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**Above:** Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ, was officially installed as Regis High School's 25th president in September. Read more on p. 10.

**On the Cover:** The 84th Street entrance to Regis on a beautiful fall day

## President's Report The Magis Mindset



While a Regis education is unique in many ways, it shares with other Jesuit secondary schools a similar mission and vision articulated most compellingly in the Profile of the Graduate at Graduation.

This Profile highlights five characteristics that Regis aims to develop in each graduate after his four-year student experience. Namely, through his Regis education, each young man becomes Open to Growth, Intellectually Proficient, Religious, Open to Others, and Committed to Doing Justice.

These characteristics are profoundly countercultural. They suggest that the goal of education is character development rather than an instrumental means to achieve admission to one's college of choice or career success. I was reminded of the first characteristic, Open to Growth, as I read a guest essay in the *New York Times* by theologian and college professor Jonathan Malesic.

Entitled "The Key to Success in College Is So Simple It's Almost Never Mentioned," Malesic argues that a "growth mindset" is the most important trait one brings to college. It describes this mindset as a "willingness to learn" — "the belief that your abilities are not fixed but can improve." Malesic identifies threats to this trait, including careerism and what he calls "knowingness." He goes on to write:

*School isn't a quiz show; the first person to say the right answer doesn't deserve the greatest reward. Rather, school should cultivate students' curiosity and let them feel the thrill of finding something out. I would bet most teachers already share this outlook, but it's hard to encourage open-ended curiosity when schools are judged by standardized test scores, and it's hard to defeat narrow-minded careerism when the entire economy seemingly mandates it.*

The author's examples are enlightening:

*Knowingness is a danger especially for talented students who have been rewarded for always having the right answer. At the University of Pennsylvania, undergraduates complain that student clubs expect prospective members to have extensive knowledge of the club's area of interest. As a first-year student, Adrian Rafizadeh, told the campus newspaper, "If I can't get into the clubs that will help*

*educate me and foster that interest, then how do I even get started?"*

*Once, in a cafe near an elite liberal-arts college, I overheard a student lament to another, "I can't take a Russian history class. I don't know any Russian history!" Of course not. That's why you take the class.*

The question for our faculty at Regis is how to best motivate, encourage, and reward students who demonstrate an openness to growth? How do we nudge our students to take risks in their pursuit of knowledge rather than chart a safer path that may lead to a good grade but doesn't necessarily stretch their thinking in meaningful ways?

This challenge was at the heart of a recent initiative to enhance the academic awards that Regis bestows on students at the end of each trimester. Typically these awards highlight students who receive Honors in each class—i.e., the highly coveted Honors Card. Through their work in the Threshold Lab — a process whereby faculty propose new strategic initiatives that advance Regis' mission — a group of teachers proposed that we supplement our awards with a new one, the Magis Award, given to students who most consistently demonstrate a growth mindset in their pursuit of learning.

As I move through my first year of service at Regis, the introduction of the Magis Award is one of many reasons why I find our mission and vision so attractive and purposeful. I'm proud of the ways in which our faculty innovate our practices to enhance our support of students — not simply so they may achieve the coveted outcome of admission to a top college or university, but to become better young men who, in the words of St. Ignatius Loyola, will set the world on fire, with love and faith, their work for justice, and a lifelong commitment to grow and learn.

Sincerely,

Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ  
President



# A Noble Call

THE 2023 REGIS ANNUAL FUND

## Regis calls us to something greater.

The young men who commute from every corner of the metropolitan area receive more than a world-class education at 55 East 84th Street. Over four years, Regians are molded into men of character and conscience – Men for Others. Blessed with the unique gift of a Regis education, Regis alumni are called to use their talents in service of the common good as leaders in their communities and professions.

This charge is handed down year after year thanks to the generosity of alumni, families, and friends. For all who believe deeply in the transformative power of the Regis mission, another call is clear: to ensure that this opportunity endures for current and future generations. We invite you to make this life-changing experience possible with a gift to the 2023 Annual Fund: *A Noble Call*.



A donation to the Annual Fund is a gift for the present that ensures our future.

The Annual Fund is the lifeblood of Regis. Thousands of donations each year fund everything from the salaries of our exceptional faculty to the preservation and improvement of our landmark building. Last year, your contributions to the most successful Annual Fund in Regis history financed nearly 65% of the school's costs.

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If you believe in the enduring power of the Regis mission, answer the call today with a gift to the 2023 Annual Fund: *A Noble Call*.

Your support is essential.  
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"The call to be great hearted, to have the noble heart and to dare the hero's part, is very much the spirit of Regis High School, an idea and an institution born out of vision and generosity."

*The late Rev. Joseph A. O'Hare, SJ '48,  
the 20th President of Regis High School*





# News & Notes

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## Regis Senior Earns Prestigious Academic Honors

Over the past several months, Aidan Gouley '23 has earned two prestigious academic distinctions for scholarly work he has completed outside of the Regis classroom. The Concord Review, the only quarterly journal in the world that publishes the work of high school students, will feature a paper written by Gouley in its upcoming Winter issue. Last summer, a different paper crafted by Gouley earned first prize in the highly competitive 2022 John Sexton Essay Contest.

Gouley's article for The Concord Review focused on the economic consequences of the Suez Crisis on Great Britain. He wrote his History term paper in his junior year on the same topic and expanded and refined it over the summer with the encouragement of Ms. Gena Reisig, the chair of the History Department, before submitting it to the Concord Review for consideration.

"The Concord Review is truly unique as the only history journal to publish the academic work of high school students. It is remarkable in its commitment to encouraging students to engage with - and write long form research papers about - critical historical and social issues, and is a unique outlet for intellectual expression," Gouley said. "My passion for history drove me to do the necessary research and writing to publish on an era-defining issue, and I am incredibly fortunate to have my work included in The Concord Review."

In August, Gouley also was awarded the first prize in the highly competitive 2022 John Sexton Essay Contest, during a ceremony held at the Brooklyn

Society for Ethical Culture. Gouley is now spending his senior year at Regis as a John Sexton scholar. John Sexton, previously the President of New York University for 13 years, founded the John Sexton Scholars Program in 2020 to, "promote awareness of current international crises involving conflict and displaced peoples, especially those with little media attention," and, "to provide substantive professional and academic opportunities to the next generation of change makers."

Each year, the program organizes an essay competition - open to all high school students in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut - to select the next contingent of Sexton Scholars. This year, contestants were tasked with drafting a 500-word policy recommendation concerning the Rohingya refugee crisis in Myanmar as well as broader climate-driven mass migrations around the world. A panel of highly regarded scholars and foreign affairs experts selected this year's winners. Eight contestants were invited to become Sexton Scholars, and among them, the top three submissions were ranked on their individual merit. Gouley's submission was awarded first place.

## Regis Returns to Bear Mountain

On Friday, September 23, the Regis community returned to Bear Mountain for the first time in three years. At 8:30 a.m., students and faculty loaded up onto buses and began the hour-long drive north, towards a beautiful reprieve from the academic rigor of the typical school day.



Allowed to roam free, students enjoyed a variety of recreational activities in the cool, fall air, including basketball, Spikeball, and a hike up to the top of Bear Mountain. Nate Croce '23, Jack Stappenbeck '23, and Chris Kim '24 also helped to organize an inaugural two-hand touch football tournament for Catalyst, Regis' Christian Service club. Funds raised were donated to St. Aloysius Gonzaga, a Jesuit high school in Kibera, the largest slum in Nairobi, Kenya, serving children who have lost one or both of their parents to HIV/AIDS.

"The first ever Kibera Football Tournament was a huge success. Thirty-one teams competed and helped raise \$1,550," Stappenbeck said. "I feel the competition embodies Regians' spirit of generosity, as well as their fierce competitiveness. Hopefully, the tournament becomes an annual tradition of Bear Mountain Day, and the Kibera Committee can replicate this success for years to come."

Rounding out the day, the annual Senior vs. Faculty Softball game drew large crowds and cheers for either side. Phenomenal pitching and defensive performances from the faculty left the team up 8-3 going into the 8th inning, but with the substitution of several Varsity Baseball players in the last two innings, the seniors scored seven unanswered runs, winning this matchup for the first time in over seven years.



## Regis Attends Ignatian Family Teach-In For Justice

On Saturday, October 22, a delegation of Regis students, faculty, and staff traveled to Washington, DC to take part in the 2022 Ignatian Family Teach-In For Justice (IFTJ). Hosting over 2,000 participants from schools, churches, and other institutions across the Jesuit network, the three-day conference invited members of the greater Ignatian family to come together to engage with and actively challenge unjust structures facing our larger world.

This year's teach-in was guided by the theme "Rooted and Renewing," drawn from the conference's original commitment to inspiring a lived faith marked by the pursuit of justice. With the circumstances of our world changing and our resources to combat them developing, we as Catholics must intentionally renew our responsibilities, reflecting together on the work done so far and preparing ourselves to continue to promote change. As Pope Francis wrote in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, "each new generation must take up the struggles and attainments of past generations while setting its sights even higher. This is the path. Goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, is not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day."

Led by Director of Social Justice Initiatives Mr. Owen Smith, the Regis delegation was comprised of 17 students across grade levels and three faculty/staff members. Throughout the weekend, the group learned about pressing social justice issues from a variety of educational and civic leaders, including author Olga Segura, climate activist Bill McKibben, and Executive Director for Truth and Healing at Red Cloud Indian School Maka Black Elk. "Students and staff grappled with a wide range of topics within the Catholic faith through speeches, breakout sessions, prayer, and song," shared Mr. Smith. "Students



were able to tap into issues of justice that are important to them and consider new perspectives and ideas. The Regions also loved interacting with students from other schools from across the country and growing in fellowship with their Regis peers.”

Attendees followed these larger conversations by breaking out into small group sessions, which three Regions had the opportunity to organize. Jack Flanigan '23 led a discussion on the prevalence of mental health concerns in schools, and Julius Dorsey '23 and Jeremiah Alonso '23 presented on how to facilitate schoolwide conversations pertaining to identity, diversity, and race.

“Social justice is essential to the formation of every Region, and I had the privilege of sharing those values with students attending Jesuit institutions from all over the country,” Dorsey said. “My presentation gave me the opportunity to share my social justice work to a national audience, which inspires me to go further. I am grateful to have met many like-minded individuals who are willing to go above and beyond in their commitment to serving others.”

## Mr. Christopher Febles Authors *Richie the Caseworker*

In November, College Guidance Counselor Mr. Christopher Febles released his debut novel, *Richie the Caseworker*. Shaped by his own experiences and career in social work, the book tells the story of a newly graduated, home-grown, Yankees-obsessed Yonkers resident as he dives headfirst into his first adult career as a social worker at a homeless shelter.

After receiving his Master’s degree in Social Work from Fordham University, Mr. Febles went on to work in the social services field from the early 90s until he began his Regis career in 2008. Reflecting on how his own education could not have prepared him for the challenges of working with the underserved, he sought to share a similar story through literature, creating a titular character who likewise finds himself overwhelmed by the demanding nature of the job. While the idea for *Richie the Caseworker* was hatched about 15 years ago, the writing of the book began as a passion project during the COVID-19 pandemic. “There’s only so much Mario Kart and Minecraft you can play,” Mr. Febles joked.



The novel has garnered great praise, described by New York Times bestselling author Joe Drape as “a coming of age story beautifully told.” A Q&A video with insights from Mr. Febles on the book can be found at [regis.org/news](https://regis.org/news).

*Richie the Caseworker* is available on Amazon.



## John D’Emilio ’66 Shares Memoir With Regis

On Wednesday, October 19, John D’Emilio ’66 met with students, faculty, staff, and alumni to discuss his life and career as a leading historian of LGBTQ+ history. D’Emilio, considered a pioneering researcher in the field, also shared excerpts from his recent memoir, which chronicles his life growing up as a gay, Italian-American Catholic.

D’Emilio is Professor Emeritus of History & Gender and Women’s Studies at the University of Chicago Illinois. After graduating from Regis, he received both a Bachelor’s degree and Ph.D. from Columbia University, and went on to author several groundbreaking works exploring the history and politics of sexual identity. In 2003, D’Emilio and Estelle Freedman’s book, *Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America*, was cited by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy in *Lawrence v. Texas*, which declared state sodomy laws unconstitutional. He would later earn numerous accolades for his contributions to the field, and was inducted into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame in 2005.

In July, D’Emilio released his memoir, *Memories of a Gay Catholic Boyhood: Coming of Age in the Sixties*, which shares his experiences from growing up in the Bronx to navigating the social and political developments of the late 60s.

“I didn’t start with the intention of writing a memoir,” D’Emilio said. “I had heart surgery in 2004, I’m lying in the hospital wondering if I’ll be there tomorrow, and found myself flooded with memories of my early life, emotionally powerful. And after recovery, in my spare time, I found myself writing up different ones, just for my own satisfaction and enjoyment.”

D’Emilio’s visit began with a conversation about his approach to writing in English teacher Mr. Chris Rose’s *The Art of the Personal Essay* elective, where seniors have been analyzing the memoir over the past two weeks. After school,

he spoke with Prism, Regis’ LGBTQ+ & Allies club, about his career and time at 84th St, and closed out the evening with a discussion with Open, Regis’ affinity group for LGBTQ+ alumni.

D’Emilio’s memoir is available for purchase on Amazon.

## Regions Explore Engineering at Long Island Startup

For many Regis students, the first foray into the professional world can come quite early in their academic careers. This was no doubt true for Nate Croce ’23, Dimitri Mignano ’25, and Brian Witanowski ’24, who each participated in an intensive, two-week High School Summer STEM program earlier this summer at Innoveering, a Long Island-based aerospace and defense technology company. The program, which was organized by Regis alumnus Chris Mignano ’17, represented a unique opportunity for STEM and engineering-oriented students to practically apply their skills.

Founded in 2012, Innoveering serves the defense, aerospace, and energy technology sectors, having been awarded a number of major contracts. The company served as an ideal training site for the Regions, whose interests span from wind-tunnel technology to plasma driven shock tubes.

The students were first identified as a good fit for the program through their participation in Regis’ Science Research Project (SRP) course, in which all three are currently undertaking engineering-related study. An elective course that Regions can enroll in during their sophomore, junior, and senior years, SRP affords motivated students – those prepared to conduct scientific research independently – the opportunity to pursue focused research and to be trained in an advanced level of scientific inquiry.

“All three of them expressed a lot of great interest,” said Mignano, a full-time employee at Innoveering who planned this summer’s inaugural High School program. Mignano approached Mr. Frank Barona and Mr. Xavier Simon ’05 – teachers in the Science Department who advise SRP enrollees – who then recommended qualified candidates. The students’ background in SRP laid the foundation for the work they would perform at Innoveering.

The two-week training program was broken down into two phases: the first week primarily covered mechanics and coding instruction for the students, and the second week encompassed a capstone project each student could undertake independently and present to the company at the program’s conclusion. Speaking to the inspiration behind the program’s model, Mignano said, “We wanted participants to come out of it learning new things and with something tangible... at the end of it that they could bring with them to interviews or back to [Regis] to present.”

The program’s capstone portion gave the three Regions an opportunity to delve further into their SRP projects, and to discover their research’s professional applications. Croce and Witanowski, who have both worked on wind tunnels as part of their research, used the capstone to apply computational fluid dynamic modeling (CFD) to wind tunnel technology – a process that is essential to the current demands of the aerospace industry. Dimitri Mignano ’25, who will begin his SRP project this fall, pursued a capstone in acoustic particle levitation, which similarly has applications for his intended research in plasma driven shock tubes.

For the students, the program was pivotal in the development of their budding scientific endeavors. “The Innoveering High School Program was a great experience that combined classroom concepts with collaborative and hands-on projects,” Croce remarked. “The program provided me with all of the necessary resources to complete my projects but also challenged me to explore different thought processes to create innovative solutions.”





# REV. CHRISTOPHER J. DEVRON, SJ

— *Missioned As* —

## 25TH REGIS PRESIDENT

On Friday, September 9, the Regis community reunited on 84th Street to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit, begin the 2022-23 academic year, and usher in a new era of leadership at the school. In front of hundreds of students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, trustees, and friends at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ, was missioned and installed as the 25th President of Regis High School.

The Very Rev. Joseph M. O'Keefe, SJ, Provincial for the USA East Province of the Society of Jesus, served as principal celebrant. Fr. O'Keefe and Board of Trustees Chair Mr. Tony DiNovi '80 spoke from the altar as they officially entrusted Fr. Devron with Regis' sacred, noble mission.

"I now invest you with the office of President, and bestow upon you the Presidential Chain of Office, which signifies your leadership," Mr. DiNovi said. "Together, we, as the entire school community, ratify your selection and offer you our prayers, support, and very best wishes."

"We pray that you are guided in your work by the principles of the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, and the core values of Catholic and Jesuit education, which includes an integral commitment to the service of faith and the promotion of justice," Fr. O'Keefe added. "We pray that your care of the school's students, faculty, staff, parents, trustees, alumni, and friends may be in imitation of Christ the Teacher, whose own selfless love models the vision of Saint Ignatius of Loyola: 'Love shows itself in deeds and not merely in words.' May you keep the Catholic and Jesuit identity of Regis High School alive and vibrant."

In his homily, Fr. Devron reflected on the larger purpose of this Mass as a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, bestowed on each of us as part of God's creation. "This day, and for the rest of this year, may you and I allow this Spirit into our heart to transform us, to change us, to make us men and women that God most wants us to be: men and women for others, who dedicate their lives to God's greater glory."

Fr. Devron and Fr. O'Keefe were joined on the altar by History Teacher Rev. Arthur C. Bender, SJ, '67, Director of Mission and Identity Rev. James Ferus, SJ, and a number of fellow Jesuits: Rev. William Bergen, SJ, '49; Rev. James Carr, SJ; Rev. Kenneth Gavin, SJ; Rev. Thomas Massaro, SJ '79; Rev. Mario Powell, SJ; and Rev. Dennis Yesalonia, SJ.

Members of the student body offered up their many talents throughout the Mass, serving as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, ushers, cantors, musicians, and gift bearers. Students and faculty delivered the Prayers of the Faithful in a variety of languages, representing the diversity of the Regis community.

Fr. Devron, who previously served Regis as the founding director of the REACH Program from 2001 through 2006, returns to 84th Street with 16 years of highly successful experience shepherding Jesuit high schools. For the past nine years, he served as president of Fordham Preparatory School, where he oversaw a period of dynamic growth. Prior to Fordham Prep, Fr. Devron was the founding president of Christ the King Jesuit College Prep, a Cristo Rey high school on the West Side of Chicago focused on providing a quality Catholic education for families that otherwise could not afford private school. He served on the Regis Board of Trustees from 2014 to 2020.

Fr. Devron grew up in Palatine, Illinois and graduated in 1989 from the University of Notre Dame, where he majored in philosophy and government. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1991 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2001. Fr. Devron holds a Master's in Philosophy from Loyola University Chicago as well as a Master's in Divinity from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He also earned a Master's in Theology in African American spirituality through coursework at the Harvard Divinity School and the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans.

A full recording of the Mass is available at [regis.org/news](https://regis.org/news).



# Summer Trips Expand Regions' Horizons

An integral aspect of student formation on 84th St., experiential learning has for many years allowed Regions to explore the world around them, engaging with and learning from communities both local and global as a supplement to their work in the classroom. While travel restrictions and other obstacles have prevented such cultural, historical, and religious exposure from taking place over the past three years, several students, faculty, and staff were eager to revive this aspect of Regian education through a variety of travel experiences this summer. Through an exploration of ancient civilizations, foreign language and cultural exchange, and service immersion, students gained a larger perspective on our world, and with it a greater sense of their roles and responsibilities within it.





A group of Latin students visited Rome to take part in a four-day tour conducted by the Paideia Institute for Humanistic Study. Joined by members of the Class of 2021 who had their trip canceled earlier in the pandemic, the Regians explored many of the city's ancient ruins and renowned sites, including St. Peter's Basilica, the Via Sacra, the Colosseum, and the location of Marc Antony's eulogy of Julius Caesar. Adding to the week, Fr. Anthony SooHoo, SJ, '93 met with the group during their stay, leading the students on exclusive tours of St. Ignatius Loyola's private quarters and the Church of the Gesu. "Rome is the world's greatest classroom. To see how excited the students were to learn about Christian iconography and papal history inside the most beautiful places of Christendom made the trip so worthwhile," Language Department Chair Mr. David Bonagura '99 reflected on the value of the trip for the Regians. "We teachers try to bring the best features of the world to the classroom, but it is seeing these features where they were meant to be is the greatest way to inspire wonder and wisdom, the goals of a liberal arts education."

Just a few countries away, two other sets of students participated in foreign language exchange programs in Berlin and Madrid. Hosted by Canisius-Kolleg, a Jesuit high school in the city, Regis German students honed their speaking skills and were shown around the city by their peers, visiting Brandenburg Gate, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the Reichstag Building, and preserved sections of Berlin Wall. In Spain, Regians went on a sightseeing tour of el Museo Nacional del Prado, Palacio Real de Madrid, and El Retiro Park, all while practicing their Spanish with native speakers. High schoolers from Regis' host school, el Colegio Nuestra Señora Del Recuerdo, are set to visit New York City in September to immerse themselves in American life. "It was interesting to immerse myself in another culture with such an intricate history," shared Jonah Kennedy '24, who took part in the Berlin program. "Learning about the atrocities of the Holocaust, the divisions brought on by the Berlin Wall, and the intricate beauty of the historic castles created an experience I'll never forget."

