unpleasant, and the political scene reflects the same turmoil. My recent travels involved a back-roads foray to St. Louis, with a special stop at Redstone Arsenal Military Base and Maxwell NASA Marshall Space Flight Center and the large space-related museum in Huntsville Ala. The town is awash in federal contracts, so the city is one of the few in the South that maintains a vibrant urban presence both day and night. It's a bit light in the public transit sphere but otherwise way better off than most of the Bible Belt cities. The wealth extends at least 50 miles out from the city center. It was a very clear lesson for me about how federal largesse can make a huge difference. Mingled in with the emphasis on space is a rock-solid Christian evangelism. It's a very intriguing mix. In St. Louis, I attended an awards ceremony for my goddaughter, a senior at St. Louis University. Although she's a card-carrying Episcopalian, SLU gave her a full scholarship, and now she's going to Baltimore to work with a Jesuit-sponsored social justice organization before entering law school in 2025. I'll try to see the eclipse from Arkansas. First, that's one of the only places where the prices didn't get jacked up prohibitively for the celestial event. Second, it occurred to me that while I had passed through bits of Arkansas many times in the past, I had actually never stepped out of the car, not once. So I'll spend a few days in Little

Rock to see what I can see. There's a pretty good chance I'll spend September and October in Madrid to continue my studies in art and Spanish." **John Mannhaupt** tells us, "I returned to teaching yoga, but only for a meetup group of seniors and only once a week. More of a hobby than a job. Another ski season is ending and I avoided injury. I may go once or twice more, so I hope I haven't jinxed myself." **Jeff Burke** writes, "After 28 years in the U.S. and 36 years of marriage to me, Antje, my German-born wife, became an American citizen in March. Huzzah! Meanwhile, I've been busy as one of the jurors for the Kirkus Prize for Fiction this year, which means reading far more than my usual 80 or so books a year and trying not to let my butt get permanently glued to a chair (pickleball helps). There are some great novels out there this year." After a relatively brief hiatus, **Rob Kearney** announces, "On March 2, after a whirlwind 14-year courtship, Rob Kearney and Susan Johnson (Marymount '70) were married to the joy and relief of family, friends, and neighbors, especially Susan's sister Kathy (Marymount '67). Among those in attendance was **Mr. Thomas Quinn**. Back in the day, Kathy and Tom had appeared together on stage in the still-talked-about Regis production of *Guys and Dolls*. It was their first time meeting since taking the last of what I believe were seven curtain calls after belting out the Frank Loesser reprise." And after a very, very long hiatus, we heard from **Thomas Paul O'Connor**, who tells us, "After a gap of 55 years, I am happy to say 'baby I'm back!' I hope you will forgive me for the long absence, but I am planning to make a return to Regis in June. Be guided accordingly! Over this long span of time I have seen only a handful of my classmates. I studied at Manhattan College after high school, and I might have driven **Ed Donlon** and his roommate crazy by my penchant for bringing 'friends' to their dorm room as we were going to dances at Manhattan. I ran into **Joe Piccora** in Canada at the Strawberry Field Music Festival in Ontario, in August of 1970. Sadly, I heard the terrible news of Joe's death not too long ago. I think I saw **John O'Connell** walking down a street in Boston in 1986 (as the Mets were beating the Red Sox), but I didn't get to talk to John after he disappeared into a huge throng entering Fenway Park. I was hired to work for Pan American World Airways in 1977. At Pan Am I taught myself to be a computer programmer and, for 14 years, I was also the lead guard on Pan Am's international basketball team. We played against teams from other airlines all over the world (Australia, Germany, Italy, England, Kenya, the Netherlands, Iceland, Denmark). Sadly, Pan American went out of business in 1992. Fortunately, I was soon hired to work at the Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research. I retired from NKI in 2022. I married my wife, Eugenia, in 1983, and we are still married to this day. We have two children, Thomas Sevgin and Kathryn Magdalena. Good luck to all, and I hope to see you again soon!"

John Kearney writes, "Since I last corresponded with you, I've increased my number of grandchildren from three to five. Ain't life great! My wife and I only wish they were closer so that we could spend more time with them. Speaking of seeing people, I stay in close touch with **John Gimblette**, Chris McArthur, and **Jim McGuire**, whether by phone, FaceTime, or face-to-face. I also see **Sonny Avallone** from time to time since he moved to Philadelphia. My wife and I had a nice dinner with Sonny and his wife at his home several months ago. Although I retired from practicing law at the end of 2017, since then I've been fortunate to be able to stay plenty busy, as I serve on two boards, volunteer teach twice a week at a school in north Philly, coach lawyers one-on-one with writing issues, and go to doctors. I'm looking forward to our 55th reunion in June."

1970

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Kevin Bryant writes about his trip to Australia: "The trip I took to Sydney to spend the Christmas holiday with my daughter Annie was glorious — the best three weeks of my life. When I arrived at my hotel after 28 hours of door-to-door travel it was 99 degrees, so I skipped napping to meet up with Annie for the first of many trips we made to Coogee Beach, just a half-mile from her apartment. It was summertime there, which made for some extremely incongruous (from my experience) Christmas celebrations with carols being sung among people clad in bathing suits and eating ice cream. We attended a concert of carols at the Sydney Opera House performed by the Philharmonic Orchestra with a 600-voice choir and some audience singalongs throughout the show. Other highlights were walking across the Harbour Bridge, the Taronga Zoo to see the kangaroos, and a train ride to the Blue Mountains where we hiked trails with spectacular views. The entire city takes off the week between Christmas and New Year's, so most of those days the beach was packed, especially on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. On New Year's Eve, we were invited by friends of Annie's to join them on their private balcony facing the Harbour Bridge for a closeup view of the legendary fireworks. Most of the trip we divided our time between the places where Annie likes to hang out and taking ferries to different bays for a series of coastal hikes. In each case we would take advantage of the warm weather to have a mid-day meal and drink at an outdoor cafe. Annie's life in Coogee is so rapturous I told her she should never leave, and that is her plan." Better start amassing those frequent flier miles. Kevin now informs us that since his visit, Annie has been invited to give a presentation at the international Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping in Seoul at the end of June — a rare honor

for a second year Ph.D candidate. Congrats to Annie and a very proud Kevin. **John Brasunas** dropped us a line to update us on his status. John retired from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., in 2018 after 33 years. He maintains emeritus status at Goddard and is still working on some projects there. He says "I don't get paid, but do have a pension and go to work when I please. I still have an office and a lab (both shared with others). Now, I am developing an improved version of our Saturn mission IR spectrometer. I am no longer a civil servant but rather a grantee. No more government passport, etc." John and his wife, Kathleen McCann, are living in Washington Grove, Md., a former Methodist camp on the Chautauqua circuit. John's hobby is keeping his 1984 Mercedes 300D turbo-diesel alive. He says, "257,000 miles, engine good, but body rusting away. The driver's seat is held up by a 2x4, and the floor panels are nearly gone." Traveling classmates: **Bruce Williamson** will be off to Italy for two weeks in June to see Florence, Cinque Terre, and Rome. Around the same time, **Mike Fitzgerald** will be off to Iceland and Greenland. **Jerry Nunn** says, "I celebrated my 71st birthday last October on a river cruise ship in Arles, France, of Van Gogh fame, on a Rhone river cruise from Lyon (alleged to be the culinary capital of France, at least by the locals) to Avignon, the one-time home of various popes in the 14th century. The cruise was for six days, with three nights and tours in Paris at the beginning of the trip and three nights in Barcelona at the end. Good food, wine, vineyard tours, historical sites, Roman ruins, picturesque scenery all along the trip. From Barcelona, a wonderful city with great food, on the last full day we visited the scenic Benedictine monastery at Montserrat, high in the small mountains northwest of the city. Overall, we were lucky to have a wonderful trip." **Phil Gandolfo** was still in Florida when he wrote to us before heading back to New York. Phil says, "All cancers are under control. Many thanks to all my classmates for their prayers. My wife, Marianne, and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this year in early June, and on June 15 we are going on a European river cruise from Prague to Amsterdam to celebrate the occasion. We are super excited to do this." Speaking of 50th anniversaries, **Tom Burns** wrote, "Debbie and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on December 29 — almost as many years as our graduation from Regis!" **Gerry McDermott** reports: "My magnum opus was published by Baker Academic in March: *A New History of Redemption: The Work of Jesus the Messiah Through the Millennia*. Although it is published by an academic press, I wrote it at a level to be accessible to a theologically curious car mechanic. Another book was also published, by Nashotah House, in March: *Deep Anglicanism: A Brief Guide*. This year all 13 of our grandkids are living in Charlottesville, Va., with us. Five are actually in our house during this academic year because their father, our oldest son, is

