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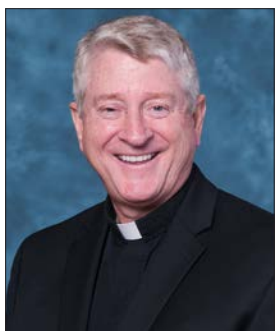


Above In the days after Regis transitioned to remote instruction, the school cleaned out its science labs and donated more than 300 pairs of goggles and more than 4,500 gloves to the Columbia Presbyterian Emergency Room.

On the Cover With his selfless, tireless, humble leadership in the fight against COVID-19, Dr. Anthony Fauci '58 has inspired the Regis community, the nation, and the world.

President's Report

Interesting Times



We all know that Chinese curse: *May you live in interesting times.*

Few times in our history as a country, and never in my lifetime, have the times been as *interesting* as they are today. I lost count of the number of times I have said, “Well, I can’t imagine that happening,” and then it did.

Colleges started sending students home, or told them not to return from spring breaks; private schools in New York which were about to start their two weeks of spring break closed early. But I knew it was serious when the City cancelled the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. I certainly could not have imagined what happened next — at the close of business on the night before St. Patrick’s Day, all bars and restaurants closed until further notice. St. Patrick’s Day in NYC with no parade and no bars open. Historic times indeed.

In the weeks that followed, we moved to remote instruction, the governor put the state on “Pause,” and the president declared this a national emergency. No one’s life continued as normal. Every one of us has been challenged to adapt our lives to the new normal, often spending significantly more time at home with family.

Since I live just around the block from Regis, I continue to come into the office every day. I put out the mail (if it is delivered), open Development envelopes, scan the checks, and take them to the ATM. I have become the one people call or email if we need a scan out of a yearbook (e.g., the 1958 basketball team for a *Wall Street Journal* article) or something mailed out. I Zoom from the office instead of my bedroom. I say Mass every day in the Regis Chapel of the Sacred Heart.

I have never been so conscious of the privilege of being able to celebrate Mass than I have been during this lockdown when people are unable to go to Mass other than virtually, and it has become the central focus of my day, along with some time of prayer afterwards seated in the back of the Chapel. This time has helped me move from times of anger or disbelief or emptiness to a greater sense of consolation.

Consolation as I reflect on the good work of our students and faculty and administration as we moved to this new way of instruction. Consolation as I hear stories of Dr. Anthony Fauci ’58 leading all of us in this difficult moment, and many other stories of alumni and friends who are serving our community on the front lines of this pandemic. Consolation as I reflect on how people have been caring for me and the other Jesuits I live with as they call, write, send food or drink to us.

There also are so many stories of tremendous suffering. Parents or friends who have died, and families have not been able to gather with them at the end, and then funerals that cannot happen, and celebrations of life that have to be postponed. Faculty, parents, and even some of our students have suffered from COVID-19, and the challenges are difficult. We all know stories, some closer to us than others, but the stories are real, and they hurt.

During this time, life does not go on as normal. It is not clear what the new normal will be. Will we be able to resume school in the fall the way we have done 106 other years before? No one knows yet. That alone is unsettling. Will we be able to celebrate graduation in November as we now plan, or will the virus make a resurgence? We do not know.

Such uncertainty brings me back to my evening Mass and prayer in the Chapel. I don’t think that anyone who knows me well would classify me as particularly pious, yet I am drawn more to the Regis Chapel each day. I think of how it has been a place of peace and inspiration to young men for more than 100 years. I would love to know what happened in there during the pandemic of 1918. For me, at this time, it is a place of refuge from an unknown future, bringing me closer to a God who strives to make himself better known to others and me. That itself brings me great consolation in this time of uncertainty.

Be assured of my prayers for you, especially during my Mass in the Regis Chapel.

God bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel K. Lahart, SJ". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and 'L'.

Daniel K. Lahart, SJ
President

The Office of Development

Fundraising in the Time of COVID-19

As the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to unfold, the Office of Development is deeply grateful for the generous and continued support of Regis' alumni, parents, and friends. In an uncertain time like the present, Regis relies more than ever on the support of our committed and selfless donors. We thank you for all that you do for the school and its important mission.

- The 2020 Annual Fund, *Transforming Lives*, continues through June 30. The Annual Fund supports the operating budget of Regis, which is roughly \$15 million. We have kept our entire faculty and staff intact, and payroll is by far the school's most significant expense. Overall expenses for the year will remain relatively flat, which highlights the need for continued Annual Fund support.
- The second most significant source of funding for Regis is our endowment. Given market volatility, the endowment has seen some decline in recent months, which only further emphasizes the need for strong Annual Fund performance. Annual Fund support allows us to meet our needs without withdrawing excessive funds from the endowment.
- Regis has taken consistent and concrete steps to make sure that all members of the Regis and REACH communities have access to the tools that make remote learning possible. A financial assistance committee assesses needs, and your support makes this special outreach possible.

Regis continues to transform the lives of our young men, even as the world around us and all our lives have been transformed. Your giving helps us to form intelligent, capable young men to be leaders and *Men for Others*. We look forward to the end of our fiscal year on June 30, and we thank

you for your continued generosity. If you have questions or comments, please contact giving@regis.org.

Virtual Events and Gatherings

Along with longer days and warmer weather, the spring typically brings alumni reunions and other special events to Regis. As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, one event after another was cancelled or postponed. When it became clearer that shelter-in-place would last a few months, rather than just a week or two, the Development Office decided to host various virtual events on Zoom. (Please see the inside back cover and events calendar for more information.)

- Even though in-person reunions had to be postponed, there are many tales — reunion-related or otherwise — of alumni connecting with one another on Zoom for virtual reunions or a casual happy hour. If the Development Office can help facilitate a gathering like this for your class, please email alumni@regis.org.
- The Development Office supports the Regis Parents' Club each year as the club hosts its annual Auction. This year, the event was hosted virtually in late March and all alumni were invited to attend. Despite the challenging circumstances, the event raised \$480,000, and set new records in many bidding categories. All support of this event, especially this year, is deeply appreciated.

Connection and community are more important than ever, and the Development Office makes it a priority to facilitate such opportunities in normal times and current times alike. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact alumni@regis.org or events@regis.org.

The CARES Act and Charitable Giving

The new CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act is designed to help individuals, businesses, and nonprofits facing economic hardship during the coronavirus pandemic.

Here are a few key provisions of the CARES Act that may affect you and your charitable goals:

- **A new deduction for charitable donors who do not itemize when filing their tax returns.** If you do not itemize but make a cash gift to charity, you will be allowed to take a special tax deduction in 2020, up to \$300 (per taxpayer unit), to reduce your tax liability.
- For those who do itemize their deductions, the **new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as Regis to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year.** Previously the deduction was capped at 60% of annual income.
- **The new law temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMDs) from IRAs for the 2020 tax year.** For those over age 70 ½ and in the habit of using your RMD for charitable contributions, **it may still be a good idea to make your gift from your IRA** because you pay no income taxes on the gift, and since the gift doesn't count as income, it can help you reduce your annual income level. This in turn may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

As always, please be sure to consult with your tax advisor before taking any action.



**Still* **TRANSFORMING
LIVES** THE 2020 ANNUAL FUND

Whether on 84th Street or through remote instruction, Regis forms bright young men into critical thinkers, imaginative leaders, and *Men for Others*. Consider a gift that transforms with a gift to the 2020 Annual Fund.