Experiential learning also took place closer to home, with several students hitting the road to West Virginia for two service immersion projects. The first group, spending their week in the town of Wheeling, learned about the history and culture of Appalachia and how issues of environmental degradation, rural poverty, and the housing crisis have impacted the region. Regians quickly got to work helping to remove invasive species from nearby forests, served meals at the Greater Wheeling Soup Kitchen, and assisted at a community garden that employs the blind and visually impaired. In a written



reflection on the last day of the project, Callum Reilly '24 shared openly about what he gained from the experience. "This new connection with the people of West Virginia that I have formed makes me care more about their struggles and makes advocacy for these groups easier," he said. "My experiences with the people of Appalachia have made me realize that many in my own community endure similar problems. Ending my time in Wheeling, I feel inspired to take the perspective I have gained and address issues in my area."

The following week, another group embarked to the rural Colcord to partner with the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps (WVMAW), a Christian-based organization that builds and assigns work teams to complete a variety of projects for elderly, disabled, and low-income residents. The team from 84th St. helped construct a 50 ft. access ramp for an elderly woman, who due to a contractor shortage and interruptions from the pandemic had been on the waiting list for 3 years. After completing the build, the students learned about the coal industry on a mine tour and discussed issues of recent flooding in the region.

Rounding out the summer, a team of Regians ventured west to Nogales, Arizona to learn from community members and migrants about the struggles at the U.S. - Mexico border. Splitting their time in both countries, the 8 students volunteered with the Kino Border Initiative, a humanitarian aid organization that seeks to promote solidarity and just immigration practices through binational education, policy reform, and direct engagement with migrants. The group learned firsthand about the violence and adverse conditions that have caused many to seek asylum in America, and how far hospitality, compassion, and being present with the marginalized go in creating a better world. "The main lesson she shared was her belief that migrating is just a process and should not define a person," recalled Peter Zuccarello '23 of Bernie, a local social worker who met with the Regians to share her story of involvement with Kino and Mexican immigration. "The migrants have talents and special abilities and they should not be looked down upon because of this hard time in their lives."

"Regis returning to our immersive and cultural roots is what makes our community special," remarked Campus Minister Mr. Edwin Ortiz, who organized the student programs in West Virginia and Arizona/Mexico. "Our students continue to live out their openness to growth via the many communities we have joined this summer. It reflects well on our interconnectedness and ability to truly value the lives of our brothers and sisters throughout the world."





# Inaugural REACH Class Honored With 2022 Deo et Patriae Award

**On Thursday, November 3, the REACH Class of 2005 was honored with the 2022 Deo et Patriae Award. The inaugural class of the program, this group of 29 men was recognized in front of friends and fellow alumni of REACH and Regis for its courage and dedication, which paved the way for hundreds of future REACH students.**



Hosted at the New York Athletic Club, the Deo et Patriae Reception & Celebration serves as a formal recognition of all those who have given to the Annual Fund at the Order of the Owl level or above during the previous fiscal year. The evening's eponymous award is presented to a person or persons who have served Regis and the community in a distinguished capacity during the course of their lives.

"I am confident that the example set by the founding REACH class will continue to not just live on but thrive on for many, many years to come," shared Jake Maskara '23 (REACH '19) as part of the evening's remarks. "Words cannot express my thankfulness for the trailblazing, founding REACH class for providing my classmates and me with the opportunity to be in REACH. I can't imagine my life without REACH."

While REACH has changed the trajectories of hundreds of Catholic boys' lives over the past 20 years, the program began as a radical experiment that, while boasting a noble mission, had no proven track record. In 2002, the first REACH class and their parents took a tremendous leap of faith, dedicating their summers to rigorous academic work at the University of Scranton and continued classes on Saturdays throughout their middle school years. Over the course of the program, these students forged an enduring culture of leadership and service for REACH, and through their successes in high school, college, and their professional lives, these inaugural alumni served as the first testaments to the power of the program. Without the pioneering spirit, courage, and resilience of these first REACH students, the program would not have grown into the remarkable success it is today. Nearly 600 young men have followed in their footsteps since, growing as Catholic leaders committed to faith, scholarship, and service.

After opportunities to eat, drink, and socialize, the program began with a singing of the Alma Mater by current Regis students, followed by opening remarks and prayers from Vice President for Development Mr. James Kennedy '02 and History Teacher Fr. Arthur C. Bender, SJ '67, respectively. Mr. Doug Eickman '05, REACH Program Director, then approached the podium to recognize this year's honorees, as well as to introduce Mr. Stephen Sanchez (REACH '05), who offered remarks on behalf of his classmates.

"I have to say it's truly an honor and a blessing to be able to speak in front of you all on behalf of my brothers from the REACH Class of 2005," said Sanchez. "I want to start by saying 'Thank You.' There're a lot of supporters that are here that were with us since the inception of REACH, when it was just an idea, so I want to thank those that helped begin this journey for us, this opportunity that we were able to have. I want to thank those that joined in at any part during that journey. It's really, really important for us to be able to see this program grow and expand the way that it has. And I also want to thank any current and former REACH staff that have been part of that journey as well."

The evening concluded with Maskara's remarks, followed by words of appreciation to the class from President Fr. Christopher J. Devron, SJ. "Without being able to rely on the precedent of any outcome, you and your families brought only your faith and a strong desire to seek extraordinary opportunities that would allow your God-given talents and gifts to grow and to flourish," reflected Fr. Devron. "These aspirations and your generous response to this opportunity, your determination to commit to the principles of the REACH Program, created an extraordinary multiplier effect that we've just heard about. They helped develop a new path for dozens of young men throughout metropolitan New York City to grow and to achieve excellence, and in turn, to serve their communities as Men for Others dedicating their lives to God's greater glory."

A video recording of the 2022 Deo et Patriae Reception & Celebration can be viewed at [regis.org/news](https://regis.org/news).





# Prowlings

## 1949

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## 1950

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**Bob Dalury** writes that the good news is that his family, wife, children and great great grandchildren are all well. **Bill Stein**, now retired for 12 years, reports that he is surrounded by his wife of 68+ years, 5 daughters, 10 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and a resident grand dog, and that he is blessed and grateful.

## 1951

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## 1952

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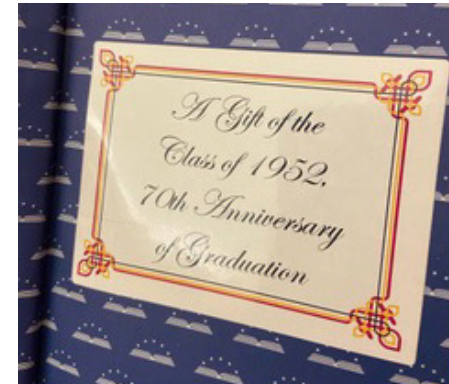
We had a wonderful 70th Reunion lunch at Regis on June 16, precisely 70 years to the day of graduation, June 16, 1952. Our happy group included Christina and **John Amabile**, Charlotte and **Bob Baron**, **Larry Boland**, **John Donohue** and daughter Brenda, **Mike Hayes**, **Jerry Kappes** and niece Serena, **Al Kenneke**, Carol and **John Kissane**, **Gerry Loftus**, Jane and **Ted McAniff**, **Ray McCann**, Terry and **Bob Moore**, **Jim Murtaugh** and son Jim Jr., Maureen and **Frank Neeson**, **Bill Sullivan**, and **Bob Walker**. We missed all our other classmates, including **Jim Brennan**, **John Peloso**, and **Lee Sculti**, who had signed up but had to send regrets. We are grateful to Fr. Anthony Andreassi for saying Mass in memory of our departed classmates to start off the day, and to **John Morin '16** and **Kevin Brennan '03** for their great planning for the day. Regis librarian Clair Quaintance stopped by to thank the '52 Class for our gift of a fund to buy durable and significant books from the Library of America, each volume affixed with this bookplate. During and after lunch, everyone enjoyed catching up with one another and renewing old friendships, especially with **Jim Murtaugh**. A special feature of the day was the presentation of a Regis diploma to

Jim and welcoming him back to Regis. Though he had left us in junior year, he has indeed been a “man for others” in his years of parish work for the New York Archdiocese and a Regian who we thought surely deserved a diploma. We are grateful to interim President **Christian Talbot '93** and Development VP **James Kennedy '02** for agreeing to our request and making the presentation. After lunch, we were delighted when Jim Murtaugh stood up spontaneously and in a strong bass voice sang the Regis school song. Jim writes: “My original intent was simply to suggest that everyone sing the Alma Mater together before we departed. But the spirit of the occasion carried me away, and I burst out singing fortissimo, overtaken with the moment. I want to thank everyone for bringing about my ‘graduation’ and making it official. As you can imagine, it was a very sad day when I left Regis. So, when I knew about receiving a diploma, a cloud vanished, joy filled my spirit, and a 71-year-old prayer was answered. Our 70th reunion may very well start a trend, but the reunions of other classes will have to go a long way in matching the reunion of the class of '52. Our class personifies the Spirit of Regis.” **Al Kenneke** writes: “I am glad I got to attend our 70th and to make probably my last visit to the hallowed halls. I wish I didn’t feel so fatalistic about the state of the world, but I think our generation has not made it a better place for those who followed us. We have left behind ever-increasing inequality, militarism, and climate change. ... I want to thank **Jerry Kappes** for keeping us in touch all these years and **Gerry Loftus** for his backing of all the May 16th get-togethers at the Back Door restaurant.” In connection with our recent Prowlings memories of MLB’s “Shot Heard Round the World,” another feature of our reunion was a drawing for a special item provided by **Bob Baron**—a baseball signed by Bobby Thomson and Ralph Branca. Happy winner, **Bob Moore**! Our classmate **John Leo** died on May 9, 2022—R.I.P. His New York *Times* (5/13/22) obituary headline was “John Leo, Columnist Who Took Aim at Liberal Pieties, dies at 86.” The obit stated, “Mr. Leo was often labeled a libertarian and conservative, but he insisted he was neither. He saw himself as a social skeptic, in the mode of his literary heroes Mark Twain and H.L. Mencken. Like them, he viewed American life with a gimlet eye, leavened by a sense of humor and a deep reserve of cultural and historical knowledge. But his stance was not merely critical. He fashioned

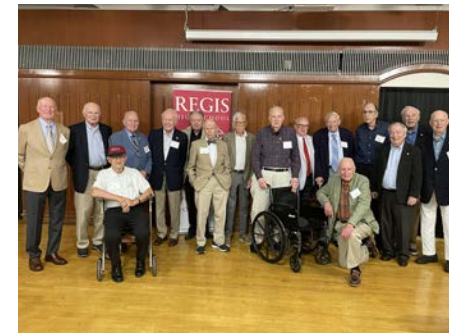
himself a moralist, defending what he saw as an endangered American sense of community that was under attack by liberal individualism and rampant capitalism.” John’s many journalism outlets included *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Catholic Messenger*, *Commonweal*, *Time* magazine, and the New York *Times*. In retirement from journalism, he joined the conservative Manhattan Institute and headed its “Minding the Campus” project. **Larry Boland** remembers: “John Leo and I were fairly close at Regis. He was a cynic of the first degree, but his humor allowed you to still like him and enjoy his company. He was a good intramural basketball player with a nice soft shot. I have some of his poetry he published at Regis. Bob Rice, SJ told him he was a good writer. Part of his daily commute from NJ put him with me on the 8th Ave. subway and 86th St. crosstown bus. Once while he wrote for the NY *Times*, he appeared at Marist College. We chatted, and I said I worked for IBM. He replied, ‘Oh, you sold out!’ Years later, I finally retorted that *he* sold out when he joined the *Times*. At lunch near Grand Central Station three years ago, we reviewed our Regis experience. He was critical that more of our class did not make a public impact.” **Bob Baron** also remembers: “John Leo was a fellow classmate in class 4B, and those of us who did not take Greek realized we would have to get by in the world using English. And John used it well. His use of language to communicate, his clear thinking, and his sense of humor elevated him to a hero or at least a person to admire in the 1960s and afterward as we learned to read and think. In life, as in soccer, you sometimes kick forward, sometimes backward, sometimes to the left, sometimes to the right. But John, you never forgot that the object is to score. An important aspect, nay the most important part of life is that you made a difference. That the world is better because you were here. For half a century, John, you showed us how one could use English to communicate and to get a reader to think, sometimes with clear logic, sometimes with wit, sometimes with love of the truth. Rest, John. You have earned it. You will live on in the memory of your friends and classmates, in your words and in your example.” Further, in his work as publisher of Fulcrum Books, Bob adds, “I am now signing up books and videos for America’s 250th birthday on July 4, 2026. I am not sure if I will be here, but the authors will. Enjoy every day. Do something new weekly. It makes life interesting.” Author **Harry**

**Demaio** reports: “September release of Octavius Bear #17—*The Octavian Cases and Sherlock Holmes*, and the Glamorous Ghost, Volume Two. Check out my website/blog: tavighostbooks.com.”

**Jack Magan** replies: “Harry, I’ve followed your career with more than casual interest, both as a classmate and a fan. At 88, I should be embarrassed to say that I’ve tracked the exploits of Octavius Bear every step of the way—to the overwhelming delight of my inner child. But I have, and I often burst into laughter, thinking how your deranged mind must have to work to produce those absolutely goofy, yet tantalizingly delicious, story lines ...and then get sophisticated businessmen to publish them, both here and abroad! I’ve done the same with Bob Baron’s spectacular success at the opposite end of the literary spectrum, and I’m thrilled to think that I was sharing space in both of your high-school English classes, while you two were honing your God-given talent. What an enormous pleasure to have known you guys.” Our classmate **Bob Maresca** died on September 1, 2022—R.I.P. From his obituary: “After Regis, Bob majored in accounting at Manhattan College and signed up for the ROTC program, then served three years in the Air Force. After passing CPA tests, Bob had a 39-year career at Metromedia, retiring in early 2010, a dedicated and hardworking man who demonstrated an impeccable work ethic. Bob and his wife, Pat, met on a blind date and married in 1963, raising five children over the next ten years, enjoying all their sporting events, school functions, college campuses, and weekly family outings. Bob and Pat also enjoyed many spectacular vacations together all over the world, but especially at Marco Island, FL., where they have enjoyed winter months for 28 years with family and friends nearby. Bob was an avid runner, beginning in mid-life, completing seven marathons and multiple half-marathons and races all over Long Island. A deeply religious and spiritual man, Bob attended daily Mass and tried his best to live his life according to the tenets and teachings of his Catholic faith.” **Gerry Loftus**, with great effort traveled from Maryland to Long Island, N.Y., to attend Bob’s wake, at which his wife and children spoke of Bob’s great pride in being a Regian. From **Jerry Kappes**: “My good friend **John Wright** died on August 31, 2022—R.I.P. He was a dear longtime friend since our time together as colleagues on the Regis faculty in the ‘60s. John made a deep and enduring impression on his students and was beloved by many members of the ‘64, ‘65, ‘66, and ‘67 Classes.”



*The Class of 1952 gave a gift of a fund to buy durable and significant books from the Library of America for the Regis Library. Each volume is affixed with this bookplate.*



*Members of the Class of 1952 celebrating their 70th Reunion at Regis in June*

## 1953

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From **Ron Tobin** (tobin@ucsb.edu): “We are giving **Tom Hickey** a well-earned respite from the editorship of our contributions to *Prowlings*. He will take up his duties once again in time for the next issue.” **George Bouvet** wants to make sure that we don’t lose the reading habits formed in the Time of the (COVID) Plague. He recommends that “If you are not already using it, I suggest you try the Libby app for reading books. It is a no cost app found on Google.” Demonstrating that Brevity is the Soul of Life in Benelux, **Gordon Brownlee** sent his first missive ever to *Prowlings*: “From *The Bulletin* 5 August 2022: ‘July was a record-breaking month for solar power in Belgium, with 15% of the energy generated from the sun.’” One of **John Duffy’s** sons, Austin, sent this obituary for his father: “John Duffy passed away peacefully at home on July 8, 2022. He had multiple myeloma and changed from chemotherapy to palliative care in his last year. His funeral was July 30, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in lower

Manhattan. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 53 years, Mary, in 2020. He is survived by sons Austin (Diana) and Justin (Janice), four grandchildren, and his brother Thomas and sister Patricia. John grew up in Brooklyn and attended Manhattan College and NYU Business School after graduating from Regis. He served a few years in Naval Intelligence in NYC before going to Shell Oil Company, where he worked for 20 years (and met Mary). After Shell moved out of New York he went to Smith Barney, where he worked for 12 years before retiring. John loved Regis and up until his last years, never missed an alumni event for his class.” Classmates will particularly remember two of John’s distinctive traits: his rapid-fire New York patois and his unrivaled passion for the Brooklyn Dodgers. **Vic Figuerelli** can’t contain himself: “I am having a ball: I am preparing a six-week class for Senior University on the Golden Age of Hollywood musicals. It starts in late September. I am also hosting virtual programs for people with dementia, their caregivers and families, and anyone feeling down or lonely. The programs feature entertainment designed to stimulate reminiscing. The platform for that activity is called Camille’s Memory Cafe, named in honor of my wife who passed away with Alzheimer’s almost six years ago. Camille’s Memory Cafe will soon go live at the city library and at a senior center in Georgetown (TX). I also MC sing-along programs at Special Friends, a Sun City church ministry providing socialization, food, and activities to engage people with dementia, and several hours of respite for their caregivers. And, I still meet virtually with two REACH graduates on occasion and meet for dinner with the graduate living in the Austin area and his charming wife. What a way to ride into the sunset!” (Maybe Vic wouldn’t mind some suggestions for his list of hit musicals for the next time he offers the course.) **Ed Kapp** has been composing fables for children over the past few years. (The latest is “The Mouse’s Secret.”) Ron Tobin has been doing some light editing, and Ed now feels comfortable in offering to send copies of the fables to classmates upon simple request. Like all fabulists before him, from Aesop to La Fontaine, Ed’s tales hold lessons for all, from 8 to 88. **Gerry Karg** proudly notes that his daughter, Sharon “has been named Managing Editor of *The Land*, a community newsletter in the Cleveland area. She previously was managing editor of *Your Teen* magazine. We had a family vacation in Pennsylvania the second week of August, our first one in four years. Nine adults and eleven grandchildren made the week which featured swimming, games, and family meals. Another family of six stayed off-site and came by on several



days. We had great weather and enjoyed the event immensely.” **Bill Kenny** writes from Canada that his book, *Desires of the Heart: The Evolution of an American Psychiatrist* will be out in mid-October at Amazon. (Let’s hope sales are deep-seated.) There has been a **Tom Rossano** sighting. His email outlines the major milestones in his life and career since Regis: Manhattan College, Bell Labs twice over, USAF, AT&T, retirement in January 1996, followed by world-wide travel. Closer to home, he has served as Eucharistic Minister to nursing homes, hospitals, and rehab centers for the last ten years. In his own words: “Pam and I are doing reasonably well, with some of the inevitable physical challenges. Our last wedding was number 53. Our five children are all married, each in a different career field and all well settled. We hope to resume some foreign travel plans that were so rudely interrupted by the pandemic. That’s about it. I wish only the best for you and all of our classmates and their families. Our next reunion will be a doozy! P.S. Pam has given literally thousands of COVID vaccinations so far, both as a medical center RN and as a volunteer for the county board of health.” **Jim (FL) McGuire** reports that he and Marilyn will once again pursue their favorite recreational activity: “Our cruise is on Oceania’s Marina, for 14 days early in December, stopping in ports in the Windward Islands. We have been to several places, e.g., San Juan and St. Johns, but Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia and St. Barts will be new to Marilyn. We will take a cruise bus to/ from Miami, so no auto ride and no air legs--one of the advantages of living in Florida.” Ann and Ron Tobin have been offering various kinds of support to two UCSB graduates whose families work in the California fields. Alizandro spent the summer learning immigration policy and practice under a lawyer in Alaska, and intends to find employment as a Paralegal in the fall. Mary has announced that she will return to her favorite French city, Lille (where Ann and Ron were married) to pursue a Masters in Teaching English as a Second Language. Both of them have overcome many cultural obstacles to pursue engaging careers.

