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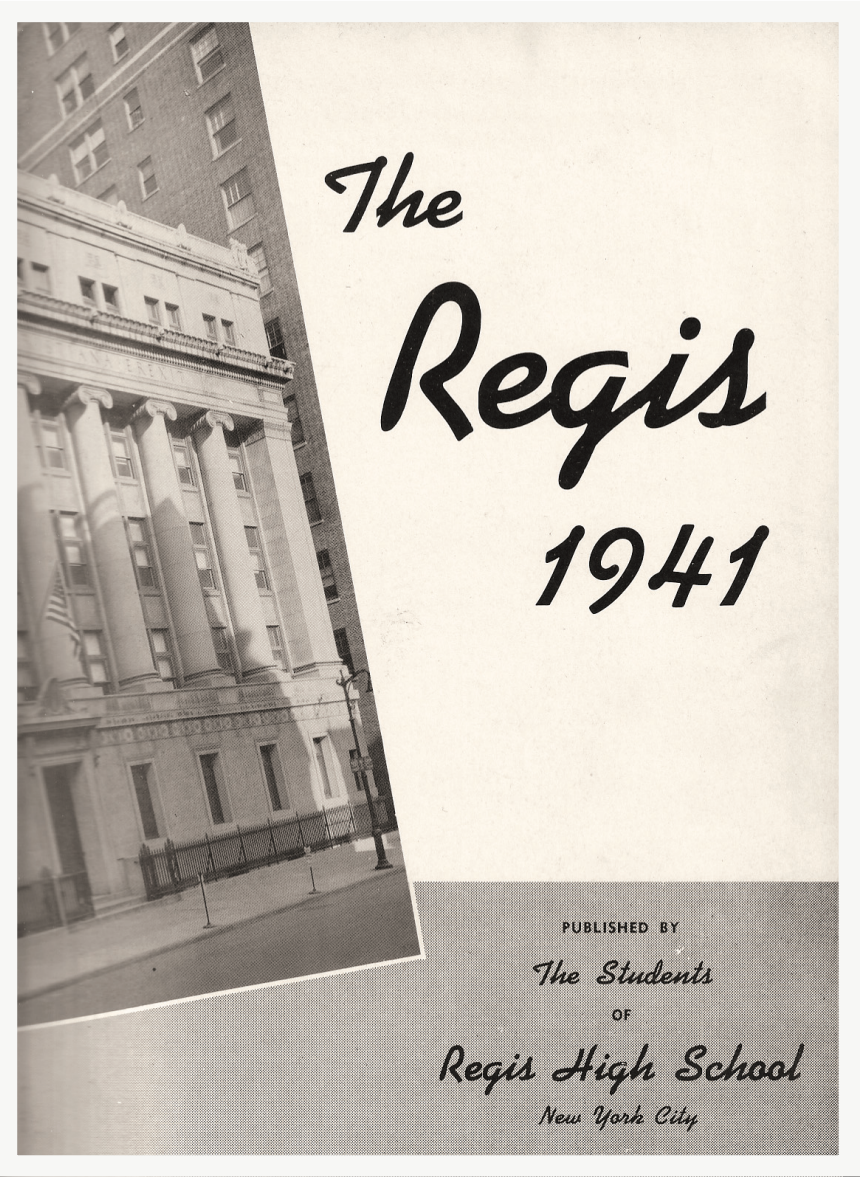
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Shortly before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Daniel Ngiam '23 came across a weathered copy of the 1941 Regis yearbook, which he brought home so he could eventually deliver it to a friend whose great-grandfather was a member of that class. When the lockdowns began, he still had the yearbook in his possession, and as he read about the graduating seniors, he began Googling some of their names. By mid-2020, he realized he wanted to know even more about these young men, and driven by his passion for filmmaking, he was inspired to begin a documentary project centered on Regis's 24th graduating class. Through interviews with living relatives and a deep dive into the school's history, Ngiam's *Project 1941* video series explores the lives of the members of that class before, during, and after Regis, and how their time at 84th Street would ultimately shape them and their families for generations to come.

To watch the *Project 1941* series, go to regis.org/project1941 or scan the QR code.

On the Cover: Sophomores work on an experiment in the chemistry lab.



President's Report Called to Serve



Several weeks ago, I celebrated the funeral Mass for my mentor Bill Meehan. Bill had an extraordinary career as a McKinsey consultant and executive and, more recently, as a professor at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University.

A product of Jesuit education, Bill was deeply inspired by the mantra of “Men for Others” introduced by

Pedro Arrupe, SJ, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus. He was also a disciple of Robert Greenleaf, who wrote the influential and now classic book *Servant Leadership*.

In 2016, Bill was invited to speak as part of Stanford’s “Last Lecture” series in which faculty impart their wisdom to graduating second-year students. Bill quoted Greenleaf’s words:

The servant-leader is servant first.... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. The person is sharply different from one who is leader first, perhaps because of the need to assuage an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions.... The leader-first and the servant-first are two extreme types. Between them there are shadings and blends that are part of the infinite variety of human nature. The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant-first to make sure that other people’s highest priority needs are being served. The best test, and difficult to administer, is: Do those served grow as persons? Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? And what is the effect on the least privileged in society?

While not referring to Arrupe or his mantra directly, Greenleaf eloquently elucidates the core meaning behind Arrupe’s “Men for Others” mantra.

The question is where did Arrupe find the origin of “Men for Others” in the life of St. Ignatius Loyola, whose spiritual journey so deeply shaped him and his worldview? We should look no further than a cave outside of Manresa in northern Spain. During a dark eleven-month period, Ignatius suffered from profound self-doubt. His moral fever eventually breaks when he comes to recognize God’s love for him and is given the extraordinary insight and grace

to find God in all things. Ignatius became convinced that he was called to “help souls,” and he encoded this call in the DNA of the Society of Jesus through the term “cura personalis”: care for the whole person.

Over the past few decades, many schools have adopted “service-learning programs,” but Regis’s commitment to service finds its rationale in this much older tradition. In Greenleaf’s language, this “servant-first” approach is what we labor to pass on to our students.

But does it work?

As I complete my first year as Regis’s president, I am here to tell you, with great confidence, that it does. For evidence, I point you to two sources.

First, *The Pigeon*, a new student publication filled with essays and articles about students’ experiences serving those in need. One essay tells the story of Matthew Cameron '24 and Leonardo Lobaccaro '23, who teach an online course at the Zotung Refugee Catholic Learning Centre in Kuala Lumpur. Other stories describe tutoring grammar school students in East Harlem, spending time with the elderly on the Upper East Side, and traveling to the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Ariz., to learn about the plight of immigrants at our southern border.

Second, the enduring value of servant leadership can be found in the lives of our alumni. This year, as I traveled the country to meet Regians far and wide, I heard countless stories of their commitment to service. Whether it was teaching CCD in their local parish, serving on a board of a local charitable organization, or organizing their company’s day of service, Regians continue to be shaped by the call to help souls.

My prayer is that Regians continue to allow themselves to be moved by God’s love and grace and become Men for Others — servant-leaders — whose noble hearts seek to help souls and promote their growth and well-being. For in so doing, they and their beloved alma mater will truly set the world on fire.

Sincerely,

Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ
 President

The Office of Development

The Annual Fund Is Our Lifeblood

The Annual Fund is the most critical stream of income for Regis. By covering the majority of the school's operating expenses each year, Annual Fund donors forge a lasting impact and allow Regis to remain tuition-free, as it was imagined more than 100 years ago. The 2022 Annual Fund was the most successful in the school's history and continued an upward trend in giving from our generous community.

From 2013 to 2017, the Annual Fund averaged **\$6 million** in gifts.
From 2018 to 2022, the Annual Fund averaged **\$9.8 million** in gifts.

This impressive but necessary increase in Annual Fund revenue allows Regis to:

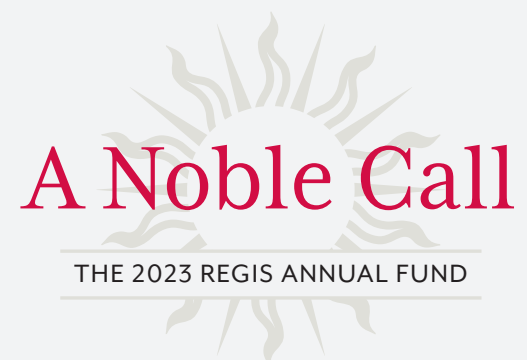
- Provide rigorous academic courses and robust extracurricular programs for our students. The cost of educating one student for one year is roughly \$30,000.
- Make responsible, 4 percent yearly withdrawals from the endowment.
- Support our faculty and staff, including professional development opportunities, competitive salaries, and benefits.
- Maintain our historic building and adapt it to meet our evolving needs.
- Sustain a community that is dedicated to developing young men who are open to growth, intellectually proficient, religious, open to others, and committed to doing justice.



None of this would be possible without your unwavering resolve and generosity. Thank you for supporting Regis's mission by contributing to the Annual Fund. We appreciate your commitment to ensure that future generations of young men have access to a first-rate Jesuit education.

Called to grow. Called to excel. Called to love. Called to believe. Called to serve. Called to be generous.

The 2023 Annual Fund ends on June 30. If you believe in the enduring power of the Regis mission, answer the call today with a gift for the present that ensures our future.

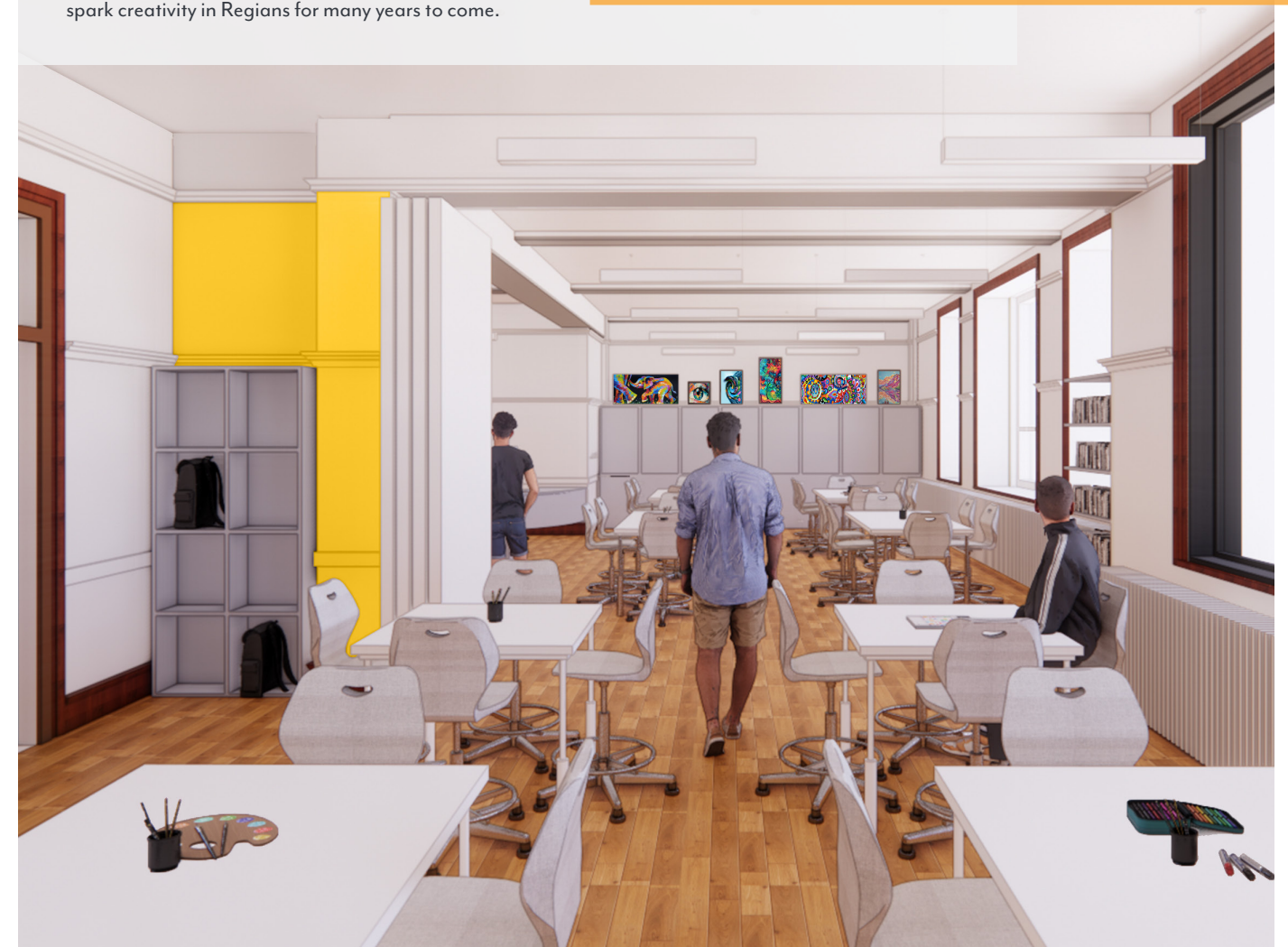


Your support is essential. Visit regis.org/give today.

THE 2023 AUCTION CHALLENGE

During our annual Parents' Club Auction on March 25, Regis President Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ, invited attendees to support the 2023 Auction Challenge. This year, donations to the Auction Challenge helped support a planned overhaul of our art room. The renovations, which are scheduled to be completed by the start of the next academic year, will see the creation of a space that's clean, comfortable, and versatile, with new furniture, ample storage, and better ways to display students' work.

Thanks to the generosity of the Regis community, we're proud to have raised \$189,657 towards this important goal, and look forward to a new art room that will spark creativity in Regions for many years to come.



News & Notes

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Transitions in Admissions Office and REACH Program

Mr. Eric DiMichele first joined the Regis faculty in 1982 and has served as the school's Director of Admissions since 1993. In addition to his legendary work ethic and profound commitment to the Regis mission, Mr. DiMichele has brought vision, wisdom, distinct humor, and heart to this work, shaping the Regis student body and serving as an ambassador to the greater community beyond 84th Street.

As he approaches his 42nd year of service at Regis, Mr. DiMichele has decided to transition to a new position as Director of Community Engagement at the end of the academic year. In this new role, he will engage and collaborate with alumni, parents, alumni parents, and various cultural and educational institutions to identify and create opportunities for partnerships, special events, and experiential learning that will benefit Regis students and the broader Regis community. He will remain the coach of the Hearn Speech and Debate Society, the powerhouse program he has guided to national success since 1983. He also will continue to teach seniors and freshmen.

"Eric DiMichele is one of the most influential leaders in the history of Regis High School," said President Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ. "The Regis community is grateful for his unrivaled dedication and contributions to the school, and we are blessed that Eric will continue to serve us in these valuable roles."

As Mr. DiMichele steps away from his admissions work, Director of the REACH Program Mr. Doug Eickman '05 will take on a new role as Director of Admissions & Enrollment at Regis. In this new position, he will lead the recruitment and admissions processes for both Regis and REACH. Mr. Eickman already has overseen REACH Admissions for the past four years, and he also is expertly familiar with the challenges and complexities of high school admissions through his work preparing REACH students to gain scholarships to Regis and other Catholic high schools. Prior to his current role, Mr. Eickman served as REACH Dean of Mathematics and a member of the Regis Mathematics Department.

"Doug Eickman is a brilliant administrator who brings a commitment to academic excellence, educational access, and Jesuit values to this critical new position," said Fr. Devron. "Doug possesses a unique understanding of the academic programs and admissions processes of both Regis and REACH, and he has a proven track record of tackling complex challenges with data-driven analysis, relentless effort, and an engaging personality." Mr. DiMichele shared that "as his former debate coach and keen observer of his extraordinary range of contributions to Regis over the years, including close collaboration between admissions and REACH, I am thrilled that Doug has accepted this new position."



Senior Brian Park's Path to Grammy Glory

Brian Park '23 first played his cello on-stage at Carnegie Hall when he was just 10 years old. And since his freshman year at Regis, Park has been a member of the New York Youth Symphony, a group of around 60 musicians ranging in age from 12 to 22 who regularly perform in the storied venue as a showcase for some of New York City's most gifted young musicians.

But in March of 2020, concert halls shut down, and the NYYS had to cancel all the live performances it had been preparing for. The group had to pivot to alternatives that allowed for social distancing, and music director Michael Repper crafted a plan to instead record the symphony's first studio album. The ambitious project culminated earlier this year, when Park and his fellow performers became the first youth orchestra to win a Grammy Award.

Because the whole orchestra couldn't gather together in one room during the early part of the pandemic, Park and other members were given six weeks of remote



instruction over Zoom and then began socially distant in-person rehearsals with different parts of the orchestra practicing at different times.

When it came time to make the album, the studio couldn't accommodate 60 socially distanced musicians and their instruments, so different sections of the group were forced to record their parts separately over the span of four days, with 14-time Grammy winner Judith Sherman handling production duties. The string section was the first to record their parts for the album, so Park could only hear the other strings as he performed.

For the album, the orchestra chose to perform pieces by three Black composers: Florence Price, Jessie Montgomery, and Valerie Coleman. The finished result was released in February 2022, and by May it had reached No. 1 on the Billboard Classical Albums chart. Six months later, it was nominated for the Best Orchestral Performance Grammy alongside the likes of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Berlin Philharmonic conducted by legendary composer John Williams. And in February, Park was at home with his family when he learned the group had taken home the award.



Career Day Connects Students With Alumni

On January 31, alumni from a number of industries returned to 84th Street for Career Day. Alumni had the opportunity to connect with current juniors and seniors, helping them to discern their career interests and navigate life after Regis.

Organized by the Guidance Department and Development Office, the event began with a keynote address by Brendan McGuire '94, chief counsel to New York City Mayor Eric Adams. "For the most part, it is a real challenge, as you proceed in your professional lives, to find one thing, and one thing only, that you're able to do every day that brings you deep satisfaction and that can pay the bills," McGuire told the students. "For most of us, it will be something less than a vocation, but I do want to emphasize that that does not mean that a fulfilling career, a career with meaning, a career that brings you deep satisfaction, is beyond your grasp, because it absolutely is not."

Following McGuire's remarks, students broke out into two career panels according to their preferences, attending discussions with alumni in arts and entertainment, business, education, engineering, healthcare, law, politics and public service, and tech and entrepreneurship. Structured as informal conversations, the panels allowed students to ask questions they had about various fields, learning valuable work and life advice from fellow Regians to use in college and beyond.

"Career Day provides our students a unique opportunity to connect with fellow Regians and explore diverse industries, and we are glad to have been able to host this event in-person for the first time since 2019," said Alumni Engagement Coordinator Mr. John Morin '16. "Our alumni have used what they've learned at Regis to positively contribute to their communities and our broader world, and we are grateful to the panelists for imparting their knowledge to the next generation of leaders."



Regis Seniors Contribute to Groundbreaking Physics Project

Six Regis seniors last year participated in a paid internship with Columbia University's branch of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, or LIGO. The project, for which three scientists won the 2017 Nobel Prize for Physics, aims to "listen" to gravitational waves created by the collisions of massive heavenly bodies, such as black holes, by using two-and-a-half-kilometer-long machines called interferometers that measure the bend of light particles fired within them.

Jeremiah Alonzo '23, Daniel Jarka '23, Antonio Lobaccaro '23, Leonardo Lobaccaro '23, Raymond Provost '23, and Alex Zhindon-Romero '23 were tasked with proofreading and testing instruction manuals for precision timing devices that are used in the interferometers.

Under the supervision of Columbia Professor Zsuzsa Márka P'20'26, one of the head scientists of the university's LIGO branch, and Dr. Luca Matone, a physics teacher at Regis who has worked on the LIGO project for much of his career, these seniors reviewed manuals on how to initialize, calibrate, and operate the timing devices used in LIGO's two interferometers. The timing devices record the movement of light particles traveling within a fraction of a fraction of a second.

The manuals are part of LIGO's effort to use Open Source Hardware, which allows individuals and organizations across fields to collaborate on the development and improvement of science and technology. In the case of the timing devices, the manuals could one day help scientists and engineers use the technology for other research. "The ultimate purpose of advocating for and improving the use of Open Source Hardware is to allow future generations to benefit from the work of today's scientists and engineers," says Provost. "As a member of the next generation of engineers, this goal holds significant importance to me."

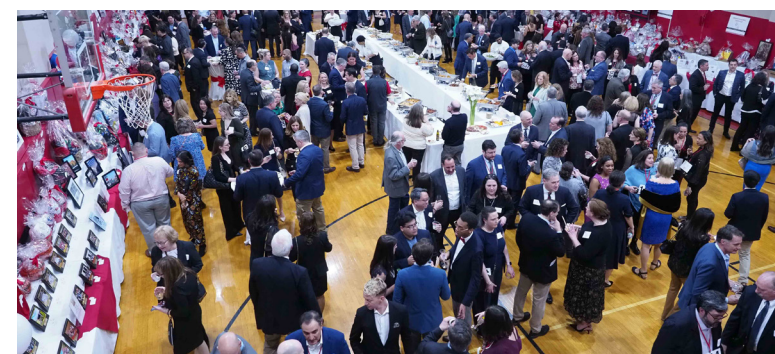
LIGO has been a collaborative project since its inception with over 1,000 scientists participating. In 2015, LIGO successfully observed gravitational waves directly for the first time in history. These waves are ripples in the fabric of space and time that Albert Einstein had theorized a century earlier without the technology needed to prove them. It was for this discovery that three of the project's key scientists won the Nobel Prize.

Regis Rep Dazzles in *Almost, Maine*

The Regis Repertory took the stage from March 29 through April 1 for their Spring 2023 production of John Cariani's *Almost, Maine*. Featuring heartwarming performances from the cast and imaginative set design, the show captivated students, families, faculty, and alumni with an exploration of love and loss in a remote town.

Organized by Rep moderator Ms. Gena Reisig and directed by Ms. Maura Malloy, the school's production of *Almost, Maine* highlighted the incredible talents of student actors from Regis and its sister schools. Supporting the cast, the crew helped bring the play to life, contributing their creative skills through work on lighting, costumes, and sound.

"The tireless efforts by our family of cast and crew, guided by our exceptional director, shone under the bright stage lights during rehearsals and performances," said Jacob Salazar '23, who played Chad in the show's sixth vignette. "The focus and passion that everyone carried with themselves truly enhanced the already profound joy of performing *Almost, Maine* with them."



Regis Parents' Club Auction Celebrates 30 Years of Connecting the Community

More than 450 parents, friends, alumni, faculty, and staff filled the halls of Regis on March 25 for the 2023 Parents' Club Auction. With a theme of "Connected in Community," the evening celebrated 30 years of auctions that have helped support generations of Regians.

The festivities featured a wide assortment of gift baskets, art, experiences, and Regiana for attendees to bid on during the silent auction as they socialized over drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the Upper Gym. The live auction that followed kicked off with the singing of the Alma Mater and the debut of an original song by Tony, Emmy, Grammy, and Pulitzer Prize winner Tom Kitt P'24.

Eugene Flinn P'10 and Mr. Eric DiMichele once again emceed the live auction, encouraging bidders with enthusiasm and humor as they introduced items like World Series tickets, a private dinner for 10 at Babbo, and a cocktail party for 30 on the Regis roof. The night culminated in the launch of the 2023 Auction Challenge supporting renovations to the art room. Read more about the Auction Challenge on page 5.

Regis Ethics Bowl Team Finishes Second in National Championships

Regis's Ethics Bowl team placed second out of 24 national finalists on March 31 at the National High School Ethics Bowl Championship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. More than 4,000 students and 500 teams from over 350 schools across the country participated in Ethics Bowl this year.