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News & Notes

For expanded coverage of these and other news stories, visit news.regis.org

Two Alumni Doctors Host Virtual Town Halls for Regis Parents



Two Regis alumni and classmates made a virtual return to the school on Wednesday, April 1 to share their expertise and offer guidance to Regis parents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Christopher Bandera '06, a pediatrician affiliated with NYU Langone Health, and Dr. Joseph Villarin '06, a third-year Psychiatry resident at New York-Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus)/New York State Psychiatric Institute, joined two Town Halls hosted on Zoom. Dr. Bandera discussed best practices for avoiding contracting COVID-19, and Dr. Villarin shared recommendations for managing anxiety. The two doctors then answered questions from Regis parents. The first hour-long Town Hall was conducted in English, while the second hour-long meeting was held in Spanish.

"I am so grateful to Dr. Villarin and Dr. Bandera for sharing their expertise with us and our families," said Dr. Ralph Nofi, Regis' school Psychologist. "They explained the potential consequences of our current situation clearly, and offered helpful advice in a thoughtful and sensitive manner. Listening to them made me proud that Regis contributed to their education and gave me great confidence that we can all work together to support each other through this crisis."

Fr. A.J. Rizzo, SJ, Named Next President of Scranton Prep



On Thursday, May 15, Scranton Preparatory School announced that its Board of Trustees had elected Fr. A.J. Rizzo, SJ, to serve as its next president. Fr. Rizzo, the Director of Mission and Identity at Regis, will begin his tenure at Scranton Prep on July 1, 2021. He will continue to serve in his current role through the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

"I've been delighted to have Fr. Rizzo with us these last two years, and I look forward to having him here for one more year," Regis President Fr. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, said. "While at Regis, he has both been a strong contributor to the community, and has also learned a great deal from the outstanding individuals here. I am certain he will do a wonderful job at Scranton Prep, a place I also worked at in the late 80s and love very much."

The Regis community will miss Fr. Rizzo, who has positively impacted so many students, faculty and staff members, and parents, when he leaves the school in a year.

Parents' Club Hosts Virtual Auction



The Regis Parents' Club held its first-ever virtual Parents' Club Auction on Saturday, March 28.

Just as the spread of COVID-19 forced Regis students and teachers to move their important work online, the organizers of this year's Auction, in consultation with the Regis administration, decided to pivot to a digital version of their signature annual event. In the past, only current parents and recent alumni parents have been invited to the Auction because of the spatial constraints of Regis' historic building. With the necessary move to an all-online format, all members of the Regis community were invited to participate this year at auction.regis.org.

In spite of the need to change course at the last minute, the 2020 Auction raised \$480,000 and grossed more money through the Silent Auction, Big Board, and Live Auction than the hugely successful 2019 Auction did. Thank you to all those who participated in the Auction for your support of tuition-free Jesuit education. The Regis faculty, staff, and students also are grateful for the tireless, dedicated Parents' Club volunteers whose hard work made the virtual 2020 Auction a reality and a huge success.

Regis Basketball Past and Present Garners National Headlines



Thanks to the explosion of interest in Dr. Anthony Fauci '58, two national media outlets published highly circulated feature stories on the Regis basketball program and its most famous former captain.

On March 29, *The Wall Street Journal* looked back on Fauci's distinguished career as Raiders point guard, highlighting his standout performance in a 1958 victory over heavily favored Fordham Prep and future North Carolina star and New York Knicks General Manager Donnie Walsh. A collection of Fauci's classmates — John Zeman '58, Bob Bastek '58, Jim Higney '58, Bob Burns '58, George Garces '58, and Tom McCorry '58 — were quoted in the piece.

Days later, on April 1, *The Athletic*, the respected, subscription-only national sports outlet that launched in 2016, documented the ties that bind three standout Regis guards: Fauci, Peter Anderer '99, and Joseph Manfredi '20.

Chicago Cubs Standout Ian Happ Meets with Regis Baseball



Regis baseball players were not able to take the field this season, but they got one step closer to the big leagues on Saturday, April 4. Ian Happ, a rising star for the Chicago Cubs, joined the Regis Varsity and J.V. teams over Zoom to offer expert advice and friendly encouragement.

Happ, a close friend of Regis Director of Athletics Mr. Sal Annunziata and a big supporter of Regis sports, wore a Regis Golf pullover during the conversation. Chatting with the Regians for more than an hour, Happ thoroughly answered every question posed to him by the young players.

"I was pleasantly surprised that Ian was so open with us," Timothy Schachner '20 said. "His responses helped us understand the tremendous work and attention to detail that the Major League level requires. As a pitcher myself, his perspective as a professional hitter gave me important insight into that other side of the game."

At some points in the conversation, the big leaguer even got out of his chair to demonstrate specific techniques for the attentive Regis students. Happ, 25, also shared a number of laughs with the group.

"It was really cool just being able to pick his brain on baseball," Eric Fava-Pastilha '20 said. "It definitely uplifted the team during these tough times."

Regis Holds Virtual President's Dinner



On Thursday, May 15, Regis hosted its annual President's Dinner, which recognizes the school's most generous benefactors. Normally held at the St. Regis Hotel, participants joined Regis President Fr. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, via Zoom because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The hour-long event featured a panel of current students and remarks by Regis Board of Trustees Chair Anthony DiNovi '80. Fr. Lahart thanked the attendees for their ongoing support of Regis, offered an update on the school, and answered questions.

Fr. Lahart's full remarks are available at regis.org.

J.V., Freshman Basketball Teams Capture City Titles



The Regis Junior Varsity and Freshman basketball teams both captured city championships this winter, before the COVID-19 pandemic put high school sports in New York on an indefinite hiatus. The JV squad, coached by Mr. Jack Moran '08 and Mr. Sean Gallagher '08, defeated Cathedral Prep 52-38 on February 23 to capture the CHSAA B title. On the same day, the Freshman group, tutored by Dr. James Shanahan '77 and Mr. Edwin Ortiz, bested Salesian 54-47 to take the city crown. The Varsity team fell just short of making it a clean sweep, falling 57-51 to Salesian in the city championship game on March 6.

Ignatian Spirituality

The Fourth Day

A New Nearness

By Fr. Anthony D. Andreassi, C.O.
Principal

Whenever anyone asks me how things are going at Regis in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I always say that I believe our community is doing well — maybe even very well. This is the case for many reasons, most especially because of the hard work, the good will, the flexibility, and the creativity of teachers and students alike. But even with this recognition of graces received and success in the face of these challenges and suffering, certainly things have not been the same. All of us ache deeply in the physical absence we feel from one another. While learning and engagement can and do happen virtually, we as human beings are made of flesh and blood and are meant to be physically near to each other to deepen the bonds of connection and communion.

With that in mind, we may find ourselves similar to Christ's first followers in the time between His death and resurrection. Because of all the stressors and strains of our isolation and disconnectedness from each other, we, like them, have to negotiate complicated feelings of presence and absence in our experience with one another, but also in our experience and our faith in our relationship with God.

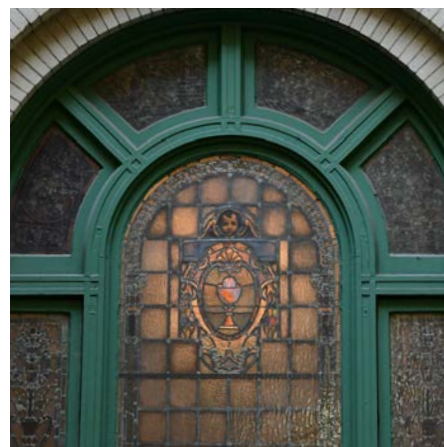
The events of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven are only recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:6-12). The Gospel of Matthew (MT 28:16-20) doesn't actually mention the Ascension but rather tells us about the risen Jesus commissioning His disciples and promising to remain with them always — to be present with and through them always. There is a deep connection between this story and Christ's return to His Father in heaven.