## 1954

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The most recent loss in our class was the death of **John Ryan, S.J.**. He was, as **Jim Perrone** pointed out, “a good man and a good priest.” A native of St. John’s parish in Kingsbridge in the Bronx, he spent much of his priesthood in Africa on missions. Well over 6 feet, **Phil Trainor** remembers him as one of the two big men on the basketball team along with **Bill Monahan**. The other death this

spring was that of **George Majeska** who left Regis in the midst of our senior year. **John Fanning** explains why: “He left Regis in our last year. He left because he left the Catholic Church to join the Russian Orthodox Church. He had asked to be permitted to change his rite from the Latin rite to the Russian Greek Catholic rite, and that was turned down. So his affection for Eastern Christianity led him to the Orthodox church. I met him in the locker room as he was gathering his possessions to leave and asked him why he was leaving; he said that it was because Regis was a Catholic school and he was no longer a Catholic. Father Harvey came to our class and discussed his departure. He said he didn’t know what he would have done had George not decided to leave the school. George was very knowledgeable about the eastern rites of the Catholic Church, and about the Orthodox Church and the Byzantine world generally. I often talked with him about this. I once came upon him at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, at their annual Mass in one of the eastern rites. He said that on the way out he had chatted with Donald Attwater about some nuance of the organization of the sanctuary for the Mass. My understanding of Eastern Christianity is still informed by things I learned from him. He indeed went on to serious scholarship about Russia and that part of the world generally, and ultimately became a professor of Russian and Byzantine history at the University of Maryland, after a wide range of research and academic activities in the United States and abroad. In due course he resumed his connection with Regis by coming to alumni events. I once met him for lunch in Georgetown in Washington, and we had a long pleasant talk. As I recall we didn’t discuss religion, and I don’t know what his beliefs were later in life. As for burial observances, the funeral home’s obituary announcement speaks only of a celebration of life, at a restaurant.” (I doubt that would happen today.) As you may recall, after he left, George did not participate in alumni events. Sometime in the 1980s when **Jack Conroy** was principal of Pelham Memorial High School, he welcomed some visiting students from Maryland. One of them turned out to be George’s daughter who was delighted to give up her father’s phone number. Jack called George that night and George returned to Regis and its events.. **Dick Ward** is working on getting a posthumous diploma for George from Regis a la Pete Hamill who left as a sophomore when we were freshmen. **Matt O’Connell** writes, “23 years ago I answered an ad for Traffic Inspector with a consulting firm. The interviewer had attended the Catholic high school in Bayside, NY, and I mentioned that I had gone to Regis. I asked if he wanted to meet me before we

went to Nassau County Traffic construction and maintenance to meet with the Director, his reply was ‘You went to Regis, you can do anything!’ I got the job as a senior traffic inspector and, when the contract was expiring, I was the last to be let go. Hail Regis!!!!” **Tom Finnegan** has become our honorary class historian, saluting us each year on the 16th of June, the anniversary of our graduation from Regis and, until feast days were moved, the memorial of St. John Francis Regis - we have just passed our 66th anniversary. This prompted Bill Monahan’s memory “I was there when **Bobby Doyle** learned that he passed his conditional. We all felt the joy he experienced. It was nonstop to 86th. My memory tells me it was the Linden but I bow to my more erudite. It was the joy that carried him on that stage.” Phil Trainor and his wife ventured north: “Late summer saw Roberta and Phill headed north for a family wedding. En route, we had the chance to stop in and see Peggy and **Traug Lawler** at their Cape Cod house. There are enough Lawlers in Cape Cod to form a political party. Traug and I got to play golf with his brother **John Lawler '51**. Not unsurprisingly, the quality of play was on the other side of unremarkable. We spent the early evening with a contingent of Lawlers regaling ourselves with the hugger mugger of those long ago Regis years. Later on, we shared with Traug and Peg an absolutely charming late dinner. Then it was on to Kennebunk, ME for a Trainor grandchild wedding. Sometimes we forget how big a family can grow to in 60 years. My daughter and her husband put up a tent in their backyard that could easily handle a major league (200 folks plus) Baptist revival meeting. Our granddaughter got to officiate at her brother’s wedding. It was a wonderful amalgam of humor and deadly seriousness. Traug and I talked a bit about John Ryan. We recalled Bill Monaghan and John were our “ big men “ in BB. Perhaps Bill can weigh in on how big, big was.” My thanks for the many contributions - keep ‘em coming!!!! have done as well. Please keep in touch.

## 1955

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On June 16, 2022 (former feast day of St. John Francis Regis), we revisited the home of Dr. Joel Schein, now 107 years young. There were enough doctors in the apartment that we are now all COVID-protected for life! **John Githens**, Russia specialist and fluent Russian speaker, enlightened us all on Russia, Ukraine, and Donbass. **Dr. Arthur Weisenseel** sang a few songs, including “To Dream the Impossible Dream.” It was a

virtuoso performance in the long history of New York medicine! The Fordham College Pre-Med Program and the Georgetown Medical School thank Dr. Weisenseel for using the medical and performing arts for making this world a better place! An Ecuadorian, female internist danced the Mumba with an Hispanic aide to Dr. Schein. You can’t learn the Mumba; you inherit it from birth, like the Tango. The step dancing, heel clicking, hand holding, vertical standup, were electric and reminiscent of, say, ***Riverdance!*** Re the Alumni Fund ’22, the Class of 1955 contributed more to it than to the Alumni Fund ’21. This was most impressive and inspiring. Kathleen and **Dr. Ray Fidleao** have established a scholarship in the Regis Endowment, a class act and not surprising! Ray was one of the brightest and friendliest students in our Greek Program Class (which lasted 3 years). Ray graduated from the College of the Holy Cross and from the State University of New York. He had a very successful practice in Psychiatry for 59 years in San Diego. He and Catherine lived in La Jolla. In June 2022, our granddaughter (Clare Morriss) graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart (91st Street) and entered the College of the Holy Cross in August 2022. In June 2022, our granddaughter (Emeline Callaway) was awarded a Master’s degree in Art from Sotheby’s New York, with Honors. Previously Emeline had graduated from the University of Virginia, with High Honors. On April 23, 2022, we attended a Golden Owls Reunion for the Classes of 1955-1967. **Fr. Joseph M. McShane, SJ '67**, celebrated the Mass, which was concelebrated. In June 2022, Fr. McShane stepped down after a very successful, 19-year Presidency of Fordham University, in which he future-proofed Fordham for years and decades to come. On April 27, 2022, Fordham dedicated the “Joseph M. McShane, SJ, Center” as a fitting tribute to Fr. McShane’s outstanding, personal, interpersonal, administrative, and pastoral skills leading to Fordham’s excellence as a premier American university. The Center is a four storey building, adjacent to the McGinley Center. It contains the Career Center, Campus Ministry offices, student meeting offices, conference rooms, fitness center, dining areas, lounge, etc. In April 2022, Fordham appointed Keith Urgo its new basketball coach. He is the son of Don (Donny) Urgo, a classmate of ours at Fordham College. Don graduated from Brooklyn Prep and he and his Brooklyn family had long admired Fordham for its academic excellence, history, traditions, and alumni. After Fordham College Don obtained a law degree from Fordham Law School and moved to the Washington, DC, area, where he practiced law. His other son is a

friend and classmate of Supreme Court Justice, Brett Kavanaugh. Both men graduated from Georgetown Prep. (“It’s a small, small, world after all!”). In the Fall of 2021, we learned of the passing of **Ron Polant** on September 1, 2021. He served for 33 years in the US Coast Guard and retired as a 2-Star Rear Admiral. He served during the Vietnam War. Ronny grew up in our neighborhood in the Northeast Bronx and attended our grammar school (St. Anthony’s, bastion of academic excellence). He was a star in Art Class. ***Poeta nascitur non fit!*** He ran cross country at Regis. In his adult years he produced many, high-quality paintings, some of which he sold and others he gifted. He perfectly embodied the theory of the left-right brain. Interesting that a seasoned military commander could also paint, e.g., Dwight Eisenhower and Winston Churchill. Ronny was buried with a public ceremony and full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on April 8, 2022. His was a long journey from Taylor Avenue in the Northeast Bronx. On land and at sea! During his military career he traveled over 200,000 miles to defend and protect America. Ronny acquired a Bachelor’s degree and two Master’s degrees in Electrical Engineering; Technology; and Public Administration. He epitomized the spirit of Rene Descartes: *Cogito; ergo sum!* *Je pense; donc je suis!* He had a Master’s equivalent from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He was an Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at the US Coast Guard Academy, his Alma Mater at New London, CT. He was also a Coast Guard Aviator. His obituary in the New *York Times* ran for 25 inches, including a picture of Ronny in full military uniform with his chest ribbons and Commander’s cap (straight out of Central Casting!). Ronny was a sterling example of the Regis Spirit: Deo et Patriae, Noble-hearted; Strong to Endure. He contributed to Regis over 60 years and was a member of the President’s Club. He never forgot his roots. RIP, My Friend! Deepest condolences on the passing of **Ray Okonsky**, who passed on June 26, 2022. He earned a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree from the Newark College of Engineering. He was employed as an Information Technology Professional at Ingersoll Rand, BASF, Nabisco, and IBM. Ray had a cousin, Fr. Stan Okonsky, SJ, longtime, highly respected English teacher at Fordham Prep. Fr. Okonsky retired from teaching in June 2022. Congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Christopher Devron, SJ, newly appointed President of Regis. Fr. Devron has three great academic degrees and was a very successful, nine-year President at Fordham Prep, where he was greatly respected and treasured by the faculty, student body, and alumni. Fordham Prep is an

academic and athletic powerhouse. (Cameron Young is a 25 year old on the pro golf tour. He golfed at Fordham Prep, Winged Foot, and Wake Forest, home of Arnold Palmer. In July 2022 he competed in the British Open and finished second, one stroke behind the winner. Cameron will be heard from in the future!).

## 1956

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## 1957

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The Class of '57 held its 65th reunion Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23. On Friday evening, we met at McGee’s Pub on 55th Street and on Saturday evening at Regis, along with the classes of '55-'56, '60-'62, and '65-'67. The multitude of classes on Saturday was due to this year making up for two COVID years without reunions. In attendance on Friday were **Ray Begin, Bill Berlinghoff** and Barb Miller, **Dan Daly** and daughter Kathleen, **Bill Gillen, John Hannaway, Jack Hyland, Jerry Johnson** and wife Kathy, **Packy Lawler** and wife Judith, **Tom Lippman, Neil McCarthy, Ted O’Neill, Jim Power** and wife Maureen, **Ed Sayre**, and **Willie Werwaiss** and Deb Berg. Also, via Zoom, we talked with **Fred Brown, Bob Tobin and Joe Vaira**. A loud, good time was had by all, although we couldn’t hear the Zoom participants for the overall pub noise. For the 70th, your class rep will know enough to have earphones. On Saturday at Regis, we added **Bob Arbour** and wife Marie, **Bill Bartlett** and wife Sandy plus son Bill, John Hannaway’s wife Kathy, and lost Bill Gillen and Tom Lippman to prior commitments. In a highlight of the evening, Bill Berlinghoff, former President of the Glee Club, accompanied by three more of us, led the assembled multitude of nine classes in a rousing performance of the Alma Mater. A very enjoyable evening and good to see so many classmates in good spirits. It was also notable that eight of the 15 classmates who attended live outside the New York-New Jersey area. **Pat Ryan, S.J.** wrote that he had delivered the homily at the August 10th funeral mass for **Jack Ryan, S.J. '54**. Jack will be remembered by many as the center of the 1953-1954 varsity basketball team that won the Jesuit championship in a famous duel with St. Peter’s Prep in Jersey City. Pat recounted Jack’s career with the Jesuits, including positions in Maryland, 19 years in Africa, from which he returned in 1999 to a post in



Buffalo. He retired due to ill health and spent his last years at Murray-Weigel Hall at Fordham, where Pat was able to renew his friendship with Jack.

## 1958

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**Dr. Damian Fedoryka** passed away on 26 July at age 81. His legacy is replete with numerous and impressive accomplishments, both professional and personal. Damian had served as the second President of Christendom College in Front Royal, Virginia, for seven years, during which time he spearheaded extraordinary achievements, both academic and fiscal. He publicized the college in the highest circles of the Vatican via several trips to Rome and personal audiences with Pope Saint John Paul II. He also guided the college to full accreditation by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) in 1987. He later took on teaching positions at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and at Ave Maria College in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Damian earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Louvain and graduate degrees from Fordham University and the University of Salzburg. His main area of expertise was in the philosophy of the person, ethics and the thoughts of Dietrich von Hildebrand and Pope Saint John II. He taught and lectured on these subjects in the U.S., Austria and his native Ukraine. In 2008 he received Christendom College's highest award, the *Pro Deo et Patria Award* and we all know what that stands for. Damian is the father of 10 children by his late wife, Irene, many of whom attended the College and some of whom taught there as well. Over 1000 people attended his funeral, with the service conducted in the Ukrainian Rite Divine Liturgy. After the liturgy a letter was read, written by the Most Rev. Borys Gudziak, Archbishop Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, which summed up Damian's legacy most compellingly: "No one else resembled Socrates so much." **George Garces** writes: "The summer months are always a good time for me. A time to create future memories as well as recall past ones. Marking my 83rd birthday in June was actually more of a non-event. Somehow that number is not so exciting so we let it pass almost unnoticed. However, when 85 rolls around, now you're talking, and be prepared to hear about a blast of a party. More memorably, in July my wife Marie and I celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary. Time does fly when you're having fun. We took in NYC for a weekend with our son, wife and two grandboys, adding to the good

time. And now, looking ahead to June of next year, the Class of '58 will come up to its 65th school graduation anniversary. Maybe we can find a way to gather then and rekindle the noble hearts. It could be fun and maybe even memorable."



*Dr. Damian Fedoryka '58 passed away on July 26 at the age of 81.*

## 1959

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**Chris Conroy** writes: Bonnie and I are enjoying old age living in Newton, MA near our children and grandchildren. No exciting news good or bad, but we were happy to have short visits from **Don McDonough** and from **Ken Hepburn**. As many of us may be doing, **Paul Mulligan** was busy going through old storage boxes and found a picture from **Rich Loeffler's** 1965 wedding (with **Leo Tymon** and Paul in the wedding party). Paul took time to send along an update: I don't have much to add for the Prowlings as our travel has been minimal. Our oldest granddaughter just started at SUNY Albany; our next granddaughter, a 7th grader in New Orleans, entirely on her own initiative is transferring to the Lasher school, which has an outstanding reputation, because she wanted more challenges. Her sister decided to continue in the current school for the 5th grade because she likes her friends and teachers. The grandson in Philadelphia will enter the third grade. They certainly grow up quickly. We're looking at the courses available for us now that most classes are back in person. Cheers. **Jim Bonnell** reports: Here in Puerto Rico, from my balcony, a confiscated Russian Oligarch yacht is seen parked in a cruise ship berth; I myself am headed for a month in Europe in September; and our first hurricane, Cat I, a baby, is projected in four days. Stay safe. **John Felago** is on the move; he reports: I haven't written for a while but have an extra little push now because I am in the last few days of four years of residence at Maryknoll, NY. We need more members for our residence in California. Here is

my new data as of 15 Sep. '22: John Felago, M.M. Maryknoll Residence 23000 Cristo Rey Drive Los Altos, CA 94024-7425 (650) 386-4342 Now after a long siege of COVID and COVID-related death and disaster [from around 120 total residents here at Maryknoll, we have averaged more than one death a week since the beginning of 2022. We have varied between tightening and loosening our restrictions ['guidelines'], and right now [8/29/22] we are again back in tightening 'mode', e.g., one man per 4-man table in our dining room, no public masses or other gatherings or visiting in residents' rooms. Now summer marches on and what I will miss [Los Altos is about 15 miles from San Jose], among other things, is the four seasons of eastern U.S. climate, the nearness of the ocean, of one brother and his children and grandchildren, and Regis classmates and other friends. Finally, as we remember again our classmates who 'have fallen asleep', I would like to congratulate those of us who have somehow reached the milestone of age 80 [!] And even more, and let us all continue to offer our prayers for each other and those who have died and for their everlasting happiness. I am proud and happy to have known you all and look forward to seeing you again. God bless you always! John, soon to be a Californian again.

## 1960

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On June 22nd, eighteen of our noble-hearted classmates and some guests who were dauntless enough to mingle with the gathered crimson horde, came together at the New York Athletic Club for a reunion lunch. Present were **Ed Brady, Jack Carney, Jim Doran, John Rooney, Kevin Clinton** (with his wife and son), **Steve Hilbert, Richard Marks, Brian Morrow, John Murray** (with his sister), **Billy Smith, Larry Squeri, John Ward** (with our erstwhile professor of English **Jerry Kappes '52**), **Carl Utsinger, Henry Ricardo, Charlie Nastro, John Werwaiss, Brendan Ryan,** and **Bill Dickey. Jack Barnosky** tested positive for COVID (fortunately not serious) shortly before the lunch and was very disappointed that he could not attend. The reunion celebrants had traveled from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Missouri, among other exotic locales. Some other classmates who were unable to attend sent supportive messages: **Joe Russo, Mike Kane, Frank Nicastro, Joe Vaccarino, Michael Coogan, Ed Powers, Jim Barbara, Joe Marotta,** and **George Stops**. The hosts (organizers) for this gala were Jack Barnosky, Charlie Nastro, Henry Ricardo, Brendan Ryan, and John Werwaiss.

Brendan did a splendid job of arranging for a private room set up for a buffet table and a bar, with a private outdoor patio overlooking Central Park. Inside and out, the conversation flowed like wine (and the wine flowed like conversation)—talk of our mutual time at Regis, catching up with all that has happened since. It was good to see that Jerry Kappes' wry sense of humor was still in good form. We had the room/patio for three hours, but many of us chose to continue our conversations downstairs in the Members' Room afterwards. The consensus seemed to be that although our Regis years and the years since have included their share of challenges, most attendees were content with their lives and careers. In the follow-up online discussion about future reunions, the prevailing sentiment seemed to favor another one in 2023.



*Members of the Class of 1960, joined by Jerry Kappes '52, at a reunion lunch in June.*

## 1961

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**Dennis Thelen** reported that our class was well represented at the Golden Owls Reunion in April. "Attending were **Mike O'Gara, Bill O'Connor, Joe Carlucci, Dennis Thelen, Tom Daley, Ollie Harper, John Moran,** and Nancy and **Seb Pandolfo**. Similar to our 50th reunion, the main part of the program began with tours of the school led by student volunteers (who offered their time on the last Saturday of their Easter break), followed by Mass in the chapel, a cocktail hour in the courtyard (the weather was perfect), and a catered dinner in the auditorium. Extremely gratifying to see was the obvious enthusiasm of the student guides for the educational experience they were having and their genuine love for Regis itself. (Why else would you sacrifice your last Saturday off to show a bunch of old guys around, often at a glacial pace?) Of great interest was the different approach to education they were experiencing compared to the straight

lecture approach we had, as exemplified by the use of subject resource centers and, of course, modern technology. As just one example (and demonstrating the use of modern technology), a high-definition screen at the top of the third-floor staircase and a still larger screen in the auditorium played a loop of the senior year yearbook pictures of all the attendees throughout the day. Great thanks are due to those in charge of putting the day together including **James Kennedy '02, John Morin '16,** and Diane Brush." But shortly thereafter, Mike O'Gara suffered an inexplicable tragedy. "On July 25th, my wife of 52 years, Mary, passed away. Her passing was totally unexpected and blasted a hole in my life. I have, however, been blessed with three non toxic children who have been an enormous support and strength to me even as they mourn the loss of their mom. Adjectives like 'awesome' come to mind." Mike was already dealing with his own health, but says that his lymphoma is in remission. "I am checked out quarterly by Sloan Kettering and will see their crew again in late September. To All, as per Father Carney, Courage and Confidence." This spring **Ted Vorburger** and Joanne finally traveled to Europe, taking a cruise in Holland and Belgium that had been delayed for two years by the Covid pandemic. "After that we spent a few memorable days visiting relatives in Europe. Our younger daughter had located a Jean Marie Vorburger in Alsace and began corresponding with him. When we compared family trees, it turns out that Jean Marie is my fifth cousin. He is a wine grower and winemaker in the hills of Alsace west of Colmar. You can find his vineyards on the internet at [vinsvorburger-meyer.fr](http://vinsvorburger-meyer.fr). Joanne and I had a wonderful day visiting Jean Marie and his wife and brought them two bottles of our excellent Mesa County (CO) wine, then brought a half dozen bottles of his wine to our next stop, Joanne's family in a nearby town in Germany. She reunited with three first cousins there and a host of children and grandchildren. Great trip, except for the day coming home. In addition to the long flight and the stopover in O'Hare, there was COVID testing to find, undergo, and pass ahead of time." Then as he signed off, Ted added "Still waiting for another '61 Regian to settle in Denver!" **Ed Bertele** wrote "I have news from the Low County of South Carolina. Josephine and I recently visited **Frank Porada '81** and his wife Susan at their new home in Dataw Island, SC where they moved from Colorado. During our visit, we traveled by boat and golf cart to explore historic Daufuskie Island, the location for author Pat Conroy's novel, *The Water is Wide*, and the schoolhouse where he taught. Frank's Portuguese water dog, Raffa, usually was the center of attention. And we toured Hunting Island State

Park to see its boneyard beach, the product of beach erosion. Only Raffa went into the water. The visit ended with dinner in Beaufort and promises to see them in Charleston." **Cosmo Salibello** sent this news: "The older daughter of my partner, Pam, is hosting an exchange student from Switzerland. She is a delightful 16-year-old, a bright, articulate, engaging individual who speaks Schweiss-Deutsch, German, English and a smattering of French. Very impressive person, and she has agreed to help me with my German over the next ten months. When we first met, I greeted her with, 'Guten tag, Fräulein. Ich freue mich sehr Sie zu kennenlernen.' She replied with a befuddled smile and a look reminiscent of mild horror. I think I took her a bit by surprise. And my greeting may be the reason she agreed to help me with my German! I'm looking at this as an unblinded, uncontrolled, n=1 study of Swiss culture, as reported through the eyes of a European Gen Z high schooler. She starts Junior Year at a local high school this week. I also reconnected with my past military experience by rejoining the American Legion Post 124 facility in Beaverton, OR. I am now serving as Quarterly-Newsletter Editor and Post Veterans' Service Officer. Getting started in both roles has given me a renewed sense of purpose and a very positive transition from the isolation of COVID." **Father Pete Madori** wrote to say that he's "re-upped" yet again for a one year term as pastor/administrator of his parish of St. Joseph in Sullivan County, NY. "The Archdiocese permits its retired clergy to retain administrative authority between ages 75 and 80, one year at a time. At this point, Pete - who was the youngest in his class at ordination - may be the oldest member of his ordination class still on 'active duty', *active* being, of course, a relative word." At this point in our lives, there are few (if any) of us still working full time. Now there is one fewer, given this note from **Mike Caruso**. "I have just retired from the active practice of dermatology after 50 years. We live in St. Pete, FL. and would love to see old friends who have moved to Tampa Bay or might be passing through." **Paul Diczok** also wrote from his home in Florida. "Marianne, Harry the dog (who celebrated his second birthday in May) and I have cheated: we snuck out of torrid Florida (hotter than we like it) in the dead of day (nobody sane goes out during daylight this August, not even billionaires in Bentleys recently arrived from New York City) and decamped north for the month of August in the Great Smoky Mountains' metropolis of Bryson City (pop. 1584) in western NC, very near the head of the infamous Trail of Tears. Much cooler – yippee! We have become mountain people, sharing towering woods with coyotes, bears, astounding TVA hydroelectric infrastructure, and a DVD player that plays Clint



Eastwood DVDs. *Watia* (pronounced Wat-eye-ah) *Creekside* is the name of our hovel, and as you might surmise, is nestled close above the ever babbling, not in an annoying way, Watia Creek, that refreshes us all. We have direct access to Nantahala Gorge, a world class white water kayaking/rafting facility that we visit as spectators only - though Harry does splash in the river. It is a magnificent country. FWIW, Mount Mitchell, a little north of Asheville to our east, is the tallest mountain this side of the mighty Mississippi. And if I get up high on one of the local outlooks, squint into the distance, and concentrate, I can see the dim but approaching outline of what looks like an 80th birthday. I hope it reaches me."

