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Above: The varsity soccer team celebrates in front of Regis's cheering section following a win in the CHSAA state semifinals at St. John's University on November 10. For more on the team, see page 7.

On the Cover: Daniel Bajada '24 descends the 84th Street staircase. To read more about Bajada's speech in advance of September's March to End Fossil Fuels, see page 8.

President's Report

Our Commitment to Justice



This issue of *Regis Magazine* features the text of an address delivered by Silas Nwaishienyi '24 at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice this fall. The IFTJ is an annual multi-day conference in Washington, D.C., that convenes hundreds of students from Jesuit secondary schools, colleges, and universities from across the nation.

In his speech, which you can read on page 12, Silas highlighted the disparities in health care for underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. He spoke about his mother's near-death experience during his birth and how her condition went undiagnosed by doctors because it primarily affects Black people. This experience led Silas to become an advocate for greater racial equality in medical education and improved access to health care.

After Silas's speech, I received a message from Jim DeGraw '80, who attended the IFTJ and said that Silas represented Regis well and wowed listeners with his remarks. Jim and his wife, Cate, have long supported and helped to advance the growth of the Ignatian Solidarity Network, the organization that sponsors the annual Teach-In.

Though Jim grew up in Brooklyn, he now lives in San Francisco, where he and Cate raised their family. Jim works for justice by helping to give hundreds of young people like Silas an extraordinary opportunity to form community and share their aspirations, stories, and strategies to participate more fully in God's kingdom — a kingdom of justice in which each person, regardless of background or identity, is created in dignity and is recognized, heard, and truly belongs equally.

Silas and Jim, separated by generations and geography, had never met before their encounter at the IFTJ. It is improbable that they would ever find themselves in the same room if not for Regis's transformative mission.

Watching the video of Silas's speech reminded me of Regis's Profile of the Graduate at Graduation. One of its outcomes is that a Regis graduate becomes "Committed to Doing Justice":

By graduation, the Regis High School student has acquired considerable knowledge of the many needs of local, national, and global communities. Desiring to take a place in these communities as a concerned and responsible adult committed to doing justice, he is developing his awareness and the skills necessary to live as a person for and with others.

Service to our neighbor and sharing our resources with the "least of our brothers and sisters" (Matthew 25) are necessary Christian virtues, and Regis develops these virtues through our Christian service requirements. But the demands of a Jesuit education are not satisfied solely through practicing service and charity.

The Church teaches that "Christian love of neighbor and justice cannot be separated" and that working for justice is a constitutive element of our Catholic faith (see *Justice in the World*, produced by the 1971 Synod of Bishops). Therefore, we expect that the Regis graduate will recognize and question the social realities and structural dynamics that cause inequalities in the first place and then work to alleviate them through change — exactly like the changes Silas advocates.

We help our students realize a commitment to doing justice in a myriad of ways: Ignatian educators probe the dimensions of justice in their subject areas, seminars invite seniors to reflect on the social context of their Christian service work, our annual John Francis Regis Day examines a social justice topic in-depth, and many students participate in special programs like the IFTJ.

When Silas graduates in a few months, I am confident he will continue to work for justice — a commitment he shares with Jim.

I hope that Silas's and Jim's stories as men for others inspire you to reflect on how a Regis education has formed you, or a Regis alumnus you know or love, to work for justice.

Sincerely,

Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ
President

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Your support fuels innovation, nurtures potential, and transforms lives.

With its emphasis on academic rigor and Catholic formation, Regis High School fosters the development of young men into compassionate leaders, critical thinkers, and responsible global citizens. Our commitment to providing an exceptional Jesuit education remains steadfast, grounded in a tradition of holistic education that emphasizes intellectual, moral, and spiritual development.



The Annual Fund provides more than half of Regis's yearly operating budget and plays a pivotal role in sustaining its 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.



Thanks to more than \$189,000 in donations to our 2023 Auction Challenge, Regis's art room underwent a full renovation prior to the beginning of the school year. The work transformed the room into a modern, comfortable, and flexible space for students. Upgraded furniture and lighting were installed, in addition to a new sink, whiteboards, and projectors. As part of the renovation, the room also got much-needed storage space and bookshelves.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful improvement," said President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, at a reception thanking Auction Challenge donors on November 16. "Going back to the 16th century, an appreciation for the arts as well as artistic creation is a part of our DNA as Jesuits and in Jesuit education." Ms. Robyn Prezioso, Chair of the Arts Department, praised how the room encourages collaboration and is designed to meet the changing needs of the school.

"Thank you so much for trusting us with your children to teach them how important the arts are at Regis and in Jesuit education," said Ms. Prezioso at the November 16 reception. Additional work in 2024 will complete a new air conditioning system as well as a movable divider to separate the room into two distinct spaces. The 2023 Auction Challenge was launched during the Parents' Club Auction last March. The 2024 Parents' Club Auction will take place on March 9.

Dear Regians...

At our 2023 JUG Night on October 13, we asked alumni to write notes of advice to current students that we can display in the library throughout the year.

Here's a sampling from the more than 250 Regians in attendance.

*Regis friends are the best you'll have in your whole life - cherish them now & forever.
- Joe Pericomi '66*

Dig deep @ Sam - '14

Remember to read a book for fun some time - Alumnus'11

REMEMBER - IT'S HOW YOU DO IT, NOT WHAT YOU DO!

News & Notes

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Regis Celebrates Mass of the Holy Spirit

The Regis community joined together on September 8 at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit, a cherished tradition in Jesuit education. It marked the first time that the Class of 2027 celebrated Mass with the broader Regis community.

Regis President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, served as the primary celebrant and was joined on the altar by Rev. Arthur Bender, SJ '67, and Rev. James Ferus, SJ. More than 40 students volunteered as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, musicians, ushers, and gift bearers.

"Today we boldly ask the power of the Holy Spirit to bless our upcoming year together," said Fr. Devron during his homily. "May the flame of the Holy Spirit burn from within us any fear or suspicion of the other. May the wind of the Holy Spirit cleanse our minds and hearts so that we can listen and understand each other and even understand how God is working in our lives."

Following Fr. Devron's homily, Regis students, faculty, and staff offered petitions in 12 languages: Malayalam, Portuguese, Italian, Korean, French, Russian, Greek, German, Ukrainian, Spanish, Tagalog, and English. The Regis community remembered in a special way Matthew G. Leonard '80, Gregory J. Trost '93, and Paul J. Battaglia '96, the three Regis alumni who died in the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Before Mass concluded, Fr. Devron and the Regis community conferred a special blessing on Mr. Charlie Heintz, the new Principal of Regis.

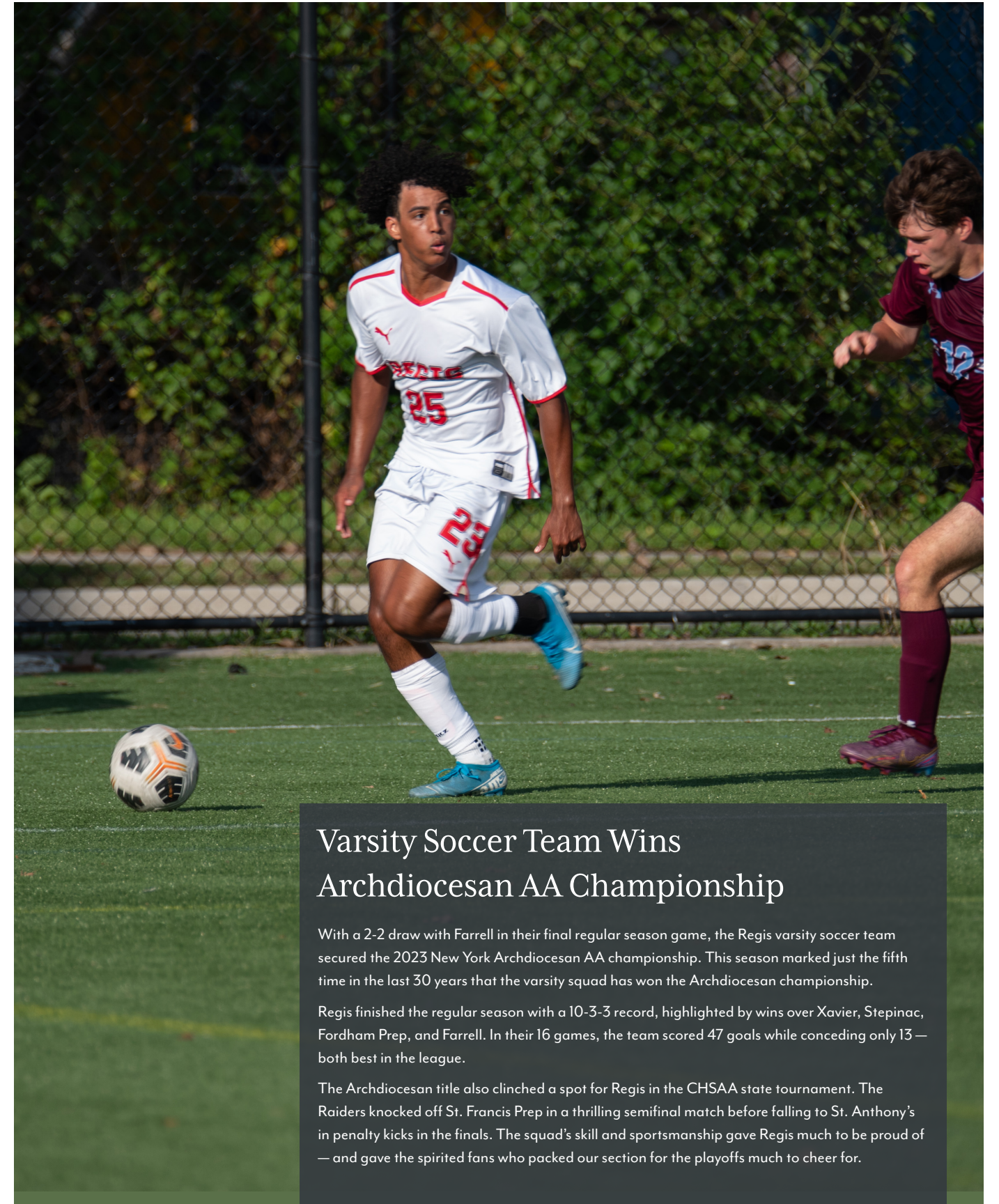
"Good and gracious God, pour out your love and blessings upon Mr. Charlie Heintz's gifts," said Fr. Devron, as students, faculty, and staff raised their arms towards the new Principal.

The Mass followed several days of orientation sessions in preparation for the new school year. After Mass, the Class of 2024 gathered with faculty in the cafeteria for the annual Senior-Faculty Luncheon.

Fall Convocation Recognizes Student Achievements

On the new school year's first day of classes, the student body and faculty gathered for the 2023 Fall Academic Convocation, which celebrated Regians' achievements from the previous year. Students who earned final grades of Honors or above in all full-credit courses were awarded Order of the Owl recognition. General Excellence awards were given to students on the basis of superlative performance in coursework and, in the opinion of the faculty, extraordinary level of interest, initiative, and achievement beyond the classroom. Individual awards were also bestowed upon select upperclassmen for their accomplishments within the school community.

"If this convocation is about notching off things that people can write on college applications, then it really doesn't have much value," said Regis President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ. "But if this is about you being faithful to a call to use your intellect, to use your gifts in ways that you are going to find to serve others and to give God greater glory, then for sure this convocation is about faithfulness. It's about faithfulness to the gifts that God has given you. That's what we're here to celebrate today."



Varsity Soccer Team Wins Archdiocesan AA Championship

With a 2-2 draw with Farrell in their final regular season game, the Regis varsity soccer team secured the 2023 New York Archdiocesan AA championship. This season marked just the fifth time in the last 30 years that the varsity squad has won the Archdiocesan championship.

Regis finished the regular season with a 10-3-3 record, highlighted by wins over Xavier, Stepinac, Fordham Prep, and Farrell. In their 16 games, the team scored 47 goals while conceding only 13 — both best in the league.

The Archdiocesan title also clinched a spot for Regis in the CHSAA state tournament. The Raiders knocked off St. Francis Prep in a thrilling semifinal match before falling to St. Anthony's in penalty kicks in the finals. The squad's skill and sportsmanship gave Regis much to be proud of — and gave the spirited fans who packed our section for the playoffs much to cheer for.



Mr. David Bonagura '99 P'25 Translates St. Jerome in New Book

On October 17, the Sophia Institute Press released *Jerome's Tears: Letters to Friends in Mourning*, a translation of seven of St. Jerome's letters of consolation by language teacher Mr. David Bonagura '99 P'25.

"St. Jerome is best known for compiling the Latin edition of the Bible, called the Vulgate, and rightly so," said Mr. Bonagura. "He is also known for a famous quotation: 'Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.' But there is more to St. Jerome than this. We have 123 of his letters, written in a style equivalent to the modern essay, on a variety of topics. His letters of consolation stand out as some of the greatest examples of Latin prose and of pastoral care. Appropriately, St. Jerome offers wisdom from the Scriptures as his primary medicine for comforting the bereaved."

Mr. Bonagura became interested in St. Jerome's letters years ago while writing his graduate school thesis, for which he analyzed St. Jerome's quotations of classical Roman authors such as Virgil and Cicero. "As I worked on the thesis, I thought people could really benefit from reading St. Jerome's letters of consolation," he said. "They are moving and inspiring. To my knowledge, these letters have never been put together in a single volume in English. So I went to work on them."

The book contains seven letters written by St. Jerome from the years 389–412. In addition to translating the letters, Mr. Bonagura wrote an extended introduction to St. Jerome's life, work, and thought. He also wrote a brief paragraph before each letter identifying the deceased, the bereaved, and the context.

The book is dedicated to the memory of Regis teachers Mr. John Connelly '56 and Dr. Lou Macchiarulo, who influenced Mr. Bonagura's path to becoming a Latin teacher.

"The ancients have so much to offer us," said Mr. Bonagura. "Communicating this fact is something I have tried to do in my Latin classes for 20 years now. I am happy to offer St. Jerome's teaching as a small example of this, especially on a topic that affects all of us: grief and mourning."

Regis Senior Speaks at Climate Rally

In advance of September's March to End Fossil Fuels in midtown Manhattan, Regis senior Daniel Bajada '24 spoke at a press conference held by the Catholic Climate Covenant's Youth Mobilization program.

"While these recent wildfires kept us New Yorkers inside for a couple days, climate tragedies in the Global South force people out of their homes, displacing millions and forcing the most vulnerable to suffer," Bajada, a uniformed Scout, said from the steps of St. Paul the Apostle Church on West 59th Street.

Bajada encouraged those gathered to look for ways to make a tangible difference in their communities. "Pope Francis tells us, 'The environment is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.' As the youth, this world will soon be ours to live in. We must spearhead the movement to defend our planet."

The march, timed to coincide with the United Nations' Climate Ambition Summit, drew tens of thousands of demonstrators from some 700 organizations, including numerous Catholic groups.



Students and Faculty Head Outdoors for Bear Mountain Day



Students and faculty boarded buses on September 22 for Regis's annual Bear Mountain outing. The beautiful day outdoors offered a pleasant change of scenery from the rigors of the academic calendar, as it has for generations of Regians. Though hiking trails were unavailable due to storm damage from the summer, students took part in a range of recreational activities, including basketball, volleyball, soccer, Spikeball, and ultimate frisbee.

Students divided into teams for Catalyst's second annual charity two-hand touch football tournament, with proceeds going to St. Aloysius Gonzaga, a Jesuit high school in Kibera, the largest slum in Nairobi, Kenya. The school serves children who have lost one or both of their parents to HIV/AIDS.

The day culminated with the annual senior vs. faculty softball game. With Mr. Charlie Heintz providing music as DJ on his first trip to Bear Mountain since joining Regis as Principal, the seniors "won," 14-7. However, the faculty unilaterally decreed that an asterisk be placed next to the final score in the record book, as the seniors allowed varsity baseball players to participate, violating the game's rules. Tough luck, gentlemen!

How the Apiary Society Harvests Its Honey

The Apiary Society harvested their first batch of honey for the school year in early October. With more than 180 members, the club tends to two hives on the green roof atop Regis throughout the year, carefully monitoring the colony of tens of thousands of bees.

To harvest the honey, students first remove frames from the beehives, after which the bees fly back into the hive. The students bring the frames inside, where they scrape the wax off of them with a knife. This reveals the honey and allows the frames to be put into a hand-cranked honey extractor. Club members then pour the honey into a specially designed bucket, which allows for easy bottling. The unused beeswax will be melted and turned into lip balm and candles.

The harvest produced more than 50 pounds of honey, and club members bottled more than 60 jars. Regians immediately piled into the art room to buy the honey, with the proceeds going towards equipment that will allow the Apiary Society to continue harvesting. The club plans to next extract honey in the spring.





His Honor

Celebrating
the Hon. John
F. Keenan '47,
recipient of the
2023 Deo et
Patriae Award.

The Latin words *Deo et patriae* — “for God and country” — are a part of the very fabric of Regis. They’re etched into the building’s facade, are displayed in the official seal, and are used in the name of the prestigious award given each year to a person who has served the school and the community in a distinguished capacity.

They’re also, fittingly, words that have guided the Honorable John F. Keenan '47 over the course of his life. And on November 2, Regis was proud to present Keenan with the 2023 Deo et Patriae Award during a reception at the New York Athletic Club. Keenan was celebrated for his devotion to public service, most notably in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office and later as a district judge for the Southern District for New York.

“God blessed me with a good and interesting series of jobs before I got the best job in the world, which is being a federal judge,” said Keenan, adding that “one of the highlights of my very fortunate life was my career, and the other was my four years at Regis High School.”

Throughout the evening, Keenan was praised for his legal skills and intelligence, which have been paired with unquestioned integrity and sound judgment.

While presenting Keenan with the award, Regis President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, also called special attention to all those Keenan has mentored over the years.

“They’re here to honor you, as we are,” said Devron.

Keenan was introduced by William E. Craco '82, one of his former clerks.

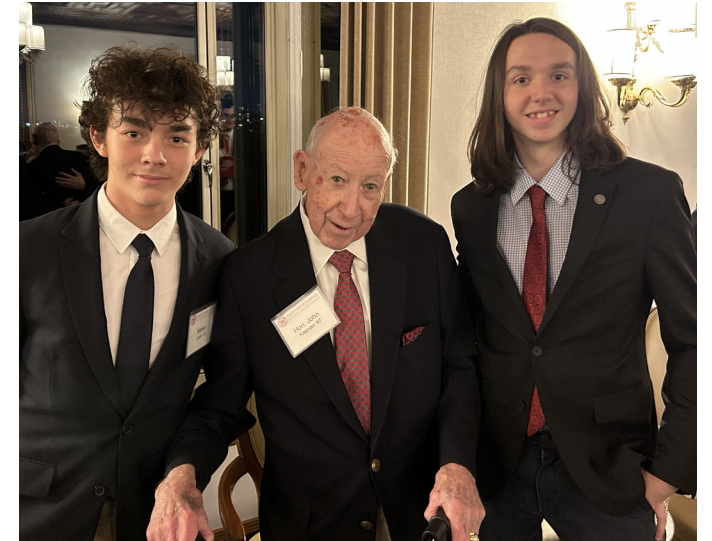
“Through his remarkable career of service, John Keenan has been the living embodiment of the values that Regis seeks to instill into its graduates,” said Craco.

After graduating from Regis in 1947 and Manhattan College in 1951, Keenan earned a law degree from Fordham University in 1954. While receiving the Dean’s Medal of Recognition at Fordham Law School in 2019, he told guests that upon his graduation, he received a \$100 check for exemplary performance in moot court competitions, explaining to those gathered that he used the money to take (and pass) the bar exam and to take his now-wife, Diane, on a date to propose.

His law career was put on hold when he joined the U.S. Army, where he was assigned to the Army Security Agency and stationed in Tokyo from 1954 to 1956 during the Korean War.

Soon after completing his service and after a four-month stint at a law firm — the only time he spent in private practice — Keenan found his way to the Manhattan District Attorney’s office, where he worked as assistant district attorney from 1956 to 1976, including a stint leading the homicide bureau from 1970 to 1973. Keenan would go on to serve as the chief assistant to three district attorneys in Queens and Manhattan.

