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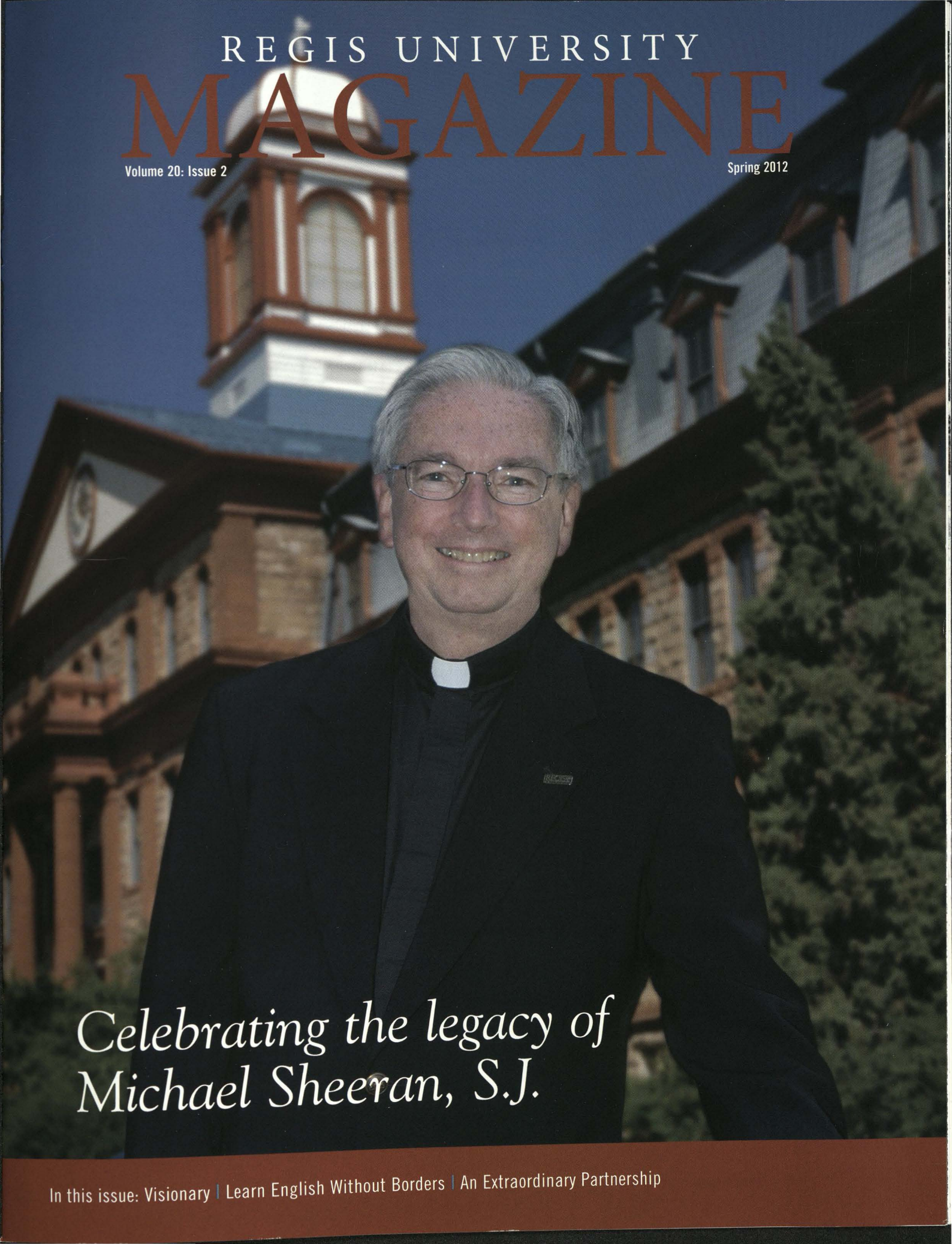
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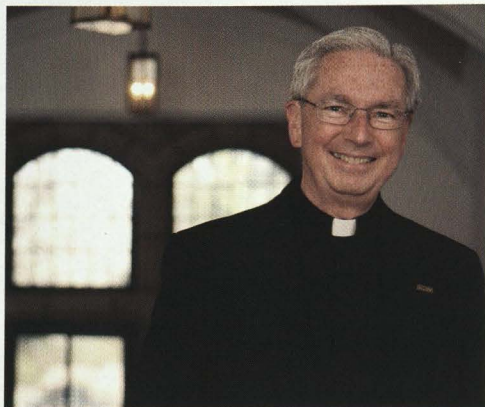
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*Celebrating the legacy of  
Michael Sheeran, S.J.*

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I've always believed that God writes straight with crooked lines and have had many illustrations of that in my own life. When I was in the middle of my doctorate at Princeton, the Provincial called me and said he'd like me to come out to St. Louis to talk with him about dropping the degree program and becoming principal at Regis High. We had just agreed in his office that I'd follow that course when he called the president, Fr. Mattione, to tell him I'd be coming. There was silence on the line for a few seconds, then Mattione: "But I just hired a principal. I guess I forgot to tell you." So I went back to Princeton with the Provincial's hearty blessing.

And then I ended up at Regis U. It will be 37 years this summer. There have been peak moments for me, ranging from the visit of Pope John Paul II and President Clinton in 1993, just after I had become president, to the campus visits of about a dozen Nobel Peace Prize winners like Archbishop Tutu and the Dalai Lama. There's been the ongoing thrill of seeing this place grow in academic quality and reputation, even as we've focused on mixing the information with formation of the student – with emphasis on serious service projects – so our graduates can use their knowledge to make wise moral judgments in their work life, their family life and their civic life.

We've tried to follow Vatican II in presenting a Catholicism that invites rather than commands. Where previous Church Councils had ordered obedience to their doctrinal pronouncements, Vatican II's documents recognized that those who would read the documents were pretty well educated. So it just invited them to reflect on the concerns and opportunities it saw in the modern world.

I've been thrilled by the attitude of Regis people on the campus who have found their life's vocation here in serving students and peers. And I've been especially thrilled by alumni and friends who have been consistently involved in cheering us on (and in giving what dollars they could) as we have built buildings like the Regis chapel and programs like our excellent natural science offerings in Regis College and our highly regarded adult and health care programs.

Since Jesuits have a vow of poverty, we learn early not to measure our own value by our salaries. What has mattered more and more to me through the years is the quality of our graduates and the commitment of our supporters, whether their support is primarily financial or moral. Thanks to each of you for making such an impact on my life while I've been president of Regis.

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Sheeran, S.J." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## Jesuit Higher Education Journal

Regis University is launching a new online journal in 2012 that will advance the creation, collection and dissemination of works pertaining to teaching and learning in the Jesuit tradition. The University will sponsor and publish the journal via an open access online system.

*Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal*, a biannual scholarly publication, will include peer reviewed articles, reports, interviews and reviews, as well as annotations of and links to online Jesuit-based educational resources.

"Making the most of opportunities in digital publishing and communication, the journal will create a new world-wide community of scholars within the Jesuit tradition of higher education that explores, critiques, develops and advances this unique approach to education," said Marie Friedemann, associate dean of the University's College for Professional Studies (CPS) and the editor.

Scholars within the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and from around the world are invited to submit articles for peer review, a best practices report or other scholarly contributions.

Mounted on Open Journal Systems, the journal is committed to open access and Creative Commons Attribution licensing, noted Ivan Gaetz, dean of the Dayton Memorial Library at Regis University.

Contributions to the journal should be submitted to Friedemann, general editor, at [mfriedem@regis.edu](mailto:mfriedem@regis.edu) or to Gaetz at [igaetz@regis.edu](mailto:igaetz@regis.edu).

For more information about *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal*, and for submission guidelines visit: <http://libguides.regis.edu/jhe>.

## Colorado Public Radio interviews faculty member

Regis University's Professor Nathan Matlock of the Center for the Study of War Experience appeared on the Colorado Matters program, "Coming Home: World War II to Today." The segment aired in December 2011. To listen to the interview, visit [www.regis.edu/news](http://www.regis.edu/news), click on "Media Center" and then "Regis in the News."



## Professor receives fellowship from U.S. Department of State

Extensive involvement in two major professional activities related to food justice, food security and urban agriculture is allowing Regis University Associate Professor Damien Thompson to satisfy a tremendous hunger to make a positive difference in the Denver community and around the world.

Thompson was awarded a Professional Fellowship in Food Security by the U.S. Department of State and is actively involved on Denver Mayor Michael Hancock's Denver Seeds Taskforce. The food fellowship focuses on professionals working in the social, economic and political aspects of food security, especially as it relates to Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture. Denver Seeds is an innovative initiative that will grow a fresh-food economy and make Denver one of the most sustainable cities in the United States.

Thompson joined Regis University as an associate professor of sociology in 2007. He describes himself as a cultural anthropologist whose work focuses geographically on the urban United States with an emphasis on understanding how individual and collective decisions at multiple societal levels set into motion the processes that lead to urban change.

## Vatican astronomer visits Regis

The curator of one of the largest meteorite collections in the world and scientific staff at the Vatican Observatory presented as part of Regis University's spring Catholicism in the Modern World speaker series.

Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J., curator of the Vatican meteorite collection in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, spoke on "Astronomy, God, and the Search for Elegance."

In elaborating on the topic of his talk, Consolmagno noted that scientific theories must do more than merely satisfy the data; they must do so in a way that is "elegant." By looking closely at a handful of astronomical images, he explored the way that one proceeds from an emotional appreciation of the beauty of the stars and planets, to a deeper understanding that satisfies both reason and emotion. Ultimately, this link between "elegance" and rational truth has profound theological implications.

Consolmagno's research explores the connections between meteorites and asteroids, and the origin and evolution of small bodies in the solar system. In 1996, he spent six weeks collecting meteorites with an NSF-sponsored team on the blue ice of Antarctica, and in 2000 he was honored by the International Astronomical Union for his contributions to the study of meteorites and asteroids with the naming of asteroid 4597-Consolmagno.



## Nursing student one of 10 selected for national student advisory council

Maria Mazzaferro is one of 10 exemplary students nationwide and the first Regis University student selected for the American Association of University Women (AAUW) 2011-12 Student Advisory Council.

The AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Mazzaferro, a junior pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, traveled to Washington, D.C., in November to learn more about AAUW and help plan the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

"Serving on this committee is a chance for me to show women, especially women of my age group -- women who have raised children and now are in a first or second career -- that it is possible to be successful in college, start over in a completely different path, and be a leader and mentor to others," Mazzaferro said.

Regis University partnered with KUSA Channel 9 and The Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital on March 9 to bring Buddy Check 9 to Campus. The event included the Exempla St. Joseph Hospital Mobile Mammography Van and was open to the Regis Community and residents in the surrounding communities. Both the insured and uninsured were welcome.



## Regis University hosts Eucharistic Miracles exhibit

Regis University hosted the traveling Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, which was on display December 2-12, 2011, in the Hartman Gallery of the University's Dayton Memorial Library. The exhibit reports on the traditions of the Catholic Church that attribute various miracles to the presence of the Eucharist.

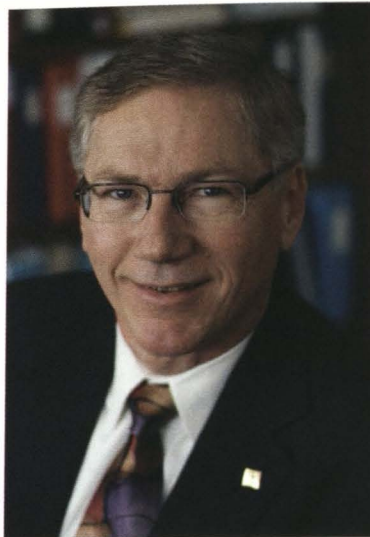
## Online programs garner recognition in *U.S. News & World Report's* Top Online Education Program rankings

Several Regis University online programs were included in the first-ever edition of Top Online Education Programs rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*, including:

- Teaching Practices & Student Engagement category: CPS Education Bachelor's Programs, ranked #7
- Education, Teaching Practices & Student Engagement category: CPS Education Graduate Programs, ranked #11
- Nursing, Faculty Credentials and Training category: RHCHP Graduate Programs, ranked #18

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## Rodney Carter named dean of pharmacy school at Regis University

Rodney Carter will become the dean of the School of Pharmacy on July 1, 2012.

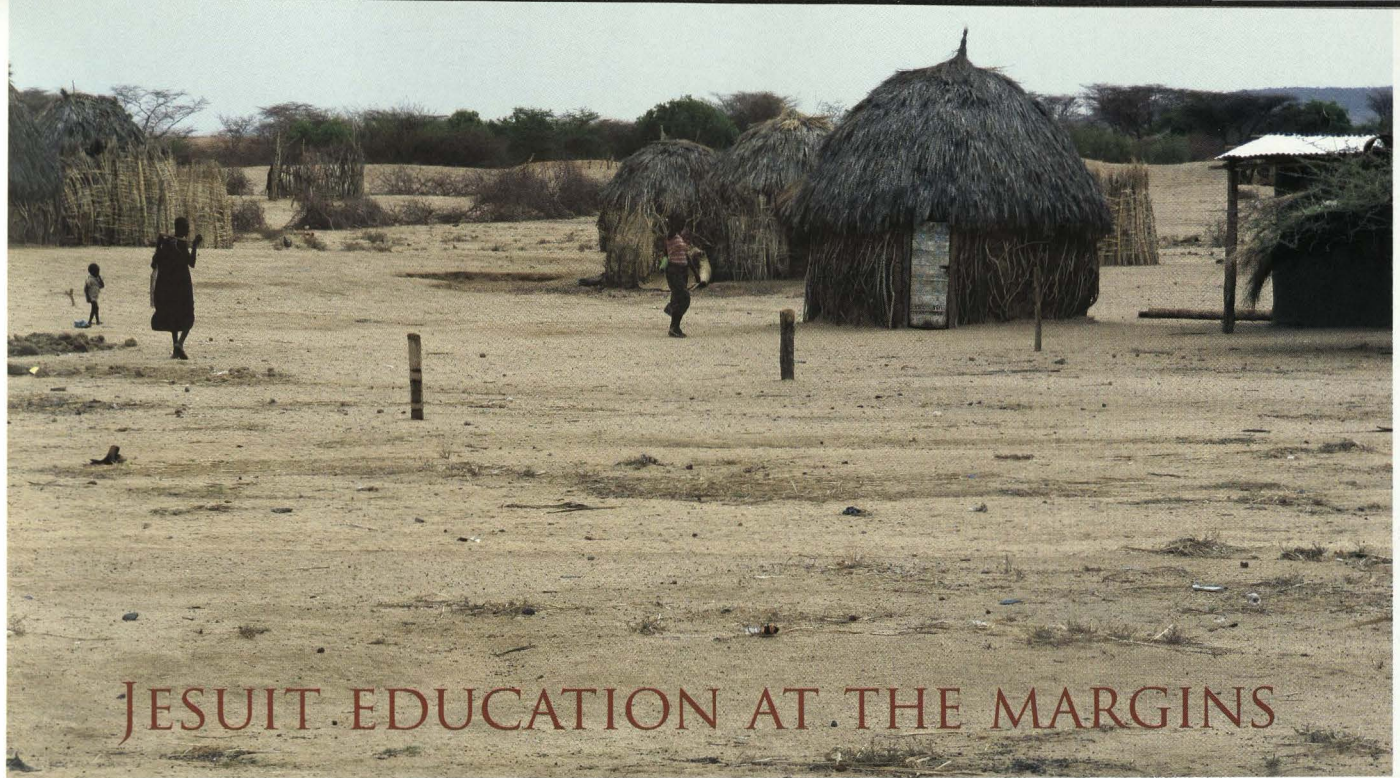
Carter, who earned a doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Minnesota, is currently the associate dean for professional and external relations at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. He also serves as the 2011

president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacies and has been active in its national leadership for the past decade.