an academic who has a year-long sabbatical. So we live happily amidst controlled chaos." **Tom "Muggs" Daly** says his band, Celtic Justice, had a busy month around St. Patrick's Day. "March Madness" concluded on Palm Sunday with a gig at a local watering hole. That leaves Muggs with more time to attend his grandchildren's sporting events. Ten of his 12 grandkids are active in the youth sport circuit, with the two oldest having aged out of kids sports. **Dennis Blair** will hit the road again this summer, touring with and opening for singer/songwriter Barry Manilow from late July to late August. The 17-stop tour will wind its way through the Midwest and then move to Texas, Oklahoma, and finish up in Missouri. Dennis said he made sure that the tour schedule avoided a conflict with this year's Rump Reunion. **Bob Gasser** writes from Vienna, Va.: "I'm semi-retired, i.e., not getting paid for anything, but still regularly teaching internal medicine to third-year medical students and tropical diseases to a wider audience as an adjunct professor of medicine at Uniformed Services University. I'm also engaged as co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Azimuth Biologics, a small biotech start-up company working to bring forward a novel approach to using monoclonal antibodies as countermeasures against dengue and other flavivirus-caused diseases. All's well on the family side; the last of my five children graduated from college in December." Bob retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 2005 after 26 years of active duty and has been teaching and doing research since. He says, "I'm glad to have some free time now while I'm still robust enough to enjoy it." Classmates **Jack Martin**, **Buzz Doherty**, **Mike Fitzgerald**, **Tom Osborn**, **Rick Antosh**, **Dennis Sheehan**, **John Miscione**, **Rick Peiser**, **Tom Sherwood**, and **Kevin Bryant** got together for lunch at Connolly's Pub in New York in February to talk about retirement activities, grandkids, all the aches and pains of advanced age, and to catch up in general. Your intrepid class correspondents, **Jack Martin** and **Jim Harkins**, connected in person in November in Jacksonville. Jack was in town to produce the national radio feed for the Jaguars-Niners game, and Jim headed into town from home on Amelia Island to meet up for lunch at Jack's downtown hotel. Both of us braved the Jacksonville Veterans Day parade traffic to make it to our lunch venue. We recounted stories about the old days and reviewed our common Irish heritage. After lunch, we ran into **Joe Davis** in the hotel lobby in Jacksonville and had a nice chat. Joe took over Vin Scully's Dodgers announcer spot as well as NFL and MLB games for Fox; he was also in town for the Jags game. As we were wrapping up these notes for publication, some sad news came over the wire: Classmate **Alex Kimball** passed away in Charlotte, N.C., after a long illness. Alex's wife, Mary, said Alex was proud of being a Regis graduate and shared many Regis stories with his family. Requiescant in pace. By the time you are reading this, we will have had another

successful Class of '70 Rump Reunion under our belt. We'll report on those antics in the next issue of this publication.



Kevin Bryant '70 in Sydney



Tom Daly '70 poses for a photo.



Jerry Nunn '70 and his wife, Kathy, at the Pont du Gard Aqueduct

1971

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At the last JUG Night, someone suggested doing something around Christmas, and lo, it came to pass. On December 16 at Mary O's Pub in Alphabet City, **Larry Gertner**, **Mike Curcio**, **John Schopfer**, **Frank Flaherty**, **Bob Genovese**, and **Tim Brennan** gathered to celebrate the season. The crowd should

have been a little bigger, but illnesses of bodies and auto transmissions caused a few cancellations. Mary alerted them to the presence of the parents of a recent Regis grad across the room. During their chat, the Regian's mother mentioned how she hoped that the son didn't fall out of contact with his classmates because he was too busy. Hopefully, her mind was put at ease after seeing a bunch of guys still together after 52 years. On December 28, Dr. Celia Hooper, **Craig Smith's** widow, along with their son Daniel, made a pilgrimage to Regis. As they had to cancel their attendance at the 50th Reunion due to Covid, this was her first-ever visit to the school, and they were taken in hand for a personal tour by Meredith Meagher of the Office of Advancement. Celia had found Craig's basketball jacket and wore it for the occasion. "Craig saved that jacket through nine moves!" In October, **Paul Atkinson** and his wife, Margaret, took a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Cairo and a cruise down the Nile. Paul couldn't help but recall **John Connelly's** lectures on Akhenaten and random passages from Henri Frankfort's *Birth of Civilization in the Near East*. "We arrived on October 6," notes Paul. "Egyptian archeological sites are heavily guarded and tourists have little to fear. Also, there were no signs of empty beer cans near any of the obelisks." **George Limbach**, his wife, Mimi, and their family had a busy year in 2023. George writes, "Mimi and I each marked our 70th birthdays as well as our 47th wedding anniversary. We had our ninth and tenth grandchildren, ranging in age from newborn to 10 years old. In May, we were able to finally take our Covid-interrupted trip to Scotland and Ireland, and fell in love with the people, the scenery, and the drink! I am semi-retired, and Mimi and I continue to work with our not-for-profit, PAR-Recycle Works, providing employment opportunities for individuals returning from incarceration." **Pete Fanelli's** new career as a film extra "hasn't really ramped up again after the strike, so I haven't done anything except use some of my 'acting' income to buy a stupidly large 75-inch TV. Shopping for a reclining sectional next, and then my man cave will be fully functional! I started playing pickleball which is as fun and social as advertised, but my knees don't seem to like it much." At a recent Mass at St. Teresa's Church in the Bronx, **Joe Pozzuoli** said that the pastor announced that there would be a Jesuit priest coming to live in residence in their parish. It turned out to be Fr. John Piderit, who was his freshman algebra teacher. Joe writes, "I was able to speak to him afterwards. Although he didn't remember me specifically, he recalled that he taught freshman algebra and sophomore geometry in his one year at Regis." **Alex Motyl** became a granddad on December 1, when his daughter Katya gave birth to Felix Andreas Dahn-Motyl. Alex says, "With a little luck, it'll be peaceful world when Felix turns one." Yet another set of new grandparents, **Dennis Petito** and his wife Lisa, as Dennis writes, "We welcomed our granddaughter, Isabella Andrea Petito, born November 13 to proud parents Nick and Yenifer and weighing in at eight

pounds, four ounces. It was exciting sharing the day with Yenifer's extended family, some of whom came in from Italy to celebrate the day." **Stu Schoder** told newlyweds Liz and Carrie about young Bohdan Porytko's new restaurant Molotov in Denver. It's right near where they live, and they fired back, "We've been there, and it's fantastic!" Bohdan the Elder adds that besides Molotov's inclusion in the New York *Times* list of 50 favorite restaurants nationally for 2023, a more recent article also appears in *5280 Magazine* ("5280? Get it? Mile-High City?") that leads with his James Beard Award nomination. **Bill Javetski** celebrated the wedding of his daughter Elise to James Smith on September 30 in Summit, N.J., with **Art Beaver** in attendance. As for Artie, he regrets that nothing of any interest comes to mind right now, except that "We are heading to Florida for the winter next Wednesday. Maybe we can meet for an adult beverage or two in the spring." Someone make a note of that. John and Sue Schopfer realized that neither of them had ever toured Spain, so "Over Thanksgiving, we spent eight days in Madrid. Art, history, and a new city to discover. Viva the Hapsburgs, for aggregating art of all kinds and making Madrid such a wonderful place! Also, I have been trying to get into New York City now that we live in Yonkers. Several opportunities to get together with the class of '71 have presented themselves. I have been reacquainting with the Met, the Morgan, and the other "treasures" as well. Hope it continues into the rest of 2024." After saying "farewell" to his gallbladder in early October, Larry Gertner tried out his sea legs by getting to the New York City Veterans Day Parade and back all by himself. At the parade, he shared the northeast corner of 33rd and Fifth with a group of people, one of whom commented, "I wish I knew which one is the Flatiron Building so I can take a picture of our guys going past." The reply to his question of "I guess you're not from around here?" revealed that they were Iowans, there to support their local high school's marching band. As they swiveled to film their people marching past up the avenue, one of them exclaimed "Oh my God! That's the Empire State Building!" Naturally, necks were craned. While New York City was getting clobbered by that late September storm that postponed JUG Night, **Bill Mitchell** says they were hoping for some rain in Minnesota. Their big weather news was the heat; they had to cancel the Twin Cities Marathon as it was too dangerous to run with a heat index of 100 degrees. The rains did come but the marathon never happened. The organizers gave the runners a refund of their entry fees (and possibly priority registration for the 2024 race). "In other news, the weather has been the opposite (so far) of the 2022-23 winter. No snow to speak of and warmer than average temperatures. Our Nativity looks far more like what the actual event would have looked like with the Holy Family, shepherds, and Wise Men sitting on bare ground. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were marked with almost two inches of rain, and we're very glad the

temperature stayed above freezing and that there wasn't two feet of snow. I had my snow blower serviced so it's ready to go if the snow comes (I should probably say "when" — this is Minnesota, after all). Pam played her harp at midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and sang with the choir. Our son Matthew and I helped her move the harp, and I was the sound person for the service." Since retiring from Baruch College in January 2020 (just before the pandemic hit), **Bill Ferns** has been active both musically and in his community. He has been playing harmonica with his electric blues band, Kid Java, and an acoustic blues band, Secret Handshake. Bill has also gotten involved with community organizing in the underserved Lower East Side, including initiating a campaign to get elevator access in the Essex-Delancey subway station and to better manage car traffic in the neighborhood. In November, **Tom Stio** went on a tour of Oman, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai. "Most of the Omani part of the trip was in rural desert towns, visiting ancient forts and castles, as well as a Bedouin house (actually a large tent). We also did a little 'dune bashing.' Our four-wheel SUV driver drove among the undulating sand dunes at high speed, causing lots of sliding, skidding, and spinning, all the while playing what I imagine was Arabic techno music at high volume. A unique experience. The part of the trip in Abu Dhabi and Dubai was the complete opposite. This is one of the most modern and cosmopolitan regions of the world, a region in which the rulers don't have to think twice about how much doing or building something might cost — money is truly no object. It was amazing to see what money could do, but also sad to see that most of what they are doing will have a negative impact on the planet." In September, **Bob Genovese** and his wife, Tillie, completed what looks to be an annual trip to Eugene, Ore., and its environs. "We discovered even more of this city, billed as 'Tracktown, USA,' than our trip there last year. This includes an intriguing bookstore named Tsunami Books, where I located a second edition of T.S. Eliot's *Collected Poems 1909-1935*. In November, we took a trip with our daughter Kira to Escondido, Calif., and stayed in the Welk Resort (yes, it was built by Lawrence Welk; they even have a statue of him on the premises). The weather cooperated, and we took a side trip to the San Diego Zoo. Tillie had great fun rocking the monorail car side-to-side. Tillie continues baking birthday cakes for the local women's shelters. I postponed the start of my MA in language and literacy at City College until the Spring 2024 semester but continue to tutor literacy and GED math to adult students. I look forward to the Regis Class of 1971 55th Reunion." **Rick Romito** and his wife, Maureen, embracing the adventure that their 21-year-old selves failed to experience, disappeared in Europe for four months last summer carrying only two backpacks and an unlimited-travel Eurail pass. Twelve countries and 36 cities later, they safely returned to their Las Vegas home, no worse for the wear and vowing to do it again (but maybe *not* the French