In 1976, Governor Hugh Carey and New York Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz appointed Keenan deputy attorney general and



The Hon. John F. Keenan '47 with student volunteers Tristram Hines '25 and Mateo Juan '25

special prosecutor for corruption. Three years later, Mayor Ed Koch appointed him to be chairman of New York City’s Off-Track Betting Corporation, and in 1982, Koch appointed him to be the city’s coordinator of criminal justice.

President Ronald Reagan appointed Keenan as a United States district judge for the Southern District of New York in 1983, beginning his decades-long tenure on the federal bench. In 2016, a courtroom was named in Keenan’s honor at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse on Pearl Street.

In 2019, Regis held the first event in the Hon. John F. Keenan '47 Lecture Series. The inaugural event featured a discussion with Keenan himself and drew roughly 100 alumni and friends.



EVERYONE DESERVES A FAIR CHANCE AT BEING SAVED

Remarks by Silas Nwaishienyi '24

During October's Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Washington, D.C., Silas Nwaishienyi '24 delivered a speech on racial inequality and health care to thousands of attendees in the ballroom of the Washington Hilton. Nwaishienyi, one of 16 students in Regis's IFTJ delegation, discussed how Black Americans, Latin Americans, and Native Americans are among those who face worse health outcomes because of a lack of research into their care. Read his remarks, which have been lightly edited.

Good afternoon, everyone, I'm Silas Nwaishienyi from Regis High School in New York City. And first, before anything, I want to give Regis their due shout-out, and I want to shout out my great friends from the Arrupe Leaders Summit that I had this February. It's a huge honor for me to be on stage today to raise a voice to this pressing issue with such deep roots in our society.

Now, first I want to start with a question: When you hear the words "health care," what pops into your head? Probably ideas of cures, or love, or compassion from the hearts of doctors, nurses, or first responders you call to on a sick day, right? And I totally understand that. I'm an EMT in New York City, of all places. It takes a lot more than wanting to become an EMT to stay an EMT. But the privilege of being able to look at health care in this positive light often remains a dream for millions of Americans today who have to find the courage to make a call. And, ironically, I'm a lucky example of that.

If I were to rewind to March of 2006, I'd find myself unborn, still awaiting the wonders life has to offer inside my mom's womb. Now, I couldn't quite tell you what I was thinking back then, as I'm sure my memories have since left me. But, if there's one thing I do know, it's that I wasn't expecting to be born for another two months. And since I'm born in March, clearly something went wrong. And it did.

Two days before what's now my birthday, my mom developed a life-threatening heart condition that required her to be rushed to the hospital. But that was all it was described as. See, despite pregnancy being such a common facet of life that you'd think the doctors had everything understood about it, they didn't quite know what was wrong with my mom. And because both she and I were at stake, otherwise I wouldn't be talking to you right now, they had to sign on to this belief that she had preeclampsia, which you've probably heard of. It's far less fatal, it differs drastically in symptoms, and, more importantly, is believed to disappear after childbirth. So, when this quote-unquote preeclampsia began affecting me in the womb, I was delivered two months early into this

amazing world. But that's all fun and games, right? I mean, I get to live, and my mom gets to see me.

Only, she didn't. She was still having that heart condition that doctors didn't really have a name for. So what happened to her? Well, she was dismissed from the hospital — without checks to ensure that her heart condition had actually gone away. And because she didn't have preeclampsia, within the week, she was back in the hospital, in such a bad state that shutting her eyes to rest could have been the last time she shut her eyes at all. I was at risk of losing my mom before I'd even met her.

Fortunately, I was spared of that reality, and I'm sure not without hours of petrification on my father's part, because she was diagnosed accurately with peripartum cardiomyopathy. But 17 years later, I still couldn't thank her doctors for that, because they didn't find it. It was my father, a spectator who didn't have the same resources as the hospital staff, who had to diagnose her because it was the same chain of illness that killed his mom and stillborn brother three years after he was born.

If it weren't for the experience that my dad had to face as a child, I would have shared that same reality. So, naturally, 17 years later, I wonder: Why didn't the doctors know what was wrong with my mom? Because peripartum cardiomyopathy primarily affects Black people, 15 times more than any other race. The textbooks that guided the teachings of these doctors had under-prioritized this illness because it was seen as insignificant. And the reason I know this is because as soon as my mom started recovering, med school students began rushing to her hospital to use her as a study guide, to teach them what their textbooks couldn't.

I'd like to think of myself as the only potential victim to this system, but in reality it's riddled throughout American society. Even after the 1960s, when hospitals were first desegregated, all patients of color were treated under the standard of a white patient because they were all who society deemed mattered. And today, it's clear to see that these inequitable systems still persist, and not just for Black people. Hispanics, Latin Americans, and Native Americans all face worse health outcomes because of a lack of



understanding in their care. I see patients every day who are scared, petrified to walk onto an ambulance because they don't want to leave a hospital worse than when they entered. So, while today we can't blame anyone sitting around us for the problems of our nation's past, we can be the ones to change it now for the better.

And that's why I call out to all of you. We have to realize that health care in humanity is boundless, too. It will never disappear, and if we don't fix it, its problems won't end. Whether you feel you have already been affected by this issue or not, I ask you to be steadfast and boundless in your unity of our love of our neighbors and an advocate for an equitable health care system. As you all grow into prominent figures of the spaces you impact, I ask you to lead from a place of love, with understanding and education to this pressing issue so you can engineer your voices for change.

And so to sort of inspire that in everyone, I do have three solutions to offer. First, we can work to make health care more accessible by promoting the services and working to alleviate the financial barriers marginalized people face. For example, directrelief.org works internationally in health aid and directly across the 50 states with their

Health Equity Fund to make sure money isn't the determinant between life and death. You can donate to this site, or petition to your local hospital to make it a partner so that more people can access health care without having to break the bank for it. Second, we can work to diversify workers in health care. For those who want to pursue paths in medicine, I 100 percent encourage you to do so, because it's been super fun for me. But if you don't, then maybe you can help make the quality of education better for those who want to pursue those paths. You can work in tutoring, or publish free study resources online, or appeal to lawmakers for better educational funding, because right now 60 percent of kids say they want to become doctors. And while I'm sure that statistic is mildly skewed, we can work to maintain that yield. And finally, I call to you to spread this message in your communities. Racial inequities in health care aren't spoken about a lot, yet their devastating impacts are clear. Bringing this issue to greater stages than this will be the start to both making this issue known and curing it. And then that way, everyone will have a fair chance of being saved.

Thank you.

BRIDGING GENERATIONS

A conversation between Dr. Allison Tyndall and Jerry Kappes '52.



Jerry Kappes '52 taught English at Regis from 1957 to 1982, and at a Christmas gathering in December 2022, he found himself talking to English teacher Dr. Allison Tyndall. The two quickly found themselves deep in conversation about books, plays, and teaching, and in the year that followed, they struck up a friendship. Kappes has since visited Dr. Tyndall's classes on a half-dozen occasions and has joined her on outings with her Theater in New York class — a senior elective he helped create in the 1970s.

"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, the English Department Chair who joined the Regis faculty in 2018. "I count it a singular privilege that I've been able to have a friendship with Jerry." The two sat down to discuss how English classes have changed at Regis over the years — and how they haven't.

Dr. Allison Tyndall: What keeps you coming back to visit classes?

Jerry Kappes '52: Nostalgia, curiosity. You become attached to a place, and so you want to find out what's going on and how it's doing.

AT: From my point of view, I see your investment in the institution as well. You want to see what's going on, but I think you really care about the English Department and how the school is continuing to live its mission.

JK: Yes. If you're a Regis graduate, there's a connection that stays with you.

AT: What have you learned from your visits to my classes?

JK: Well, I learned that *Gatsby* is alive and well, just as I had thought the novel should be when I was on faculty. I was probably the first English teacher to bring *Gatsby* into the English curriculum.

AT: There were moments when you were able to pipe up in my class and share the reception history of *Gatsby*. It was kind of a largely overlooked text that picked up in popularity later on.



JK: By 1951, *The Great Gatsby* had become popular and was widely available in paperback. I wanted to take advantage of that availability and end the use of the tedious anthology textbooks, which I had endured as a student. And one of the great things that happened that coincided with the time I started teaching in 1957 was Sputnik and a spotlight on education.

AT: So we could compete with Russia.

JK: Yes, that was the thing. The U.S. was way behind, really in science and math, but it also involved teaching English and the advent of Advanced Placement. So I was able to get us away from textbooks and into a situation in which a teacher could devise his own course.

AT: Have you sat in on any specific classes that you've particularly enjoyed?

JK: Well, *Gatsby*, and also *Waiting for Godot*, which was the initial thing between us, when you told me you were teaching it. I had done a production of the play here on kind of a dare. I had boys reading it, and they said, "This is impossible. You can't put this on." I said, "Well, let's try." And it was fairly successful. That's why I was very sorry to miss the production you went to with your students.

AT: I don't know if you'd agree with me, but I'd say this is a piece of philosophy. It works to disrupt a tradition in theater, but its content — I love teaching it with the juniors, because they're taking ethics in theology. They're reading Continental and modern philosophy. They're raising and trying to answer questions of existence, and they're seeing it in my class in a version of art. I was the only one teaching *Godot*, and to hear that you taught it 40-plus,

gosh, almost 50 years ago now, was a touchstone that was really important to me. And then when you said you produced it — I was also involved with Regis Rep, and theater is a particular interest of mine. It was like, how did I not know this? I went right to the yearbook and dug up 1975. I found the photos of it, and I ran off copies for my kids. It's anecdotal, but that stuff is valuable to me.

JK: I should say also it was just one performance.

AT: One night only.

JK: Because it really wasn't on the schedule. Back at that time, we had a Jesuit, Denis Moran, SJ, who was a theater person, and he directed a lot of plays in the period.

AT: He's who you started Theater in New York with, right?

JK: Yes. And I said to Dennis, "Oh, I'd like to do this." And whatever the play was for the fall production was already scheduled. So he said, "Well, let's try to fit it in." And so it was just the one performance. But it seemed to work pretty well, thanks to great performances from Jose Forero, Joe Santi, Tom Weiser, and Chris Zarbetski.

AT: What inspired you to start Theater in New York?

JK: When senior electives started, it was something that would get the kids out of the classroom and could be very appealing as a senior elective. One of the things I always tried to do, just generally even before senior electives, is get the boys out into the city to experience the city, I guess in a way that I did not as a student. When I was a student, I never went to the theater. I knew there was Broadway theater, but to me, that was a grown-up thing. As

a student here, I never went to the Met Museum. I think I must've known that it was there, but no teacher that I can recall ever gave any advice or assignment that would involve going over there. So I told the students a few times, "Go over to the museum, find a painting that you like, write about it, and let's see what you have."

AT: Having seen it from different angles, what do you think makes a Regis English class a Regis English class?

JK: I would say what struck me coming back was the eagerness of the boys to say what they wanted to say. I had a note from one of my classmates who was remembering a particular teacher, Richard Horchler. He said something like, "With Horchler, it was so great because you knew that it was okay to say whatever was on your mind." And I think that's the case with what I observed from sitting in your class.

AT: I see it the same way. The majority of my students that I teach are usually juniors, so I write a lot of college recommendations. And in preparation for me writing those letters, I have them fill out a reflection on the year. And I would say the number one top topic of reflection is about taking risks in class discussion. Whether it's a kid who's not afraid to speak, but is trying to curate what he says, letting go a little bit and taking a risk with an interpretation. Or a kid who speaks less, and I won't leave him alone, and over time he finds his bearings a little bit and is able to contribute something. I think that's the most-cited evolution, maybe hand in hand with writing an argument that they voice.

JK: That's what I think is special about the Regis English class. In the classrooms I've visited, I sense the same eagerness to speak up and voice an opinion. 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.

AT: I tell them, this is like a laboratory for thinking. You're going to conduct experiments, and they're not always going to work. You're going to work from the materials that you know, and the idea that you think is going to work, but you don't know it until you try it. If it fails, we leave it on the classroom floor. It doesn't matter. You haven't even committed it to writing. This is the place to test something, judgment free, and see if it has legs. That's a strength of this school, this curriculum. We're not teaching to achieve a Regents score or an AP score. Genuine inquiry and production of thought are still alive here. And I mean, we've got to protect it.

Prowlings

1949

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1950

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Bob Dalury writes that Zoom enables us to keep in touch with family and friends, participate in a book club, etc. He points out that he and his wife have children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in Europe and South America, and it would be so pleasant to be able to be physically together, but Zoom will have to substitute. Bob also notes that autumn, his favorite season, has arrived with its still-warm sun and lovely colorful leaves on the trees. **Bill Peloso** has kindly provided us with the following Regis memories: "The last Prowlings showed our class as the second oldest. We will probably be the oldest soon but, in the meantime, I can't help remembering how good we had it from 1946 to 1950. I remember my mom running to school with my Regis acceptance letter and interrupting class to tell me, and how happy Sr. Benigna was. I remember the first day at Regis when Fr. "Chuck" Taylor stood on the steps in the courtyard and told us that half of us would not graduate, even though we all had been the top of our grammar school class; six freshman classes, three graduating classes. I remember the one-hour trip on the Third Avenue "el" and being nervous and having to start making new friends. I remember long homework nights, great teachers, Latin class with the "J," tough tests, Fr. Steve Duffy's golf swing, reading *The Iliad* in Greek, and mysterious mathematics. I never received an Honor Card but got a few Merit Cards. I remember basketball all day, every day — as freshmen in the entry area and later in one of the basketball courts in the courtyard, at break, at lunch, and after school, and on Class Days. I remember a brick wall out-of-bounds line in the old gym and the great basketball teams that won so many championships — **Joe Breen**, **Mike Woods**, the **Rooney** twins, and **Barry Sullivan**. I remember traveling to the games by subway, cheering the team, and enjoying the wins. First Friday masses across the street in beautiful St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Fr. Gabe Zema's "easy A" classes of health and religion, Fr. Burke's guidance sessions. I remember the Debating Society, the Guard of Honor, and the Sodality Symposia when we invited

our best girl to hear religious discussion followed by a dance. Going to dances at St. Thomas Aquinas girls school and others, enjoying our own dances in the beautiful three-tiered auditorium, the plays, including *Pirates of Penzance*. The Glee Club concerts including those at Carnegie Hall, intramurals (football in Central Park, basketball in the old gym), the Thanksgiving Drives, the Senior Room where we could smoke and play pool, the stairway inside the front entrance out of bounds until we were seniors (or was it graduation?), and everyone going on to college, many with scholarships. We really had the best. We thank God, and our families — and the Jesuits.

1951

1952

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We mourn the death of our classmate **Daniel Boone**, who was quietly proud of his ancestral name. For our 65th anniversary of graduation, Dan wrote in his bio: "After Regis, I studied at Manhattan College for two years. Then I went to Brooklyn Polytechnic institute for two years and graduated as a mechanical engineer. I went to work for the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) in their design office in The Hague, Holland, for three-and-a-half years. Here, I met and married my wife, Cissy, and we went to Saudi Arabia for 14 years. We had five children who all married, and we now have 11 grandchildren. I started my own consulting firm, Boone & Associates." Dan died on June 12 at the age of 88 due to complications from pneumonia at a retirement community in Altadena, Calif. He was born March 8, 1935, in Duluth, Minn., and moved at a young age to New York City. After retiring, Dan started his consulting firm, which he operated until 2018. Dan had a passion for travel and languages, which he shared with his children, and he will be remembered for his sense of humor and easygoing manner. **Lee Sculti** remembers his good friend: "Dan Boone and I first met in freshman year at Regis High School in 1948. From the beginning, we sensed that we might somehow be kindred souls. When the Jesuits first announced to us that we were now members of the "Intellectual Aristocracy," we individually sensed that something was wrong, that perhaps that morning we had taken the wrong train. After all, we were both from faraway Queens, with

long commutes to East 84th Street, and anything was possible. I was no aristocrat, and Dan, though his name was distinguished in American history, it was hardly connected with aristocracy. It soon became clear that if, indeed, we were aristocrats, we were some other kind of aristocrat, not at all like all the other aristocrats who had been admitted to the class of 1952. So, we needed to bond and quickly did so. When it was further announced that there was a mandatory requirement at Regis for three hours of homework each night, it became obvious that, combined with travel time, there would be little time left for anything else. What to do? Socially unfit for an "aristocratic" environment, and sensing our common interest in things mathematical and engineering, it was inevitable that we would find each other, and so we soon became fast friends ... and co-conspirators. Our friendship lasted through high school and college and for many years thereafter. Dan always enjoyed a practical joke, and if there was an element of innocent defiance of authority involved, so much the better. Here are some of our stories:

FREE TV

One day in 1948, a local Flushing TV store advertised a free TV to the first three customers at the store on the next Saturday morning. We calculated that 3 a.m. would be early enough to outwit the other locals. So we dutifully met out there in front of the store before 3 a.m. and we won the TVs. We, brilliant as we were, had forgotten to ask if the TVs worked. They were both old, much-used, and inoperative. Business lesson #1: Not every ploy is met with a happy ending.

ANDREA DORIA

In 1956, when the Italian liner *Andrea Doria* was rammed by the Swedish liner *Stockholm*, capsized, and sank in about 250 feet of water south of Nantucket, Dan and I decided we would concoct a plan to raise the ship. After spending three whole nights till about 1 a.m. on the front stoop of Dan's family's apartment house in Flushing, we hatched a solution. It involved placing several long cables, attached to giant deflated balloons around the hull, and running hoses up to a barge at the surface, where we would install several large compressors to inflate the balloons. We calculated it would cost \$3 million and would not be worth the cost. Although no one has to date actually attempted to raise the sunken ship, there was an elaborate plan developed

at one time by a serious group and the design looked exactly like ours.

THE 1980s SUPERFUND JOB

In 1980, the passage of the first Superfund law imposed draconian requirements on virtually every large American company that had ever produced, shipped, or disposed of solid waste that could conceivably end up in a landfill or garbage dump that could later be declared a Superfund site, anywhere in the U.S.A. The law required that the firms first determine what material could in any way be traced to them, then determine the environmental harm it caused, then design a remedy for the harm, then implement and pay for the remediation. If the firms failed to do all the foregoing, then the EPA would hire others to do so and charge back the offending firm. The impact of this law was so broad, vague, and far-reaching that any large company that ever did anything anywhere in America could potentially be involved. So a large number of the firms involved decided to form a consortium to work out a program of compliance with the unwieldy requirements of the law. The consortium staged a competition to engage a director for its operations and ultimately selected Dan Boone for the job. When Dan told me of his new role, I was flabbergasted and asked: "Dan, you've just retired from 25 years in Aramco. What do you know about this massive remediation job?" His answer: "Nothing, but neither does anyone else!" Thus 'Boone & Associates' was formed.

SCHOLARSHIP

I was working my way through Manhattan College as a nights-and-weekends carpenter and pinsetter, but at the end of sophomore year I was running out of funds and facing the need to take a gap year. I applied at the scholarship office for financial help. The brother there said my grades were very good and I qualified, but there were no funds available. Later that week, Dan Boone told me he was transferring from Manhattan College to Brooklyn Poly as he wanted an ME degree, which was not offered at that time at the college. Dan had a half scholarship at Manhattan. I ran back and told the brother at the scholarship office, who said: "Well we haven't heard from Mr. Boone, but when we do, the money is yours." Soon, they did, and thanks to Dan, I was able to continue my studies uninterrupted.

THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

In the early 1950s, the automobile companies started to introduce their various versions of the automatic transmission to production automobiles. G.M. had produced several versions. Dan and I decided we needed to test them. Dan's family had a 1950 Chevrolet with a "Powerglide" transmission. This was essentially a torque converter connected

to a two-speed automatic shifter. It was pushed by a then-standard six-cylinder overhead valve engine. My family had a 1953 Pontiac with a "Hydra-Matic" transmission, which was a simple fluid coupling married to a four-speed automatic shifter. The engine was a flathead straight-eight veteran. Which was faster? Our track was a stretch of Sunrise Highway, which we knew to have very little traffic at 1 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. We lined up side by side, and upon command, each floored it. The Chevy huffed and puffed; the Pontiac shifted endlessly, and jarringly. We determined they both needed to go back to the drawing boards. And they did, and improved dramatically through the years. Thanks to Dan and me. Dan was a fifth-generation great-grandson of the Boone fellow we all remember from our history books. His parents were a wonderful, friendly pair. His dad (C. Marion Boone) was a headline writer for the New York *World-Telegram* and *Sun*, a soft-spoken and congenial gentleman. His mother, a gracious and lovable woman, was more anxious, and worrisome. She did, however, almost "kill our friendship in the crib" by always telling Dan he should be more like me. Little did she realize what a terrible suggestion that would have been. The world would have lost a brilliant, inquisitive mind and an endlessly adventuresome character — and gotten another me. Clearly, Dan was very highly regarded within the Aramco Organization, where he worked for a large part of his career. For one of his earliest assignments, there was the design of the air-conditioning system of King Saud's palace. There was no room for errors in that assignment. A long, successful career was to follow. Dan Boone, a truly wonderful friend and a brilliant and unique character. May he rest in peace!

Larry Boland reflects: "Dan was just Dan. 'Smooth' best described him. We made a few remarks early about his name, but he just smiled without much commentary. Then one day he alerted us that he was scheduled to appear, live, on *The Name's the Same* TV show. We watched, but time allotted to earlier folks ran over, so Dan cooled his heels off-screen. A follow-up appearance was not in the cards." **Jim Murtaugh** reports: "On Sunday, September 10, I attended a special Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan. The Mass was in honor of grandparents and elders. After Mass, we were personally greeted by the Cardinal. When he came to me, I informed him that I had the honor of singing at his installation Mass. Without so much as missing a beat, the Cardinal replied, 'So that's why so many people were walking out!' After I chatted with the Cardinal, and later with his secretary, Rev. Rise, whom I knew from home, I also renewed my acquaintance with Dr. Jenny Pasqua, Director of Music at St. Patrick's.

I sang in her choir for over 12 years. She is a special and sweet person, and it was a very touching reunion." In Prowlings last May, we reported the sad news of **Tom O'Toole's** death. In his bio for our 65th anniversary of graduation, Tom wrote of his life after Regis and Fordham: "After three years at NYU Law School, next was an old-time Wall Street law firm, a 180 from growing up in the South Bronx. An unexpected curiosity for business led to a New York and Dallas career in investment banking and management. All this happened more or less unplanned, with no careful long-term thought. That may be the norm for children like me of immigrant parents. I believe curiosity is a greater gift than intelligence. An important acquired trait is critical thinking. Regis contributed to this, as did my parents. They were small business owners with strong skeptical opinions on people, politics, and whatever was going on at the moment." Last May we also reported **Jack Magan's** death. **John Amabile** thinks it is important that everyone has a chance to read some of Jack's musings in his last illness. "I'm 87, and in dismal shape. I don't know how I survived an episode this past Wednesday night. I thought I had 'bought the farm.' I've been reflecting on my life ever since, and found 'firsts' for which I was responsible. I was the youngest [flute] soloist ever to appear at Carnegie Hall under Leonard Bernstein. I maxed my Officers' Qualification Test, and then graduated from the United States Marine Corps' 23rd OCC with the highest GCT of the 600+ college graduates. I developed, owned, and operated the San Antonio Spurs Television Network, the largest landline TV network in the history of the National Basketball Association. In 1986, the first racehorse I ever owned made it to the million-dollar Breeders Crown. I received scholarships everywhere I matriculated. The most consequential in honing what I was to become was the one I was awarded to Manhattan's Regis High School, the only Jesuit scholarship school in the country. I spent four years in the most stimulating, and competitive, atmosphere of my life and left Regis with a remarkable classical background (to the extent that I took Latin and Greek as my college electives), prepared to excel at every level. In 1992, the Department of Justice told me that, of the 225 bankers, financiers, and investors indicted in the savings and loan scandal, Michael Milken and I were the sharpest. The Bulgarian government invited me to address the Finance Ministers of the 29 nations of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The government of Macedonia then invited me to address its conference of the same 29 Ministers of Finance as the event's honored guest and keynote speaker. Shortly thereafter, the 29 Development Banks (lots of '29's in this saga) of the

Pacific Rim invited me to address their convention in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The following year, the President of Moldova sent for me on his first state visit to America. I then became extremely active within the former USSR, aiding the newly developing republics in establishing international trade. Kazakhstan was particularly aggressive in seeking my direction. I've truly been fortunate and have enjoyed other achievements, maybe not as stunning, but still rather impressive... and my failures might have been the most impressive of all! The gods have smiled broadly upon Jack all his life — and he's most, most appreciative!" **Jerry Kappes** writes: "Very sad to learn of **Peter Carter's** sudden death. He wrote of his extraordinary career as a school administrator in his fine memoir *A Black First*, where he tells of the strong support of his mother, 'the backbone of the entire narrative' of his life. How well I remember meeting Peter's mother at one of my first parent-teacher meetings. Chatting with Peter over the years at reunions was a great pleasure, finding the same upbeat good cheer that was young Peter in class."

1953

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Please say a prayer for **Joe Barbosa** and **Ed Jentz**, who passed away a few months ago. From **Brady Mckaig**: "My wife Margaret (Markie) and I came across the 'smaller' pond (Chesapeake Bay) in 2012 after some 50 years in the greater D.C. area. Our daughter Kathryn and family are in Easton, just 15 miles up the road. Markie succumbed to a multitude of medical/surgical insults in 2015, but I have found living on the water here in Cambridge (Choptank River) has an almost magical tug on my now well-anchored self. Much the feel of Westfield, N.J., where I spent my first 20 years — a small town wherein most everybody knows everyone. Time spent reading (particularly histories of one description or another), fishing, crabbing, and sailing have become acquired habits." **Ron Tobin** reports: "Still recovering from some strange Covid wannabe, I fell in my garage. Two of my neighbors — Ukrainian women in their 70s or 80s — noticed my predicament and rushed over. When one spied the Ukrainian flag in my front yard, they came a-running! The older one, whose late husband played right guard for Bear Bryant, grabbed my shirt collar and, *with one hand*, lifted me to a standing position. I weigh 204 pounds! The other hugged me and frog-marched me back into my condo where my wife sat in amazement/amusement. They put me in a chair, and insisted that everyone await the arrival (10 minutes later) of a Ukrainian doctor they had contacted. While waiting, the older

neighbor kissed the knuckles of my right hand and the cupped palms of both hands. *Zing* goes what remains of my memory! My maternal grandmother once told me that kissing the palms of someone's hands is a very old Slavic tradition of respect and affection. Once the doctor gave the okay, the party dispersed. Now, how does my Irish inheritance beat that?" Input from **Gerry Karg** in Riverdale, N.J.: "My daughter, Janet Rekesius, has been appointed district manager of the Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation District, a function of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture." **Tom Bergin** checks in from his residence at Vianney Clergy Residence, 5655 Arlington Ave., Bronx, NY 10471. **Joe McDonald** reports: "Since I retired we have been living in Moriches, N.Y., for the past 26 years. We arrived here after living 13 years in Westchester where I was working during those years. Coming to Moriches was like returning to our pre-Westchester neighborhood."

1954

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Larry Drew writes, "I just learned (from *Regis Magazine*) of the death of **Dave Nicholas**. He was 'a physician admired by all who worked with him,' as **Jack Conroy** wrote. He and I were co-captains of swimming, a sport of low-esteem in our second and third years, but finally triumphant in our senior year. Dave swam an excellent butterfly and won many, many races. He was also a varsity baseball outfielder. He went on to Yale undergraduate and medical school and became a world-acclaimed researcher. He resumed swimming a few years ago and became a champion in senior events. He was one of my best friends at Regis as we tried to maintain a successful varsity team. He was the kind of student to make Regis enormously proud! P.S.: Our brood of five have produced 13 grandchildren. All are well. I am an emeritus professor at UCSF Medical School and primarily golf in hopes of beating **Traug Lawler** and other classmates — no hope! Living in Tiburon, overlooking the San Francisco Bay!"

1955

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While walking on the campus of Wind Crest, a retirement community located in Highlands Ranch, Colo., **Bill Brennan** met **Ted Vorburger '61** and his wife, Joanne. It was a totally by-chance meeting. Joanne took a photo of Ted and Bill. The apartment of **John Githens** was cited and pictured in *New York Magazine* in July. The apartment is located in Greenwich Village. John lived there for 43

years with his wife, Ingeborg Ten Haeft. Ingeborg was an internationally acclaimed artist (hugely productive) and was formerly a professor of art at Vassar College. John taught Russian at Vassar College and later at St. John's University. He also did Russian translating with UNESCO. John once invited us for dinner in his apartment. The whole apartment breathed and exuded art! Imagine the conversations with friends in the apartment regarding art and culture, travel and foreign lands. Conversations conducted in English, Russian, German, Portuguese, *et ainsi de suite!* A veritable Tower of Babel! Pictures of John's apartment have appeared in *La Repubblica*, a widely read, major Italian newspaper, based in Rome. John's apartment reminded us of an artist's loft on the Left Bank of Paris, right off of the Boulevard de Saint Germain. For centuries the Boulevard has been traversed by *lycéens et Sorbonnais*, artists, poets, philosophers, political activists, and community organizers. Paris and the Left Bank are ongoing conversations that influence the culture, the society, the political landscape, the government, and the Parliament. As for New York and Paris, they are both great examples of *ars gratia artis!* Deepest condolences on the passing of **Charley Vaughan**, who passed on September 11. We remember Charley as very bright, street smart, financially astute (economics at Fordham), humorous, and forward-thinking. He was also very loyal to family, friends, and country (ex-Marine). Charley's positive, supportive attitude toward others reflected no doubt his being the son of an Irish immigrant father. Children of immigrants reflect, internalize, and enact the mind-set of their forebears. Charley had a very successful career (25 years) with GE, including a time where he lived with his family in Brazil. Charley once had an exit interview with Jack Welch, the legendary CEO of GE. We wondered if Jack tried to dissuade Charley from leaving, but Charley wanted to move on to new challenges. Charley and his family moved to California where he held high-profile positions. They made good friends with Charles Beirne, SJ, former Principal at Regis and later Dean at Loyola Marymount University. Fr. Beirne baptized some of Charley's children. Charley benefited greatly from marrying Maryann Reynolds, a Parkchester girl who took the short view, the long view, and the right view throughout their careers and lifetime together (65 years of marriage). Charley was extremely generous to Regis over 60+ years (60 percent of Regis's age of 110 years). He often opened his home and country club to Regians and Jesuits for Regis reunions. He was *homo pro alius* (a man for others), and in his life, career, and journey, he was a great example of *magis* (more/greater). RIP.



Bill Brennan '55 and Ted Vorburger '61 have a chance meeting in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

1956

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We have news from our far-flung Class of '56 correspondents: **Adrian Basora**, former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic, reports that he and Pauline are currently (end of October) visiting Paris and witnessing firsthand the destabilizing effect the Israeli/Palestinian crisis is causing in France. As many of us have read, France has the largest Jewish and Islamic communities in Europe. Here at home, **Ed Moran** tells how he and Sonnie have spent the last two Mother's Days: attending their grandsons' college graduations. "This year, the location was Minneapolis/St. Paul, where grandson Jack was graduating with a degree in Japanese. After the ceremony, we drove to nearby St. Olaf, where his brother William is a junior majoring in math. In June, William and the rest of the 100+ student band gave five concerts during two weeks in Japan sponsored by the college. To celebrate the occasion, the entire family went as well. Jack and his sister had both spent a semester in Japan, and all reunited with a Japanese exchange student guest of several years previous. Guides and interlocutors were not a problem. William is now spending a semester in Budapest pursuing his math major and will spend the Thanksgiving weekend with a family in Paris. The father figure in that French family was just a boy of 17 when he spent the first two summers with us as an exchange student 40 years ago. Our extended families have hosted each other in New Jersey and various parts of France many times during the ensuing years." Speaking of family, **Peter Philbin** reports that his son Dan, a helicopter pilot, just got his instrument rating and plans to fly commercially in California. When he's flying over the Napa Valley, he can buzz his parents; Pete and Ulla are remodeling another house they recently purchased in Napa. Let's return to the East Coast where **Peter Fink**, one of our class's few surviving Jesuits, has returned to Cambridge,

Mass., where he had previously served on the faculty of the Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now merged with the Boston College Institute for Religious Education). Peter had spent the past six years in Georgia, where he ran the Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center. In his retirement, Peter plans to return to (part-time) teaching at Boston College, and also run the occasional retreat at Eastern Retreat House. Peter, by the way, has an impressive wall full of diplomas (Ph.D from Emory, STL from Woodstock College and an MS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute). He also has a shelf full of books he authorized or edited, including *Worship: Praying the Sacraments*, which he wrote, and *The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship*, which he edited. (**Fr. Imbelli**, are you paying attention?). **Mike Murray** weighs in with this interesting account of a night in Rhode Island he recently spent with **Neil Coughlan**: "In August of 2022, classmate Neil and I were waiting for a table at a busy Newport, R.I., seafood restaurant when we struck up a conversation with a couple waiting alongside us. When we admitted that we were two vacationing New Yorkers who had attended Regis High School together 70 years earlier, the husband, who turned out to be a lawyer from New Jersey, told us that he had recently completed the probate of a Regis alum, one **Bob Reddington**, and was in the process of doing the same for Bob's late widow, Rose. Imagine his surprise when we told him that Bob had also been our classmate and very close friend and that we had both known Rose for more than 60 years. At the time, we marveled at the uniqueness of this Regis-related coincidence, but a few months ago, I had to see an eye surgeon in Venice, Fla., and history came close to repeating itself. After the P.A. had taken me through some preliminary vision tests, a smiling ophthalmologist entered the exam room and said, "Good morning, I'm Mike." My witty reply was, "Then we should get along fine. I'm Mike too." I had lived in northern California for 33 years before retiring to Florida in 2006, but he heard my New York accent in those few words and immediately asked where I had grown up. When I replied New York, he asked where I had gone to school. As soon as I mentioned Regis, he wanted to know when I had graduated. "Oh, '56 — then you were there the same time as Fauci." Whereupon **Michael Mercandetti '77**, called for his iPhone and asked his assistant to take a picture of our two noble hearts. 'Tis a small world indeed." Getting back to the West Coast, we heard from **Dick Kuhn** about his and Nancy's ill-fated cruise from New York City to Quebec City. Dick got COVID before they got to Quebec and infected Nancy. They ended up abandoning the cruise and driving a rental car to Toronto, then to Chicago where they finally tested

negative and were able to fly back to California. Dick's advice: "The next time you travel, don't forget the Paxlovid." Several of us committed to attend the JUG Night scheduled for September 29, including **McGuire, Lennon, Bautz, Coughlan, and Murray**. The event was rescheduled, however, because the school's basement was flooded by heavy rains. At the end of the day, only Bautz, Coughlan, and Murray got together on the 29th for dinner at Amata Ristorante on East 56th Street. According to the attendees, nobody missed McGuire or Lennon. Several of you asked if we had more information on **Cronin's** adventure in Nepal. Here's his more fulsome description of that interesting experience: "We mentioned in passing in the last edition of *Prowlings* that Dick and Peg Cronin spent time in Thimphu, Nepal, where Dick taught Nepalese doctors, nurses, and medical students the finer points of nephrology. Dick recently expounded on these basic facts: "We volunteered our services through Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO), an organization that matches aspiring volunteers who have some medical expertise with medical institutions, usually in Africa or Asia. In its own words: 'HVO is dedicated to improving the availability and quality of health care in resource-scarce countries through the training, mentorship, and education of local health professionals.' I taught doctors and nurses at Thimphu's main referral hospital, sort of a Buddhist version of New York City's Bellevue Hospital. Peg taught in the local grade school, where classes are conducted in English. The kids learn English at a young age. We were not paid for our work, but our living expenses were covered. We spent November to December, 2018, in Nepal, and it was a rewarding experience for both of us. We had an access to Nepalese culture that is denied to most tourists and found the Nepalese people welcoming and friendly and Nepalese culture fascinating." Finally, we were all disturbed to hear several months ago that **Peter Cinelli** had been hospitalized after a fall in his apartment. He advises: "Still recovering from fall with live-in overnight aides. My advice is to guard against falls." Easier said than done, Peter.

1957

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Willie Werwaiss writes, "Deb and I had a great trip to Portugal in June. We enthusiastically recommend Portugal as a destination. After returning from Portugal, we went to my annual Navy reunion in Virginia Beach, Va. Nine officers and wives from the *USS Glennon* (DD-840) have been getting together annually since 1967. These are some of our oldest and dearest friends.

The sea stories get more outrageous with each passing, but the alcohol consumption is a fraction of what it was when we were all in our 30s.” JUG Night 2023 was held with a bit of drama. The originally scheduled event was canceled because the Regis basement was flooded by the torrential rains of September 29, resulting in a new date of October 13. This caused **Jim Power** and **Packy Lawler** to have to cancel but allowed **Bill Gillen**, back from Europe, to attend. **John Hannaway**, **Willie Werwaiss**, and **Jack Hyland** also made it and were joined by Paul Lennon, Neil Coughlan, and Bill Bautz of the Class of '56 for a mid-fifties table of seven. John reported a pleasant evening of mature conversation (a first for JUG Night?). Bill Gillen and his wife Ann traveled to eastern France to visit an American military cemetery, where one of her uncles who died in World War II is buried. He was killed on September 11, 1944, as the U.S. Army was preparing to cross the Moselle River. From Epinal, Bill and Ann journeyed to Heidelberg, Germany, where Bill served in the Army in the early 1960s. **Bill Berlighoff** reports: “This Summer, Barb and I took a six-week, 6,000-mile motorhome trip from Maine to the Colorado Rockies, the South Dakota Badlands, and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. In early November, we head to winter quarters just south of Tampa. We’d be happy to see any classmates who are in or passing through that part of Western Florida.” **Neil McCarthy** is still keeping up his road-running. In this year’s Peachtree Classic 10K, he finished in a 15:30-per-mile pace. He actually ran two 5Ks in his training — very impressive. Neil and wife Maureen recently took two Viking river cruises in the former East Germany, Czechia, and the Balkans, finishing in Budapest. Neil reports that the entire trip was a mind-expanding experience, seeing how that part of the world has attempted, with various degrees of success, to recover from its Communist past. Your Class Correspondent and wife, Judith, took our two daughters, one with spouse, and our three grandchildren on a one-week trip on the Canal of Burgundy, plus time in the French countryside and a week in Paris. We enjoyed it all, the canal trip especially. I skipped our rather large 44-foot barge for a 77-mile, 68-lock excursion, during which we did all our food shopping at local small villages (nothing like French bread right out of the oven) and cooked all our meals on board. The weather was good and the scenery spectacular. This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. As a coda, **Ray Begin** has written about his latest hobby: “About two years ago, I began buying shares in thoroughbred racing horses. I now own shares in a dozen horses running in both the United States and Canada. One of my

horses, Duke of Love, won the second leg of the Canadian Triple Crown last year. Our sights are high for a two-year old named Seize the Grey in the Breeders’ Cup races in November. Last year, my wife, Rose, and I had our pictures taken with American Pharoah and Justify, the last two winners of the American Triple Crown, while we visited their breeding farm in Kentucky.”

1958

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From our former classmate **Paul Murphy** last summer: “With sorrow, together with our brother Kevin and sister Kay and their families, I share news of the death of my big brother, **James J. Murphy '55**, in the midst of this past winter. At Regis, Jim discovered the joys of physics and followed that muse through St. Joseph’s College to his Ph.D from Fordham University. He then shared his knowledge, wit, and wisdom for many years as professor to the students of Iona College. After 50 years of marriage, his lovely wife, Francine Cranny, a chemist, predeceased him. Their three children, their spouses, and four grandchildren lovingly cared for Jim during his long illness. While at Regis, Jim was part of the swim team, the glee club, and the Guard of Honor. As his kid brother, I was honored to sing with him under the baton of Mr. Portman and to rise in the dark to catch a bus from River Edge, N.J., for early Mass with the Guard of Honor. We last sang together in a duet for our own parents’ 50th anniversary — “Panis Angelicus.” Truly a noble heart, now stilled.