"I'm excited to be coming to the School of Pharmacy with its mission of educating pharmacists to provide exceptional patient care in the Regis tradition," Carter said. "The School's innovative curriculum has already shown that it develops students with excellent interactive and problem solving skills. I look forward to helping the faculty and students establish the school's reputation in both education and service."



CONSTRUCTION OF DAVID M. CLARKE, S.J., HALL IS PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS AND OTHER BUILDING PROJECTS, VISIT [WWW.REGIS.EDU/BUILDINGREGIS](http://WWW.REGIS.EDU/BUILDINGREGIS).



## JESUIT EDUCATION AT THE MARGINS

FOUR DAYS OF DISCUSSION, DIALOGUE, DEBATE AND DISCERNMENT — INCLUDING POWERFUL PRESENTATIONS BY TWO INTERNATIONAL ICONS AND TWO STUNNING EXHIBITS — HIGHLIGHTED THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL JESUIT COMMONS: HIGHER EDUCATION AT THE MARGINS (JC:HEM) “THINK TANK” CONDUCTED MARCH 5-8 AT REGIS UNIVERSITY.

Attended by a who’s who of more than 120 national and international Jesuits, Jesuit educators and staff of the Jesuit Refugee Service from around the globe the “think tank” was designed to envision and chart the future of a JC:HEM program that for the past two years has been providing online education to refugees in Kenya, Malawi, and Syria.

JC:HEM is an initiative of the Society of Jesus that brings Jesuit higher education to those at the margins of our society. Working with the Jesuit Refugee Service, JC:HEM has enabled more than 250 refugees to study courses online and on-site in collaboration with a global network of Jesuit universities. Refugees can earn a diploma in liberal studies and pursue community service learning tracks for a certificate of completion that benefits daily life in the camps.

The focus and desired outcome for the “think tank” participants was to expand the vision and outreach of JC:HEM to empower those at the very edges of our societies through access to Jesuit higher education so that together we may foster hope to create a more peaceful and humane world.

Among the many “think tank” participants were Vincent Cochetel, regional representative for the U.S. and Caribbean United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Michael Garanzini, S.J., president of Loyola University Chicago and secretary of Higher Education for the Jesuits; “Heroic Leadership” author and Jesuit Commons President Chris Lowney; Peter Balleis, S.J., international director of the Jesuit Refugee Service; author Paul Nakai who facilitated the conference; Gregory Lucey, S.J., president of the Association of Jesuit Catholic Universities (AJCU); Charles Currie, S.J., former AJCU president; and Mary McFarland, international director of JC:HEM and a Gonzaga University professor.

Father Garanzini gave the first keynote presentation on “The 450-Year Jesuit Mission at the Margins.” Vincent Cochetel followed with a second keynote titled “Lives at the Margins – The United Nations Looks at the Future.” Through a myriad of presentations, fishbowl discussions, videos, and large and small group conversations, a bevy of experts led attendees as they discussed topics ranging from emerging themes, reflections and implications of their calling, to the collective wisdom of how things began and what they have learned.

The conference also featured two special exhibits, one by nationally recognized photographer Don Doll, S.J., which included a photographic exhibit of refugees, and another by David Yunger, CEO of GreenBridge Computing and consultant with Microsoft Partners in Learning, who displayed multi-point servers that his company uses in emerging markets worldwide to enable digital access and education capacity in the developing world.

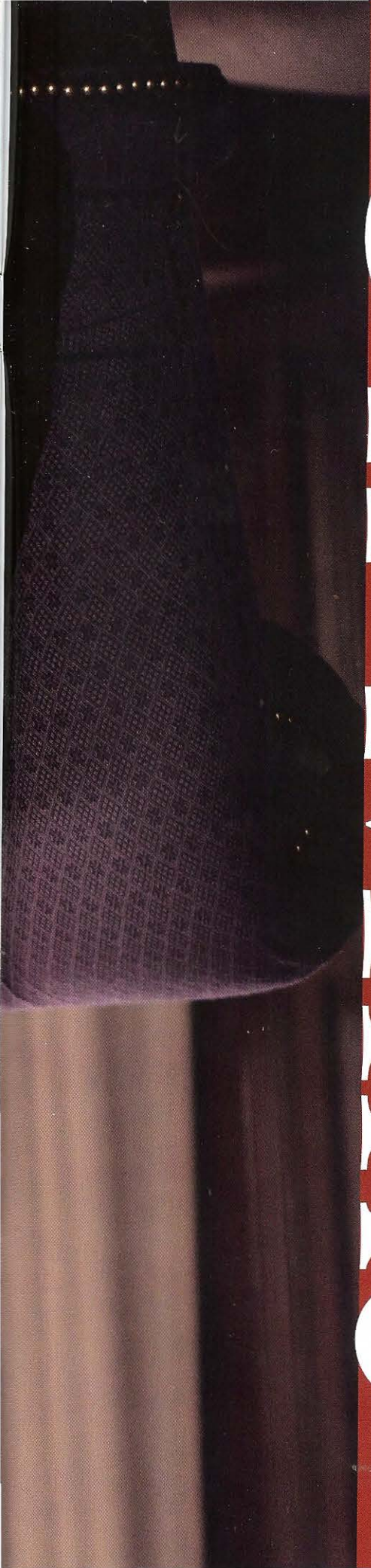
Steve Jacobs, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs at Regis University and conference chair, led an engaged committee of 12 Regis University staff and faculty, plus a cadre of University volunteers in planning and orchestrating the event.

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 IS REGIS?

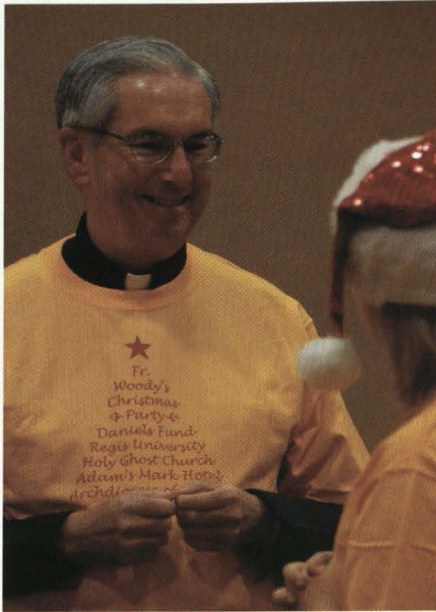


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# On Mike







*"I studied and worked at many Jesuit schools, and truthfully, nowhere have I experienced the Jesuit mission so widely embraced and promoted as at Regis. For this I thank Father Mike and the wonderful team he helped to gather."*

BART GEGER, S.J.  
Rector, Regis Jesuit Community

*"Father Sheeran understands the unique challenges of educating healthcare professionals, and has been an unwavering supporter of our efforts to provide the quality education that is our hallmark. Our graduates ease suffering, soothe the fearful, and make whole the wounded both here and around the globe."*

JANET HOUSER  
Dean, RHCHP

*"Father Sheeran has had a deep commitment to professional development of faculty in Africa, believing that through online learning African faculty can achieve degrees without uprooting their work and families. Since 2007, he has given six Regis scholarships to faculty in Jesuit or Catholic institutions in Kenya and Zambia."*

STEVE JACOBS  
Assistant Vice President  
Academic Affairs

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## JESUIT MISSION & IDENTITY

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*"The Catholic Studies Program has been around about 10 years, about half of his tenure as president. One of the objectives of that program was to make the Catholic presence in the curriculum more obvious, and it has certainly done that. Father Sheeran has also made it much more public that Regis is a Jesuit school and a Catholic school, and during his time here, the sense of mission has grown exponentially."*

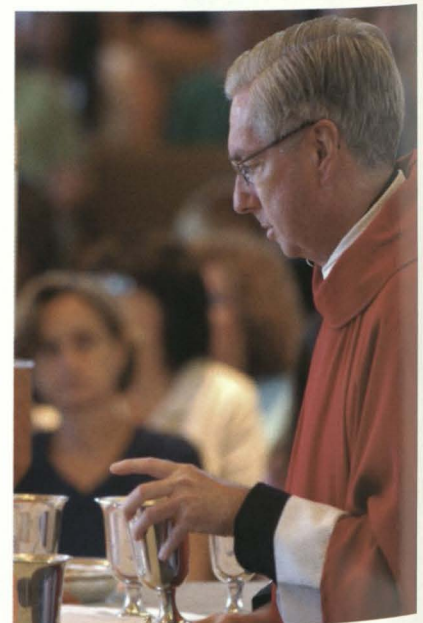
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Professor of Religious Studies  
Regis College

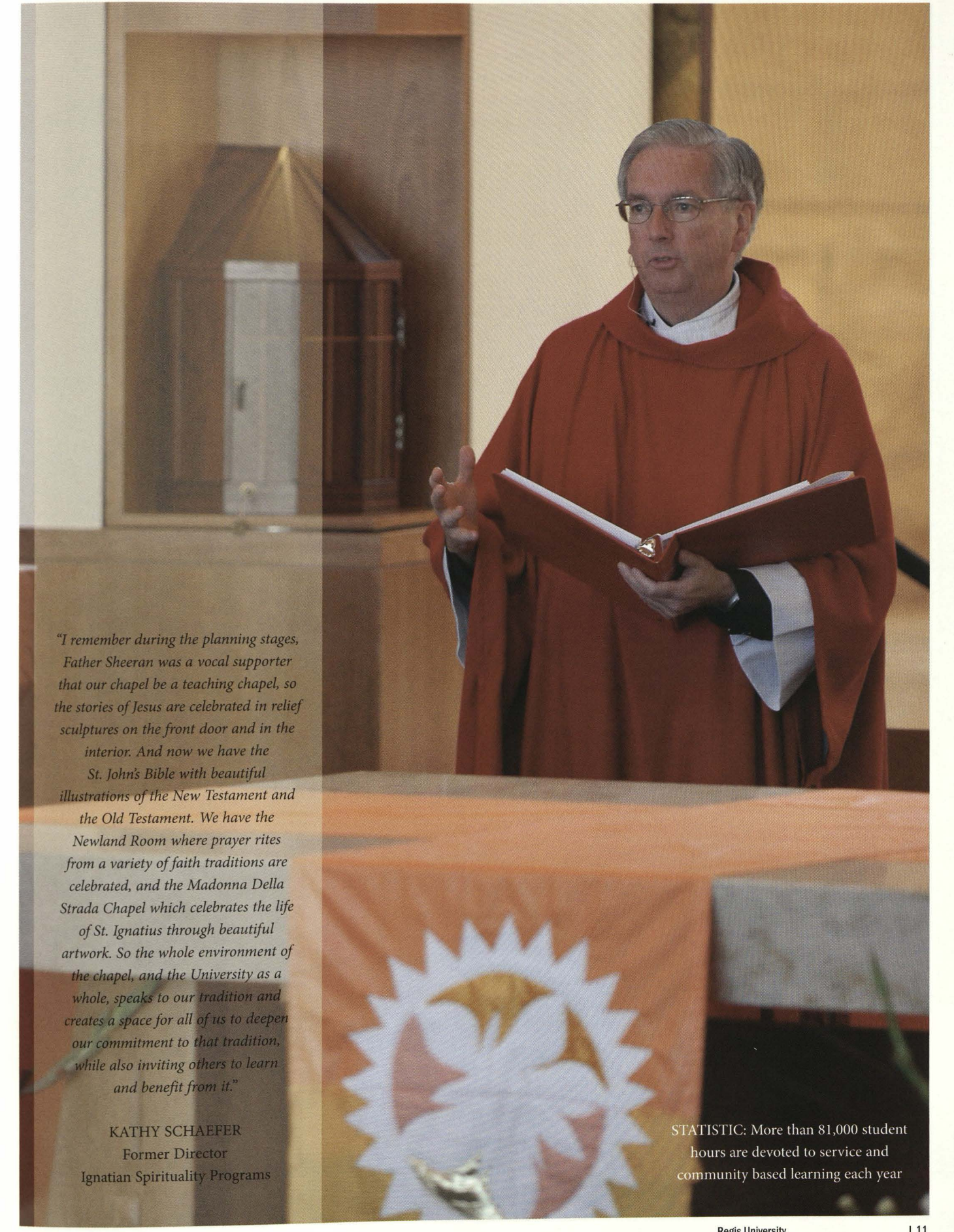
*"Thanks to Father Sheeran's financial support and encouragement, Jesuit Mission Group has increased its membership from three members in 1993 to over 300 members today. Faculty and staff attend monthly mission meetings, retreats, and conferences designed around Ignatian spirituality."*

PATTI SCHOENINGER  
Assistant to the President

*"I'll remember Father Sheeran as a person who really directed the mission of Regis – service to others. He made sure that we all knew and understood that mission, and as result, Regis has been very beneficial to the community as a whole."*