Matthew tells us that when the disciples saw Jesus they worshipped, but they doubted. What is it that they doubted? They don't seem to doubt Christ since it says that they worshipped him. Perhaps maybe they doubted their own capacity to carry out the mission Jesus was giving them?

It is after all a very daunting task. Jesus tells them to go make disciples of *all* nations, teaching them to observe *all* that I have commanded you. He doesn't say go forth and make disciples of *some* nations, and he doesn't say teach them to observe *some* of the things I commanded you to do. In both cases, Jesus says *all*. That's a pretty tall order. No wonder they doubted. No wonder we too sometimes doubt we can do all that God is asking us as His Son's followers, especially in these very challenging times when it's even harder to be faithful to the gifts we've been given and to the good work we've been asked to do.

But the commission to make disciples of all nations and to teach them to observe all that Jesus had commanded them is also matched with two other *all's* — two other absolutes of Jesus: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me," and "I am with you always until the end of the age." As if in answer to the disciples' doubts, Jesus reassures them — as He does for us too — that He had been given all power and that He would be with them and with us until the end of the age.

It is in this second pair of all's that I think we find the true meaning of the Ascension. If we think about this feast as simply that Jesus went to live somewhere up there in heaven, then it might seem that the Ascension places Jesus at a greater



distance from us. But there is another way to look at it.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI called the Ascension "the beginning of a new nearness." Now Jesus, in all His humanity, is present to us at all times and places, just as the eternal Father is. The Ascension tells us that He is now as near to us in His human reality as He was to His disciples two millennia ago. Indeed He is in some sense nearer to us. And if He is with us in this new nearness, then we need not doubt that He will give us the grace and strength to fulfill the mission that He has asked us to do.

Like those first disciples, we too worship, and sometimes we doubt. But this Feast of the Ascension calls us to put aside those doubts and believe that the One who fills all things in every way is present to us now in a new nearness — even until the end of the ages.

This article was adapted from a homily Fr. Andreassi delivered while celebrating a virtual Mass for the Feast of the Ascension from the Regis chapel.



Thank you, Dr. Fauci!

Join the Regis community in expressing our gratitude and admiration for **Dr. Anthony Fauci '58** and his servant leadership in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Send a note of thanks to NoteToDrFauci@regis.org. All of the messages submitted will be compiled and shared with Dr. Fauci at a later date.

THE *Faithful* DEPARTED

In recent months, two beloved former Regis faculty members passed away. We mourn their losses, pray for their families, and remain grateful for their dedicated service. While the totality of their contributions to Regis are too great to fit these pages, the words of appreciation below were shared by their former colleagues and friends.

MR. PETER CACIO
ENGLISH TEACHER, 1956-1993

Mr. Peter Cacio passed away on March 16. Two of his former fellow teachers, Jerry Kappes '52 and Gregory Rapisarda, remember their friend.

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Kappes: Peter Cacio was a longtime faculty member in the English Department and leader of the Bookstore gang. A popular and dedicated teacher, Pete was also a genial faculty colleague and friend whose good nature was a cheerful light in the sometime smoky faculty room. Pete was very helpful to me as a new teacher in 1957. Though Pete had started on the faculty only a year before me, he had more commonsense good advice for me than what that one year of experience taught him. Pete's level-headed intelligence was a welcome gift to students and colleagues alike throughout his many years at Regis.

For many incoming freshmen in those years, the first name they encountered was Peter Cacio's. Even before their first day

of orientation, they had to contend with Peter's list of suggested summer reading that arrived in the mail. The list included *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Lord of the Flies*, and many other titles. Whether anxious freshmen were challenged or intimidated by Peter Cacio and his list, he was their first Regis teacher.

Peter was a city boy, proud of his Williamsburg, Brooklyn roots. He graduated from St. John's University, and in his student days he worked at the New York *Daily News*. With that experience, he became an avid and careful reader of newspapers. While he respected the "news fit to print" *New York Times*, he admired the vivid coverage and reporting of the tabloid *Daily News*. All of that knowledge and experience became a gift to Regis seniors when Peter gave his course in Journalism, a practical and popular senior elective. The course was also a reflection of Peter's character — authentic, open-minded, good-natured, and generous.

Rapisarda: From the first day I joined the Regis faculty in 1961, Peter Cacio was a helpful mentor, and he became a close friend. He taught me valuable lessons about what teaching meant at a Jesuit



A portrait of Mr. Cacio from the 1992 *Regian*.

school, indeed a special Jesuit school. I followed many of his classroom practices, adopting them for my French and Spanish classes with outstanding, and outspoken, students. To his students, Peter was always demanding, but fair and understanding as well. The respect he always showed his students was a trait they all appreciated.

MR. ROBERT H. SIKSO
 MATHEMATICS TEACHER, 1963-2001

Mr. Sikso, the longtime chair of the Math Department, passed away on March 31. The tribute below was written by the late Mr. John Connelly '56 P'90'99, at the time of Mr. Sikso's retirement in 2001.

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Lawdy, lawdy, lawdy Miss Clawdy: it proved to be quite a run. A mega-hit that opened in September 1963 and didn't close until June 2001.

The preeminent thing that Regis and Regians should remember Bob Sikso for is that he was a terrific mathematician and a terrific teacher of mathematics. Of educational theories (that gassy banter) he was innocent; but he knew his subject inside and out. And it was Math that he taught, not problem solving: theorems and proofs (with examples to serve as illustrations to the theory). He also knew how to teach math. True, he had the gift (it is of the gods and nothing to be learned in school), but he developed his gift of teaching, honing, refining, perfecting. Suffice to say: Bob Sikso has been one of those who deeply understands, and has striven to help his students to understand, the imperishable verse.

Euclid alone has looked on Beauty bare.

Next to Remember: his stewardship in the Math Department. For almost 30 years of his stay at Regis, he was the Math Department chairman. That too was quite a run. What it meant was this: through all the vagaries of faddish "methodologies" and all the changes in personnel, one man, in a position of some authority, was able to maintain at Regis the learning of mathematics. And more: he was able to bring about an upgrading of the curriculum – slowly, imperceptibly, organically, with incremental improvements – with a cumulatively gigantic impact. And yet more: his own

excellence was a steady encouragement to his colleagues. Of course he did not do these things alone. Not a sentence should be read as denying the wonderful contributions of the other math teachers. Yet, nonetheless, for 30 years it was he who provided both the Permanence and Progression of mathematical learning at Regis.

I have been stressing these academic and intellectual things because I believe them to be Bob's great legacy. The other stuff, the things alumni and current students talk about when they recall him as their teacher, is certainly memorable but not the real thing, and sometimes I fear they camouflage his best achievements. Which is not to deny that the other stuff is memorable: the elegance of the attire and gesture, the wittily outrageous cracks, the arch commentary, the obscure bonus questions, the patter, the quick-time step – who could forget these? Great show biz, great schtick. (It should come as no revelation that all good actors are manqué.)