**Joe Krassy** was a charter member of the DC-MD-VA club until he decamped for sunny Florida. But he returned in June (to visit a daughter) and met with **Greg D'Alessio** at the National Air and Space Museum where they posed in front of a Royal Airforce biplane. When we published the class Bio Book, **Don Hands'** son was beginning boot camp for the Navy SEALs. Don now reports that "Zachary, after serving 7 years in the U.S. Army Special Forces, got his MBA from Fordham and is finishing an MS from Oxford. He works for J and J pharmaceuticals." Seb Pandolfo was happy to report on the academic prowess of his grandchildren. "Grandson Miles Roy has chosen to attend Syracuse University to pursue studies in finance. Grandson Graham Roy is starting senior year at George Washington University concentrating in political science. Granddaughter Lucy Mikula is looking forward to continuing her streak of First Honors awards as she enters fourth grade." I mentioned in our last column that **Art Sullivan** had completed a book that features a fictional version of our late classmate **John McGann**. Art says that the book (titled *Walden 3.0*) has now been published. He would be pleased to send an EPUB copy (for Kindle and other eReaders) to anyone requesting it from [Asullivan75004@yahoo.fr](mailto:Asullivan75004@yahoo.fr). Greg D'Alessio penned an older gentleman's litany. "My blood pressure is in the green zone. My doc tells me that all his patients who die die with good numbers. The only bad numbers I have show up when I step on the scale. If my intermittent fasting diet doesn't work I will have to look into losing weight by disrupting the Higgs field. I guess I have adjusted to retirement. I don't miss the commute or the stress but I do miss interacting with smart colleagues. The good news is that my number two niece (Gator graduate) is headed to med school. Number one niece is also a Gator alumna. My number one nephew has started his third year at the University of Florida and is majoring in mechanical engineering and getting A's. He's also 6'2", bench presses 320 lbs, and looks like he just

arrived from Central Casting. He is also trained in karate and Brazilian jujitsu. (For some reason he wasn't bullied in high school!). Number two nephew had straight A's in high school and was recently highlighted as high school scholar/athlete of the week on the local Gainesville TV station. He was just admitted to UF, so my younger brother is four for four in getting his children into UF. I do what I can to mentor them. That's gratifying.". Finally, we've lost four classmates this year: **Peter Griffin**, **Dick Boyle**, **Buck Favorini**, and **Jack Newman**. Peter Griffin served in Vietnam, then worked for Price Waterhouse on his return. He later earned an MBA in Finance from NYU and took a job with Carter-Wallace Inc., ultimately retiring as Chief Financial Officer. Dick Boyle had a stellar career in finance as CEO of Chase Manhattan Bank, and Vice-Chairman of the conjoined Chase Manhattan Chemical Bank. He was also very active in charitable organizations - including Regis where he served as Chairman of the Board for six years, and St. Vincent's Hospital where he served as CEO. A classmate recalls that Dick was initially pre-med at Holy Cross, but said that "his hopes of becoming a doctor decreased in direct proportion to his science grades." In March, **Bill Hannon** attended a remembrance service for Buck Favorini in Reston, Virginia. Buck lived in Pittsburg, died in California, and had never once worked in Washington, DC - but roughly 200 people showed up to honor his life, an amazing turnout. I was able to reach Jack Newman's son Peter who confirmed that Jack had died of Alzheimer's on May 31st in Las Vegas. Jack's sister wrote that the disease "eroded many of his life's greatest loves; reading, writing, and teaching children how to swim!" I will always remember his final comment at our graduation ceremony: "*We graduate realizing that we cannot repay, aware that we shall not forget, and determined that we will not squander the gift that is Regis.*"



Ed Bertele '61 and Josephine visited with Susan and Frank Porada '81 in Dataway Island, SC.



Greg D'Alessio '61 and Joe Krassy '61 at the National Air and Space Museum



Mike O'Gara '61, Bill O'Connor '61, Joe Carlucci '61, Dennis Thelen '61, Tom Daley '61, Ollie Harper '61, John Moran '61, and Nancy and Seb Pandolfo '61 at the Golden Owls reunion last spring.

## 1962

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**Bob Donaphin** died in Las Vegas on June 26 after a long battle with heart problems. **Brendan Thomson** provided great friendship and support to Bob during his last year. After graduating from Notre Dame and earning an MBA at Harvard, Bob had a long business career, first in New York and then in southern California and Las Vegas, where he spent most of his last 33 years. He leaves three children and four grandchildren who recall his intellect, his guidance (often from afar), his snappy dressing, and his passion for golf. His daughter Danielle and son David organized a memorial service on Long Island in late July. **John Shay** and **John O'Rourke** represented the class at the service, while **Gene Burke**, **Wayne Merritt**, **Rich Musto**, **Allan Service**, **Bob Sheehan**, **Brendan**, and **Paul Spagnoli** were able to attend via Zoom. During the service Bob's son read memories of Bob emailed by **Ed Curtin**: "How we laughed together over one of his frequent lunches at school – two bags of Planters peanuts and often a candy bar, a lunch that sort of made sense considering the cafeteria slop. The

fun we had playing basketball, shooting around before practice began and just being boys together before the serious stuff began. How in one game, the trailing referee Richie Powers, who at the time refereed part-time in the NBA and later was a fixture in big NBA games, suggested to me, as he often did so no one could hear, as I dribbled up the court, that Bob could easily take his man to the hoop, so dribble screen for him and get out of the way. I did as suggested and of course Bob scored in his graceful and gifted way and Powers winked at me as we went back on defense. How Bob and **Carl Saunders** and **Peter Carter '61** (a year ahead, I think), must have had it hard in a school so white, yet bore it with such dignity. Such a man will never be forgotten. My son has a large picture of us playing against Fordham Prep at Rose Hill that when I see it reminds me of Bob's great athletic ability but especially his grace in all things." **Kieran Meagher** also contributed words read aloud by David: "I think my lasting memory of Bob is his grace, his calm, his drive, as Ed Curtin pointed out. Being black at Regis must have been very trying, although I have no memory of any racism. But Bob stood out in a crowd in every way, in a very good way. I remember him watching a pickup game in the old gym one day, and then telling me I had no chance to ever play in the new gym. Then he flashed that megawatt smile and slapped me on the back. I felt blessed." In other news, **Gary Kendellen** (with wife Ros), John Shay, Kieran Meagher, and **Jim O'Boyle** were able to attend our 60th reunion at Regis in late April (see photo). Allan Service's plan to be there was derailed by a positive COVID test that kept him in Ireland. **Lee Soffel** was moved by memories of **Bob Somma** and IF in a recent Prowlings. "He and **Tom Troiano** really helped me through that year. We really had a great class. Mr. Gallen was really special and Mr. Shea couldn't wait till I flunked out. It was the motivation that I needed." In late June Wayne Merritt and wife Susan Murray hosted Paul and Pam Spagnoli at their new home in Hingham, MA. Paul and Pam enjoyed a superb lunch plus a tour of the new community. A month later Wayne and Susan were lunching again, this time with Jeanne Lemlin and Ed Curtin in Ed's hometown, Great Barrington, MA. They report "conversations on a wide range of topics, including politics, education, kids and grandkids, cultural offerings in the Berkshires (modern dance, Shakespeare, Boston Symphony Orchestra), and local women's clothing stores. Sports stories came up, including current and bygone major league sports, currently played sports (basketball, of course, for Ed, and pickleball for Wayne), and of course our days at Regis. They paid loving tribute to Bob Donaphin and what he meant to them." The recent death of Bill Russell led to a discussion

of a book that Wayne had read and sent to Ed: *The Last Pass*, by Gary Pomerantz, on Bob Cousy's relationship with Russell. That in turn brought them to the recent publication in *The Berkshire Edge* of a revised version of Ed's own brilliant essay on Cousy, Bob Dylan, *The Odyssey*, and the shape of a life (see <https://theberkshireedge.com/bob-cousy-bob-dylan-and-the-art-of-playing-well/>). Ed had learned from Cousy's daughter that her Dad had read the essay and was writing him a letter about how much he liked it. She is hoping to get Ed and Cousy together at Bob's home in Worcester, MA, "for in-depth basketball discussions between Master Trickster and Student Trickster on behind the back passes, no-look passes, peripheral court vision, trick dribbling, etc." Brendan Thomson reports from Phoenix that he has completed his annual task of producing the Vatican Observatory calendar for next year and is now awaiting September 22 knee surgery. After "a bad year due to a chromium cobalt hip prosthesis," his wife Sandy is "doing GREAT." She continues to volunteer on Arizona's court appointed Foster Care Review Board. Their oldest son, also Brendan, has been rehired by AT&T to serve as a point person for their work on the next two Super Bowls, in Phoenix and Las Vegas. He and his wife are planning to move back to Phoenix from Denver. Meanwhile their youngest son Michael has just moved from Phoenix to Buffalo, claiming that Phoenix is "too vanilla," not to mention "too hot." John O'Rourke and **Gene Burke** send greetings from Asbury Park, "the home of Jersey Shore Rock & Roll," where they lunched on the Boardwalk in June with John's wife Adeline and Gene's husband Joe to celebrate Pride Month. "Gene is still working as a consulting engineer specializing in elevators," they write. "John is re-learning how to walk after a couple of spine surgeries." In August John reported that he had just walked three miles on the boardwalk "with a little help from ankle braces and a walking stick recommended by Brendan. Life is good! Brendan also recommended that I drink port wine with breakfast to reduce my hand tremors; I tried it but fell asleep by noon."



Gary Kendellen '62 (with wife Ros), John Shay '62, Kieran Meagher '62, and Jim O'Boyle '62 at the Golden Owls reunion in April

## 1963

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Our 60th reunion is scheduled for Saturday May 6, 2023 so plan now to visit East 84th Street and see other intrepid classmates. Of course, JUG Night attendance on Friday, October 14, 2022 is also a superb idea. There were only three 1963 grads at last year's live event so hopefully a few more will join **Luke MacCarthy**, **Kevin Morris** and **Jack Prael**. Barbara and **Jim Higgins** were married on June 24, 1972. On June 24, 2022 they celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner at the Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville, NY hosted by their three children and attended by said children, one son-in-law, one daughter-in-law and all eight of their grandchildren. It was a beautiful evening and a fine time was had by all, especially Barbara and Jim. **John Sesody** reports that this spring the Regis golfing tradition continued in South Carolina. Little bit different this year as they stayed at John's place-Seabrook- played 4 rounds and had a great time in spite of age and infirmities. **Bill Brown**, **John Tuccillo**, **Jack Stack**, **Luke MacCarthy**, **Dick Chiarello**, John Sesody and non-Regis but long standing participant John Carman were the crew. Newbies are welcome! **Kevin Morris** writes that he and his wife Mary Ellen are moving to the 'burbs. After negotiating stairs for 75 years, they are relocating to Pelham where one level living awaits. Biggest adjustment is the change from house living to apartment living. The couple began their massive decluttering just as a heat wave hit the city. They trekked over the Whitestone Bridge like government mules schlepping the good, the bad and the ugly. Kevin notes that compared to Flushing, Pelham is rather like Mayberry. Will this sleepy village, not inclined to the louche, the outre and the bizarre, welcome Kevin? It's too soon to tell. Pat and **John Tweedy** stepped into a small village in Greenland on August 26th after leaving Iceland two days prior, and they took a Zodiac ride checking out glaciers and icebergs. Temperatures are in the 30s and 40s, so it was good to get back on the warm ship afterwards. Linda and **Bob Gardella** spent the month of June in Lecce, Puglia, Italy. They love it and are going back the month of May 2023. Went from there to Ireland for a month where Linda painted in an outdoor festival in Wexford. They traveled and stayed in Dublin, Doolin, Dingle, Kinsale and Kilkenny as well. Beautiful country, nicest people, not a mask in sight, COVID (very brief and light) came and went while Bob was there. Back in happy home route now. Local plans for FL include street-peddling Linda's art. No big travel till spring.





The almost annual Southern golf outing crew from the Class of 1963



While visiting Chicago, Pat and Jack Prael '63 discovered Crushed by Giants Brewery downtown, and Jack happily posed in front of the brewing tanks.

## 1964

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I hope this edition of the Prowlings finds all of you well. (I do want to mention, before I begin, that several of you have been referring to this column as the “Ramblings”, rather than “Prowlings”. I take that as a sign of comfort among brethren rather than as a reflection on our age.) Just after the deadline for our last edition, **Jeff Weinlandt** was able to remind us of the tribute to **Lou Scheeder** put on by NYU. Lou’s wife, Patricia, added to the remembrances by adding a link to the archived video from the University. While I cannot include those here, I still have copies of both of those links. If anyone would like them, please let me know. I also still have the link for making donations to the

Tisch School in Lou’s name. Several of you had responded back then ... **Ray Smith** said: “Thank you Joe. This is a spectacular tribute.” In other news, **Ken Kelly** reports: “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 at the Garden City Country Club. We missed our usual fourth **Jim Oliviero** who has regularly come up from FL 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!” . This stirred some memories for **Joe Coyne**: “A thousand years ago (when the kids were still home), we used to go to Sanibel Island each year for vacation. My son and I had taken up golf (with no training whatsoever, of course - the game looked simple enough). The course on Sanibel Island was, as one would imagine, filled with water hazards. Collectively, we lost BOXES of balls on each outing - although I think we would astonish the locals by playing rounds in August in the Florida heat/humidity ..... crazy Yankees!”. Ken Kelly responded by wondering if we should name his group the “LXIV Tour”. **Ron Malanga** helpfully sent in a great update: “At the end of March, we moved from Warren, Ohio (where we lived for nearly 39 years) to Granger, Indiana. The driving force behind the move is a desire to be closer to our three children and ten grandchildren. Our new home is five minutes from our daughter, Veronica, and her family and within two hours of our son, Chris, and his family and our younger daughter, Monica, and her family. While we love the new house and the location, we are still dealing with boxes and totes as well as waiting for the new furniture which we ordered. (Guess we’re caught up in the dreaded “supply chain problem”). As a final bit of information, Rosemarie and I will celebrate our 50th Anniversary in July and our new location will greatly facilitate our entire family participating.” Changing gears, **Marty Besant** offered the following: “The picture of Lou Scheeder and **Frank Silvestri** as GTown roommates brought a story to mind. The story has to do with ‘**Danny Pukstas** and the Royal wedding’. Canisius College, 1964-65, Danny Pukstas was my Freshman roommate. Our interests began to diverge and he roomed with someone else for the next 3 years. **Ken Service** was my roommate for the remaining 3 years (all useless to the story). Marty reports Dan’s exact words were: “Nancy and I were planning on attending the reunion but a little over a week before the money was due, our daughter asked us

to watch the grandchildren for that weekend. She’s married to a Hollywood producer. He has a Television show, “Suits”. His lead actress is Meghan Markle. She’s getting married this weekend and my daughter and her husband are invited.”” So there you have it, Gents – “Danny Pukstas and the Royal Wedding”! (PS ... There may be more to this story so stay tuned for future references.). Readers will no doubt remember the animated discussion precipitated by the mention of the “Regis Film Society”. **Bob Walter** sent in the following wonderfully detailed follow-up: “The Class of 1964 Prowlings in the latest RAN included exchanges about the Regis film society and Mr. Kenneth DeLuca, SJ’s participation. This email follows up those exchanges. As our classmates noted, Mr. DeLuca was indeed the moderator of the film society. I recall watching some of the movies that were mentioned and that there were post-show discussions, but I would not have traveled from Long Island to 85th St on Saturdays just for that purpose. My recollection is that the movies were shown after class, but it’s possible that one or more were actually shown during class. (Mr. DeLuca taught English and Latin). More importantly, Mr. DeLuca played a significant role in the Regis speech and debate program. He worked from the “Hearn Forum” office on the 5th floor. In our junior year, Mr. Vincent M. Cooke, SJ (then a scholastic; later, President of Canisius; still later, Jesuit Provincial) was the primary moderator/coach; **John Koeltl ’63** (now a US District Judge) and **Bob Mannix ’63** won several tournaments. In our senior year, Mr. DeLuca succeeded Mr. Cooke as primary moderator/coach, assisted by Mr. John LaBonte, SJ; **Tom Kelly** and I, along with **Richard Merz ’65** and **Mark Sheppard**, had a good year. For the moderators, managing the debate program was quite time consuming. We participated in local tournaments on Saturdays, where they were needed to serve as judges; we also did quite a bit of traveling – Miami, Georgetown, Holy Cross, Philadelphia, Akron, Pittsburgh – usually enjoyable for the competitors, probably less so for the moderators. We wouldn’t have been so successful without the guidance of Messrs. Cooke, DeLuca, and LaBonte. The Prowlings exchange inquired whether Mr. De Luca had been the moderator of the RDS. He was not -- running the debate program was a full-time job. But the mention of the RDS prompts a related recollection. During our senior year, the RDS presented a delightful production of Gilbert & Sullivan’s Mikado. Several weeks after that triumph, Mr. DeLuca, the RDS moderator, and the cast arranged for a special “encore” performance, as a benefit to raise money for the debate team’s last

trips of the year. The audience loved the show. I had seen the original performance and the “encore” may have been even better. We were very grateful to our RDS classmates for taking on the extra work. Hope all is well with you and all of our classmates.” Turning to other matters, **Denis Burt** and Joe Coyne have been in touch several times reviewing work, offices, retirement(?), as well as other topics. Denis reports: “I’ve worked for Dell for the past twenty years. Their office is in Hopkinton, MA (start of the Marathon) and we live in Plymouth (near that cute little rock). Since this would have represented about a three hour round trip commute per day, I bought a one-room condo in Milford just five minutes from the office and spent three nights a week there. When COVID hit, of course, we all started working from home, but I held onto the condo since I didn’t know how things were going to play out. Now, however, Dell has pretty much decided that anyone who can do his job from home can keep working from home. So, I’ve been cleaning out my condo – like a dorm room occupied for twenty years! – and putting it on the market. I like that you are still working at your desired pace. Naturally, I’m all for that. There’s nothing that keeps me from being fully productive and I still greatly enjoy the work and the people I work with. My manager keeps telling me he will be very sad when I do decide I’m done – hard to replace fifty-plus years of experience. And the longer I work, the more secure a twenty-year retirement :-). My mother lived to 96! I just keep going a year at a time. Who knows, maybe I’ll give it up next spring ... maybe.” Joe Coyne responded: “Still working 3 days a week (T,W,Th) from home. Just downsized our office which we were carrying (but not using) since March 2020 to a single consult room ... just as a hedge against the possibility in 2023 that we will be required to see patients once every 6 months before continuing telehealth.” At the beginning of June, **Rich Luc** reported that he lives just blocks from St Francis Hospital in Tulsa where some guys walked into the hospital and killed his doctor, another doctor, a hospital worker, and an innocent citizen. I spoke with Rich on the phone and commiserated about “strange times”. Shared with him that Stephanie and I were on the Las Vegas strip and had just gotten back to our hotel when the shooting started in 2017.... “Strange times” indeed! Your Scribe was part of an interchange with several of the brothers including **Mike Ryan**. In addition to some vague reference to Mike being recently in the Emergency Room, I had wondered how Mike acquired the nickname “Hondo”. Mike replied: “I think that was for AFib. That issue was subsequently addressed by successful ablation surgery. That’s been perfect