The 2022-2023 season marked the National High School Ethics Bowl's tenth year challenging high school students to develop their ethical reasoning and critical-thinking skills through engaging in productive dialogue about contemporary ethical issues. During an Ethics Bowl competition, two teams face off by trying to prove their complete knowledge of the topic in question. Teams are awarded points based on their ability to express their understanding of all facets of the topic, not their ability to promote a single solution to the problem. Teams also get a chance to offer constructive criticism of their opponent's presentation, hoping to poke holes in it.

The Regis team — Julian Bober '24, Andrew Joel '23, Hugh Kane '23, William Lee '23, Leo Lobaccaro '23, Toby Platt '23, and Gabriel Tramontana '24 — defeated the Stony Brook School to qualify for nationals.

"This is just a great group of guys," said Mr. Anthony Debonis, Regis theology teacher and Ethics Bowl moderator. "Six out



of seven were returning members, and it's been wonderful to see their personal growth in the context of preparing for and participating in Ethics Bowl over the last two years. Not only have they honed their collective ethical acumen, but they've developed greater intellectual humility by leaning into the complexity of contemporary moral issues."



As three beloved members of the Regis community retire, we look back at the long, impactful careers of Dr. Ralph Nofi, Ms. Mary Henninger P'93'98, and Ms. Caroline Christie.

Fond Farewells



In the spring of 1991, **Dr. Ralph Nofi** paged through a copy of *The Owl* as he waited to be interviewed for the position of school psychologist at Regis. Dr. Nofi, then an associate psychologist at South Beach Psychiatric Center in Staten Island, recalls reading a story in the issue about the retirement of Rev. Stephen Duffy, SJ, after 35 years on the faculty. During his interview, Dr. Nofi said that he told the then-Headmaster, “While I don’t know if I can offer 35 years of service, I really felt like I could make Regis High School the focal point of my practice.”

Nofi says now that the article showed him early on that Regis was a special place. “I remember being impressed that it was a place where people would stay,” he said. It turned out that he would go on to stay, too, serving Regis as a psychologist and teacher for 30 years and then as an administrator. This year, in which he served as interim principal prior to his retirement, was his 32nd as a member of the Regis community.

Having previously treated adults in a state-run hospital, Dr. Nofi said he found joy in giving students “their own resources to put themselves back into the lane that they need to be in. For a man with a hammer, everything looks like a nail.

And for our guys, for a kid with a huge intellect, everything looks like an intellectual problem.”

Dr. Nofi guided students through challenging periods like 9/11 and the COVID pandemic, as well as through major changes like the emergence of social media. But even in difficult times, students and faculty have been able to rely on Dr. Nofi’s calm, humorous, reassuring presence.

Dr. Nofi says he used to prefer his psychologist role over his teacher role, but that he came to appreciate them both. One year, he taught a group of 50 seniors during the first two trimesters of the year, and was heartened when 20 of them opted to take his third-trimester elective to continue studying with him. “That’s when a light bulb went off in my head and I realized, this is why people love to teach,” he said.

And though Dr. Nofi didn’t work with every student during his years as the school psychologist, he kept in touch with the larger community in other ways. While working in the bookstore, he became familiar with the curriculum and school roster as he filled students’ orders. By setting the students’ class schedule, he grew in tune with the rhythm of Regis’s daily life. He updated the guidance department curriculums on a regular basis and for years facilitated the school’s participation in research projects involving Jesuit schools. He became involved in Schola, the student-led group responsible for providing music at school-wide liturgies, and, with a counselor from Loyola, started an unofficial support group for gay students in the 1990s.

The wealth of experience he accumulated over three decades served him well in his final year as interim principal, and he leaves Regis as a beloved member of the community who has

touched the lives not just of students, but of the faculty members he worked with.

“Ralph and I came to Regis in the fall of 1991, and he has been a friend throughout those years, always ready to lend a helping hand, listen, and truly care for each person in the building,” said theology teacher Mr. James Scacalosi ’83. “I think everyone at Regis has been blessed by his sense of humor, his kindness, and his sincerity.”



Admissions officer. Assistant dean of students. Academic services coordinator. Assistant librarian. Founding supervisor of the Diversity Club and the Young Democrats and Republicans. Kickstarter of the HeForShe Club and Prism, Regis’s LGBTQ+ and allies organization. Creator of Coffee House. Graduation tuxedo coordinator. Mother of two Regians.

Ms. Mary Henninger P'93'98 has proven to be a Renaissance woman during her decades of service to Regis, and her passion for expanding students’ cultural, social, and political education has had a profound effect on the school’s culture.

“Promoting diversity and inclusion in moderating the Diversity Club, as well as working with students in the Young Democrats and Republicans Club, has given me great hope for Regis as we continue to define our place in a changing world,” said Ms. Henninger.

Ms. Henninger formally joined the staff at Regis as the assistant dean of students after her youngest son, Peter, graduated from the school in 1998. By that point, she was already so involved as a parent, serving as a Hearn judge and working with the Parents’ Club, that joining the school full-time was seen as a natural fit.

“After witnessing her devotion to Regis as a parent, it was almost too obvious how much Mary would elevate the Regis community when she officially joined the ranks as an Ignatian educator,” said Director of Admissions Eric DiMichele.

Six years later, Ms. Henninger moved to the library to assist Ms. Laura Allen while also becoming the school’s academic services coordinator and assembly coordinator, one of her favorite roles at Regis. In that capacity, she was charged with bringing in speakers to supplement the curriculum with glimpses into the arts and other fields. This sparked her interest in providing the Regis student body with opportunities to expand their intellectual horizons and create spaces for discussions of race, class, gender, and more. “I am a product of the 60s, and so I believe very strongly in the work in diversity and in the work we needed to do at Regis,” she said.

Around this time, Ms. Henninger helped create the Diversity Group, a precursor to today’s Diversity Club. In 2016, she also argued alongside the founding student members of what is now Prism for the necessity of an officially recognized LGBTQ+ and ally organization. Ms.

Henninger also sought to facilitate a healthy exchange of ideas. As moderator of the Young Democrats Society in the early 2000s, she realized that without an opposition voice, the group served as a self-reinforcing forum for partisan opinion. She helped restructure the group into the Young Democrats and Republicans Club, and since then meetings have become a hotspot of intense, but cordial, debate. “Respect for Mary’s political acumen and integrity were the only points of bipartisan agreement,” said Mr. DiMichele.

Ms. Henninger has also served on Regis’s faculty and staff Diversity Committee and played a part in the revival of John Francis Regis Day, a non-instructional school day that highlights a different social-justice topic each year. And while she has never taught an academic class, Ms. Henninger has been a model of an educator and in 2022 was recognized for her work when she was presented with the Patricia Hannon Ignatian Educator Award.

In her final position change, Ms. Henninger in 2008 joined the Admissions office, where she assisted Mr. DiMichele on the admissions committee, helped lead recruitment efforts, and articulated to prospective students the unique opportunity that Regis offers those who are awarded scholarships.

Said DiMichele: “There is no one more fitting to be both one of the first faces a Regian meets at an open house as a naive eighth-grade student and one of the last faces they see as they’re fitted and dressed in their white tuxedos to walk out of the 84th Street doors one final time as fully grown men for others.”

Ms. Caroline Christie’s dedication to the Regis community and to Ignatian values has been on display in many ways over the years.

Born and educated in South Africa, Ms. Christie taught biology, math, and science to high school students in her native country before transitioning to training in the IT industry. She arrived at Regis in 2005 and has served the school for 18 years as a computer science teacher, a fervent participant in the Campus Ministry retreat program, a longtime freshman advisor, and a dedicated singer with Schola.

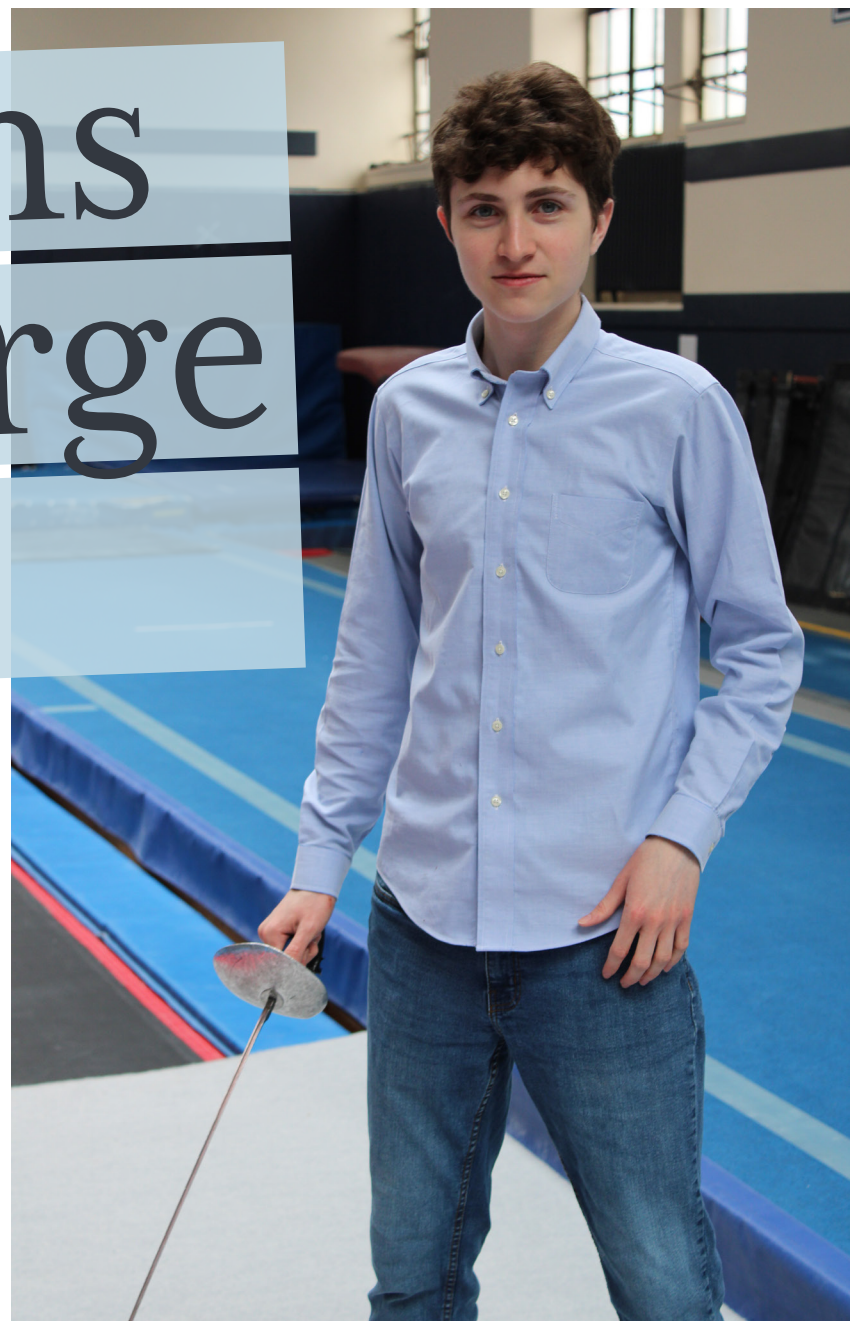
“The most meaningful thing for me at Regis has been the caring: the boys caring for each other, the boys and faculty caring for other communities, the caring of the faculty for each other and the students, and the parents who are so generous and caring,” said Christie. “Regis has been so special because teaching and caring are the main focus.”

In 2021, Ms. Christie was honored with the Patricia Hannon Ignatian Educator Award in recognition of her longtime service to Regis, dedication to the profession of teaching, and commitment to enriching the lives of students.

“Teaching at Regis allows me to enjoy many of the things that I love in one place – my Catholic faith, teaching, teaching teenagers, music, and technology,” Ms. Christie said in 2021 upon being selected for the award. “I love the challenge of learning new things every day.”

Passions Converge in SRP

The Science Research Project offers students an opportunity to investigate a topic meaningful to them and enhance their knowledge of the sciences. For fencing enthusiast Alex Greene '22, that meant a deep dive into the sport's techniques — and his first publication in a peer-reviewed journal.



When Alex Greene '22 was a freshman at Regis, he remembers talking with his brother Cameron Greene '20 about the research Cameron was doing as part of the school's Science Research Project, an independent study program that for decades has allowed students to work one-on-one with faculty members to investigate some question of particular interest to them. Cameron was studying the movement of fencers' legs, and Alex was intrigued that his brother was combining his interest in science with the sport that the two had long participated in outside of school.

Alex first tried fencing at age 11 after he lost interest in soccer and thought that sword fighting sounded like a cool alternative. He quickly took to it, honing his skills and traveling to regional and national tournaments. He caught the science bug a few years later during his first year at Regis, where he enjoyed his freshman biology class as well as the "cool dissections" he did as a member of the Medical Science Club.

Alex decided to follow in his brother's footsteps and sign up for SRP himself, though he didn't immediately try to find his own way to connect science and fencing. (His first project involved studying the effect of growth hormones in radishes.) But as he was deciding on a topic for junior year, Greene circled back to the idea of combining his academic and athletic interests.

"Measuring the length of radishes isn't as interesting as something more practical and more dynamic," he said.

Working with his faculty advisor, Mr. Xavier Simon '05, Greene decided to explore the effect of arm kinematics on blade velocity, studying the angles of competitors' elbow joints and wrists to determine if there's an optimal position. He designed a study, then took a high-speed camera to his fencing studio to observe a number of athletes as they competed. Working with Mr. Simon, he learned how to gather data in a way that was scientifically sound and how to interpret it. His research found that the optimal elbow joint angle at initiation for saber fencers might be 110 degrees, and that coaches would be wise to place more importance on optimizing elbow joint angles earlier in training.

After Greene presented his completed work at the end of his sophomore year, Mr. Frank Barona approached him with a suggestion.

"He looked at it and said, 'Alex, you should publish this.' And I'm like, 'Cool, what

do you mean by that?'" He laughs when remembering the moment now, but the comment set the stage for his senior-year project: learning the ins and outs of turning research into a professional manuscript.

Greene began researching potential journals and worked with Mr. Simon to learn how to identify existing research, present his own work in line with industry norms, and revise the article until it was ready for publication. He eventually found a home for his work in the *Journal of Emerging Investigators*, which publishes research from middle school and high school students. The study was published in March, during Greene's first year at Yale.

"It was exciting and long in the works," said Greene. "The fact that I started off from SRP and learned how to do this research and then ultimately got it published, it was very meaningful and fulfilling."

Mr. Simon is quick to praise his former student. "He was very diligent and thorough in his work," he said. And while Greene worked with faculty members in the Science and Math departments over the course of the project, Mr. Simon credits him with spearheading the whole project. "Really Alex was steering the ship and making sure his boat would make it to the end of the journey," he said.

Mr. Barona said that Greene's research is a great example of how SRP offers students interested in science an opportunity to conduct meaningful research beyond what they could learn in a classroom.

"At some point Alex realized he knew more about what he was doing than anybody else and that's exactly what's supposed to happen," said Mr. Barona. "Becoming an expert, even if it's about this tiny little thing, is educationally transformative, which is the whole point of this."

The Year in SRP

A sampling of projects that students worked on this past year.

Will Filocomo '25 is using a simulation tool to test the claim that the rounded corners of U-Haul trucks significantly reduce wind drag and increase fuel economy by up to 20 percent.

Jason Alperin '24 is studying the behavior of *Daphnia*, a common water flea, in an environment of micro-gravity.

Brandon Wilk '24 is investigating the effect of pollutants on *Cilia* population in water.

Julien Bober '24 is testing the efficacy of various memory-retention strategies in foreign-language vocabulary retention.

Charlie Mango '25 is studying how certain bacteria have the ability to physically copy and transfer from plasmids to other bacteria — and how these plasmids can encode antibiotic resistance. Specifically, he's looking at oleic acid, which may have the ability to inhibit that conjugation.



With an ear for languages and an actor's love for the camera, Brian Wiles '04 has found a following online.

By Morgan McCordick '19

In less than three years, Brian Wiles '04 has amassed more than a million subscribers to his YouTube channel. Speaking in both English and Arabic, he's earned a devoted following for engaging videos oriented around American and Egyptian culture, as well as for tutorials on how to learn a new language. Yet just a few years before Wiles launched the channel, he didn't speak a word of Arabic.

Wiles's road to YouTube renown was circuitous and unplanned, but it began when he caught the acting bug while at Regis. As a student, he began to take seriously the prospect of pursuing acting professionally. He was an active member of the Hearn's speech division and a frequent performer in Regis Repertory productions.

"Acting wasn't necessarily something I came to Regis thinking I would end up doing," said Wiles. "But because I enjoyed it so much and because people at Regis encouraged me, I went to college thinking acting would be my major and that it would be something I wanted to pursue."

After leaving 84th Street, Wiles — who went by the name Brian Lewis before changing his name for professional reasons — earned an MFA in acting from Yale University's

School of Drama and took roles in films and shows like *Billions*, *Person of Interest*, and *Manifest*. But as he established himself as an actor, a budding side career in language was slowly taking shape, even if he didn't realize it at first.

With some background in French — the language Wiles studied at Regis — he began teaching himself Spanish, Mandarin, and Arabic with whatever spare time he had. At first, he considered it a hobby — a way to occupy the downtime in his schedule, and perhaps something that could one day prove useful for his acting career.

Then came the COVID-19 pandemic. Across the industry, production stalled and opportunities for new roles withered. By the time the first shutdowns began, Wiles had been studying Arabic independently for about two years, becoming fluent by relying primarily on live, face-to-face communication with Arabic speakers over the internet.

"I didn't think, to be honest, that I would pursue language-related stuff as a career," said Wiles. "But during the pandemic I sort of developed a sidebar second career."

Isolated during the early stages of the pandemic, Wiles began to make videos on YouTube to refine his Arabic. "I decided that I would try to start making videos as a way to force myself to get better, and to improve my speaking skills, and my confidence, and really just to do something," he said. But given his professional background, he couldn't resist the actor's temptation to treat the homemade videos as little productions. "Because I'm an actor," he said, "it's hard for me not to perform."

The videos quickly became popular, and Wiles leaned into creating more content for his channel. At first, he expected his audience would consist mostly of Westerners embarking on their own quests to learn Arabic, but he soon realized that wasn't quite the case.

"My first few videos were oriented more toward how to learn Arabic and why I chose to learn Arabic," said Wiles. "But over time it became pretty clear that the people who had an interest in watching were mostly located in the Arabic-speaking world." Since Wiles speaks in the Egyptian dialectic, the vast majority of his audience is based in Egypt, he said.

In part to conform his content to the composition of his rapidly

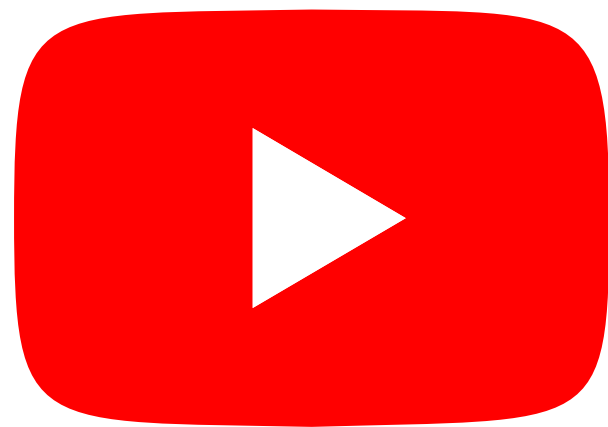
expanding audience, Wiles began to produce short comedy videos lampooning the idiosyncrasies of American life and poking fun at the naïveté that underpins some Americans' perception of foreign cultures. Among these videos are amusing explainers on American traditions like monster truck shows, Civil War reenactments, and Groundhog Day. But mixed in with the innocent levity is more serious content that aims to offer a forum for meaningful cultural exchange.

Wiles, who co-taught a senior elective on acting at Regis this past trimester, hopes that the success of his channel will ultimately translate into acting roles in Arabic-language productions. But for now, he remains focused on his channel and his million-plus followers.

"I don't want to pretend that my videos are changing the world or anything like that," said Wiles. "But I think that my audiences appreciate not just the videos themselves but the message underneath them: that people in the West do care."



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Prowlings

1949

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1950

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Mike O'Connor reports the arrival last year of Morgan Stewart, his fourth great-granddaughter, joining her sisters Riley and Shea, and cousin Dylan, in the newest generation of his family.