This recalls Bob Sikso's third enduring impact on Regis: theater. He started directing, if I remember aright, in the spring of 1970. (Would you believe he previously moderated the Bowling Club? I don't.) So again, for almost 30 years (and again by no means alone), he agreed to direct or assist in directing ("but this is the last time!") musical productions at Regis. The actors he held to very high standards indeed, and he patiently taught them how to reach them, so that even when those standards proved, in the event, to be out of their reach, the effort to attain them brought performances that were utter joys.

And if his theatricality was the "person" that he chose to present to Regis, in class or out, it was also at the same time at least part of the true Sikso. This very private man loved above all classical American theater music — what the great historian John Luckacs called "the kind of popular music that, even more than the movies, was America's unique art form." He was



Mr. Sikso directing a musical production in the 1970s.

a citizen of that small (small but not exclusive) republic of those civilized folk who cherish that music; and a patrician among the citizens because he performed it. To see the graceful athleticism of his dancing, to hear the warmth and power of his singing — each time has been a benediction.

What an extraordinary and wonderful coincidence (Chesteron called coincidences "spiritual puns") that in the last week of his teaching at Regis, *The New Yorker* should provide such powerful visual evidence of the career he chose to forgo in order to give his other gifts to Regis.

Learned gent, esteemed colleague, song-and-dance man extraordinaire and dear friend: fare well.

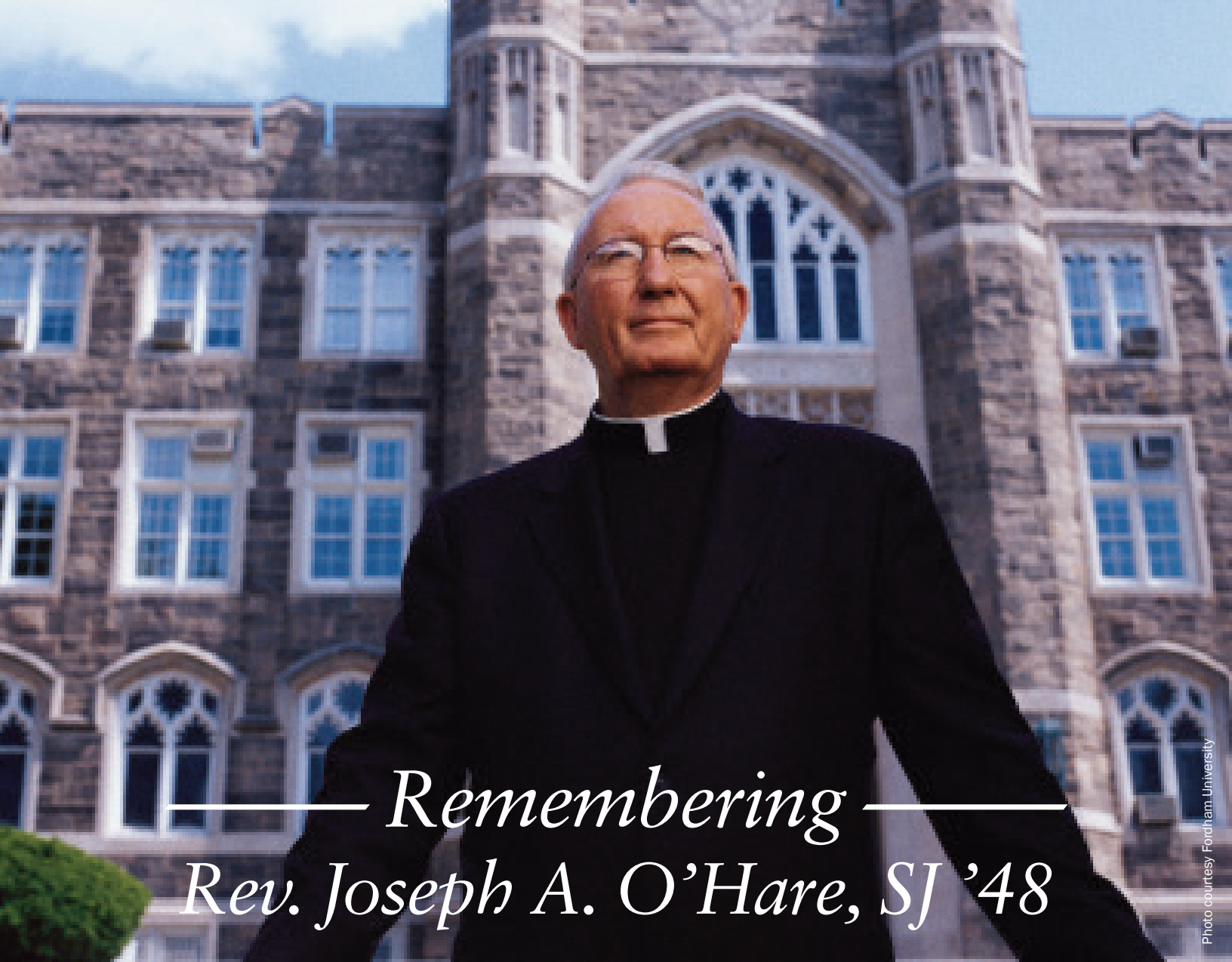


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— Remembering —

Rev. Joseph A. O'Hare, SJ '48

By Thomas A. Hein '99

Rev. Joseph A. O'Hare, SJ '48, a transformative leader of Jesuit institutions who served as the twentieth president of Regis High School, died on March 29 at the age of 89.

I was first introduced to Fr. O'Hare during my senior year at Regis. Regians of a certain era will remember the late Art teacher PK Steers, who offered a senior architecture elective each year. Despite his busy schedule, Fr. O'Hare made time to volunteer as a "client" for the class, and I had the good fortune of serving as his "architect." While my own family roots had long-established a connection to Fordham, it was through my senior-year interactions with Fr. O'Hare that I was certain Fordham was the right undergraduate home for me.

What followed was a friendship fostered during my four years at Rose Hill that continued for decades long after I graduated. Fr. O'Hare possessed a gravitas and presence that could feel imposing, but had a charm that could instantly put you at ease. Making deep, personal connections with people came naturally to him. As longtime Regis faculty member Frank Walsh put it, "There was such humility and unbounded graciousness about the man, not to mention the kind of gently inspiring leadership that made you want to walk through walls for him even though he never asked for or expected such."

When my wife, Bridgid, and I married at the Fordham University Church in 2006, Fr. O'Hare celebrated the Mass and delivered a homily I can still remember to this day. Referencing the 1985 film *Places in the Heart*, he remarked:

"I never saw the film, and I can't say I'm a particular fan of Sally Field. But the title has always stuck with me, because there *are* places in the heart: physical places that are tied up with so many memories that they are a center of who we are, what we remember, and what we hope for. And this church is, for many people, one of those places in the heart, and so it's with a great sense of the power of memory and faith that is behind this moment today."

As for so many of its loyal graduates, Regis was unquestionably one of those places in the heart for Fr. O'Hare.

Joseph Aloysius O'Hare was born in the Tremont section of the Bronx in 1931. He was one of three children to first-generation Irish Americans, raised by a mother who served as a school teacher and a father who served as a New York City mounted police officer. He played JV



Pictured, top: Fr. O'Hare's 1948 yearbook portrait; a portrait of Fr. O'Hare during his tenure as president of Fordham University; Fr. O'Hare celebrating the 2006 marriage of Bridgid and Tom Hein '99 in the Fordham University Church.