since. Getting old sucks. It does, however, beat the alternative. My afib started with a collapse on a golf course in Austin, Texas. They thought I was a goner since beats were momentarily over 300. But it stabilized and later, after ablation surgery some days later back in Maine, it’s 100% gone. Phew! I’m still blessed with good eyes. No cataracts. But I do need glasses. My wife, Linda, will be getting her cataracts done. She’d gotten unsafe driving at night. On a lighter note, you may recall that I loved playing basketball although too short at Regis (max 6’ even as a senior) to make the team. We played in our socks on the wood floor in freshman year before class. I always played intramurals and then adult basketball at the Y in my 20-30s. I picked up the nickname ‘Hondo’ for that. That was John Havlicek’s nickname. I have kept it proudly ever since.” The end of June brought sad news for the Class of 1964. On June 27, Jeff Weinlandt wrote: “I received an email this morning from Margaret Connorton Reilly, **Phill Reilly’s** widow. She wanted to let me know that **Larry Kenah** had died this morning. He had appeared fine at a gathering of friends last Thursday so it was obviously not something that was expected.” Classmates should make note that Larry was **Ed Hattauer’s** roommate in college. Ed writes: “Larry and I were roommates in college and we became quite close over the years. We often spoke about our deep gratitude to Regis - our opportunity there made such a lasting and positive impact on our lives.” On a similar note, Jeff Weinlandt also chimes in with the following story: “I don’t forward many emails to you any more but I thought you would enjoy this email exchange I had today with a friend from Stuyvesant Town and Regis...**Brendan Ryan ’60** went to my grammar school (same class as my sister ’56) and then Regis. He has been a supporter of Regis throughout the years.” Jeff had sent Brendan the following message: “I happened to be in Bridgehampton this afternoon and stopped at the Bridgehampton Commons (Mall) to get a few slices of pizza for lunch. I was wearing a black Regis golf shirt (though I don’t play golf) and the gentleman next to me asked if I went to Regis. It was **Bill Dickey ’60**.” In response, Brendan said: “I think the reality that we all are in our 80th year kind of brought a little bit of urgency to the whole caper. It was fun. And a great truth... Good guys 62 years ago are good guys today.” Jeff concluded: “Good guys 62 years ago (or 58 years in our case) are good guys today! I like to think that is why we all stay in touch ... and care about our class as a whole.” This produced responses from several men. **Frank Michel** wrote: “Jeff, that was sweet, the whole email. I felt very good after reading it. My God, fifty-eight years!! Thank you

for sending it. And see you soon, I hope.” **Robert Haberski** replied: “Agree with Frank. Thanks, Jeff. Our understanding of our experience and our bond continues to grow richer and richer.” Denis Burt seconded: “I’ll gladly second that! I’m still savoring the memories of our fiftieth reunion, especially the informal gathering the night before the dinner. Are we going to do it again for sixty? ;-). I wish it were easier for me to get to New York to join you New Yorkers at your Brendan’s get-togethers.” **John Keane** added: “I have yet to meet anyone while wearing my Regis T-shirt to the gym. Rehab from my minor stroke is still going slowly and using the gym and the Cybex Machines seems to be working. However, I have started to wear my Vietnam Veteran hat and I will always get a few acknowledgements. In fact, yesterday, I met a Vietnamese gentleman who was a soldier in the South Vietnamese Army at the same time I was there. In his fractured English, he explained that he had been captured and imprisoned but had managed to escape in 1975 by rowing from Vietnam to the Philippines. It was an interesting conversation to say the least.” **Bob Metz** added: “Wearing Regis attire around Bronxville often generates friendly conversations. Last week was a new experience, however. While huffing and puffing on the Spring Lake boardwalk I was asked to pose for a photo of the back of my T-shirt that celebrated Fauci ’58! The photographer was most complimentary of Fauci and the school. The picture was enhanced by the absence of my facial features.” Jim Oliviero sent along a picture captioned: “My Regis Tee Shirt today in Volterra Italy. With my wife Eileen.” Ron Malanga sent a remarkable photo of him with seven of his grandchildren all in white Regis shirts... “Had seven grandchildren at the time. Younger ones still wear hand-me-downs from the older boys.” **Joe Cirrito** writes: “These brief slices of life make me wish I still owned Regis branded clothing. Who knows whom I might have encountered. Ah, well. I only have myself to blame since I’ve lived four blocks from Regis for the last 40+ years.”. After this conversation died down, your Scribe began to worry about the approaching RAN deadline and put out a missive inquiring on the source of the phrase “yada yada”. **Mike Carris** took a stab at the source. (It was Lenny Bruce – not Seinfeld.) Denis Burt responded with a long etymology of the word and added the following story: “My best guess is that it’s onomatopoeic as a representation of the background noise at a cocktail party. **Vince Mangiameli** (a hundred years ago, my roommate) had a sound effects record and one of the tracks was meant to be that kind of indistinguishable group noise. We always thought



that in the middle of it we could hear someone say “Caesar Romero” and now that my hearing is fading and I don’t do well in restaurant conversation, I frequently imagine I hear “Caesar Romero” from somewhere across the room! I’m also reminded of the theory that the Greeks called foreigners barbarians because their non-Hellenic language just sounded like “bar, bar, bar”.

Readers may remember that Marty Besant’s family had been working in Africa. Marty writes: “Took my probably last trip to Africa last April. Daughter and family returning to the United States after 14 years. Hope to spend a lot of quality time with them in Silver Spring, MD. (As an aside, that information came to me this morning from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. WTH. Doesn’t she ever stay home?)” Then later, “Finally learned the date by email from Kyrgyzstan today. Sometime August 11. Not sure if that’s departing Kigali or landing in the States. Also unsure if they are flying to DC or Philly where “husband” has family. May borrow a car there. Thanks for the good wishes.”

Marty Besant also sent in a photo from the Christmas dinner. The attendees were: **Ron Tristal**, Ray Smith, Marty Besant, Bob Shullman, Rich Shanley, Jeff Weinlandt, **Kevin Rogers**, **Denis Moulton**, Rob Haberski, **Dave Ritchie**, and **Jim Pielli**. In other happy news, John Keane reports that his oldest grandson, also John Keane, “graduated magna cum laude from Shenandoah Conservatory in May, finishing a four year program in three years. He will be starting work on his Master’s Degree in a few weeks, just prior to your deadline. He was selected, at the ripe age of 20, for a position with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra.”

Congratulations, John and John! A final touching story comes in from Ron Malanga: “Earlier this summer, my son-in-law, Zach, took my grandson, Noah, to visit New York City for the first time. During the course of the weekend, they decided to trek up to 84th Street on what I remember as the Lexington Avenue subway. Through modern technology, they FaceTimed with me from the front door of Regis HS and sent pictures. Really touched my heart that they would do that.” Thanks to all for your contributions. I wish you all good health and happiness until next time.



Ron Tristal '64, Ray Smith '64, Marty Besant '64, Bob Shullman '64, Rich Shanley '64, Jeff Weinlandt '64, Kevin Rogers '64, Denis Moulton '64, Rob Haberski '64, Dave Ritchie '64, and Jim Pielli '64 reunited at the New York Athletic Club.

## 1965

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**Jack Cashill** just sent his 15th non-fiction book off to the publisher: *Untenable: The Real Reason Ethnic Whites Left American Cities*. **John Felago** and wife, Jill, had a dinner out with Holly and **Red Romano**. Red looked good and a good time was had by all. John and Jill were also able to join **Rich Costabile** and husband Randy Wilcox for a quick meal after Rich and Randy attended a Broadway show. The latest “Beer Conference” at Slattery’s MidTown Pub was held in July. **Rick Dunn**, **Jim Klein**, **Bob Carlina**, **Andrew Cavanaugh**, **Bob Kalisch**, **Rink Van Der Have**, **Frank Pasquale**, **Harry Kutner** and John Felago attended. **Harry Bonnell** writes, “After returning in 7/2021 from living in Belize and spending a year at home in Boulder City, Susan and I are on five consecutive cruises of Iceland, Ireland, England, Norway, Scandinavia and Baltic Sea area to be finished up with France, Portugal, Spain and ending in Rome where we have been before. Were supposed to do an overnight in St. Petersburg but Putin has screwed that.” **Peter Nardi** is returning as a docent at Frank Lloyd Wright’s Hollyhock House which has reopened after a 2.5 year closure. It’s Los Angeles’s first UNESCO Cultural Heritage site, and all are welcomed to contact me if you find yourself in LA with time to visit it for a tour. <https://hollyhockhouse.org/> **Brian Dunphy** writes “**John Sheridan**, from Syracuse, was visiting with his son & family back in the Bay Area from Japan for a few weeks. John managed Bart over to our home in the outer Richmond District in SF. John had no problem finding his way down the hill to us, but Jay insisted on meeting him as he strolled down the hill from the bus stop. To us the cool fog is a common

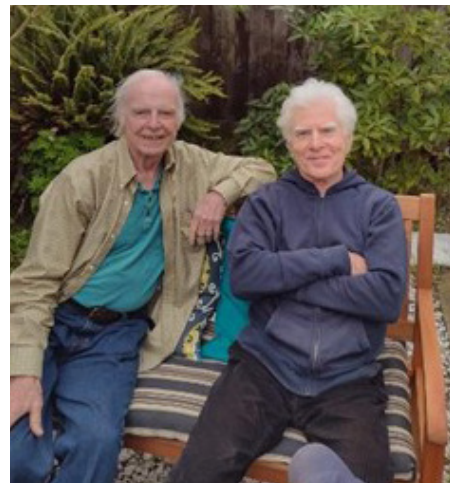
summer occurrence & John was not only well prepared but pleased to be greeted by the wet & the gray. We proceeded to have a delightful visit over lunch in our garden. Reminiscing felt as though we’d been together perhaps last year or so when in fact it’s been closer to four years. That was a reminder of how important it is to make the effort (thank you John) & to continue to keep in touch no matter what. Jay & I continue to lay low because unfortunately no matter what the policy makers/ politicians say we are still deep in “it.” We are avoiding airports these days but are saving our miles to escape if we experience a “fire season.” That said, if you do make it out west, we are here & have a comfortable spot so we can share a meal with you. Ginger and **Jim Ross**, along with their two children with spouses and five grandchildren, took their first summer vacation together in four years. They returned to Cape Cod, the traditional family haunt, where Jim’s family used to visit Ginger’s grandma’s house. They had a spectacularly simple week taking quiet walks and watching sunsets. High point was a day trip to the Vineyard. Meantime, Jim continues to publish photos and nonfiction in various journals. His favorite consisted of photos of rained-upon roses published in Typehouse, a reputable print journal in the Pacific Northwest. Rich Costabile and Randy Wilcox report: “We spent March, April and May scouting the Algarve region of Portugal, testing the waters to see if it’s where we want to settle for the foreseeable future. The waters tested just great and we were able to line up a 3-year lease on a villa in Quarteira. That’s right next door to Vilamoura, which is rife with world-class golf courses (four of them! and no, we don’t golf and don’t intend to take it up; sorry), and about a 20-minute drive from the international airport at Faro. We’ve spent June, July and August downsizing (what we’ve been doing is SO much more than that deceptive little word connotes), applying for our D7 (retiree) visas, selling our condo and our car (both changing hands the day before we fly out of EWR on August 30th) and bidding *até a proxima* to many friends and the few relatives who are still alive and kicking. Everyone has been invited to visit - the spacious villa has 3 bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths - ‘cause we’re not planning to return to the U.S. for a LONG time. First orders of business on Sept 1st: lease an EV vehicle and set up a high-speed internet connection. We’ve been adventurous and constant travelers, but this move is a magnitude or two greater in the adventure department. We’re looking forward to it, eager to put down roots in our new adopted country and continue the language course that we’ve been working on,

albeit inconsistently thus far, so that we can start to feel comfortable among Portuguese nationals. Wish us luck. Our contact info won’t change - see the Alumni Directory - so reach out and come visit!” Bob Kalisch writes from Bognor Regis in England. Currently staying for a few days here in West Sussex in Arundel (as usual), Catholic centre of England. Spent a week with Julia in Cascais, Portugal. Weather was fantastic. She is back in Vienna. Could not get a UK visa (“no means of support”). Of course not! She’s a darn war refugee who is my responsibility! USA is also dragging its feet to get her to NJ in my care. “We will send you billions in weapons but not sure about accepting people.” Actually, EU countries are very good. Austria gives her health care and she starts German classes 10 weeks - 5 days a week - 4 hours per day on them. Getting a job and helping with rent and expenses will be great for both of us if I cannot get her to the USA. I will keep you and all ’65 gang posted. Will be home from the UK early September. Time to make some money with my horses! I always love to see my friends from ’65. I have forgotten so many things in my life but remember every moment from September 1961 to June 1965. Ukraine forever!! **Dave O’Brien** continues to practice law in Mt. Sinai, Long Island. In addition, Dave’s considering becoming a life coach. “Incredible number of mixed up people of all ages need help. Any Regions already a life coach? Let me know. Still aiding Long Island senior citizen developments and so would welcome any suggestions of well-written fiction works Dave can pass on to seniors. Have found they greatly enjoy reading but have had great difficulty finding good books. Wish new Regis President good luck. Very challenging and perilous times.” **Tom Moebus** reports: “The Matteo Ricci Young Scholars, including Regis men, and women from Dominican Academy, have continued to meet with counterparts from Nanjing Foreign Language School in China every other week for 90 minutes (during the school year) since September 2020. Students join as juniors. About half choose to continue for a second year - an independent study involving a climate-related project in alliance with the Scholars in China. This year, in keeping with Regis’ focus on climate change in its annual John Francis Regis Initiative, they developed the *Cool-16 Pledge*, a set of options re: diet, energy, transport, and waste management to better the environment (and be generally healthier). Students involved classmates and family members in considering and signing the (online) pledge. A rising Regis senior together with a Nanjing student are developing a project right now to explore how climate change differently affects rural areas in the US and China.

The collaboration of these two young scholars is a perfect example of what we hoped to do in creating this program - create budding associations to continue in college and beyond. Many thanks to those Class of 1965 alums who supported the program in its inception. Much appreciated. Personally, it is a thrill to directly engage with Regis lads and other students as co-director of this program. There have been many incredible moments during the two years we’ve been at it. I’m happy to answer questions anyone might have about it. [trmoebus@gmail.com](mailto:trmoebus@gmail.com). Beyond this, I continue to conduct virtual workshops helping small businesses in NY and NJ affected by the pandemic and its aftermath, as well as serve on several local boards in Connecticut.” Aside from a few medical issues, resolved (who hasn’t?) **Bob Brophy** has 3 of his plays in upcoming staged readings, “with excellent retired Equity actor & Syracuse U. prof Gerard Moses in the cast: “Jen Marches Home” on an Irish immigrant woman who fought in the Civil War & was put in the state asylum late in life; “Love & War Letters” on African- Irish- Jewish- American soldiers & their wives, fiancées, sweethearts, & as a benefit for Ukraine Eclipse: “Third Contact”, on Soviet-era Jewish, Ukrainian dissidents in prison camp & clueless American eclipse tourists arriving. (I use the names Egnatchik, Ryan, Brodsky, on completely fictional characters.)” **Bob Logan** writes “I had a pleasant and pleasantly uneventful summer. Spent a few weekends at the Shore. I also took a brief trip to the Amish area near Lancaster, PA. It is a pleasant country, for sure, but I remain convinced I was fortunate not to grow up on a farm. I signed up for another year of German lessons, hoping to achieve the proficiency of a German first-grader, but not entirely sure I will be able to do that. It is an unusual feeling at our age to have to turn in homework assignments, but it does bring back memories. At least I don’t have to do last minute translating on the subway. Birthday 75 is approaching rapidly. I’m giving serious thought to ending full time legal practice after the big day, maybe cutting down to two or three days a week. I’d be interested to hear from any ’65ers who have recently made the transition.”



John Felagov '65 and his wife, Jill, dined with Rich Costabile '65 and his husband, Randy Wilcox.



John Sheridan '65 and Brian Dunphy '65 relaxing and reminiscing in San Francisco

## 1966

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Although he has some health issues (“who doesn’t at our age,” Tom notes), **Tom Huertas** remains happily married to Edith and active as a non-executive director, a senior fellow at the Goethe University in Frankfurt and, since the end of June, as father-in-law to Gordana Golubic, a lawyer from Croatia. She married Tom’s son, Michael who is a Partner at PWC Legal and runs its Financial Services Regulatory Practice across the EU. **Frank Belloni** writes, “I am now Professor Emeritus of Physiology, having finally decided to retire officially from New York Medical College on July 1 after 41 years on the faculty, including 25 years as graduate dean. I plan to continue teaching my research ethics course in the spring term and I agreed to co-teach, this fall only, a small 1-credit seminar course on how to read and critique scientific articles, which I’ve been teaching for the



past few years. So my wife Maggie doubts that I have actually retired at all. I would say the biggest change is the absence of the daily commute, but that hasn't happened since the COVID pandemic began anyway." In October, Frank was among several distinguished alumni honored at MYMC's 2022 Founder's Dinner. **Bill Arnone** is CEO of the National Academy of Social Insurance. In August he appeared on the C-SPAN Washington Journal program to discuss the fiscal condition of Social Security and legislative proposals to ensure its solvency. The program can be viewed here: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?522365-3/washington-journal-william-arnone-discusses-future-social-security&live>. Bill welcomes feedback from Regions at [warnone@nasi.org](mailto:warnone@nasi.org). **Richard Corelli** is enjoying new views on life after a successful cataract surgery that left him with 20/20 vision in both eyes for the first time in his life. Having worn eyeglasses since the age of six months this represents a significant life change of epic proportions. Richard continues to see psychotherapy patients on ZOOM with a full time psychiatry practice. He also continues to host a weekly ZOOM reunion for the class of '66 and about 15-20 regulars show up every Saturday at noon to discuss all manner of topics and to reconnect with each other. Plans for next year include a return to world travel with a month-long trip to Japan in May 2023. Richard also likes to point out that "living in Half Moon Bay the temperature never goes outside a 60-75°F range all year long while the rest of the country is in sweltering summer heat and he is ready for global climate change." **John D'Emilio's** memoir, *Memories of a Catholic Gay Boyhood: Coming of Age in the Sixties*, was published by Duke University Press in early October 2022. It includes several chapters on his years at Regis. The book has received very positive pre-publication reviews, and John had several public promotional events in NY in October, including one at Regis. In sad news, **Karl Blaha** passed away this summer after a long bout with several serious conditions.



*Edith and Tom Huertas '66 with their son and his new wife at a pre-wedding reception in Zagreb*

## 1967

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Elvis is still in the house whenever **Bruce Bassman** takes the stage. Bruce and Susan "celebrated our 50th in June with a trip to Aruba with the whole fam. Magical place! I'm recovering from hernia surgery last month and hope to resume my golf game soon. Looking forward to getting back down to Venice, Fla., to sing with my band in October. I have enjoyed this for the past five years. We do mostly '60s stuff (including Elvis of course!), and the band's name, Assisted Living, sounds more geriatric than the band members or our audience. But I do also still entertain solo at nursing homes and assisted living facilities." They were not the only class couple celebrating a golden anniversary recently. From Annapolis, Md., **Steve Malone** writes: "The Malones are busy enjoying retirement. Maureen and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary by renting a villa for a family week on St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, in June, then in August took a twice-COVID-postponed 20-day Viking Baltic cruise, with the cruise itinerary modified to skip St. Petersburg for obvious reasons. Two days in Oslo made up for this. We followed that with a side trip to Iceland where we visited the house we lived in when first married 50 years ago (where I was stationed with US Navy '71-74). The house was in 5th largest city in Iceland (pop. 5,000 at the time)." **Bill Armbruster** and Nancy Mackin Robinson were married on June 11 at Ramapo College of New Jersey, where Nancy worked as an administrator for 38 years, including 15 years as dean of students. They honeymooned in Hawaii, where they attended an East-West Center media conference and Bill's EWC alumni reunion, plus five days of a more conventional honeymoon on Kauai. **Joe McShane** shared his news: "After 30 years in higher educational administration (5 at Scranton, and 25 at Fordham—6 as a dean and 19 as president), on 30 June I stepped down to take a mini-sabbatical to prepare for my next assignment." He added in a postscript, "I haven't set an alarm in six weeks!" **Jack Hund** writes: "Third time was the charm for Jack & Cecile Hund on a bucket list vacation. After having trips scheduled for both 2020 & 2021 canceled due to the pandemic and border closings, we were finally able to complete a train/bus trip to the Canadian Rockies last month. The scenery was the most spectacular that Jack has seen this

side of the Swiss Alps, and walking on a glacier was a priceless experience. Jack remarked that it was even worth the effort required to climb in and out of the top bunk bed on the train for several evening bathroom visits!" In the spirit of hospitality that the ancient Greeks so prized, **Chris Meatto** extends this generous offer to classmates: "Roberta and I have purchased a second home in Great Barrington, Mass., in the Berkshires. Short walk to town, restaurants, shopping, and 4 or 5 cannabis stores. Come visit us on weekends or ask for keys during the week!" Chris has an intriguing, new personal website, [nycg.com](http://nycg.com), that encapsulates his journey from Regis, Fordham and Harvard Law to the legal and business heights, including advising and serving as chief financial officer for technology start-ups and two professional U.S. soccer teams." From the City of Big Shoulders, **Bob DeCresce** checks in: "I've had a busy summer. Four grandchildren came out from New York with their parents for two weeks to visit us in Chicago and at our summer home in Indiana. Lots of boating and beach time. Had another two-week solo visit from two of the grandkids in August. I'm glad I'm still working since it gives me an excuse to escape. The best event of the year was the birth of the fifth grandchild who is the only girl." And this from Arizona's high desert: "Christine and **Bill Yadlon** are still enjoying Tucson life. We have been traveling less during the pandemic and (so far) have avoided Covid. We returned to Boston for a family wedding last week so we'll see if our luck holds." Speaking of Boston, **Bill McLaughlin** sent this most welcome news: "In a classic case of 'the cobbler's children go barefoot,' **John Collins**, an attorney, left no will. Not that he was unmindful. There were discussions of a trust and the choice of administrator and there must have been a draft, yet in the end no will. But certain retirement funds have at long last been wrested from their custodian and Regis will soon be benefiting from donations made in John's name and in accordance with his oft-expressed intentions by his closest friend of several decades, Julie Radin. Julie and John started out as work colleagues but became a constant guy-and-gal-about-town duo, seen at innumerable—I exaggerate; really just hundreds—of theater and opera performances. Julie knew John's heart and history like no other. I suppose her name will appear in donation lists as a 'friend,' but just as John had a talent for making every friend his best friend, I wish we had that donor category for Julie: 'Best friend.'" We lost John on New Year's Day 2020. **Larry Weeks** is "leading a quiet life of retirement in Gainesville, Fla., where I live quite close to my son. Playing some music

and swimming every day." From our good friend and teacher **Jerry Kappes '52** came the sad news that John W. Wright, history teacher and Regis Dramatic Society director extraordinaire during our Regis year, died of cancer on his 81st birthday. **John Cordes** reports that he and Rosemarie "have begun taking a few steps outside their two-year Covid bubble. In July they spent several days at the Jersey Shore (Avon-by-the-Sea) visiting John's sister and two brothers. And in August, they spent a fun week with their three children and four granddaughters in Pennsylvania's Amish country. Small steps, maybe, but a start toward a semblance of normalcy." From the Bay State, **Victor Skowronski** writes: "I was sworn in as an Associate Board Member of the Woburn (Mass.) Council on Aging. I was impressed when the director mentioned my assistance to seniors who came to the Woburn Senior Center looking for help. That same week I organized a sing-along session at the center, which does a sing-along once a week with different people running each session. I chose some folk songs, sea chanteys, and hymns (ones that I had been singing in my church choir) and led the singing. I may be asked to run some more sessions." **Steve Rehm**, **Jack Alexander** and **George McCann** broke bread in Maplewood, N.J., in mid-summer. "I've been pretty isolated so it was nice to renew what was becoming a tradition pre-COVID," says Steve. "And I am not sure if this is old news, but I am seated on a board for a pretty interesting FinTech start up called Verituity, involved in improving digital software payments processing with banks, corporations, and government agencies. I'm also forming my own consulting company: SR-Odyssey Management, LLC (Why does that make me think of our sophomore Greek teacher- Louie Zircher, S.J.?)." Jack says of the lunch, "After the obligatory medical roundup, we shared current news, and dipped into some Regis stories."