Riviera in August). Next summer's journey will be a four-month, 9,000-mile road trip: Las Vegas to Thunder Bay to Victoria to San Diego (hugging the west coast on Highway 1 all the way south) and home again, zigging and zagging erratically to visit places in the U.S. and Canada that have previously escaped their presence. Their only challenge? A 2016 Tesla Model X with a 180-mile range between recharges. Joe Rubsam and his wife, Cathy, celebrated Christmas in Red Hook ("Dutchess County, not Brooklyn") with their three children, Meaghan, Rob and Siobhan. "We had a great family trip to Portugal in October. Highlights included five days of hiking the Rota Vicentina along the southwest coast, staying at a vineyard in the Douro Valley, and walking the hills of Lisbon and Porto. And lots of pastries and wine. I have just begun my eighth season as an adoptive ski instructor at Windham Mountain in the Catskills." On December 4, after over 34 years as a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, **Mark Baber** reached the mandatory retirement age of 70. During those years he served primarily in the family part but also served at various times in the civil, criminal, and probate parts. He will continue to serve on recall, in the family part. **Greg Mooneyes** started to travel more in 2023. "In the spring we went out to Colorado to help our second son a bit while our daughter-in-law was in Italy. Once our two Colorado grandsons finished the school year, we took them to Utah where we met our oldest son and his wife who had driven in from California. They brought our youngest son with them (from London, via Los Angeles). Later in the summer, we flew to Calgary for the Calgary Folk Fest, and in early October, we were back in Colorado for Canadian Thanksgiving. In late October and early November, we were in Portugal where we were joined for a few days by the youngest son who came from London. Later in the year, we spent American Thanksgiving and Christmas with our daughter and her three children (one boy and two girls). We managed to be with all the family on multiple occasions but never everyone at the same time. Quite a change from when we were growing up and the entire extended family lived within a 25-mile radius! We've adjusted." **Mike Schwarz** and his family did their annual vacation. He writes, "This year we adjusted and went to Patagonia, where there is much water and ice. Really gorgeous, a blend looking like Alaska, Norway, and some New Zealand. That sun was up for 22 hours per day. It was an enjoyable escape. Peace." What a year for **Rich Buddenhagen**: "It began with my first bout of Covid, followed by a great trip to New Orleans for French Quarter Fest and, at the invitation of my 33-year-old son, Daniel, a longer, stranger trip to join him in Philly and hear what's left of the Grateful Dead. Unfortunately, I passed out from the summer heat (note to self: HYDRATE!) and missed 'Dark Star.' But there were still three more hours of tunes we didn't miss. Later that summer, Daniel told us there's a baby on the way! Our

first grandchild! And then, more big changes; my mom, Helen, died, at the age of 96. We will miss her, especially her smile and her insatiable appetite for chocolate. On top of that, CBS offered me a buyout. In my 34 years at CBS, I worked with Ed Bradley during the 9/11 attacks and did a decent enough editing job that he encouraged me to produce a few *60 Minutes* stories with him. Since then, I've split my time, mostly editing at *60 Minutes* and producing for *Sunday Morning*, frequently with Lesley Stahl. On CBS's dime, I've been fortunate enough to meet and hang around with some amazing people like Anthony Bourdain, Ricky Gervais, Spike Lee, and Alex Trebek. I've made a lot of friends, collected a few awards, gone to the Albertville Olympics, witnessed unusual mental gymnastics at Mensa and Rube Goldberg conventions, and had John Prine and Loretta Lynn sing to me (well, me and the camera crew). Mike Wallace and I were indirectly responsible for Jack White naming one of his bands "The Raconteurs" (look it up!). By the way, I'm not totally leaving CBS. I'll be freelance producing a few more *Sunday Morning* stories with Lesley in the coming year." **Tony Salvatore** and his wife, Suzanne, enjoyed a delightful August week in Iceland puffin watching, ice caving, wallowing in the Blue Lagoon, and otherwise communing with nature. **Jack McCullough** is closing in on the end of his first term as mayor of Montpelier, Vt. The smallest capital city has endured floods and fires, but Jack assures us that they are rebuilding. Jack did win re-election to a full two-year term of his very own. Hail to the chief! The class mourns the loss of **Danny Reilly** (ID, 2B, 3B, JV basketball), on December 14. A towering redhead, grammar school wingman of **George Wright**, and member of the Staten Island Ferry crew, he was always one to speak his mind. We also mourn the loss of Helen Carole Buddenhagen, mother of Richard, on October 18; Marjorie M. Mooney, mother of Gregory, on March 2; and **Mr. Jerold Kappes '52**, English teacher extraordinaire.



Larry Gertner '71, Mike Curcio '71, John Schopfer '71, Frank Flaherty '71, Bob Genovese '71, and Tim Brennan '71 gathered to celebrate the Christmas season.

1972

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Bill Greiter writes, "I retired from my full-time insurance and corporate development role in Madison, Wis., about 18 months ago at the same time I moved north to my fiancée's home in Ironwood, Mich. Deb Leonard and I were married this past June and are currently in the midst of a home renovation project. Life is good. My adult kids (Christopher, a student in Boulder, Colo., and Elizabeth, an attorney practicing in Minneapolis, Minn.) are both well. I am consulting a bit and seeking a fuller-time engagement as partial retirement here in the Great North Woods is proving a bit too quiet." Joanna and **Rick Venino** welcomed their first grandchild, Beau Patrick, on March 5. Rick's son Steven and wife Aubri live within walking distance of Regis. Another generation of Regians? **Kevin Farrelly** recently got together for dinner with **Paul Driscoll** and for lunch with **Matt Dineen**. Our celebrity classmate **Lucy Sante** recently published her tenth book, *I Heard Her Call My Name*, to excellent reviews. Her photo graced the cover of a recent *New York Times Book Review*, which contained a lengthy and fascinating interview. She was also interviewed by *The Guardian*, NPR, and others and made a book signing tour of the U.S. **Jim Provenzale** is organizing a reunion dinner in Manhattan for Friday, May 17. All classmates and significant others are welcome. **Vinnie Grasso's** Zoom calls continue to be very popular with our classmates (again, all are welcome). **Fran Barra's** emails to classmates, celebrating their birthdays, has evolved into a Class of '72 forum for Regis anecdotes, dad jokes, brief travel commentary, and good-natured ribbing. **Mike Battiston** writes, "I'm trying to retire, but just when I thought I was out, etc, etc. I'm now working part-time for a music rights firm in the U.A.E. (esmaamusic.com for those who are curious), doing the same stuff for one of the newer, smaller firms in the industry that I used to do for one of the oldest and biggest (ASCAP). Very different situation in that the state has a piece of our business (and nearly every other business) and very little can get done without the approval of various ministers and the royal family, the two being far from mutually exclusive. Also, my wife, Victoria, has decided to leave her job at Spotify after cuts in December (17 percent of worldwide staff) took out most of the developers working on her stuff. She's a bit younger than I am, so she is not considering retirement, but she will take a few months off; if my health continues to hold up, we'll do some international travel. Not Dubai, though, she insists."

1973

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John Collins ran into an old Boston College

roommate, **Steve Evers**, at a Great South Bay concert in July in Patchogue, Long Island. **Tom Devine** reports that, "Mark Arakaki is still listed with three teammates from the Class of 1972 as holding the record for the 4x400-meter relay. I saw this at the 50th Reunion. I don't remember now whether it was the indoor or outdoor record. This is the longest-standing track record listed outside the Athletics office." Tom thanks all again for the prayers and well-wishes for his wife, Maryann. From **Tim McCarthy**: "I am still working, doing depositions and trials part-time. I went with my wife and oldest daughter to Greece and Ephesus, Turkey, on a cruise this past fall. I also joined a beginner's curling league in Prospect Park with my youngest daughter this winter. Who says that you can't teach old dogs new tricks!" Seems like a trend is starting. From **Tom Walczyk**: "After seeing Tim McCarthy's entry, I'm giving a shout-out to a fellow curler. I've been curling for five years and try to play in about half a dozen tournaments every year. I curl year-round with the Orlando Curling Club in a hockey rink in Kissimmee, Fla. If you are ever in the area and want to give curling a try, let me know. From **Steve Ross**: "Hey guys, I just wanted to say that myself and **Joe McCarthy '75** (Tim's little brother) volunteer on Tuesdays to sort the envelope money from weekly Masses at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (of Brooklyn). Even with a Regis education we only get to sort but not count." Report from **Nick Bonifanti**: "Empty nest collects dust. My dear wife, Carol, has always been infected with the travel bug. Before we had been together for a year, she had arranged for us to spend a week on St. Martin/Sint Maarten in the Caribbean. In the 40 years since, we have visited all 50 states and 30 countries on four continents. In just the last year and a half, we have added Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Hungary, Austria, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Germany, and Morocco. In a couple of weeks, we will add Denmark to the list. My favorite cities include Siena, Paris, and Istanbul. Closer to home I have enjoyed San Francisco, Savannah, and New Orleans. We are fortunate to have our health and the means to enjoy our world. My perennial takeaway from European cities is the thoroughness and affordability of public transportation. In Prague, for example, travel is free for those over 65 and half-price for those aged 60-64. From **Bill Driscoll**: "Princess Kate is receiving chemotherapy because 'after the successful removal of cancerous cells, undetectable microscopic cancer cells may linger in the body and result in recurring cancer months or even years after the initial treatment.' True that! I had a cancerous tumor removed from my kidney in 2019, but microscopic cancer cells lingered, and recently ganged up to form a new tumor where my kidney used to be. I will soon start chemotherapy, which should get rid of those pesky cells once and for all. You are not alone, Kate!" From **Paul Coppola**: "**Gene McGrane** and I reconnected at the reunion