1952

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We extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to **Lew Bowlby** on the death of his beloved wife, Rosemary. From her obituary: "Rosemary Nash Bowlby died in her sleep on February 6, in Farmington, Maine. Her husband of 35 years, Lew Bowlby, and her son Andy were with her. Rosemary had Alzheimer's disease and moved to hospice care after an advanced cancer was discovered. Rosemary was born at the San Diego Naval Base on December 27, 1941. Her father was stationed at Pearl Harbor. Her mother established the family's permanent residence in Farmington, Maine, where Rosemary spent her childhood. An avid and accomplished skier, she served in various capacities in the hospitality area of Sugarloaf. In the early 80s, Rosemary earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Maine at Farmington. She taught in Readfield, Mexico, and at Massabesic High School in Waterboro, from whence she retired in the mid 90s. Rosemary's love of travel and history took her to all 50 states and to Scotland, England, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Hungary, and Russia. At home, she was a generous gift-giver and a passionate gardener, delighting in her collection of irises. At Christmastime, any child who found themselves at Lew and Rosemary's house was delighted to discover that Santa had anticipated their visit and had left a stocking full of toys and candy especially for them. She made beautiful homes to share with her extended family, including five children, ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild." Following are Lew's

personal reflections: "Rosemary's sympathy cards reminded me all over again that it's impossible to measure the effect we have on others' lives and what they will most remember about us. Here are a few: 'She was such a special woman. Loving and kind. I will always cherish the memories of hanging out and rockhounding in the Maine Mountains.' 'She was so special to me. She got me through so many dark days. I will miss our talks.' And this one from our granddaughter Clara: 'I remember once when I was maybe 7 or 8 and visiting you, I woke up in the middle of the night with a stomach ache. It was 2 a.m. or so, but she was sitting downstairs reading, so I asked for help. I remember she gave me a cup of hot chocolate and sat with me upstairs for a while, watching a movie to help me feel better. It's one of those memories where you wonder why you don't forget it but are grateful to have. It was a mundane moment where she was as kind and gentle as I needed.' She was my special lady. I admired her as much as I loved her." We also mourn the death and salute the career of our classmate **Frank Panettiere**. From his obituary: "Dr. Frank Joseph Panettiere, Sr., age 88, of Rogers, Arkansas, passed away on December 12, 2022, at the Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas due to complications from lymphoma. Frank was born on December 2, 1934, and grew up in Jackson Heights, New York. After Regis, he graduated from Fordham College (AB 1956) and New York Medical College (MD 1960). On June 11, 1960, he married Patricia Drosdeck in St. Margaret Mary Church, Albany, New York. Frank and Pat produced five children. Frank did his medical residency and fellowship in the Air Force. He became a board-certified internist, a board-certified oncologist and a board-eligible hematologist. After 12 ½ years, Frank left the active Air Force and continued in the Air Force Reserves and the Air National Guard until he retired with the rank of Colonel. He was on the faculty of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and subsequently became Chief of Medical Oncology at the University of Arkansas Medical School in Little Rock. Then, after practicing as an oncologist-hematologist in Rogers, Arkansas, he retired in December 1997. He continued practicing part time, covering other oncologist-hematologists as a *locum tenens* physician. Frank Panettiere is survived by his wife, Patricia Panettiere, five children, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, his brother, Vincent,

and his sister, Theresa Carr." **Jim Murtaugh** remembers: "As a member of the Légion of Mary, I visited hospital patients. One visit turned out to be surreal. Out of the blue, the hospital chaplain led me to a bedridden Jesuit priest. Two other priests were already there. Immediately, I was the center of attention of four priests. I was instantly rattled. Lay persons simply don't take the lead among four priests. Finally, I blurted out, 'Father, I would like to place a brown scapular upon you.' Father bolted upright, bowing his head to receive the scapular, which I placed around his neck. This was the first and last time I ever placed a scapular upon anyone. Finally, at my request, the chaplain led us in prayer. As I was leaving, I wanted to assure the priest that I too was a member of the Jesuit community. But without any preface, I simply blurted out 'I went to Regis!' Thereupon, the patient lifted his eyes upward and exclaimed, '*What more could I ask for!*' Sadly, Father passed away two weeks later." **Mike Hayes** reports from abroad: "Enjoying a world cruise on HMS *Queen Victoria* New York to Southampton, U.K. One daughter with me NYC to SFO, son from SFO to Sydney, my other daughter from Singapore to Dubai. Flying home from U.K. on April 23. Lots of great times." **Bob Baron** reports: "Charlotte and I spent December in New Zealand with friends. The country is the same size as Colorado with about five million people. It is the most beautiful country of the 65 countries we have seen in our travels. I encourage my classmates to get close to nature as we get old. You can do it by traveling to New Zealand, visiting the western parks and public lands with your family, or sitting on your patio and watching the sun go down or come up. You can find God in nature as well as in a large cathedral." Publisher of Fulcrum Books, historian, and conservationist, Bob is the author of 30 books, including his trilogy, "Four Centuries of American History": *America Is the West*, *America Is the Land*, and *America Is Economic Growth*. **Harry DeMaio** continues his delightful Sherlock Holmes series and shares this recent review: "The legend of Sherlock Holmes lives on. Ever since A. C. Doyle created him in 1887, he continues to entertain, inspire, and challenge thinkers to unravel crime and mystery after his unique style in different lands, times, and contexts all over the world. *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes and the Glamorous Ghost, Book Three* by Harry DeMaio is one more book that underscores this fact! Just as computers have

permeated into every sphere of life, so has Sherlock Holmes (SH). In this book, the author enlarges the boundaries of the SH world by connecting ethereal citizens (in heaven) and mortals on earth. SH and Watson are still on earth. Dissatisfied souls that departed this life without justice seek their assistance to have the ends of justice met, and, of course, with necessary permission granted by heaven to visit earth briefly and return. In my opinion, the addition of a dimension that connects heaven and earth to the worlds of SH is a brilliant stroke of genius by the author. A delectable, thoroughly enjoyable book that transports you into a dazzling new realm—one in which you've never seen Holmes before!" From **Jerry Kappes**: Sadly, the Regis family has lost two superb teachers and genial faculty colleagues: Diane Walsh and Gregory Rapisarda. R.I.P. dear friends. Combining a cheerful smile and nimble efficiency, Diane brought a special glow to science at Regis. When I directed a few RDS productions in the '70s, Diane's costume work was matchless. Greg's students always enjoyed his language expertise and puckish humor. In recent years, Greg enjoyed getting together with me, Hilda O'Connell, **Fr. Ray Sweitzer '63**, and **John Mullin '66** at Hilda's Soho loft.

1953

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1954

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As the Prowlings recount, we are all beset with OA (old age) and dealing with it in many different ways. **Traug Lawler** is enjoying his perpetual youth. "Peggy and I will spend Easter with our son Peter in South Carolina. I'm still working away at medieval literature and have an edition and translation of a Latin treatise on writing in the hopper; out probably by the end of this year. I'm teaching regularly in Yale's 'Alumni College.' Last fall six novels by Ann Tyler, right now the poems of Robert Frost. I memorized 'Mending Wall' at Regis and still remember it. I teach some very smart Yale alumni. Still playing golf and shooting hoops, though I do not hit the golf ball very far. Peggy is taking art classes and turning out some lovely paintings. We'll spend the summer in Cape Cod as usual, and see a lot of our four children and eight grandchildren." **Bill Monahan** sounds

like he is enjoying his rehab. "I'm rehabbing at Watermark in Southbury, Conn., where **Tom Cahill** is in residence with cranky knees. He sends his regards to all and wanted Sam Milana to know his latissimus dorsoi is great. I attended JUG Night. I believe I was the only one from the 50s. Come! It's interesting to meet other classes. I've been sort of adopted by the Class of '67. Rev. Halloren wears lederhosen because his German name sounds Irish. He's at Corpus Christi next to Annunciation where I and your esteemed correspondent attended first grade. Annunciation also gave Regis great basketball players. **Jake O'Connell '43** said that when he was a sophomore all five starters were from Annunciation. Annunciation also produced Rev. Bud Talbot as well as the Rooney twins '48, one of whom, **Jack Rooney**, had a grandson who played for Regis." From the other coast, **Sam Milana** writes: "I have a few thoughts to share: (1) purgatory is simply old age on earth; (2) hell is a gym with no mirrors; (3) heaven is where all the commercials are true; (4) life is what you do while you are waiting to die. My health is okay. I'm in good shape for the shape I'm in. I miss talking to my classmates. California is not Regis country—deep on the surface but below it is shallow. If anyone is out this way, you are welcome to visit. Perhaps we can talk about the "j" etc. Ave *atque vale* for now. You are all in my prayers each night. God bless." **Jim Perrone** is finally packing it in. "Tell my old buddy Frank Oregon that I have no free time. I still have a growing therapy practice (telehealth). However, this will be my last semester teaching psychology after over 60 years of teaching at eight different universities." **Matt O'Connell** has not had it easy dealing with prostate cancer. "As of now, with quarterly hormone treatments and only one prescription, I am being told that I am in excellent health with my catheter changed every three weeks. I still drive to church and Knights of Columbus meetings. I had a private home health aide for a year and this aide and her husband got into my safe and stole my entire life savings in gold and silver that I invested in in place of trusting the dollar. It came to \$450,000, and they sold it for drugs. They were caught and the husband claimed he had no part in it but he got five years. All I got from insurance was \$1,000. I live alone with VA aides four hours a day, four days a week. My daughter lives in Manhattan, 50 miles away, and is on disability, but she comes out for a few days whenever she can between doctor visits. This is my tail of woe but I am still up, not defeated!" Kathy and **Jack Conroy** made a five-day silent retreat at the Joyce Contemplative Center, which is under the aegis of Holy Cross College. Our group was about 20, half students

and half alums. Led by members of the Chaplin's Office and based on the Spiritual Exercises, it was a great experience. Check with the college if you are interested. Please keep in touch.

1955

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Deepest condolences on the passing of **Dr. Robert Kral, MD**, who passed on October 28, 2022. Bob graduated from Fordham University (Fordham College, Pre-Med) and from the Georgetown University School of Medicine. He practiced OB/GYN medicine for some 15+ years in Decatur, Ga. Bob was greatly admired by his medical colleagues (doctors and nurses), as well as by his patients and patient families. He was widely known for his overall medical skills and for his precise diagnoses. He was also well known for his empathy and his sense of family. He also was pro-life. For the rest of his life, some 40+ years, he suffered from MS. He dealt with his medical condition via his medical education and training, his grit and his courage, and his longtime/lifetime belief and trust in the Good Lord. Bob was a gamer, a "Profile in Courage," in his personal, professional, and spiritual life. In high school, Bob was a gifted basketball player. Great hand-eye coordination, leg speed, and a defensive hawk. In the course of a game he "saw the whole court" and "left his game right out on the hardwood floor." Basketball was a metaphor for Bob's life. RIP. On February 18, 2023, **John Githens, John Morriss**, and **Dr. Arthur Weisenseel, MD**, attended a birthday celebration for Dr. Joseph Schein, who is 108 years young! There were great toasts and many best wishes. Some 60 people attended. There were so many doctors, we felt COVID-safe! There were enough doctors to open a new hospital! Dr. Schein is a preeminent psychiatrist, *Extraordinaire!* A psychiatrists' psychiatrist! Longtime affiliated with the Mount Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Weisenseel has practiced cardiology for 60 years. Early in life he learned that the only way to get to Carnegie Hall was to *practice, practice, practice!* After medicine he would like to write, knowing that "Write makes right!" John Githens took pictures with his iPhone camera. He believes that you can capture people, places, and events with a camera. John takes a picture, documents it, curates, and shares. His photo gallery rivals that of the Neue Gallerie or the National Archives! Back in the day, John could have become a photojournalist. Today, as a private citizen, he roams through Europe, Asia, and the Mideast, always with a camera in hand. The *soiree* for Dr. Schein was held in his apartment building at U.N. Plaza.

1956

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1957

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Willie Werwaiss and Deb Berg went on a Viking expedition to Antarctica in early March. Willie writes “It was the trip of a lifetime. Words fail when trying to describe the unspoiled continent and the ice fields and icebergs that we saw every day we were there. Needless to say, we saw penguins and seals galore and a few whales among the many species of birds that can only be observed in Antarctica.” **John Caronna** and Ellen traveled from their home in Needham, Mass., to have lunch with **Bob Arbour** and Marie in Jamaica Plain in Boston. The Arbours were visiting their daughter Mary Catherine and grandsons Xavier and Gabriel. A good time was had by all. **Tom Lippman** reports that his latest book (No. 10) was published on April 3: *Get the Damn Story: Homer Bigart and the Great Age of American Newspapers*. The book recounts the life and times of the great war correspondent for the New York *Herald Tribune* and the *Times*, who began his career when New York had a dozen citywide daily newspapers plus one in each of the outlying boroughs. Tom writes that he actually knew Bigart when he (Tom) was just starting out as a lowly copy boy at the *Times*. Congratulations, Tom. Just as I started to transcribe these notes, the day of the deadline, of course, **Joe Mancini** emailed that twin **Tony Mancini** also had a new book published, this one a work of fiction named *Ashes*, its central character being a German Jesuit priest who has retired to Taormina, the town in the shadow of Mount Etna in Sicily. The book received a very enthusiastic review in the influential Catholic news service Our Sunday Visitor. Congratulations, Tony. **Bill Berlinghoff** and Barb Miller have been wintering in Florida and will return to Maine by the end of April. They live in the house in the woods that is the new one after the fire that destroyed Bill’s home several years ago. **Packy Lawler** and Judith visited them last September as part of a brief trip to Maine. Bill and I had fun swapping tunes on guitars and banjo and together playing several songs we both know. Bill left early the next morning for a gig in Bangor: a fitting second career for the former president of the Glee Club. **Neil McCarthy** writes, “Early this February, my son, Mark, and I drove to Savannah and Tybee Island on the Georgia coast to do some sightseeing

and participate in the YMCA Tybee Island Race Weekend. I did the 5K race in 44:14, a sub-15 minute per mile pace. This was my first 5K in a few years and far off my 6:30 per mile pace at age 50. Thirty years does age us. I hope to be able to do Atlanta’s Peachtree 10K race this July 4, to extend my 32 race-running series to 33, for the 33 years we have been in Atlanta.”

1958

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Tom Cahill passed away October 18, 2022, at age 82. His legacy is replete with numerous and impressive accomplishments, both professional and personal, and are nicely summarized in his *Times* obituary. Highlights from that obituary will be summarized here. Tom’s most memorable work was his book, *How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland’s Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe*, which highlighted the successful efforts of Irish scholars transcribing pagan and Christian texts, maintaining a literary culture and a lively, affirmative Christianity, an important factor in the revival of the Roman Catholic Church in Western Europe. This book established his reputation as one of the nation’s great writers of popular history. Like most Regions, Tom was multilingual, with proficiency in Latin, ancient Greek, French, German, and Italian. For a later work, *The Gifts of the Jews: How a Tribe of Desert Nomads Changed the Way Everyone Thinks and Feels*, he learned to read Hebrew as a visiting scholar at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Rather than viewing history as a concatenation of wars and other catastrophes, Tom emphasized the “narratives of grace, the recountings of those blessed and inexplicable moments when someone did something for someone else, saved a life, bestowed a gift.” Tom taught at several institutions in the New York City area, including Queens College and Seton Hall University. In 1990, he became director of religious publishing at Doubleday. Tom is survived by his wife, Susan Neunzig Cahill, their daughter Kristin Cahill-Iniguez, son Joseph, three sisters and four grandchildren. **Francisco Aybar** passed away January 22, 2022, in Colorado, his death believed to be COVID-19-related. **Kevin Mansfield** passed away on August 16, 2021, at age 81. Kevin was one of the Jersey boys in our class whose father had emigrated from Ireland in the early 1900s. Kevin got his bachelor’s degree at Fordham and doctoral degree in organic chemistry at Ohio State. He

later obtained a law degree in New York State and became an expert in patent law. In 2005 he retired after a highly successful career at Ciba-Geigy in which he held multiple senior executive positions. Kevin was also skilled in foreign languages and excelled at skiing and scuba diving, as well. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret. His survivors at the time of his passing included three children and four grandchildren. **Daniel Marshall** passed away February 27, at age 82. Daniel is a graduate of Holy Cross, after which he obtained Master’s degrees from New York University and Queens College. He worked as a librarian in the Brooklyn Public Library system and later at several colleges, including St. Francis College and Touro College. In 2002, he was appointed director of the library at TCI College of Technology, a position he held for nine years. Daniel maintained a strong and active connection to the Catholic Worker and for several years served as co-director of Arthur Sheehan House, a CW residential house of hospitality in Brooklyn. Daniel was also a regular at our alumni gatherings and provided many pleasant and interesting conversations. He will leave a void at our upcoming reunion. Aloha from **Jack Forrest** in Kauai, who is finishing a novel started years ago, a murder mystery set on a fictional UC campus involving a curriculum conflict at a medical school. **George Garces** writes: “This September, my first grandson, also named George, starts college at the University of Tennessee. Excited about his next four years. Already saw the campus in Knoxville on our drive south to spend the winter in Florida. Life is good, thank God.” **Peter Kern** writes: “I am still here and on the lecture circuit. I also write the entire quarterly newsletter for the Palmerton Area Historical Society. If you are interested in a glance, the last 10 or so issues are easily viewed on our website, palmertonhistorical.org. From **Joe Lienhard**: “I am alive and pretty well. In the last semester of phased retirement from Fordham University. I taught theology (patristics) for 47 years, 15 at Marquette U. in Milwaukee and the rest at Fordham. It’s been a great ride.” **Ken McAloon** had a piece on the war in Ukraine published in the online journal *CounterPunch*. It is short but takes the long view going back to the Great Schism that split Christianity into the Western and Eastern churches. Ken is also preparing a piece on Jackie Robinson. From **Jim Moran**: “Had bouts with cancer but thank God found and treated early. Will stop all medical practice on June 30, 2023.” **John Riley** writes “My daughter Laura attended USC Law School and after various early jobs worked and taught at that law school. She has just shifted to UC Berkeley Law School to manage

a program which provides legal assistance to the less privileged. She is married to Stanley Chen, also a lawyer, and they have two small children, a boy (5 years) and a girl (8 months). As such I am a grandfather twice over at my advanced age and happy to be so.”

1959

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From **Jim Bonnell**: My second great granddaughter, Cara, was born on January 1 as the first New York baby of this year; her birthday is the same date as her great grandmother’s. I believe I am lagging behind in the “grand” department as I have only eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. From **Dan O’Leary**: My oldest grandson, Dan IV, is finishing up his first year at Georgetown and will be studying Russian in Latvia for the summer. His younger brother, Brian, who won silver for the U.S. at the World Rowing Beach Sprint Championships in Portugal two years ago and bronze last year in Wales, will not surprisingly start at Annapolis in June. Marilyn and I are enjoying the winter at our home in Florida and will go to Southampton for the summer. Still working. From **Don McDonough**: **Doug Futuyma**, **John Miscione**, and I got together this winter at Maggie’s Place, and we plan to check our schedules soon. Anyone up for joining us, let me know. From **John Nugent**: The Nugent clan had a fantastic family trip to Cancun over Christmas vacation week — and everyone is still talking to each other! I was just elected president of my Community Association. I now have about 1,000 new best friends! Not sure why I decided to do this at this point in my life! From **Rich Loeffler**: I haven’t made a contribution to the Prowlings in a long time, so here goes: “I have been living in Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls, a continuing care retirement community for eight years. Right down the hall from me are **Bill Allingham ’50** and his lovely wife, Pat. We are happily in the Independent Living section with a whole host of clubs and activities available, including one meal a day of our choosing. The other two areas are Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing (including Memory Care). My four children are gainfully employed, the girls as teacher’s aide and school nurse at St. Jerome School in West Long Branch, from which they graduated and from which their children have or will graduate. The oldest son is with the Veterans Administration locally in Eatontown while the youngest is an executive at Digitas in San Carlos, Calif. Age range is 51–57. Collectively, I have 11 grandchildren broken into two

groups: the oldest group 22–30 years, all happily employed or in the process of starting a new job; and the youngest group 4–13 years of age, all still enjoying life. Eight are in the first group, three in the second. Then there are two sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law and one grandson-in-law with a marriage coming in August which will result in my first granddaughter-in-law. Most everybody lives fairly close by so there are a lot of get-togethers, especially in the summer. The pandemic resulted in a worsening of my spinal stenosis so I can truly say my cane is my friend. Still volunteering at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, but in a sedentary job. My traveling days are behind me, but I have no complaints. I am grateful, as I’m sure we all are, for our Regis education, our stepping stone to life’s possibilities. Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. From **Peter Burchyns**: Leslie and I continue to enjoy retirement in Palo Alto, in the first (and presumably the last) house we bought in 1976. It seemed too small when our two children were living with us but now seems just the right size with three bedrooms and two baths in 1,800 square feet. We are fortunate in having pretty good health as we try to age gracefully in place, but unfortunately have seen a number of close friends pass away over the past three years. Making new friends at our age is not easy. I am pleased that **John Felago** has recently returned to California just a few miles from our house where we can plan on seeing each other now and then. We recently took our first plane trip since COVID turned our lives upside — up to the Pacific Northwest to visit with Leslie’s brother and his family. We are now planning some other trips to San Diego for our youngest grandson’s graduation from high school in the spring and a possible trip to Europe in the fall.

1960

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1961

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Ted Vorburger had a busy three months. In January, he and Joanne visited daughter Jane and grandsons Grant and Connor for several days in Oklahoma City. Then in February, Ted delivered an invited presentation, entitled *Results from a Review of the Scientific Foundations of Firearm Examination* at the Annual Conference of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in Orlando. Ted, still working, coordinates a Project Team at the

National Institute of Standards and Technology performing the review. Then in March, Ted and Joanne came home from a trip with the grandsons to Great Wolf Lodge in Texas and tested positive for you know what after three years of dodging it successfully. Ted did not feel sick the whole time, but Joanne took five days to feel better. Then eight days after the initial positive test, the second test came out negative for both — “thank the Lord!” **Joe Krassy** checked off one of the older items on his bucket list when he took his daughter, Jennifer, and grandson, Felix, to Japan. “My months-long immersion in studying the language (mostly limited to *arigato* and *semimasen*) was not nearly as useful as my daughter’s emphasis on a wide-ranging itinerary and grandson’s interpretation of train schedules. Cherry blossoms were few and far between in early March but the tea ceremony was memorable.” **Cosmo Salibello** managed to slip while walking down his driveway. “The resultant fall caused a radial head fracture in my left arm. I’m still feeling a bit klutzy about it all. The injury did put a crimp in my plans to visit **Nick Zirpolo** in March. We’re now looking at May as a raincheck time. I believe it was Gilda Radner who said that it’s always something.” Cosmo also mentioned a memorable conversation with a waitperson at a restaurant in Puerto Vallarta about the cultural importance of food. “We discussed how similar the attitudes toward meals and the food/love connection are in Italian and Hispanic families. That left us both smiling.” **Dan Hayes** also had a travel report. “I’ve been traveling a bit, catching up after COVID, while I’m still mobile. German cities, Morocco, Cairo and Luxor (forced to ride a camel, don’t do it), then NYC for a few days, returned to St. Petersburg and got COVID. Very sore throat for two days, then a week of fatigue and sniffles. Recently I made a short trip to London, mostly museums (always wary they’ll put me on exhibit, ‘the old Yank’), including RAF Museum at Herndon (Colindale), where I learned more about U.K. aviation than I ever knew in the USAF. Outstanding! Best wishes to all in this momentous year of my (and for most of us, our) upcoming 80th birthday. Only 20 more to go!” **Peter Carter** wrote: “Yours truly is being honored by Cristo Rey School at a gala in Manhattan on May 9. The school itself is in Brooklyn (among other sites throughout the country) and specializes in both academic as well as workplace skills. I was assisting a Regis graduate to traverse the workplace, and he ended up as the Vice-President of this educational institution.” **Phil Rossi** had two news items. “First, in March the Catholic University of America Press, Washington D.C., published a book I have written, *Grace and Freedom*

in a *Secular Age: Contingency, Vulnerability, and Hospitality*. The book explores key concepts in the work of the Canadian philosopher Charles M. Taylor — contingency, freedom, vulnerability — for the import they have for our living with one another in the fractured cultures of modern secularity. Secondly, since late last summer I have been living in the Jesuit health care and retirement community (St. Camillus) located in Wauwatosa, Wis., a suburb of Milwaukee. I've been able to do work on some smaller-scale writing projects that I hope may contribute to encouraging constructive conversations between theologians and philosophers. If I'm around long enough these may morph into another book." Phil's new address is St. Camillus Jesuit Community, 10201 W. Wisconsin Ave, Wauwatosa, Wis. 53226-3541. You can reach him at 414-759-2428. During an email conversation, **Tom Daley** provided a nice summary of his professional career. "I began as a pediatrician in a neighborhood health center in the Bronx as part of my self-imposed obligation to serve my country by serving the needs of poor children. Rather than just two years of service in that position, I stayed there for seven years. I then worked for 19 years as the Associate Director of Pediatrics at Bronx Lebanon Hospital in the South Bronx. When I was at Fordham, I actually tutored some middle-school students in math in that same neighborhood. The last years of my career were at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Paterson, N.J. I have worked with some wonderful people and have had a happy and rewarding career. (And I have not even mentioned my wonderful wife, three terrific children, and six charming grandchildren!)" Sadly, 2022 was a difficult year for the Class of 1961. We lost seven classmates. Our most recent losses were **Joseph Lynch**, **Nicholas Pingitore**, and **Alex Witkowski**. Peter Carter has a fond memory of Joe Lynch. "Joe and I attended St. Agnes Elementary School in Brooklyn. He accompanied my mother and me to the entrance exam for Regis on a Saturday in the fall of 1956. My mother spent the time of the exam on her knees in St. Ignatius Church praying that both of us would attain scholarships. We were not that close in high school, but I had spent quite a bit of time at the Lynch house during seventh and eighth grade doing homework at Mrs. Lynch's dining room table with the five/six siblings in his family, where he was the eldest. And if you were there for homework, and it became dinner time, you stayed and ate with the family! I had many an Irish meal at their house." Tom Daley noted that Nick Pingitore's accomplishments and honors were detailed in his *Times* obituary, then added this: "In an age when Regis leadership refused to support applications to

non-Catholic universities, Nick's father, a dentist in Greenwich Village, did not accept that practice, so Nick enrolled in Columbia College. It was certainly a different era. The practice of discouraging access to non-Catholic universities was changed some years after our graduation." Alex Witkowski was raised in a family with limited resources. After Regis, he became an electrician. While working two jobs and raising a family, he completed a BS at Manhattan College in 1970 (a bit later than most of us). He became a licensed professional engineer and went on to earn an MBA from Fordham, an MSEE and an MSIE from Brooklyn Polytechnic University, and then a law degree from Fordham Law School! After careers as an electrician, an electrical engineer, and a patent attorney, Alex worked for eight years as a patent examiner for the U.S. Trademark and Patent Office. Amazing!! And one final note from your Class Correspondent. If anyone knows how to reach **Bill Admirand** or **John Sweeney**, please let me know (or ask them to send me an email). I hope you all have a healthy, happy spring and summer.