Pictured, bottom: Fr. O'Hare's last visit to Regis took place in 2014 to attend the Centennial Homecoming event which featured Walt "Clyde" Frazier and Mike Breen P'09'15, and honored the 1948 basketball team; Tom Hein and Fr. O'Hare during a visit to Murray-Weigel Hall last April.

basketball at Regis when the '48 varsity team captured the national schoolboy championship. Bernie Tracey '51 recalls that by the time he graduated Regis in 1948, Joe O'Hare's reputation was well known throughout the school: "He was a great debater, a wonderfully cast Laertes in the December 1947 production of *Hamlet*, and one of the most popular Regians at the dances."

Following his graduation from Regis, Joe O'Hare entered the Jesuits and trained for the priesthood while teaching in the Philippines. He was ordained a priest in the Fordham University Church in 1961. In 1975 he was named editor of *America Magazine*, a position he would hold for nine years. In a recently published reflection, Matt Malone, SJ, the current editor of *America*, remembered O'Hare's quick, nimble mind. "He was predictably insightful, warm and friendly, a world-class raconteur with a spellbinding Irish charm." Retired faculty member Dr. John Tricamo recalls that though his speaking

skills were impressive, "it didn't approach the respect I had for him as a writer. Over the years I've often commented that I know of no Jesuit who, writing regularly (as editor of *America*) and in such varied contexts, was his equal."

In 1984, Fr. O'Hare was named Fordham University's 31st President, succeeding Rev. James C. Finlay, SJ, a fellow Regian from the class of 1940. Once described as "the president who shaped the face of Fordham," Fr. O'Hare is the longest-serving president in Fordham's history, having held the position for 19 years. His legacy endures to this day. Rev. Joseph M. McShane, SJ '67, Fordham's current president (through whom a 48-year streak of a Regian running "the Jesuit University of New York" continues), recently recalled that Fr. O'Hare "placed all of his considerable intellect, integrity, and vision in service of the University, and in doing so transformed Fordham into a powerhouse of Jesuit education."

Despite his many accolades, achievements, and accomplishments over an illustrious career, including his appointment as a founding chair of New York City's Campaign Finance Board, Regians may remember Fr. O'Hare most fondly for his service to alma mater Regis as president during the 2004-2005 academic year. Early on in his one-year tenure he wrote how he treasured the chance to recover his Regis roots a mere sixty years after first entering the school as a freshman. Later that spring he admitted that part of the fun was the lack of pressure to earn a transition to a sophomore year. It was a particular treat for him to serve as president the year the varsity basketball team won the New York State Federation Championship. He cheered on the team in the CHSAA championship game played in the Rose Hill Gymnasium, the same place where Fr. O'Hare sat as a regular at so many Fordham basketball games: always at center court, halfway up the chairbacks in "his seat."

In his later years, I visited Fr. O'Hare from time to time at Murray-Weigel Hall, the Jesuit retirement community on Fordham's Rose Hill campus, but never as often as I wished I had. On Good Friday last year, I visited with my two eldest children. Fr. O'Hare talked affectionately to my son, Tommy, about the Yankees and the Bronx, and insisted to my daughter, Grace, that she was "destined for Hollywood." Like so many Fr. O'Hare memories, the memory of that afternoon now occupies a treasured place in my heart.

When I learned of Fr. O'Hare's passing, I again recalled his homily at my wedding and reflected on how he is uniquely tied to so many people, places, and memories that are dear to my heart, including and especially those at 55 East 84th Street and 441 East Fordham Road. As Bernie Tracey '51 confided during a recent conversation, "I feel that my contact with Father O'Hare was one of the great blessings in my life." That sentiment is equally true for me, and I suspect countless more in the Regis community and beyond would agree.

Thanks to the power of memory and faith, the blessings bestowed upon those of us fortunate enough to have known Fr. O'Hare endure.

REGIS GOES REMOTE

Forced out of its historic building, Regis High School transitioned to remote instruction this spring.

On the morning of Thursday, March 12, Regis Principal Rev. Anthony D. Andreassi, CO, stood before the student body in the auditorium to make an announcement: For the first time in its history, Regis High School would transition to remote instruction due to the spread of COVID-19.

When Regians left school that day, they didn't know when they would be back. Initially, Regis announced a plan to close the building for at least two weeks while awaiting further guidelines from the city, the Archdiocese, and public health authorities. As the seriousness of the pandemic increased, it soon became clear that a swift return was unlikely. Eventually, on April 23, Regis President Rev. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, announced that the school would not return to the building during this academic year.

While everyone in the Regis community would prefer to be together on 84th Street during healthy and safe times, Regis students, faculty, and administrators agreed that the transition to remote instruction was smooth and the ongoing operations of the school went very well under difficult circumstances.

"I am incredibly grateful to our dedicated faculty for their flexibility, generosity, and resilience as they have continued to educate, care for, and form

"The most important factor that gave me that positive feeling, though, is the knowledge of our phenomenal students — their emotions, their drive, and their great ability to be independent and to work together, and ultimately to overcome difficulties."

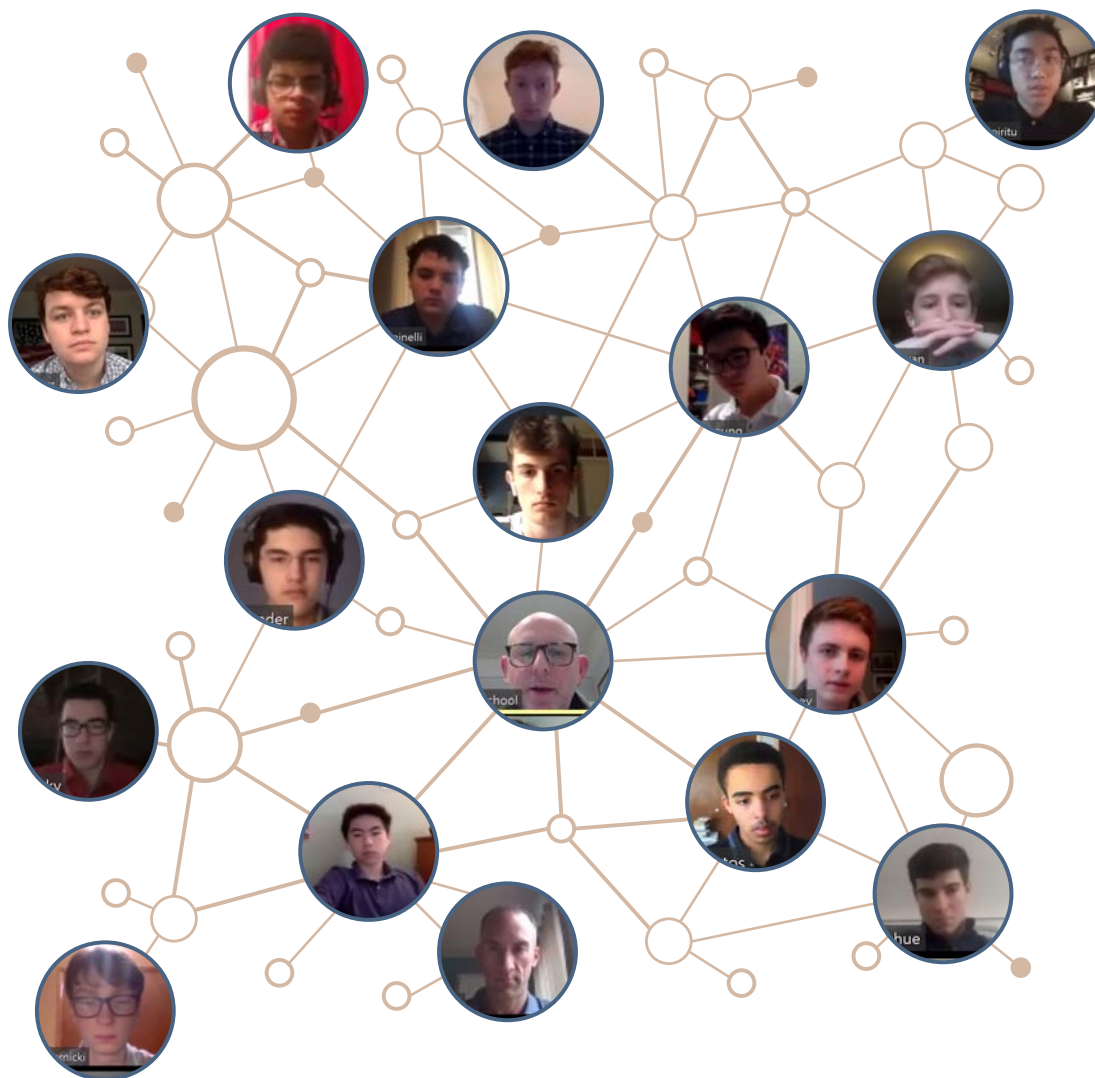
the young men of Regis High School," Fr. Andreassi said. "I am equally thankful for our wonderful students who have inspired us with their perseverance and their commitment to learning and to one another during these historically challenging times."