this summer and started the Jacksonville area chapter of the Regis '73 Alumni Club, and so far we're the only members. Gene was instrumental in our finding a retirement home here after we spoke at our 40th reunion. We recently managed to have dinner with the spouses, catching up on family doings and retirement plans. Gene invited me to join him and his friend Dave after he wrangled some choice tickets in the Everbank booth for a Jaguars win over the Colts. We'll see each other after I recover from a knee replacement and he and his wife, Thao, return from sailing in the Caribbean and some skiing in Montana. If anyone is heading this way, say for the Amelia Island Concours or the Players Tournament, give us a shout." From **Brian Donohue**: "**Gene Ferraro** and I attended a Knicks game on January 15 and had dinner afterwards with the voice of the Knicks, **Mike Walczewski**. Before Wally rose to fame as the voice of the Knicks (as well as NCAA Basketball in the Garden), his storied announcing career commenced at Sports Phone. For a glowing article about Wally, search the *Sports Illustrated* Vault for, 'If You Don't Know The Score, Sports Phone Will Give It To You.' Apologies to those alums who never heard of it since Wally started with two tin cans and a wire connecting them. Brian attended the Regis Class B State Championship at Fordham on March 8 and the Raiders won. After the fact, he found out that **Rich Potter '72** was sitting immediately across from him in the next aisle. From **Paul Larkin**: "I have a small request. I am working on a series of articles on drug policy to be published by the Heritage Foundation, where I am a fellow. Most have already been published, and I am approaching the end of the series. I hope to turn the series into a book next year. I think that we have a sizable number of physicians and scientists as classmates. Anyone who wishes to discuss drug policy can contact me at my email address, Larcorp5@gmail.com. More specifically, novel psychoactive substances, which is the subject of my current paper. Even more specifically, nitazenes, a new powerful category of analgesics that might replace fentanyl (and its analogues) as the current scourge of contemporary American society. From **Rich Z**: "In a lawyer's version of March Madness, Rich 'Z' Zielinski is about to board a plane to Houston to help run the National Trial Competition for Law Students. Meanwhile, in the actual Madness, Z's alma mater, Colgate, cruised past rival Lehigh to win the Patriot League tournament and punch its ticket to the Big Dance for the fourth consecutive year." **Mike O'Keefe** and his brother **Chris O'Keefe '72** recently saw **Bill Ferns '71** perform with his blues band, Kid Java. Bill's still got it! Visit kid-java.com to learn of future gigs.

Steve Menillo reports: "I have suspected that I suffer from some seasonal affective disorder (not officially diagnosed but noticed by me) since my time at Regis. By the time February rolls around, the combination of cold and lack of sunshine definitely has a significant

deleterious effect on my mental well-being. I have been blessed by the ability to escape frequently enough to someplace where the temps are warmer and the sun shines more regularly as the years have gone by. Covid put a significant cramp in that and made an already stressful situation even more so. Anyway, this year's medicine consisted of a week in north Miami. I have been to Florida many times, especially since my younger daughter, Alexandra, did a large portion of her medical training there. She was always kind enough to get a two-bedroom apartment so mom and dad had a place to stay. Unfortunately, now she is doing her pediatric cardiology fellowship in Grand Rapids and there is a second bedroom but not the equivalent weather. We spent the week at a Doubletree on the beach in a small, incorporated town called Sunny Isles. Two significant culture shocks. First, the wealth displayed in the properties on the beach is astonishing. Didn't fit in at all in my Mitsubishi rental car. Second, if you travel to Miami, you expect that at times English will be the second language spoken in many shops and neighborhoods. We were prepared for that, but surprised to find that English was second to Russian in Sunny Isles. Good thing my wife can read stuff in Cyrillic to a great extent. Had a great time, and the trip reset my mid-winter funk." **Mike Milito** reports: "In the continuing effort to scratch my wife's post-retirement travel itch, we've just returned from a trip to San Miguel de Allende in the Guanajuato region of central Mexico. It makes me wish that I studied Spanish instead of French back in the day. It's a lovely little colonial city with a thriving arts community and public squares and gardens perfect for people-watching day and night." News from **Vin Maher**: "I guess the big news is that I'm retiring after 35 years from Iona University at the end of this academic year." Until next time, stay well and active!



John Collins '73 and Steve Evers '73

1974

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James Corrao reported that **Steve Fiorenza** passed away after a hard battle from pancreatic cancer.

1976

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Frank Pietrantonio is finishing his third year of teaching high school math at a public school in Maryland. He writes, "I have a much better appreciation for Joe Q's feelings about a bunch of teenagers who couldn't imagine the world their teacher grew up in. Example of a real question: 'Mr P., what was it like in the '80s?'" Frank's oldest daughter, Anna, is soon to be married, while Sofie and Luke are living in New York, the former an investment banker and the latter trying to crack his way into theater tech. Fellow '76ers **Bob Lent, Rich Picerni, Dave Pluta, Ray Schmierer, Mike Tupone**, and Frank carry on regular Zoom calls, a tradition begun during the darkest days of Covid. They are planning their next musical get-together for June: great food and drink, tremendous friendship, and some good musical productions to boot.

Pat Mauro adds, "Well after 43 years (the last 34 years I was working for three companies and never changed my office as Symbol was bought by Motorola and finally by Zebra), I accepted an early retirement package, if you could call it early. I finished up on December 8 (yes on the Immaculate Conception feast day). This was a tough decision for a workaholic like me. I'm still getting used to it. Elizabeth and I will use the new-found freedom to walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain later this year, and I will send you a picture then." **Lou Jerome** has some wonderful family milestones to celebrate as he updates, "Last year, our daughter Liz married Michael Whitford near Kansas City, Mo., where they live. Many Regis '76ers honored us with their presence: **Peter Honchaurk**; **Chris Lynch** and his wife, Natasha; **Paul Kiernan** and wife Leslie; **Charlie McGovern** and wife, Mary; **Chris Lowney** and his wife, Angelika." He added, "In addition, in January our son Will and his wife, Jordan, had their third child and first daughter, Marlow. We're thrilled! Fortunately, they live close enough to us in New Jersey that we see them very frequently. The whole family is doing well. I retired at the end of 2021 from a video-viewership startup, TVision, and while I stayed on to consult in 2022, I've been busy auditing courses at Rutgers (lots of 16th and 17th century English literature) and trying my best with intermediate Italian at a language school in Princeton. And I'm fortunate that my parents (aged 96 and 92, respectively) are doing well and living nearby." **Tony Cunningham** adds, "I'll be retiring

from St. John's in May and stepping aside to spare any younger colleague from getting the axe in hard times. I'm living on campus for the semester, and I'll take up residence full-time in Woodbury, Conn., come May. I'm keeping myself busy by my lonesome on campus by shooting to row a million meters on a Concept 2 rower between January 15 and the end of April. My daughter, Flann, had another child in September named Sadie, so I now have two granddaughters. I'm looking forward to being back east. I spent more than half my life in Minnesota, but I've just been passing through." We also heard from **Rich Koestner**, who writes, "I am finishing my 35th year as a professor of motivation at McGill University in Montreal. If anyone ever visits the city, please feel free to contact me. I'd be happy to show you and your family around. Family-wise, the big news for me is that my only child, Sophie, got married last summer at the age of 22 and also moved to Chicago to study social work at Loyola University Chicago. She married a sweetheart of a fellow, and she relishes being at an American university. Hope everyone is doing okay." From **Leo Sullivan**: "My daughter got married two weeks ago and I truly believe that I have the greatest son-in-law in the world. My youngest son graduated medical school a couple of years ago and just learned that he will be chief resident next year. I could not be more proud of him, but I will never get used to being referred to as 'Old Dr Sullivan.' Finally, **Peter Moerler** adds, "Living away from New York City for so many years, I think that I've missed all JUG Nights and only made it to the 25th Reunion and occasional other events, but in this day of WhatsApp and FaceTime, providing free international communication, I'd be happy to catch up with any of you guys who'd like to get on a call. Singapore is now 13 hours ahead of New York City, soon to be 12 when Daylight Saving Time kicks in. Take care, stay well, and God bless, boys. I wish you all the very best."



Lou Jerome's wedding had multiple '76ers. Top row from left: Chris Lynch, Lou Jerome; seated from left: Peter Honchaurk and Chris Lowney

1977

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Our class wants to thank **Brendan Heneghan** for engaging with the Regis Board of Trustees to provide input and encourage the school to issue an enhanced student protection program. **Joe Mauro** is in his 40th year of teaching history at Ransom Everglades School in Miami, and last year his team won the National Middle School History Bowl. **John Goggins** retired as executive vice president and general counsel of Moody's Corporation after serving in the post since 2000. Congrats and best wishes, John! **Jim Rohan, Bernie Kilkelly**, and Nancy and **Bill Deignan** proudly marched with the Regis Gaelic Society in the 2024 New York St. Patrick's Day Parade.



The Regis '78 Miami posse made their annual trip to Mets Spring Training: Elio Martinez, Joe Mauro, Jorge Martinez, Phil Guarco.