Joe Krassy '61 with family enjoying a tea ceremony in Kyoto, Japan.

1962

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We have lost another classmate since our last report. **Terence Mogan** died unexpectedly on October 2, 2022. Terry was a resident of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Manasquan, N.J., and left behind his wife of 56 years, three daughters, and eight grandchildren. He had degrees from Fordham and NYU, and worked at Bankers Trust (now Deutsche Bank) for thirty years, retiring in 1999 as chief credit officer and managing director. He was an avid golfer and had run more than a dozen marathons. To quote his obituary, Terry always credited Regis with "launching much of his success in all aspects of his life." At the time **Edward Ryan** wrote from Southern California to inquire about the impact of Ian on Florida classmates, eliciting a response from

John O'Rourke: "My condo in Naples was miraculously spared. The height of the storm surge missed us by a mere six inches." **Bob Sheehan** relayed **John Paxton's** news, also from Naples, which lies south of Bonita Springs, that he had lost power but was otherwise unscathed by Ian. Back in the more peaceful summer of 1958 Regis sent to parents a 3.5 page, single-spaced set of mimeographed regulations imposed on incoming freshmen (us). **John Shay** found a copy in his attic last fall, and I circulated it. Although the rules inexplicably failed to mention the ban on freshmen sitting in the cafeteria for lunch, they were otherwise pretty thorough, and their frequent references to JUG generated a lengthy online discussion. **Paul Spagnoli** recalled the stink of the kerosene solution that lingered on participants after blackboard-cleaning sessions. **Bill Gallaher** pointed out that Regis undoubtedly enjoyed significant savings on the janitorial budget from this kind of free labor. **Ed Curtin** remembered an alternative sanction — memorizing poetry — which was more pleasure than punishment for him. Perhaps athletes were spared the worst tasks; Bob Sheehan recalled Father Brown distributing various disciplinary tasks among the group of detainees and saving him for last, then sending him off to track practice instead. A long discussion of the etymological origins of "JUG" brought contributions from **Tony McGuire**, **Allan Service**, **Jerry Larusso**, **Gene Burke**, **Richard Wendt**, and **Bob Abbott**, who found online a *Washington Post* letter on the subject from a Jesuit who served as prefect of discipline at Gonzaga High School in D.C. during the 1950s. **Steve Markowski** seemed to settle the controversy with his memory that Father Duffy had linked the term to the Greek word for yoke, which Paul confirmed with the help of his ancient copy of the Liddell and Scott dictionary. Bill Gallaher couldn't resist noting Steve's own escape from JUG in spite of his clandestine chemistry lab attempt to brew moonshine through the fermentation of oranges, sugar, and yeast. In other news, **John Facciola** wrote in November that he continues to teach at Georgetown Law, where the John Carroll Society organizes a Red Mass on the Sunday before the opening of the Supreme Court. "I sponsor some tables for my students at a brunch that follows the Mass. I walked to the hotel where the brunch was held and talked to some students. I learned to my delight, that several of them were Regis grads. They told me there is a substantial contingent of Regions at Georgetown." In fact John had one in class last year, **Danny Reid '14** from Breezy Point, "where I used to go fishing with my father. We share "a love for analog photography. He is one of many young people who have ditched

the digital business and are shooting film that they develop themselves. They are doing some great work. It is good to see them having fun with the artifacts of an ancient civilization. Want to have some fun? Give somebody under thirty a fountain pen. Watch what happens." **Frank Stella** sent Christmas greetings from Ireland, where he has lived for several years. "Our most recent milestone was my wife, Roberta Beary, winning first prize in the 2022 Bridport literary contest. The poetry section of this major international competition drew nearly 5,000 entries. The Bridport Prize also includes separate awards for short story, flash fiction, and the novel. (Kit de Wal and Kate Atkinson are among the more famous recent winners.) You can find Roberta's poem at winningwriters.com. We spent a happy weekend last fall in Dorset at the awards ceremony. Nothing so major for me, but I did attend a national training program in Ireland for men who had survived prostate cancer and made a presentation on that topic last fall to my local men's group. I continue to participate regularly in the group's weekly walks, cycling, and yoga, as well as occasionally collecting for local charities." At the end of January, Frank and Roberta cruised around Cape Horn from Santiago to Buenos Aires, with a few days sailing off Antarctica. He reported in March that "the Andes and Antarctica were spectacular, and it was cool to get up close and personal (outdoors) with so many penguins." They spent March in D.C., visiting family and friends, before heading back to Ireland. **John James** sent a mid-March photo of "four generations of James guys together at our Hilton Head club, myself, one of our sons, two of our grandsons, and our two great-grandsons. A few live in this area and the rest were visiting from Iowa. Pidge and I are doing well for old folks," John added, "not without challenges, but having moved to a Continuing Care Retirement Community a few years ago does give one perspective." Tony McGuire and his wife spent an enjoyable late-winter evening with John O'Rourke, **Dave Birch**, and their wives in Naples, Fla. Tony included photos of his 78th birthday celebration of a January trip to Graceland. The proximity of the Prowlings deadline brought a flurry of news from **Brendan Thomson** in Arizona. Brendan enlisted the help of Bill Gallaher, our class virologist, to write an essay for the Fulbright Association's online magazine reflecting on the impact of Regis on the career of **Dr. Anthony Fauci '58**. Brendan is a Fulbright alumnus, with trips to Nepal in 2013 and Vietnam in 2015. He also sent an article from *The Lancet*, the British medical journal ("the world's highest-impact academic journal," according to Wikipedia) about the retirement of one of his protégés, Dr. Buddha

Basnyat from his post as director of the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit in Nepal. Dr. Basnyat gave much credit for his career to a chance meeting with Brendan in Kathmandu in the mid-1980s, after which "Brendan worked relentlessly to get me an internal medicine residency place at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix." "I finally made the *Lancet*," exulted Brendan, who included a photo in Phoenix with his wife Sandy and several generations of the Basnyat family, including the Thomsons' "two Hindu Buddhist Catholic God children." Meanwhile Sandy, an attorney, has been kept very busy because a former Chief Judge of the Arizona Supreme Court recruited her to serve on a task force authorized by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to investigate printer issues that delayed many voters in the 2022 elections. Finally, Brendan expressed gratification at a recent lengthy meeting over coffee in Phoenix with **Ollie Harper '61** and Regis President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, to discuss the state of the school. Brendan's enthusiasm for the new President was matched by Tony McGuire's; Tony reported working with Fr. Devron during his Chicago years. Bill Gallaher wrote in March that he was continuing his comeback from 2022 bypass surgery and "diverse other vicissitudes driven by fifty years of New Orleans cuisine, the first thirty as a denizen of the French Quarter. All that prodigal stuff. I still pound away at my 'hobbies,' decoding the COVID genome, Ebola enterotoxin, and Ancestry, with family trees now over 20,000 names. With common ancestors on both paternal and maternal trees, I am now my own sixteenth cousin, a comforting datum when talking to myself. My wife Fay needs prayers as she comes back from bacterial meningitis. We need less drama in our life."



Four generations of John James '62's family.



Sandy and Brendan Thomson '62 in Phoenix with Dr. Buddha Basnyat and family.



Sandy and Brendan Thomson '62 in Sedona.



Tony McGuire '62 and son at Graceland.



Tony McGuire '62 celebrates his 78th birthday.

1963

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Kathy and **Gerry Hickman** welcomed their first great-grandchild, Lane David Campbell, into their family. His parents, Taner and Hannah, live in Hendersonville, N.C., and are part of the southern branch of the Hickman family, based in Charlotte. Gerry says, “We didn’t think that we were old enough to be great-grandparents, but we’re overjoyed that he’s here and everyone is healthy.” **Dick Chiarello** notes that May 2022 was a memorable month: Dick and his wife Barbara joyfully celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary but then caught COVID, which forced them to miss daughter Elizabeth’s (COVID-delayed for two years) wedding in St. Louis, and Dick was diagnosed with an indolent non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma that requires no treatment to date. On the happier side, their granddaughter, Olivia, has just turned 11 and her mom, Katherine, has just been named Outstanding Attorney by the Travis Court “Female Attorney” group.

1964

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As we have officially passed the third anniversary of the COVID shutdown, I hope this edition of the Prowlings finds you healthy and well. I have been fortunate to have a number of conversations with several of you — some of which are ongoing, some of which will have to be picked up again after a hiatus. Each one of these I considered part of an “unearned gift” I was given over 60 years ago. I have tried to organize this edition in roughly chronological order, so let’s start with a message from **Ken Kelly**, who writes: “Hey Joe, hope you are well. Here’s a report which I just missed the last deadline for. **Rich Shanley**, **Bob Shullman** and I proudly represented the Class of ’64 at the annual Golf Outing on May 9, 2022, at the Garden City Country Club. We missed our usual fourth **Jim Oliviero** who has regularly come up from Florida to uphold the tradition, but we are sure he will next year. We haven’t gotten an invitation to join the LIV Golf tour yet, but we did find more balls than we lost, which is a consolation for finishing just out of the prize money. Flattest golf course I’ve ever seen!” In other news, somehow **Dan Pukstas’** name came up in a conversation with another class member and, after poking around a bit, I found a phone number and called. Sure enough, Dan answered himself and we had a GREAT

conversation for close to an hour — just fantastic! Some of you may remember that Dan had some vision problems that pre-dated our time together and has lost his eyesight in the ensuing years. Dan was Professor of English at Tompkins Cortland Community College and published several books including a travel guide called *Traveling with Athena: A Blind Man’s Odyssey through Italy and Greece*. (His books are available on “you-know-where”.) Class members will remember that we lost **Larry Kenah** before the last Prowlings came out. We sent along a notice of a “Celebration of Life” last September. **Lou Fuoco** writes: “Hi Joe, I attended Larry’s wake. It was a lovely celebration of his life.” **Ed Hattauer** adds: “**Bob Schmidt** and I also participated in Larry Kenah’s memorial services. At the in-person JUG Night on October 14, **Ken Kelly**, **Dennis Moulton** and I (**Joe Coyne**) had a table in the auditorium and were literally just complaining “Where’s the Beef?”, when, Lo! (not to mention Behold!), a young server appeared with the traditional sliced steak and french fries in paper cups! Notwithstanding the slight turnout, good conversation and good memories carried us through the evening. Subsequently, I received an assortment of explanations about the lack of attendance. **Jeff Weinlandt** started with: “At least there were three of you still upright for this year’s JUG. Thank God you didn’t have to walk up and down a corridor as penance for our poor showing... not a good thing at our age. You should probably berate **Vince Alline** severely around the head and shoulders since he always has said ‘I ALWAYS come to JUG Night, but I can’t make it north for the Regis dinners.’” Ironically, Vinnie Alline sends in the following almost simultaneously: “Guys, I plead guilty with explanation. My father-in-law had the temerity to have his 100th birthday in September and I’m too old and decrepit to make that 1,600-mile round trip twice in one month. Please spare me from indefinite JUG.” **Dave Ritchie** wrote: “I struggled with whether to go to JUG Night this year and finally signed up on the last day. I usually drive in with **Ron Tristal**, and he wasn’t going because he was out of town. I finally decided to sign up on the last day because I had made a decision to go to JUG Nights whenever I could, after the 30th Reunion Dinner at Les Routiers in 1994. And I generally have attended. So why didn’t I attend? Two days after signing up, I got an invitation to a nephew’s surprise 50th birthday party the night after JUG Night. Maybe this proves how old I now am, but I just did not want to go out socially two nights in a row. So, I didn’t and could not skip the family event. Sorry about that. **Bernie Owens** writes in a scary explanation: “I am sorry I couldn’t show, but I am

now on the other (and wrong) side of the doctor-patient relationship. I just had a knee replacement and am trying to recover with lots of physical therapy. And as my vision is failing, I am scheduled for cataract surgery next month. The knee replacement was necessitated by failure of the right femoral nerve, which was compressed by lymph nodes enlarged by chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), now in remission. There have also been three hospital admissions for pneumonia, but these are I hope in the rearview mirror. If I can improve just a bit, I plan to attend more events in the future.” October brought some real excitement for one of our brothers. **Mike Carris** had just finished building a new house on Pine Island, Fla. (Think Fort Myers on the mainland, Sanibel and Captiva Islands curving off into the Gulf, creating an “inland waterway” in the middle of which is ... Pine Island ... “Ground Zero” for the October hurricane that ran right over him). He writes (a day after): “Just got cellular and Wifi service ... If you have been watching the recent Southwest Florida news reports about Pine Island and Matlacha, you have been looking at my home (six months new) directly in the center of the island. We rode out the hurricane and the 10-foot storm surge, and the Coast Guard evacuated me, my wife, and our dog by boat last Monday. We are fortunate and will be taking the new dirt road through the shallows tomorrow to see our neighborhood.” After asking him if it was okay to share this information, he writes: “Share away, Joe... most interesting thing that’s happened to me in a long time... although I don’t recommend it. Heading for our home today. On Friday, a local family company filled our propane tank for the generator. Our builder is putting up a tarp for us. He is a neighbor. We have water service and the island supermarket is giving food and supplies to residents. No power yet. Our house is damaged but dry inside. No internet except at the market. Small island family community... everyone helps each other. Thank you very much for your concern.” Not long after, Jeff Weinlandt advised us: “**Dan Christie** died in hospice in Atlanta on October 14. He had been battling cancer for a very lengthy period. With him was his son, Ryan (a doctor); his daughter-in-law, Marsha; his daughter, Julia; and his longtime girlfriend of many years. For those who attended the cocktail party upstairs at Brendan’s Bar & Grill on April 4, 2014, for our 50th Regis reunion, you may remember Dan looking rather dapper (and younger than many of us) wearing his Hollywood sunglasses during the event. I basically cajoled him into coming to the party through the efforts of our mutual friend. And the circle keeps getting smaller....” Joe Coyne added: “I had the

opportunity to speak with Dan’s son, Dr. Ryan Christie, who confirms his dad will be waked here in New York. To my fellow member of Homeroom 1A: ‘Ave atque Vale.’” **Marty Besant** reports: “Daughter Rebecca and most of her family have returned in August for a probably long stay in the States. Kyle, partner and father, had to return to Kigali to complete a contract at the embassy, but mother and children are in Silver Springs and in school here. It is good to have them a lot closer.” It should be noted that, later in November, Marty reports 54 inches of snow! (Haven’t heard those kinds of numbers since the “LeMoyne gang” reported from the Syracuse blizzard of 1966!). The Christmas Dinner was at the New York Athletic Club on December 14. Joe Coyne reports: “On December 14, a group gathered at the New York Athletic Club for a Christmas dinner arranged and hosted by Jeff Weinlandt. The group consisted of Jeff Weinlandt, Bob Shullman, **Mike Ryan**, **Frank Silvestri**, **Rob Haberski**, Dennis Moulton, Ron Tristal, Dave Ritchie, Joe Coyne, Lou Fuoco, **Ray Smith**, and **Joe Cirrito**. A great time was had by all, with the usual stories and reminiscences as well as the accompanying ‘organ recital’ of maladies, near misses, recovery, medication protocols, *und so weiter*. A particularly animated discussion was stymied by the memories of 76-year-olds as we tried to recall all the members of the class who attended Fordham, LeMoyne, Georgetown, Boston College... well, you get it. The ‘rosters’ are still incomplete and there was much harassment about who owns a yearbook and who doesn’t. I leave it to the collective wisdom of the group to complete the task. As the Christmas season comes to a close, I am thankful for many things. High on that list is the experience we shared, the friendships we made, and the ease of being in the company of men I have known for 62 years.” **Charlie Sitler** replies: “Thank you, Joe, for those warm wishes, which I return to you and to all my Class of ’64 brothers from Regis. I was unable to make the dinner this year, but want to send thanks to Rob Haberski for being instrumental (through Facebook conversations) in getting me reactivated as a Regis Alumni member. Also, I need to say that the passing of Larry Kenah this year hit me hard. May that wonderful fellow rest in peace. I send each one of you my best wishes. And for those keeping score, I went on to Fordham College, and followed with Penn State Graduate School (where I roomed with **Dan McCaffery**). Stay well, one and all.” **Denis Burt** writes: “A very Merry Christmas to you, as well. My wife, Diane, and I spent a very nice weekend at our home on snowy Martha’s Vineyard with our youngest son and his family, which now includes two daughters, one just turned three, and

the other about to turn 1 year old. We had a few others over from our extended family and had a lovely Christmas feast. The two little girls were the life of the party, of course!” Lou Fuoco sends the following comment: “It’s truly amazing how we’ve been able to keep our collective friendship after all this time. I’ve often said, and it remains true, that my high school years contain some of my fondest memories and taught me some of my most profound life lessons.” And just in of late, Marty Besant reports: “Just home from two weeks at Whiteface Mountain. Lake Placid and northern New York just hosted the World University Winter Games. 2,500 athletes from around the world competing in many winter sports. Hockey, curling, figure and speed skating, ski jumping, and cross country. My assignment was Chief of Timing and Calculations for the alpine events. The timing crew was a professional company from Italy and my job was to coordinate between the Italians in the timing room and the workers on the course. The most common question was ‘Has your Italian improved?’ and my answer was ‘No,’ but their English keeps getting better. Lots of hand gestures as I confirmed results and requested data for my reports. Long days riding the lifts in the dark at 6:45 and descending around 4. Had a great time meeting friends from across the U.S. that I have worked with at ski races in the past.” Bernie Owens recently sent this follow-up: “Let me share some good news with you. Today my oncologist shared the results of my CT and told me I remained in remission from my CLL, now two years. It all began in September of 2020 when I was holding my horse, and I found myself on the ground — my right leg had given out. I required crutches for six months, and then with physical therapy, I was able to walk with a cane, and then walk almost normally. A side effect of the CLL was immunocompromisation, and I had three episodes of pneumonia with hospitalization and intravenous antibiotics thereafter. At the end of all this, I still require monthly immunoglobulin intravenously, but I have resumed riding my horse, training for dressage, and am considering competing. Travel remains challenging, but I have been able to travel to the MGH for sinus problems, and the CCF for further cardiac evaluation. (A truly mixed blessing) But at least I am among the living.” And, finally Lou Fuoco reports: “Hi Joe. I hope you and your family are well. I’m in a show going up in June. I play Mr. Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice*. According to one review of its off-Broadway run, this adaptation provides “a dizzying combination of sight gags and broadly comic characterizations.” I’m not sure how thrilled Jane Austen would be about this but it’s been great fun for me. I hope to see you at some

future alumni event!” There were other stories embedded within the stories here which can be reported in the future. But, for now, I wish you all good health and happiness. Anyone up for a 60th?

1965

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2022 was a difficult year for the class of ’65. We lost seven noble hearts. Let’s all remember fondly: **Red Romano**, **Sal Santoro**, **John Houlihan**, **Jim Derham**, **Rick Comandich**, **Ed Kulsick**, and **Paul McAuliffe**. **Bob Carlina** writes: “Auditioned for The Actors Studio on April 12 with a partner. We did a scene from *A View from the Bridge*. The audience consisted of some of the Studio’s Board members and we were given a strict five-minute limit — and they enforced it! I felt like I was back in senior year and I was being graded on my final exams by Fr. Brown! A week later the Studio notified me that I had passed the first audition and they would schedule me for another!” **Jack Cashill’s** newest book, *Untenable: The True Story of White Ethnic Flight from America’s Cities*, debuts on July 4. Jack’s presentation for C-SPAN’s Book-TV, his twelfth, will be recorded on July 16 in Seaside Heights, N.J. — if you’re in the neighborhood. **Pat Mullane** writes “I am still working full-time at the job I have had for over 50 years. When not working, I take care of my wife, Maggie, who is mostly home-bound due to health issues. Our daughter, Moira, is very happy with her job at a pharmaceutical company and has three great roommates. **John Felago** writes “We continue to hold our Slattery’s events on a quarterly basis. If you have not attended one in the past please try to make one in the future. At a recent gathering we remembered Red Romano. **Dave O’Brien** continues to practice law in Mt. Sinai, Long Island. He writes, “I’m spending increasing time in pro bono efforts trying to assist the area’s large senior-citizen population. As I’ve previously reported, I try to encourage good reading, for enjoyment and to keep old minds as sharp as possible. I focus on well-written fiction works. That seems the most popular and helpful for them. So, if you could send me your recommendations for good fiction that’s also very well-written, I’ll pass it on. I know they’ll be most grateful. Also, I’m working with a group, including attorneys, who are trying to assemble as much proof as possible that the Resurrection of Christ is a historical fact. That’s vital, because if, as our preliminary research supports, the Resurrection is a fact, we can reasonably conclude that Christ is God. We think that would calm much of the

religious anxiety so prevalent in America. Basically, the history of Church transgressions (now devastating Church's credibility) would be chargeable to the human element and would not detract from the rock-solid foundation of Christianity. If you'd like to join us in our research effort, let me know." **Larry Sommers** reports: "After living in Tampa for 20 years, I finally decided to escape the unbridled development and congestion and moved to rural North Florida (Live Oak, population 7,000) in May 2021. Don't miss anything about the big city. Fortunately, I was able to continue working totally remotely, as I have been since 2014 (I was remote before remote was cool). What I do miss is my annual lunch date with Jack Cashill when he visits family in Tampa. But I do get to watch and listen to his podcast (Upstream with Cashill and Edge on YouTube, check it out). Best wishes to all the '65ers. **Andrew Cavanaugh** has decided to close his legal office at the end of April. He will still be representing a few existing clients, but overall he says "enough is enough". **Bruno Nucci** asks, "Does finally retiring later this year at 76 count as a Prowling?" **Pat Dallet** writes: "We recently returned from a month in Spain where our two daughters live with their families. Our son and his girlfriend were able to join us as well for a few days in the Canary Islands (Lanzarote, home of artist and architect Cesar Manrique). Learned that the Canaries are not named for the bird (hint: use your Latin). As for Regis connections, we were happy to catch up with Betty Serow (**Bob Serow '65's** sister in law and widow of **Bill Serow '63**) at a Creation Care event in mid-March here in Tallahassee." **Ron Musto** and Eileen Gardiner report that they are now into their sixth year in Bristol in the U.K. Ron writes: "In 2017, we left New York, where we had been living on Roosevelt Island for over 35 years. The move came soon after our retirement from not-for-profit foundation work, including the American Council of Learned Societies in New York and the Medieval Academy of America in Cambridge, Mass. We still run our Italica Press, now going on 40 years. The digital revolution has made it easy for us to acquire, edit, publish, and do business from our digs in Bristol while maintaining a New York publishing presence (offices at 99 Wall Street and a New York City telephone number). Our move to Europe was long in the planning. We had both gotten our Irish E.U. passports back in the 1990s (yes, Ron is Irish), intending to make just such a move. Both Ph.D medievalists (Ron in history, Eileen in comparative lit.), we decided that we should be a bit closer to our work, and many dozens of trips up to the Cloisters just wasn't doing it for us anymore. On our arrival in Bristol, we settled into a nice flat on

Royal York Crescent with extensive views over the (not Shakespeare's) Avon Valley. Neighbors soon took notice of the two New Yorkers with those exotic Brooklyn accents, and we were soon drafted into the governing committee of the Royal York Gardens and into the local walking group (the 'Geriactives' ...ouch!). Word had also gotten around to the University of Bristol where the Centre for Medieval Studies quickly made us Honorary Research Fellows. (It turns out that as editors of the Medieval Academy's prestigious journal, *Speculum*, we had published several members of the Centre, and we had already known several other colleagues here.) Drafted again, Eileen now coordinates the Centre's lecture series, and Ron co-edits its scholarly monograph series. We're also both on the Centre's Executive Committee. Our colleagues are great: smart, international, and very sociable. Bristol itself is a delight: small (500,000), green, progressive, a great foodie and music city, and in the middle of hundreds of square miles of very walkable countryside right out our door. Bristol Airport has flights to every place. Two hours tops gets us to Paris, Amsterdam, Madrid, Rome, or Naples. We keep joking that two hours on the subway in New York, *might* have gotten us to the Cloisters. So things have been fine for us here. We continue to write (Ron is now working on his 14th book). We still can't tell the temperature in centigrade, and we're constantly corrected on our English. And we try to keep out of trouble and keep our many opinions about everything mostly to ourselves. We've been saddened to hear of the recent passing of several of our dear classmates, but we follow many others on Facebook with great pleasure. If you're ever contemplating a trip to the U.K., think of us: You're welcome in Bristol!" **Jack Murtagh** relates: "Western Pennsylvania Catholic parishes are known for their Lenten fish fries when 200 or more (I'm not kidding, 200 or more) volunteers in each parish serve fried or baked cod, shrimp, cole slaw, applesauce, baked potatoes, soup, bread, condiments and dessert to over 500 diners and an equal number of take-out patrons on each of the six Fridays of Lent before Holy Week, and some on Good Friday, too. Each church in our newly combined parish used to have competitive fries, but we've merged now, and as such, I've been repurposed from a pot washer to a waiter, in command of a veritable flotilla of high school kids, all of whom can carry three dinners and drinks and still keep a hand free to text their absent friends. It's humbling, it's more fun than lawyering ever is, and it earns you a free dinner after four hours on your feet. The Jesuit magazine *America* featured our St Aidan's (Wexford, Pa.) fish fry in the March issue.