The success certainly had its roots in the intense, robust preparations that took

place in early March. The Regis faculty, aided by the expertise and tireless work of the school's Information Technology Office, participated in thorough training sessions and prepared extensively in advance for the shift. Unlike many other schools, Regis prioritized synchronous learning, with all classes continuing to meet at their scheduled times through the use of Zoom and other remote learning tools identified by the IT staff.

"I felt prepared — prepared knowing I was going to work together with our entire community," said Dr. Stefano Cascapera of the Regis Science Department. "We all did try to do our best, using our experience, talking to our colleagues, following the recommendations of the IT department and the administration. The most important factor that gave me that positive feeling, though, is the knowledge of our phenomenal students — their emotions, their drive, and their great ability to be independent and to work together, and ultimately to overcome difficulties."

Needed adjustments were made. After a few weeks, the school designated Wednesdays as a Community Day without classes, allowing teachers and students time to catch up on work given the added demands of remote instruction. The introduction



of this weekly Community Day also gave student clubs dedicated time to hold meetings, an important step in maintaining a sense of normalcy. The spiritual development of Regians also continued, as the Campus Ministry Office held virtual retreats and community Masses, which were broadcast live on Zoom from the Regis chapel and featured student readers participating from their homes.

Most critically, students continued to learn from their dedicated teachers, their rigorous assignments, and their supportive classmates. “We are part of a community that is committed to academic excellence, and this experience

has shown us that space and time has no bearing on our ability to do superb academic work,” Jake Lang ’21 said.

In the absence of an effective treatment or vaccine for COVID-19, Regis, like so many institutions, faces an uncertain future beyond its summer recess. If the past few months have demonstrated anything, it’s that the Regis community will rise to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

“As much as I don’t know what the future will look like come Labor Day and beyond, there is something that I know and am very confident of,” Fr. Lahart said. “No matter what the fall

looks like, whether we’re back in the building here at 84th Street, or still doing Zoom sessions, or some hybrid of the two, no matter what this virus does to our health and to our spirit, no matter what happens with the economy and with the election of the fall of 2020, the mission of Regis High School will last. As we have done for the past 106 years, we will continue to transform the lives of boys from all across the metropolitan area into men of competence, conscience, and compassion – *Men for Others*. No virus, no pandemic will change who we are and what we are about.”

DARING THO' SKIES BE DARK

REGIS ALUMNI ANSWER THE CALL TO SERVE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

As New York City, the United States, and the world have followed the spread of COVID-19, the Regis High School community has drawn hope and inspiration from the leading role played by Dr. Anthony Fauci '58 in our country's efforts to combat the virus. The longtime Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has previously guided the public health community's efforts against AIDS, Ebola, and Zika, but never before has his expertise, humility, and resolve been so apparent to so many.

"I have heard from many Regis alumni, students, parents, and friends who, like me, are so grateful for and comforted by Dr. Fauci's servant leadership during these turbulent times," Regis President Rev. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, said. "I encourage the Regis community to remember in the charity of their prayers this Region along with all those in the Regis family and beyond who have been impacted by this disease or who, like Dr. Fauci, have heeded the call to serve others in the midst of this pandemic."

Dr. Fauci is certainly not alone. So many Regis alumni inside the healthcare industry and beyond have nobly dedicated themselves to the greater good during this historic moment. The stories of these *Men for Others* are many. A small sampling, representative of countless more, is offered here.

When **Chris Wierzbicki '83** received a 3-D printer as a Christmas gift from his son, Christopher Buonincontri '04, last year, he could not have imagined what a big part of his life the device soon would become.

Shortly after COVID-19 upended life in New York, Wierzbicki, a 7th-grade Math teacher, decided to try to make a protective mask with the printer. His first attempt took six-and-a-half hours to print and yielded an uncomfortable product. After more research and testing led to a better design, he posted in a neighborhood Facebook group asking if any fellow Howard Beach residents wanted a mask.

The positive responses came quickly. On his first day of distribution, he gave out three masks. The next day, it was seven more. Soon, Wierzbicki knew he had to manufacture these products for a population beyond his neighbors.

"It was really such a calling for me," Wierzbicki said of his decision to start mass-producing face shields and donating them to healthcare workers. "I felt such a need to do it."

First, he needed more printers. A Regis classmate funded the second one, and Wierzbicki's Howard Beach neighbors followed suit and purchased more for

the cause. He soon outgrew his house and moved the operation into a local dance studio that had closed its doors to customers due to the pandemic. Eventually, Wierzbicki had 14 printers running in the studio, two in his home, and another four in some of his fellow teachers' houses. At full capacity, Wierzbicki and his fellow volunteers could produce almost 200 masks each day.

Word quickly got out on social media and at local hospitals about the selfless teacher pumping out face shields that by many accounts were superior to those commercially available. Wierzbicki made them all available at no cost. Healthcare workers or hospital representatives just needed to contact him by email or over Facebook, let him know how many they needed, and he would leave the masks in a bag with the person's name on it on his front porch.

To keep up with the growing demand, he slept four hours per night and would arrive at the dance studio at 4:00 a.m. to begin the day's production.

"When you're doing something that you know is right, you might be tired, but it's a good tired," Wierzbicki said. "I would really just be thankful to God that I was in a position to be of help to so many who were putting their lives at risk to help all of those that were suffering through the pandemic."

Like many alumni, Wierzbicki said Regis helped instill in him a calling to serve others. When the COVID-19 pandemic ends, a piece of his service will return to his alma mater. When he no longer needs them, Wierzbicki's 3-D printers will be donated to schools — with one already tapped to find a permanent home on 84th Street.

the front lines as New York hospitals swelled with COVID-19 patients this spring.

Dr. Reisig, who taught English at Regis for six years before attending Weill Medical College of Cornell University, was one of a small group of "everyday heroes" profiled in *Men's Health* and other Hearst Magazines publications.