Nancy and Bill Deignan '78 marched with Regis in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

1979

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A trio of Regians (**John Haddad, Joe Faga**, and **Bob McDermott**), now balder and grayer (except for Mope) but still on the radical fringe (at least in our own minds), embarking on a journey not just of distance, but of time. They set sail on the "Cruise to the Edge," where progressive rock (I think we used

to call it classical rock), the soundtrack of our years at Regis, played out in multiple floating venues. In between the epic guitar solos, amazing drum work, impossible bass lines, and keyboard wizardry, they found themselves also relaxing, shopping, and snorkeling in the crystal-clear and fish-laden waters of Cozumel. They are slightly amazed to realize they've known each other just short of 50 years! It was a reunion of hearts, minds, and souls set against the backdrop of the deep blue sea and the magic of Adrian Belew, Tony Levin, Steve Hackett (who played some of his new stuff!), Martin Barre, as well as the next generations to progress the genre. There were 25 bands in total. So, to the class of '79, this trio extends an invitation: Next year in early April, let's all meet where the ocean kisses the sky, and the music plays on forever. Come cruise to the edge with us! **Rich Hickey**, we need you back on this ship!" **John Scola** was appointed Chair of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Global Ethics Committee. When not on the ice or the dance floor, he is running his consulting company, TheScolaGroup.com. He sends greetings from the Grand Canyon State. **Gerry Billoviets** got together with **Juan Montes** for lunch at a West Side café while visiting New York City during the Christmas season. Over smoked salmon benedicts and coffee, they reminisced about their experiences at Regis and shared where life had taken them since then. Juan, a Manhattan resident, is the chief information officer and vice president at the American Museum of Natural History, while Gerry is a senior research engineer with DuPont, working mostly from his home in Mountain View, Calif.



Gerry Billoviets '79 got together with Juan Montes '79 for lunch.



Members of the Class of 1979 set sail on a cruise.

1980

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Timo McGillicuddy's new play, *Herself* — set in an Irish pub — was produced as part of the Origin First Irish Festival from March 29–April 20 at the Gural Theatre, located on West 53rd Street. Judith and **Bill Passannante** are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter Diana Hagarty Passannante to Julianne Hagarty and **Will Passannante '10**.

1981

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Paul Walczyk retired last summer and after completing the Ignatian Camino in Spain with **Joe Napolitano** in the fall, he has become involved in the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. It is designed for people over the age of 50, and there are numerous chapters across the country, including a fully remote chapter as well. He is currently volunteering at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Baltimore and will be an instructor for Jesuit Worldwide Learning, which helps those in developing countries and refugee camps get a degree and an education. The students go to a facility in their home location, and remote instructors grade their tests and papers. **Ed Gillespie** and his wife Eileen are moving to Keswick, Va., near Charlottesville, home of the University of Virginia. Travelers are welcome to pop in when in the area. Ed sold his business in 2023 and is now focused on consulting and writing screenplays (and some golf). He is looking forward to playing with **AJ Smith**, **Tom Fergus**, and **John Conlon** in May at the Regis outing. Joe Napolitano writes that he had the good fortune to connect with **Paula Neira** in Washington, D.C., in October 2022. "I was honored to be inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) at that time. Paula was previously inducted several years ago. There are a little more than 3,000 Fellows from around the world that have been recognized for their contributions to the profession, so a bit unusual that there would be two from the same high school, let alone the same class. It was great to catch up with Paula and learn more about her career and her current work. I am currently exploring what's professionally next for me in my career. Fascinating to hear about some of our fellow classmates who have already 'retired' somehow!"

1982

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News has been sparse from the esteemed Class of 1982, so I feel a bit like an artist with an open canvas in front of him — free to paint a mini-portrait or produce a giant mural the size of the one that rested against the wall in Fr. Lavin's studio in the fall of 1978. I think I will strive for something in the middle. Let me

start by sending out an appeal to my classmates: Please send updates of all kinds to me at the email address above. I promise to include whatever you send, photos or words, in the next *Regis* Magazine. From the mailbox, **Don Hess** reports that he and his four-member cycling team recently completed the Tour Aotearoa, a 3000-kilometer bike ride from the north tip of the North Island of New Zealand to the south tip of the South Island. It was an unsupported ride that was completed in 20 days. His team blogged the trip, so for those interested, more details can be found at aotearoa2024.wordpress.com. After a cross country ride in 2014 (Boston to Seattle), Don and his colleagues decided to plan a long trip every five years. They did Athens to Amsterdam in 2019 and are looking for ideas for 2029. From the social media universe, I can report the following: **Gerald Coamey** spent another hopeful March rooting for the Northwestern Wildcats to advance to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament. Alas, 2024 was not the year, but at least they got further than the teams of the three colleges/universities I attended (Williams, Vassar and Columbia). **Jim Livio** has been all over the music circuit. By my last count, in just two and a half months he attended live performances of Enter the Haggis, Dwight Yoakam, Tedeschi Trucks Band, Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, and his own son's band. Congrats, Jim, on having "Slowhand Sam" in your midst. **Mario Casella** shares a similar passion, and since the start of 2024, he has enjoyed live performances on both sides of the Atlantic. From what I can tell, he attended theatrical performances in London and also was in the audience stateside for the Pretenders, Dawes, the Roy Hargrove Big Band, Tedeschi Trucks, the Mahavishnu Project, Tool, and many others. **Bob Smith** had an opportunity to hang out with Mets legends John Olerud, Edgardo Alfonzo, and Jay Horwitz in January. Bob, can you get them to inspire the current Amazins? From the looks of it, **Larry Lonergan** celebrated St. Patrick's Day in Ireland. Photos revealed green wardrobes and dark brown adult beverages. Speaking of travel, **Arnold Neimanis** and his wife enjoyed some March skiing at Mammoth Mountain in California. He was able to report that he logged 19 runs, 19.9 miles, and 18,938 downhill feet in one day. Good job! Moving to warmer climes, **Carlo De Luna** and his family enjoyed the beach, sun, and scuba diving in the Dominican Republic. If anyone is unaware, there is a special Class of 1982 Facebook group called "Regis '82." Don't fall for the imposters — the real one sports a fierce-looking red owl as its icon. At the last count, more than 50 members of the class are members. Please join if you haven't already; you won't regret it. On the home front, I can report that after 30+ years in public service and 15 years at the MTA, I left government finance behind in 2023. Mario Casella can't blame me for the subway rodent problem anymore, and **Patrick McGoldrick** can't

text me questions about his LIRR service. I have been enjoying the newfound freedom to enjoy family life, including spending time with our nine-year-old son, who has embraced little league baseball, and our seven-year-old daughter, who has taken up figure skating. My son believes the Yankees are "naughty," so at least I can claim some success as a father. I also resumed my role as a project leader for Wilderness Volunteers, which leads weeklong camping and backpacking trips to maintain and preserve our national parks, forests, and open spaces. Please visit wildernessvolunteers.org if you are interested in participating in a project. Before the weather grew chilly, we hosted Patrick McGoldrick, **Tom Kuntz**, and **Arthur Xanthos** at our Brooklyn home. A fun time was had by all, and we learned that Mr. Kuntz has abandoned the Garden State to move someplace in the South where they take high school football very seriously. I can't recall. It's either South Carolina or Georgia.



Mets superfan Bob Smith '82 enjoyed a January evening with Mets legends John Olerud, Edgardo Alfonzo, and Jay Horwitz.

1983

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Max Deslin reports, "I made the big move back to the "motherland" in December, when I boarded a plane with my two cats to move back to Genoa, Italy, after 48 years. It's been several months already and all is good. I'm getting settled in, and all the bureaucratic matters were taken care of smoothly! I was very happy to meet up with **Bob Monti '83** in December while he visited the city. If anyone is traveling to the area, let's get together for an aperitivo!" *Auguri, fratello mio!* Speaking of Italy, **Frank Grillo** continues to travel back to the States from Italy to promote his fine vodka distillery and has graciously invited members of our class to sample cocktails at several events held at Martiny's on East 17th Street. Wishing you continued success with this venture, Frank! In other "meet-ups" held across the pond, **Larry LaSala** reports, "On a business trip to London last December, I was able to connect and have lunch with **Chris DeMarco**. We enjoyed

years worth of catching up and an excellent lunch at Gordon Ramsay's Bread Street Kitchen & Bar. Hope to make this at least an annual occurrence!" Coincidentally, **Mike Martin** also reports, "Dropping off my daughter Shaye at Oxford allowed me to have a few morning coffees with Chris, as well as dinner with Chris and his daughter Santa and my family. Loved watching my girls connect with Santa as well as having the chance to reconnect with Chris." **Ed Mulholland** is Sheridan Chair of Classics at Benedictine College and has just completed the first ever English translation of the Renaissance epic poem the *Davidiad* by Croatian humanist Marko Maruli (1450–1524), to be published in April by Lysa Publishers in Belgium. He hopes Fr. Callahan and Fr. Kelly would be proud! Indeed they would — congratulations, Ed! **Dave Vigon** sends his best wishes: "May all your clouds be lined in silver to match our crowns." Dave regularly shares his artistic talent with frequent exhibitions of his work on the Upper West Side and other venues around town. Dave can be reached at vigondandg@aol.com, while samples of his beautiful artwork and notifications of his upcoming exhibitions can be found on his Facebook page ("David Vigon"). Continued success, Dave! **John "JZ" Zipay** continues to enjoy his retirement after 35 years at NASA by acting in local productions and traveling, including many visits to Civil War sites and monuments. John can now be reached at Morp19Han6@gmail.com.