HARVEY ROTHENBERG  
Affiliate Faculty, CPS

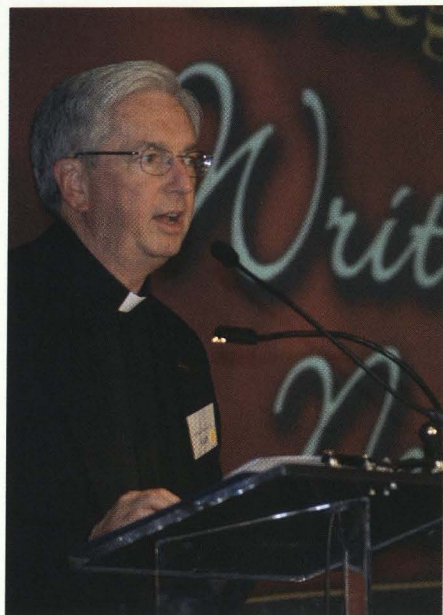




*"I remember during the planning stages, Father Sheeran was a vocal supporter that our chapel be a teaching chapel, so the stories of Jesus are celebrated in relief sculptures on the front door and in the interior. And now we have the St. John's Bible with beautiful illustrations of the New Testament and the Old Testament. We have the Newland Room where prayer rites from a variety of faith traditions are celebrated, and the Madonna Della Strada Chapel which celebrates the life of St. Ignatius through beautiful artwork. So the whole environment of the chapel, and the University as a whole, speaks to our tradition and creates a space for all of us to deepen our commitment to that tradition, while also inviting others to learn and benefit from it."*

KATHY SCHAEFER  
Former Director  
Ignatian Spirituality Programs

STATISTIC: More than 81,000 student hours are devoted to service and community based learning each year



*"For anyone who has visited, the campus truly speaks for itself. It's absolutely beautiful. From the perimeter to the Felix Pomponio Family Science Center improvements, from the refurbishment of Main Hall to the wonderful new chapel, the campus brings great credibility to the University. Whenever one visits the campus today, they're amazed. And it truly reflects the growth and the sophistication of the University."*

BILL FORTUNE, RC '69

*"During the last decade of Father Sheeran's tenure, Regis College grew by about 500 undergraduates. Much of this growth was fueled by the combination of a revised core curriculum, new majors in music and in peace and justice studies, and broadened opportunities for students to participate in experiential forms of education like internships, study abroad, and service learning."*

PAUL EWALD  
Dean, Regis College

*"My work is in experiential education and Father Sheeran has been a strong advocate for the initiatives we have started in terms of internships, study abroad and definitely service learning. He understands what we have been trying to do as far as expanding a student's education outside of the classroom. He has been an advocate for the work that we've done all these many years and I really appreciate it."*

LYNNE MONTROSE  
Director  
Academic Internship Program

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**GROWING  
REGIS**  
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*"It was Father Sheeran's good will and hard work, plus the generous support of Martin Hart, RC '57, that got the arboretum started and that has continued its growth over the last ten years. The arboretum serves as an outdoor classroom, but also offers students, faculty and staff some quiet and contemplative places, where they can take a moment to relax and enjoy a brief respite from the busy world."*

PAT SCHLANGER  
Director, Plant Operations

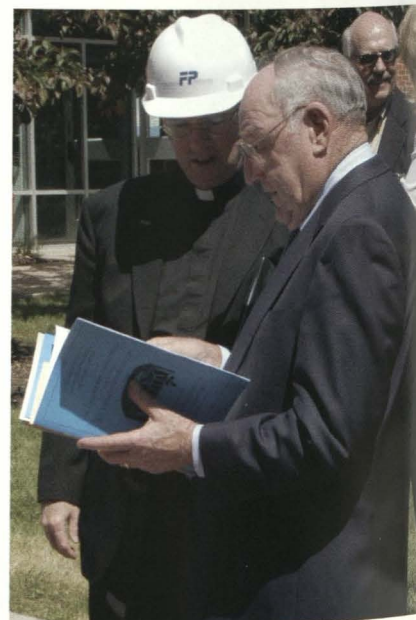
*"Regis has a bright future and there are a lot of reasons for that. Most of them you can trace back to Father Sheeran. To start with, Regis is built on a sound financial foundation. It is built to last.*

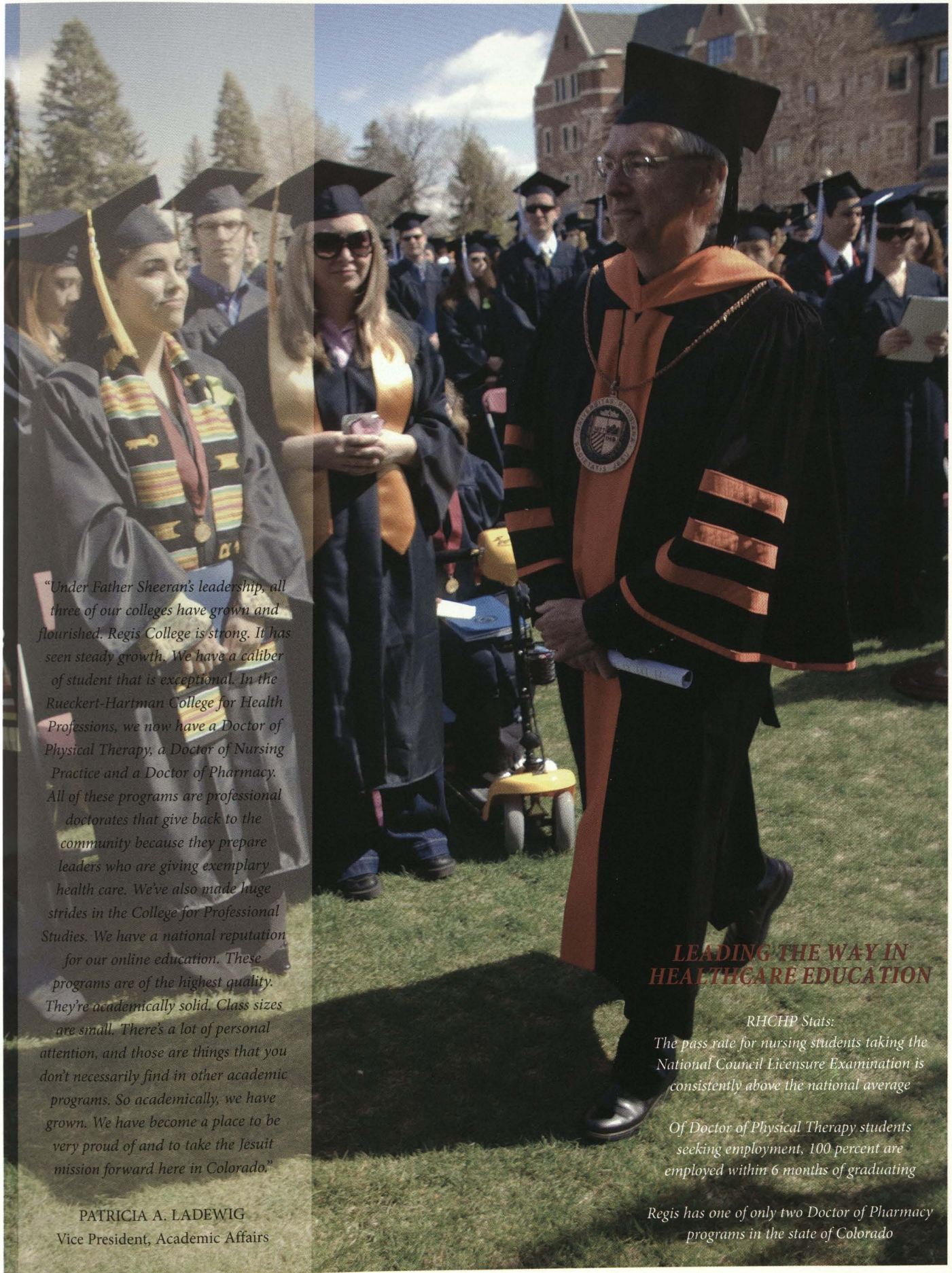
*In addition to that, Father has surrounded himself with top quality people. The leaders of each college, of each department, are second to none. They just do an incredible job, and that all goes back to Father as the president of the University. He's done an outstanding job getting this University set for the future."*

DICK KELLY, RC '68/CPS '82

*"During Father Sheeran's time, we developed a diversity program, which is a significant evolution for the University. We've seen our demographics change drastically within the past ten years or so, from an institution that was roughly eight percent students of color to one that now boasts well above 20 percent. In addition to that, we've had opportunities to learn about and grow from what it means to become not just a diverse university, but an inclusive one."*

SANDRA MITCHELL  
Assistant Vice President, Diversity





*“Under Father Sheeran’s leadership, all three of our colleges have grown and flourished. Regis College is strong. It has seen steady growth. We have a caliber of student that is exceptional. In the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions, we now have a Doctor of Physical Therapy, a Doctor of Nursing Practice and a Doctor of Pharmacy. All of these programs are professional doctorates that give back to the community because they prepare leaders who are giving exemplary health care. We’ve also made huge strides in the College for Professional Studies. We have a national reputation for our online education. These programs are of the highest quality. They’re academically solid. Class sizes are small. There’s a lot of personal attention, and those are things that you don’t necessarily find in other academic programs. So academically, we have grown. We have become a place to be very proud of and to take the Jesuit mission forward here in Colorado.”*

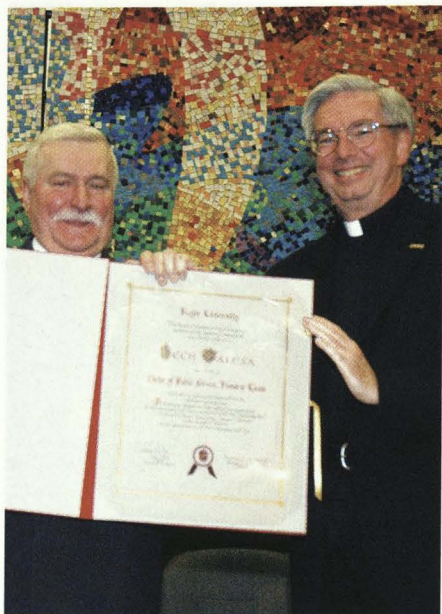
**PATRICIA A. LADEWIG**  
Vice President, Academic Affairs

**LEADING THE WAY IN  
HEALTHCARE EDUCATION**

*RHCHP Stats:  
The pass rate for nursing students taking the National Council Licensure Examination is consistently above the national average*

*Of Doctor of Physical Therapy students seeking employment, 100 percent are employed within 6 months of graduating*

*Regis has one of only two Doctor of Pharmacy programs in the state of Colorado*



*"Father Sheeran has supported the CPS mission to serve adult learners through classroom and online programming. Nationally, CPS learners graduate from Regis with skill sets employers seek most: critical thinking, problem solving ability, team and communication skills to serve the community."*

ROXANNE M. GONZALES  
Dean, CPS

*"Father Sheeran was a real advocate for innovation. To be one of the pioneers of online education, we needed to have the leadership behind us. And Father Sheeran, when he spoke to outside groups – business groups, cultural groups and the like – would proudly spread the word that this was a school for multiple age groups and with multiple approaches. His support and leadership really allowed for us to be innovative."*

DON SCHIERLING  
Assistant Professor of Business, CPS

*"Father Mike's legacy with Regis is broad and varied, but clearly, his crowning achievement is the campaign. To take this University to a place it had never been before, to be able to have a campaign that resulted in five times any previous result is a marvelous testimony to Mike's leadership, his foresight and his ability to put the right people together to get the job done."*

JACK BOX, RC '68

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## INCREASED VISIBILITY

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*"When Campbell Brown was on the Today Show, they were doing bios on each of the anchors. For each anchor, they brought in someone who had been a major influence on his or her life. The surprise guest for Campbell Brown was Father Sheeran. He had taught her in political science at Regis and they had engaged in a number of conversations that she claims were very important in her formation. That's a good example of the impact he has had on students."*

PAUL BROCKER  
Former Executive Assistant to the President

*"Father Sheeran has been committed to raising academic standards across the University. During his tenure as president, we have been ranked as a top tier school by U.S. News & World Report for seventeen consecutive years. In 2010, we had a Rhodes Scholar, the second in school history, and in 2012, our fifth Fulbright Scholar; which are tremendous achievements for an institution of this size."*

KAREN WEBBER  
Vice President, Administration

*"The inclusion of service learning in courses, and the increase in activities across the board, demonstrates how service has become an integral part of Regis education today. On top of that, Regis has been flexible in creating and updating programs to meet changing social needs. The addition of a doctoral degree in physical therapy, for example, or the master's degree in education, allow Regis to keep addressing current needs and serving the community."*

RON BROCKWAY  
Professor Emeritus of History  
Regis College

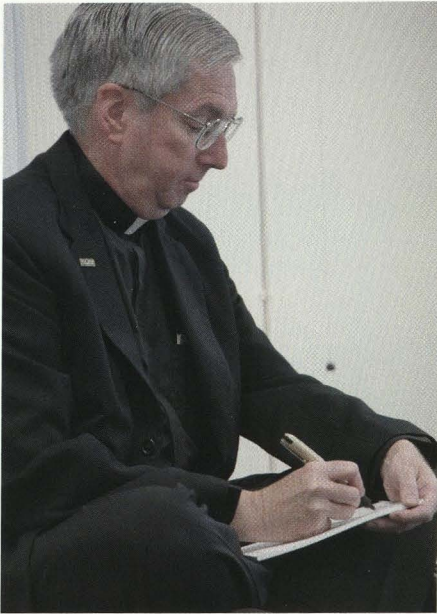




*“Leadership and inspiration are always the challenge in any major institution. For more than 35 years, first as a professor, then as academic vice president, and for now 19 years as president of this institution, Father Mike Sheeran has taken the vision of Regis, learners into leaders, men and women in the service of others, and he’s made it real. It has to start at the top. Yes, it’s going to be bottom up, but the inspiration comes from the top.”*

ED FEULNER, RC '63





*"I've known Father Sheeran since I graduated from Regis College. As a priest, he's always been a wonderful, spiritual person, who has been there for me during the great events of my life.*

*He's a wonderful man from that standpoint. And he takes all those great attributes and he puts them into his role as the president of the University. I have watched Father Mike grow in this job and become a tremendous leader. He's made Regis what it is today."*