Reporter Caitlin Hornik, granddaughter of Robert Hornik '46, interviews Anthony Fauci '58 for a story.

1959

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From **Paul Mulligan**: “We’ve started traveling again but still are unwilling to do cruises. In March, we flew to New Orleans to visit with one of our sons and his family. Half of our grandchildren live there. A total of four is not very many compared with some, but at least we reproduced ourselves

through two generations. In July, we drove north to visit friends and see some opera. In five days starting July 26, we saw five operas, one at Bard College and four at Glimmerglass, near Cooperstown. Then in August, we flew to New Mexico and saw five more operas, starting August 15, in Santa Fe. They are all fresh in my mind, but don’t ask me in three months to discuss each one. Pickleball, my ukulele group, and singing keep me out of trouble the rest of the year. We still remain healthy and in our house, for which we are grateful.” From **Don McDonough**: “Leo, your email arrived while Kristin and I were traveling around Sicily. I was re-reading the *Odyssey* in a (translated) version of that Greek pamphlet which, I believe, Steve Duffy had considerably shortened for us. It’s still a great read, and imagining we are on the island of the cattle of the sun god while eating in Sicilian restaurants is great fun.” **Peter Burchyns** wrote: “All is well with Leslie and me here in Palo Alto. We are looking forward to spending Thanksgiving with Leslie’s brother and his family in Washington State and then going to San Diego for Christmas with our children and grandchildren.” **Jim Bonnell** reports: “A Regis reunion of **Harry Bonnell '65**, **Robert Bonnell '63**, and **James Bonnell '59** was held in Orange City, Fla.”

1960

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1961

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One of the sobering aspects of the Class Correspondent’s role shows up when one of your email addresses stops working. This just happened with **Joe Angelo**. I have a phone number for Joe, so I called to check in. Happily, Joe is well and still writing books. He sent a new email address along with the update that follows. Here is what Joe had to say: “I just turned 80 yesterday, and I remain intellectually busy writing books promoting space exploration and astronomy. My latest book, *Women in Astronomy and Space Exploration*, is scheduled for release by Facts On File (New York) later this year. The book is dedicated to my wife, Joan (who sadly passed away in June 2021), and my daughter Jennifer (who was killed by an impaired driver in June 1993). You may not remember, but on October 5, 1957, while we were freshmen, we assembled in the courtyard early that Friday morning. Fr. McCusker announced that the Russians had orbited *Sputnik 1*. That announcement convinced me that space was the place connected to the future of the human race. Having spent 20 years in the Air Force traveling around the world involved in various

special surveillance programs during the Cold War, I settled down with Joan in central Florida, where she enjoyed teaching elementary school. If you are interested, Facts On File (a part of Infobase Publishing) has a list of my more than 70 current books. My objective in these writing efforts is to help young minds see what might be possible.” On a lighter note, **Ted Vorburger** wrote in from Denver: “Ted and Joanne Vorburger have been traveling about once a month this year. The highlight was a cruise and land tour in Vancouver and Alaska. Eagles, bears, salmon, moose ... and ptarmigan! (I hope I spelled it correctly). Recently, I met **Bill Brennan** in our retirement community in Highlands Ranch, Colo. Bill is a proud member of the Class of '55.” **Bob Kelly** had lunch with **Dom Pistone** “and reveled in his appearance on the old TV show *College Bowl* with host Allen Ludden. Dom appeared four times as a freshman with Manhattan College, won thrice, and was then defeated by the University of Tennessee at the hands of soon-to-be nuclear scientists! We wondered if any of our classmates also appeared on this show for their college alma maters. I just recently concluded a Castles of New York tour that included a cruise on the St. Lawrence River and visits to the magnificent Singer and Boldt castles. Next stop was Rome for a historic tour of Fort Schuyler and an amazing recounting of the history of forts and battles of the Revolutionary War. This was followed by a tour of the architectural genius and beauty of the Capitol building in Albany. Our last stop was at the Bannerman and Wings castles with a relaxing sunny afternoon at the Millbrook Winery. And yes, I slept well that night! Happy Thanksgiving to all.” **Dom** himself wrote on another topic. “I finally got around to reading some back issues of *Regis* Magazine and was struck by **Tom Daley’s** remembrance in the Spring 2023 issue of how **Nick Pingitore** and his father bucked Fr. McCusker’s insistence that we all go to Catholic colleges. (If you didn’t accept the wisdom of his thinking, Fr. McCusker simply neglected to send your grades or recommendations!) Nick worked around this policy while the rest of us were herded into Catholic (preferably Jesuit) colleges. The practice of discouraging access to non-Catholic universities changed shortly after we graduated. I know a graduate from 1966 who went to Princeton and said there had been no problem applying (presumably fire and brimstone were not rained down upon, nor did the earth open up and swallow him or the school). The Fall 2023 issue listed the college choices for current graduates. There were 129 graduates; one took a gap year. Out of the 128 going on to college, 95 (or a little over 74 percent) are going to non-Catholic schools, leaving 33 going to Catholic schools. The largest number of those

are going to Georgetown, with the rest going to familiar names like Fordham, Holy Cross, Boston College, Loyola, etc. Presumably they are going there because they want to, not because they were forced to as we were.” **Fr. Pete Madori** sent this item: “I recently happened upon **John D’Emilio’s** biography, *Memories of a Gay Catholic Boyhood*, and was intrigued by the Regis connection mentioned on the overleaf. He graduated from Regis in the mid-sixties, 1966. Aside from his taking a swipe at Fr. McCusker, he treats our alma mater very well. There were, of course, gay men in our class as well, but in the late 1950s nobody knew much about the gay subculture. It sounds like the Jesuit confessors at Regis were kind and spiritually effective. He does a creditable job of showing how ‘coming out’ is a challenge that gradually brings people together after terrible, painful, and bitter initial resistance. He also reveals, both directly and indirectly, how the values instilled at Regis — the *Ratio Studiorum*, the “man for others” ethic, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, and even the daily routines of school and commute — actually stood him in good stead throughout the turbulent '60s. Every priest today must be concerned about the spiritual welfare of his gay congregants, and the book offered some valuable insights. His book is a valuable addition to the growing corpus of thoughtful gay literature and to the larger issue of being gay and Catholic swirling around Pope Francis presently.” Finally, **Cosmo Salibello** described his lifelong friendship with **Nick Zirpolo**: “Nick and I first met in the Regis tunnel, on the first day of freshman orientation week. He came up behind me and announced in his booming voice, ‘Hi! My name’s Nick. What’s yours?’ Thus began a friendship that has lasted, so far, for over 66 years. Perhaps you are also asking yourselves just where all that time went! I flew to Palo Alto in late September to visit Nick, who was facing some personal life challenges. He lost his wife of 35 years, Sue, in September, and after four EMT calls for falls over six weeks, he realized he was no longer safe alone at home. He has a friend in a Stanford engineering grad program whose job and circumstances fit, so Nick invited him to move in to help with the safety issues. They’re working on it. Then in October, Nick was carted to the ER with fever from a chronic wound. One week was spent in hospital, then one terrible week in an incompetent rehab facility. He escaped from there and established his own home-based rehab plan. In late October, I returned to Palo Alto to help with some of the details, including the home rehab. The visit felt good for both of us and left Nick a lot more settled. So far, his situation is much better, so the time we spent together was all the more meaningful. It seems that the years are catching up with all of us. But the net effect of

our time together left me with a level of gratitude for the richness of life that Nick and I have had, both together and separately. I left soothed and comforted knowing that he would be as secure and safe as possible.

1962

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A chance August encounter between **Richard Tarrant** and **Jerry Kappes '52** at the Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown, N.Y., set in motion an online discussion that extended over a couple of weeks and ultimately generated more than 50 emails back and forth among our classmates. Jerry asked Richard how much he could recall about the English curriculum we studied at Regis. Richard asked **Paul Spagnoli** about soliciting input from our group. This invitation proved irresistible to Paul, who immediately set about reconstructing, as best he could, what he had studied in freshman English and over the next three years in the AP English program (then in its second year of operation). With the help of a significant number of tattered paperbacks still in his own library (including *Out in the Wind*, a mimeographed poetry anthology assembled by Mr. Gallen, S), Paul was able to remember a surprising amount, which he compiled in a document that he circulated for corrections, additions, and other comments. **John O’Rourke**, who was in the alternative, science-based group, quickly added *Death Comes for the Archbishop* to Paul’s list but noted, “Aside from that, I can only remember the physics.” (Much later John concluded the discussion, “I just decided to repeat freshman year. I’ve picked up “A Good Man is Hard to Find” and will work through the four-year syllabus. So thank you to all for your inspiring comments”). **Jim Ralston** pointed out that the science students read the same anthology of American poetry as the AP English group in junior year and *Beowulf* (a sophomore assignment for the AP group) in senior year. Jim added, “I still remember Mr. Heyer, S)’s freshman English course as the best, most eye-opening lit course I’ve ever taken anywhere. It’s the reason I kept all the poetry anthologies and collected more over the years.” **Dave Birch**, a third scientist, remembered reading *Lord of the Flies* at some point, noting its contemporary relevance. **Kieran Meagher** recalled another overlap between the AP and the regular English curriculum: *The Canterbury Tales* in senior year. **Brendan Thomson** added *Gulliver’s Travels* to Paul’s recollections of freshman year, and **Frank Stella** remembered the title of the freshman short story anthology and Mr. Gallen’s insistence that “real men do read poetry.” **Ken Gavin** and **Wayne Merritt** confirmed Paul’s

memory that the AP class had to read four classic novels (Paul later remembered a fifth!) during the summer before sophomore year and write papers (“what torture!” cried Wayne) on all but one of them. All agreed that *Oliver Twist* was a joy to read after struggling through Walter Scott’s *Heart of Midlothian*, with its frequent use of Scottish dialect (“I dinna ken muckle about the law,” Wayne still recalls, adding that Scott permanently discouraged him from any thoughts of law school). **John Facciola** stressed other paper requirements for the AP group, especially a junior year assignment in American lit for which “we had to read everything a novelist had written. I read all of Fitzgerald. I plan to do that again someday.” Paul remembered choosing Eugene O’Neill rather than a novelist and reading many but not all of his plays. Fatch, Paul, and Richard Tarrant recalled a major paper on *Hamlet* in senior year. Paul thinks his own was 25–30 pages, but that Richard’s reached 129! Richard admits only that it was “inordinately long.” Several people mentioned the abundance of Shakespeare in the curriculum. Paul thinks he remembers 13 plays over the four years. **Spencer Weig** recalled that the Drama Society traditionally mounted a Shakespeare production every fall. The chosen plays generally found themselves in the curriculum, too. But “what high school in the world would put on *Coriolanus*?” complained Brendan. Spencer responded, “Since, God forbid, no girls were allowed to join the cast, play selection was limited to those with limited female parts.” Kieran couldn’t resist pointing out that Spencer himself had played Gertrude in *Hamlet*. Neither mentioned that Spencer also had the lead in *Richard II*. **Bob Abbott, Frank Stella**, Wayne, and Fatch recalled the AP class’s field trips to plays, including *Hedda Gabler*, *A Man for All Seasons*, and *Our Town* at the Circle in the Square in Greenwich Village. There were also long bus rides to the Shakespeare festival in Stratford, Conn., to see *Henry IV, Part I* (Wayne thinks it was *Part II*) and *Macbeth*, featuring Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy, Bob thinks. Fatch also mentioned his “most memorable experience” in English. Caught passing around a copy of *The Catcher in the Rye*, he was sent to the Principal’s office. Fr. McCusker asked him if he was circulating pornography, but once Fatch explained the book and Father looked through it, he handed it back with a smile. Incident closed. **Bill Gallaher**, a latecomer to the discussion, admitted that this “trip down memory lane has been fun,” but argued that “seeking the recollections of septuagenarians is probably the worst way to reconstruct a curriculum from six decades earlier.” This skepticism did not succeed in shaking Paul’s confidence in his list, now updated with the help of the group (and available by email upon request). Bill

also noted the abundance of long and complicated sentences in the online discussion and concluded that “the purpose of the curriculum was to eliminate the simple declarative sentence from the English language. It succeeded in the case of several of us, while the classical languages firmly embedded in our discourse the favoring of iambic pentameter.” And all of the focus, Bill added, was on expository prose rather than creative writing. Jim Ralston was not the only correspondent to comment on the high quality of his education at Regis. “In retrospect I think that the reading we did in high school was the best education I ever received,” wrote Bob Abbott (who also earned an undergraduate degree from Holy Cross and a doctorate from Princeton). **Allan Service** wrote that “one other detail I recall about the teaching of English back then is the constancy and quality of feedback we received about our work and our writing and our thinking. That model has served me well over the years in my own work in education.” The discussion of the English curriculum also stimulated a number of tangentially related comments. Bill Gallaher’s mention of playing Mr. Darcy in a local production of *Pride and Prejudice* stirred the interest of **Bob Radics**, who reported that his activity with the swim team “3–4 times a week (at the New York City public baths on 54th Street)” still allowed him to “sing in the Regis glee club along with Bill Gallaher. I sang in the Villanova glee club (with Jim Croce two years ahead of me) and played lead guitar and bass voice in Catholic folk group Masses in Columbia, Md., Montpelier, Vt., and Dunwoody, Ga. As far as acting, I got into a theater group in Cumming, Ga., playing and singing various roles over 10 years. (Remember Ed Norton, “Hello Ball!” that was me.) I was also a member of a jazz chorus, the Bob Russell Singers, and we performed at Lincoln Center about six years ago. I’ve been happily married to my first wife, Mary Ellen, for 56 years, with four sons and nine grandchildren whom we see as often as possible.” **Rich Muth** wrote from Chromo, Colo., just north of the New Mexico border: “I’m so grateful that we all got to benefit from our time at Regis! The experience has profoundly impacted my entire existence!” Rich shared news of his quarter-century of work with the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, a National Historic Landmark, where he is a long-time docent volunteer and has served as docent manager. Another Westerner, **Greg Lowell**, wrote from rural Idaho, where he was living alone, “Depressed at life and what human frailties I observe.” Greg is a survivor of several heart surgeries and of a serious auto accident that left him with “a traumatic brain injury, PTSD, selective short term memory loss, and other brain and physical problems.” He added that this was “my first

response to anything remotely associated with Regis in some 60 years.” Even during high school, Greg felt that his life in an impoverished area of the South Bronx with an “adopted” African-American family alienated him from his classmates. **Peter Mooney** gently reminded Greg of happier times, recalling the yearbook photo of him smiling and shooting pool in the senior room, and Greg himself then recalled working happily as the manager of **Santo Lalomia’s** successful campaign for senior class Vice President, for which he invented the slogan, “Llamos Llove Llalomia.” He claimed that this was “one of my few happy memories from those days” but also insisted, “Regis was vitally significant in my life. I remember the important things that I learned there and that never left me. Learn. Think. Trust your own mind and proceed accordingly and enthusiastically. Believe in yourself. My very favorite classes,” he went on, “and the ones I still consider the most important part of my education were ancient Greek, and I still keep a copy of the *Odyssey* (not a translation) by my bedside for occasional beautiful reading.” Several classmates sent messages of encouragement, and Kieran Meagher, a true “man for others,” set up a Go Fund Me page to help with Greg’s medical debts. Not all class news was connected, even peripherally, to the English curriculum. Paul Spagnoli circulated a Sunday *New York Times* story that filled two full pages on “The Year Lou Reed Gave Up on Music.” The story by Will Hermes emphasized **Bob Somma’s** support for Reed in 1970–71. Bob was editing the early rock magazine *Fusion* in Boston at the time. He published Reed’s poetry and got Lou to contribute an essay to a book Bob edited, *No One Waved Goodbye: A Casualty Report on Rock and Roll*, which discussed the recent deaths of Jimi Hendrix, Janet Joplin, Brian Jones, and Brian Epstein. In addition to Reed, contributors included Jon Landau (soon to be manager and producer for Bruce Springsteen), Lillian Roxon, Richard Meltzer, and Al Aronowitz (former manager of the Velvet Underground). The book was “a landmark of pop-music criticism,” according to Hermes. (Nowadays it is hard to find a copy, although Paul has one, possibly received in lieu of payment for one of his own contributions to *Fusion*.) Frank Stella, another contributor, wrote that the *Times* story “brought a smile to my face. I loved spending time with Bob and writing for *Fusion*.” Frank also recalled John Leonard and Greil Marcus as prominent critics whom Bob published in the magazine. John Facciola remembered being somewhere with Bob a few years earlier when “Sounds of Silence” by Simon & Garfunkel came on the radio. “Somma, like the rest of us an illegitimate child of Little Richard, Buddy Holly, and Elvis, said, ‘You know, I liked rock and roll when it wasn’t so meaningful.’ Amazing how his

work on *Fusion* showed how meaningful rock could be.” Bob Abbott was reminded of a former CIA colleague who was “a big fan and admirer” of Reed, and **Ed Curtin**, the Sage of Great Barrington, was moved to send a link to his latest, characteristically erudite, online essay for *OffGuardian*. **John James** reported on his ongoing battle with pancreatic cancer: “The chemotherapy has been a challenge as it wears you down, but the tumor markers are reducing and that is the goal. I will be moving to a five-week program of radiation in October with the goal of further reducing the tumor.” John added that he had enjoyed the long discussion of English at Regis. “My Regis experience was one which I valued with increasing appreciation during my business career. I wound up being the only New York-born senior executive in the world’s largest agricultural seed company, Pioneer Hi-Bred, and often thought about the skills which began to develop during my four years at Regis as a major factor in that experience.” Wayne Merritt wrote about a recent shift in his volunteer activities. With tutoring opportunities having waned, he volunteered to serve as an assistant basketball coach in a local parish. “I’m coaching with a friend who was a teammate of Ed Curtin’s at Iona College (small world). The future stars are in three age groups: pre-K to first grade, second and third grade, and fourth to sixth grade. Over these ages, the skills range from total lack of attention and crying to dribbling behind the back! I mostly teach the youngest group, who seem to focus on cutting into lines, crying about those who cut into lines, going to get water, and ignoring basketball and looking around the gym. It’s quite an amusing experience and beats tutoring algebra!” Wayne and his wife, Susan, had dinner in October with Paul and Pam Spagnoli, which gave them the opportunity to share accounts of their recent European vacations. Wayne and Susan took a Viking cruise down the Rhine from Basel to Amsterdam, adding a couple of days in that city on their own. Pam and Paul did a Road Scholar French art tour, with short stays in Nice at the beginning and Paris at the end, and a riverboat cruise up the Rhône in between. On a sadder note, readers may have noticed the unusual absence of **Greg Burke** from all of this discussion. Greg died on August 16 of a chronic pulmonary illness, just when he had been planning to organize the second meeting of a Zoom reading group he and **John Paxton** had created in June. Greg is survived by Nancy, his wife of 54 years, and a son and daughter-in-law. He was a Boston College graduate and earned both an MD and a Ph.D in immunology from SUNY Downstate Medical School. After becoming board certified in oncology, he entered private practice briefly before joining the Food and Drug Administration in Washington. He

became Head of Oncology Drug Approval at the FDA and then moved on to work for Novartis for a dozen years, both in Basel, Switzerland, and in New Jersey. He retired as Global Head of Oncology Drug Development at Novartis, where he was proud of his role in developing Gleevec and Femora, which were groundbreaking drugs and are still widely utilized today. Greg retired to Hartland, Vt., but continued his passion for genetics and sought to interpret the family genome. He loved classical music and was an avid reader of biography, neuroscience, and fiction. Greg was an advocate for suicide prevention and believed in social justice. He will be remembered mostly for his devotion to the welfare of his family and the fact that he was a genuinely good guy, one of the best. John adds that “Greg was a superb scientist, a mediocre golfer, and a great friend.” He will be much missed.



Coach Wayne Merritt '62



Paul Spagnoli '62 with Monet’s water lilies at the Orangerie Museum in Paris



Rich Muth '62 poses for a photo.