Mike Martin '83 and Chris DeMarco '83 in England

1984

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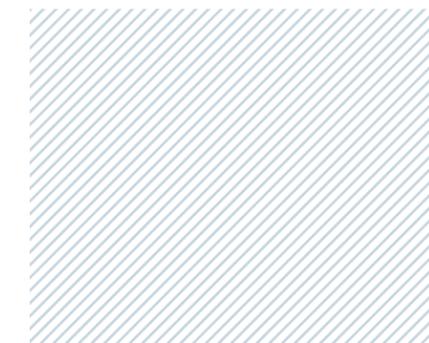
Frank Joanne's middle daughter, Nathalie, was recently married in Missoula, Mont., to Mr. Grant Dutton. Frank's youngest, Nicole, will be graduating from the University of Tampa in May with a degree in sports management and currently works for the Tampa Bay Rays and Buccaneers. Frank adds that "personally, I am loving living on the Gulf Coast and look forward to some future meet-ups with old friends." With baseball season upon us, here's a couple of oft-told, but still enjoyable, Mets game stories. **Jim McDonnell** and **Ray McGoldrick**

recently recalled on a Regis '84 email thread a Mets game that many of us went to in 1984. As part of the pre-game festivities, cheap beer was imbibed and college rejection letters were burned on the hibachi (**Tom Lavin** and the Culinary Club's idea!). I guess that was as rebellious as teenagers in the 1980s could be, as Regians didn't have draft cards or bras to burn! Ray recounted walking with **Pete Doyle** later that day, and Pete was carrying a few Roman candles. "Behind us, three NYPD officers yelled at us, and Pete turned quickly with the candles pointed. Guns weren't drawn, but all three instinctively grabbed their holsters! Then, they yelled at us for being idiots and to get out of there." Another great Mets game memory comes from **Kieran Fallon**: "My favorite Mets game memory involved the Retired Lt. **Kevin Lee** and my bachelor party, which started with a Mets vs. Braves game. Kevin's sister, Jennifer, was working at the Diamond Club at the time, so we of course went there after the game for a few more libations, and later exited the stadium using the exit the players used. There was a crowd of people outside the exit hoping to get autographs and, as we passed, some kid shouted out to Kevin asking if he was Jeff Blausler, the Braves's then-shortstop. Since Kevin can't lie, he said 'no' and kept walking. I shouted to Kevin, 'Come on Jeff, sign the kid's baseball.' Upon hearing this, the crowd set upon Kevin who spent several minutes scribbling something, still unclear as to what, on baseballs, shirts, hats, and cards. The rest of us continued to the car (conveniently, a Mustang convertible), circled back to the crowd, and 'Jeff' jumped in and off we went. So beware of anyone selling you a Jeff Blausler autograph, as it may actually be that of our good friend Lt. Lee." **Joe Antinori** writes about a career change: "After 10 years at the V.A. in Asheville, N.C., I am taking a job with the State Department to be a regional medical officer. This is a return to the expat life that my wife, Jodi, and I enjoyed so much in our youth. Some have suggested that perhaps it is an overreaction to empty nest syndrome. We're just not ready to go quietly into the night yet. Hopefully, I will be starting in July or September, and there is no telling where we will be posted. RMOs are only stationed at regional capitals so wherever we go it will not be too remote. They are two year commitments to each post, and there's a mandatory retirement age of 65, so it has a time limit on it for me. Regians with the leisure and inclination are welcome to email me directly at drjoantnori@gmail.com to make their reservations for exotic travel." **Chuck Guarino's** son Michael graduated from Georgetown in May 2022 and then spent nearly two years as program manager for the Latin America Leadership Program at the McDonough School of Business. He has now been admitted to the Ph.D program at Georgetown's Department of Linguistics. As Chuck says, "If all goes as planned, the kid will

have done 11 years straight at Georgetown. I think he kinda likes the place or something, maybe." His son Andrew is in his junior year at Boston College. He spent the Fall 2023 semester abroad at University College of London. Chuck took in an Arsenal match during his visit in October and enjoyed watching the Gunners thrash Sheffield United at the Emirates Stadium. He is now back at Chestnut Hill for the Spring 2024 semester and is serving as general manager of WZBC 90.3 FM, the BC radio station. They will both be pulling for the number one ranked BC Eagles to continue their winning ways by taking both the Hockey East Tournament and the NCAA Frozen Four in March and April. **Andy Coamey**, senior VP for Housing at Housing Works, announced that "in partnership with the Hudson Companies, we closed the financing for a new 112-unit affordable housing development in Hell's Kitchen. The building will provide 67 units of supportive housing for homeless New Yorkers and 45 units of 100 percent affordable housing for families. Construction is scheduled to begin in April." **Steve Herd** debuted a Substack newsletter in early 2023. He felt that as an aging Gen Xer, "the law requires that I need to either start up a podcast or a Substack, so I chose the latter. *Tending the Herd* is a thrice-weekly posting in which he shares his musings on sports, music, pop culture, 1970s nostalgia, and whatever else is on my mind at the moment. Look for it on the internet or in the Substack app." **Steve Ksenak**, **Tony Tristani**, and **Pat Coffey** got together for an impromptu Regis reunion during an official Boston College reunion. We close with a second Pete Doyle entry, as he recently marched in the St Patrick's Day Parade with the Regis contingent that included his son **Finbar Doyle '26**.



Pete Doyle '84 and his son, Finbar '26





From left, Steve Ksenak '84, Tony Tristani '84, and Pat Coffey '84

1985

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At this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade while marching with the Knights of St. Patrick, we ran into our classmate and New York State assemblyman extraordinaire **Brian Kavanagh** at the opening Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and then later in the day hung out with Brian and his parents at the Knight's reception at the Pierre. With baseball season starting, a **Dan Twohig** ballpark update is in order. There are 260 MLB, Minor League, and independent teams in the U.S. (it changes slightly all the time based on new teams, leagues, etc.) The important thing is that Dan has visited 136 (at least that was the most recent update). On his tour of these ballparks, he also finds time to see classmates including **Rick Murtha** at the Frisco Roughriders Minor League Baseball game. Look for Dan at a ballpark near you. Connected with **Mike Webb** recently and he shared the following: "Just concluded my 32nd year helping retirement plan sponsors create strong financial futures for their participants. Our firm was virtually acquired during the pandemic by one of the largest investment advisory firms in the country (CAPTRUST), but the transition was smooth, and I haven't missed a beat! Been working remotely out in the woods of Sussex County, N.J., for nearly two decades now and have been happily married to my wife, Laura, for even longer than that! Our son, Colin, is a senior at Kittatinny Regional High School and a member of the National Honor Society; he will make his final college decision in the spring." Hoping Colin makes the decision to come to St. Thomas Aquinas College! I'd like to thank Mike for his philanthropic work on making scholarships available to rising stars who want them, need them, and deserve them. Thanks, Mike, for always being a team player. Speaking of team, quite the Regis crew hit MSG to watch St. John's University take on Georgetown — of course it did not lead to an NCAA berth but St. John's did win. While we are talking hoops, congrats to Coach Cullen and the varsity basketball team on their tournament win! Back to

MSG, the Regis roll call included: **Jerry Barrow '92, Brendan McLoughlin '86, Clyde Cole '87, Freddy Taveras '90, Osterman Perez '97, Alan Garcia '08, Harold Riggs '97, Don Elivert '97, Chidi Ezeolu '97, Mike Pender '84, Rich Sumberac '88, Renato Basanta '97, Bob Sumberac '86, John Sullivan '86, Brian Gavin '87, Frank Carbone '85**, and yours truly. Always fun to share stories about faculty, staff, and Regians that made an impression — lots of good memories and some great laughs too. One thing is for sure, the Regis gift is precious, as are the friendships made. Looking forward to celebrating our 40th; it will be here soon enough!



Regis crew at MSG to watch St. John's take on Georgetown

1986

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Hello, Class of '86. I am writing this just before Easter, but you won't see it for several weeks. I hope you all had a happy Easter and a good first half of 2024. Thanks to all of you who have sent updates in response to my requests. I have received thanks from several of you, but I couldn't do this without your input. Keep those updates coming! **Bob Gazzale** sent an update that just missed the last deadline, so he gets the leadoff spot this time. He reports, "I have found a home north of the border, where I am a professor, teaching stream, and undergraduate chair in the economics department at the University of Toronto. When not working or spending time with my family — my partner, Barbara, and our two rescue dogs, River and Sprocket — I am likely attending to my long-distance running addiction. Barbara's poetry collection, *Precedented Parrotting*, will be published later this winter." I had the pleasure of joining a group of our classmates at a gathering **John Sullivan** invited me to attend. John sent me the following post-event description for inclusion here: "Triggered by an encounter at an Islanders game, missing the camaraderie of our post-RABL drink hosting at Carlow East, and inspired by Bill Crosby's eloquence in the most recent Prowlings, a semi-regular gathering of '86ers may have been born. After running into **Kevin Curley** at the arena,

Bob Sumberac reached out to a few more RABL alumni to suggest a get-together for drinks and/or dinner. Then, having recently and collectively enjoyed Bill's most recent write-up, we tried to add as many addresses to the email chain as we could gather. Since almost everyone seems to work from home on Fridays, we picked a Thursday evening, which ended up being February 29. With the help of Ron McGovern '91 and his colleagues at IGC Hospitality, we made a reservation at Parker & Quinn in Midtown. Early arrivals (and ultimate bar closers) **Kevin Mahoney, Sean Higgins**, and Bob soon welcomed **Kevin Curley, Joe Sack, Kevin Kavanagh, Chris Conroy, Jack Flanagan, Mark Hannafey**, and Bill himself. Other than two or three heads of preternaturally dark hair and slim waists, we looked like most guys in their mid-50s. The goal is to make it a semi-regular gathering. **Brendan McLoughlin** has been granted the privilege of choosing the next date, given the fulfillment of his RABL captaincy duties for so many years and his missing the event due to the celebration of a family member's once-in-every-four-years leap-year birthday. **Mike Lazorchak** hopes to be able to arrange a business trip from Atlanta for the next one. Please send your email address to Bill to get on the chain for the next ones." Thanks to Sean Higgins for sending me a photo to memorialize the evening. Referring to the photo from the evening, Mike Lazorchak commented, "Great pic. Though it's absolutely begging for a Just for Men commercial." I don't know about the other gray-haired gentlemen in that photo, but I'll pass on the Just for Men. I think my gray hair works just fine for me. Dissenting opinions are always welcome as long as they remain private thoughts. Speaking of Mike Lazorchak, he reported that he dropped off his son, Shane, at Emmanuel College in Boston at the start of the Spring semester after an 18-month "gap year." Shane is playing soccer and Mike is excited that the school is within walking distance of Fenway Park. Mike's youngest son will start this fall at SUNY-New Paltz. Mike expects to be passing through New York City more often to connect. I got to see **Jim Fogarty** and Kevin Kavanagh at a breakfast that was hosted by Fr. Chris Devron, SJ, on January 30 in New York City. I also got to see **Rodney Prezeau** and his wife, Vicky, in Las Vegas in mid-February. My wife and I won a trip to Las Vegas through a charity auction and when I mentioned that to Rodney, he told me that Vicky wants to try to see all of the old-time Vegas headliners while they are still alive. Next on her list was Barry Manilow. According to the Prezeaus, it was an amazing concert. Manilow fans are known for throwing their underwear on stage at concerts in appreciation of his showmanship. Rodney claims that he kept his underwear to himself. I'm still looking for the footage to confirm. By the time you read this, the Prezeaus will have celebrated the graduation of their oldest child from Barnard.