LUISA STAERKEL, RC '75

*"I think Father is always asking you to be your best. That's what he's asked of Regis. And I know in my personal interactions with him, he has a way, even if he doesn't say so exactly, of bringing out the best in you and asking of you fully what you can bring to the table. That's a pretty incredible impression to leave on people's lives."*

ANDY COLE, RC '05

*"I'll always remember Father Sheeran as an educator. That's what he was when he came here. That's how I think he associates most with people. And I think the heart he has for students is that of an educator and a teacher. I think that is really the legacy he'll leave with people who know him best."*

WILL GOHL, RC '10  
2010 American Rhodes Scholar

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## PRIEST PRESIDENT & PERSON

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*"When I spent two years as a teacher in rural South Africa, Father Sheeran and I kept in regular contact. He assured me of his prayers and even put me in touch with Jesuits in the region, should I have any needs. My decision to volunteer in southern Africa stemmed from the commitment to social justice I developed at Regis through the culture of social concern Father Sheeran promoted University-wide. That commitment is something I hope to carry with me through the rest of my life."*

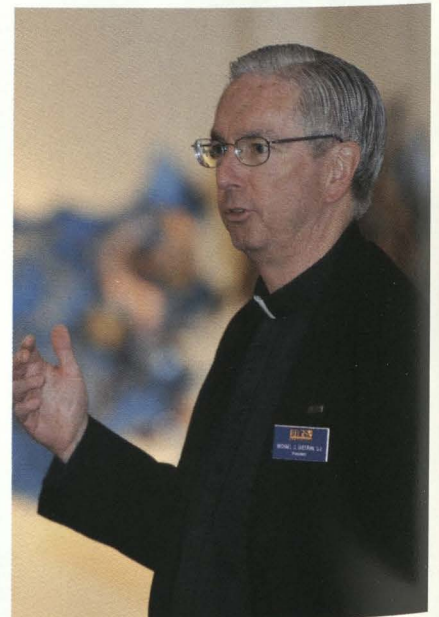
SARAH MORAN, RC '09

*"I am deeply involved in a nonprofit organization here in Denver, and have on occasion come to Father Sheeran for advice. What I've always appreciated was his belief that when you make decisions, as long as they are rooted in the fundamentals you learn at Regis, there is really no right and wrong; it's always a degree of right. Father Sheeran has been a constant support for me, making sure that I, and most of the alumni that I know, continue to live Regis' mission of service."*

DEREK SCARTH, RC '95

*"Father Sheeran cares deeply for everyone, not only his employees and his staff. All he has to do is get word of someone being ill and he's out of here, heading for the hospital. I'm currently going through old files and the letters I see written to Father Sheeran, thanking him for all the wonderful things he's done throughout the years, are amazing."*

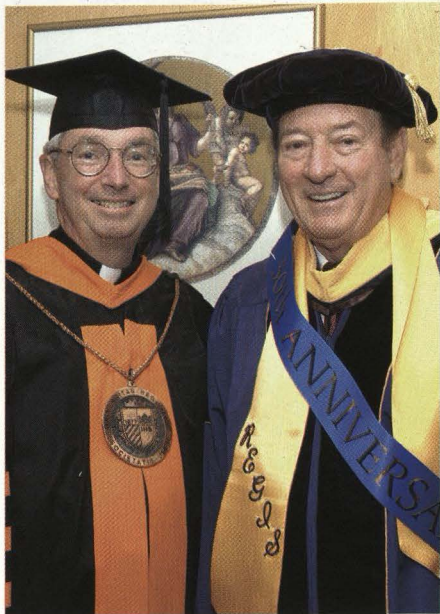
BERNIE LANGFIELD  
University Relations





*"I was a member of the board for Regis University for a decade during Mike's presidency and it was a great privilege for me to be associated with Regis and with Mike's leadership - leadership in the community, leadership in the Institute on the Common Good, leadership in articulating the Jesuit vision, leadership as president of the University throughout the very successful campaign that was concluded a few years ago. But also in his leadership as a priest. When I talk to people at Regis, they often talk about Father Sheeran as the pastor of the community, who is present to people in celebrating with them their good times and in mourning with them the losses that they go through. I think he's been wonderful both as president and as pastor."*

DOUG MARCOULLER, S.J.  
Provincial, Missouri Province



*"Father Sheeran is committed to students. Of the \$82.7 million we raised in the last campaign, \$26 million was allocated to student scholarships and aid to students in need. That's a huge commitment. I credit Father Sheeran with that."*

WALT IMHOFF, RC '55

*"Father Sheeran has been a leader in Colorado, working not just for the benefit of Regis, but for the entire community. He has served as president of the United Way and has engaged with other groups to ask Coloradans to continue to be generous donors, generous stewards of our community resources on behalf of those who are the most in need, the least of our brethren. That has been another part of his great passion here at Regis and in our Denver community."*

TOM REYNOLDS  
Vice President, Mission

*"Regis is a wonderful resource for us at Arrupe, a real partner in our mission. I'm proud to say, we now have over forty graduates of Arrupe Jesuit high school studying at Regis University. All of those students are receiving substantial financial aid and help to be able to pursue a college education. And I know that this is through a strong commitment from Father Mike Sheeran."*

TIM MCMAHON, S.J.  
President, Arrupe Jesuit High School

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## FINANCIAL AID & ACCESS

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*"Financial Aid is helping make my dream a reality. My Regis education has given me the training and education I need to succeed as a nurse."*

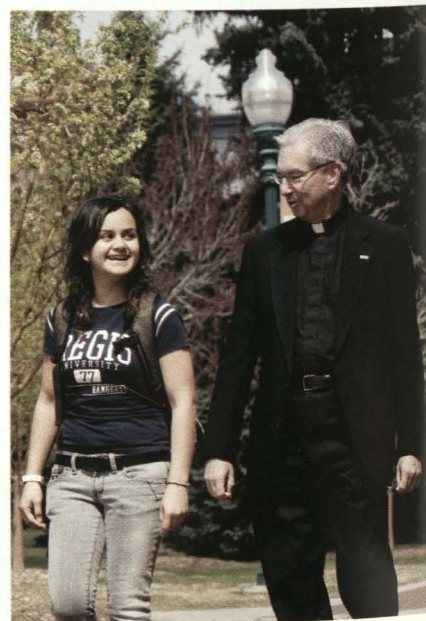
JACQUELINE LOPEZ, RHCHP '12

*"There is a long list of students who've succeeded because of Father Sheeran's commitment to providing financial assistance. He has initiated and supported programs for Arrupe students, Porter-Billups Leadership Academy participants, students affected by Hurricane Katrina, and countless other students."*

ELINOR MILLER  
Director, Financial Aid

*"Financial Aid is the reason I am at Regis. The education I have received here has taught me to ask the hard questions, to understand my values and to discern how I can live by those values. I feel so blessed to have had this opportunity."*

JOSH KNISS, RC '12  
Student Body President

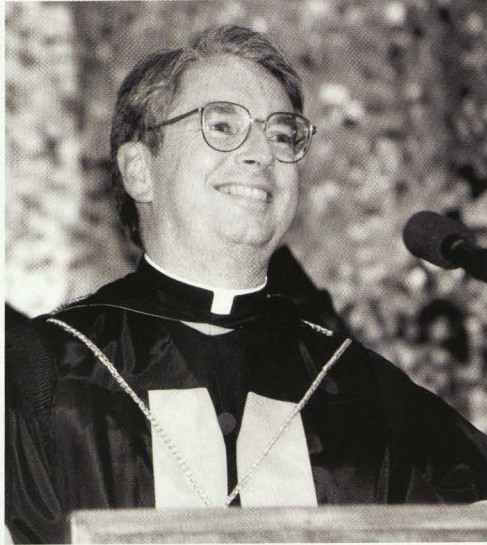




*"For many years, even before he was president, Father Sheeran has been very committed to trying to ensure that a Regis education would be available to a wide variety of people. Regis, in my judgment, does a very good job of keeping costs low, given the expectations that people have for the University. But Father Sheeran understands that it could still be difficult for people from a wide variety of economic situations and conditions to afford Regis. He has wanted to assure that all people have access to a Regis education and that requires financial assistance."*

**BOB KAFFER**  
Former Executive Assistant  
to the President

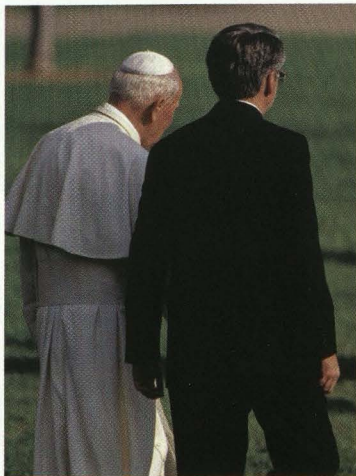
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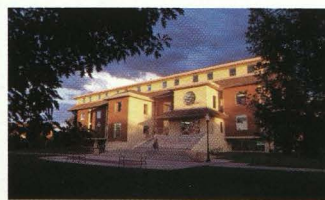
● **JANUARY 1993**  
Becomes 23<sup>rd</sup> president of Regis University.

● **SEPTEMBER 23, 1993**  
Delivers his inauguration speech.

● **AUGUST 12, 1993**  
Hosts the historic meeting between Pope John Paul II and former President William Clinton on the Regis University campus. He also serves as an expert commentator for Channel 4 in Denver during World Youth Day in 1993.



● **1996**  
Father Sheeran, along with PeaceJam, hosts Nobel Peace Laureates Betty Williams and Rigoberta Menchu Tum, the first of 13 Nobel Peace Laureates to visit the University in a 10-year span.

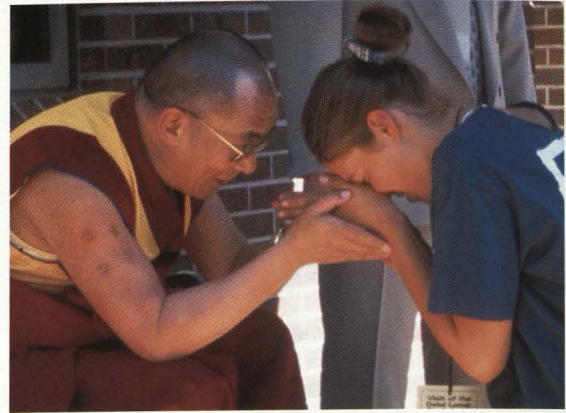


● **OCTOBER 2, 1997**  
Rededicates Dayton Memorial Library after \$5 million renovation.

● **FEBRUARY 1999**  
Hosts visit by and presents honorary degree to Elizabeth Dole, former President of the American Red Cross.

● **SEPTEMBER 17, 2003**  
Hosts Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles.

● **2005**  
Serves as an expert commentator for Channel 4 in Denver during the 2005 election of Pope Benedict.



● **1997**  
Hosts Nobel Peace Laureate His Holiness, the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama of Tibet.

● **October 1998**  
His vision for shaping a caring and responsible community through listening and communication leads to the creation of the Regis University Institute on the Common Good, which seeks to facilitate dialogue aimed at developing strategies to resolve important community issues.

● **JUNE 2000**  
Receives an Honorary Degree (Doctor of Humane Letters) from the University of Denver.

● **MAY 2004**  
Hosts and presents *Civis Princeps* Award to Jim Nicholson, former Ambassador to the Holy See.

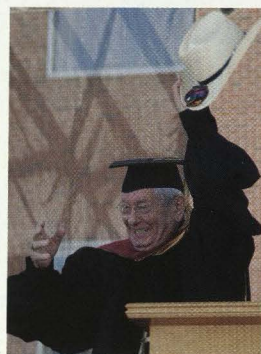
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● **JUNE 30, 2007**

*The Campaign for Regis University, Writing the Next Chapter* concludes at \$82.7 million, exceeding its \$75 million goal.

Included in that total are: a \$9.5 million gift from Leonard and Rosemarie Pomponio -- the largest single gift in the University's history -- for renovation of the science building, newly renamed the Felix Pomponio Family Science Center; a \$5.7 million gift from Margaret and Doyle Hartman for the renovation of Carroll Hall; and gifts totaling \$6.5 million to build the new St. John Francis Regis Chapel.



● **MAY 2011**

Confers honorary degree on Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Vatican Ambassador to the United States.

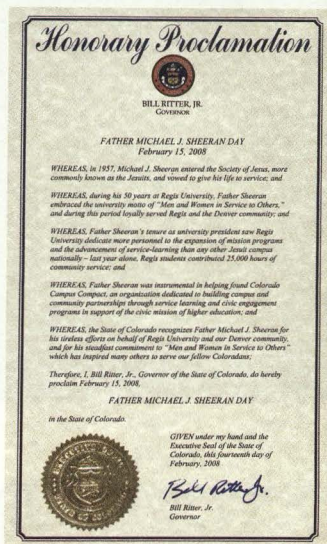
● **MAY 2011**

The first five Arrupe Jesuit High School graduates receive their degrees from Regis. Under Father Sheeran's leadership, Regis has made itself an invaluable partner in education of Arrupe Jesuit's students.



● **FEBRUARY 15, 2008**

Then Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter, Jr., proclaims this date as Father Michael J. Sheeran Day in Colorado. The honorary proclamation highlights a wealth of achievements by Father Sheeran.



● **MAY 2006**

Hosts visit by Mary McAleese, President of Ireland.

● **SEPTEMBER 2011**

Regis University is named by *U.S. News & World Report* as a Top School in the West for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

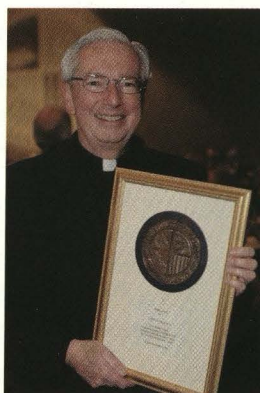
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● **MAY 31, 2012**

Father Sheeran retires.

● **MARCH 2008**

Is elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.



● **MAY 24, 2011**

Makes official public announcement of his retirement during a live television interview with 7NEWS Anchor and Regis University Board of Trustees member Bertha Lynn.

● **APRIL 2011**

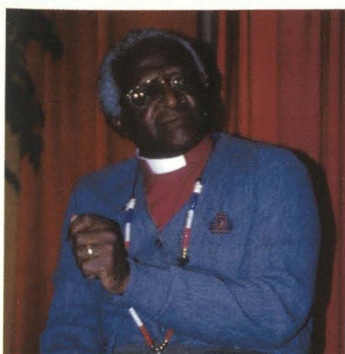
Receives the Magis Award from Arrupe Jesuit High School. The award recognizes someone who has shown extraordinary dedication to the principle of the "Magis" by pursuing "the greater good" and living as a man or woman for others.