Come and see us next Lent!" **Tom Moebus** updates: "The Matteo Ricci Scholars program, begun in 2020, which brings young Regis men together with young women from Dominican Academy and a mixed group from Nanjing Foreign Language School in China is in the midst of its third year of virtual intercultural learning and action projects. Named after Jesuit Matteo Ricci, the first European to visit the Forbidden City at the end of the 16th Century, the program assembles around 30 students each year for biweekly Zoom sessions, getting to know one another, learning about climate issues, and finding ways in which their generation can collaboratively help. We're very excited this year to have an opportunity to prepare a short documentary film for the World Economic Forum's summer conference, supporting a major global project they lead to plant/conserv one trillion trees by the year 2030. Our Scholars' film will present how their generation imagines this amazing project, bringing an essential perspective as the group whose future is MOST affected by changes in the Earth's environment. Thanks to Class of 1965 alums who helped fund the start of this program. We are forming a 501(c)3 foundation to continue the work of this project in the future, and welcome Regis alums of any class to become involved. Contact Tom Moebus at trmoebus@gmail.com. We are looking for legal help to establish the foundation, plus one or two board members, and will welcome donations once established. I will be totally focusing my attention on this project until we establish it sustainably." From **Dick Denecker**: "With all the devastating weather that has been causing damage all over, Maria and I are very happy to be comfortable, safe, and untouched in Richmond, Va. Just entering my third year of 'retirement' from my seven-person team at UBS Financial. My friends and clients ask how I'm enjoying 'retirement,' and I tell them I'll let them know as soon as I get there. I think I am like a lot of busy people who wonder how we carried on a career and got everything else done, too. Between several boards of directors, managing health, normal issues owning two homes, softball season beginning, et al, days are full. Planning a trip to Spain (Valencia) in 2024 to visit with my sister and family who live there and enjoy the annual March festival of Las Fallas (like Carnivale) and celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Our health is good and our son, Scott, is a bit better from his neuropathy in his legs from chemo treatment (please keep the prayers coming). A big hello to all our classmates. Please call and stop by when coming to or through the Richmond area. All are welcome." **Al Airone** and **Rich Superti** caught up with Miriam and Joe Lyons

on March 28 for an afternoon of conversation, including lunch at Pepe Rosso in the Village. It was the first time Al had seen Joe and Miriam since the start of the pandemic. Everyone had a great time, catching up, discussing the state of the world, and partially resolving its many problems. Joe and Miriam live just off Sheridan Square, not far from the former Jimmy Day's tavern that Al was in, um, occasionally when he lived on 15th Street. Al stayed with Rich and Thea in Brooklyn that night and most of the next day, enjoying their company, something that he looks forward to on many future occasions. Al and Rich have known each other since at least fourth grade and weathered grade school, high school, and college together.



Bruno Nucci '65 in southern Nepal.



Harry Kutner, Bob Carlina, John Woodruff, John Felago, Bob Kalisch, and John Fogarty reserved a place for Red at a recent Slattery's gathering.



Pat Dallet '65 and his family "en vacance."

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As many, but perhaps not all of you, know, on December 4, 2022, Regis hosted a luncheon at the school, preceded by a program honoring **Tim Beckett** (who died in 1983), and those Regis seniors who since 1997 have been awarded the Timothy F. Beckett, Jr. Award for the senior most exemplifying Tim's virtues of service and altruism. In attendance were the entire Beckett family, past winners of the award — 16 Regis grads — and a number of members of our class, as well as Regis President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ. **John Nonna** was the master of ceremonies. **John Van Name** reports: "Louisa Catherine Van Name joined our family on January 30. Parents Mark and Jenny are enjoying every moment with their first child. Daisy is still a bit perplexed with the new family dynamic." **Charles Webel**, who lives in Prague, writes that he has been traveling extensively, and he and **Gerry Moran** recently met up for a beer in Amsterdam. Since Gerry was gracious enough to pay, it was truly a Dutch treat! Gerry Moran will be in the greater New York area from June 30 until July 17 and hopes to set up a get-together or two with classmates while there. More news to follow. **Richard Corelli** recently hosted the 150th weekly Zoom Saturday reunion for the Class of '66. Richard and Toni will be traveling to Japan and Korea for the month of May and to the islands of the western Mediterranean in September this year. They are making up for the three years of no travel during the pandemic. Richard continues to work full time remotely over Zoom for his psychiatric practice and is looking forward to reaching the age of 75, which seems like a wonderful milestone. Richard continues his portrait painting, and is currently working on a whimsical photo of his cat, his 119th canvas. **Bill Arnone**, CEO of the National Academy of Social Insurance, had a letter published in the *Times* supporting the expansion of Medicare coverage.

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We lost **Paul A. Litka** a week before Christmas, physician, clinical drug developer, biotech medical entrepreneur, hunter, and fly fisherman, and embodiment of a man for others. Paul was felled by an embolism at home in South Jordan, Utah, where he and Laura had dwelled since 1998, near sons Andrew and Matthew and grandson, Lincoln, and where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year. Paul taught English to immigrants, audited Greek, Hebrew, and Egyptian classes at the University of Utah and exchanged short emails in Latin with **Jim Keaney**, who attended the memorial Mass for Paul at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, Va., on March 25 and shared a tribute from **Dennis Mahoney**, also part of the 1-C trio who studied German under Rev. Owen Daley, SJ, and went on the Regis in Austria trip of legend in summer 1966. For Dennis, that was a stepping stone to his career as a professor of German. Regis incubated many lifelong friendships, perhaps none stronger than those three. "Paul took immense pleasure in fly fishing and patiently shared with me his knowledge of this curiously addictive pastime. We fished and hunted in Wyoming and Utah, and visited every national park in Utah," writes Jim. **Jack Alexander** was taking his wife's grandson to Paris for the lad's 21st birthday in May, venturing on a Norwegian cruise in August, but otherwise sticking close to home in New Jersey. Jack greatly enjoyed the two-hour PBS American Masters documentary on **Anthony Fauci, MD '58**, who let a film crew follow him around for nearly two years. "All quiet on the western front (or as we like to say: All quiet in the Buffalo Mission)," reports **Joe McShane** from upstate. **Bob DeCresce** writes: "Mary and I recently returned from a two-week trip with friends to Jordan and Israel. Shortly afterwards, we had our five grandchildren and their parents at our home in Florida for ten days. Fortunately, I was able to return to work to get some rest!" From **Steve Malone**: "After six years, I retired from my teaching gig at the Naval Academy and am still living in Annapolis. Our winter vacation to the Naples, Fla., area ran afoul of Hurricane Ian's aftermath. Our beach-front rental is still under repair and not habitable until 2024 (maybe). Instead, we spent a lovely month on the Panhandle (Santa Rosa Beach). Just a tad cooler but nicer beaches and less busy. On the drive down, we visited Universal Studios and the Harry Potter area for the first time. Even without kids, it was a hoot. Upcoming trips include a week in Helsinki using expiring airline vouchers from a 2020 COVID-

canceled Baltic cruise and a Viking River cruise on the Rhone.” **Bill Armbruster** and bride Nancy renewed their wedding vows, in the Holy Land, no less. He writes: “Bill and Nancy had a busy first quarter. They drove to Florida and traveled around the Sunshine State for three weeks, visiting family and friends along the way. In March they flew to Israel for a 10-day tour led by a St. Peter’s University professor. Highlights included sailing on the Sea of Galilee, renewing their marriage vows in Cana, and an outdoor Mass on the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Christ delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Bill also met with pro-democracy demonstrators at Hebrew University and a former *Journal of Commerce* colleague who’s now a rabbi in Jerusalem.” **Terry Chorba** is “still working on TB elimination efforts at CDC, with some issues on COVID from time to time. Also still seeing patients one afternoon a week. Hoping as well that some classmates may join us for a Florence trip with **Frank Ambrosio’s** Renaissance Company in late September, early October.” Terry continues to pen intriguing cover articles for the CDC’s *Emerging Infectious Diseases* magazine, in which he dissects the medical mysteries in great works of art, including Félix-Joseph Barrias’s 1885 painting, “The Death of Chopin.” Terry’s story, headlined “Ars Longa, Vita Brevis,” concludes that the evidence points to tuberculosis as the cause of the great Polish pianist’s death at 39. **George McCann** “is enjoying beautiful weather in Jupiter, Fla., and sharing it with my four grandchildren during Easter recess. Life is good!” **Victor Skowronski** writes, “I have recently been recruited as a mentor in the SIMPATICO program of the Asperger/Autism Network (AANE). The purpose is to provide guidance to young autistic individuals on transitioning to adulthood by individuals who have already done so. I have also found myself giving advice on job hunting.” **John Kelly** says: “Kathy and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on June 16! John Dean was the best man on the occasion. We will enjoy a Viking River Cruise between Paris and Normandy earlier in June.” Susan and **Bruce Bassman** had a blast celebrating their 50th with family in Aruba last June. **Anthony Lo Secco** writes: “I was becoming bored with all those days at the beach. So, this winter/spring I took a job with TurboTax. Now I’m working seven days a week doing taxes online, from my home. The good (or bad) news is the end is near! I’m scheduled to return to my Italian home for the summer in early May. Last summer, my girlfriend came to visit for three months. We had fun. We even made it to the De Cecco Pasta factory. (If you are interested in visiting Italy this summer, drop me a line). My disabled son’s lease

was not renewed, so now he is living with us.” From **Steve Rehm**: “It was sixty years ago this spring that I learned I was accepted as a spunky 11-year-old to join the Regis Class of 1967 later that fall. The world was filled with social, political, and musical upheaval, and life seemed smaller and more localized those days. My parents were wary of the long commute and the promise of three hours of homework — not to mention other halcyon crosscurrents of the ’60s. I was nonetheless secure in my fearless naivete (even though I couldn’t reach the strap on the subway!). I’m forever thankful for that life-changing opportunity, the lifelong friends, the lessons learned and the Jesuit directive to provide service to others. In the words of our folk muse in that decade, Bob Dylan, ‘I was so much older then, I’m younger than that now.’” Jim Kearney also provides our penultimate item: “The Regis Gaelic Society, 30 strong, marched in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17, accompanied by Jim Kearney and other alumni and friends. A reception and entertainment by pipers followed in the Regis cafeteria. A grand day!” **Ed Penny**, meanwhile, “spent St. Paddy’s in my old, Irish Kingsbridge, and then in ‘Little Ireland,’ Katonah Avenue in the Bronx and McLean Avenue in Yonkers, where every other person has the brogue they were born with... but made sure to get home before the sun went down and green beer mania begins. Not a big fan of people trying too hard to have a good time – ha, ha!” Also from upstate, this post-winter weather report from **Brian Fitzgerald**: “2022 was not a great year for Buffalo. The May 2022 shootings at the Tops market, the November 18 storm, the Christmas blizzard, the Damar Hamlin cardiac arrest on national TV, and then the Bills lose to Cincinnati at home in the playoffs. We were pretty glad to see 2022 end. Kathy is from a big family, and we typically host a Christmas Eve dinner for 20 people and then Christmas Day festivities for 30; many of them stay over. This year, fewer were able to get into Buffalo, but those 15 who made it were all snowed in at our house for almost a week. A lot of fun and good tidings. Best wishes to all in the class of ’67.”

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The Class of ’68 mourns the passing of two of the few remaining staff members from their years as Regis students: Mr John Wright and Mr. Gregory Rapisarda. Mr. Wright was our Social Studies teacher and Drama Club Director. **Gerard Lynch** remembers him fondly, citing his interesting teaching style which fostered critical

thinking skills, quite a compliment from someone who has spent more than a half century in the legal profession. **Gerard Bisceglia** simply and succinctly called him “my favorite Regis Teacher.” Many classmates remember our Junior year production of *Guys and Dolls*, directed by Mr. Wright. In a casting decision with great insight, he chose **Steve Bogacki** to portray Big Julie, who just wanted “to play craps.” The passing of Mr. Rapisarda, our French teacher, inspired similar paeans. **Rich Gallagher** remembers a year he spent in France between Princeton and med school, a time in which he impressed the local citizenry with his intricate knowledge of French, a circumstance he ascribes to his “bon professeur.” **Tom Hanrahan** recalls a “fine man and excellent teacher.” **Kevin Burke** concurs, though he claims his most useful phrase in the language has always been “Je ne parle pas francais.” **Rich Guarneri** credits him (in conjunction with Mr. Clancy) for a teaching and research post at the University of Paris. RIP Mr. Wright and Mr. Rapisarda! In other news emanating from Europe, **Peter Poggiali** exemplified the lifetime loyalty engendered by Regis when he declined the touring opportunity to visit the birthplace of Francis Xavier, in deference to our rivalry with Xavier High School. He recommended instead the statue of Ignatius Loyola in Pamplona. **Frank Clooney** suggested, after the fact, that John Francis Regis would likely have said okay to such a visit. Rich Guarneri has retired after 43 years at St. Mary’s College in California, moving with wife Valerie Weller to Hamilton, N.Y., and doing writing/research work at Hamilton College. Thus, he moves three time zones closer to grandchildren in Pennsylvania and the U.K. Makes Regis reunions easier to attend, as well! The passing of the two aforementioned staff members occasioned many conversations about former teachers. **Gerry Purcell** cited Mr. Kappes, Mr. Moser, Mr. Cascio, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Sullivan, and Fr. McGuire. Somehow, despite Fr. McGuire’s best efforts, Gerry ended up out of Jesuit clutches at Stony Brook. Rich Gallagher recently published a two-part series in *The New Oxford Review* entitled “Private Revelations: The Paranormal and Preternatural Case of Adrienne Von Speyr.” This article represents a follow-up to his book *My 25 Years As A Psychiatrist Investigating Possessions, Diabolic Attacks and the Paranormal*. **Walter Matthews** has become a Florida snowbird, enjoying both golf and warmer weather. He is still deeply committed to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, including service on CHARIS NSC USA, established as a consequence of Pope Francis’s creation of CHARIS International. Walter is also on the Steering Committee for the Charismatic

Leaders Fellowship and is assisting a Louisiana bishop in creating a national level meeting for Movements and New Communities. Still serving proudly! **Eugene Burns** is also on the move, now living in Campbell, Calif., with his wife, just 20 minutes from his son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. Retirement has been rewarding with the bonus of arthritis, a ubiquitous presence for most of us.

1969

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After a long hiatus, **John Mannhaupt** writes, “Last year was the first year I had zero income from the consulting business I was in for the prior 30 years, so I guess you could say I’m retired, but I prefer the term ‘deferred vacation.’ In February 2021, I moved from Dallas, my home for 40 years, to Grand Junction, Colo. In May 2020 I had decided I wasn’t going to sit in my apartment for the rest of my life. My location allows me to ski as many days as my body can tolerate. This was a goal of mine when I was in my thirties, but having a son and the need to work put a big crimp in that plan. I only had one item on my bucket list and that was to visit all 50 states, and I had already done that. I did 200 hours of volunteer work at the local food bank last year, mostly deliveries and greeting clients who come to the facility to shop for groceries, which are free. During non-ski season, I bike and hike; I consider hiking walking uphill, so there is little climbing involved unless I get lost. I visited New York last September, a trip that involved planes, trains, and automobiles and from which I emerged COVID-free. But the pandemic did put an end to my career teaching yoga.” **Neil Zevnik** is “living the cliché, having retired (mostly) to Central Florida and small-town living.” He still cooks for his longtime client, the CEO of Disney and his family, when they’re occasionally at their Manhattan residence, so he gets a much-appreciated periodic Big Apple fix. He writes a column for *Alive USA* Magazine about the intersection of food, environment, and social responsibility, following years of similar columns for *Better Nutrition* Magazine. The rest of the time, he’s restoring a historical home built in 1916, gardening up a storm, and tending to his rescue pup, Pearl. **Jeff Burke** reports, “I’m still playing a much better game of pickleball since my August hip replacement. Antje and I are off to D.C. next week for a friend’s book-release party. He’s a former *WSJ* colleague, so there could be something of a mini-reunion involved. Then on to Philadelphia to visit older daughter, Katja, and her beau for the first

time since they moved there from Maryland last year.” **Kevin McCabe** is “Just back from a bucket list-checking trip to Pebble Beach and looking forward to playing in the Regis Golf Outing with **Kit Konolige**. Last year I was the only guy from the class of ’69.” **Sonny Avallone** claims to have no news, “other than I stayed inside most of last year and read 152 books... I counted. Noteworthy, or a sad commentary?” He added, “I’m cc’ing this response to Roger, as I know he recently became a grandfather for the first time, and he might want to report that in detail.” **Chris Fadden** sends news that “My wife, Carolyn, and I have been working through the renovation of our Florida condo, which we bought less than a year before Ian hit right where we had our place. But now it is finally finished and I hope to ‘semi-retire’ and spend time both in Florida and New York. Kids and grands are doing well, our youngest grand Troy is finishing his third year at SUNY Oswego, so only one more year of helping out with the tuition!” After awhile, **Roger Fox** responds, “Having been outed by my long (looooooong) time associate Albert ‘Jonah’ Avallone, I have instructed my people to release the following announcement: ‘The RFox line will continue with the birth on January 30 of a first grandchild, a girl, born to daughter Emily, in a safe house located somewhere in the Western Sector. The warmth of the event did not go unnoticed by RFox who declared: ‘Makes me, metaphorically, feel like I got one foot in the grave, of course, I’m thankful it wasn’t twins since that would make me, metaphorically, dead.’ The child was named Philomena after RFox’s beloved grandmother. Online bloggers have noted, caustically, that father Matthew Hodges is a shameless Philadelphia Phillies fan. Coincidence?” **Jim Cunningham** tells us, “Still here in Catonsville. Kathy’s still getting over her second knee replacement. I’ve yet to return to Irish dancing now that my knees are acting up. Spent the last few days digging up nice wormy dirt from our compost piles in the back of the yard Kathy’s getting ready to plant in the gardens. Grandson Camden had a steel rod inserted in his back two months ago at Hopkins in Baltimore to fix a longstanding problem — he’s doing well. He wants to be a graphic designer. Collin has begun flag football and 5-year-old Carson has begun tee ball. Granddaughter Lexi is taking swim lessons and has begun coach-pitch baseball. I’ll be visiting New York City next week for the first time since COVID. I have family coming over from Ireland for a Leitrim-NYC Irish football match April 8 in Gaelic Park in the Bronx. Looking forward to the craic.” **Chris McArthur** sends “greetings from Berlin, Germany. My return to the States is

imminent, but my role here for two months (February 1–March 31) has loosely been an ‘in loco parentis’ position for a friend’s daughter. It’s a big excuse for me to come to Europe to visit the art museums and ride trams, two of my favorite activities. My ex-NYC cop brother got me interested in art, mostly paint and prints. It’s something Fr. Lavin was unable to do, and that’s all the more regrettable to me now. Visiting the major art museums in the eastern United States and in some parts of Europe has provided structure and great enjoyment in my retirement. My current trip to Germany would be one month longer but **Jimmy McGuire’s** daughter will be marrying an excellent young man in mid-April, and that is a party not to be missed. Ann and **John Kearney** will be there, and Jimmy Mac is known to be a fantastic host. Jimmy Mac and John were particularly amused that some of my time here was spent in a (very) elementary German course. They reminded me that Fr. Daley was the go-to guy for German studies abroad in our time at Regis, and through a misunderstanding (you can blame **Bob Fredericks**) there was an incident that almost resulted in my dismissal from Regis. At our reunion in 2019, the staff insisted that the record for JUG was still mine. Hmmm ... it seems to me that **Mike Stofka** was JUGged pretty often, too. Maybe they confused me with him? Last year my goddaughter studied in Madrid, so the same sort of opportunity presented itself. That was a five-month stay, and now the Prado is more familiar to me than is the Met in New York City. Warning: getting a Schengen Visa at our chronological magnitude can be a very time-consuming and anxiety-provoking experience. (However, just as in the U.S., a residence permit for anywhere in the E.U. basically can be obtained through a 500,000 Euro cash investment. Unfortunately that amount of scratch is unavailable to me right now.) My Spanish studies were a bit more fruitful than my German studies: most hispanohablantes understand me (with a little bit of compassionate extrapolation) but my poor hearing prevents me from understanding rapid or colloquial speech. So while basic conversation in Madrid is quite possible, my Spanish brain quails when it hears the machine-gun rapidity of a puertorriqueño on the No. 7 Flushing line. Kearney and McGuire keep me in the loop about Regis happenings. My hope is to spend a lot more time up in the metro New York area this year and get together with more of our classmates. Auf wiedersehen.” And this in from **Joe Joyce**: “I’m finishing my 43rd year as a professor of economics at Wellesley College and hope to get in a few more before I leave. My wife and I recently left our house in Wellesley for a one-floor condo in

nearby Needham. We are very fortunate to have two daughters and couldn't have made the move without their assistance." **Peter Brown** writes, "My son, Christopher, who recently turned 40 (yikes!) and his wife, Kelli, are due to have a second child in about ten days. Jack will join his sister, Sophie, and his cousin, Wilder, so grandchild number three. Feeling very much blessed. Wish for similar happiness for all our classmates."