1963

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As a result of heavy rains causing the Regis basement to flood, JUG Night was rescheduled and took place on Friday evening, October 13. Our class had a respectable turnout of six grads — **Luke MacCarthy, Kevin Morris, John Tweedy, and Tom Mullaney**, plus **Bob Loewenstein** and **Jack Prael** thanks to the date change. The weather was perfect for drinking brews in the Quadrangle with the traditional greasy beefsteak and fries. All had a fine evening and hope to see more classmates next year. **Bob Gardella** reports that he and Linda just returned from three weeks in beautiful Red Rock land in Utah. Linda painted in an art fest while Bob handled transportation and logistics. Travels will be limited to Florida till April, while they travel the state hawking Linda’s art. **Gene McKillop’s** first Prowlings submission: “Pat and I celebrated our 56th anniversary in July, while on a trip to Scotland and Northern Ireland. Our three children and five grandchildren continue to flourish! They bring us tremendous joy!” Pat and Jack Prael enjoyed three vacations this year. In late May, they boarded a Viking ship in Bergen, Norway, for a two-week British Isles cruise including Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Wales, and England. He writes: “One of many high points was the Churchill War Museum underground in London. Next trip in August included the entire immediate family returning to Ridin’ Hy Ranch north of Lake George, N.Y. We all had a great week. Finally in late September we flew to Halifax, Nova Scotia, for Tauck’s Canadian Maritimes tour, which covered Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Beautiful country!”



Pat and Jack Prael '63 with their family in August at the Ridin’ Hy Ranch near Bolton’s Landing, N.Y.

1964

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1965

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Jeff Davis writes: “In my Regis years I was a kid

whose least favorite class was gym, who flunked the Presidential Fitness Test year after year, and got outplayed at basketball by classmates almost a foot shorter than me. But I loved cycling and later canoeing. I'm happy to say I turned out to be pretty athletic, on my terms. About 10 years ago, over a period of three summer visits, my wife, Louise, and I paddled over 700 miles by canoe. Then soon after the pandemic hit we bought our own canoe and have paddled another 1,600 miles since then here in the Pacific Northwest. As for cycling, I had ridden coast-to-coast twice in the 1970s, so when Louise and I retired we celebrated by instead riding our tandem bike from Key West to Canada. By the time the pandemic arrived, I had cycled over 150,000 miles, 80,000 of which had been on a succession of tandem bicycles with Louise. Then disaster hit in August, 2021, when the front tire on the tandem blew out and we hit the roadway at 20 mph. I lucked out and had minor injuries, but Louise broke nine bones, including her hip. But the next day she had a new hip installed, and after lengthy rehab and amazing willpower, she recovered. But we did no canoeing or cycling for those six months. After getting back to the sports we did okay with the canoeing but found the cycling increasingly difficult. Not only had we gotten out of shape, but my ticker wasn't ticking as well as before. So I'm pleased to report that we at last surrendered our pride and had our tandem converted to an e-bike three months ago. What a miracle! Rides are now exercise, not cardiac stress tests, and we no longer have to get off and walk hills. In these last three months we've ridden 1,100 miles on the tandem and loved almost every one of them (there are a few miles on some pretty rough roads we'd like to forget). Gee, how I enjoy athletics now." **Mark MacCarthy** writes, "My book *Regulating Digital Industries* from Brookings Press is out in November. Since I retired from running the policy shop at a technology trade association in 2019, I've been a nonresident senior fellow at Brookings Institution and teaching tech policy at Georgetown University." **Bob Carlina** writes, "I'll be going on safari in Uganda in mid-December for eight days and afterwards touring some sites and having dinner in Kampala with friends I made there eight years ago." The August semi-regular beer conference was held at Slattery's Midtown Pub on August 16. It was well attended by **John Felago**, **Bob Carlina**, **Rick Dunn**, **Jim Kelly**, **John Woodruff**, **Vin Daly**, **Bob Kalisch**, **Andrew Cavanaugh**, **Tom Moebus**, **Joe Lyons**, and **Frank Browne**. A good time was had by all. From **Pat Mullane**: "I'm still working full time at the job I have been at for 52 years, but I am planning to start part-time soon. My wife, Maggie, is still homebound due to her small fiber polyneuropathy. Our daughter, Moira, is doing

well." **John Felago** and Jill recently spent four days in San Antonio: "I was all set to photograph the eclipse when the clouds rolled in. Otherwise, it was a very pleasant trip." Earlier in October, he, along with Jill, had a pleasant lunch with Holly Romano (**Red Romano's** wife). Holly graciously presented me with several of Red's Chiantis (Red's reds?). Earlier in September John recuperated from a bladder surgery. **John Fogarty's** wife, Debbie Fogarty, passed away on October 18 (after a long battle with lymphoma which resulted in a chronic lung disease), just a week before her 72nd birthday. From **Larry Sommers**: "We received a direct hit from category 3 Hurricane Idalia on August 30 (first time for me in 40+ years of living in Florida and the Caribbean). Amazingly, we experienced no damage to our house and only a few downed tree limbs and branches. Power was out for a full week, especially inconvenient since we have a well, so no electricity or water. But still extremely fortunate to have dodged the 120-m.p.h. bullet. This area of North Florida has not had a direct hit from a major hurricane in more than 100 years." **Al Airone**, along with daughter Nora and son-in-law Bill are planning a trip next year to London to see one of the two Phillies-Mets baseball games to be played there in June. They'll also do some sightseeing (of course!) and finish the trip with a ride on the Chunnel train and several days in Paris. **Jack Murtagh** writes, "I sit on the board of a small NGO called Honduras Hope Mission. HHM is a Pennsylvania not-for-profit corporation with 501(c)3 status, and we are also a registered Honduran corporation as well. Over the summer, we completed construction on our new Hope Center in La Villa de San Francisco. The new center houses a classroom, kitchen, meeting area, and training facilities. We have computer classes and offer ESL, reading skills, math tutoring, and wellness education for kids in the primary grades. We run a medical clinic for 10 days in February every year, with volunteer doctors and dentists from the U.S. and Honduras, seeing more than 3,000 people in La Villa and surrounding communities. Because there is a severe shortage of potable water due to widely contaminated soil, we distribute hundreds of water filters. We are constructing a roof water catchment system designed to recover, filter, and store 18,000 gallons for use at the Hope Center. HHM is a very small operation in a small Central American town, but the families we serve receive food and rental assistance, school clothing and supplies, job training, and medical care they would otherwise miss out on." **Jim Ross** published nonfiction pieces and photographs in a panoply of journals this period. He regrets failing to use the word "panoply" during the pandemic. He recently had a conversation in the swimming pool with his 8-year-old granddaughter, Bella (Ben's twin), who

asked, "During the pandemic, was it really necessary for us to stay away from you?" Jim is about to start a heavy-duty medication to build bone strength to increase the odds that his upcoming back surgery will result in a success. **Jim Klein** is a regular visitor to France to see his son, daughter-in-law, and two grandsons. In season, he also does a fair amount of fly fishing in France and is a member of the Paris fly fishing club, the Fario (remember your Latin). This fall, he and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary in Paris and then enjoyed a large family celebration in the Loire Valley. **John Sheridan** and Joan Sheridan enjoyed a public reading of **Bob Brophy's** new play on Paul Dunbar at Studio 24 in Syracuse on October 29. From **Robert Logan**: "After birthday number 76 last September, I began to think seriously about retiring from full-time law practice and taking on some part-time gigs to keep my hand in. Still continuing my once-a-week German class. I owe Fr. Daley a lot of thanks for sparking my interest in that language, which I've taken up again after being away for 50 years. I have now reached the level of a not-very-sharp kindergartner but continue to enjoy myself. At the end of September, my son John and I took a day trip to the National Museum of Industrial History in Bethlehem, Pa. It's a short drive from New Jersey, just off Route 78. The display of old machines and tools in one of the remaining buildings of the former Bethlehem Steel works is interesting and worth the trip. Even more interesting are the huge and derelict remains of the blast furnaces and the blowing engines. They are both magnificent and creepy, looking like the set of some post-apocalyptic film. At the same time, they are genuinely worth seeing. Someone who knows more than I can write an essay about what the conversion of a gigantic steel mill into a somewhat shabby casino says about the 21st Century USA, but it gives one something to reflect on during the trip home. Best regards to all the '65ers." From **Tom Moebus**: "Happy to provide an update of the Matteo Ricci Young Scholars, entering its fourth year of international, coeducational engagement among Regis boys, Dominican Academy girls, and students from Nanjing Foreign Language School in Jiangsu Province, China. I am fresh from a supportive conversation about the program's future with Regis President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, Principal Charlie Heintz, Vice Principal Christian Mariano, and similar leaders from Dominican Academy. We plan to launch the first in-person immersive travel exchange with a trip to China in summer 2024. Scholars have performed admirably online during these three years. Now it's time to create the in-person immersion that can develop friendships and lasting working partnerships, as originally envisioned. We plan a 12-to-14-day trip to Nanjing

and environs, an optional brief visit to rural Gansu Province, and wrap up in Shanghai. Scholars will conduct months of prep including a small group case study in areas like early education, arts, infrastructure and technology, or climate change. Each theme will occupy a chunk of a day of the trip, engaging with each other and local Chinese experts. Such "comparative discussions" have been effective to evoke open curiosity and a spirit of inquiry and collaboration in our online groups. The fun, meals, laughter, and stories of living and being together will further help create a social net and friendships. Several recent grads ('Ricci Fellows') are helping us, among them **Preston Ferraiuolo '22** and **Dean Minello '23**, both now at Princeton. Preston, a keen Regis debater and leader of the Ricci Politics group discussing the U.S. election in 2020, will mentor the scholars prepping on infrastructure. His recent internship in a New York City government office opened an active network he can introduce to this group. He's also eager to help host Nanjing students visiting New York as part of the two-way travel we envision. We name them Guangqi Scholars, after Xu Guangqi, Matteo Ricci's 16th Century partner linking East and West. Dean Minello, a ballplayer at Regis, is focused on education, particularly in rural China. He teamed up with Nanjing scholar Mark Sun to ideate a rural education project while part of Ricci. Mark is currently at Carnegie Mellon, so we are hoping to see their collaboration blossom. We're counting on Dean to mentor the education travel team. He will also work on the Gansu Province element of the trip and hopes to stay extra to set up a project in a Gansu Village, together with our partner in China, Ms. Wei Lin. It is amazing to see these young people in action, curious and direct with each other. I consider this vital for our planet's future the way things are going and am thrilled that Regis is so supportive. Thanks to all for your support in our effort. I'll keep you tuned in to the progress. I've cut back on other activities to focus on Ricci. Meanwhile, after 60 years of playing a guitar I bought as a Regis student, I discovered an entirely new way to play, opening a new musical portal. Quite joyful, a real gift from God, and totally unexpected. Best wishes to all of you Regis mates." **Kevin Carey** writes: "Last winter, Joan and I bought a condo in Vero Beach, Fla. In the spring, we sold our house on Martha's Vineyard. Currently, we are living in our new apartment in Darien, Conn., near one of our sons and his family. We will split the year between Florida and Connecticut. Multiple moves over a short time — exhausting. Hoping to make some gatherings at Slattery's in-season." **Rich Costabile** and Randy Wilcox celebrated a full year living in Tavira, Portugal, on October 5. They're firm in their resolve that this was exactly the right move for them, at

exactly the right time. Another celebration is the 10th anniversary of their New Jersey wedding on November 3. That was after a 22-year engagement. Since the end of July, six singles or couples have visited our wonderful new home in our wonderful new city. We're getting very good at where to go, what to do, where to eat with guests who are here for only a few days. So if you're ever planning to be in the nabe, be the first Regis '65er to let us know. Be warned, however, that our townhouse is rife with stairs! (All my current contact info is in the alumni directory. Note especially that AOL is not part of my life anymore!) Our latest home improvement project involves the exterior of the house, which needs repairs, maintenance, and repainting. We're long past the DIY stage of our lives, and luckily we've found a reliable contractor who's served us well since the beginning of the year. We continue to gather a new chosen family around us — a good handful of friends along with scads of acquaintances. We have **Peter Nardi** and Jeff Chernin to thank for introducing us to our longest-standing amigos, while we were still on our scouting trip almost two years ago. Every Sunday morning we gather with a group of now-friends to pick up litter for a while, then socialize at one of any number of pastelarias found in this country. You gotta figure that anyone willing to get up early on a Sunday to gather trash has gotta be a decent person, and we've met a bunch of those. What do we miss? New York theater (London is an excellent understudy), friends who still mean a lot to us but with whom we have to content ourselves with Zoom or WhatsApp calls, and ready access to a few of the staples we took for granted in New Jersey. There's not one really good Mexican restaurant in all of the Algarve! But health care (Randy had cataract surgery at a nearby hospital in July) has not been an issue, nor has our health. We did, however, manage to contract Covid for the *third* time in August, brought to us unwittingly by one of our guests who stopped in Lisbon just as Pope Francis was holding his World Youth Day. Ironically, all three episodes of Covid were here in Portugal! Best to all. Raise a glass for us at JUG Night and wherever else Regians gather."

1966

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1967

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Rosemarie Cordes, the wife of **John Cordes**, died on October 11 at Georgetown University Hospital. She had suffered a catastrophic stroke the week before. Her family was able to spend much time with her in her last days. Rosemarie, a former nurse,

and John had been married 44 years. Besides John, she is survived by their two daughters, one son, and four granddaughters. **Art Bender** is prominently featured in the 22-episode documentary *Project 1941*, created by **Daniel Ngjam '23**. Daniel began working on the project, which focuses on the Regis Class of 1941, in his freshman year and completed it last spring. All members of the class are deceased, but Ngjam interviewed many of their sons and daughters and grandchildren, along with Art and Fr. Anthony Andreassi, former Principal of Regis and author of the book *Teach Me to Be Generous: The First Century of Regis High School in New York City*. Art, who has taught history at Regis for decades, and Fr. Andreassi provided expert commentary on the history of Regis. The documentary, which is available on YouTube, also relies extensively on archival newsreel footage about New York City, the Depression, and the events leading up to World War II, as well as the war itself. Nancy and **Chris Connell** ventured on their latest trip to Switzerland to visit their son, Irish daughter-in-law, and granddaughters Ciara, 5, and Evie, 2. The girls have attended kindergarten and preschool ("creche") in their village outside Geneva since infancy and Ciara does not hesitate to correct her parents' French pronunciation. Chris, meanwhile, hesitates to utter even a word of his residual French from Mr. Rapisarda and Mr. Clancy's classes, although he harbors the hope that the Duolingo app will help him work up that courage. Chris and Nancy also traveled in Italy. The sites they visited there included Florence, Siena, and Pisa. **Sal DeLuca** and a friend spent a fascinating day exploring **Bob Blake's** Old Spokes Car Museum in Kutztown, Pa. Known as the "Home of the Hudson," Bob's collection consists of over 60 vintage vehicles in pristine condition from the early 1900s to the 1960s, in two renovated buildings that housed a Ford dealership and a Maxwell car factory in the 1930s, plus an old farm property and barn work area. Bob and his wife Rosalie, along with their foreman Bernie, gave Sal and his friend an incredibly detailed descriptive tour of the cars from under the hood to the tailpipe and beyond, while also regaling them with historical narrative and tidbits that were pretty amazing. The museum is open to the general public, but Sal recommends getting in touch with Bob for a private tour. "You won't be disappointed," he writes. Elvis was in the house when **Bruce Bassman** and **Bill Armbruster**, along with 20 of their classmates from St. John the Evangelist School in Bergenfield, N.J., gathered for a 60th anniversary celebration of their graduation. Bruce, lead singer for a doo-wop band in Florida called Assisted Living, provided the entertainment, singing golden oldies from the '60s, including a couple of Elvis songs. Twelve of us made

it to JUG Night on October 13: **Jack Alexander, Bill Armbruster**, Art Bender, Bob Blake, Sal DeLuca, **John Dowd, Bruce Hector, Michael Holleran, Jim Keaney, Steve Malone, Chris Meatto**, and **Ed Penny. Vince Hartnett** drove in from Pennsylvania the morning of September 29, the originally scheduled date for JUG Night, only to find out that the torrential rains and consequent flooding in the Regis kitchen — not to mention many of the city's subway lines — prompted the administration to postpone JUG Night for two weeks. He did, however, have lunch with Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, the President of Regis, and Maureen Barry, Vice President for Advancement. He also had a brief "JUG Afternoon" encounter with Art Bender and would have sat in on one of Art's classes except that classes were dismissed early that day due to the flooding. While enjoying his leisure time, Vince is still active in the business world, working with OWL Services in growing a network of 10,000 sites serviced, including rapid growth in EV charging stations.



Chris Connell '67 and his wife, Nancy, in Pisa

1968

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Rich Pfeiffer reports that his move to Chicago was a smooth operation, though rooting for New York teams has become a bit more challenging. Ergo, he has looked into new sports, hosting **John DiLiberto** in early summer '23 for NASCAR races. He characterizes the events as "hard to describe, but great!" An apt way to envision New York City traffic times 500! **Kevin Todd** and his wife Debbie hosted a wedding celebration for their son Ryan and new daughter-in-law Leyda. Among the

guests gladly trekking up the Atlantic coast to Maine (or flying in from Florida and California) were **Dan Murphy, Joe Torraco, George Deisler**, and **Steve Bongiovi**, with wives Jane, Linda, Jennie, and Judy, respectively. Conversations were nostalgically historic, historically nostalgic, and, for the most part, seriously hyperbolic. Can't remember the last time I talked about JUG, the Senior Room, Boo Ridley, Coaches Lata and Ferguson, commuting, and the Lower and Upper Gyms, all in the same night! **Bryan Wynne** noted that the Hagley Museum and Research Library in Wilmington, Del., will be adding to its research archive Bryan's collection of papers, documents, and publications from his tenure as Executive Director and CEO of the Industrial Designers Society of America and the Design Foundation from 1977–88. Also included will be digitized correspondence post-2005. Consequently, he will spend the coming months doing telephone interviews for the organization's oral history collection. Sounds like a Wynne-win situation!

Nick Mele checked in, alive and active, working on nuclear disarmament for Pax Christi USA and International while also partnering with his wife to host and assist refugees and migrants of the climate crisis, the most recent a family from Sudan. In September, Nick was a speaker/presenter/panelist for the Archdiocese of Seattle's Catholic Relief Services Annual Immigration Summit. Appropriately, Nick ended his note with "Peace." **Joe Walters** has retired as Director of Pastoral Care at St. Joseph and Mercy Hospitals of New York's Catholic Health System. He also recently served as adjunct professor in Fordham University's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education for the past two summers. Joe has returned to Norman, Okla., to plan and hatch his next steps. Now a Sooner... what later? **John McElligott**, **John DiLiberto**, and **Tom Kelly** collaborated in mid-October for a few rounds on the Robert Trent Jones Trail in Alabama. Only Bagger Vance could have possibly completed a foursome like that! Condolences and only the fondest of memories go to the family of **Thaddeus Motyka**, who passed away in late spring of '23. **John Sharer** passed along a posting from daughter Julia and classmates **Pete Poggioli, Tony Mauro, Kieran Bergin**, and **Nick Mele** shared happy reminiscences. RIP Thaddeus! In a grand achievement, **Joe Torraco** closed the deal on his 1000th IPO at his local W.O.B. investment and mercantile firm. Last issue's memories of the late Mr. Wright continued to spur fond (and quite random) memories: **Rick Costello** and a postgraduate interview with Mr. Wright at an Oxford Publishing job interview; **Jack Hyzak**

recalling Regis Stage Crew antics with **Paul Giovanelli, Tom Langdon**, and **Gerry Turbet**; and **Gerry Purcell** and **Ed Mulholland** both listing the *dramatis personae* (**Steve Bogacki, Mo Casci**, and the Hot Box Girls from St. Vincent Ferrer). **Joe Jabbour** sends greetings from Middleburg, Va., and sings the praises of his current Southern lifestyle as a self-described Virginia planter, specializing in tomatoes, peppers, and pumpkins — no cotton, tobacco, or peanuts!