● **APRIL 2008**

Father Sheeran, along with other Catholic university presidents and diocesan heads of education, is invited to hear Pope Benedict XVI deliver an address on Catholic education on April 17.

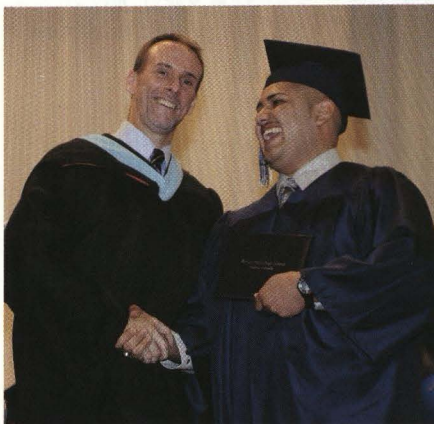
● **OCTOBER 2006**

David Trimble becomes the 13th Nobel Laureate to visit the Regis University campus in eight years. The other 12 Nobel Peace Prize recipients hosted on campus include Archbishop Desmond Tutu; His Holiness, the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama of Tibet; Elie Wiesel; John Hume; Betty Williams; Mairead Corrigan Maguire; Adolfo Perez Esquivel; Rigoberta Menchu Tum; Jose Ramos-Horta; Oscar Arias; Jody Williams and Lech Walesa.





## AN EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERSHIP



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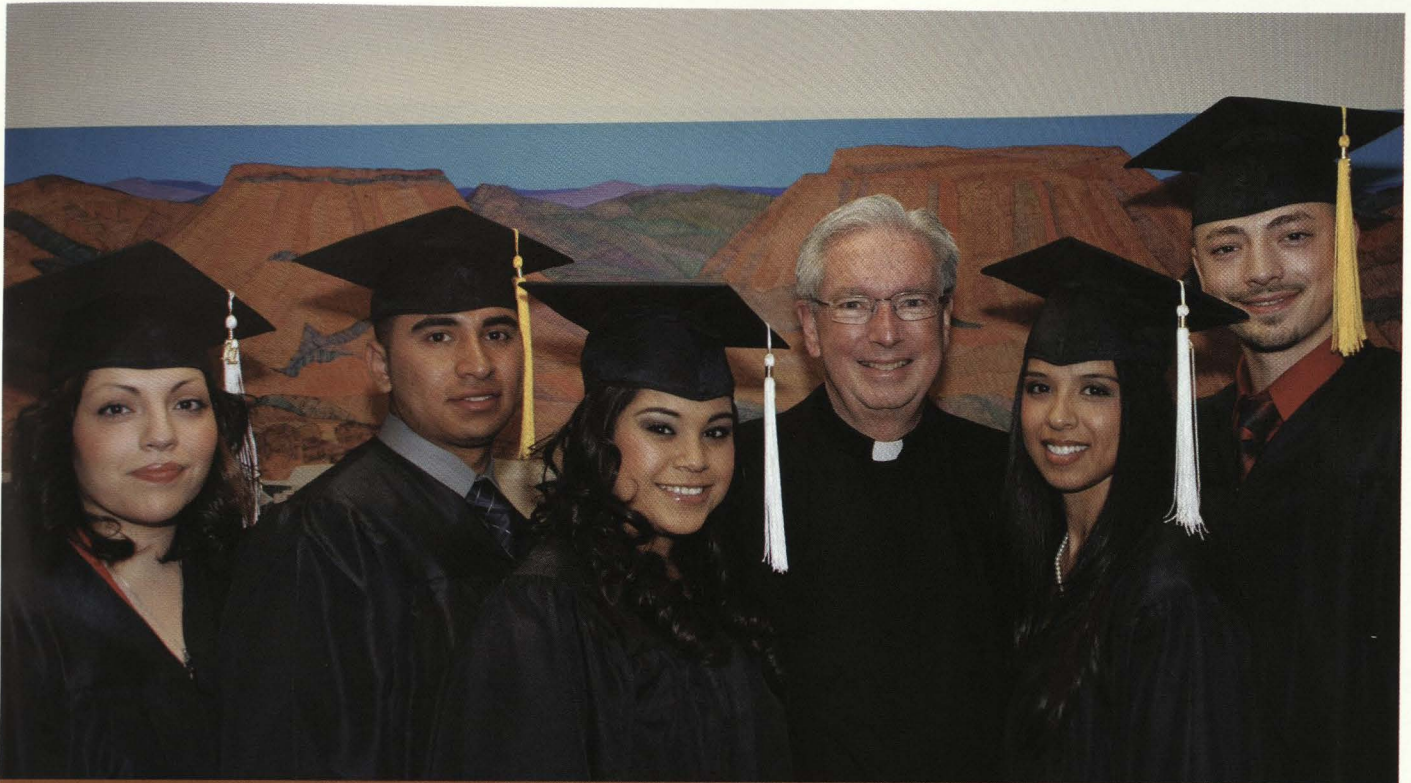
PRINCIPAL MICHAEL O'HAGAN TELLS THE STORY THIS WAY. IT WAS LATE JUNE 2003. ARRUPE JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL WAS SET TO OPEN IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AND THE BUILDING THAT WOULD HOUSE THE SCHOOL HAD JUST BEEN PURCHASED. O'HAGAN WAS THE ONLY PERSON ON SITE THAT DAY. HE WAS SITTING IN HIS NEW OFFICE WHEN THE DOORBELL RANG.

"I didn't even know we had a doorbell," O'Hagan recalls. "It was the first day we owned the building and I wasn't expecting any guests."

Father Michael Sheeran waited outside, eager to see the building. The facility still needed work, but O'Hagan took Sheeran on a tour anyway, showing him the notable rooms and features. "But Father wanted to see the whole building," O'Hagan says, "from the boiler room to the roof."

After the tour, Sheeran was convinced that Arrupe wouldn't be ready to open that August. He was quick to offer assistance. The next morning, fifteen members of Regis' Physical Plant Department arrived on site and began the difficult work of getting the building prepared for students.

"That was the beginning of an extraordinary partnership that continues to this day," O'Hagan says.



The first five Arrupe Jesuit High School graduates with Father Sheeran at their Regis University Commencement.

That extraordinary partnership was born out of a shared commitment to social change that is inherent in the Jesuit tradition. Tom Reynolds, vice president for mission at Regis University, explains: "Father Sheeran was one of many Jesuits and lay people here in Denver who recognized the need to make Jesuit education more accessible to students from low-income families. He also knew that if we were really going to make an impact on these students, we needed to start working with them earlier than college." Arrupe Jesuit High School was one way to make that happen.

Arrupe provides a high quality, college preparatory education to young people who might not otherwise have access to private school. The school utilizes the Cristo Rey model, an educational program developed in the mid-nineties that emphasizes longer school years and provides academic assistance and counseling for its students. Another key component of the model is the innovative corporate work-study program, which places student workers with local companies (corporate partners). Each student works five days a month, and four students combine to fill one full-time position. In return, their shared corporate partner helps to finance a portion of their tuition.

One of the companies where Arrupe students work is Regis University. "Our students love working at Regis," says Eve Williams, program manager in Arrupe's Corporate Work Study Program. "The staff members are so supportive and really want our students to succeed." This is one of many ways that Regis supports its partnership with Arrupe. Since 2006, rising Arrupe seniors have had the opportunity to spend four summer days and three nights living on campus, taking classes and meeting professors. For these students, ninety percent of whom will be first-generation college students, this taste of university life is invaluable.

Father Sheeran has been the driving force behind creating opportunities for Arrupe students. He sees these young men and women as the future leaders of the Denver

community and the Catholic Church, and he wants Regis to be a part of their formation. Of course, the cost of college is an insurmountable challenge for most Arrupe families, but Regis offers the financial support to help make college a real possibility. Regis also invests in the human resources to make sure Arrupe graduates succeed while at college. One example is the Arrupe first year experience class, which helps students navigate the critical initial year on campus.

The partnership between Arrupe and Regis is clearly having the desired effect. Seven Arrupe graduates, all from the inaugural class, have already completed their degrees at Regis, and 44 other students are currently working their way toward that same goal. With a Regis degree in hand, these young people will break the cycle of poverty, so that by the time their own children come of age, college will not be an aspiration, but an expectation.

According to O'Hagan, a lot of the credit for their success belongs to Father Sheeran. "I really think Arrupe has made it this far because Father has been on board since day one. He is such a busy man. He runs a university. He is a civic and community leader. We are such a tiny place, and yet he makes us a big priority." For his commitment to Arrupe, Sheeran was presented with Arrupe's highest honor, the Magis Award, in 2011.

Father Sheeran, a humble man, likes to downplay his role in this extraordinary partnership, but the truth is that his actions demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the service and success of first-generation college students. It seemed only fitting then, that when asked how Regis might honor him for his nearly twenty years of service, Father Sheeran didn't want his name on a building or a statue of his likeness placed on campus. He wanted his name on an endowment, and the money grown in that endowment to be used in support of – you guessed it – graduates of Arrupe Jesuit High School.





# VISIONARY

HOW ONE MAN'S SMALL IDEA HAS MADE AN ENORMOUS IMPACT

When Father Sheeran first announced the formation of the Institute on the Common Good, I was happily chairing the College for Professional Studies' Master of Nonprofit Management program. Yet the depth of his vision for the Institute immediately caught hold of me and I felt myself being pulled in and wanting to help make it a reality. In Ignatian terms, it captured the imagination and my heart's desire. I wanted to be a part of it. That same excitement has been felt by multitudes of people since the inception of the Institute, from the marginalized poor of Mexico and Colorado to regional and state leaders, from academics at the forefront of their field to Nobel Peace Prize laureates.



## Institute on the Common Good

The work of the Institute focuses on responding to the self identified needs of the community. Through dialogue and collaboration it helps individuals come together in a space of trust to work with one another and generate new and imaginative solutions to seemingly intractable issues.

What is it about the Institute that is so fundamental to the human spirit and to individual hope that people from all walks of life call on us to support them in their yearnings for change and transformation, both individually and in the community? I believe it is, in part, because the idea of the Institute emerged from Father Sheeran's own experience as a Jesuit, which was rooted in the lived reality of a community. The Institute mirrors the words of martyred Jesuit Ignacio Ellacuria in that it faces the social reality of the time, of our times. Regis is a pure university, one that "must analyze causes; use imagination and creativity together to discover the remedies to our problems; (and) communicate . . . a consciousness that inspires the freedom of self-determination." For Father Sheeran, the idea for the Institute initially came from his experience at *America Magazine*, where he saw leaders of the New York business community, of labor, and of the marginalized people come together through dialogue to change the face of the city, not through riots and fire, but by working together for the common good. Thirty years later, he saw how a Pope and a President with seemingly widely divergent opinions came together to find ways to support one another for the resolution of international tension.

Father Sheeran's experience goes even deeper as the work of the Institute rises from the fundamental values inherent within Catholic social teaching, and Ignatian spirituality. These very real and lived concepts give us strength and guidance in the midst of severe mistrust between participants. By returning to them we are able to find our way and keep a safe and courageous space for individuals to share their own deep values and experience. We speak of right intention (believing that every human acts from a place of good), subsidiarity (the need for individuals to be able to fully participate in issues that affect them), human dignity, and rights and responsibilities.

One could try to capture the breadth of the Institute by touting the Nobel Laureates it has brought to campus, or the millions of dollars in grants and fees for services that have come to the University as a result of our work, or the many partners with whom we work on a regular basis, partners that include governors and mayors, Fortune 500 and foundation executives, and the poor whom we are called to serve through the Gospel. But our greatest successes come from enabling men and women and children to share their own stories and have those stories understood and honored. It is through the weaving together of individual stories that a common story can emerge and new ideas can be generated.

How does one choose among a thousand stories, a thousand lives, each of which could honor the original vision of Father Sheeran? One might start with the same type

of racial distrust and economic despair that was bridged in New York. One winter day early on in the formation of the Institute, a small incident occurred in a local high school. Two students fought, as passionate boys might fight, but one was Asian and the other Latino. Newspapers and rumor spread that it was the result of racial tensions and anger between the two communities. Rather than let it spread and seeing the need for proactive responses, activist leaders within some of the communities of color asked the Institute to host a yearlong series of off the record dialogues to build trust and enable the leaders to work more closely together.

One might tell the story of Pacho and Manolito, once homeless and orphaned youth in Puebla, Mexico, and Mexico City, who are better served now from enhanced coordination among Mexican NGOs as a result of a dialogue hosted at Regis.

You would hear youth in a small community of Western Colorado tell how they reclaimed their own future by standing up for their forgotten neighborhood on the other side of the river, helping to rebuild the community center and inviting in others to see their work and to share in their art and ideas.

One might share in the stories of public officials who met together and healed old wounds and individual stories of betrayal at the hands of the other, or experience joy at having created new and sustainable solutions to old problems.

I often sit on the bronze bench inside the chapel on campus and imagine I am with the poor and outcast of Le Puy, France, listening to the words of St. John Francis Regis. I sense I am loved for who I am, as I am, but also that I am invited into something larger than myself, to better myself and to better my community. This really is the work of the Institute, to recognize and love the human dignity in each other no matter one's condition, to become something greater individually through the sharing and use of our gifts, and to build a stronger future together.

I will miss both Father President Sheeran, the pastor leader who has been my mentor, and Mike, the very real and very human being who struggled at times with his Irish passion, bouts of bodily pain, and frustration at the world's injustice. I will remember the tiny chime that would stop him in mid paragraph as we talked so that he/we could enter into a moment's brief reflective examen of the day. I will be grateful for the prayers at Lent, the shared meals, the monthly chats over a glass of scotch where I would be both challenged to be better and praised for my work, and wise reflections on the nature of life, the Church, and politics. I believe the work of the Institute is successful for the same reason I believe Father Sheeran has been so successful. He has walked authentically in the world, and called others to be equally true and authentic to their own experience, not shying away from their own imperfect humanity, but living from it and into something that we can only be through prayer, thoughtful discernment, and a shared vision for a common future.

# WHAT'S YOUR REGIS STORY?



## Cristina Chacon, RC '11

Cristina Chacon can remember the moment when, as an eighth grader at Kepner Middle School in southwest Denver, her literacy teacher looked her in the eye and said, "I expect you to go to college."