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The Regis High School Annual JUG Night on October 14, 2022, was privileged to have 15 members of the Class of '71 drop by: **Bill Javetski, Frank DeSanto, Roger Moran, Bill Ferns, Luke Garvey, Art Beaver, Rich Buddenhagen, Mike Curcio, Gus Bigos, Tim Brennan, Jay Kearney, Mark Baber, Greg Mooney, Larry Gertner, and Alex Motyl**. This was our second-highest in person turn-out of the 21st Century, exceeded only by 2008, when we had 16. (The 2020 COVID Zoom edition, with 21 people, gets an *.) Among the 16 classmates who showed up for the first Zoom meeting of 2023, a welcome surprise was the appearance of **Danny Reilly**, who most of us hadn't seen since 1970. He lives in a small town somewhere in Pennsylvania off Route 6, and has three sons and nine grandsons. **Roger Rooney** was planning on attending JUG Night, but it coincided with Family Weekend at Mari's college Clark University in beautiful Worcester, Mass. It is definitely his plan to be there in 2023. "Tell **John Curran** that I thought of him when I drove by Holy Cross." **Emil Mottola** spent most of September 2022 in Europe, first in Corfu at the Workshop on Tensions in Cosmology, followed by an intensive one-week workshop in Trieste on Quantum Effective Field Theory and Black Hole Tests of Einstein Gravity. **Stu Schoder** and Delia Flores headed to France in October for their COVID-delayed honeymoon (only 23 months late). They began in Grenoble, and looped around Savoy and the French Alps, then on to Lyon to visit some old pals and a few days in Paris ("because... it's Paris"). A week before Thanksgiving, **Mike Horber** was hoping to drive north from his Florida home and, among other things, have lunch with a

welcoming committee of Mike Curcio, Alex Motyl, John Curran, **Frank Flaherty**, and Larry Gertner. Alas, the hurricanes jumbled Mike's real-estate work and he couldn't make the trip. He hopes to try again come spring. Alex Motyl is proud to report that he finally made the Big Time: the Kremlin placed him on a black list of U.S. scholars, analysts, and policymakers who, sob, are forbidden to travel to Russia. He is heartbroken, yet he bravely carries on. Alex also had an exhibition of his artwork, titled "Ukraine in Ruins: 1941-2, 2022" at Columbia University's Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies. In late August, Margaret and **Paul Atkinson's** daughter Emily married Landon Graham in Chappaqua with proud godfather Stu Schoder in attendance. In September, they played the flip side, when Paul and Meg joined Stu and Delia at his son Mike's marriage to Hannah Tsai in California. Thanks to Mark Baber's sharp eyes spotting a familiar name in a posting about the Senior Room at the "official" Regis High School website, **Dan Boehm** has been brought into our merry band. A brief summary of his past 50 years includes graduating from Queens College with an accounting degree ("You may remember math was my thing"). He worked at NCCI and AIPSO for a couple of years in reinsurance accounting, then went to American Reinsurance Company (later bought by Munich Reinsurance and renamed Munich Re America) and ended up as a VP before he retired in 2011. Married in 1979, he has three children (two boys and a girl) and two grandchildren (one and one) and lives in central New Jersey. Larry Gertner and Ingrid Kjeldaas's Bar Harbor vacation was postponed until 2023 (?) due to a lack of appropriate ID for a side trip to Halifax. They ended up instead in a very nice Airbnb three miles up an unpaved road near Leesburg, Va. There, wineries and Civil War battlefields were toured (you can probably figure out who preferred what). Dressing for dinner, they celebrated their 54th/25th anniversaries (meeting on the Staten Island Ferry/wedding, respectively). Gus Bigos paid a flying visit to some of his old haunts in Chicago in late September, and he and Stu Schoder celebrated appropriately at Corcoran's Saloon. Frank Flaherty and his wife, Jeanette Lee, spent three weeks in Rome and Sardinia this fall, eating cacio e pepe (pasta with cheese and pepper), cicoria (chicory), and a scrumptious dessert called seadas (fried pastry with lemony pecorino and warmed honey). In Sardinia, they visited a seaside villa that Jeanette's family had owned back in the 70s and 80s. The area, Costa Smeralda, is now a playground of the rich, fancy, and secretive. The villa's current owner?

An oligarch. "Tempora mutantur." **Joe Alchermeres** was sorry to have missed the last JUG Night, only the fourth time this century. He and Alessandra had decided to do a two-week trip to Italy and didn't return until October 15. "I wish the Events people at Regis had consulted with me on the scheduling here!" Suzanne and **Tony Salvatore** had an early Christmas present when daughter Julie gave birth to twin boys Holden and Gabriel Scott on December 16. The two new additions bring the grandbaby total to eight, all of whom live in their little Atlanta suburb. Prior to that happy event, they had taken their first post-COVID international trip in October, 12 days in Spain, which was greatly enjoyed. **Bob Genovese** reports that all is well on the Western (Nassau) front. His wife, Tillie, has taken on the task of baking birthday cakes for residents of the Bethany House women's shelters in their area. Daughter Kira is a freelance stylist on fashion shoots in the city, working with firms such as Victoria's Secret and Kate Spade. Bob continues to tutor adults in literacy and GED math. Running is subject to weather extremes, but it continues. "At the 50th, Greg Mooney had invited me to run the reservoir along with one or two other class members, but I had a scheduling conflict; I hope to be able to do so later this year." Bill Ferns got into the Christmas spirit with his a capella singing group at the PCV/ StuyTown tree lighting. His alter ego, Kid Java, has both a website and a new Facebook page devoted to his doings. **Al Pirovits** is able to keep his garden project in outstanding condition because it hasn't snowed in L.A. yet. This is the same formerly vacant plot of land he has highlighted in his Reunion yearbook entry and in Facebook postings since then, turning trash into treasure. **Paul Sovran** has been practicing geriatric medicine in Kissimmee since 1985. His wife, Melissa, is the office manager. Keeping the office open, they worked throughout the pandemic. In consequence, the last time they traveled was in December 2020 to Pahrump, Nev., for the Corvette driving school. Daughter Susanna is in Woodlands, Texas, with the three grandchildren, all under age 5; the other three kids have not had any grandchildren yet. Son William is doing cybersecurity for Amazon Web Services; daughter Victoria is getting married in February this year and is working for Insurity as a corporate writer. She self-published a book *Boy in Blue* about the NYPD, available on Amazon. Son David is learning the fracking business with Halliburton. In October, Julie and **Dan Murphy** traveled to Aberdeen, Scotland, where Julie's niece Rebecca was competing in the World Mixed Curling Championships; Rebecca and her three teammates had won the U.S. title in April. More

than 30 teams from around the globe took part in Worlds, with Canada emerging as the winner. Between matches, they joined other relatives who also made the trip for sightseeing, family dinners, and a football match. He and Julie then visited Dublin, Ireland, for a few days before returning home. **Bruce O'Neill** sends greetings from Milwaukee. **Chuck Sikorski** has been very busy after the family moved into their very own house in Tyler, Texas. (Last we heard, he was still unpacking.) City Councilor **Jack McCullough** was the first candidate to declare his intention to seek the vacant mayor's chair in Montpelier, Vt. In true New England fashion, voters will have the opportunity to choose Jack as their new mayor in a special election on Town Meeting Day, March 7. **Maureen and Rick Romito** embraced the centuries-old words of Erasmus (or Dylan if you prefer 20th century metaphors) and continued their efforts to avoid the growth of moss by spending the 2022-23 holidays "riding the rails" in France and Switzerland. With backpacks for luggage and first-class unlimited Eurail passes in hand, this five-week winter journey was "proof of concept" for a four-month-long version planned for summer 2023. Mike Curcio's younger daughter, Renata, in her junior year at The College of New Jersey, did her fall semester abroad at the University of Glasgow. Taking full advantage of the opportunity for overseas study, she then did a winter session in Greece. After settling her in there, Mike and Hedi returned home late one night with over 200 pounds of checked luggage, mostly Renata's. "Fortunately, the airline we took has a very liberal baggage policy." **John Schopfer** and his wife Suzanne Rice are happily settling into their new home in the Crestwood neighborhood of Yonkers, surrounded by others with diplomas from/ kids attending Jesuit schools. They are delighted to be back in the New York City area and John certainly expects to be at the next JUG Night. **Joe Keiser** has returned to the United States after 38 years abroad, parlaying an early love of soccer into a second career that included coaching teams through the world. Joe is now in the Fall River, Mass, area as the head coach of the Atlantis Charter High School girls soccer team for their first-ever season. Luke Garvey remains excessively busy with both psychotherapy and administrative work at the Christian Counseling Center. He seriously wonders when there will be some rest for the wicked (himself). **Tom Stio** indulged his passion for travel with a trip to Namibia in August and then a three-week trip to Chile, Argentina, and their shared region of Patagonia, as well as a side trip to Easter Island in the fall. Please remember in your prayers: Mr. Gregory Rapisarda, who served

the school for 41 years and taught the members of the French track in Class 3E, died on December 16 at age 83. At his funeral, where Bill Ferns, Larry Gertner, and Mr. **Jerry Kappes '52** showed the flag, he was remembered as "the professional, always looking to increase his knowledge and improve his class." During one classroom session, he mentioned that he was still hoping to be elected to the Académie Française so he could set them straight on a few things. In the Senior Skit, he was portrayed by **Mike Ansaldi** suffering painfully through a mangled recitation by a typical, tin-eared native New Yorker who shall remain nameless. **Tom Filipowicz's** wife, Karen, passed away on May 4. She had been ill for several years but she "was able to enjoy life until the day she passed." Bettina Curcio, Mike's mom, passed away on November 30 after a brief illness. She was 101 years and 2 months old to the day. She was in reasonably good health her entire life prior to the end. "We were all happy and grateful we had so much time with her." Catharine, **Joe Rubsam's** mom, passed peacefully on May 5 at age 97 after a long and wonderful life. "She and my dad were forever grateful for my Regis education and remained long-time contributors."



Fifteen members of the Class of '71 at JUG Night 2022.

1972

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When last we heard, **Jim Provenzale** and **Vinnie Grosso** were in the process of arranging a 51st reunion dinner on May 12 for all interested classmates, after our 50th was such a rousing success. We hope to report on an evening of laughter and reminiscence in the next edition. A beautiful celebration of life event was held on September 24 for our beloved **Kevin O'Reilly** at a Long Island shore restaurant and featured live music by a Grateful Dead cover band. Around 20 members of the Class of '72 attended. In addition to moving toasts by Kevin's wife and two kids during the event, **Mike Morris** gave a great toast

on the beach as part of the opening ceremonies. **Jerry McAloon** welcomed his fourth grandchild in October, Owen Moran. He was born with serious heart defects and, at this writing, remains in Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, awaiting a heart transplant. At the 50th Reunion, Jerry and **Richard Reina** pledged to get together with their wives for dinner. **Rich Potter** has also met with several classmates in recent months as a result of the reunion. Maureen and **Jack Slipe** welcomed the birth of their granddaughter Elora Maeve Slipe on February 18. She was John Jr. and Joy's first child.



A Class of 1972 reunion.

1973

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Steve Menillo and **Mike O'Keeffe** are happy to take our turn as scribes for the "Prowlings" column. We thank **Bob Billings** for doing this since 2010! **Bill Driscoll** searched his personal archives and came up with our other classmates who carried the ball: **Bob Taschler** 1973-1986; **Vin Maher** 1987-1992; **Dennis Casey** (RIP Dennis!) 1993-1999; **Jack O'Toole** (RIP Jack!) 2000-2008. We are honored to keep the tradition going. From **Peter Gordon**: "I will be attending the reunion and will be playing at the golf outing with **Gene Ferraro**. Patti and I have become grandparents for the second time. Our daughter, Kimberly Witzke; son-in-law, Christian Witzke; and older grandson, Pierce Gordon Witzke (born December 24, 2020), welcomed Cole Gordon Witzke into the family on February 21." From: Eugene Ferraro: "**Bob Emmons** and I attended Opening Day at Yankee Stadium. I've been going to Yankee games with Bob for over 50 years! Hopefully many more years to come." From **Nick Bonifanti**: "Some of my best memories of Regis are rearranging classes (moving last period to sixth or seventh) so we could get out early and take the 4 train to Yankee Stadium for an afternoon game. Weren't general admission tickets \$2 back then?" From **John Stine**: "I just celebrated

the fifth anniversary of our move to Mount Pleasant, S.C. Life is good here and it doesn't snow! From **Mike Milito**: "Since COVID has become somewhat manageable, my wife and I have started taking some trips that were postponed during the worst of the pandemic. Over the past year, we've been on a bike tour in Puglia; a trip to Glacier, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton National Parks; and a hiking trip to Morocco. We've got upcoming trips to Big Bend National Park in Texas in April and the Azores in September. Tips from anyone who has been to the Azores are welcome." From Vin Maher: "I'm amidst my 34th year at Iona University and still teaching in the business school. The R word is starting to make its presence felt and seeks answers as to WHEN? Soon is the best I can do for now. I have a place in Cape Cod in a village called Onset. If you're en route to the cape proper and are stuck on 25 and need a beer or a toilet, give me a holler. Six minutes from Exit 2." From **Bob Eterno**: "Still getting used to retirement. It will be almost a year. Was a partner in a large multispecialty group that was part of the Yale New Haven Healthcare system." From **John Vella**: "I'm retired of course and have been living outside of Philly for 40 years. Nothing going on, just enjoying life. Very involved with the two grandchildren." From **Brian Donahue**: Brian says "Hi" and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. From **Don Meunier**: "Still a dentist after all these years! Only working a couple of days a week. Three grand-daughters — my pride and joy." From **Steve Ross**: "My wife Deb and I became grandparents for the first time with the birth of our beautiful granddaughter Lillian James Ross on October 23, 2022." From Mike O'Keeffe: "I'm retired from the FDNV and still live in Bellerose, Queens. I keep busy with local civic activities, and Sue and I chase after our 6-year-old grandson, Brendan. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the 50th!" From **Dave Quintavalle**: "I relocated to the U.K. in 2019, living first in Kent (too quiet) and now in London for two-and-a-half years. My partner of 22 years was originally from London although he spent 25 years in New York. I'm working for White & Case, a New York-headquartered global law firm, as Associate Director of Global H.R. Operations. We're enjoying a whole new set of museums to explore and historic sites at every turn including bits of the Roman walls that we probably stumbled across scanning some Latin text all those years ago!" From **Tom Devine**: "Nothing earth-shattering for me. If you need to fill space: My oldest son Tom was married August 2022. His wife is in her second year of family practice residency with the U.S. Navy in Fort Belvoir, Va. (just outside of D.C.). He

continues to work as a civilian for the U.S. Navy." From **Mike DiNovi**: "I retired after 33 years at the FDA at the end of June 2021 and am enjoying the life of the leisurely gentleman — just back from three weeks in Asia. Like all retired FDA feds, I am doing a little consulting for the food industry, just to keep my beak wet!" From Bill Driscoll: "Having been hospitalized three times in three years, I began 2022 by renewing my commitment to a life lived solely for pleasure. But, alas, my family harshed out my party head with their own medical adventures. In March, my daughter had surgery to remove a tumor (colossal but benign), and then in August my wife had surgery to remove a tumor (small but malignant). Fortunately they were both fully recovered by October, when the fun finally began. Mary Jane and I took a weeklong Viking cruise up the Danube River from Budapest to Germany. It was a fantastic trip (Mozart's House in Vienna! Bach on the world's largest church organ in Passau!), and we enjoyed meeting fellow travelers who are even older than we are." From **Frank Pesce**: "Three days after our reunion, I will be celebrating 42 years of marital bliss with my bride, Maureen. We've been blessed with three wonderful children: Jeannine (whose very first high school dance was at Regis), Dan, and Joe. All three graduated from Jesuit universities (Fordham, Fairfield, and Scranton), so, despite four tuition-free years at Regis, the Jesuits finally got a big chunk of my money. We've also been blessed with two grandchildren, four-year-old Jack and his little sister, Molly, who will turn 2 four days after our reunion. I have had the distinct privilege as their grandpa to baptize both, as I have served as a deacon in the Diocese of Rockville Centre for 23 years, all at St. Brigid's R.C. Church in Westbury, where I have had the pleasure of running into a number of Regis alumni from time to time. Also for the past 23 years, I've been practicing law with friend and fellow Regian, **Anthony M. Fischetti, '74**. (It's been like 23 years of hanging out in *The Regian* office, except we both gave up smoking a long time ago, so we haven't lived in the fear of Mr. Tricamo busting in and finding us with cigarettes in our hands.) I was supposed to be fully retired as of the beginning of this year, but to quote Michael Corleone in *Godfather III*, 'Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in!' I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion!" From Steve Menillo: "Alice and I decided to break the COVID incarceration by taking a trip to Europe in July. Flew to Zurich, there for a couple of days, took a train to Geneva, got a car, drove to Ferney-Voltaire, France, to visit my niece and the surrounding French and Swiss countryside for a couple of days — more about that later. Train to Milan, day and a

half. Got a car and drove to Lake Garda by way of the Mille Miglia Museum. Garda for several days, then drove to Bolsano where we ditched the auto to avoid a ridiculous return fee if we left it in Austria. Train to Innsbruck, site of my RIA experience. Nice to be back! Day and a half there, and on to Salzburg where we met my younger daughter, Alexandra, and spent another day, and then back on the train to Budapest for three days. Alex was there to go to a friend's wedding, to which we were also graciously invited including the pre-wedding Danube cruise. While in Ferney-Voltaire, we were treated to an event of a lifetime (for a science guy), a personal five hour tour of CERN. She was doing an externship there from her Ph.D in Physics program at the University of Edinburgh. I actually got to stand by the working LINAC and the first rings of the supercollider. I also witnessed work at the anitmatter factory there. I got to eat lunch in the cafeteria with all the international science-types. It felt like I was back at Rockefeller University where I did some research. The trip was lots of fun, quite exhausting and the weather ridiculously hot (105 degrees Fahrenheit in Milan)." From **Rich Sloper**: "My first grandson is now 15 months, and I have two more coming due in September and October. My daughter Allison (math) and her husband Tom (history) are both teachers at Kellenberg High School. My daughter Briana got married last August and is a special ed teacher at Martin Van Buren High School in Queens. Her husband, Ryan, is a fellow Fordham University grad and now teaches classics and theology at Fordham Prep. Marie and I are both retired but have the babysitting responsibilities. I finally made it to my 50th state on a trip to Alaska last year. I crossed the Arctic circle when it was sunny and 60 degrees above. I felt it would have been more appropriate if it was snowy and 60 below.

1974

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James Solloway writes: I recently had the opportunity to catch up with **Joe Ochoa** in Tampa. Unfortunately, **Tom Dudar**, who lives near Joe, was out of town and couldn't make it. In other news, I'm still working as a portfolio manager and chief market strategist for SEI Investments in Oaks, Pa. Since the onset of COVID, I've been working mostly out of my home in West Windsor, N.J. My wife and I now have five grandchildren, with three in Virginia and the other two in Texas. We're racking up the miles visiting them as frequently as we can! It's hard to believe our 50th Reunion

is just two years away. **Thomas Barra** writes: "I recently transferred my practice to my second oldest son, who will be taking over for me. I'm officially 'semi-retired' and now go in part-time just to continue annoying the hell out of the employees who have been with me since I began practicing. I've been blessed with five grandchildren who all live close by, and spend my time with them as often as possible." **Len Scarpinato** writes: "Missed the RegiSki#2 due to a tuxedo-fitting trip to New York with my son. This is in preparation for his wedding in mid-June at Jesuit Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee, where he attended Marquette University High School, a brother Jesuit high school to Regis. In New York my girlfriend and I connected with **Jim Tynion** for a nice catch-up in December. She and I are headed to London in May. My sister Jackie (many of you remember) and she are planning a trip to Italy in 2024 where it looks like we may hit some of those northern Italian towns we visited during RIA — anyone up for an RIA reunion sometime before we get too old to travel?" **Anthony Ceritelli** writes: "Getting ready for the 45th college reunion (maybe) in May and just did a long weekend in San Fran for my wife's 65th birthday with some of the family. Trying to stay out of trouble, however, is an impossible task." **John Hall** writes: "Following the Class of '74 ski trip — which was an incredibly great time — I got married on March 3 to the most lovely Gloria Taylor Johnston in Islamorada Fla. We will be living in Florida and North Carolina as the weather dictates — in search of 70 degrees. **Andy Harris** writes: "Still in Congress. This year I was appointed Chair of the USDA and FDA Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, which is keeping me very busy. Finally moved to the beautiful Eastern Shore of Maryland from suburban Baltimore, where I lived since medical school. Eleventh grandchild on the way — and looking forward to retirement at some point to spend more time with them." **John Canavan** writes: "The second annual RegiSki '74 was held in February at Breckenridge in Colorado. Tom Dudar, John Hall, and I returned from last year and we picked up **Jim Cummings, Rich O'Leary**, and his son **Colin O'Leary '06**. Sadly, we had to soldier on without Len Scarpinato who was unavoidably conflicted with wedding plans for his son (see above for full excuse). A great time was had by all despite morning temps of minus 6-8 degrees Fahrenheit. Next year we are planning on going to Aspen, so please let me know if you would like to join our merry band of fun-seekers. Gail and I also welcomed our second granddaughter in February."



Jim Cummnys '74, his wife Debbie Tristram, and Ann and Carl Barbera '74 enjoying lunch in Jensen Beach, Fla.



The second annual RegiSki '74 was held in February at Breckenridge in Colorado. In attendance were Tom Dudar '74, John Hall '74, John Canavan '74, Jim Cummings '74, and Rich O'Leary '74 and his son Colin O'Leary '06.

1975

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1976

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Neil Grealy updates us: "Last fall, after 16 years as the Chief Legal Officer for Louis Dreyfus

Company in North America, I was promoted to Group Head of Litigation, Special Projects, Antitrust and Regulatory. I am still getting used to the scope of my new position although there is a lot of carryover from matters I continue to work on. In January I marked 32 years with LDC." Separately, Neil had told Tim's widow that he would try to arrange a Mass and get together at Regis commemorating our departed classmates similar to what we did after **Peter DeStefano** and **Mike Hernandez** passed. (Hard to believe that was almost six years ago.) Neil is thinking it is easier to arrange than an off-site lunch or dinner and we could invite family members of the deceased. He plans to work on that and will loop back to us all. **Rich Slattery** and **Charlie McGovern** (see photo) met in Williamsburg, Va., in an impromptu mini-reunion, which was also called out as a Swarthmore reunion for them. Similarly, **Paul O'Brien** and **Jim Marchwinski** posed for a photo when they ran into each other. Jim's efforts to get local '76ers to a Fordham football game in the fall was hurt by terrible weather. He hopes to try again this fall. **Edward Trocha** and **Richard Rom** recently got together at Manor Oktoberfest in Forest Hills for dinner and beers. They were celebrating Ed's retirement and Rich's Medicare card — a little different occasion than our former gatherings at Brew Burger on 86th Street. On a sadder topic, many of us exchanged emails in March when we learned that our "fellow freshman" in 1972 (her first year teaching coincided with our starting) Diane Walsh had passed. Our class was represented by several members who were able to attend her wake and a group of 33+ collectively sent a memorial floral arrangement and donated it to Regis in her name. **Peter McFadden, Peter Moerler, Hugh Finnegan, Neil Grealy, and Ed Taylor** were among those that attended the wake and offered condolences to Frank Walsh, as well. RIP Diane.