Members of the Class of 1986 at Parker & Quinn

1987

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1988

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The progeny of the Class of '88 continue their domination of international sport: **Dave Viscovich's** daughters Anna and Sophie helped lead Washington University to the NCAA's Division III Women's Soccer National Championship Game, **Emmet Conroy's** son Charlie was a member of Whitman High School's Maryland 4A basketball runners-up (while becoming an Eagle Scout to boot), and **Kevin Molloy's** son Gavin was part of Princeton's national semifinalist water polo squad, while his son Jack sported the best mustache in Division I hoops as part of Yale's Ivy League champs that knocked off Auburn in the NCAA Tournament. Meanwhile, across the sea, **Michael Lawlor's** son Aiden and his New York GAA Gaelic Football Club teammates emerged victorious in the prestigious Corn na Mac Leinn Final. When he wasn't earning his Abbott Six Star Medal by finishing the Tokyo Marathon, **Ron Anglade** was watching his son RJ earn first-team All-Ivy while leading Princeton to the conference fencing championship. **Jim Sciotto's** third book, *The Rise of Great Powers*, debuted on The New York Times' bestseller list. **Jon Sciambi** began his run as the national radio voice of the World Series for ESPN.

1989

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Tim Shields writes, "I would like to thank so many of my fellow '89ers for reaching out to me upon my sister Juliet's passing last December. During a time of profound sorrow, I was extremely moved by all your calls, texts, and emails. I was comforted by the flowers and food baskets that you sent, and enormously grateful to those of you who were able to

attend the wake and funeral services. On the heels of a tremendous loss, your kindness was immensely helpful and healing. Thank you for reaching out with your heartfelt condolences." **Ed Heraux** judged a Hearn tournament recently, writing, "On an early January Saturday, **David Kennedy** and I dusted off our Hearn shoes and returned to Regis to judge at the Sister Raimonde Memorial Speech & Debate Tournament. We pigged out with Coach Eric DiMichele while my daughter, Anabel, and potential future Regian son, Remi, toured the school on their own and watched some rounds. Dave left the tournament even prouder than he came, after his son **Jonah Kennedy '24** placed third overall in Programmed Oral Interpretation. On March 16, I got engaged to Christopher John Kellogg. At age 53, never say never! You never know how life will continue to unfold!" **Marco Ricci** recently premiered his latest documentary, *Lucha: A Wrestling Tale*, at the DocNYC Film Festival. The film tells the story of a pioneering high school women's wrestling team in the South Bronx. Marco would like to say he was inspired by wrestling in Mr. Leonard's gym class as a freshman, but that unfortunately was not the case. Fellow '89ers **James Freeley, Kevin Fox, Tony Pillari**, and **George Paul** all showed up to catch the film. Kevin Fox recently braved the frozen north of upstate New York to visit with **Brian McDermott, Mark Ustin**, and **Joe Miraglia P'26**, the former Georgetown roommate of **Jerry Russello** and **Roger Rigaud**, to (among other things) discuss their plans to hike the Camino de Santiago pilgrim route this September in honor of Jerry. All are welcome to join! Westfield, N.J., residents **John Harnisher** and his wife, Julie, are happy to report that sons Jacob (a senior at Tulane University) and Eric (a sophomore at University of Richmond) are both well. Jacob is heading to law school in the fall. John and Julie see Hoboken residents **Maurice Dostal** and his wife, Grainne, regularly. John is currently the head of the education practice at DataKind, a non-profit that brings data science, machine learning, and AI resources to social impact organizations. John writes, "I am very excited by the work I am doing using AI models to help students complete their college degrees, as featured in the New York Times. I was lucky enough this past summer to be sent on assignment to work in Kenya, and my family was able to join me for an amazing safari. I am also enjoying serving as an instructor in psychometrics at the New Jersey Institute of Technology." **Edmund O'Brien** reports that he, **Matt McGowan**, and Matt's daughter spent three days in March tearing up the slopes of Solitude Mountain Resort in Utah. They didn't tire of dropping *Hot Dog...The Movie* quotes. That was more excusable when the movie was more recent, back in during the spring break of 1988 — the last time Edmund skied in Utah with **Ted Capuano** and **Giles Kavanagh**. **Roger Rigaud** writes, "After a longer-

than-usual bidding season this year, in March the Rigauds learned we will continue our international journey this year with a posting in the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City beginning in August. It'll both be my first time back in an embassy and in a new country since 2012 when we left Baku. We're looking forward to the adventure. Also, we are very proud that our 10 year old daughter Lara and her team took third place for all of Mexico in the Destination Imagination contest and will compete in the global finals in Kansas City from May 22–26." Finally, eternal rest grant unto Maria Hinners, wife of **R.J. Hinners**, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



Dave Kennedy '89, Coach Eric DiMichele, and Ed Heraux '89 at a recent Hearn tournament



A 1989 group of Brian McDermott, Joe Miraglia, Mark Ustin, and Kevin Fox met for dinner.



Edmund O'Brien '89 and Matt McGowan '89 skiing in Utah

1990

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John Murray writes, "I moved to Washington, D.C., to join the Democratic legal team on the House Oversight Committee and have been keeping busy working on the Biden impeachment inquiry among other things." **Joe Sciabica** adds, "**John Scroope** and I finally reunited after at least 10 years of not seeing one another. I was up in Boston visiting my son, Nicholas, and I met John and his wife, Liz, for dinner on March 22. In addition to catching up on family, friends, kids, etc., there was the obligatory reminiscing about our days on 84th St., along with my admission of the admiration that I once had for John's (formerly) curly locks of hair." **Eddie Gamarra** checks in from the West Coast: "Howdy! Wanted to share that I was 'impacted' by the recent layoffs at Paramount Global and will be spending the next few months researching and exploring new opportunities. I am keen to chat with fellow entrepreneurial Regians who have launched their own companies (no matter what industry), who have specifically worked in publishing and entertainment, and also those who know how to raise capital. Feel free to reach out to me on LinkedIn!"



John Scroope '90 and Joe Sciabica '90 sampling one of Boston's finest watering holes

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Joe Reynoso (hailing from world-famous Teaneck, N.J.) will be participating in a keynote event of the American Psychological Association's annual meeting of its psychoanalytic division in Washington, D.C., in April. He'll be in conversation with Dave Zirin, sports editor for *The Nation*, talking politics, psychoanalysis, and sports. In other news, the Class of 1994 will gather on May 4 for our 30th — yes 30th — reunion. Hard to believe.

1995

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On Tuesday, February 6, **Guthrie Garvin '95** hosted the Regis Real Estate Group for its largest event to date in the JLL offices at 330 Madison Avenue. More than 30 Regians from classes spanning over 40 years gathered to discuss the state of the real estate market in New York City and around the country. Guthrie looks to expand the group with two or three events a year including happy hours, panel discussions, and tours of Regis alumni-run projects in the New York-metro area. On behalf of a good-sized portion of the Regis alumni community, I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the Mangan family, for their hospitality on St. Patrick's Day this year, and on March 17 in years past. Thank you to **Michael '95** and **Noel '05**, Deirdre, Dennis, and Mr. and Mrs. Mangan. Great seeing you all as always and all the best for a great year to the Mangan family. Slainte!

1996

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1997

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Brian Healy and his husband, Dan, have a daughter! Susanne Marie Healy was born December 3 in Texas with the extraordinary contribution of an amazing gestational surrogate. Brian reports, "Our little city girl loves long walks in the West Village, taking the subway, and spitting out her pacifier."



February meeting of the Regis Real Estate Group



Erik Netcher '97 with his wife, Andrea, and daughter, Mackenzie

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Mike Conway and his wife, Cristin, welcomed a happy and healthy baby boy, Brendan Thomas, on January 10. Brendan's older brother, Mick, is over the moon to have his "little buddy" and is already teaching him how to climb on the furniture. **Denny Donovan** and his wife are happy to announce the birth of their son and first potential Regian, Finn Michael Donovan, born January 24, joining his big

sisters Lily and Avery, who are six and four years old, respectively. **Greg Gencarello**, long believed to have been lost in the rainy mists of the Pacific Northwest, is happy to report that he and his wife, Akiko, welcomed their first child recently. Jonah Gregory Gencarello was born on February 25 in Olympia, Wash., and while he's been keeping his parents (and their two huskies) up most nights, he has also filled their home with joy and gladness beyond words. Ellen and **Tim McKernan** welcomed Phoebe Wise McKernan on March 13, just in time for St. Patrick's Day (and for Phoebe and her dad to watch UVA lose in the NCAA Tournament again). Phoebe and mom are doing well, and the family is settling in beautifully in Cobble Hill. Ellen and Tim are over the moon! For any fans of *The White Lotus*, **Aidan Sleeper** reports from Thailand that Season 3 will not disappoint! **John Zaborskis** started and manages his own tutoring company, which since its 2015 founding has helped students earn over \$22 million in scholarships to high school and 82 interviews to Regis via test prep. It helped produce \$5.7 million in scholarships and 23 interviews for the students who took their admissions tests in November 2023. They also provide tutoring for chemistry, physics, and all other STEM subjects through college.