"It was the first time I can remember a teacher really believing in me," Cristina says, "and it helped me to realize that college was a possibility."

Cristina carried that expectation into Lincoln High School where she studied hard and quickly rose to the top of her class. When the college search began, her guidance counselor suggested Regis University. She'd never heard of Regis, but agreed to visit anyway. "From that initial visit, I knew I wanted to be at Regis, but I couldn't afford it," Cristina says.

But her guidance counselor was insistent – if she wanted to go to Regis, they would find a way to get her there. So, she applied

for every possible scholarship, and eventually, the hard work paid off. Between awards from the Denver Scholarship Foundation, the Daniel's Fund and financial aid from Regis, her college education was fully funded.

Cristina quickly went from being a student who couldn't afford Regis to a student who thrived there. She even spent a semester abroad in Paris, and after that experience, she recalls thinking that if she could teach students in the community where she grew up, she could open their eyes to the wonders of the world.

Today, after completing an interdivisional degree at Regis, Cristina is doing just that. As a social studies teacher at Kepner Middle School, she stands in the front of the same classroom where she once sat as a student and helps unfold the world for her students. But maybe even more importantly, she expects great things of them. "I did it," she tells them, "and so can you."



What's YOUR Regis Story?

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## CoBank contributes \$250,000 to Michael J. Sheeran, S.J., Endowed Scholarship

Regis University received a \$250,000 gift from CoBank for the Michael J. Sheeran, S.J., Endowed Scholarship this spring, nearly doubling the existing amount in the fund at the time of its receipt. CoBank is an \$85 billion cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America.

The University's Board of Trustees established the scholarship last year to honor Father Sheeran's 19 years as president of Regis University and his dedication to making financial assistance available to students in need. The goal of the scholarship is to ensure that students of all economic levels, particularly graduates of Arrupe Jesuit High School, have access to a Regis University education.

"We're extremely grateful for CoBank's generosity," said Dick Kelly, chair of the Regis University Board of Trustees. "This donation will help to educate and develop future leaders who will make a positive difference in our world. In addition, it's a wonderful recognition of the legacy of Father Sheeran and his caring, committed service on behalf of the University and its students."

"We commend the University for establishing this fund, which will help break down barriers to success for disadvantaged young people seeking a quality education at Regis University," said Robert B. Engel, CoBank president and chief executive officer and a member of the Regis Board of Trustees. "We're delighted to be supporting the school and its mission, and we hope our contribution will spur additional giving from both corporate and individual donors."

Although the endowed scholarship is open to all students, it gives preference to graduates of Arrupe Jesuit High School, which provides a prep-school education to economically disadvantaged, racially and culturally diverse youth from the Denver area. Graduates of Arrupe often want to continue their education at Regis University, but lack the financial resources to do so.

"A Regis University education forms students into leaders and critical thinkers who are passionate about and committed to making our world a better place," said Father Sheeran. "CoBank's vision and generous contribution emphasizes the continued importance and relevance of a Jesuit education, and will help Regis University to continue providing students with the tools they need to become the leaders our world so greatly needs. We have learned that by partnering with Arrupe Jesuit High School, we can together make a difference in these students' lives from high school through college graduation. We're proud to add CoBank to this partnership."

Under Father Sheeran's leadership, Regis University has provided significant support to bring Arrupe graduates to the University. In May 2011, five students from the inaugural cohort of Arrupe students graduated from Regis University, and 44 Arrupe graduates are currently enrolled.

Organizations or individuals interested in learning more about the Michael J. Sheeran, S.J., Endowed Scholarship can visit <http://www.regis.edu/sheeranlegacy> or call 303-458-3535.

*"Thank you to the people who support financial aid. Thank you for believing in students, for being selfless and for believing in the incredible education that Regis has to offer. I am so grateful to you for helping make my dreams a reality!"*

Jackie Lopez, RC '12

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**“¡Yo quiero aprender Inglés sin fronteras!”**

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**HOW A DENVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS HELPING CHILDREN  
“LEARN ENGLISH WITHOUT BORDERS”**

“Father Sheeran became the president of Regis University toward the end of my undergraduate education. He challenged students with the Regis mission question, ‘How ought we to live?’ I still ask myself that question all the time.”

David Card, RC '91

Walking through the hallway of Escuela de Guadalupe one would be hard pressed not to hear two languages as the elementary school children study academic subjects in English and Spanish. Jovial conversations in both languages pour forth from the different classrooms as teachers use a complete dual-language model to impart their knowledge. The school, rooted in Catholic values, serves kindergarten through fifth grade in a low-income neighborhood in northwest Denver. Escuela's students spend half of the day in their native language and half in their developing language.

“Our students never get the message that their language is an obstacle. It's part of their heritage,” said David Card, RC '91, president of Escuela de Guadalupe.

In the mid-1990s the Jesuits of the Missouri Province missioned Thomas Prag, S.J., to seek out opportunities to be of greater service to the growing Latino population in Denver. After establishing the Miguel Pro Jesuit Community, Father Prag met with members of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish and came to know the struggles of the area. Poverty, high dropout rates, teenage pregnancy and very low college attendance were among the difficulties the community members encountered regularly.

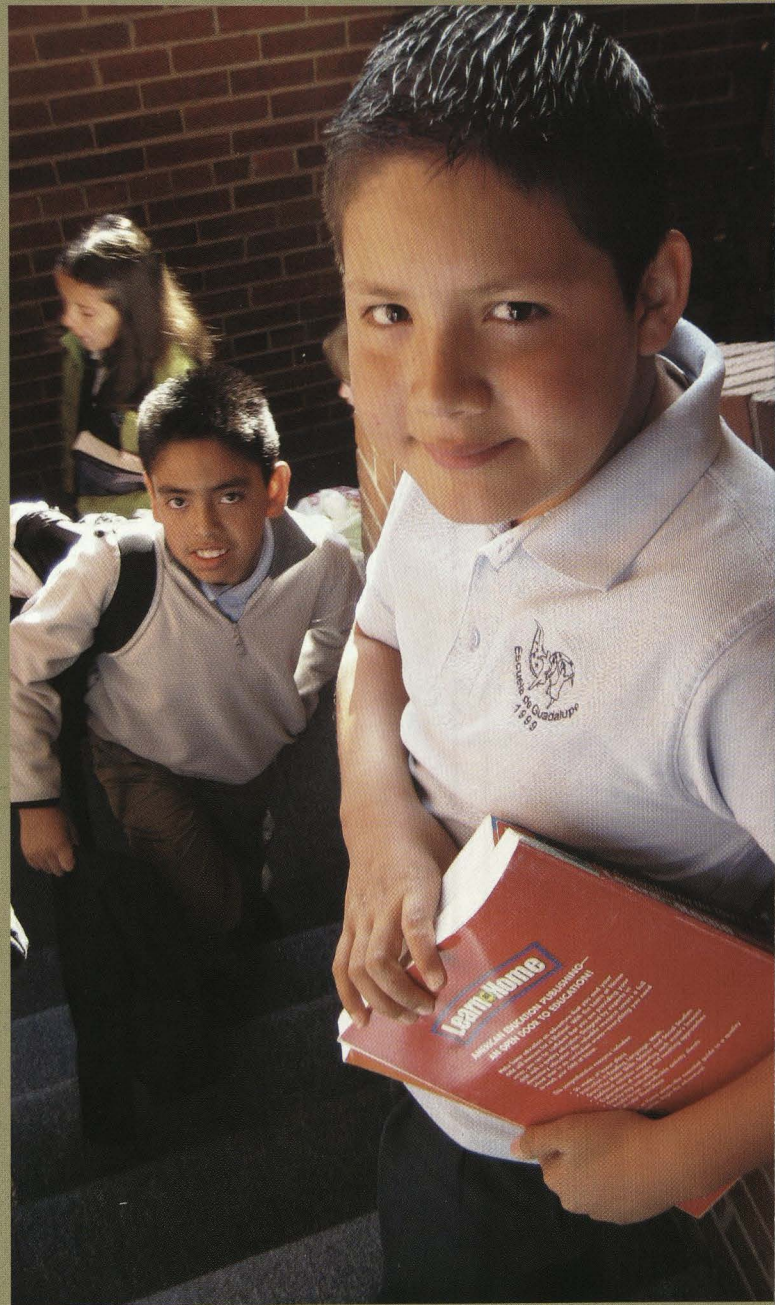
“Father Prag and his committee realized it would be too late if they started with middle or high school. They would have to start much earlier if they were to be successful,” said Tom Reynolds, vice president for mission at Regis University. With personal and financial commitments from the Society of Jesus and the Sisters of Loretto, and a grant of the school building from the Archdiocese of Denver, leased for one dollar per year, Escuela de Guadalupe opened its doors in 1999.

Escuela is charged with a difficult task: academic proficiency at or above grade level in both English and Spanish across all subjects for every one of its 113 elementary school students. Approximately half of the students in each entering kindergarten class are native English speakers and half are native Spanish speakers. The school operates on an extended school day and an extended school year and maintains a low student-teacher ratio.

“These elements help us answer the question, ‘How do we give these kids everything they need to be successful in school even when they come from a background of poverty?’” said Card. “We have high expectations and we put the structure in place to help them meet those expectations.”

Students gain fluency in their developing language by the end of kindergarten.

Card is one of two Regis alumni currently on staff at Escuela, with other staff members the beneficiaries of educational grants for continuing education courses from Regis. “Regis' commitment to service and social justice, and the mission focus that the University instills shines through,” said Card. “I got into education somewhat by accident. I was interested in justice and thought about law school. But through classes and experiences at Regis, my direction turned toward social justice.” Card credits a class taught by Kevin Burke, S.J., on Christian love and marriage with shifting his perspective.



“Sure, we talked about marriage, but what I took from that class more than anything was the idea of relationships and responsibility.”

After graduation, Card served as the Regis University Romero House coordinator from 1994 to 1996 during which he worked as a grant writer and volunteer at the family resource center that would later become home to Escuela de Guadalupe. “I got to know the parish and the kids in the community,” he said. “We shared a common cultural context in the Catholic faith.” Card pursued a master's degree in public administration and worked in development at Regis Jesuit High School and University before assuming his current role as president of Escuela in 2003.

Stories of Escuela graduates fill Card's memory. “One of my favorites is of a four-year-old native Spanish speaker who came in with his parents to look at kindergarten. Without missing a beat, he said, ‘Yo quiero aprender Inglés sin fronteras!’ the title of a popular television show meaning, ‘I want to learn English without borders!’” He graduated from Escuela de Guadalupe and is now at St. Mary's Academy, a competitive Denver middle school.



Through its Graduate Support Program, Escuela helps its graduates transition to competitive middle and high schools, and universities, tracking their progress and providing support for the families. "One of our graduates wasn't a typical student. [After Escuela] he became involved with drugs and gangs. We thought we lost him," said Card. "We kept checking in with him once a quarter and told him we'd be here when he was ready. He showed up at our school with his parents and we helped him get caught up. He was right on the edge of the statistic we are trying to address. Now he wants to study psychiatry and go into anger and drug counseling."

With their successful model, Escuela secured the attention of Catholic educators from cities such as Seattle, Los Angeles and Milwaukee, among others. "Escuela is our big sister," says Julia Pacheco-Thomas, director of the Dual Language School Initiative for the Seattle Archdiocese. "They are honoring maternal language in a very concrete way and honoring the community that is there. They also embody a rigor not often seen in other elementary schools."

As president of Regis University, Michael Sheeran, S.J., played an important role in the founding of Escuela. "He has a strong feel for why we do what we do and has experienced the benefits of smaller ratios in the classroom," said Card. "He has confidence in it and recognizes that the school operates in service of a great need."

"We use the cultural assets of the community – faith, language, culture – to develop our school. Families experience familiarity with the school because of the common cultural elements," said Card. "We're invested in kids for the long haul. We don't accept that students can't be successful; they just might not have been given the right environment. And we're not afraid to tell them they can do better."



## DANIELLA AVILA, RC' 14

A native Spanish speaker, Daniella Avila, RC '14, is a member of Escuela de Guadalupe's first graduating class. She attended fourth, fifth and sixth grade at the school. "My favorite memories from being at the school are the plays we used to do and the field trips we went on," she says. "It's the little experiences I shared with my classmates that made us like a family looking after and caring for one another."

After Escuela, Daniella attended St. Mary's Academy and Regis Jesuit High School in Denver, both considered competitive academic schools in the Denver area. "Daniella learned to navigate the cultural differences," said David Card, president of Escuela de Guadalupe. "She is among the pioneers in her class, paving the way for others who follow in her footsteps."

Today, she is a sophomore at Regis studying to be a nurse. Daniella is still involved with Escuela through her community-based work-study position. "She knows the culture of the school," said Card. "Our kids get to see someone in college who came from where they came from. She's making her way through uncharted waters, but she's supported by the University."

"I want to be someone they look up to," said Daniella. "I like to encourage all the students to continue their education and make all their dreams come true. I also believe that, in a way, I am giving back to the school by doing this. Escuela de Guadalupe gave me the opportunity to get into schools I never thought possible."