"I'm a little anxious when I'm heading in to work," Dr. Reisig said in the piece. "You know, I think your nerves get to you when you're not doing something. But I found that, for the most part, when I get to work — it's a familiar place, it's a place I've been for years at this point, it's the people I know, it's the same things that I've done every day before this. And so the longer I manage the shift, the more relaxed I tend to be, just because it's familiar. But that clock kind of resets every day, too."

Dr. Reisig and his wife, Regis History Department Chair Gena Reisig, who transformed her own day-to-day to ensure that her students continued learning and felt supported, live with their children in Manhattan.

"Outside of work, I'm very lucky to have a family who has stayed with me in the city," Dr. Reisig told Hearst. "So my life outside of work is where I recharge as much as possible just being with my wife and my kids."

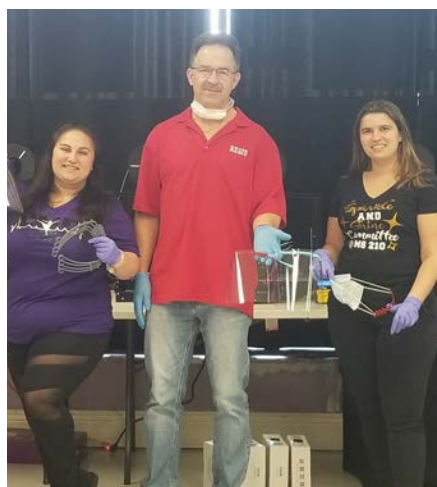


At the onset of the pandemic, when the Archdiocese of New York needed priests to minister to the growing number of sick and dying Catholics in hospitals and nursing homes, **Rev. Louis Masi '09** volunteered.

Along with another young and healthy priest, Fr. Masi moved into an empty retreat house in Dutchess County and lived in complete isolation, only leaving his new home to visit patients.



As the emergency-medicine chief resident at NewYork-Presbyterian/ Columbia University Irving Medical Center & Weill Cornell Medical Center, **Dr. Chris Reisig '00** has played a leading role on



Chris Wierzbicki '83 and his team creating protective masks with a 3-D printer.

Initially, they faced significant resistance from hospitals and nursing homes who wouldn't let them in out of a fear that the priests would spread the virus to others and out of a reluctance to give any personal protective equipment (PPE) to visitors. In some cases, Fr. Masi resorted to offering blessings and absolution to patients through hospital windows.

"It's one thing to take care of the body. It's another thing to take care of the soul. We priests are there to prepare the person for death and to prepare their soul for death," Fr. Masi said. "It's been heartbreaking. I know many people who have died who were not able to have priests come."

After building relationships with relevant hospital administrators and securing their own supply of PPE through the Archdiocese, the two priests gained access to three hospitals and about six nursing homes. They spent weeks visiting very ill Catholics, hearing their Confession, offering Communion, and Anointing the Sick. The hospital patients and nursing home residents they ministered to — some dying of the virus and others dying from other causes — were suffering without the comfort of their families by their sides.

"One of the things we were able to give them, in addition to the sacraments, was the knowledge that they weren't alone," Fr. Masi said. "Because a lot of people did feel abandoned."

As the surge of hospitalizations began to subside, Fr. Masi returned to St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, where



Rev. Louis Masi '09 spent weeks tending to the spiritual needs of ill Catholics.

he has served as parochial vicar since July 2019. Fr. Masi continues to visit patients in the hospital in need of the sacraments while also helping to serve his parishioners as they struggle with the distance from the Church brought on by the pandemic.

"This is a time when people are looking for answers to larger questions and are looking for the assurance of faith a whole lot more," Fr. Masi said. "Taking the faith away from them at this point exacerbates the difficulties that they're already experiencing."

As the New York region continues to cope with life during the pandemic, Fr. Masi and his fellow priests at St. Mary's are working hard to provide digital content and resources, reach out to all of the members of their parish, and support those who especially depend on the Church for material as well as spiritual needs.



Dr. Rob Brochin '07 had almost finished his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital when the COVID-19 pandemic struck.

A few months from moving on to a fellowship at the prestigious Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Brochin, like so many other doctors, suddenly found himself redeployed to help deal with the overwhelming volume of COVID-19 patients coming into the Manhattan hospital. Instead of his normal steady routine of surgeries, Dr. Brochin began working night shifts in the internal medicine unit.

"Every day for the past five years I have thought about ankle fractures, herniated discs, and rotator cuff tears," Dr. Brochin said. "I had never been responsible for managing things like end-stage renal disease, cirrhosis, or aortic fibrillation at baseline, let alone in patients with a novel and incompletely understood viral infection."

On the evening of April 18, Dr. Brochin needed help. A patient had a newly positive blood culture that perhaps indicated a bacterial infection on top of COVID-19, and Dr. Brochin didn't feel he had the experience necessary to decide whether to begin antibiotics and which drug to choose. He felt bad bothering perhaps the most overworked doctor in the hospital, but he decided he had to page the infectious disease fellow.

Dr. Brochin immediately smiled when he read the name of the specialist on-call: **Dr. Vincent de Chavez '07**. He quickly sent a page: "Vince! It's Rob from Regis, call me back!"

The classmates hadn't seen or spoken to one another since graduating from Regis in 2007, and their paths had not crossed while working in the same hospital system for the past several years. Dr. de Chavez, who is in the last year of his fellowship at Mount Sinai and will soon begin practice at Staten Island University Hospital, answered Dr. Brochin's questions and helped him make the best decisions for the patient. "I frequently relied on Vince for answers in Mr. Watson's calculus class, and now after over a decade without talking, the first thing I ask him for is more answers," Dr. Brochin joked.

The two met in person the next day to catch up about each other's lives since leaving 84th Street. For these two doctors, the reunion was a bright spot in the middle of the most chaotic, stressful period in their young medical careers.



When news broke on March 21 that **David Lat '92** had been placed on a ventilator, the legal world — and many in the Regis community — reacted with shock and concern.

A prominent legal recruiter and the founder of Above the Law, an influential website covering the legal industry, Lat was a former marathoner. Beyond a mild history of exercise-induced asthma, he had no health problems. In the early days of the



David Lat '92 authored a column for *The Washington Post* detailing his experience with COVID-19 and raising awareness about the critical importance of ventilators.

pandemic in the United States, Lat did not at all fit the description of someone who might not survive a COVID-19 infection.

After first suffering symptoms earlier that month, Lat was admitted to NYU Langone on March 16. He shared the news of his infection and hospitalization with his large social media following, urging anyone he had been in contact with recently to get tested. Lat continued to offer digital updates on his status for a few days before going silent.

Thanks to the efforts of his medical team at NYU Langone, Lat came off the ventilator after six days and was released from the hospital on April 2. While he still had a long recovery ahead of him, Lat immediately set out to do what he could to help others.

He donated plasma to NYU Langone for a study that sought to identify a treatment for the virus. Perhaps even more significantly, he lent his significantly hoarse voice — his time on the ventilator damaged his vocal cords — to raise awareness about the disease. Lat appeared on the “Today Show,” “Good Morning America,” and various other television shows and podcasts to discuss his experience and warn other seemingly healthy people to take the threat of infection seriously.