*The late John Wright, who taught at Regis in the 1960s and passed away this August, singing with alongside Peter Landis '67 and Terry Chorba '67 at a Class of 1967 reunion.*

## 1968

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**Brian Wynne** celebrated Autumn '21 with a cross-country trek from California to visit his longtime environs of northern Virginia and Washington, DC. Despite many difficult challenges during the past few years, Brian happily reports that his myeloma remains in hibernation such that his contact ended with the phrase "Just lapping up some sweetness. Life is good!" **Tom McCormick** recently contacted our Alumni Offices from his Nebraska home turf seeking information regarding Regions at Creighton University (a Big East Tournament finalist as of this writing) and/or alumni in the Omaha locale and neighboring regions. He envisions a regional reunion and possible junket to see his Blue Jays on the hardwood. Wouldn't Mr. Lata be proud? We reminisced about our time shared (mine was very brief) on the Regis Track Team, invoking names such as **Joe Verdirame '67**, **Mike Plate**, **Ted Bletko** and, of course, Coach Ferguson. **Steve Bongiovi** is proud to report that his daughter Judy Ann Riccio was named Athletic Director at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut last September, succeeding renowned MLB figure Bobby Valentine. She is one of just 36 female AD's at the NCAA Division I level at an institution that plays football. **Francis Clooney SJ**, our class contribution to the Society of Jesus, is currently the President of the Catholic Theological Society of America. Here is a link to an interview: [hds.harvard.edu/news/2022/07/18/being-catholic-interreligiously](https://hds.harvard.edu/news/2022/07/18/being-catholic-interreligiously). Despite this vaunted achievement, Frank would prefer not to be called "Father" except at the church's door. The Class of '68 was well represented at the Regis Alumni Spring Golf Outing on Long Island. Teeing it up for us were **John McElligott**, **John DiLiberto**, **Tom Kelly**, **Rich Pfeiffer** and **Jim Foy**. It would have been a six-some but **George Bacolini's** participation was thwarted by the now ubiquitous quarantine regulations we regularly face. Rich's appearance preceded his summer move from New Jersey to Chicago to be closer to his son, daughter and grandchildren (as well as Notre Dame football!). While he sold his practice and retired, Rich retained some NJ roots and thus may still be seen at Regis and/or Madison Square Garden. Sadly, the Class of '68 extends condolences to the family and friends of our classmate **Mauro Casci**, lost this past spring. Mauro lived multiple successful lives, both professionally and personally. An inspiring obituary is available online, chronicling the complete success he achieved, from first generation American through an outstanding career in law, as well as family blessings that

were the true core of his existence. Mauro was a connoisseur in wine, art and life. Our prayers go out to his wife Sandra, son Nicholas and daughter Christina. Additional condolences to our 4-year Class President John DiLiberto, whose beloved wife Mary Grace passed away in April, just weeks short of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mary Grace played an understated but vital role in support of our 50th reunion just a few years ago. We pray for John, his sons and grandchildren in remembering their cherished matriarch.

## 1969

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[My call-for-news email to **Joe Sclafani** bounced back with an away message that he currently does not have access to email. I wondered where on earth could that possibly be? Spoiler alert: the answer appears later.—BR]. Meanwhile, **Jim Marshall** writes, "Our big news is that my wife Darlene and I have pulled up stakes on LI and have moved to Rhode Island to be nearer to our sons and grandkids." **Joe Travo** says, "Just letting you know that after **Joe Picora** watched my Halloween 2021 video on my YouTube channel (LizardmanT), we started corresponding via email, and I've started providing him with video clips (mostly of the "video feedback" variety) for an exciting project he's creating. In the vein of family news, our oldest grandson, Owen, is in his first year of college at University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, pursuing a degree in Business with emphasis on Sports Management." **Stephen Truhon** writes, "I have retired (well, semi-retired) from Austin Peay State University. I continue to teach classes including: Introduction to Psychological Measurement, History & Systems of Psychology, and Applied Military Psychology. In March, two of my graduate students and I presented a paper "Development of the Newton Military Family Resources Center Needs Analysis" at the 62nd International Military Testing Association conference in Raleigh, NC." From **John Kearney**, "In case you didn't know, sad news that **Tom Graham** passed away several months ago. **John Gimblette** sent me the attached information about Tom from a celebration of Tom's life that John and his wife attended in August. [PDF available at <https://tinyurl.com/48buv84u> ]. Happier news: I recently was visited on Long Beach Island by **Jim McGuire** and his wife Eileen, along with **Chris McArthur**. A great time hanging out and swapping stories. I finally had COVID in July (along with my wife). I took the paxlovid antiviral med and got the COVID rebound a week later.



(Insert basketball joke here.)” A recent press announcement from Salisbury University tells us, “Dr. **James Forte**, Salisbury University professor of social work, earned the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maryland chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). The nomination lauded Forte’s nearly 45-year career, 19 at SU, stating that he ‘exemplifies a life guided by a belief in advocacy’ and ‘has made substantial contributions to the social work field.’ Forte has authored four books, which have been referred to as ‘classics’ by other experts in the field; published more than 40 articles outlining his research efforts to bring awareness to social work best practices; and presented his work at over 100 conferences and seminars. He has earned over a dozen honors for his work, including Distinguished Faculty awards at two universities and two Excellence in Teaching awards. He also has been named Social Work Educator of the Year in both Virginia and Maryland. Forte’s colleagues, practitioners, advisees, students, administrators and community members describe him as ‘an exceptional teacher, humanitarian and citizen,’ according to his nomination.” **David Krol** writes that he has “remained blessedly COVID-free throughout the pandemic as well as its shower of Greek alphabeticals, and in spite of a July trip to the UK through airports, on planes, aboard the Underground, through major art exhibitions, seated in various restaurants and at opera performances, and even attending the colorful Hindu wedding of a friend out in Devon (beyond Stonehenge and between heat waves), through all of which I passed, unmasked but jabbed and boosted, among hundreds of fellow human beings. AMDG indeed!” He also “met up for a Manhattan ‘symposium’ a few weeks before that with distinguished sophists **Steve Holleran** and **Neil Zevnik**.” This in from **Mike Visaggio**, “I spent some time hospitalized with Mrsa but I’m doing much better. I have become diabetic as well. I’m still driving Uber and Lyft and looks like I’m trapped doing that for the rest of my life. As for the band, Kinetic Element played the Progstock festival in New Jersey in October 2019, and after the pandemic subsided we played at Progoween in the Tampa area last Oct. 2021. Kinetic Element has been invited to play the Winter’s End progressive rock festival in Chepstow, Wales (UK) on April 1, 2023, health permitting. I plan to visit Liverpool and London while I’m over there. I invite everyone to visit Kinetic Element at [www.kineticelement.rocks](http://www.kineticelement.rocks), and you can find me on Facebook. Best wishes to all my classmates!” **Larry Liodice** and his wife Barbara relocated from Pennington, New

Jersey to Lakewood Ranch, Florida near Sarasota in August 2021 and “are enjoying the sunny and warm year-round weather.” **Jeff Burke** was “doing laps at home with a Zimmer frame in late August as he recovered from hip replacement. It put a crimp in his duties as head honcho of his subdivision’s 50+ pickleball group, but he soldiers on, and should come back better than ever, ready to dink with the best. Fellow Dolphin (LeMoyne’s hapless mascot), Roger Fox has been spotted in the past year via postcards sent from exotic locales like Nashville TN.” Neil Zevnik “kinda retired” to Central Florida in the middle of the pandemic, and is slowly becoming accustomed to excessive humidity. He’s still private chef-ing occasionally for his longtime client, the ex-CEO of Disney, when the family is in NY; and he’s writing a column for Alive USA Magazine called “Innovation For Good”, a follow-up to his “Passion Behind The Product” column for Better Nutrition Magazine. “Oh, and I’m peripatetically attempting to liquidate my obsessive hobby of 35+ years collecting vintage costume jewelry; check it out at [www.onekingslane.com](http://www.onekingslane.com).” The rest of his time is spent tending to his extra-large pound puppy Pearl, and restoring his 100+-year-old historical home. Plus doing a lot of leisure baking and then forcing the fruits of his labors upon the neighbors, so he “doesn’t become blimp-like in his waning years.” **Sonny Avallone** writes, “Other than spending the last 27 months in virtual lockdown, not much to report, unless my belief that none of us have aged in this long life hiatus is considered newsworthy. I have spent a lot of those months reading a few hundred books—mostly novels—and avoiding becoming a continual boob tube watcher. Been participating in biathlon and bike racing, and recently became interested in Philadelphia Union soccer—not soccer in general, Philadelphia Union soccer.” From **Mike D’Angelo**, “Debbie and I relocated to the DC area in 2018 to be near our oldest daughter and grandchildren. Our three other children are in Michigan, Denver, and Los Angeles.” Jeanne and **Lou Coglianese** were thrilled to be able to spend their 50th anniversary this past June traveling through Spain. Although COVID kept one son and his family back home in the US, they were able to be accompanied by their elder son and his family. Beyond just traveling again and revisiting favorite locations, they had the added pleasure of introducing their 9 and 12-year old grandkids to some old world art and culture for a truly memorable trip. **Jim Cunningham** is “enjoying my retirement from the Postal Service since 2011 after 34 years service. I moved from NYC to Washington DC in 1989. I retired as an executive Manager at HQ. Had three children Patrick, Bridget and Christopher. I now

have four grandchildren Camden, Carson, Collin and Lexi. Bridget swims for the Special Olympics and this past June represented Maryland at the National Olympics. My wife Kathy and I had a ball in Orlando at the games. For the past eleven years I have been involved heavily in Irish set dancing though Covid put a damper on that lately. I’m a regular gym goer and avid gardener and yard man. I stay in touch with Jeff Burke on FB and email. Kathy is having her second knee replacement in three weeks and hopefully I’ll be able to get her out again on the dance floor in the not too distant future. We live in Catonsville MD in Baltimore County and I’m still a steadfast Red Sox fan.” News from **Kevin McCabe**: “Our daughter, Emily, got engaged a couple of weeks ago. The wedding is planned for September 2023 in the Adirondacks near our second home in Lake Placid. Nancy had her right knee replaced this past spring and has recovered nicely. It’s nice to be able to travel again. We are in Scotland with 11 other couples right now on a golf and sightseeing vacation. We were also able to get back out west this past March for skiing in Beaver Creek and Vail, and visited family in Florida in January. Feels almost back to normal! Both of us are still working and in good health, enjoying life! Things are going well for **Bart Robbett** in Middlebury, VT—“So happy I made the move. Jean continues to recover (slowly) from the effects of her stroke. My econ prof daughter, Andrea, co-authored a Game Theory textbook that will be published by MIT Press this fall. Granddaughter, Maya, is lots of fun and started in pre-school after turning three in May. I’m glad that I built a house with a little extra space for the two of us—it makes it easy to have a few different projects going at any particular time (photography, digital graphics, carpentry, paintings...). It leaves little time for arguing with people on the Internet.” And this in from **Al Aversa**, “Greetings from sunny New Mexico! I retired from full time practice in Dec 2020, having navigated COVID that year mostly via telemedicine. I remain active by voluntarily supervising nurse practitioners and physician assistants at my former practice, and also mentor 3rd year medical students from the University of Arizona. I enjoy having more time for grandparent duty in Maryland and New Mexico, and have been taking weekly piano lessons via Skype from my very patient Berklee music professor daughter. God willing, my wife Karen and I will happily celebrate our 50th next year. I am grateful for many blessings. I am in touch with Joe Sclafani periodically. He is currently in Madagascar working on a US aid project.”

1970

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They said it couldn’t be done, but we did it. On the weekend of May 13-14, 2022, the 50th or “Lth” Reunion of the Regis High School Class of 1970 was finally pulled off. On Friday evening, a substantial subset of the 45 of us who participated in the weekend watched the Mets lose to Seattle at Citifield. On Saturday, there was a brief tour of the school, followed by Mass in the Chapel and a reception in the courtyard. Then our group of 42 strong, plus many spouses, migrated south to Annie Moore’s for our official celebration. No casualties, no arrests, no incidents; just good clean fun and 52 years of catching up. Attendees included (\* signifies the classmate’s spouse joined in) **Jay Allen\***, **Rick Antosh\***, **Jim Armbruster**, **Kevin Bannon**, **Dennis Blair\***, **Dan Boyle**, **Kevin Bryant**, **Nick Cappucino\***, **Kevin Conboy\***, **Ken Dee**, **Henry Dinger**, **Buzz Doherty\***, **Bob Farley**, **Mike Fitzgerald\***, **Phil Gandolfo\***, **Pete Gavaghan**, **Dan Gonzalez\***, **Francis Grealy**, **Bob Hallinan**, **Jim Harkins\***, **Bill Lee**, **Joe Loffredo**, **Gene Logusch**, **Jack Martin\***, **Bob McDonald\***, **Ed Murphy**, **John Nicholich**, **Tom Osborn**, **Tom Quinlan\***, **Charles Radcliffe**, **Ihor Rakowsky**, **Jack Regan\***, **Jonathan Rusch\***, **Alex Sansone**, **Bert Sarmiento\***, **Dennis Sheehan\***, **Tom Sherwood\***, **Joe Siano**, **John Sullivan**, and last but by no means least, **Mark Tronco\***. My apologies in advance for misspellings, typos, mistakes re: spousal attendance, etc. Mark received the free t-shirt for greatest distance traveled, from France. Others involved in the weekend but unable to attend the dinner were **Tom Daly**, **Frank DeLeo** and **John Miscione**. As we gathered for our photo, Kevin Bryant graced us with his latest reunion poem, and we attempted to do justice to the school anthem. Unfortunately, no recordings of the singing survive. Speaking of Ukraine, the evening was further enlivened by our bartender from Ukraine. Our Ukrainian-Americans, Ihor and Gene, enjoyed conversing with him. Although he did not immediately win a free t-shirt, baseball hat, or anything else, our Classmate of the Year has got to be Joe Siano. Joe joined us from South Florida sporting a “128 out of 140” ball cap. He took the time and effort to join us AFTER coming to a reunion previously scheduled for October 2021 but subsequently canceled. Nothing but dedication and love for the alma mater there. In addition to the organized events there were a couple of disorganized events,

including Saturday lunch at a German beer hall for the Regis in Austria crew, and a small Sunday brunch for the Regis/LeMoyne Clump. It seems inevitable in Prowlings for the Class of 1970 these days, as we complete our seventh decades and headed into the eighth, that we note the passing of our classmates and friends. **William/Bill/Billy Arraj** has passed away, leaving behind his widow and one daughter. He was always an academic star and he will be missed. SAVE THE DATE: Yes, it’s that time already. The weekend of June 9th and 10th: we hope to see many of you there. Our next Reunion Weekend.



Members of the Class of 1970 at their twice-delayed reunion in May.

1971

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From **Frank Flaherty**, boy reporter: “On a sunny Sunday in June 2022, **Mike Horber** visited NYC after many years living and working around the country – including the Detroit area, Paducah, KY., and currently, near Daytona Beach. Mike looked tanned and fit and had less hair than in high school but the same smile. He and his wife work in real estate. We met him at the White Horse Tavern, where we drank with gusto and also did some token eating. The welcome committee were Mike H’s homeboys from Sunnyside/Woodside – **Mike Curcio** and **Alex Motyl** – as well as two outliers, **Larry Gertner** and Frank Flaherty. Mike H wanted updates on all our classmates, we all told stories about mixers and jug, Mr. Boyd and Ms. Pease, and the dirty but lovable White Horse of the 70s. Mike H said his wife might gently nudge him to move back to NYC. We all cheered her on.” From **Stu Schoder**: “During the recent reunion festivities, I learned that Larry Gertner, a huge Civil War buff, makes an annual pilgrimage to Gettysburg. I’ve always wanted to see the battlefield up close, and jumped at his offer to let

me tag along on his next expedition. Wow! We spent a couple of days in May 2022 walking the must-see sites—Little Round Top, Culp’s Hill, Seminary Ridge, The Copse of Trees—with Gitz providing expert context and analysis every step of the way; then an abbreviated (in a downpour) re-tracing of Jeb Stuart’s ride from Rockville to Westminster, and another day following Lee’s retreat after the battle through Monterey Pass to Hagerstown. (These and other routes are all marked with informative Civil War Trails waysides; people like me read them, people like Gitz write and edit them.). Such exertions required hearty fare and refreshing libations, and we did what was required. The recently retired **Dave Speranza** joined us for dinner on our last night in Gettysburg and regaled us with stories of his recent adventures in gastrointestinal medicine, aviation, and horse breeding. Dave related how a procedure that a vet performed on one of their horses cost him twice as much as he had gotten for a similar procedure on a human. A mini-reunion to remember.” From **Tony Salvatore**: “My wife Suzanne and I really enjoyed visiting the school and seeing everyone at the 50th. Our youngest child just had a daughter three months ago, which makes a total of six grandchildren spread among our three kids. We’re blessed to have all of them living in our little Atlanta suburb of Roswell, so we see them often and they enjoy growing up around their little cousins.” From **Rick Romito**: “On the Fourth of July 2022, my wife Maureen and I ended 180 days at sea when our cruise ship *Insignia* entered New York harbor, gliding by the Statue of Liberty, to dock at the West Side’s Manhattan Cruise Terminal. (Larry Gertner was there at 6am to photograph our arrival and we have a blurry telephoto image of us waving in his general direction.). Our first stop on U.S. soil was 84th Street to say “Thanks” to Regis. Our postings on Facebook throughout the voyage inspired occasional (and much appreciated) commentary provided by classmates **Dennis Petito**, **Roger Moran**, Larry Gertner, **Alfred Pirovits**, **Michael Piscitelli**, **Frank Kelly**, **Jack McCullough**, **Luke Garvey**, **Michael Schwarz**, **Tim Brennan**, **Peter Saladino** and **Bob Kelly**. We eagerly await an opportunity for a face-to-face recital of our version of ‘The Odyssey.’” From Larry Gertner: “Ingrid and I are planning to head up to Acadia National Park for the first time since 2001. The B&B owner in Bar Harbor kept introducing us as the “9/11 survivors”, an egregious stretching of the facts. We’ll be coming up on our 54th Anniversary soon (of meeting on the ferry, that is; only 25 being married.)” From **Alex Motyl**: “Alex Motyl has been writing about fascist Russia’s genocidal war



in Ukraine for The Hill, Politico, Foreign Policy, etc.” From **Pete Fanelli**: “My daughter, Gina, is getting married, on the beach on Long Island, on August 13, to Keith Edmonson. That concludes my responsibility for paying for weddings. Pretty Little Liars: Original Sin was released on HBO this week. If you watch the Funeral Scene very carefully in the third episode, you can see half my head. Maybe I’ll get my whole head in for the soup kitchen scene whenever that shows. Tomorrow I’m background in a racing scene in Middletown for Poker Face. I’m still volunteering with the Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corps. and am once again President of the Poughkeepsie Moose Lodge, where I’d be happy to spring for a Bud Light.” From **Roger Rooney**: “Daughter Beth graduated cum laude from SUNY Purchase on May 20th with her BA in Psychology. Beth is taking the summer off while looking for employment and considering grad school opportunities. Daughter Mari graduated from Kennedy Catholic on June 4th. Mari will be attending Clark University in Worcester as the recipient of the Robert Goddard scholarship.” From **Al Pirovitz**: “I’m still maintaining my environmental project on city and federal property in Brentwood. I call it The Meltway because it was begun when the Sunset Blvd overpass of the 405 Freeway was under construction.” From **John Schopfer**: “Suzanne and I are moving out of Dutchess County to return to the NYC environs (Crestwood, NY). I look forward to, among many things, returning to the occasional Jug Night, most likely for 2022.” From Luke Garvey: “Enjoying life in the new very old home (1850s farmhouse) in Norwalk CT. Working less, but still in the therapy biz. Blessed to have both children living nearby.” From **Bruce O’Neill**: “I, myself, have not prowled since last September’s jaunt to New York.” From **Bob Genovese**: “I’m still tutoring, more so now that I’m retired. I have four Literacy students, and two GED Math prep students, most of whom I tutor on Zoom. Tillie and I have a trip planned to Seattle / Oregon, where I plan to do two half marathons and visit Eugene (the capital of Track & Field). Hopefully the wildfires stay at bay in mid-September when we are traveling. My daughter, Kira, is still working as an Assistant Stylist on Fashion shoots in the city and may decide to get her MA in Fine Arts at some point. Shortly after last year’s Reunion **Tom Stio** and I walked the High Line and trekked through Chelsea and the East Village. We started on the Upper East Side in Central Park, and he estimated that we walked more than nine miles that day.” Why wait every three months to catch up on class doings? Join the Regis Class of ’71 Facebook group that Dennis Petito set up a few years ago for more

frequent updates and witty repartee. Please remember in your prayers: **Craig Smith** died on April 26, 2022 from complications of lymphoma. “Craig took to heart the motto of his scholarship High School, ‘men for others’, in his personal and professional life.” **John Schubert’s** wife, Marsha, passed away June 30th, 2021, after a long battle with the ravages of multiple sclerosis. “Her strength, and her ability to remain positive and happy, in the face of this adversity, continues to inspire me, and others who knew her well, to deal with challenges we may face with similar faith and courage. AMDG.” **Ray Lombardi’s** mom, Marian, passed away on Friday, August 5 at age 99 in her longtime home in Whitestone. Pete Fanelli says “She was one of those moms who was always very welcoming when he brought friends in.” From Ray Lombardi: “I was honored by the appearance of Larry Gertner at the funeral home services for my mother, who passed away 8/5/22. We talked about old times, recent times, and life in general - thank you for the visit Larry, who indicated he was informed of this event by Peter Fanelli, who attended the funeral mass and cemetery service. Thank you Peter, you have been an important person in my life since Regis days. Thanks also for the condolence emails from **Joe Keiser, Brian McKeon, and Mike Schwarz**. I have not been an active alumnus of the class of ’71 for many years, for several reasons of my own making, so I am highly impressed and gratified by the show of support and friendship, from you, and from other classmates I have encountered recently as we observed the 50th anniversary of our graduation. It embodies the high character of all you gentlemen, fostered in no small part by our Regis experience, and demonstrates ‘men for others’ very nicely. Thank you all again- blessings to you all!”