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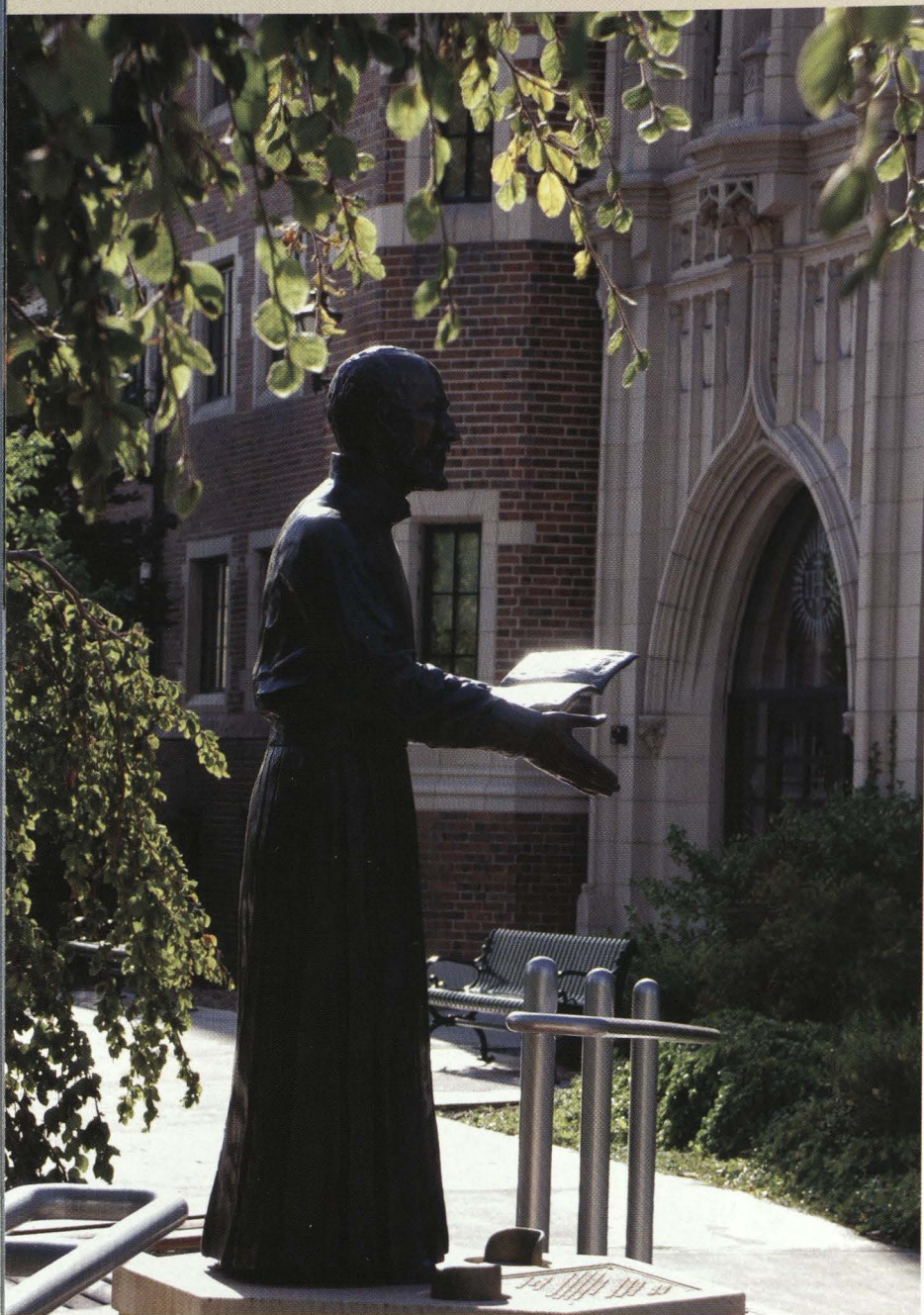
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**Michael Sheeran, S.J.**  
**John Fitzgibbons, S.J.**

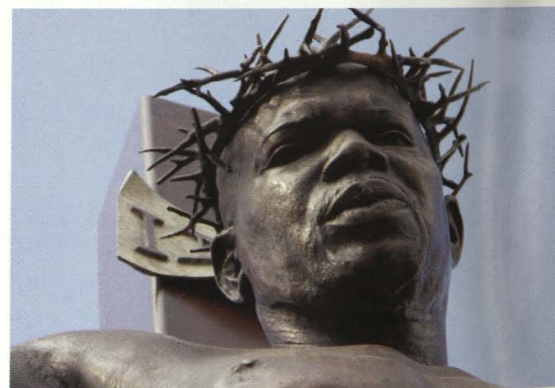
The Presidential Transition  
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Details on the Inauguration coming soon.





## Saint Ignatius taught that God could be found in all things and places.

Artists, particularly those in some way touched by the Jesuit tradition, have a unique relationship with this Ignatian impulse. Theirs is the work of looking deeply at things, of revealing the divine in our world.



The Regis University community is blessed with many such artists. In showcasing their talents, *Regis University Magazine* hopes to celebrate the power of images and the timeless spirit of the founder of the Society of Jesus. This April, we are proud to feature photos of some of the sacred images on the Lowell Campus.

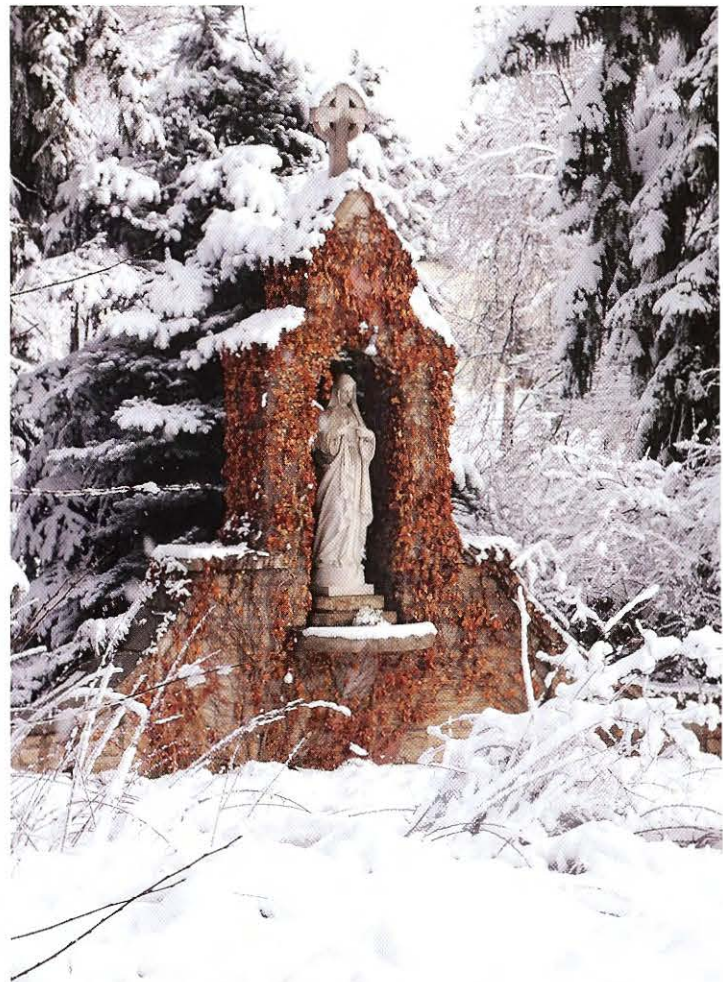
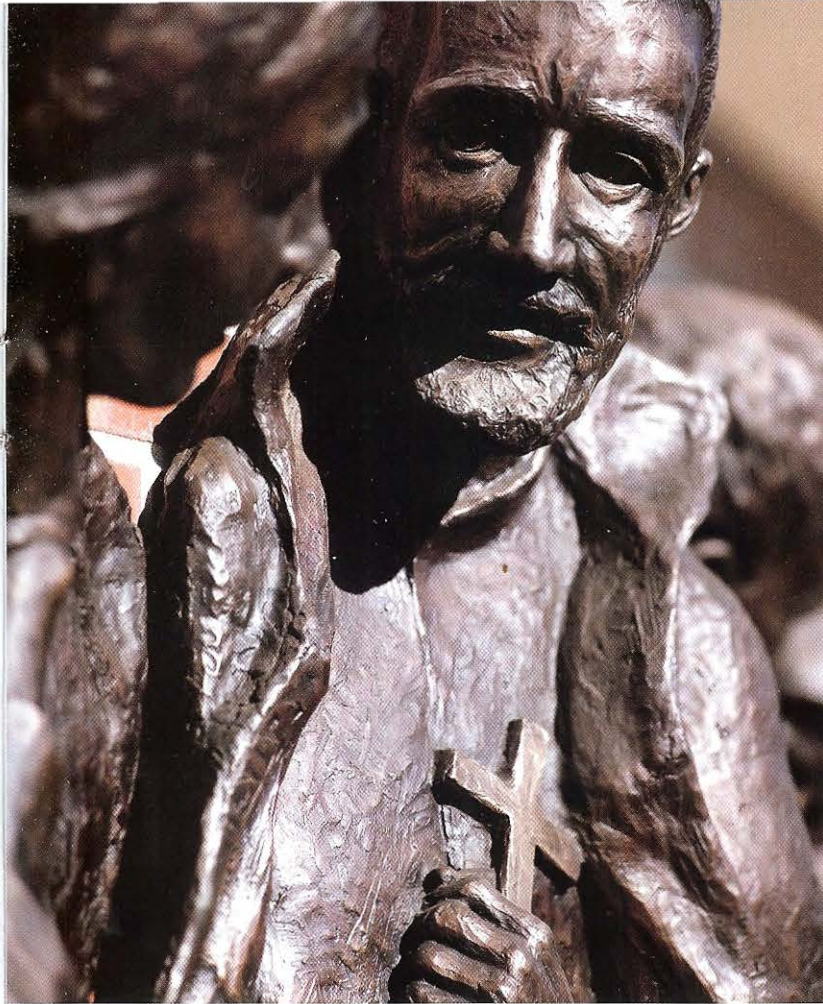
The collection and display of religious artworks has increased exponentially during Father Sheeran's tenure as president of Regis University. These statues, sculptures and reliefs, which grace lawns and walkways across campus, offer passersby a reminder of the Jesuit, Catholic identity on which Regis was founded and an opportunity to stop, look and remember that God is always near.

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Statue of St. Ignatius of Loyola – by Colorado sculptor, Jack Kreutzer  
 “The Tree of Wisdom” – by Russian-born sculptor, Alexander Tylevich  
 “Crucifixion” – by Denver sculptor, Ms. Jan Van Ek

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Bronze relief of St. John Francis Regis – by Montana artist, Joe Halko  
 Statue of the Virgin Mary – created by Father James Hannan, S.J.  
 Gerard Manley Hopkins Bronze – by Irish sculptor, Rowan Gillespie



# WHAT'S YOUR REGIS STORY?



Kerri Butler, CPS '10

Planning a wedding can be stressful. But does it need to be? Kerri Butler doesn't think so. In fact, she chose the name A Touch of Bliss for her company because she wanted to remind couples that planning a wedding can be "fun, stress free, and even blissful!"

Butler began planning weddings in 1999 and rebranded her company as A Touch of Bliss in 2003. Since then, the Denver-based company has grown from a one-woman operation to the largest wedding planning company in the state. She now employs 11 wedding planners who put on over 60 weddings a year. In 2010, Butler launched a complementary corporate and nonprofit event planning firm called Bliss Event Studio.

Butler credits her MBA from Regis University with helping grow her business. "My experience at Regis was fantastic. One of my marketing analysis classes decided to take on my company

as a project. I implemented most of the online marketing plan that was developed by my group in that class. It was great to have working professionals from all walks of life and backgrounds contributing to my company's future path!"

That future looks very bright. For now, Butler is enjoying the variety of her work. On any given day, she might help vision a couple's mountain top wedding or help a nonprofit decrease the cost of its event, while increasing press exposure and attendance. She also meets with vendors, tastes wedding cakes and discusses floral and event design. Through all of these things, she is helping people transform their dreams into realities.

So, if you're looking for someone to help plan your dream wedding or event, minus the stress, try Kerri Butler. And if you're looking for a degree to help grow your dream business, try Regis University.



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## SHARE THE LOVE.

Regis University wants incoming president, Father John Fitzgibbons, to understand all the things that people love about Regis. We need your help to make that happen.

What do you love about Regis?

Send your one word, one phrase or one sentence response to [alumni@regis.edu](mailto:alumni@regis.edu) or post it on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/regisalumni](http://www.facebook.com/regisalumni).



St. Mary's Academy Tower Hall, 1890

The Loretto Journey to Jubilee has come to an end and the celebrations have begun. Two hundred years ago a group of courageous young women, known then as the Friends of Mary at the Foot of the Cross, opened the first Loretto school at Hardin's Creek in Kentucky. In 1812, Mary Rhodes, Christina Stuart, Ann Havern and Father Charles Nerninckx, a missionary from Belgium, founded the Sisters of Loretto to educate the poor children of Kentucky. Eventually moving west, they opened more than 225 schools in New Mexico, Wyoming, Kansas, Missouri, Alabama, Illinois, California, Texas and Colorado. Loretto's educational tradition spread to China, Bolivia, Chile, and Peru; and recently, three Pakistani Sisters of Loretto returned to their native Pakistan to continue this tradition of education.

The Sisters of Loretto staffed parochial and diocesan schools and established their own academies and two colleges, Webster College (now Webster University) in St. Louis in 1916 and Loretto Heights College in Denver in 1918. St. Mary's Academy, which still thrives today, has the distinction of bestowing the first high school diploma in the Territory of Colorado in 1875. Loretto's presence continues today at schools in Denver, El Paso and St. Louis. The Denver area schools are St. Mary's Academy and Havern Center, a school whose mission is to educate children with learning disabilities. Other schools in Colorado where Sisters of Loretto previously taught include Holy Family High School, Blessed Sacrament, Good Shepherd, St. Vincent de Paul, Machebeuf High School, and All Souls in Denver, St. Mary's High School in Colorado Springs, Colo., and St. Joseph School in Fort Collins, Colo.

While education was the cornerstone for the Sisters of Loretto, the Loretto Community inspires and challenges each member to find her own commitment to "the One who is our Way, our Truth and our Life." Loretto's broad sense of

education comes with the realization that learning goes beyond the classroom and with a view toward responsible citizenship and dedication to the common good. In that light, their task today is working for justice and acting for peace while instilling the Gospel values of mercy, compassion, justice and the care for our neighbors. They also find a calling to preserve our environment by respecting its dignity and beauty and by working against systems and conditions that violate the planet and its creatures. Their mission to promote peace and understanding beyond the boundaries of the United States is reflected by their new mission in Pakistan as well as their partnerships with religious communities of women in Guatemala and Ghana and by their participation as a Non-Governmental Organization at the United Nations.

The Loretto Sisters have journeyed many more miles in mind and spirit in two hundred years than in physical miles from Kentucky to Colorado and beyond. They have educated and inspired thousands of children, young women and men. They have welcomed women, men, Catholic and non-Catholic to share their mission as co-members and as volunteers. The Loretto Community continues to stand with Mary at the foot of the cross as they continually seek to expand their frontier in this global society.