Mike Conway '02 and his wife, Cristin, welcomed a happy and healthy baby boy, Brendan Thomas, this past January.



Ellen and Tim McKernan '02 welcomed Phoebe Wise McKernan in March.

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The Class of 2003 has gone forth and is multiplying at a rapid rate. **Barth Bazyluk** and his wife welcomed twin girls in December. In October, **Nick Nikic** and his husband, Matt Nikic, welcomed twin boys Zef Alden and Matteo Marash into their family. The Regis alma mater is already their favorite lullaby. **Joe Rivera** and his wife welcomed new baby girl Aria, already an avid reader of this Regis alumni publication. Congratulations to Joe on recently becoming a partner at his firm Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP. Keeping himself busy, he was also recently named to "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in '23 & '24," alongside the "23 Lawyers of Color Hot List." **Vinny DiMaggio** has decamped to the Ocean State of Rhode Island with his wife and two daughters (nine months and two-and-a-half years old). **Carlos Mercado** is still — still! — alive and working. **Patrick Wolf's** folk band Goodnight, Texas opened for country star headliner Chris Stapleton at the Extra Innings music festival. **Conor Mulroe, Bobby Marcoux, Steve Murphy, and Ed Garnett** made the pilgrimage to Tempe, Ariz., to cheer him on. Also in attendance was Pat's cousin **Jon "Boog" Sciambi '88**.



Aria Rivera, daughter of Joe Rivera '03



The 2003 crew of Conor Mulroe, Bobby Marcoux, Steve Murphy, and Ed Garnett cheering on Patrick Wolf.



Barth Bazyluk '03 with his twin girls

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Regis's Vice President for Ignatian Identity & Formation, Rev. James Ferus, SJ, and Rev. San Mai, SJ, visited David Gregory '06 at his new wine shop in Portland, Ore.

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Tim De Santa reports, "My wife, Genelle, and I welcomed our daughter, Jade Charlotte De Santa, to the world on September 27." **Eric Popp** is a newly minted "Adirondack Forty-Sixer," having climbed all 46 4,000-foot peaks in the Adirondack Park. **Brendan Hannon** and his wife, Melissa, welcomed Aidan Kimiadi Hannon into the world on February 13. Brendan is already giving pointers for Aidan to make it through high school without receiving JUG. **Elliot Ikheloa** is back home getting into math again, doing

some writing, teaching, coding, and growing food. He looks forward to catching up with fellow Regians getting unstuck from time.



Brendan Hannon '07 and his wife, Melissa, welcome their newborn, Aidan, to the world.



Eric Popp '07 climbing one of 46 4000-foot peaks in the Adirondack Park

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Michael Paslavsky and Lauren D. Busch got engaged on September 16. Their dog, Archie, is happy for his mom and dad. **Dominick Fiorentino** married Alexander Honjiyo at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., on September 30. They were joined by several members of the Regis Class of 2010 and their spouses. **Myles Phillips** married Andrea Thompson in Harwich Port, Mass., on October 7. **Fr. Philip Judge, SJ, '80**, former President of Regis, presided over the ceremony. They were joined by a number of fellow Regians: **Ryan Phillips '12**,

Sean Phillips '15, Tom White, Aidan Tansey, Ethan Corcoran, Danny McKenna, Conor Prior, Michael Hansen, Jamie Stark, Jerry DelGiacco, Will Eberts, and Patrick Cooney. Edward Escobio married Rachel Matthews on October 22, with **Russell Quinones '09** serving as the best man. **Tom White** writes, "Gerard DelGiacco, Patrick Cooney and I recently got together at Notre Dame's famous Linebacker Lounge after a Fighting Irish win over Wake Forest!" **Frank Pensabene** and his wife, Megan, welcomed their son, John Patrick "JP" Pensabene, to the world on October 16.

2011

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Giancarlo Milea reports, "Julianne Marzulla and I got engaged in December of 2022 (a little while back, but we just got the engagement photos, and they're cute). The wedding is June 1 and will be officiated by Fr. Anthony Andreassi, CO." **Kevin Ames** and Carolyn Harding married on March 16 in Whitehouse Station, N.J. Congratulations to the newlyweds! **Brendan Burke** was a groomsman. Congratulations to Brendan too!



Giancarlo Milea '11 and Julianne Marzulla's engagement photo



A Class of 2011 group of Gabe De Pena, Will Ingram, Marco Gonzalez, Rory McManus, Brendan Burke, Carolyn Harding, Kevin Ames, Eddie Kelly, Derek Kwong, Gio Bacarella, Rafael Dilones, and Mike Dobranski at Kevin's wedding

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2014

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Sean Pasquali married Caroline Rizzo on an island off the coast of Cartagena, Colombia, last November. They were joined by **David Vascones, Sebastian Dilones, and Stephen Ritman**. Sean lives in Brooklyn Heights, and he and his bride are both renewable energy development professionals. **Stephen Ritman** recently took and passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering Environmental Exam and is now a professional engineer in the State of New York. David Vascones and his wife, Diana, recently moved to the Seattle area, where David started law school at the University of Washington.

2015

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2016

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David Bonagura '99 and former Latin discipulus **Michael Robertson** celebrate their Regis Latin and cross country connections in Rome! On March 15, the Ides of March, they saw a reenactment of Caesar's assassination in Pompey's Theater, the site of its occurrence exactly 2068 years prior. Two days later, they ran the Rome Marathon. On a flat and picturesque course with a challenging cobblestone coda, Bonagura had a guaranteed personal record for his first marathon(!), and didn't disappoint with a smoking 3:23:36 time. He patiently waited over half an hour for Robertson to finish with a hard fought 4:02:04.



David Bonagura '99 Michael Robertson '16 celebrate their Regis Latin and cross-country connections in Rome.

2017

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2018

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Andrew Sullivan '18, Nicholas Dulock '18, and Sean Kinnally '18 on a hike in Joshua Tree National Park in California

2019

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As a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Taiwan, **Miguel Sutedjo** biked the 環島 (around-the-island cycling trip) in February.

2020

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2021

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Thomas Richardson raised \$3,232.49 for a St. Baldrick's fundraiser at Lehigh University, shaving his head in solidarity with children with cancer. He was the top fundraiser at the entire university, earning a medal for his efforts.

Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Mass of the Holy Spirit
- 27 JUG Night

NOVEMBER

- 6 Deo et Patriae Reception



Thomas Richardson '21 posing with his fundraising medal

Milestones

BIRTHS

Susanne Marie Healy on December 3, 2023, to Dan and **Brian Healy '97**
Brendan Thomas Conway on January 10, 2024, to Cristin and **Mike Conway '02**
Finn Michael Donovan on January 24, 2024, to Ashley and **Denny Donovan '02**
Jonah Gregory Gencarello on February 25, 2024, to Akiko and **Greg Gencarello '02**
Phoebe Wise McKernan on March 13, 2024, to Ellen and **Tim McKernan '02**
Jade Charlotte De Santa on September 27, 2023, to Genelle and **Tim De Santa '07**
Aidan Kimiadi Hannon on February 13, 2024, to Melissa and **Brendan Hannon '07**
John Patrick "JP" Pensabene on October 16, 2023, to Megan and **Frank Pensabene '10**

WEDDINGS

Tom McBride '55 to Lorraine Keleher Laumeyer on June 24, 2023
Edward Escobio '10 and Rachel Matthews on October 22, 2023
Dominick Fiorentino '10 and Alexander Honjiyo on September 30, 2023
Myles Phillips '10 and Andrea Thompson on October 7, 2023
Kevin Ames '11 and Carolyn Harding on March 16, 2024
Sean Pasquali '14 and Caroline Rizzo on November 11, 2023

2022

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2023

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Requiescat in Pace

Adrian McGuire '41 on January 30, 2024
Andrew McMahon '48 on January 1, 2024
James Francis Reynolds '48 on December 16, 2023
Raymond Murphy '50 on February 26, 2024
Richard Neergaard '50 on December 1, 2023
Vincent Gallagher '51 on March 4, 2024
Salvatore Rand '51 on April 9, 2024
Lewis Bowlby '52 on December 27, 2023
Jerold Kappes '52 on February 15, 2024
Richard Ward '54 on March 20, 2024
Edward Ahearn '55 on December 11, 2023
Paul Anderson '55 on November 27, 2023
Peter Cinelli '56 on February 28, 2024
Robert Neuner '56 on March 25, 2024
William Byrnes '57 on April 14, 2024
John Kane '57 on December 26, 2023
Peter Kern '58 on February 14, 2024
Francis Reining '58 on February 5, 2024
Neil O'Donohue '59 on February 28, 2024
Edward Wilkens '59 on December 16, 2023
Robert Carey '60 on April 1, 2024
Anthony Castelbuono '62 on April 6, 2024
Vincent Mosco '66 on February 9, 2024
Alexander Kimball '70 on March 27, 2024
Hon. Mark Baber '71 on March 30, 2024
Peter Farranto '72 on February 4, 2024
James Snow '74 on February 10, 2024
Stephen Fiorenza '75
Jason Franzke '92 on February 22, 2024



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A contingent of students and faculty members traveled to Costa Rica during Easter break for Regis's annual conservation and ecology trip. The group of 35 students aided in conservation efforts and conducted research in various locations around the country, including the Manuel Antonio National Park, a crocodile farm on the Pacific Coast, and a coffee plantation in San José.