1969

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Mark Puleo writes, "Retirement has allowed me to spend more time performing at local musical jams. Anyone interested in hearing one of my recent performances at the Bayou in Fleetwood, N.Y., can watch on YouTube. By the way, someone uploaded both Holy Ghost Reception Committee albums onto YouTube, for those classmates who participated in that project." **Neil Doran** tells us, "After we left Connecticut in 2019, we were in New Hampshire for about a year and have made what I believe will be a final move to Boxford, Mass., close to grandchildren." From **Michael Vaughn**: "Living in Las Vegas (by the Strip) with my husband, Julian, who is President and CEO of United Way of Southern Nevada. I'm mostly retired but still do some finance-related expert witness work and fool with the stock market (better odds than the slots?). If any of the guys come to Sin City, please get in touch." This from **Jim Cunningham**: "As I write this, we are driving to the Eastern shore — daughter Bridget is playing soccer for the Special Olympics, and her team is playing today for the Maryland state championship. Grandson Collin had his last junior varsity football game Thursday night, and we watched with delight as he finally got significant playing time and made a great tackle from his free safety position late in the game. I'm staying fit raking acorns and leaves in our backyard. And I'm having cataract surgery right after Thanksgiving." **Neil Zevnik** is diving into charity benefits these days, now that his chef work is minimal. First up in February or March will be "an exclusive charity dining and philanthropy event with celebrity chef Neil Zevnik in the beautiful city of Ponte Vedra, Fla.," to benefit K9s For Warriors, a non-profit that rescues dogs from high-kill shelters and trains them to be support animals for veterans with PTSD and related trauma. Then in October it's down to the Bahamas to do a live streamed demonstration/dinner on sustainable seafood at a luxury resort, as part of a four-day gala event to benefit Beneath The Waves, a non-profit organization for shark

conservation and marine-related issues. In the meantime, he continues his regular column in *Alive USA Magazine*, "Innovation For Good", as well as contributing occasional feature articles, including an upcoming one exploring the current state of aquaculture in terms of social and environmental impacts. "So much for a leisurely retirement," he notes wryly. **Jim Forte** presented his paper "Jane Addams, Imperfect Anti-Racist: Researching Her Insights Into White Privilege and Racial Injustice" at the Council on Social Work Education's 69th Annual Program Meeting on October 27. The conference's theme was, "It's Time to Act: Defining and Reckoning with Anti-Racist Social Work Education." Close to 30 social work educators attended the presentation, and it was followed by a very lively discussion. **Bob Fredericks** writes, "I had a delightful visit with Pam and **Chad Gaffield** here in Northern Virginia in early October. Over two-and-a-half days we played two rounds of golf in beautiful early fall weather and had a chance to catch up about family, current and past events all the way back to our days at Regis, and more. In the spring of 2023, Chad had been in town for a work-related event (yes, both Chad and I are still working!), and our hope for golf on that visit was rained out. This time, Chad and Pam made a stop in Northern Virginia on their way to visit their daughter and grandkids in Williamsburg. The details of our golf games will not be revealed, but my girlfriend and local golf companions greatly enjoyed both Pam and Chad. The bonds forged during Regis years were evident to all, even after 50 years with few intervening contacts!

1970

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By the time you're reading this, all of us living members of the Class of '70 will have reached age 70. Congratulations to all of us septuagenarians on reaching such a ripe age. Now for some updates. **Tom Quinlan** said, "I was driving through Eugene, Ore., in July, so I stopped to have lunch with Tony Meyer and his wife, Joan. It was great to see him and catch up on post-Regis life. He says hi to all!" Tony, a Jesuit scholastic during our Regis years, is now retired but active in community affairs in Eugene and in liturgy. He is part of a number of online groups that have regular Mass and develops liturgies in the experimental spirit we will remember from Regis. Tom and his wife, Mary, are also first-time grandparents after welcoming Faye Marie Quinlan into the world in July. Tom and Mary's son, Sean Quinlan, and Desiree Creel are the new parents,

living in San Francisco, a short 35-minute drive away. Tom says, "We see them a lot more now that Faye is there!" **Bruce Williamson** and **Kevin Bryant** spent an evening with Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band at MetLife Stadium on September 1. Bruce says the concert was terrific and that he is already looking forward to the next Class of '70 Rump Reunion in June. Kevin also wrote to us to say he is happily anticipating a trip to Australia to spend the holidays with his daughter Annie as she continues her Ph.D studies at the University of Sydney. We'll make sure to get an update from Kevin for the next edition of this publication. **Dennis Blair** completed an eight-city arena tour opening for Barry Manilow in August, playing to audiences as large as 10,000. He's also just finished a James Taylor-Carole King-Roberta Flack tribute show in Vegas that went very well. Dennis says, "Still in Vegas, still doing the comedy clubs here and there, keeping the old mind from atrophying. I can't seem to just sit down for a minute. My kids are doing well. My son, Ian, just finished producing the latest blink-182 video, and my daughter Madeline is still working for Seth Rogen. I tried as hard as I could to talk to them out of show business, but would they listen?" We wish Dennis's wife, Peggy, a full recovery after she broke her arm in September. Dennis says it's a rough recovery, but she's doing better and better each day. As we were composing these notes for publication, we received an email from **Tom Burns**. Tom said, "Guess what I did today? Took a wonderful tour of Regis with **Matt Cappabianca '17** from the Office of Advancement! My wife, Debbie, and I just arrived yesterday in New York for a family wedding. After a day at the Met seeing the Manet/Degas exhibit yesterday, my wife asked me if Regis was close by, so we spent the afternoon visiting our old haunt today." Tom says he is mostly retired, but still teaches rheumatology and immunology to the fellows at Stanford Medical School. In addition, he works with a non-profit called the Encore Physicians Program, which aims to connect recently retired physicians with federally qualified health centers. **Phil Gandolfo** dropped us a line. Phil says, "Hope all is well. I got a visit at home from **Kevin Conboy** and **Tom Osborne** in June. We spent a couple of hours catching up and reliving our shenanigans during high school. It was quite therapeutic for me. I'm still being treated for multiple cancers; however, the news isn't all bad, and I'm handling everything pretty well. I'm feeling pretty good, and things could be much worse. However, I wouldn't mind some kind prayers from my Regis friends, and I hope to be in shape to attend the next Rump Reunion." At a time when many of us have already retired,

Charles Radcliffe reports that he is beginning a new chapter of his career. First Republic is being merged into JPMorgan Chase, and he is joining JPMorgan Advisors as a managing director in New York City. Charles says, "I never imagined another corporate challenge at this stage of my life, but I am looking forward to the opportunities ahead." **John Varca** recently returned from his now annual trip to Tuscaloosa, Ala., for Alabama football. He was at the Alabama vs. Arkansas game on October 14, which 'Bama held on to win. John says, "I've been an Alabama fan for many years, watching the games on TV, wearing Alabama regalia. My wife, Susan, and I have been to games in person every year for the past five years." Roll Tide! Our intrepid co-correspondent, **Jack Martin**, tells us that he's a grandfather once again. Brooke Cecilia Martin came into the world on October 21, while grandpa was in the middle of a dizzying travel schedule producing the national radio feed for the Arizona D-Backs' Wild Card sweep in Milwaukee and their win over the Dodgers. Jack's son John and John's wife, Nicole — Brooke's parents — live a few minutes away in White Plains, so there will be ample opportunities to drop in to visit baby Brooke. Jack is a one-man Prowlings juggernaut. In the space of a week he had dinner with **Al Caruso** on a trip to Miami to produce the national radio feed for the Dolphins-Patriots game, lunch locally in New York with **Buzz Doherty, Dennis Sheehan, Joe Porcelli**, and **Rick Antosh**, and attended the Deo et Patriae Reception at the New York Athletic Club, running into **Mark Tronco, John Nicolich**, and **Kevin Bannon** in the process. All had news to relate. Al Caruso and his wife, Renee, moved from New York to Delray Beach, Fla., nine years ago following his retirement from practicing law. Al is a longtime thoroughbred aficionado and made his annual three-week pilgrimage to Saratoga this past summer. Life is very satisfying for Buzz Doherty and his wife, Liz Ann, with the arrival of now-7-month-old grandson George. Last minute circumstances caused Buzz to miss out on a planned five-day biking trip in Spain in October, but the Dohertys are looking forward to skiing this winter and to Liz Ann having more free time when she retires in June. Dennis Sheehan's newest grandson, Rhys, just turned 4 months old; that makes four grandchildren now for Dennis and wife, Sue. They moved from New Jersey to just outside Baltimore just over two years ago. Joe Porcelli and wife, Brianne, visited Ireland in October and also celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary. Rick Antosh is in the process of relaunching a not-for-profit organization in support of living kidney donation. It's a cause dear to Rick, who

27 years ago donated a kidney to his son. Rick is also focusing on selling his getaway house on Washington Lake in Sullivan County, N.Y., and enjoying a martini every Sunday. Mark Tronco and his wife, Cynthia, were in New York making their yearly trip visiting family and friends. The trip started in Boston, then to the tri-state area, and was to finish up in North Carolina before their trip home to Paris. While in New York City, Mark was planning to attend two operas at the Met. He calls it Music Appreciation Day revenge — appeasing the spirit of John Connolly, who Mark and classmates took to a Who performance of the rock opera *Tommy* at the Fillmore East. John Nicolich is semi-retired from practicing law and is currently wrapping up some open cases. Eighteen-month-old grandson, Ari, is his happy main focus these days. He regrets missing last June's Rump Reunion while on vacation in the Azores and is hoping to make the next one. Kevin Bannon and wife, Sue, spent five weeks at their house in Nantucket followed by a few weeks visiting their son in London and daughter in Amsterdam. While in Nantucket, Kevin caught up with '70 classmate **Bob Hallinan**, who was planning to embark on a solo 100-mile hike in Corsica.



Bruce Williamson '70 and Kevin Bryant '70 at a Bruce Springsteen concert



Tom Burns '70 in Regis's Chapel



Tom Quinlan '70 and Tony Meyer

1971

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If it hadn't been necessary to reschedule JUG Night because of that September storm, there would have been seven or eight more smiling faces to be seen, including **Stu Schoder**, who had already come into town to attend for the first time since before 1994, spending Thursday on an Excellent Adventure that involved **Larry Gertner**, **Alex Motyl**, and **Bill Ferns**. **Bill Javetski's** daughter Elise married James Smith on September 30. **Art Beaver** was in attendance. Congratulations all! **Jack McCullough** probably didn't bargain for this when he was elected as mayor of Montpelier, Vt., but not long afterwards, the city was hit by a record-breaking 5.28 inches of rain on July 10, flooding the city and damaging thousands of homes and businesses. Based on clips from the nightly news and newspaper coverage, Jack handled both the situation and himself with professionalism and aplomb, sitting through what must have been innumerable requests for comment and situation updates. Jack and the city powers have been issuing constant updates on the clean-up, business and facility re-openings, and other ongoing events as they continue to guide their city and environs on a return to normalcy. **Roger Moran** continued his quest to keep the Cunard Line in business, departing Vancouver on Canada Day (July 1) for an Alaskan cruise aboard the *MS Queen Elizabeth*. Highlights included seals, raptors, and totem poles in Sitka, a lumberjack competition in Ketchikan, and a happy Fourth of July in Juneau. In August, Roger joined his sister-in-law's Episcopal parish as a token Catholic on a pilgrimage to early Christian sites in Scotland and Northern England. In Glasgow, he joined up with local resident **Dom Tavella** for dinner. No transatlantic crossing this time, but ferries aplenty, to visit many islands off the west coast of Scotland, including Iona, whence St. Columba began converting Scotland to Christianity in the sixth century and where the Book of Kells was penned. The trip was rounded out with visits to York and its Minster, as well as to the Holyrood in Edinburgh, which is also the home

of St. Giles, mother church of Presbyterians. Not all went as hoped, though: "I was disappointed that Canterbury was not on the itinerary. I so wanted to do a reading from 'Miller's Tale.'" **Tom Stio's** wandering ways found him in Indonesia this time: "Around the corner from our hotel in Jakarta there are many vendors selling produce and ready-to-eat meals. There were several vendors of durians, which seem to be especially popular here. One can also order part of a durian and have it served to you right there, complete with plastic gloves to shield one's fingers from the strong odor. Our group sat down and tried it, and I must admit that I found it less offensive than the last time I tried it. I now actually understand the unique appeal of this odd fruit." Kid Java celebrated his 12th annual 59th birthday party at Stitch Bar & Blues on West 37th Street back in June, and he and his alter-ego **Bill Ferns** returned there on the evening before the rained-out JUG Night for another gig. Stu Schoder and Larry Gertner made a point of ending their day in the big city to drop in on him there. **Mike Piscitelli** made a 35th pilgrimage to Queens to attend the U.S. Open and also found time to cross the road and visit the site of the New York World's Fair of our youth. "I'm still doing the book narration side hustle, although the last book I worked on isn't something I'm proud of, so I didn't announce it to the world when it went on sale. It's by some nutty Australian guy who believes he's a prophet. When it got to Chapter 4, he started hawking readers (and listeners) to go to his website and pay him some money for their own personal prophecy, along with an image of their guardian angel! I had already signed a contract, so I went ahead and finished it, but I wasn't very happy with the result." **Frank Flaherty** and his wife, **Jeanette Lee**, spent August in Jeanette's hometown of Covington, Ky. "We ate too much fried chicken, goetta, brats and metts, and wursts. I spent hours traipsing around Covington, admiring the gingerbread carpentry of the original German settlers and the Roebling Suspension Bridge, built before he did the Brooklyn version. Kentuckians are a bit tetchy about this subject, especially when I called it 'Roebling's practice bridge.' Jeanette loves Brooklyn, but sometimes she needs her Southern fix. Our cocktail napkins at home say, 'We don't really care how you do it up North, honey.'" A headline reading "August ends with rings of Saturn and a super blue moon hovering over NYC" led Larry Gertner to wonder, "Well, what's hovering over everywhere else in the world?" Putting that question to our resident astronomer, **George Simon** replied, "It might upset New York City exceptionalism, but the rest of us who do not reside in the Metropolitan area get the same thing." Undeterred and with camera in hand, Larry was very annoyed to find

that the "super" part of the description didn't pan out, and Saturn was just a hazy dot in the sky. The best photographs of the lot were those of the streetlight he had originally mistaken for the moon. **Ray Lombardi** had the honor of attending the celebration of **Pete Fanelli's** 70th birthday, which was attended by family and friends. Pete turned 70 on September 1 with the party the next day at Moose Lodge 904 in Hyde Park, N.Y., of which he is the Lodge president and calls bingo there every Wednesday night. With all those actors on strike, Pete's fledgling acting career is on hold until those people get everything all sorted out: "No 20 seconds of fame." In August, Stu Schoder's daughter Liz married Carrie Heller at Lake Wandawega in the Wisconsin moraines. "A glorious day and a beautiful weekend," Stu reports. "Liz and her wife love hiking, canoeing, and everything outdoors, so this was the perfect setting." Alex Motyl's exhibit of black-and-white acrylic paintings, "Ukraine in Ruins, 1941-42, 2022-23," opened on September 22 at the Shevchenko Scientific Society in New York City. He's still busy trashing Vladimir Putin in his columns for *The Hill* and *The Messenger*. **Mike Morales** reports: "My second daughter, Amanda, got married on July 14 in Lewiston, N.Y., just outside of Niagara Falls, and we're so very happy. I'm sure you're full of as much joy as we are." The *New York Times'* third annual list of the 50 restaurants they're most excited about ran recently and featured a familiar-looking name. However, it's not our **Bohdan Porytko**, but his son Bo and his Molotov Kitchen in Denver that were featured in this piece. **Mike Schwarz** sends greetings from the 25th visit to the Pinestead Reef Resort in Traverse City, Mich. **Dennis Petito** and wife, Lisa, wish son Nick and new daughter-in-law many years of happiness. He and Lisa vacationed in Santa Fe for two weeks after the wedding and met up with **Emil Mottola** and his wife, Sharon. **Fr. Louis Garaventa** is now the minister/administrator of the Xavier Jesuit Community on West 16th Street. He's enjoying his now-free weeknights catching up on all the movies he's missed and is still avidly out there photographing all sorts of New York scenes. He and Larry Gertner recently had a coffee klatch where they surprisingly learned of many points of intersection in their families' Italian roots.



The 2023 edition cast of characters: Frank Flaherty '71, John Schopfer '71, Tim Brennan '71, Joe Alchermes '71, Larry Gertner '71, Mark Baber '71, Bob Genovese '71, and Alex Motyl '71

1972

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Members of the Class of 1972 regularly meet via a group Zoom initiated by **Vinnie Grosso**. At the recent early October meeting, the group discussed the potential effects of artificial intelligence on education and scholarship. **Rich Reina** writes that he recently rediscovered a trove of Owl newspapers hidden in the back of a closet. There are 28 issues, from all four of our years at the school. The issues have been handed over to **Vinnie Grosso**, who is investigating a way to scan them and post them to a website where class members would be able to access them. In the Spring '23 Prowlings, **Jerry McAloon** reported that his fourth grandchild, Owen, had been born with a heart defect and was awaiting a heart transplant. Jerry very happily reports that Owen received his new heart in August and is now home and doing very well. Jerry's daughter recently resumed working full time from home and Jerry is therefore with Owen three days a week. **Tom Collins** writes, "I had the good fortune to connect with three Regians recently. While visiting Colorado in July, Kathi and I had a great dinner get-together with **Doug Redosh** and his wife. Got together with **Mike Morris** at the Jersey Shore a few months later and caught up with **Bob Kelly** at the rescheduled JUG Night. We were the only '72ers there, which was an unusually low turnout for us. I am back to working part-time but still get time to kayak and boogie board."

1973

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Bill Driscoll exchanged a couple of emails with **John Kattar** before the reunion. John is still pursuing his career in high finance; he is the chief investment officer of an international firm. He lived in central London for eight years but relocated

last year to the Isle of Man. John writes, "I really do like it here. It's scenically spectacular — rugged coastline and beaches and a rural interior, with sheep roaming on the mountain roads, that sort of thing. It was mostly a lifestyle decision, though. It feels like stepping back in time 60 years — kids playing happily on the streets with no adults in sight, very friendly people, no crime, nobody locks their doors, a slower pace of life. We live in a rental right on the coast while we look for a house, in an ancient harbor town with a well-preserved castle dating back to the vikings, Robert the Bruce, and Henry V." From **Mike Henderson**: "Mary and I really enjoyed the 50th reunion and look forward to seeing everyone again soon. We are now seven years in Pittsburgh, and I'm still working in economic development. Our son Matthew lives in Maryland with his wife, Melissa. Matt is a special agent with the Secret Service's Presidential Protection Detail, and Melissa is a nurse at a local hospital. Our son Ian still lives in New Jersey and is a senior planner for the Municipality of Princeton. He now works down the block from where he was born, so he's come full circle! In Pittsburgh, I've joined a local New York Islanders fan club, and this year I reached out to about a dozen Regians who live in the area. In our first get-together, I met two Regians from '58 and '63. They had never met but knew each other's names because they had worked at Westinghouse at the same time. It's a small world!" **Rich "Z" Zielinski** was recently inducted into the inaugural Massachusetts Lawyers' Hall of Fame for his contributions to the legal profession and the administration of justice. In his "day job," Z defends large law firms accused of malpractice or ethics violations. He also devotes countless hours teaching trial advocacy at Harvard Law School and elsewhere and chairs a committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers that sponsors the National Mock Trial Competition for law students. From **Mike Milito**: "My wife and I recently went on a sailing/biking trip to the Netherlands. Great place to bike; it's so flat that a pool table seems bumpy by comparison. Closer to home, I was elected to serve as president of the board of trustees for the local library. Of course, it's worth noting that I was the only candidate willing to run, so take that into consideration!" **Vin Maher** says, "The interesting thing I wanted to share, as I still teach college students, is the growing use of A.I. I think it's here to stay, and we have to get used to it. In many cases it's a boon to tasks. That said, kids are handing in A.I.-generated work products that clearly don't address the brief. At least when we used trots for Latin and Greek, we had to be sure they made sense. **Rich Sloper** reports: "Both

my daughters gave birth in September. My first granddaughter, Mia Grace, a petite 7lb., 1 oz., joins her brother Ryan while future football player Luke Robert takes after his grandpa, checking in at 9 lb., 15 oz. **Frank Pesce:** "I enjoyed seeing Rich Sloper and Bill Driscoll at JUG Night (where were the rest of you guys?) and a few of the guys from other years as well. The balmy mid-October evening that allowed us to all hang out in the courtyard was a far cry from the washout of two weeks before." From **Gene Ferraro:** "**Brian Donahue** and I attended the Giants-Jets 'football' game on October 29. Both teams were so bad that I'm not sure I can call it football! He's a die-hard Jets fan, and I'm a staunch Giants supporter. It was an ugly, soggy mess, but we had a good time, nonetheless." **Mike O'Keefe's** son, also Mike, was promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in July. From **Don Meunier:** "Hey guys! I am thankful that I am still around to be able to post some updates. I am so grateful for your prayers. I know that all of us are dealing with some life issues and that mine are not that special, but it has been a long road for me dealing with this lymphoma, and I am glad to be on the other side of it now. I only did one week of chemo, which just about killed me. Went to Mexico for alternative treatments that, praise God, actually worked. Met some very interesting fellow patients there, from all over the world, and strong Christians all of them. Would have been a whole lot more fun if we had not all been so sick. I am proud to be a Regian, a man for others (that training stuck with me), and I am honored to have known all of you. See you next time." Something from **Steve Menillo:** "Since the reunion in June I celebrated another birthday, along with my grandson Andres and **Bob Taschler.** Bob and I were born on the same day, August 31, something we realized when we were both part of Regis in Austria. Andres was born on the same date a year ago. Since my son-in-law is from Humacao, Puerto Rico, and his parents don't get to see Andres much, it was decided that there would be a big first birthday party there. It was a splendid catered affair complete with DJ and photo booth and a ball pit and slides etc. for the kids. They also had a huge cake for Andres and a smaller one for me and another for my younger daughter, Alexandra, whose birthday is a week later. We stayed at a condo that my daughter Daniella and son-in-law Fernando rented in Las Palmas and visited really nice beaches in the week that we were there. The following week Alexandra was offered an additional one-year fellowship in electrophysiology at Texas Children's Hospital. There were fewer than half a dozen positions available in the country. When she finishes her

current fellowship in pediatric cardiology this June, we, her roadies, will once again help her move across the country — this time from Grand Rapids to Houston. Don Meunier has already been notified that there will be a Menillo in the neighborhood soon. Locally, Alice and I were at Regis for a short time on October 27. Hoping to take advantage of what was probably the last really warm day this year, we wanted to go to the city and stopped by to visit the new Advancement staff. We were warmly welcomed. Since we had never been to Hudson Yards, we went there afterwards and had a nice walk on the High Line before dinner at a small Italian restaurant just beneath it on 28th Street."