Paul O'Brien '76 and Jim Marchwinski '76 posed for a photo when they ran into each other.



Rich Slattery '76 and Charlie McGovern '76 met in Williamsburg, Va., in an impromptu mini-reunion.

1977

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Maryland Governor Wes Moore named **Vincent Schiraldi** to his cabinet in January, and he was confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Services. Vincent was also named to the National Academies of Science, Education, and Medicine's Law and Justice Committee. **Mike Bellissimo** completed a Ph.D in Management from The Weatherhead School at Case Western Reserve University. His thesis dissertation is titled "Reliability and Resilience at US Hospitals During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Mixed Methods Study on the Effect of Leader and Team Behavior on Crisis Response." A motley crew from the Class of 1977 gathered in New York City recently to celebrate decades of friendship and fifty years since their acceptance. **Lawrence McKenna** writes, "My father, retired United States District Court judge **Lawrence McKenna '51**, died on February 3. He was survived by his four children: me, Nora Hurley, Robert McKenna, and Arthur McKenna, as well as his five grandchildren, my sister Nora's children, Terence Hurley and Elizabeth Hurley, my three children (Alice, Rebecca, and Sebastian McKenna), his sister Catherine McKenna McGill, his nephew John McGill, and their children, June and Emmett McGill. His brother, **Christopher McKenna '54**, died on January 28 of last year, nearly a year to the day before his brother." **Mark Nelson** writes, "**Paul Tumminia** organized a get-together for several members of the Class of '77 on March 18. Paul, **Gerry Dieffenbach**, **Greg Larsen**, **Mike Bellissimo**, **Bob Hay**, **Rob Twomey**, **Gerry DiDonato**, **Vin DeCola**, and I attended. **Tony Miserandino** was there as well. Tony told us of Mrs. Diane Walsh. Several members of the class of '77 attended the wake. As for me, I just celebrated

40 years at IBM here in Poughkeepsie, spending the last 35 years working on large system security. I've also been appointed a Senior Technical Staff Member." **Mike Bennett**, Rutgers BSEE, transitioned from his career in mortgages back to his electrical roots five years ago, in anticipation of the rapid growth of renewable energy. He's now directing sales and growth at a multi-state solar company based in Rockland County. Mike relocated from his longtime home state of New Jersey to Nyack, noting the town is "very cool," and "my old commute was a bear." Divorced with two kids living on opposite coasts, and enjoying single life for the time being. Mike said, "If you're nearby, reach out to me — my email is in the list Joe sent, maybe we can grab lunch or something and have some laughs!" **Mark Kolakowski's** time with Investopedia has ended, after seven years and 1,507 articles. However, a leading tech news website, VentureBeat, has recruited him to moderate webinars on financial technology. They boast 6 million unique monthly visitors and 1.5 million followers on social media. Meanwhile, he's into his 20th year as a regular at open hockey in Red Bank, N.J., and continues to offer occasional lectures on business topics at Manhattan College.

1978

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The Class of '78 is looking forward to our 45th Reunion on June 10 and hope to see many of our classmates for a fun day at the school. We were saddened to learn of the passing of our beloved biology teacher Diane Walsh, known to us first as Miss Otto. We send our condolences to Frank Walsh and their family and loved ones.



Bernie Kilkelly '78 and Jim Rohan '78 enjoyed marching with Regis in the St. Patrick's Day Parade along with our former English teacher John Mullin '66.



The Miami contingent of Elio Martinez '78, Joe Mauro '78, Phil Guarco '78, and Jorge Martinez '78 made their annual visit to Port St. Lucie to root on the Mets in Spring Training.

1979

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1980

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Trish and **Ken Berger** bought acreage in South Central Tennessee to experience Americana and counterbalance California. **Will Passannante '10** married Julianne Hagarty on October 30, 2022, in Wilmington, Del. The happy couple were joined on their wedding day by fellow Regions — best man **Luke Passannante '14**, proud parents Judith and **Bill Passannante**, Mary and **Paul Squire**, **Anthony Passannante, MD '77**, and **Pat Megley '10**. Julianne is an environmental engineer in Philadelphia and Will is a litigation associate in the Delaware office of Labaton Sucharow.

1981

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Left to right: Mike Randazzo '81, Paul Walczyk '81, and Joe Napolitano '81 celebrate Joe's 60th birthday.

1982

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Response was a little sparse, shall I say, to my solicitation for alumni news this round. All I can surmise is that the class is still recovering from its 40th reunion festivities despite them having taken place 11 months ago. Let's just say recuperation time has increased since the old days of hanging out around the Hamilton monument. Speaking of the reunion, I think I speak for everyone when I say it was a really great time. The turnout was fantastic (about 40 classmates), and it was nice to see old friends, catch up on the last few years, and reminisce about our times on East 84th Street. Attendance was a mix of "regulars" plus a few Regions we haven't seen in a while. A special surprise guest was **William "Billy" Eichhorn**. A group photo taken during the event is included in these pages. A special shout-out is due to the fundraising team of **Fred Lynch**, **Tim Gallagher**, **Jonathan Lawlor**, **Greg Meyer**, and **Lev Chepelsky**, who worked hard to establish the Class of 1982 Scholarship Fund. The campaign was highly successful. And of course, a special thank you is in order to everyone who contributed to the fund. We were back on the regular JUG Night in October. Turnout was light (see explanation above), but **Patrick McGoldrick**, **Greg Pitaro**, **John Porada**, and I enjoyed the opportunity to mingle in the quadrangle due to the unseasonably mild temps. I must say Regis did a great job with the food this year. It felt like we were at the Culinary Institute of America! This was the first multi-generational event for the Class of 1982 that I am aware of as there were a few father-son cohorts. In non-reunion news, **Anthony Spina** reported that he was planning to visit **Mike Madigan** in Portland, Ore., in early April. Mike was unable to join the 40th event itself due to flight complications but spent the ensuing weekend in New York City with Anthony and family and even had a chance to make a trip to Coney Island, where Mike's uncle still lives. For those of you not overly present on social media, here are a few updates on that front. **Jerry Coamey** remains as passionate as ever about March Madness, but this year it was several notches up due to Northwestern's appearance and heroic Round 1 victory over Boise State. Congrats, Jerry. I hope the 'Cats advance even further next year. Speaking of college sports, in March **Bob Smith's** daughter and her Fordham University cheerleading/dance squad teammates rang the opening bell at NASDAQ to celebrate the first day of the Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Tournament. **Dennis McCooe** continues to vanquish ski slopes across the Northeast including Killington. One of

Arnold Neimanis's many photos of the Go-Gos appeared in Gina Shock's book *Made in Hollywood*. Bravo. And the ongoing pop culture/music commentary between **Jim Livio**, **Mario Casella**, and **Ed Grant** remains exceedingly entertaining. Highly recommended. To close-out this out, we send our condolences to Mr. Walsh and family on the passing of Mrs. Walsh, who taught many of us biology and chemistry back in the day. Late last year, I was cleaning out our basement and uncovered a treasure trove of notebooks from my Regis days (if anyone needs a Latin declension or conjugation refresher, let me know), including one for my sophomore chemistry class with Mrs. Walsh. Coincidentally, that was the one I took a photo of and shared on the Class of 1982 Facebook page. I learned a lot in Mrs. Walsh's classes, and I am grateful for that. Be well, Class of 1982. See you next time.



Patrick McGoldrick '82 and Greg Pitaro '82 are joined by their Regian sons in the quadrangle at the 2023 JUG Night.



The Class of 1982 celebrates its 40th reunion. A fun time was had by all.

1983

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Just a reminder that our 40th Reunion will be held at Regis on Saturday, June 10, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. You should be receiving a full itinerary of events from Regis in the near future. It's been great

receiving Prowlings from you in advance of our Reunion — please keep 'em coming at jaccetta.sr@gmail.com or text to my cell phone at 914-391-3200. In September 2022, **Joe Accetta, Sr.** celebrated 30 years serving as a Court Attorney/Court Administrator in New York State's Unified Court System. His current assignment is Court Attorney/Referee in the Adult Guardianship part of the Supreme Court, Westchester County. **Ricardo Venegas** reports that in September 2022, after a COVID-driven three-year travel hiatus, he visited Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, and India on business. He also reports: "My daughter is in her final year at Boston University studying International Relations and Mandarin and hopes to attain her master's degree in these areas. My son is in his final year of high school and hoping to land in the Boston area for college. My wife and I flew up to New York City in November to visit my alma mater, Pace University, as an executive in residence, where I was invited to share tidbits of my career in the toy and licensed entertainment industry with the student body. I took this opportunity to meet with **Peter Labbat** and **Eddie Castell** over cocktails. Later that night I had dinner with **Clement Thompson** and his wife, Rhonda, and also caught up with **John Ponterotto**. Just one week earlier while traveling through L.A., I met up with **George Wasilenko** for lunch. All in all, great opportunities to reconnect with old mates. Everyone looks great and we hope to have more of these impromptu gatherings! **Dr. Joe Mannino** also reports: "I have been working in Orthopedics for the past 36 years, starting in research, then going to medical school, and eventually private practice and then employed practice. I scaled back in 2022, and left employment in December. Our team had succeeded in being ranked as the No. 2 hospital for orthopedic services in New York State during that time. The COVID-19 pandemic, however, changed things so that I no longer have the enthusiasm to rebuild again, so I now am looking at different opportunities, including the Joint Commission and the United States Army Reserve. I could not have worked all these years without my wife, Cynthia, and all her work in raising our children. Our daughters have been successful, with the older daughter being in a doctoral program in England and the younger in law school at Buffalo. I've managed to keep up connections with many classmates, more so over the past decade than in the beginning of this century, and that friendship of our classmates has also helped sustain me over the years. As time has gone by, I've gained a greater and greater appreciation of what Regis has given me and am even more grateful for being part of the Regis

tradition. Looking forward to our 40th!” **Frank Grillo** sends his regards and the following news from Italy: “In May of 2020, I made the decision to move to Puglia, Italy, with my spouse, Justin, and my best friend, Steve. While it was never in the plan when we talked about moving, we have opened a distillery using wheat from the town of Altamura, the home of the only bread in the world with a PDO, to produce a vodka initially. We have been in business just one year and it’s definitely been an adventure! We’re hoping to be in the U.S. by 2Q this year! I never imagined I’d be a first-time entrepreneur and distiller and 57, but here we are! Cheers to everyone!” **John Sym’s** daughter Kelsey is expecting her first child (due date May 25), so by the time of our reunion, God willing, he’ll be a grandfather! **Ralph Acampora** is a tenured professor of philosophy at Hofstra University, and he’s written a book entitled *Corporal Compassion*. He’s been married to Christa Davis for 25 years and has an 18-year-old daughter working through a gap year on the cusp of college. Rest in peace, Frederick J. Martin, Jr., Esq., father of our brother **Michael Martin** and **Fred Martin ’81**, who passed on October 9, 2022. Mr. Martin was a long-time partner at the firm of Bleakley, Platt & Schmidt in White Plains, and was a mentor to many of us who were fortunate enough to experience his wisdom, compassion, and pragmatic approach to the law in the Westchester legal community. We are also saddened by the recent passing of Mr. Gregory Rapisarda (Modern Language, on December 16, 2022) and Mrs. Diane Walsh (Sciences, on March 18) — long-time teachers at Regis who taught many of us with great patience, enthusiasm, and kindness. May God grant them both His eternal peace.

1984

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In March, a few of our classmates got together to mark the 37th Annual Pisarcik Fantasy Football Dinner. The group included league commissioner **Steve Ksenak**, **Tony Tristani**, **Joe Aglione**, **Victor Lagmay**, and **Michael J. Murphy**. The league’s membership has expanded to the second generation with the inclusion of Tony’s son, Anthony Jr. The dinner at Wolfgang’s on West 41st was particularly joyous for two reasons: First, the group got to toast Anthony Jr’s acceptance to medical school, and second, Mike captured the treasured Pisarcik Trophy for the first time in a quarter century! Some of you may know Hibbing, Minn., as the home of the Greyhound Bus Museum, while

others recognize it as the birthplace of Robert Allen Zimmerman, but this April, it will be home to the Five and Under National Curling Championships! By virtue of their having won a tournament this past January in Maryland, **Mike Horowitz’s** team out of the Ardsley Curling Club earned one of 24 spots in Hibbing. As an aside, “five and under” stands for those playing the sport no more than five years, so he will not be competing against toddlers in Minnesota! As the tournament will actually be over by the time you read this, I’ll include an update in the next issue (if we don’t embarrass ourselves out there!). **Kieran O’Connor** writes in that his “third child, Nancy, graduated from Berklee College of Music in December and has moved to New York City to begin her work in the theater world. She’s picked up a few part time gigs on a few shows, including *Titanique*. If you have any connections, please pass them along! My fourth, Alice, has started a physical therapy program at Nazareth College in Rochester.” Also, if you are not on the Regis ’84 email group, please email Kieran at oconnorkieranR@gmail.com, and he’ll add you. **Jaroslaw Kiciuk** went on a ski vacation to Park City, Utah, the last week in March. **Rich Gardella** had a work trip to Utah that coincided with the vacation. Rich’s partner, Julie, joined him as well. Rich, Julie, Slawch, and his wife, Michelle, had a great time surviving the record snowfall — in some places the snowfall was more than five feet, and the plowed piles were more than 10! In sad news, we have lost a few more members of our extended Regis family. In August, **Anthony Raucci’s** dad, Angelo, passed away; **Kieran Xanthos’s** father, Arthur, passed away in September; in December, **Mark Coyne’s** step mom, Susie, passed away; and in March, **Bob Venchiarutti’s** father, Silverio, passed away. Please keep all of them and their families in your prayers.



Left to right: Anthony Tristani, Jr, Steve Ksenak ’84, Michael J. Murphy ’84, Joe Aglione ’84, Victor Lagmay ’84, and Tony Tristani ’84 at Wolfgang’s for their annual fantasy football dinner.



1985

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We start our notes pausing, reflecting, celebrating, and thanking Diane Walsh for the gift of education she gave to many Regians. Her dedication and commitment were exemplary, her grading was tough, but her love for Regis and all who walked those halls was at the Order of the Owl level. Thank you, Diane, may you rest in peace. To Frank Walsh, our prayers are with you. For many years you have been there for others; know we are here for you! Connected with **Dan Twohig** and have some news to share — after more than 25 years in marketing and advertising analytics, Dan is hanging up his calculator and switching careers. By the time you read this missive, Dan will be a 12th-grade history teacher at Lynn Classical High School, teaching 20th century world history and current affairs. He can only hope to channel Mr. Sabatelli and **Mr. John Connelly ’56** to guide him. Dan, there is no more noble a profession than being an educator. Give them lessons for life! **Bill Driscoll** and I had a nice exchange: “The missus and I went to Europe last month for a cruise up the Danube, and we spent one afternoon browsing through the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna. We were strolling slowly into an exhibit room when a tall, bespectacled white-haired man flew by in the opposite direction. ‘That guy looked just like **Brian Kavanagh**,’ I said. Imagine my surprise back home a few days later when perusing the *Sunday Post*, which told me that Brian had been in Vienna to learn how the Austrians handle public housing. He may have been playing hooky at the museum. We’re doing just fine ourselves. I retired five years ago from the Convent of the Sacred Heart, and Mary Jane retired last December, after 24 years at FactSet. True, we’ve both had cancer, but we got over it! And we still have enough money left to travel now and then. (But if the market continues to decline at its current rate, we’ll be eating dog food by 2026.)” Bill and Mary Jane — stay well, keep traveling, and some of the food we are feeding our dog is gourmet, so no worries! Thanks for the many gifts you have shared with Regis and many of us — lots of laughs, great memories, and like we shared above — lessons for life. It was wonderful to see Regis High School out there marching in the 2023 St. Patrick’s Day Parade — Noble Hearts for all the world to see! Nice job Gaelic Society and Development Office! By the way, was hanging out with Mr. & Mrs. Kavanagh at the Knights of St. Patrick Luncheon at The Pierre! Brian and **Kevin Kavanaugh ’86** — nothing but good things shared! Gents — looking forward to seeing our Class of 1985 brothers in-

person throughout the spring and summer. Let’s make some plans, knowing our 40th is not too far away! Miss you all — look forward to more laughs and making more memories!

1986

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Greetings to the Class of 1986! It was great hearing from so many of you in response to my request for updates. First off, I’d like to thank my predecessors in this effort, **Bob Sciarrone** and **Allan Powe**. Speaking of Dr. Powe, you can find him in the Science Resource Center at Regis now that he has joined the science faculty and is teaching freshman biology. He loves it. **Sean Cadogan**, **Rodney Prezeau**, and I got to see him in February, when we were invited to Regis to speak with current members of the Heritage Club for Black History Month. Rodney, Allan, Sean, and I, along with **Alain Bertoni**, **Ron Chung-a-Fung**, **Denis Gooding**, **Dave Hernandez**, **Claude Archer**, and **Andrew Loudon** have managed to keep alive a bi-weekly Zoom chat that we started back in the early days of the pandemic. Aside from helping to keep each other sane, these chats have given us the chance to see some of Dr. Bertoni’s Latin dance moves. He’s been a regular on the dance floor these past several years and he is quite good. Speaking of doctors, **Vince Macaluso** sent me the following update: “As far as my life goes, my wife Lauren and I have our medical practices going in New Hyde Park. I’m an adult neurologist specializing in multiple sclerosis (a disease that I have had for 35 years) and Lauren is a Breastfeeding Medicine physician. We have two children — Abby is an Operations Engineer at Cityblock Health in New York City and Vincent is getting his associate’s degree in culinary arts. Prior to his enrollment, Vincent had become a vegetarian. When he started cooking dinner for the family, we noticed that the food tasted great and we all went for walks after dinner. After being on a vegetarian diet for six months, I was able to increase my runs from two miles to three miles, which my wife and I do 3–4 times per week. A picture showing our family after we finished the four-mile run in Central Park on New Year’s Eve appears in these pages! I wish good health to all Regians, my classmates, and their families!” At the risk of making you think I am too focused on doctors, I was honored that **Paul Santiago** broke his long streak of never responding to Prowlings requests. Paul wrote: “I am happily married to my wife (Lucinda Payne) of 23 years. She is from Seattle and we met during my neurosurgery residency at UW. My older son rows for Penn and my other son is starting William and

Mary in August. I was a neurosurgery professor at WashU (not a typo) in St. Louis for 20 years. Earlier this winter, I was offered the opportunity to help build a neurosurgery department at the University of Missouri as Vice Chairman alongside a friend and colleague of mine from WashU. It is a huge change from what I was doing, but I needed the change and wanted to do something for a community that needed some immediate help.” Now that the NCAA Tournament is over, **John Sullivan** sent an update reminding us that there is another important basketball acronym: “It is with heavy hearts that we report that for the first time since the founding of the RABL more than 25 years ago, ’86 was not represented in the league this year. For the past few years, we had been on a combined team with ’85 and ’87, but even with three classes it was sometimes difficult to field enough players (with subs!) to go up against twenty-somethings from the recent graduating classes. The age-related injuries (aggravated by middle-aged girth) had begun to take their toll. Without the recruiting by **Billy Jennings** (the exception to the increased girth rule, by the way, as he is in great shape these days) of his past CYO players, we would have forfeited half the games last season. In addition to Bill, we give a shout-out to past players **Mayor Joe Sack**, **Bob Sumberac**, **John Marshall**, **Dan Dougherty**, **Chris Conroy**, **Mark Hannafey**, **Mike Fitzgerald**, **Kevin Mahoney**, **Sean Duffy**, **Gerry Gallagher**, **Mike Lazorchak** (who would travel from Atlanta and even the U.K. for games), team doctor **Kevin Curley**, **Fran Cuttita**, **Sean Higgins**, **Mike Higgins**, **Kevin Kavanagh**, **Phil O’Reilly**, and of course long time team captain **Brendan McLoughlin**. If we have left anyone out, we apologize and ask that you add your name to the list. In lieu of risking life or limb on the court, a meet-up to exercise one’s elbow at team watering hole Carlow East is a (mostly) safe alternative.” Mike Lazorchak reported that he is now in the Atlanta area, having moved back from Belgium in the summer of 2019. He wrote: “Finally starting to figure out where to go and what to do — except for tormenting myself at Truist Park when the Mets are in town — since COVID hit six months after arrival. Just had a nice visit from Dan Dougherty while he was in town on Cristo Rey business.” I’ll try to resist the urge to talk about myself in these updates, but at least for this first one, I’ll do it only because a few of you requested it. My wife Elizabeth and I live on Long Island and have two “kids,” Miles (a senior at UVA) and Carolina (a sophomore at Wesleyan). I’m an in-house attorney for a global advertising and marketing company based in New York City. I also work as an arbitrator resolving commercial legal disputes that the parties have asked me to hear.

The parties often ask how they should address me, and while I suggest “your grace,” we always seem to end up with “Mr. Arbitrator.” I’ll keep working on that. My wife teaches English as a second language at a public elementary school in Bay Shore. For her breaks, we’ve planned a lot of Latin American travel this year. Uruguay and Argentina are up for Easter week. Ecuador and Peru are on tap for the summer. I’m still trying to prove wrong Fr. Aracich’s prediction that with Spanish like mine, I’d starve on the streets of Madrid. I think I’m holding my own. Be well everyone, and I’ll look forward to receiving more of your updates.



Vince Macaluso ’86 and his family after finishing a four-mile run in Central Park on New Year’s Eve.

1987

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Several of us (**Marco Ricci**, **Mark Ustin**, **Brian McDermott**, **Lolan P. Adan**, **George Paul**, and **Giles Kavanagh**) recently met up in New York City with the wife (Lexi) and son (William) of our brother, **Gerald Russello**, for a nice catch-up dinner. Lexi continues her work at Marsh McLennan, and William is now in high school. Jerry and Lexi’s oldest, Emma, is in Dublin for a semester, while middle child, Georgia, is a first year at Jerry’s alma mater, Georgetown. **Mike Murray** (mjpmurray@gmail.com) attended the January “March for Life” in Washington, D.C. and ran into the Regis group once again.



Mike Murray '89 attended the January "March for Life" in Washington, D.C., and ran into the Regis group once again.

1990

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The Class of 1990 has been extremely active in recent months. First off, there were the birthdays. **Mike King's** wife Soumaly surprised him with an all-day, open-door extravaganza. Judging by the fact that Mike was still in his pajamas when the first guests arrived, I would say that he was surprised. Guests included **Gene Armas, James Chin, Rich Chun, Bob Dowgiallo, John Farrelly, John Lee, Mike Mulreany, John Murray, Tom Scully, Lou Tello, and Freddy Taveras.** A good time was had by all, however, sadly, no pineapple was served. Never one to be outdone, Jon Lee celebrated his 50th poolside a few weeks later at his home in Long Island. A similar cast of 1990 rogues were in attendance. Long-suffering but ever-devoted Mets fans **Tom Lardner** and Tom Scully met up at Citi Field for the return of Jacob deGrom. However, they spent the game arguing over which of them deserved the "terrific" honorific. In conjunction with the festivities around this year's Dominican Day Parade, Freddy Taveras was recognized by the Manhattan Borough President's office as a Dominican-American Honoree for his work in New York City's Dominican and Latino community. Congrats, Freddy! When not being honored as part of major city events, Freddy stays busy by keeping up with friends and family. In June, Freddy attended the 8th grade graduation of his godson, Christian Llewellyn, **Ron Llewellyn's** son. Christian will be attending Brooklyn Tech in September. **Jim Donohue, Dainius Remeza,** and Tom Scully got together over the summer as well. Between the three of them, they could not agree if the gathering should be in Brooklyn, Queens, or Nassau County so they opted for neutral territory and rendezvoused in the French Riviera.