Dave Speranza '71, Stu Schoder '71, and Larry Gertner '71 in Gettysburg in May



Rick Romito's '71 ship comes in on July 4.



Alex Motyl '71, Frank Flaherty '71, Mike Horber '71, Mike Curcio '71, and Larry Gertner '71 at the White Horse Tavern in June

1972

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By all accounts, our 50th reunion was an outstanding success. Over 100 people (alums and their guests) attended some or all of the weekend events. The Reunion Committee (**Tom Abate, Kevin Farrelly, Mike Molyneux, Mike Morris, Jim Provenzale, Rich Reiner, and Mike Schneider**), in concert with the Regis Alumni staff, put together a host of activities, all aimed at providing alums the opportunity to get reacquainted. On Friday, June 10, there was a walk along the High Line, followed by dinner at a Chelsea restaurant. At Regis, on Saturday, June 11, there were discussion groups led by classmates, tours of the school, mass in the chapel, cocktails in the quadrangle and a reception in the auditorium. The Committee worked for months to organize these activities and is especially proud of completing In Memoriam profiles for each of the 14 of our deceased classmates. All the submitted alumni profiles can be viewed in the digital reunion yearbook at <https://www.regis.org/alumniProfile/casestest.cfm?gradyear=1972>. These profiles provide a fascinating look at the lives of the young men who arrived at Regis in September 1968 and

left to face the world in June 1972. **Bill Greiter** reports that his retirement from American Family Insurance officially occurred in mid-June and his consulting gigs are off and running. Bill is leaving Wisconsin to live with his fiancé, Deb Leonard, in a small town in Michigan. They are planning an addition to her house and a wedding next June. Sorry to report that **Steve Kaczynski** died suddenly on May 23 in Ohio. In his memory, many reunion attendees wore Hawaiian shirts. Prior to his death, Steve submitted a profile for the digital reunion yearbook. I was hoping to speak to him at the reunion about his appearance on *The Dating Game*. Enjoying his retirement, **Kevin Murray** took a Holland America cruise along the North Atlantic to visit several ports, including Greenland, Iceland and the Maritime Provinces. **Lucy Sante** published a new book, *Nineteen Reservoirs*, about the construction of New York City’s vast reservoir system upstate and the destruction of villages and farms to make way for it. **Paul Kleeberg** writes “I was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) which is a particularly aggressive blood cancer. At the time of diagnosis I was told I would be lucky to live 15 months. That is why I missed the reunion. The good news is that I feel great both physically, emotionally and spiritually. I am using the remaining time to enjoy my wife, kids and grandkids, and to start checking off items on my bucket list.” Paul, you said it very well and your friends are rooting for you to complete that bucket list. After returning to his home in Turin, Italy, **John Rasiej** shared his thoughts on our Reunion: “Seeing so many faces from the Class of 1972, both at the Friday dinner and at the Reunion, was really memorable. My wife Luisa remarked it was fun to see all these 67- and 68-year-old men turn back into 15-year-old boys in the way they joked around and needled each other. I was amazed to hear stories from people who recounted things they remembered about me that I had no memory of! It was also fun to chat with some people who weren’t in my group of closest friends during those HS years. Seeing the old photographs, walking the halls during the tour, being in the Chapel for Mass and then being in the auditorium where dances, proms and performances were held all were quite moving. As was seeing a copy of *The Owl* in which I had drawn portraits of the people being interviewed, and then also seeing a copy of the *Tin Cup* which I had created as a gag in sophomore year. The whole time was definitely worth the transatlantic trip! Thanks to everyone who made it possible and then made it succeed. See you at the 55th?” Tracy and **Andy Schilling** were glad to attend the Reunion. “Tracy especially enjoyed meeting other spouses,” writes Andy “who made

a very fun crowd. All of us in midtown enjoyed the Irish bar on 53rd Street after reunion events until the wee hours of the morning!” Andy accepted an offer to be the assistance director of international recruitment at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. His new position will involve some travel and plenty of interaction with international applicants and representatives overseas. With this issue of *Regis*, I am stepping down as Class Rep. It has been my pleasure to be the conduit for news about our classmates for several years. I particularly enjoyed communicating directly with many of you. **Jerry McAloon** has generously volunteered to take over as Class Rep and I am certain he will do a great job. I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service to our class and our alma mater.

1973

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1974

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**Richard O’Leary** writes: “I am in NJ for the summer, enjoying the weather and the Jersey Shore! I saw Frank O’Brien recently (for my annual cardiology exam). My oldest son, Colin, is moving to Boston to start a new job as a physician in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. My youngest son, Casey, is working on his hours to obtain his license as a mental health counselor; he is working at a school in Manhattan and in a private practice in Manhattan.” **William O’Connell** writes: “My son Daniel is marrying Laura Nevins at Fordham University in November. Daniel is a Vice President with Morgan Stanley in New York. My daughter Kathryn and her husband Steve have been living in New Jersey for the past 5 years. Kate is a corporate real estate lawyer in Springfield. Lynne and I are doing well. We are enjoying our empty nest in the Hudson Valley. I continue to count photons at Northwell Health - but must confess the sirens of retirement are beckoning. **Lawrence Earley** writes: Retired now 8 years and completed over 1000 rounds of golf. Sold my telescopes due to old age and sleeping. Took over 2500 astrophotos. My new hobby is rock lapidary and garage is shop now. Our daughter now works for Stanford Medical Center after working at Harvard public health. Our daughter married a super tough Ironman. They enjoy 50 mile runs in mountains. Wife and I have

traveled to many National parks and monuments. We have expanded our art collection to include a St Jerome from pre 1700 out of Peru.” **Jose Ochoa** writes: “On January 5th 2022 Theresa Michelle Alexander, my first ( and likely only) grandbaby was born! Full hair of fire engine red hair so no resemblance to me. Also noteworthy, I installed 32 solar panels on my home in an attempt to offset some of the carbon emissions I produce traveling around in the RV.” **Thomas Dudar** writes: “My wife Mary and I are very proud of our daughter Kelly who graduated magna cum laude from the School of Dentistry at Southern Illinois University. She has started a post-doctoral program in AEGD (Advanced Education in General Dentistry).” **John Hall** writes: “I have been spending the summer in St. John’s Newfoundland with my lady Gloria. The Province is incredibly beautiful with icebergs, puffins, whales, hiking and lots of codfish. Lots of places have Basque names, so I feel right at home. What more could one want? **Richard Dries** and friend Anne came to visit and a good time was had by all.”

1975

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**Peter Honchaurk’s** ’76 buddies are proud to report that Peter has undertaken a six-week mission to Riga, Latvia, in order to serve both Ukrainian refugees and, drawing on his social work skills, those volunteers who are doing the difficult work of receiving them. We admire him, wish him the best, and look forward to a further digest of some of the remarkable encounters he is already having. Bravo, Peter, you’re embodying the best of the values Regis stands for! **Lou Jerome** and his wife Holly are thrilled to announce the birth of their second grandchild, Logan Louis Jerome, on June 13th! Everyone is doing very well, even his older brother, Cam. To be around when Logan was born, they postponed their trip to Italy— with their daughter, Liz, and her fiancé, Michael— to July. “While we enjoyed Berninis, Botticellis, and the Umbria Jazz Festival, we took time to sample local delights, from Umbria’s Porchetta and Florence’s Lampredotto to a uniquely Roman breakfast, the ‘Maritozzo.’ Basically a whipped-cream sandwich. For the record, Holly and I split it. A special shout-



out to **Paul O’Brien**, who gave me a terrific restaurant recommendation for our Liz’s birthday dinner!” **Hugh Finnegan** writes about his sons... “Phil and Julie had their second son on 8/11, Ronan Patrick. We now have 4 grandchildren. And Danny graduated Brooklyn Law in May, sat for the Bar Exam in July and starts his career in September.” **Jon Powers** and his wife added a new grandchild as well (of course Hugh is in the lead, 4 – 2) when their oldest added Rose Marie to his family in July. **Chris Lowney** was recently named board chair at Common Spirit Health, America’s largest tax exempt hospital system (140 hospitals). His board work and occasional articles for Forbes online complement his main commitment: rooting for the Mets. Recalling last year’s photo of the same, **Ray Schmierer, Dave Pluta, Bob Lent, Mike Tupone** and **Frank Pietrantonio** gathered at Dave’s brothers home in Ghent for another music holiday. 5+ days of playing and recording classic rock tunes with great meals, drink and brotherhood shared throughout. **Bob Lent** just retired after 36 years of full time music ministry in two Jesuit Parishes in the Seattle Tacoma area. In retirement he plans to work on his jump shot (which is more of a set shot now) and finish producing and releasing Strider’s first (and last) album, a collection of 176 tunes and hundreds of random outtakes featuring everything from Black Sabbath to Kenny Chesney and an original Pietrantonio tune. Strider, in case you’ve been hiding under a rock the last ten years is Lent, Pietrantonio, Pluta, Tupone and Schmierer plus Dave’s younger brother Paul and Picerni doing color commentary. Failing that, he and Eileen plan to see more of the world and all that is beautiful. **Peter Moerler** for the first time in a long time...”the other day (on a bike ride - more on that below) I thought — wow — 50 years ago we started as Freshmen at Regis, not sure about being bright eyed and bushy tailed at that time, but I was nervous as all hell — pinch me - what am I doing here?!? Can I really do this stuff? Fortunately, my mother said — take it one day at a time and gradually the one days rolled into weeks, months and years. Who knows where I would be without having gone to Regis, so I continue to thank God for Regis and all that it has done and continues to do. Now for an update on the family: Beth, my oldest, graduated from Boston U in 2021 and is gainfully (yay!) employed by Deloitte in Cyber Security Risk Advisory; living and working in Manhattan. Cathy, is in her third year at Occidental College in L.A., majoring in Biology and wants to go into Marine Biology — had an internship with the Coral Triangle Centre in Bali in July / August. (her experience was slightly different than mine at that age — flogging hot dogs and

hamburgers in Rockaway in the summertime, but with free beer!). All good there. Michael, my youngest at 13, in the 8th grade at the Singapore American School, loves basketball and drums. My wife, Rani, is very active in ocean canoe paddling (think Hawaiian outriggers) and has competed in the world championships for Singapore (though she is Indonesian). With the two girls out of the house, she has more time for this and loves her time on the water. Despite having hung up the basketball sneakers years ago, the knees are old and in April I had a total knee replacement for my right knee. At the 3 month mark, my surgeon gave the all clear — you can do anything you want. While not playing b-ball again, and certainly not leaping tall buildings in a single bound, I do ride my bicycle most days for an hour or more, including to / from work when I WFO three days a week. Lots of stairs too. Speaking of work — I am still in Singapore, with Credit Suisse, doing credit risk management for half of Southeast Asia. Still interesting and it pays the bills! We’ve got another strategic review going on though and who knows, maybe I’ll be retired or maybe I’ll keep on truckin with these guys. We’ll see. In closing, I chatted with Frank Walsh the other day, do remember him and Diane in your prayers.”



Lou Jerome enjoys a local breakfast in Italy.

1977

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**Shawn Feeney** retired after 37 years at Citigroup, having weathered, among others, the 1987 market crash, 9/11, the 2007-2008 financial crisis, and Hurricane Sandy. **Bob Hay** and **Mike Bellissimo** are Co-Founder and Secretary of the Sunflower Community Fund (sunflowercommunityfund.org), which provides financial assistance to the Sunflower Community, a group of organizations

and individuals in Ukraine that assists children in orphanages, people who have lived in orphanages, people with disabilities, at-risk youth, social orphans and children in poverty, and that seeks to improve the quality of their education. Mike has also started a new job as Chief Revenue Officer at TBD Health (hello.tbd.health), a startup health care provider offering a holistic and integrated care experience through its first stand-alone clinic in Las Vegas, and through tele-health services and testing in Florida, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. New York is actually a small town. **Jim Fields’** son Ted married Lauren Ciaravelli, the daughter of Shawn Feeney’s long-time next door neighbor. (No, Shawn wasn’t the matchmaker.) **Tim Knierim, Joe Hynes,** and **Mike Holden** were also at the wedding. Grandchild alert. Riley Ann Vaughn (**Ken McCauley**) was born March 28th. Liam Anthony Neville (Regis Class of 2040, **Billy Neville’s** grandson) born March 29th. Still rockin’. **Chris Heatherington** and **Joe Arigo** got together to see Joe Bonamassa at Jones Beach Amphitheatre. **Mark Kolakowski** is on pace by September to surpass 1,500 articles published on Investopedia (www.investopedia.com/contributors/54001/). Of the more than 38,000 articles on Investopedia, only two other bylines appear more often than Mark’s. In what had to be a bittersweet moment (mostly sweet, though) Northeastern University forced a kid from The Bronx, Joe Hynes, to go to his daughter Amanda’s graduation at, of all places, Fenway Park. Those Bostonians have a wicked sense of humor. **Marty Mannion** was the subject of a very nice article in the Princeton Alumni magazine. Marty and his wife Tristin made a major gift to Princeton supporting the construction of a new dormitory. Mannion Hall will open in the fall. And in more Mannion news, Marty’s daughter Natalie is a national-caliber swimmer. (Marty freely admits this isn’t “apple-falling-close-to-the-tree” as he can barely swim.) Natalie will be a freshman on the Stanford University Women’s Swim team. She recently swam at the US National Championships (open to all US swimmers) where she “A” finaled (top 8 in the country) in the 200 backstroke and 200 free. She also swam for the US Junior National team in the Pan Pacific games in August.



Chris Heatherington '77 and Joe Arigo '77 got together to see Joe Bonamassa at the Jones Beach Amphitheatre.

1978

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**Bob Zielinski** and **John Feeley** had a great micro reunion in San Juan, PR in June. They are both married to Boricuas! (PR women). John and wife will be here from mid-December through February, and I live here, so look us up if you are passing through!” **Rick Weber** and **Fabian Fondriest** returned to Queens for a Mets game at Citi Field in August. **Bobby McDermott, Joe Faga** and **John Haddad** set sail on “Cruise to the Edge,” and apparently attended prog-rock concerts non-stop! **Brian Scully** is heading to Berlin to run the Berlin Marathon on September 25th, and **Brian Sheehan** became a first-time grandfather in August! **George Figueroa’s** son Adam is spending his Fall semester in Rome. He’s studying Architecture with an Anthropology minor, and he will likely be hitting up **Duane Blue Spruce** for some much needed advice. With kind logistical assistance from Regis physics teacher Dr. Luca Matone, **Steve Okonski** spoke to Regis students about the current status of quantum physics study, and introduced his theory to them. Steve’s theory predicts the influence on our world from matter in other parallel worlds diminishes as matter interacts. That prediction gained support this year from an otherwise unexplained astronomical effect newly observed in colliding galaxies. Finally, John Feeley started a not-for-profit organization called the Center for Media Integrity of the Americas. Affiliated with the Organization of American States (OAS), the mission is to promote public interest media and high quality journalism in Latin

America and the Caribbean. Launched in June at the Summit of the Americas, the Center’s main partners are the Washington Post, the University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill College of Journalism, and the Gabriel Garcia Marquez Foundation in Cartagena, Colombia. Between fundraising, seminar curriculum and website design, he and his wife Cherie got away for a month’s travel in Europe to see family and friends.

1980

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The Class of 1981 lost another of its Noble Hearts with the passing of **Mike Morriss** on July 30, 2022. Mike was a father of three, a Navy veteran, and someone who, as many of us know, was always ready to be a man for you, and others. He was a tremendous friend to many of us during our time at Regis, for some of you at Williams College and for others of us as we entered our professional lives. We are dedicating this edition of Notes for our class to reflections some of our classmates have provided about Mike. Thanks to **Tom Gramaglia** for sharing the prom picture, and to all for such heartfelt contributions. **John Delaney:** “Everybody remembers Mike from the basketball team, and I always liked playing with or against him in pickup games. But Mike was also the editor of the Crow, and was the first guy to publish me. I consider myself more of a frustrated writer but I have had a lot of opportunities from editors with different newspapers, but I had to bang on a lot of doors to get what I have. But I remember Mike as a senior, trying, pushing, selling hard, trying to get people to write for the Crow. Mike was very ambitious about it. Mike wasn’t resting on any laurels. When I got the email about Mike I knew what it said and didn’t have to read it, and it shocked me. We had an open date to play pool. I’m sorry I was not in touch more often.” **Dom Ferro:** “I first got to know Mike in junior year at Regis. He was starting the Crow, which he described as an opinion magazine. I don’t really remember how he got me to be the Managing Editor of it. Maybe he saw that I was pretty opinionated. But what I remember was the remarkable manner in which he got the thing going. He had this good-humored confidence that it would work out that never wavered through the process. It was infectious. I found myself going

along with the process, easily overcoming or sidestepping barriers as they arose, which was not my temperament at all. It was an education. In our years at Williams, Mike brought that same attitude and maturity to everything. He brought it to intramural basketball and he brought it to his radio discussion show, on which he got me to make an appearance. He was always an inspiration to me and something of a marvel. I am better for having known him.” Tom Gramaglia: “I played basketball for two years on the Regis team before my limited skill set in basketball led me to join the baseball team instead. I recall that Mike’s jumpshot was languid and silky smooth, and I can still picture his fadeaway jumpers from the corner. He seemed utterly at ease on the court, with a confidence and accuracy that led us to get the ball in his hands as often as possible. I recall that he nicknamed one of our teammates, **Dan McCauley**, after the cartoon character “Baby Huey” because of Dan’s large size (both height and strength) and his gentle, goofy nature. Dan passed away shortly after high school due to cancer, but I know that Mike’s friendship meant a lot to him, as it did to me. I also remember discussing rock lyrics in depth with Mike, analyzing them for wisdom and hidden meanings, and we invented new lyrics for popular songs, specifically including the Police’s hit ‘Roxanne’ in 1978. Mike was considerate and kind to others, with a rapier wit and occasional sarcasm that made us all laugh. We argued for hours about New York’s sports teams, especially about the Rangers and Islanders, since we were both great hockey fans. I also recall that Mike was a significant contributor in the classroom as well, and his intelligence and insights were valuable for our collective progress in our Regis education. After Regis, Mike and I fell out of touch, and I haven’t lived in the New York area since our graduation, so I was unable to rekindle our friendship in later years. I will remember Mike fondly as a kind friend and a good person, someone who had a profound impact on me and I’m sure many of our Regis classmates. May he rest in peace and may you find comfort in knowing that Mike helped to make us the people (and proud Regis alums) that we are today.” **Brian Hegarty:** “I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to the Morriss Family. As a Regian classmate we would see Michael at reunions, and I would like to share with you Michael’s visit to the World Trade Center a few years ago. In the midst of construction of the Freedom Tower, 9/11 Memorial Museum and Transportation Center, Michael stopped by to see the tremendous ongoing activities. It was an honor to show Michael the ongoing construction progress and hear him speak so passionately about his children