1974

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Robert Sexton writes: "Son Mike's wife, Emma, is expecting. God willing, Rosemary and I will become first-time grandparents in November. Perhaps I will have a photo for the next issue." **Richard O'Leary** writes: "I became a grandfather on August 26. My daughter, Caitlin (Marymount '07), had a baby boy, Joey. If I have my way, Joey will be in the class of 2041. His father, who attended Taft, may have a different view. One thing we all agree on: Uncle Colin will be his ski instructor!" **William O'Connell** writes: "Lynne and I kicked off our retirement with a tour of Italy. It was a wonderful trip, but we are happy to be back home in the Hudson Valley. Our daughter Kate and her husband, Steve McSherry, are expecting their first child in November, and we are thrilled about our new role as grandparents. Our son Dan and his wife Laura are building a house in Middletown, N.J., and hope to move in by Christmas. We have June 8 circled on our calendar and are excited about the 50th Reunion." **Thomas Cannon** writes: "Greetings from the desert Southwest. Since retiring in 2019, I've taken up archery and have a lot of fun doing it. While most of the country is finishing their outdoor archery season, Arizona is just beginning ours with no fewer than five matches in October. Just recently I've received my coaching certification and started teaching. My first class had about 16 budding archers. **Dan McCarthy** has also taken up the sport and we both shoot in a weekly archery league." **Tom Dudar** and his wife, Mary, celebrated the marriage of their daughter Kelly to Dylan Dunn in September in St. Louis. **James Tynion** writes that in August, he and his wife, Julie, had a great visit to Vienna, where he was not deterred by the multiple *Einbahnstrassen* as we were in 1973 and *viel spass und Wiener schnitzel* as well

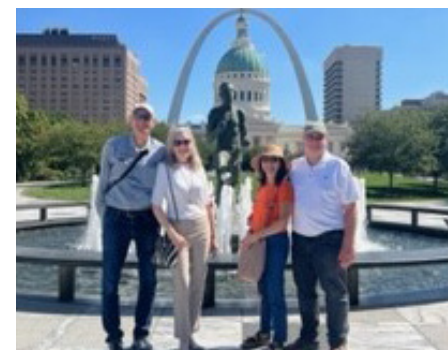
as *Sachertorte*. They also visited lots of museums and Hapsburg palaces. He says he could not find the Popolo Demayo Vienna fountain, but those memories fade faster than others. He writes: "We did not make it to Innsbruck but perhaps next time, if we can get an RIA reunion trip finally organized. Final note, I am still working full time on the big wind energy and solar energy projects and financings, looking to slow down soon and hoping to travel more and play more golf." **Martin Doyle** writes: "Mary and Tom Dudar's daughter Kelly was married September 23 in St. Louis. Janneth and I flew in for the wedding and then two days with the Dudars. A great time was had by all."



Daniel McCarthy '74 and Thomas Cannon '74 working on their archery skills



James Tynion '74 in Vienna



Mary and Tom Dudar '74 with Janneth and Marty Doyle '74

1975

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Congratulations to **Mike Curran** on his two recently published books, available on Amazon. Miike writes about his books, "*French and Indian Wars, 1609–1759: Conflicts that Shaped a Continent* is an outgrowth of my masters thesis and is a history of the role of Native Americans in European colonial wars in the U.S. *Metis: The Life and Times of Charles de Langlade* is a historical novel. Langlade was a real-life French-Canadian officer who had an Odawa princess for a mother and a French fur merchant for a father."

1976

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Dr. Mike Bellissimo has joined the faculty of the Department of Management at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. In this role, Mike is teaching organizational behavior and leadership to all second year cadets, an incredibly rewarding experience. Mike also has a book in the works titled *Extreme Leadership: Lessons Learned From Global Crises*, based on his Ph.D dissertation about crisis leadership during the global pandemic. Beyond the pandemic, the book examines crises in aerospace, automotive, aviation, banking, biotech, healthcare, and military organizations. The book should be available from DeGruyter Publishers in early 2025. Heard from **Fr. Mike Rizzo:** "I was recently moved from Huntington Beach to be the Administrator Pro Tem at Corpus Christi Parish in Aliso Viejo, Calif. The hills make my morning runs a challenge, but I'm happy to be located only 20 minutes from my son and his wife who are in San Clemente. If you plan to be in south Orange County, I would love to hear from you at mrizzo@corpuschristialisoviejo.org." A group of '77ers had a mini reunion in Charleston, S.C., in late October. Some golf, some good food, some beers, and adjournment to a sports bar to watch the Jets-Giants "game" (it approximated football) on October 29.



Class of 1977 mini-reunion in Charleston, S.C., in late October



John Ranieri '77 and John Libretti '77 got together in Pittsburgh during the summer.



Tom Gillespie '77, Norberto Barba '81, and Joe Hynes '77 got together for a Yankees game.

1978

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1979

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On **Tim Murphy's** August 27 somewhat-regular-called-for-as-he-sees-fit Class of 1979 Zoom call, 21 of our classmates got together and spent a few moments to remember **Tom Finnegan**, who passed away on August 17 after fighting a number of health issues over the last couple of years with very much of a noble heart. A number of us relayed "classic tales" of Tom in a bittersweet half-hour or so of the call. **Fr. Tom Massaro, SJ**, opened with a blessing, and then the stories started flowing, from **Gerry Billovits** sharing stories from grade school math where they would watch *Little Rascals* reruns (instead of learning algebra) to **Bob McDermott's** tale of freshman year summer school for art (you'll

have to ask Bob personally for that one because first-person delivery is key) to others that recounted time shared with Tom during our time on 84th Street and after graduation. There was a common theme through all the stories: Tom was a joy to be around, and he was quite the character. **Peter McAliney** prepared a recording of the session and shared it with Tom's family — father **Tom Finnegan '54**, siblings, wife, and son/daughter-in-law, who were very grateful to his classmates for taking the time to do this and appreciative of the insight these stories told on this important part of Tom's life, knowing what an integral part Regis played in his formation. **Fabian Fondriest** and his wife, Suzanne, celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Fabian Edward Fondriest, born June 16. Parents (Fabian and Kristen Fondriest), baby, and dog Reggie are all doing great! **Mike McConnell's** daughter Mia just moved to the West Village and is running the New York City Marathon. **Benson Louie's** daughter Shannon will be running the marathon, too. Mike is excited about more trips to New York City. Also, his book (*Fight Heart Disease Like Cancer*) is now on Johns Hopkins University Press and is scheduled for release in January 2024 (proceeds go to charity). Fr. Tom Massaro, Tim Murphy, **Rich Cigna**, **Marcos Rodriguez**, and **Tom Swift** met up at JUG Night. Fr. Tom says he's been invited by the new Regis Principal to address the senior assembly in mid-November as the Regis students ponder the heartbreaking topic of the current deadly violence in the Middle East. Fr. Tom currently teaches a Fordham University course called Theologies of Peace. He asks us to pray for a cessation of the horrendous bloodshed in that entire region and for progress toward a lasting solution. Peter McAliney caught a "30ish pound" salmon while fishing in upstate New York. **William Brown** shared his unusual Wordle strategy, which is now undergoing independent testing by his classmates to see if his results can be replicated. Based on the videos he's been posting on Facebook, it appears that **John Scola's** second career as a ballroom dancer is about to take off.



Members of the class of '79 at JUG Night. From left, Rich Cigna '79, Tom Swift '79, Tim Murphy '79, Fr. Tom Massaro '79, and Marcos Rodriguez '79

1980

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Alexander LaBianca reports: "After 25 years (and a little bit), I've retired from playing with one of the biggest sets of 1:1 scale electric trains (or as **Dr. Joe Tito** said, "1:1 scale? That's full size!"). Eight years operating subway trains, 11 years as an instructor (Mr. Walsh laughed at that one when last I spoke with him), and six years writing the documents that allow for track work to take place — if your lettered train got rerouted for track work, it was probably me, hard at work. Over the years, I've represented Transit at an International Rail Rodeo in Toronto, rewritten the training manuals for three of the operating titles, written the training manual for Staten Island Railway Engineers and Conductors, and spent the last three years working on the 'Sandy-proofing' of our two biggest train yards. When my two bosses ended up being people I've known since before they worked for Transit, I decided it was time to go. Built a house remotely down in Chattanooga and just waiting for my wife to agree to move there full-time. My daughter is an editor at Hearst."

Patrick Mahoney tells us that he performed in a musical called *Working* the first two weekends of November at the Julia Richman Theater on the Upper East Side. **Bill Passannante** notes that son **Will Passannante '10** has moved to Wilmington, Del., to continue his work in the Delaware courts, and son **Luke Passannante '14** has moved to North Carolina to attend UNC Medical School. **John McNicholas** informs that several members of the Great Class of 1980 met for dinner in New York City in early June with their wives. Attendees included **McNicholas, Tony DiNovi, Bill Kirwan, Timo McGillicuddy, Mike Meaden, James Nobile, Larry Vitale, Bob Collum, Mark Moss, Marty Barry, Mike McGovern, John Parr, and Tony Falcone**. All the guys looked great — the wives looked better. John McNicholas's daughter Jenna joined the faculty at St. Ignatius Loyola High School in San Francisco, a co-ed, Jesuit high school. She is teaching 9th and 11th grade English, and coaching JV field hockey and girls varsity lacrosse. Prior to SI, Jenna taught English and coached girls lacrosse at Taft, a boarding school in Watertown, Conn. Jenna graduated from Middlebury College in 2019 where she played varsity lacrosse and won two D-III NCAA lacrosse national championships. **Jim Degraw** reports that he braved the balmy weather for the rescheduled JUG Night. Partaking of traditional beefsteak sandwiches, among other things, were Marty Barry, **Kyran Cassidy, Jim DeGraw, Hubie Lem, Pat McGreal, Mike Meaden, Mark Moss, Jim**

Nobile, John Parr, and Larry Vitale. While full details of the evening are still emerging, a number of folks reportedly had to race to catch the last train home.

1981

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Joe Napolitano and **Paul Walczyk** completed the Ignaciano Camino from Loyola to Manresa (the real Manresa, not the retreat house that was in Staten Island) from September 16 to October 5. They walked over 200 miles, following in the footsteps of Ignatius. It was an incredible pilgrimage led by two Jesuits, with a total of 15 pilgrims from the U.S., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. **Ed Gillespie** writes: "I've had the great joy to work in advertising where I got to play with words and colors every day. After 40 years, I am stepping down and taking time off. The plan is to play with words and colors. And maybe some golf." This year has been an eventful one for **Norberto Barba**. After wrapping *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, on which he serves as executive producer/director, in April, he traveled to Iceland with his wife, Regina, then to Mexico with the whole family to the house he bought in February. Built in the late 17th century, it has become a respite from the stresses of entertainment industry-wide strikes. Then a cross-country (Los Angeles to New York) glamping trip with the family and their goofy chocolate lab to start the new season of SVU. Meanwhile, Norberto was reelected onto the National Board of the Director's Guild of America for a second term. **John Dieffenbach** and his wife, Anne, welcomed into their family a second granddaughter. Ella Macrina Dieffenbach was born to their son **James '09** and his wife, Macrina, in July.



Paul Walczyk '81 and Joe Napolitano '81 in front of the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Manresa, Spain, the site of the cave where Ignatius prayed

1982

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Joe Accetta, Sr. recently completed his term as a member of a Guardianship Task Force for the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, where he was a primary editor and contributor to a chapter on adult guardianship compliance in the Ninth Judicial District for the update to the Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 Guardianship - Best Practices Manual, published by the Office of Court Administration. His son **Joe Accetta, Jr. '14**, has run three full marathons (London, Berlin, New York City) in the last year, and his younger son, Thomas, is a senior at Manhattanville College, preparing for a prospective career in digital media/technology. **Pat Clarke** sends his sincere apologies for missing this past JUG Night but writes that he had a good excuse: He was up in Saratoga visiting with **Andy McGillicuddy**. They enjoyed a great day in Saratoga with Andy providing an excellent historical tour of the environs. **Ino Maquirang** sends his greetings from "Down Under!" Ino and his family (wife Leigh and son Max) have lived in Sydney for almost 30 years and don't get back to the USA too often. However, Ino recently caught up with **Eddie Castell** and **Pete Labbat** in New York City during his last visit in July. It had been almost 40 years since Ino had seen Eddie, and they had a great time reminiscing about "old times" on 84th Street. Ino reports: "It brought back such fond memories of our time at Regis and how our experiences shaped our lives. Thank you, Pete, for organizing this impromptu get-together." Ino hopes to visit with more of our brothers during his next visit to New York City in/around April! **Dr. Edward Mulholland** sends his regrets for missing our 40th Reunion this past June and writes that he is chair of the Classics Department at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., where he lives with his bride, Valerie. They have six children and two grandchildren. Feel free to reach out to Ed to say hi at emulholland@benedictine.edu. Since retiring from NASA, "Grasshopper" **John Zipay** has visited Mt. Rushmore, Devil's Tower, the Crazy Horse Memorial, the Sitting Bull Memorial, and Deadwood in the Black Hills of South Dakota. (He saw the graves of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, Seth and Martha Bullock, and Reverend Smith). He toured the Civil War battlefields of the Armies of the Potomac and the Army of Northern Virginia, including Manassas, Antietam, Gettysburg (where he walked Pickett's Charge), Sailor's Creek, Sharpsburg, Appomattox, Chancellorsville, the Battle of New Market, Petersburg, the Crater, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove, Spotsylvania, Harper's Ferry, Chatham,

Fredericksburg, the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, the Virginia Military Institute, and the Shenandoah Valley). He also visited the National Cemetery in Vicksburg, took a cruise of the Eastern Mediterranean, visiting Rome (including touring through both the Roman Coliseum and the Vatican), Pompei, Herculaneum, Delos, Ephesus, Mykonos, Santorini, and Greece (striding through Athens, the Parthenon, the Acropolis, the Temple of Apollo, and the Temple of Poseidon). He spoke about artificial gravity at the *Star Trek 58 Convention* in Las Vegas and visited the *Pawn Stars' Pawn Shop*, went to Niagara Falls (and rode the ferries from both the U.S. and Canadian sides), prowled Howe Caverns, and visited the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, the Baseball Hall of Fame, the National Comedy Center and the Lucy and Desi Museum in Jamestown, N.Y., was awed by the Corning Museum of Glass, took the *Star Trek Set Original Series Set Tour* (twice!) in Ticonderoga, N.Y., toured both Old Fort Ticonderoga and Fort Niagara, saw a Tri-City ValleyCats game at "The Joe" outside of Albany, and visited the Lone Star Flight Museum and the Galveston Railroad Museum. "He who conquers himself is the greatest warrior" — JZ, via Master Po.



Denley Chew '83, Patrick Hurley '83, and Joe Devito '83 meeting at the Boston Commons in October to celebrate their birthdays



Eddie Castell '83, Ino Maquirang '83, and Pete Labbat '83



Pat Clarke '83 and Andy McGillicuddy '83

1984

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It seems like only yesterday that we entered the Quad for the first time as freshman in our plaid button-down shirts and Hush Puppies and yet now we are somehow only a few months away from our 40th reunion (more on that below), becoming grandparents, and including retirement announcements in these notes! So towards that end: **Gerry Noone** reports that he and his wife, Kara, welcomed their first grandchild, Blair Catherine Taylor, born on September 9 and weighing 7lbs., 11oz. Gerry's daughter and Blair's mom, Megan, and her husband, Philip, have quickly adapted to parenthood. Not six weeks later, Gerry and Kara welcomed their second granddaughter. Isla Sloan Schweitzer was born to their other daughter, Eilish, and her husband, Tim, on October 19 and weighed in at 9 lbs. "We are so fortunate that we live in close proximity to each grandchild, so we visit all the time. I actually retired December 31, 2022, which was perfect timing for transition to grandparenthood. My daughters tell me that Kara and I are part of their (free) childcare plans after each of their maternity leave periods end, so I need to rest up as much as possible! Life is good!" And a big congratulations to **Lieutenant Kevin Lee**, who retired from the NYPD in September. Enjoy your retirement, Kevin, and thank you from the class of '84 for your service to our city. Thank goodness your final tally of classmates arrested was only one! In no relation to that last comment, in August **Andy Coamey, Michael P. Murphy, Mike Horowitz, and Mark Leeds** got together for drinks at a Lower East Side drinking establishment. With the lack of our inclusion in the RABL, it was the first time for some in that group seeing each other since pre-COVID! A good time was had by all, with promises not to wait three years for the next gathering. Hopefully, the annual December "drinks with Bob" will be (or was, by the time you're reading this) resurrected this year. In the small world department, **Craig**

Lis's son, Carver, a freshman at Syracuse University, discovered his roommate, Eddie LoPresti, is the son of **Ed LoPresti**, class of '88. As Craig noted, "No wonder Eddie is such a great kid. We are your sons, fair Regis. Our spirit is from you." **Kieran O'Connor's** daughter, Nancy, is working on the show *Titanique* at the Roth Theater in Union Square. She's a keyboard player and also subs in as the conductor. Kieran encourages anyone in the New York City area to say hi to her if you go to the show! Attendance was a bit down at this year's JUG Night, probably due, in part, to the last-minute date change. Regardless, those in attendance had the usual fun time retelling old stories while sharing a drink or two and scarfing down the beefsteak sandwiches. This year's roll call included **Tony Loscalzo, Pete Doyle, Pat Coffey, Michael P. Murphy, Steve Geiger**, and myself. Our class, however, will get a chance to redeem itself in May. Following up on the earlier mention, our 40th reunion is on May 18. With this date already set in stone, it'd be great if we can all clear our calendars and plan on making an appearance at Regis for the occasion. I'll also toss it out there to anyone who wants to take the reins and organize a May 17 pre-reunion gathering at Citi Field, a Saturday morning golf outing, or even a meet-up at the rock behind the Met for a beer before heading into the school! Finally, please keep **Peter Heslin** and his family in your prayers. Pete's wife, Aideen, passed away on August 19.