Lou Tello '90, Mike Mulreany '90, Mike King '90, Freddy Taveras '90, and James Chin '90 at Mike's 50th birthday party.



Tom Lardner '90 and Tom Scully '90 enjoying the return of Jacob deGrom.



John Farrelly '90, Gene Armas '90, Mike King '90, Bob Dowgiallo '90, Tom Scully '90, and John Lee '90, pictured at Mike's surprise 50th birthday party.



Freddy Taveras '90 and Ron Llewellyn '90 celebrating the graduation of Ron's son (and Freddy's godson), Christian.



Freddy Taveras '90 was honored by the office of Mark Levine, Manhattan borough president, for his contributions to the Dominican and Latino community.



Jim Donohue '90, Tom Scully '90, and Dainius Remeza '90 enjoying a seaside lunch last summer.

1991

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Regis was well-represented at Iona University for the men's basketball team's tilt against MAAC rival Quinnipiac on January 29. In addition to **Bob Walsh '90** manning the sidelines as an assistant to Rick Pitino, **Mo Kennedy '88, Brian McConnaghy, Rob McGovern, John Morgner, Jim Murphy, Nolan Shanahan, Joe Spillane,** and **Jim Vincequerra** all took in Iona's thrilling come-from-behind victory. After the game, the crew hit a local watering hole in New Rochelle for refreshments. Coach Pitino showed up later but was not interested in Murph's thoughts on zone defense.



From left to right: Brian McConaghy '91, Bob Walsh '90, Nolan Shanahan '91, John Morgner '91, Jim Murphy '91, Joe Spillane '91, Rob McGovern '91, and Jim Vincequerra '91 celebrating after Iona's men's basketball team defeated Quinnipiac on January 29.



Tim O'Reilly '91 in line with his four sons for the Regis Rep's production of Little Shop of Horrors.

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Congratulations to **Martin Peterson** on his promotion to Detective with the Yonkers Police Department. He is pictured in these pages with his lovely wife Angela and beautiful daughters Ella, Monica, and Lillian. I think that's right. Need to check their old man's tattoos to verify. **Rob Boller** bought a new house about 100 yards away from his old house. Partner in Charge is going places. Lastly congratulations to my guy **Scott Usiak** and his Mrs. Erika on the birth of Scott Jr. May Scott Jr's 14-30 ages be filled with less excitement for the two of you than they were for Carol and Robert Usiak and Scott. Sr. Until next time, your old boy, Terence.



Martin Peterson '95 (pictured with his wife Angela, and daughters Ella, Monica, and Lillian) was promoted to Detective with the Yonkers Police Department.

1996

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1997

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Charlie O'Donnell, when he's not investing in startup founders, has returned to volunteering as President of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse, a non-profit kayaking program that he co-founded back in 2010. He is joined as a volunteer by fellow Regian **Terry Ellison '96**. Come find us on the East River over the summer! **Shane Conway** started a systematic global macro team at Millennium Management in January.



Amy and Patrick Durkan '97's daughter Marilyn in Regis attire.



Patrick Durkan '97, wife Amy, and daughter Marilyn dressed for Christmas Mass.



Pierre Chavez '97 and his wife, Leonore Nelson, welcomed their daughter Matilde Ursa on February 1.

1998

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1999

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Maureen and **Owen Reidy** welcomed their third child, and first little boy, Owen Daniel, Jr., on December 19, 2022. Owen Jr. joins big sisters Eileen and Theresa at home in the beautiful Bronx. The entire family celebrated the news that our nephew/cousin Danny Barrio will be starting at Regis in the fall as a member of the class of 2027.

2000

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James Walsh married Anna Odintsova on September 17, 2022, in a beautiful mountaintop ceremony in Roxbury, N.Y. Regians in attendance included his brothers/groomsmen, **Matthew Walsh '96** and **Christopher Walsh '98, Alex Tween '94, Nick Gorski, Divino Paran, Justin**

Ratcliffe, Matthew Tarpey, Milosz Meller, Toma Dedaj, Christopher Noooney, Scott Callahan, Terence Kannengieser, Oliver Browne, Chris O’Leary, Mike Memoli, Frank Novick, and Matt Lazzari, whose saucy rendition of “I’m Too Sexy” was the highlight of the after-party. **Francis Fallon** was recently granted a tenured position in the Philosophy Department at St. John’s University. He is currently working with new men’s basketball coach Rick Pitino on an intro class that will answer some of life’s toughest questions like, if there is no blood, is it truly a foul? Congratulations to **Dr. Justin Ratcliffe**, whose cardiology practice, Sorin Medical, recently received the distinguished Heartflow 4th Quarter 2022 CT Quality Award. The U.S. population decline cannot be blamed on the Class of 2000: Dalya and **Oliver Browne** welcomed their son, Cassius Marel Browne, on November 9, 2022. The couple’s older child, Roey, is a natural big sister and is taking good care of “Baby Cash” and the rest of the family in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn. March 16, 2023, will forever be a banner day for the Class of 2000, with **Neil Toomey** and his wife, Katherine, welcoming their third child, Charlotte Field Toomey; **Chris O’Leary** and wife, Meg, welcoming baby number four, Eamonn Michael O’Leary; and the cutest 3/16 baby, **Toma Dedaj**, celebrating his 40th. If you find yourself in Bed-Stuy on a Thursday night, stop in to Turtles All The Way Down and say “Hi” to the bartender, **Bill Manning**. His conversation will be weak, but his drinks will be strong.

2001

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Jeff Vrecnak shares: “In August of 2023, I’ll be hitting my 10-year anniversary with the Port Authority Police Department. This will be my first hit since 2001 when I got smashed in the face with a one-hopper (we set the standard for Regis baseball, did we not?). I spent my first 4+ years on patrol before being assigned to the PAPD’s Counter-Terrorism Unit in November of 2018, where I remained until I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in March of 2022. On October 10, 2021, I married my best friend, Arina Nikitenko, in a ceremony that featured my brother **Greg Vrecenak ’99** as best man. I recently moved to Middletown, N.J., where my neighbors include Governor Phil Murphy.” **James Valletti** is currently living in beautiful and sunny Palm Springs, Calif., where he launched a real estate business, as well as MOGO Silent Disco Tour, a mobile silent disco

and Palm Springs’ most unique outdoor event. He also married his partner Andrew on November 1, 2022, and was a contestant on *Wheel of Fortune: Disney Secret Santa Edition*, which aired on December 6, 2022.



James Valletti ’01 married his partner Andrew on November 1, 2022.



James Valletti ’01 was a contestant on Wheel of Fortune: Disney Secret Santa Edition, which aired on December 6, 2022.



Jeff Vrecnak ’01 married Arina Nikitenko on October 10, 2021.

2002

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Joe DeLessio left *New York Magazine* after 18 years to become the director of communications and engagement at Regis High School. He edited the magazine you’re reading right now. Victoria and **John R. Hein** welcomed their second daughter, Caterina Felicity, on January 12. **Denny**

Donovan will be completing his fellowship in pediatric cardiology at Columbia in June and heading back to the Upper East Side to join the pediatric cardiology faculty at Weill Cornell starting in August. Last year, **Chris Plentus** decided to pick up trail running and ran his first 50k and 50-mile races in Pennsylvania. He also founded a non-profit called Kanna for All which helps underserved youth access health and wellness classes. On September 24, 2022, several members of the class of 2002 and their spouses gathered in East Falmouth, Mass., to sing (and dance to) Carly Rae Jepsen’s “Call Me Maybe” and Shania Twain’s “Man! I Feel Like A Woman!” They also celebrated the wedding of Ellen Grenley and **Tim McKernan**. The bride and groom could not be more thankful to the Regis crew, as well as the rest of their friends and family (particularly their parents!) for the tremendous weekend. Tim and Ellen live in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn.



Ellen Grenley and Tim McKernan ’02 celebrated their wedding with fellow members of the Class of 2002. From left to right: Luigi Naguit, John Hein, Mike Nalaskowski, Mike Gil, Jim Garnevicus, and John Lampariello.



On January 12, 2023, Victoria and John R. Hein ’02 welcomed Caterina Felicity, seen here with big sister Antonella.

2003

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2004

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Matthew S. Smith magisly married Bhargavi Kamakshivalli on October 15, 2022, in Watertown, Mass. Fellow Class of ’04 mates **Carlos A. Molina, Matthew A. Kelly, and Richard J. Martinelli** joined in the festivities, along with brothers **Brendan Smith ’06** and **Sean Smith ’08**.

2005

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John Hannon and **John Cavanagh** continue to neglect their Washington, D.C., legal careers as they plan an Appalachian canoe trip for the upcoming season. Patrick (’37) and Jack Cavanagh (’39) and Sammy (’38) and Nick Hannon (’40) will be joining as utility paddlers and mosquito bait. Everyone has been practicing their flatpicking to surprise the locals with a spontaneous rendition of “Dueling Banjos.” **Stephen Kalin** is a foreign correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*. He writes mainly about Middle East politics and business but has also covered conflict in Iraq, Yemen, and most recently Ukraine. After stints across the region, he now lives in Dubai and welcomes any Regions passing through to get in touch. **Luiz Felipe das Neves** recently got engaged to Alice Carver. They met at Columbia Business School, both class of 2020. Prior to CBS, Luiz Felipe moved back to Brazil to work at Verde Asset Management in São Paulo. Post MBA he remained in New York City with Alice and today works as a long/short public equity analyst at Masterson Capital, a Viking spin launched in 2020, focused on the real-estate and consumer sectors. **Evan O’Brien** lives in South Burlington, Vt., with his wife Amanda and their three children Leo, Bridget, and Magdalena. He practices law at Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC in Burlington. Last October, **John Calhoun** and his wife welcomed their first child, a daughter named Sloane. John is a litigator and political consultant living in Boston, where his wife works as a critical care physician. He fully intends to turn Sloane into a New York sports fan, or at the very least prevent her from being a Pats fan.



John Calhoun ’05’s daughter Sloane.

2006

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Giovanni D’Onza and his wife Alyssa welcomed their daughter Giulia Delice D’Onza on October 4, 2022. **Corey Tapper** joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2019. He practices internal medicine and palliative medicine. He is an Associate Program Director for both the Osler Medicine Residency and the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship. Corey lives in Washington, D.C., with his partner (Max) and old English sheepdog (Avon Barksdale). Corey and Max got engaged on a recent trip to Greece in the summer of 2022.



Corey Tapper ’06 and Max got engaged on a recent trip to Greece in the summer of 2022.



Giovanni D’Onza ’06 and his wife, Alyssa, welcomed their daughter Giulia Delice D’Onza on October 4, 2022.



Sanjay Salgado ’06 and Silia DeFilippis welcomed their daughter, Isabella Rose Salgado, into the world on January 13. They could not be happier as a new family of three!

2007

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2008

Nick Domino, ndomino@me.com
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Stefan F. Botarelli will marry Ashley Peterson from Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 28, 2023 in Rosemary Beach, Fla.

2009

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Coulter King married Alexis Wise on October

29, 2022. Regions in attendance included **Barrett King '13**, **Ben Buchanan '08**, **Joe Gasperetti**, and **Phil Gillen**. **John Flannery** married Nikki — a UVA classmate — in 2018. They now reside in Charlottesville, Va. John is a proud #girdad, with one daughter born in 2021 and another coming in May. He started a financial planning firm in 2018, and as he gets older, he grows increasingly more thankful for his experience at Regis. **Brendan Smyth** has three sons nowadays keeping him busy: Brendan (4), James (2), and Rowan (8 months). He graduated from the University of Iowa with an MBA last January. Brendan lives out in the Midwest in Davenport, Iowa. **Niall Murphy** got married on September 18, 2021, to Sharon Murphy (formerly Sharon Brautigam). **Drew Marconi** got married on Labor Day 2022 to Malena Keys. They met in San Francisco, though ironically, she grew up eight blocks from Regis. **Alex Powers** delivered a reading at the wedding. **Tom McKenna** and his wife Kelly officially completed their long awaited move to Miami, after closing on a home in the area last December. If you're a Region in the area, Tom would love to hear from you! **Chris Schaller** celebrated the birth of his daughter (Jane) on September 6, 2022, and his son (Liam) just turned two on March 19. **Matthew Ulloa** joined the Regis Board of Trustees in the summer of 2021. He'd also like to share that the Deo et Patriae Award was given to the REACH class of 2005, which includes 12 Regis alumni from the class of 2009. **Ruben Garcia** got engaged to his fiancée, Kathryn Kardas, in the summer of 2022.



Chris Schaller '09 celebrated the birth of his daughter Jane on September 6, and his son Liam turned two on March 19.



Tom McKenna '09 and his wife, Kelly, officially completed their long-awaited move to Miami after closing on a home in the area last December.

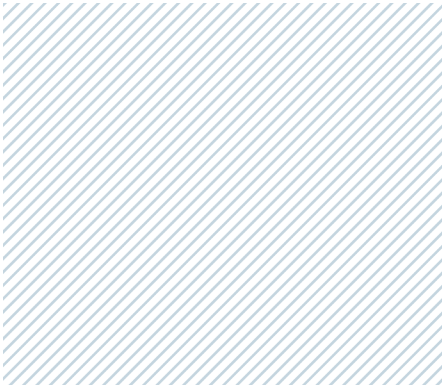
2010

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Brendan Owens was married to Allison Bunney in Brooklyn in October 2022.



Brendan Owens '10 married Allison Bunney in Brooklyn in the fall of 2022. Also in attendance were Luis Powter-Sánchez '10 and his wife Daniela.



Bill Passannante '80, Judith Passannante, Will Passannante '10, Julianne Hagarty, Grace Passannante, and Luke Passannante '14.

2011

Eddie Kelly, ed.joseph.kelly@gmail.com

Dave Cieremans recently received several exciting awards/recognitions: He was named Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Student Researcher of the Year, was interviewed by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) for a hip study for which he was the lead author, and was interviewed by the Boston Globe. In conjunction with the AAOS interview, Dave gave a talk on patellar component design. Courtney and **Eddie Kelly** welcomed their second son, Conor, in early December 2022. **Jake Kinsley** married Sarah Barrett on September 24, 2022, on Shelter Island. **Matt Vuoncino** was a groomsman. **Neil Hannan** and his wife, Natalie (Hejduk) Hannan, welcomed their son Theodore Sebastian Hannan to the world on March 27, 2022.



Dave Cieremans '11 giving a talk on patellar component design.



Neil Hannan '11 and his wife, Natalie (Hejduk) Hannan, welcomed their son Theodore Sebastian Hannan to the world on March 27, 2022.

2012

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John Balletta '12 and his wife Elizabeth baptized their daughter Lucy in the Regis Chapel. From left to right: Richard Chian '12, Rev. Arthur Bender '67, Elizabeth, John, John Murray '12, Michael Browne '12, and Randy Balletta '14.

2013

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2014

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2015

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Some classmates down in D.C. had a mini Class of 2015 reunion along with **Jack Aiello '16** and **Robbie Flatow '12**. Attendees included **Billy Ford**, **Brett Simmons**, **Paul Torre**, Robbie, **Dan Sullivan**, **Jonah Langan-Marmur**, **Liam Brozen**, **Brendan Powell**, and Jack.



Members of the Class of 2015 (Billy Ford, Brett Simmons, Paul Torre, Dan Sullivan, Jonah Langan-Marmur, Liam Brozen, and Brendan Powell) had a mini reunion in D.C., and were joined by Robbie Flatow '12 and Jack Aiello '16.

2016

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2017

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2018

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Left to right: Chris Murdy '18, Aidan O'Gara '18, Tom McGreal '18, Conor McCormack '18, and Nick Drury '18 braved the elements and rang in the New Year from Park City, Utah.



Left to Right: John Chiamonte '18, Conor McCormack '18, Tom McGreal '18, and Mike Tabrizi '18 in front of St. Peter's Basilica last year.

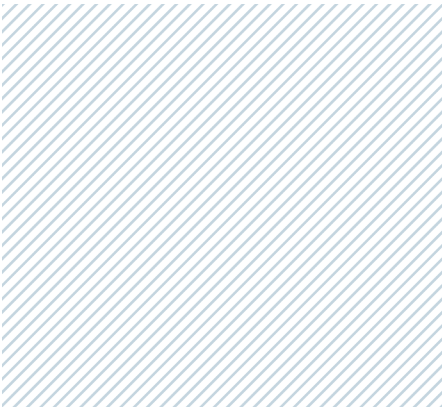
2021

In 2022, **Max Esterson** competed in the GB3 Championship (formerly British Formula 3) with Douglas Motorsports. He recently became the first American to win the main event of the Formula Ford Festival and is one of only five drivers to win both the Formula Ford Festival and the Walter Hayes Trophy.



'19/'20/'21/'22

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IN MEMORIAM



Diane Walsh, Passionate Science Educator

It was with great sadness that Regis learned news of the March 18 passing of Mrs. Diane Walsh, who taught at the school for 37 years and guided generations of students through their science studies until her retirement in 2009.

During her tenure at Regis, Mrs. Walsh taught Biology, Advanced Biology, Chemistry, and Health Science, and she was a driving force behind the implementation of the Science Research Project that to this day offers students opportunities for advanced, independent study.

In addition to teaching, Mrs. Walsh served as Science Department Chair for 15 years, was the costume designer for Regis Rep for three decades, managed the Regis Bookstore, and served as moderator for a number of other student organizations, including *The Crow* opinion journal.

Mrs. Walsh earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees from St. John's University before joining the Regis faculty in September of 1972. For decades, she worked alongside her husband, Mr. Frank Walsh, who served Regis as a teacher, assistant headmaster, and guidance counselor.

In 2011, Diane and Frank Walsh were awarded the Deo et Patriae Award, which is presented annually for service to Regis and the community in a distinguished capacity. While introducing the Walshes during the 2011 ceremony, then-Assistant Principal Kristin Ross described how Mrs. Walsh served Regis in many roles both inside and outside the classroom. "She did anything and everything Regis asked of her, and she did it with competence, with grace, and with a smile."



Gregory Rapisarda, Master of Foreign Languages

Regis mourned the passing of beloved long-time faculty member Gregory Rapisarda on December 16 at the age of 83.

Mr. Rapisarda's time at Regis began in 1960 as a member of the Foreign Language Department, and for 41 years he taught Spanish, French, and Italian with charisma and care to generations of students.

Mr. Rapisarda was born in Brooklyn and earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in French from Fordham University. He joined the Regis faculty at the age of 21 while still a senior in college. Throughout his decades of selfless service to Regis, he could often be found tutoring students both before and after school. In addition to his teaching duties, he directed the French Exchange Program, organized annual cultural trips to Mexico and Europe, and contributed to the development of the school's academic resource centers.

Upon his retirement in 2001, fellow teacher and former student Mr. James Scacalossi '83 P'15'20 praised Rapisarda as "a model for new teachers. He enjoyed his work and his enthusiasm to spread to the rest of the faculty. He was always willing to listen (and be listened to!), give advice, and offer words of encouragement. He was the professional, always looking to increase his own knowledge and improve his class. He continuously offered his best to the students, which other faculty members wish to emulate."

Milestones

BIRTHS

Scott Jr. to Erika and **Scott Usiak '95**
Matilde Ursa on February 1, 2023, to Leonore Nelson and **Pierre Chavez '97**
Marilyn on August 5, 2022, to Amy and **Patrick Durkan '97**
Owen Daniel, Jr. on December 19, 2022, to Maureen and **Owen Reidy '99**
Cassius Marel on November 9, 2022, to Dalya and **Oliver Browne '00**
Eamonn Michael on March 16, 2023, to Meg and **Chris O'Leary '00**
Charlotte Field on March 16, 2023, to Katherine and **Neil Toomey '00**
Caterina Felicity on January 12, 2023, to Victoria and **John Hein '02**
Sloane Forsyth on October 11, 2022, to Tiara Forsyth and **John Calhoun '05**
Bridget Cecilia on August 1, 2020 to Amanda and **Evan O'Brien '05**
Magdalena Louise on September 12, 2022, to Amanda and **Evan O'Brien '05**
Giulia Delice on October 4, 2022, to Alyssa and **Giovanni D'Onza '06**
Isabella Rose on January 13, 2023, to Silia DeFilippis and **Sanjay Salgado '06**
Jane on September 6, 2022, to Meredith and **Chris Schaller '09**
Theodore Sebastian on March 27, 2022, to Natalie Hejduk and **Neil Hannan '11**
Conor in December 2022 to Courtney and **Eddie Kelly '11**

WEDDINGS

John Hall '74 and Gloria Taylor Johnston on March 3, 2023
James Walsh '00 and Anna Odintsova on September 17, 2022
James Valletti '01 and Andrew on November 1, 2022
Jeff Vrecnak '01 and Arina Nikitenko on October 10, 2021
Timothy McKernan '02 and Ellen Grenley on September 24, 2022
Matthew Smith '04 and Bhargavi Kamakshivalli on October 15, 2022
Coulter King '09 and Alexis Wise on October 29, 2022
Drew Marconi '09 and Malena Keys on September 5, 2022
Niall Murphy '09 and Sharon Brautigam on September 18, 2021
Jake Kinsley '10 and Sarah Barrett on September 24, 2022
Brendan Owens '10 and Allison Bunney in October 2022
Will Passannante '10 and Julianne Hagarty on October 30, 2022

Events Calendar

MAY

22 Golf and Tennis Outing
Garden City Country Club

JUNE

1 Baccalaureate Mass and Reception
3 Graduation
10 35th, 40th, and 45th Reunions
Classes of 1988, 1983, and 1978
17 50th Reunion
Class of 1973

SEPTEMBER

8 Mass of the Holy Spirit
29 JUG Night

NOVEMBER

2 Deo Et Patriae Reception

Correction

Our 2022 Annual Report omitted Mr. Evan M. Rose '05, President, E.M. Rose Group LLC d.b.a. ROSE, from the Board of Trustees. We regret the error.

Requiescat in Pace

Thomas Glasser '44 on January 21, 2023
Louis Maresca '44 on January 17, 2023
James Ehrenberg '45 on February 8, 2023
John Sullivan '45 on October 11, 2022
Donald Fager '48 on March 9, 2023
William Storz, MD '49 on December 15, 2022
John McIvor '50 on February 3, 2023
James McNichol '50 on March 28, 2023
John Foley '51 on February 10, 2023
Lawrence McKenna '51 on February 3, 2023

Frank Panettiere, MD '52 on December 12, 2022
John Hanlon '53 on January 14, 2023
Andrew McEvoy '53 on March 5, 2023
Bernard Villa '53 on September 1, 2022
Robert Kral, MD '55 on October 28, 2022
John Ryan '56 on January 14, 2023
Lawrence Brekka '57 on January 16, 2023
Daniel Marshall '58 on February 27, 2023
Martin Gavin '59 on March 1, 2023
Nicholas Pingitore '61 on October 24, 2022

Edmond Caron '63 on February 24, 2023
Louis Castro '63 on December 14, 2022
John Houlihan '65 on October 27, 2022
Robert Romano '65 on December 13, 2022
Sal Santoro '65 on December 3, 2022
Paul Litka '67 on December 16, 2022
Michael Morris '81 on July 30, 2022
John Grandefeld '96 on September 24, 2022



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The varsity baseball team met with former Yankees outfielder Nick Swisher during the team's annual spring training trip to Florida in March.