and experiences throughout the world. As a Navy Veteran, it was clear how meaningful walking among the World Trade Center was - we went to the top of the 1 WTC where Michael signed a steel beam, and we visited the 9/11 Museum which would open soon. We said a silent prayer next to Tom Burke's name on the Memorial fountains; Tom was a classmate we lost on 9/11. It was only a few hours, but it meant the world to spend such wonderful time with Michael - he was a true gift that will be missed. God Bless the Morriss Family." **Peter McFadden:** "Mike Morriss, in a sense, was my first boss. He was editor-in-chief of the Crow while I served as his managing editor. I learned from Mike one of the most important life lessons I have learned: others have talents I do not have. It was great being on his team. A particularly memorable moment came as I was working late at night to put out the next issue of the Crow. Mike called to share the news that John Lennon had been shot. We were out the next morning with our issue, and I've long thought we were one of the first student papers in the country to comment on his death." **Paula Neira** (also a Navy veteran): Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. RIP Shipmate, we'll meet again at Fiddler's Green! At Fiddler's Green, where seamen true; When here they've done their duty; The bowl of grog shall still renew; And pledge to love and beauty." **Robert Scott:** "I remember Mike as kind, smart, suave, sophisticated, respectful, humble, well-spoken, and athletic. I was certainly in awe of him during our time at Regis. And I loved hearing his stories at our recent get-togethers." **Chris Varrone:** "I knew Mike little the first three years at Regis, but was surprised and honored when, in our senior year, he asked me to write his peer recommendation for Williams College. We both got in, and both attended for four years, and it was during that time that I got to know him much better. In particular, I remember he was the host of a talk show on the college radio station. He organized various discussions, mostly on politics and economics, and managed to get three of us from radically different world-views, on several occasions. There was the leader of the college Marxists, the leader of the Young Republicans, and I was the designated "moderate." You can imagine how we argued about the issues of the day — the US Role in El Salvador, the validity of the Laffer Curve (higher taxes inhibit people from working), and Reagan's "Star Wars" initiative come to mind. In the spirit of our dear departed Political Philosophy teacher, Mr. John Connelly, Michael asked probing questions, but never disclosed his own views. Like Switzerland, one might say, he preferred to stay neutral amidst

the turbulence of our arguments, which could get heated at times, but always ended in polite and respectful concluding remarks. I think this vignette summarizes how I remember Mike as an intellectual: cool, rational, and with the ability to "rise above" partisan arguments, to see the big picture, which for him was often about the welfare of all the world's people." **John Dieffenbach:** "The overwhelming memory I have of talking with Mike is curiosity. Mike was one of those unique people who was a pleasure to speak with because he always seemed more interested in what others had to say than what he had to say. He would ask a lot of questions, and then more questions. When we would have lunch from time to time with **Mark Mitchell, John Conlon** and **Fred Martin**, the energy of the conversation elevated considerably when Mike sat down. He wanted to know what was new with everyone; how our lives were going and what our thoughts were on issues of the day. I remember Mike asking me who I supported in the California gubernatorial election in 2018. I had just moved to California and didn't even know who was running. Mike offered a detailed analysis of Gavin Newsom, his strengths, and the likelihood of him running for president one day. His knowledge on politics and memory on sports trivia was unparalleled. My last and lasting reflection on Mike is his character. To his core, Mike was a good person. He had a strong moral compass and tremendous integrity. From the time we were in high school he always came across as the "stand-up guy." He would be the guy to do the right thing. The fact that he went into the Navy to serve the country, and his career was focused on serving others as well, speaks volumes about him. They say our lives are measured not by what we say, but what we do. Mike always tried to do the right thing for the right reasons. There is so much good in who he was that I will continue to try and emulate in my own life."



The late Mike Morriss '81, right, at the Regis prom with Tom Bader '81, Dan McCauley '81, Rich



John Dieffenbach '81, John Conlon '81, and Fred Martin '81 having lunch with their late friend Mike Morriss '81

1982

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It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Maria Sym - mother of **John Sym**, on March 12. Mrs. Sym always had a smile and a warm welcome for all of John's friends and classmates who visited the Sym home in Elmhurst, Queens. May she rest in God's eternal peace. On September 10, **Joe Accetta, Sr.** will mark 30 years as a Court Attorney / Court Administrator in New York State's Unified Court System. His current assignment is as a Court Attorney / Referee in the Adult Guardianship Part of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, and as a Compliance Referee for Guardianship Accounting proceedings throughout the Ninth Judicial District (comprised of Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange and Dutchess Counties). Joe's elder son, **Joseph, Jr. '14**, will be celebrating three years at EY in its Transfer Pricing group, and is currently training to run the NYC Marathon in November. Joe's younger son Thomas is now a Junior at **Manhattanville College**, studying Digital Media. Calling all my brothers in the Class of 1983: As we approach our 40th Reunion next Spring, I would love to hear from you and report your personal and family tidings in this space. Please send me an email or reach out to me on Facebook, so I can gather and report your updates in advance of our Reunion. AMDG.

1984

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**Charles Guarino's** son, Michael, graduated *summa cum laude* from Georgetown in May 2022. He was awarded the Caino Medal at Tropiaia and was formally inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Michael was recently hired by Georgetown as Program Manager for the Latin America Leadership Program at the McDonough School of Business. Charles's son, Andrew, is a sophomore at Boston College and was recently invited to join the Department of Communications Honors Program. Andrew was offered a transfer to Cornell but ultimately turned it down to stay at BC after loving his freshman year so much. Charles will be attending his first Division I football game during BC Parents' Weekend against Louisville and says "it should be quite an experience!" **Kieran O'Connor's** fourth and youngest child, Alice, has headed off to college. She will be attending Nazareth College in Rochester, NY. In an interesting coincidence, her dorm is named "O'Connor" (after one of the Sisters of St. Joseph who founded Nazareth). She will be studying physical therapy and is also a member of the soccer team. Kieran has one other in school (Berklee College of Music in Boston). She will finish in December. Kieran has just finished his 32nd year as an educator; he started off as a teacher and is now as the Director of Technology. He adds that he has no plans to retire at this time. **Pete Doyle** wrote in that he "visited the hallowed halls" in August to take his son to the Hearn informational session. "Our classmates will be glad to know that Eric Di Michele is going strong. Last year the Hearn won its 31st NY State championship since we graduated. An amazing legacy." **Tony Loscalzo** said it was "an honor, and a lot of fun, to be part of the Tom Flood "Seniorem Civitatis" Classic in May. Thank you to Bill Hogan '85 for organizing it and to our '84 brothers for representing us well." Tony also noted that thanks to his nephew, now a junior at Regis, he watched the Regis JV basketball team win a city championship and was able to attend this year's Hearn dinner . . . Tony said he is "proud on many levels of him, and Regis." Finally, Tony added, "I was very enthused to attend multiple Cristo Rey High School events in the past year, in person, including one at Regis. Thank you to the Regis grads who lead those important schools locally." Please keep **Rich Gardella** and his family in your prayers, as his mom, Barbara, passed away in August.

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Several Regians caught up with each other while attending a gala for St. Jean Baptiste High School: Bill Norrett '87, Jim Curry '87, Sean Casey '87, Ed Conlon '83, Rory Keenan '88, George Brickfield '88, Jim O'Rourke '87, and John Conlon '81

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**John Devlin** (john.t.devlin@gmail.com) shares, "My wife and I just completed our seventh annual backpack and school supply drive for the kids being served by Portland Homeless Family Solutions (<http://www.pdxhfs.org/>). We dropped off 120 backpacks, crammed full of school supplies, plus a \$90 Old Navy gift card for each kid. We raised a total of \$19,431 from 73 different people, including a total stranger at a local supermarket who handed me \$20 when he overheard what I was doing. The PHFS staff created a Back to School Fair around the

backpack giveaway – there was shaved ice, face painting, balloon animals, carnival games, baby goats, hot dogs, and a dunk tank! It was so great to see the kids having fun and getting excited about the new school year. Whenever I do things like this, I truly feel like I am living the values that Regis taught me." **Tony Pillari** (tony.pillari@gmail.com) just celebrated the five-year anniversary of the launch of his firm, Excelis Consulting. Tony adds, "Hard to believe it's been half a decade! I've done strategic planning projects related to breast cancer research, pediatric organ transplantation, university finances, medical education, and biomedical innovation, among others. Each project has taught me something new about the field (and myself) and given me a chance to do well by doing good. There were one or two rough patches along the way -- each one mercifully brief! -- but it's been an honor to serve my clients across the range of the non-profit space. I knew I was making the right decision when I struck out on my own and the past five years have thankfully proven me correct. **Paul Degnan** (paul@sueandpaul.com) writes, "In continued dedication to single sex education (but the other kind), I am sending my daughter Fiona for freshman year at Smith College, class of '26. **JP Freeley** (jpf321@gmail.com) began a new position in May with Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSKCC) as an Infrastructure Engineer. In July, JP closed on a 3-bedroom property in Hampton Bays which is available for weekend rental.



John Devlin '89 getting soaked at a fundraiser for Portland Homeless Family Solutions

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**Dave Vermillion** writes as follows: “I’m on the precipice of launching my own strategic communications firm “Vermillion Strategic Advisors,” providing public and government relations services. www.vermillionadvisors.com.” **Patrick J. Burns** started a new position this fall as Associate Research Scholar for Digital Projects at NYU’s Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (just down 84th St. from Regis!) working on computational approaches to—among other things—Latin and Greek texts. **Basil Kolani** also checked in: “This July, I started a new job as Director of Academic Affairs at Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY. My older son, Henry, will enjoy the shorter train ride to Regis for his senior year, and he’ll be joined by his younger brother, Will, who is starting as a freshman this fall.” Finally, and perhaps (or perhaps not) most importantly, **Tom Peveraro’s** pet parrot came in third place in the Northeast regional Jimmy Buffett “squawk like Jimmy” contest. Congrats to Tom (and Bill (Tom’s parrot)).

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Amy Lynn and **Patrick Durkan** gave birth to Marilyn Zsa Zsa Durkan. Born August 5th 2022 at 7:45 pm. 6 lbs, 6.6 oz, 19.5 inches. Mom and baby are healthy.



Patrick Durkan '97 with his daughter, Marilyn Zsa Zsa Durkan, who was born in August.

1998

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**Dr. Will Kwan** is an Internal Medicine-Pediatrics faculty physician at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he has had the honor of working the past four years alongside fellow Regian **Dr. Colin O’Leary ’06**, who recently completed his Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency at UNC-Chapel Hill and is now a physician at Massachusetts General Hospital.

2000

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**Jason Reed** and his wife, Amika, welcomed their first child, Jackson Amir Reed, on July 5, 2022. Baby Jackson, already taking after his track star dad, jumped the gun and arrived 7 weeks ahead of schedule. Despite the early arrival, baby and Mom are both doing wonderfully. **Karl Ramas** reports that he and his wife recently moved to Brooklyn and adopted a dog. Karl needs the fathering experience in advance of the arrival of their first child, due in

September. He also recently joined Marbls, a life science consulting firm. **Sam Valverde** recently joined the Biden Administration as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Ginnie Mae. Ginnie Mae maintains a \$2 trillion dollar market for mortgage-backed securities for the purpose of supporting affordable access to credit for working families and veterans nation-wide. Says Sam, “This is America. Everyone should have the opportunity to take on a crippling amount of debt.” After a 3-year stint across the pond, **Ariel Perez** and family are back in New Jersey where he is busy growing tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchinis, as well as peach, plum, cherry, and apricot trees and waging a losing battle against the local chipmunks, squirrels, and groundhogs. Soon the tables will turn, as he anxiously awaits ‘wabbit season’. After spending more than a decade working in the International Baccalaureate continuum in South America, **Rodrigo Fernandez Abarno** returned to Regis in July as Assistant Director of the REACH program. He is thrilled to be back in his hometown helping underserved communities bridge the equity gap. **Bruce Connolly** has joined the faculty at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida where he lives with his wife and 3 daughters. He was recently appointed Director of the Rodney L. Smith Business Law Institute where he is pioneering a new area of practice called Gator Law. **Terence Kannengieser** and his wife Andrea welcomed their daughter, Quinn Parker Kannengieser, on January 12, 2022. Having never seen the sun before, she was already tanner than her father.



Terence Kannengieser '00 and his wife, Andrea, welcomed their daughter, Quinn Parker Kannengieser, on January 12, 2022.

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**Nick Nikic** is sad to inform the Regis community that his dad, Nick Nikic, Sr., died on July 21st at home. Nick Sr. was, like so many Regis parents, one of Regis’ biggest fans, and hired many Regians throughout the years as summer relief doormen and porters on the Upper East Side, starting an informal program which continues today. Please keep him in your prayers. **Andrew Jaico** has won the Best Person award. This is huge for the Best Person award. **Eric Estrada** and his wife Susan welcomed their third child, Gabriel, to the family in July. His big sisters, Nadia and Lucía, are thrilled to have him home - the family cat is not sharing their enthusiasm. Much to the dismay of his then pregnant wife, Eric recently traveled to Austin, TX for business and took the opportunity to meet up with **Alain Miguel** and his beautiful family.



Eric Estrada '03 and his wife, Susan, welcomed their third child, Gabriel, to the family in July.

2004

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**Jared Pilosio** is a senior program manager in the export compliance program at Amazon; he joined the Great Resignation in the fall of 2021 coming off work as a business advisory consultant. Engaged and living with his fiancée and their cat in row home in Jersey City, he’s celebrating seven years of living in the Sixth Borough -- where did all those seven years go? A neighbor to fellow '05 classmates **Drew Jacob** and **Jon Spagnola**, he invites other Regians to make the trek across the Hudson River to the Motherland. **John Hannon** woke up one morning from a night of troubled dreams to discover he had been transformed into a lawyer in private practice in Washington DC. Along with wife Olga and munchkins Samuel and Nicholas, he invites any Regis alums in the area to drop by and talk about their own metamorphoses. Jonathan Spagnola is an interventional cardiologist in Staten Island and runs the Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship program at Staten Island University Hospital. He and his wife, Ashley moved to Jersey City last year with their twin daughters who will turn two in October. He now reluctantly has a New Jersey drivers license. Drew Jacob is the head of finance for a New York City software company focused on improving emergency response. He moved to Jersey City last year with his girlfriend and shares a neighborhood with fellow '05 alumni Jared Pilosio and Jon Spagnola. After a 16 year reprieve, Drew once more experiences the pain and joy of commuting between New Jersey and Manhattan alongside bleary-eyed Regians. **John Calhoun** is a litigator in Boston, focused on commercial disputes and intellectual property law. He also consults for a range of federal- and state-level political campaigns. He and his wife expect their first child (a girl) in late October. Despite living behind enemy lines, he remains a loyal New York sports fan. **Emmet McDermott’s** first feature documentary about the rise and fall of Abercrombie & Fitch, directed by the award-winning Alison Klayman, was released on Netflix on April 19th and debuted at #1. He wants to thank his collar-popping Regis classmates for inspiring him. Look for it on Netflix: White Hot: The Rise & Fall of Abercrombie & Fitch. **Ted Pak** and Sonia Yen Jarrett celebrated their marriage on October 16, 2021 with best man **David Plaza** and officiant **Danny Chen '06**. Jared Pilosio, **Nick Menillo**, Drew Jacob, **Peter Torre**, **Joe Scarpa Jr. '07**,

and **Nino Mihatov** were in attendance, and by everyone’s recollection, sang a completely accurate rendition of the alma mater. Ted and Sonia are physicians in Boston.



The Regians in attendance belted out the alma mater at Ted Pak’s '05 wedding.

2006

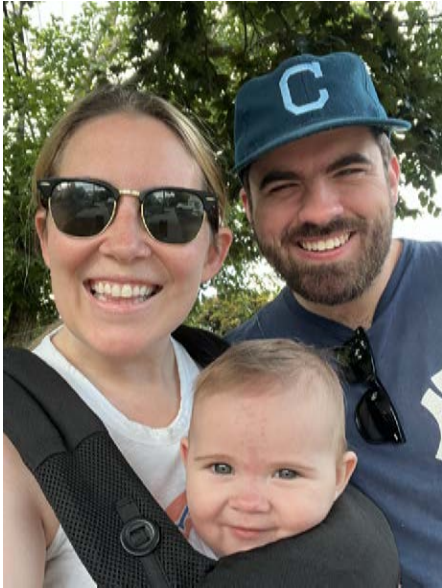
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**Sanjay Salgado** and Silia DeFilippis were happily married on December 23, 2021 at the Park Chateau in New Brunswick, NJ. Former Regis President, **Fr. Philip Judge SJ '80** presided over the service with a wide cohort of Regians in attendance. Alice Ann and **Ed Walsh** were thrilled to welcome their first child, Charlotte Ann, on December 30, 2021. A proud new member of the Regis crew, Charlotte is very happy and healthy.



Sanjay Salgado '06 and Silia DeFilippis with the Regis crew at their wedding.





Alice Ann and Ed Walsh were thrilled to welcome their first child, Charlotte Ann, on December 30, 2021.

2007

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**Brian Hill** has been accepted to begin formation for the holy priesthood with the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP) and will enter Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, NE. this fall. Please keep him in your prayers.

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2014

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**Michael Sullivan** is thrilled to have finally gotten the chance to celebrate his marriage to Shannon Kelly, Marymount '14, in a ceremony presided over by **Fr. Arthur Bender, S.J. '67** at the Church of Saint Ignatius Loyola on April 23. Seven groomsmen were Regis alumni -- **Harry Aquino, Walt Black, Max Feinberg, John McGee, Christopher Noyes, David Said,** and Michael's brother-in-law, **Thomas Kelly '22**. Nine other 2014 grads were in attendance. After two years of pandemic delays the full membership of their GroupMe chat is at last reunited. **Matt O'Gorman** married Amy White at Stone House at Stirling Ridge, located in Warren, New Jersey, on July 1. The happy couple was joined on their wedding day by **Tom Noone** and **Raoul Rodriguez**. Speaking of the latter two, Thomas Noone is joining the faculty of Fordham Prep as the chair of the computer science department after working in the technology sector for several years as a software engineer. He is thrilled to be working in Jesuit education and will learn to hide his Regis allegiances when the two schools compete in athletics. One imagines that Raoul Rodriguez must have run to the O'Gormans' wedding on foot, since shortly before, he competed at Ironman Des Moines on June 12 and won his age group. The Regis cross country alumnus qualified for the 2022 Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawai'i. The phrase, "Regis legend," comes to mind.



Thomas Noone '14, Matthew O'Gorman '14, Amy White, and Raoul Rodriguez '14 at Matt and Amy's wedding



Raoul Rodriguez '14 won his age group at the Ironman Des Moines competition and qualified for the 2022 Ironman World Championships.



Members of the Class of 2014 join groom Michael Sullivan '14 outside of Regis on his wedding day.

2015

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**Evan Nagel** got engaged to his best friend, Jessica Kovach, in May 2022.



2016

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2017

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2018

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'19/'20/'21/'22

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Milestones

BIRTHS

Marilyn Zsa Zsa on August 5, 2022 to Amy Lynn and **Patrick Durkan '97**  
Quinn Parker on January 12, 2022 to Andrea and **Terence Kannengieser '00**  
Jackson Amir on July 5, 2022 to Amika and **Jason Reed '00**  
Gabriel in July to Susan and **Eric Estrada '03**  
Charlotte Ann on December 30, 2021 to Alice Ann and **Ed Walsh '06**

WEDDINGS

**Bill Armbruster '67** and Nancy Robinson on June 11, 2022  
**Ted Pak '05** and Sonia Yen Jarrett on October 16, 2021  
**Sanjay Salgado '06** to Silia DeFilippis on December 23, 2021  
**Matthew O'Gorman '14** and Amy White on July 1, 2022

DEATHS

**James A. O'Rourke '51** on September 7, 2022  
**Robert A. Maresca '52** on September 1, 2022  
**Rev. John J. Ryan, SJ '54** on August 5, 2022  
**Joseph L. Lynch '61** on September 20, 2022  
**John A. Newman, Jr. '61** on May 31, 2022  
**Alexander C. Witkowski '61** on Sept. 8, 2022  
**Robert S. Donaphin '62** on June 26, 2022  
**Terence J. Mogan '62** on October 2, 2022  
**Fredric J. Lewis '63** on October 1, 2022  
**Joseph P. McDermott '63** on October 30, 2022  
**Daniel J. Christie '64** on October 14, 2022  
**James M. Derham '65** on October 12, 2022  
**Stephen G. Wolenuk, Jr. '66** on August 15, 2021  
**Craig D. Smith, Ph.D. '71** on April 26, 2022  
**Kevin W. O'Reilly '72** on September, 7, 2022  
**Michael F. Collins '74** on August 12, 2022  
**Gerald C. Persico '77** on October 13, 2022

Events Calendar

JANUARY

- 5 Home for the Holidays: College Alumni Social
- 17 Southwest Florida Regional Reception
- 18 Miami Regional Reception
- 27 Regis vs. Xavier Basketball Tripleheader

FEBRUARY

- 15 Senior Parents Mardi Gras Party

MARCH

- 14 Sophomore Junior Parents Reception
- 25 Parents' Club Auction
- 28 Los Angeles Regional Reception
- 30 San Francisco Regional Reception

APRIL

- 17 Washington, DC Regional Reception
- 22 5th, 10th, & 15th Reunions  
Classes of 2018, 2013, and 2008
- 23 St. John Francis Regis Society Mass and Reception

MAY

- 6 Golden Owls Reunion  
Classes of 1968, 1963, 1958, and 1953
- 11 President's Dinner  
Honoring supporters who give at the President's Circle level and above.
- 20 20th, 25th, and 30th Reunions  
Classes of 2003, 1998, and 1993
- 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





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Rev. Arthur Bender, SJ, '66 sharing  
his wisdom with Regians this fall.