Gerry Noone '84 with his granddaughters



Kevin Lee '84's retirement party

1985

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1986

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Brian Craig writes, "I'm still living in New Jersey and slowly but steadily building a voiceover business. Among my credits so far are the national radio and streaming media ads for Scotts Turf Builder's Fall Haul campaign, voicing J. Jonah Jameson for the Marvel SNAP game, and 20 audiobooks and counting. Feel free to check out samples of my work at brianpcraigvoice.actor." I checked out the site and what a voice and what enunciation! Dr. Tricamo would be very proud. I expect that we will all be hearing a lot more from Brian in the future. **Al Morales** reported that he just celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with his wife, Kristin. Their son, Bryce, just graduated from Yale and is now a few steps away at Yale Law School (that's a lot of consecutive years in New Haven!). Al and Kristin left New York many years ago and are now in Portsmouth, N.H., which is close to the beach, the mountains, and Boston. We all have a standing invite to stay with him for as long as we would like if we are ever up in that part of the country. Technically, Al said that anyone passing through should give him a shout, but I have chosen to interpret his words expansively. And, if you are asking what Al is doing up in Portsmouth, here's the answer: "I've been in the energy industry for most of my career in various capacities, principally focused on the clean-tech side. I am currently CFO of a company deploying a long-duration energy storage system (i.e., storing renewable energy from the grid for when needed)." I look forward to hearing Al describe his work more fully when my family and I are his houseguests next June, July, and August. Just kidding, Al. I will of course reach out if I'm up there. **Mike Lazorchak** writes to say that he and his wife, Kristen, celebrated the wedding of their oldest son, Griffin, on October 8 in Boiceville, N.Y. Joining the celebration were Stephanie and **Mike Fitzgerald**. He adds, "We also got the chance to visit with **Phil O'Reilly**, who graciously hosted us for a few nights while we did a college tour of Montclair State University for our youngest son, Jaime, before the wedding." The Lazorchaks are in Atlanta and offer the same standing invite to our class to stay with them for an indefinite period of time. What else can "Regians passing through are always welcome" mean? I remembered that someone had reached out to me to say that he missed the last Prowlings deadline, but he was hoping to be

included in this one. The only problem is that I couldn't remember who that person was. After many attempts to figure it out, I did an email search for "deadline" and up popped **Kevin Mahoney's** email. Kevin wanted to share that his daughter, Mary, graduated this year from Lehigh University with a degree in engineering. In addition to graduating as a member of the Engineering Honor Society, she also swam for Lehigh for all four years. She is living in Boston. Kevin did not extend any offers for any of us to go and stay with her. He also reported that **Vin Margiotta** happens to be his family dentist in Middletown, N.J. Small world. **Joe Sack** reported that he and his wife have three daughters: "the oldest a senior at Notre Dame, the middle a sophomore at Duke, and the youngest just committed to play lacrosse at Penn." I certainly would never say this, but it's okay because it comes from Joe directly: "They clearly must get their smarts and athleticism from their mother." Don't worry, Joe. Everyone says the same thing about my kids. While I have joked about open invites, I want to thank **Vicky and Rodney Prezeau** for hosting me and my wife, Elizabeth, when we went to the Bay Area to attend my 30th law school reunion at Stanford. Elizabeth and I asked Rodney and Vicky if they would adopt us so we can stay with them all the time, but they said they couldn't because they already have two kids: The oldest is a senior at Barnard, and the youngest just started his freshman year at UCLA. Apparently, their kids come back home from time to time, so they still need the space. Oh well. Rodney and Vicky are also Stanford alums (that's where they met) and had attended their 25th business school reunion a few weeks earlier.



Elizabeth and Bill Crosby '86 with Vicky and Rodney Prezeau '86 in the Bay Area

1987

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1989

Lolan Adan, lolan_adan@hotmail.com

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Tom Bryce (tom@miyako.org) reports he has sold his company, OnePacs, to Experity, a national leader in on-demand healthcare solutions. Tom co-founded OnePacs, a leading provider of diagnostic radiology information technology solutions, back in 2007 and was the company CTO since founding. Tom is staying on at Experity as senior VP of teleradiology technology. From **Tony Pillari** (tony.pillari@gmail.com): "The sixth anniversary of the founding of my management consulting company, Excelis Consulting, snuck up on me a bit. It also gave me a chance to think about all the great work I've been able to do with nonprofits focused on breast cancer research, pediatric liver transplantation, and bipolar disorder and the amazing things we've done together. I'm excited to start my newest project this fall, which involves developing a strategic plan for a foundation that funds research in dementia. I'm also looking forward to my term as co-president of my college alumni association, the Brown University Club in New York, which began in September."

Jerry Russello's wife, Lexi (ahrussello@hotmail.com), and son, William, visited Chicago recently to join **Lolan P. Adan** (lolan_adan@hotmail.com) and his family, including his nephew Samuel, for the annual Chicagoland Buddy Walk, a fundraising event to benefit the National Down Syndrome Society. From **Matt McGowan** (mamcgowan@fordham.edu): Fordham will host the second annual Gerald Russello Memorial Lecture at its Lincoln Center campus on November 15. *The University Bookman* and friends will hold a memorial lecture in honor of Jerry, its longtime editor. Dr. Dermot Quinn, professor and director of graduate studies at Seton Hall University, will speak on Gerald Russello and the art of memory. Dr. Quinn and Jerry served together on the board of the G. K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture, sharing a love of all things Chestertonian. **George Paul** (georgepaul@msn.com), **Marco Ricci** (marcojricci@gmail.com), and Tony Pillari got together for some Greek food on the Lower East Side. They reminisced about RDS performances such as *The Life of Galileo* and *West Side Story* and engaged in heated discussion as to what their kids meant when using the words "bet" and "cap." From **David Kennedy** (dksdny@yahoo.com): "The Regis varsity soccer team, on which my son Jonah Kennedy '24 plays backup goalie, won the CHSAA New York Archdiocese championship. Their terrific 3-0 win over Xavier on Senior Night brought out a massive show of support from the Regis seniors."



George Paul '89, Marco Ricci '89, and Tony Pillari '89 gathered for dinner on the Lower East Side.



Lexi Russello W'89 and son, William, with Lolan P. Adan '89 and his nephew Samuel at the Chicagoland Buddy Walk

1990

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Luis Tello's son, Brandon, recently turned 21. **Mike King**, **Ron Llewellyn**, and **Freddy Taveras** joined Luis and his family to celebrate the milestone. Ever the man about town, Freddy Taveras joined a group of other Regis-related all-stars for dinner on the Upper East Side recently to gather with "Doc" Mike Mincielli, who was visiting from Las Vegas. As fate would have it, when one Regian left Las Vegas, two others subbed in. **Eddie Gamarra** writes, "**Sergio Sortino** and I hit Vegas recently to see U2 at the Sphere. Had to snap a picture outside this shop (see photo)." Two honest men keeping their eyes on the prize in Sin City! Lastly, in perhaps the most succinct, current expression of self-awareness, Bobby Walsh writes, "I am Queens Boulevard."



Eric DiMichele, Chris Derby, SJ, "Doc" Mike Mincieli, Dan Dougherty '86, Brian Kavanagh '85, Bill Miller '89, and Freddy Taveras '90 breaking bread on Doc's visit to New York



Freddy Taveras '90, Ron Llewellyn '90, Luis Tello '90, and Mike King '90 at Luis's son's 21st birthday party



Eddie Gamarra '90 and Sergio Sortino '90 taking in the sights of Las Vegas

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1993

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1994

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1995

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Rob Alexander '95, the Vice Provost and University Dean of Enrollment at the University of Rochester, with Regis School Counselors Lisa Bustillo and Elena Troy at a Jesuit High School networking reception

1996

Michael Boyle, boylemj@gmail.com
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1997

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Scott Moringiello has been chosen as the chair of the Department of Catholic Studies at DePaul University. He's hopeful that it will decrease his time in purgatory.

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2002

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Five months into his term as president of the American Guild of Musical Artists, **Ned Hanlon** was invited to represent working artists and labor at the White House for a conversation about arts funding hosted by the White House domestic policy

advisor and the chair of the National Endowment of the Arts. He'll head back down to D.C. again in January for a larger public meeting. **Bobby Heaney** would like **John Donodeo** to inform his dad that Bobby recently completed his third major marathon this fall when he set a personal best time at the Berlin Marathon. Yes, Mr. Donodeo will be shocked that we're talking about the same Bobby Heaney who absolutely hated running the mile at the reservoir. Bobby will attempt his fourth major marathon on April 21 in London. In between long runs, Bobby continues to grow his history tour pub crawl company, America Crawling, with his newest tour, San Diego Crawling, opening this past November. **Chris Elms** and **Mike Memoli '00** met up in New Delhi during President Biden's visit to India, where Chris arranged an interview for Mike with U.S. Ambassador Eric Garcetti. **Andrew Darcy** is keeping busy. He recently started clinical teaching at Seton Hall University School of Law's Center for Social Justice in its Housing Justice Project, while also starting a Fair Housing Project at Mobilization for Justice. After almost 10 years with Hines managing New York City office buildings, **Dave O'Donnell** moved on to Northwell Health as director, operations-real estate services, responsible for the system's non-hospital real estate assets in Manhattan. Dave and his wife, Mary, also welcomed their third child, Margot Mary, on August 15. Big brothers Henry (age 2½) and John (age 5) are taking great care of her while her parents tune out and take long naps. **Matt Meyer** and his wife, Amanda, are chasing after their third child, Hana Florence, who was born in March and has recently started crawling! Big brother, Caleb (age 8), and big sister, Adeline (age 5), are proud of their baby sister. **Jim Garnevicus** and his wife, Caroline, welcomed their third boy to the family on August 20. Luke Forster Garnevicus clocked in at 9 lb., 4 oz, ready to take on his big brothers. All is chaos, but life is good. **Mike Botta** and his wife, Chelsea, welcomed their second child, Juliette Rebecca, in September. Mom and baby are doing great. Dad's back is a bit sore from sleeping in the hospital chair, but somehow he'll survive.



Bobby Heaney '02 running the Berlin Marathon



Caroline, Jack, Cole, and Jim Garnevicus '02 welcome another boy, Luke, to their family.



Chelsea and Mike Botta '02 with their new daughter, Juliette



Chris Elms '02 and Mike Memoli '00 in New Delhi with U.S. Ambassador Eric Garcetti



Ned Hanlon '02 discusses arts funding at the White House with the executive director of the President's Council on Arts and Humanities, the White House domestic policy advisor, and the chair of the NEA.

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2004

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2005

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Jim Loperfido brought Ryan Hansen Loperfido into the world this October with his wife, Kamilla Hansen of Denmark. He has been acting as a strategy consultant in the frontier technology and fintech startup space focusing on promoting transparency in governance and finance using blockchain technology. He has been fortunate enough to travel the world, but now calls St. Petersburg, Fla., and Copenhagen home in addition to hometown New York City.

2006

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Rugare Zvoma's wife, Christine Zvoma, gave birth to identical twin sons, Jackson Thomas Zvoma and Carter Shelton Zvoma, at NewYork-Presbyterian Alexandra Cohen Hospital for Women and Newborns in New York City on August 7. Born slightly early at 36 weeks and each weighing 5 lbs., 8 oz., both babies are doing very well and are excited to be at home. Mom is recovering nicely, and both parents are thrilled to welcome them into the world.



Christine and Rugare Zvoma '07 welcome their twins home.

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Class of 2009 alumni celebrated the September birthdays of Giancarlo, Tomasz, and Jakob in Brooklyn on a recent fall weekend. They also realized they had enough attendees for a mandatory photo submission to Regis Magazine.

Ryan Smith, Pablo Beiro, and Ryan Escobedo at Oktoberfest in Munich: "We coordinated, we drank, we lived like kings and solved big problems, too!" Congrats to **Ruben Garcia** on his recent engagement to girlfriend Kathryn Kardas. They met each other while working together at the Michael Kors corporate office. Rumor has it that Ruben made the first "official" move with a kiss on the cheek. Who knew a simple peck on the cheek could go a long way? Ruben and his fiancée look forward to their ceremony and reception next summer in Beacon, N.Y. On July 15, **Christian S. Monsalve, MD**, was married to Julia A. Brown at Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas, Texas. **Anthony Errante** and **Robert Nguyen** were in attendance. Christian is completing his residency in psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. **Brennan Carley** married his partner of nearly a decade, Nolan Feeney, in New York City on September 21, surrounded by friends and family. The next night, the grooms threw a party at Brooklyn's Threes Brewing attended by fellow Regis Class of 2009 alumnus **Demetri Elias**, who no one from their graduating class will be surprised to learn stole the show in yet another iconic fashion moment. Even though Brennan and Nolan are both journalists and have made careers out of detailed reporting, they are still at a loss for words to fully describe their special wedding weekend.



Christian Monsalve '09 and Julia Brown walking down the aisle



Jakob Gollwitzer '09, Austin Moukattaf '09, Matthew Gladstone '09, Patrick Fasano '09, Giancarlo Roma '09, Brandon Darin '09, and Tomasz Otlowski '09 celebrating their September birthdays



Ryan Smith '09, Pablo Beiro '09, and Ryan Escobedo '09 at Oktoberfest in Munich



Brennan Carley '09 and Nolan Feeney's wedding ceremony

2010

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2011

Robert Hausen, robertjhausen@gmail.com
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Ken and **Vik Lobo** hiked up Mt. Kilimanjaro. The father-son duo took the Lemosho route (over seven days) and made it to the peak on August 10. Congrats, Ken and Vik!



Ken and Vik Lobo '11 hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro

2012

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Joseph Pollicino, jap242@georgetown.edu



Ted Kim '12, Alexander Kane '12, Arthur Imperatore '12, Sam Marth '12, and Joseph Clyne '12 at the wedding of Arthur Imperatore '12 and Carolina Beltran in Montecito, Calif., in September

2013

Hao Lam, hao.c.lam@gmail.com

Turner Wibbelsman, MD, married Allie Billings in Hendersonville, N.C., on June 3. They met freshman year of college at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. On their wedding day, Turner and Allie were joined by brother and best man **Garrett Wibbelsman '16**, as well as groomsmen **Austin Ferrone '12** and **Sean Ponzo, MD, '13**. Turner is an ophthalmology resident at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. Allie works as a nurse practitioner in the neonatal intensive care unit at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. They live in Cherry Hill, N.J.



Turner Wibbelsman '13, with best man Garrett Wibbelsman '16 and groomsmen Austin Ferrone '12 and Sean Ponzo, MD, '13

2014

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Shannon and **Michael Sullivan** welcomed their first child, Michael Eamon, into the world this fall! They're nicknaming him Teddy, after Shannon's Great Uncle Ted (real name Eamon). It's been a lot of sleepless nights on the Upper West Side, but he's been a joy. Teddy will be at the Class of 2014's 10-Year Reunion and is excited to meet Dad's former classmates!



Michael Eamon Sullivan, newborn baby of Shannon and Michael Sullivan '14



Raoul Rodriguez '14, Anthony Griffin '14, John Griffin '14, and Spencer Thomas '14 at JUG Night in October

2015

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2016

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In June, **Tom Salama** and Elizabeth Lilly got engaged. Finally!



Tom Salama '16 and Elizabeth Lilly after their engagement

2017

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Lorenzo Manuali is really enjoying the first year of his Ph.D in philosophy at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

2018

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2019

Ralph Lamberti, ralph3@lamberti.life



Rob DeSena '19, Terence Coyne '19, Joe O'Neill '19, Matt Kluge '19, Danny Wolfe '19, Ralph Lamberti '19, Colin Adamo '19, and David Garcia '19 gathered to celebrate Ralph's birthday.

2020

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2021

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Timmy Lake, **Henry Lee '20**, **Jack Grondin '23**, **Mac Healey '23**, and **Mike Kuharski '23** had a mini-Regis reunion at the Harvard-Brown football game in late September. **Liam McGraw** and **Conor Geelan** did the BellRinger 25-mile ride sponsored by Georgetown in early October to raise money for cancer research. Conor and Liam each raised \$500, which Georgetown matched. Also, in improbable fashion, out of the 900 total riders in the event, Liam, Conor, **Joseph Manfredi '20**, and **Tim Brennan '20** all crossed the finish line back-to-back-to-back-to-back.



Liam McGraw '21 and Conor Geelan '21 at the BellRinger Race



Timmy Lake '21, Henry Lee '20, Jack Grondin '23, Mac Healey '23, and Mike Kuharski '23 at the Harvard-Brown football game

2022

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2023

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Milestones

BIRTHS

Juliette Rebecca Botta on September 26, 2023, to Chelsea and **Mike Botta '02**

Luke Forster Garnevicus on August 20, 2023, to Caroline and **Jim Garnevicus '02**

Hana Florence Meyer on March 30, 2023, to Amanda and **Matt Meyer '02**

Margot Mary O'Donnell on August 15, 2023, to Mary and **Dave O'Donnell '02**

Ryan Hansen Loperfido on October 2, 2023, to Kamilla Hansen and **Jim Loperfido '05**

Jackson Thomas and Carter Shelton on Aug. 7, 2023, to Christine and **Rugare Zvoma '07**

Michael Eamon on September 11, 2023, to Shannon and **Michael Sullivan '14**

WEDDINGS

Joseph Cappabianca '08 and Abby Boler on August 26, 2023

Brennan Carley '09 and Nolan Feeney on September 21, 2023

Christian Monsalve, MD, '09 and Julia Brown on July 15, 2023

Arthur Imperatore '12 and Carolina Beltran on September 9, 2023

Turner Wibbelsman '13 and Allie Billings on June 3, 2023

Requiescat in Pace

Joseph Breen '48 on September 23, 2023

Edward Sullivan '48 on July 22, 2023

Joseph Steady '49 on July 3, 2023

Richard Thornton '49 on September 4, 2023

William Allingham '50 on September 29, 2023

Gerard Rubin '50 on October 24, 2023

Joseph Barbosa '53 on June 21, 2023

Col. Edward Jentz (Ret.) '53 on July 3, 2023

Thomas Cahill '54 on October 21, 2023

James Murphy '55 on February 13, 2023

Charles Vaughan '55 on September 11, 2023

Paul Schroeder '56 on July 11, 2023

James Higney '58 on August 12, 2023

Joseph Vaccarino '60

David Mahle '61 on October 24, 2023

Greg Burke, MD, '62 on August 16, 2023

James Joyce, SJ, '63 on July 21, 2023

Joseph McDermott '63 on October 30, 2022

Kenneth Fisher '64 on September 23, 2023

Rev. John Cunningham '66 on October 1, 2023

Patrick Mazzeo '66 on September 16, 2023

Robert Sharp '67 on November 17, 2023

Thaddeus Motyka '68 on May 30, 2023

Joseph Piccora '69 on September 22, 2023

Frank Schiraldi '74 on August 19, 2023

Tom Finnegan '79 on August 17, 2023

Events Calendar

FEBRUARY

13 President's Senior Parent Mardi Gras Party

27-29 Regional Receptions in Los Angeles and San Francisco

MARCH

9 Parents' Club Auction

12 President's Sophomore/Junior Parents' Reception

APRIL

13 5-, 10-, and 15-Year Reunion Classes of 2019, 2014, and 2009

22 Washington, D.C., Regional Reception

MAY

4 20-, 25-, and 30-Year Reunion Classes of 2004, 1999, and 1994

15 President's Dinner

18 35-, 40-, and 45-Year Reunion Classes of 1989, 1984, and 1979

20 Golf & Tennis Outing

30 Baccalaureate Mass

JUNE

1 Graduation

8 50-Year Reunion Class of 1974

15 Golden Owls Reunion Classes of 1969, 1964, 1959, 1954, 1949, and 1944



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Alumni and other members of the Regis community gathered on November 6 for our annual Boston Regional Reception. The pennant held by President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, was presented to the school earlier in the day by Ann Brady, whose father Vincent was a member of the Class of 1919.