“I think my openness about my COVID-19 ordeal has reassured others with the disease, as well as their friends and family, that they are not alone,” Lat said. “I have heard from so many other people — friends, family, and strangers — who have also struggled with COVID-19, and we have been able to support each other. I have

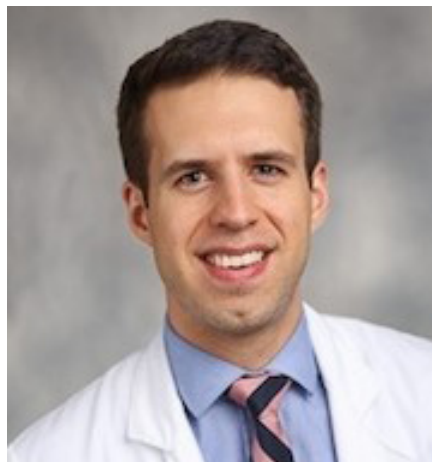
also tried to communicate to the public that COVID-19 needs to be taken seriously and shouldn’t be dismissed as something that only the elderly or infirm need to worry about.”

Just days after his release from the hospital, Lat authored a column for *The Washington Post* raising awareness about the critical importance of ventilators at a time when many hospitals worried they didn’t have enough. “Many patients with serious cases of COVID-19 suffer respiratory failure and will die if they can’t be connected to ventilators,” Lat wrote in the piece, which was one of the most read articles on the *Post*’s website for several days. “I should know. ... I would not be here today without a ventilator.”

The article also highlighted the ongoing medical challenges often faced by those fortunate enough to come off ventilators alive. While Lat continues to recuperate, he also continues his advocacy and support. His social media feeds remain very active with stories, news, and analysis about the pandemic — a most welcome sight to all those who worried about his well-being during those silent days in late March.



As a fellow in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Duke University Hospital,



Luke Gatta’s ‘08 experiences treating COVID-19 prompted him to reflect on how his time at Regis continues to shape his life.

Dr. Luke Gatta ‘08 didn’t experience the same rush of COVID-19 patients as his colleagues in New York and other hard-hit areas.

But Gatta had two pregnant women with serious complications from COVID-19 under his care, both of whom needed to be intubated in the Intensive Care Unit.

In the first case, the mother delivered a baby boy while still unconscious through an emergency C-section. “Our nursing staff has been taking him, in his almost-laughable oversized protective gear, to his unconscious mother in the ICU,” Gatta said. “They take him there to breastfeed. It is a poignant scene to watch her vital signs physiologically react to his latching.”

After two months in the hospital, the mother recovered and was released, holding her young son for the first time outside the hospital.

The other patient ended up in the ICU early in her pregnancy, and Gatta and his colleagues initially worried that she had developed a serious brain injury due to a lack of oxygen. After careful care, at the time of this writing, she remains in the ICU but is otherwise healthy.

Gatta said that these experiences prompted him to reflect on how his time at Regis continues to shape his life.

“It’s the Jesuit humanism,” Gatta says. “Medicine has become an extension of the Jesuit mission. While I could define *cura personalis* then as a high school senior in Fr. Andreassi’s theology class, it was through pursuing medicine that I realized that *cura personalis* now defines us.”



Since COVID-19 arrived in the United States, Dr. Fauci’s face has appeared practically everywhere, from television screens

and newspaper front pages to t-shirts and even doughnuts.

There's only one place, though, where you'll find an image of Regis' most prominent graduate shooting laser beams out of his eyes at coronavirus.

It's the brainchild — and an attempt to lend a hand in the fight against COVID-19 — of one of Dr. Fauci's fellow Regians, **Alex Patterson '99**. In 2017, he founded Beat The Bomb, a Brooklyn-based two-to-six-player live immersive video game experience, where teams must disarm a paint bomb or ultimately get blasted by it. (Patterson describes the experience as a cross between "Mission Impossible" and the 1980s TV show "Double Dare.")

Forced to close his business during the pandemic, Patterson looked for ways to help. He donated Beat The Bomb's large supply of PPE — more than 6,000 full-body protective suits, 4,500 gloves, and 85 face shields — to be used in local hospitals. These resources are essential to his business, as players wear the protective gear in case they fail and get covered in paint. Beat The Bomb will have to completely restock its supply when it eventually re-opens. While some friends encouraged him to hold onto the resources for the sake of his business, Patterson couldn't. "Morally, how can you keep it on your shelves?"

Looking to put its gaming expertise to good use, Patterson's team launched Fauci's Revenge, the online, retro-style game that allows players to fire lasers from Dr. Fauci's eyes at images of the virus while maintaining proper social distancing. The game, along with accompanying Beat The Virus t-shirts, encouraged fans to donate to a GoFundMe account Patterson set up, with all the proceeds going to New York hospitals.

As of late May, Patterson has raised more than \$7,000 for COVID-19 relief. Fauci's Revenge grew in popularity, garnering heaps of local news coverage in New York and spawning a highly competitive tournament that Patterson's staff oversaw. On the evening of the final round of the tournament, Patterson received a brief email of thanks from Dr. Fauci himself, who had been informed of the Beat The Bomb



Alex Patterson '99 has raised more than \$7,000 for COVID-19 relief.

CEO's charitable efforts by Regis President Fr. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ.

While Patterson hopes Beat The Bomb will open its doors soon and resume its normal business, Fauci's Revenge will outlive the quarantine: Patterson is now partnering with a local afterschool program that uses the game as a fun way to teach its students about social distancing.



When the President and CEO of Jefferson Health sent a message to the entire Philadelphia-based health care system identifying **Dr. John Zurlo '75** as one of a small group of unsung heroes in the fight against COVID-19, it was the last portion of the tribute that meant the most to Dr. Zurlo.

"Dr. Zurlo is Jefferson's Anthony Fauci," the announcement read. "He trained under Dr. Fauci and they went to the same Catholic boys' school in New York."

A former pupil of Dr. Fauci's at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Dr. Zurlo holds few people in as high esteem as he does his fellow Regian and infectious disease expert. And, like Dr. Fauci, Dr. Zurlo has drawn on his decades of experience to provide desperately-needed leadership and guidance during this unprecedented health crisis.

It's not exactly the role Dr. Zurlo expected to fill when he accepted an academic position at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital after a successful 28-year career at Hershey Medical Center, where he directed the HIV/AIDS program. As Division Chief in Infectious Diseases, he has been thrust into a leadership role for the entire Jefferson Health system, overseeing medical treatment strategies and safety precautions for 14 hospitals and 36,000 employees while also treating patients. He has a regular, featured speaking slot on the health care system's daily Zoom calls to offer an infectious disease update.

"Each day I discuss the issues of the day regarding policy modifications, updates to treatment guidelines, and epidemiological assessments," Dr. Zurlo said. "But I also take the time to infuse a sense of hope to my community focusing on what we have learned and what our path may be for the future."

As he does this critical work, Dr. Zurlo draws on lessons he learned decades ago from Dr. Fauci. After graduating from Regis, Manhattan College, and Albany Medical School, he worked as an infectious disease fellow at NIAID, where he regularly interacted with and worked under Dr. Fauci. The two doctors bonded over their shared high school alma mater and have remained friendly over the years, occasionally running into each other at conferences. Dr. Zurlo remembers being so impressed with Dr. Fauci's tremendous work ethic and dedication to public service, qualities he has sought to emulate throughout his medical career and especially over the last several months.

"Tony embodies what all of us should strive to become. He embodies the spirit of Regis," Dr. Zurlo said. "I can only hope to live up to his model of selflessness. I have never been more proud to be a Regian."



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Luke Marinacci '03, Nino Mihatov '05, and Ted Pak '05 working on the frontlines together at Mass General Hospital in Boston.