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Announcement by Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus
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To the Regis Community:

I am writing today to inform you of an announcement by the Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit order that includes our university.

The Province has launched a thorough review of the personnel files of all Jesuits and former Jesuits who served in the Province starting in 1960 who were "credibly accused" of sexual abuse. This audit will include the files of those who served at Regis University and Regis Jesuit High School, which shared our campus until 1988.

"The People of God deserve transparency from the leadership of the Church," said Ronald A. Mercier, S.J., who leads the Province. "It is my hope that through the publication of this information, we can work to rebuild trust, always with the well-being of victims in mind. "On behalf of the Jesuits of the USA Central and Southern Province, I apologize to the victims for the pain caused by Jesuits in the past," Mercier said.

The Province plans to release a preliminary report on Dec. 7 and issue a final report in March 2019. Regis University will cooperate fully with this effort.

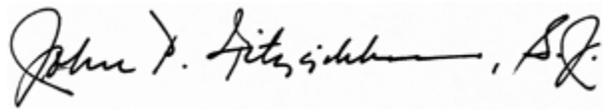
Any person who has suffered abuse by a Jesuit is encouraged to notify the appropriate law enforcement or child-protection agency in the location in which the incident took place. They are further encouraged to contact Carol Brescia, LCSW, the Province's victim assistance coordinator. Ms. Brescia is a therapist who has experience working with victims/survivors of trauma. She may be reached confidentially at 314.915.7168 or ucsoutreach@jesuits.org.

If you are aware of any occurrence of abuse by a current or former employee of Regis University, please contact Michelle Spradling, EO & Title IX Coordinator, at 303.964.6435 or mspradling@regis.edu, or Julie Tacker, Director of Human Resources, at 303.964.6005 or jtacker@regis.edu. If you receive any inquiries from the press, please refer them to Todd Cohen, AVP of Marketing and Communications, at 303.964.6404 or tcohen@regis.edu.

Regis will continue to respond swiftly and decisively to any allegations of sexual abuse or misconduct. We are committed to a respectful, safe campus culture. As I stated in my State of the University address this past August, the rebuilding of trust within the Catholic community is an urgent cause that Regis will contribute to and support. The Province's actions are a first step toward transparency and accountability. It must not and will not end there, and will never end until the clergy institute change and eradicate sexual abuse within the church.



Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J." in a cursive script. The "J" is large and loops back. The "S.J." is written in a smaller, more upright cursive.

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President