They enthusiastically invite you to participate in this grand Jubilee Celebration. Of special interest is the Loretto Photographic History Exhibition at the Denver Public Library on 14<sup>th</sup> and Broadway that opens with a reception on September 16 from 1:30- 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through December 2012. The Sisters and Co-members will gather at the Motherhouse in Kentucky on April 25, their Foundation Day, to dedicate the Loretto Heritage Center.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, VISIT: [WWW.LORETTOCOMMUNITY.ORG](http://WWW.LORETTOCOMMUNITY.ORG)**

# CREATE A REGIS LEGACY



**A**mong the many paths Linda Pattridge, RC '80/CPS '04, experienced while forming her career, it was her experience as a guest speaker in a high school career center class that influenced her the most. "That exposure really opened my eyes to the financial barriers students face when making their college selection," said Pattridge. "It caused me to evaluate if I was doing enough to help students who wanted to attend Regis." Today, she is creating a legacy to do just that.

Pattridge understands the mission of service to others as "the heart of the Regis experience." With a simple commitment in her will, she is investing in Jesuit education for future students. "Education enables you to achieve your dreams, gain confidence, and make a difference not only in your life, but in the lives of others."

**GIVE THE GIFT OF JESUIT EDUCATION.  
CREATE A REGIS LEGACY.**

## LORETTO JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

**June 23 – AURORA, Colo.**

Jubilee Liturgy at Queen of Peace Church, Celebration of Loretto in Colorado and Wyoming

**August 11 – DENVER, Colo.**

Working for Justice, Acting for Peace: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, a conversation with Angela Davis and Vincent Harding

**September 16 – DENVER, Colo.**

Loretto in Colorado Exhibit opens with a reception at the Denver Public Library on Broadway; runs through December

**October 13 – DENVER, Colo.**

Jubilee Gala, Hyatt Regency, Reception, Dinner, Entertainment

**October 19-20 – LOUISVILLE and SPRINGFIELD, Ky.**

Joint celebration of Loretto Community and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, also celebrating 200 years in 2012; Earth Mama programs

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On March 8, 2012, Regis University hosted a lively panel discussion featuring five local leaders who are helping to shape the future of the Denver community. The event, entitled City of Denver: Regis University Learners who became Leaders drew a crowd of 50-plus people. The panelists included notable alumni: Brian Elms, RC '98, assistant director of government affairs at Denver International Airport, Paul Ryan, RC '85, director of regional affairs, Mike Dino, RC '86, senior policy advisor, Patton and Boggs LLP, Wil Alston, RC '85, director of communications (pictured from left to right) and Dennis Gallagher, RC '61, Denver City Auditor.

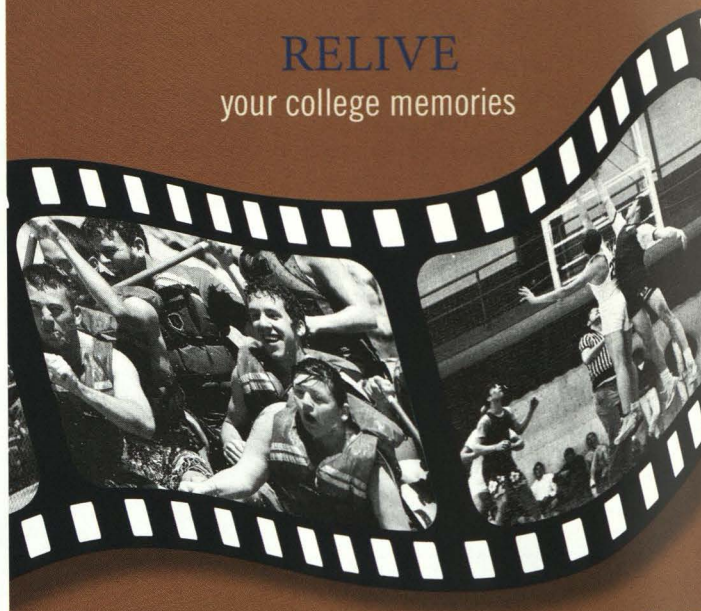
## MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

REGIS COLLEGE AND LORETTO HEIGHTS  
**ALUMNI WEEKEND**  
JULY 13-15, 2012

**RECONNECT**  
with your alma mater

**RENEW**  
lifelong friendships

**RELIVE**  
your college memories



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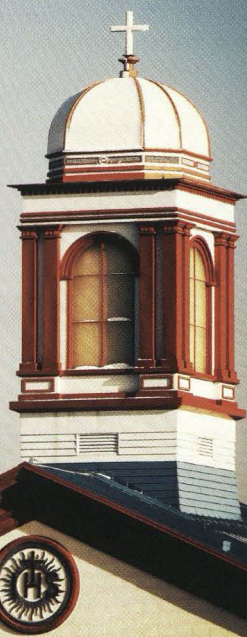
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## FACES &amp; VOICES

## REGIS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



## Regis University Alumni Association

Can you believe Father Sheeran is retiring this year? He's called Regis home since 1975. What's your favorite memory of Father Sheeran?



Like · Comment · February 21 at 12:47pm ·

Matthew McCarthy, Sherri Perry Mitchell, Monica Vecchiarelli and 5 others like this.



**Laura Slagle** When he helped me from not falling over walking across the stage at graduation. Love Father Sheeran

February 21 at 1:17pm · 1



**Valerie Kelly** My first day of my freshman year, I was looking at the large pictures in Main Hall when I nice Jesuit came up and talked to me about the pictures. We chatted for a while about the pictures and the history of Regis, then I went off to the orientation. I soon found out that he was the President of the school, as he was the one speaking at orientation. Very nice guy.

February 21 at 1:42pm · 1



**Melanie Macek** Graduation. As he handed me the degree holder he said "I believe you ordered one of these." Then shook my hand with a smile. Best day of my school career. Too bad I didn't get to experience Regis more than that day. I took all online classes. From the small time I saw him, Regis is losing a fantastic asset. Good luck and best wishes Father Sheeran!

February 21 at 2:14pm



**Heather Bink Hughes** whoaa he looks so young here!

February 21 at 2:25pm



**Rosalyn Adriano Jackson** Welcoming the Pope and former Pres. Clinton and family at Regis. I was one of the 4 students who were there during the visit. It was an amazing experience!

February 21 at 2:26pm · 1



**David Falloure** I remember being in hot water with the dean of students ... Fr Sheeran put his hand on my shoulder and said, "It isn't the end of the world. Go have a good weekend and start over on Monday." Sage advice.

February 21 at 4:27pm · 1



**Sherri Perry Mitchell** Father Sheeran has been associated with Regis since the year I was born, so he is Regis for me. My memory is similar to Rosalyn. That was a beautiful day on campus in August 1993. I have many other memories during my seven years at Regis (BS '97, MBA '06). Good times! :-)

Tuesday at 9:14pm

Regis University cordially invites you to  
**A CELEBRATION OF  
 MICHAEL J. SHEERAN, S.J.**

Sunday, May 20, 2012

11:00 a.m. Mass - St. John Francis Regis Chapel

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

Main Café – Student Center – Lowell Campus

*Join us as we honor the legacy of Father Sheeran on the occasion of his May 31, 2012, retirement and celebrate his acceptance of a new position as president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities in Washington D.C.*

RSVP by Friday, May 11, 2012

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 San Francisco  
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## WE'RE EXPANDING!

Would you like to help start an Alumni Club in your area, or maybe organize a few local events? Please contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at [alumni@regis.edu](mailto:alumni@regis.edu) or 800-388-2366 x 3536 and let us know!

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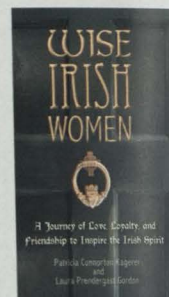
## Patricia Connorton Kagerer, RC '86

Regis University alumna Patricia Connorton Kagerer, RC '86, and her cousin, Laura Prendergast Gordon, have co-authored a new book titled "Wise Irish Women" that chronicles the stories of 36 women from around the world, all with one common thread – a connection to Ireland.

"The Irish are known for their strength of character, sense of honor and love of family," said Kagerer, who graduated from Regis University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. "These stories are a wonderful example of how the Irish embrace opportunity and tackle adversity with resilience and grace."

Kagerer notes that each story in the collection, in its own unique way, is about making a difference or pursuing a dream.

"After a little more discussion, and maybe some divine inspiration, it occurred to us that many women have shared our experiences," Kagerer and Gordon said. "It seemed like a perfect idea to try and share those words and experiences."



Promotion of class notes and alumni books and publications is intended to share the experiences and accomplishments of fellow alumni. Because Regis University is committed to maintaining its Jesuit and Catholic identity, any class notes, book or publication submitted cannot be disrespectful of, or adversarial to, the moral teaching of the Catholic Church. Please send information to [alumni@regis.edu](mailto:alumni@regis.edu).

## 1950s

**Joseph Rossi, RC '55**, was nominated for a Primo Award in 2011 for his service to the Denver Community.

## 1960s

**James B. Guyer, S.J., RC '60**, celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a Jesuit in October 2011.

**Joseph Wilson, RC '66**, retired from his position as director of grants at the Houston Arts Alliance in 2010. He is now in his second term as board president for Texans for the Arts, a statewide arts advocacy agency in Texas.

**Philip Farley, RC '63**, was elected to the Loveland City Council in 2011.

## 1970s

**Randy Roth, RC '70**, is in the last credit for the movie *The Descendants*. Randy lives in Hawaii and is an attorney. He was asked for his advice on certain aspects regarding the movie.

## 1990s

**Joan Henneberry, CPS '96**, received the distinguished John K. Iglehart Award for Leadership in Health Policy during the recent Colorado Health Symposium. The award recognizes individuals whose wisdom, involvement and leadership have helped define and move forward positive health care reform.

**Sherri Perry Mitchell, RC '97/CPS '06**, is working on her dissertation in public policy. The title is "Financial Literacy and Its Impact on Students' Desires to Graduate from High School."

**Sam Biller, RC '98**, started another business called Caddis Property Management.

**Erin Pulling, CPS '99**, received the 2012 "Outstanding Professional" Signature Dish Award from the Colorado Restaurant Association in April. She works for Project Angel Heart.

## 2000s

**Becky Leehey, CPS '00**, was named executive director of the California

Health and Longevity Institute, located at Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake, Calif.

**Eliot Gray, CPS '03/'04**, is the deputy chief engineer for missile defense AN/XPY-2 X-Band radars supporting global layered missile defense.

**Erika Reyes, CPS '05**, joined the communications team at Denver Human Services as its marketing and communications manager.

Representative **Kenneth Summers, CPS '05**, was awarded one of two Legislator of the Year Awards. He also is executive director of Teen Challenge of the Rocky Mountains.

**Jayne Keller, RHCHP '05**, is the new executive director at Holly Creek Retirement Community in Centennial, Colo.

**Julie Kazimer, CPS '05/'07**, published her debut novel in March 2012.

**Almeta Corbin, CPS '06**, is the grants administrator for the Caring for Colorado Foundation. In November of 2011, Corbin was recognized by the Stapleton Foundation with its Community Health Leadership Award.

**Ralph Ursini, CPS '08**, was promoted to third line supervisor in the Security Department at Sports Authority Field at Mile High for the Denver Broncos.

## 2010s

**Gina Graziano, RC '10**, is spending a year volunteering full-time with Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Hillsboro, Ore.

**J. Justin Hutchens, CPS '10**, made Forbes list as one of the top twenty CEOs in America under the age of 40.

**Dene' Miller, RHCHP '10**, is currently working as a bone marrow transplant nurse at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Colorado.

**Amber Alarid, RC '11**, was hired part time at JVA Consulting where she was previously an intern. She is now the full-time marketing and communications coordinator.

**Ebenezer Norman, CPS '11**, founded A New Dimension of Hope, a nonprofit organization committed to providing children in less fortunate countries unlimited opportunities to improve their reading, writing and computer skills.

## ALUMNI PROFILE



### STACEY N. SCHAAD, RHCHP '10

Stacey N. Schaad, RHCHP '10, was named a March of Dimes 2011 Nurse of the Year "Rising Star" during a statewide celebration recognizing Wyoming nurses in 19 categories.

Schaad confidently states that her Regis University nursing education taught her how to be a great nurse, noting that her instructors and preceptors expected only the best.

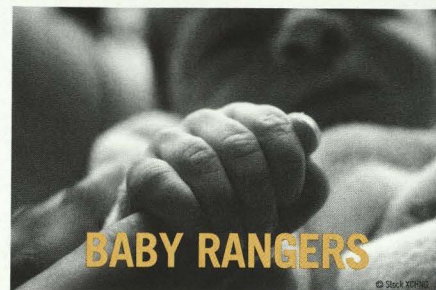
Prior to coming to Regis' accelerated BSN program, Schaad had earned a degree in gerontology from the University of Northern Colorado. Her decision to pursue a career in nursing resulted from working in assisted living facilities and nursing homes for several years.

"I originally was a dietary aid then progressed my way up the ladder from nursing assistant to more of an administrative role," she explained. "I missed working directly with patients and providing the compassionate care I used to do as an aide. Then I decided that nursing was truly where my heart was."

After graduating from Regis University, Schaad, who was born in Denver but later moved to Fort Collins, Colo., was hired as a nurse at the Wyoming Medical Center, a 207-bed comprehensive regional medical center in Casper, Wyo., dedicated to offering the latest technology and treatments, with a focus on patient safety.

For Schaad, making a positive difference in the lives of others, both her patients and her fellow nurses, is a powerful motivator.

"I do a lot of work on the Unit Council for my unit and enjoy helping my fellow coworkers try to be the best nurses they can be through effective communication and by providing the best evidence-based practice resources."



**Katie (Milosovich) Bryant, RC '03**, and husband, Jason, welcomed their first child, Elliot Marie Bryant, on June 23, 2011. The happy family resides in Austin, Texas.

**Rachel (Schneider) DiVito, RC '01**, and her husband, Steve, welcomed their second son, Nicholas Joseph DiVito, on June 15, 2011. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Nicholas joins big brother Jackson.

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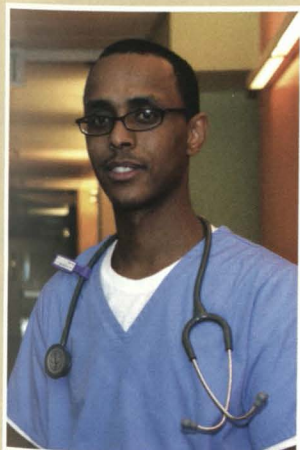
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## ALUMNI PROFILE



### SULTAN MOHAMED, RHCHP '10

Sultan came to the United States as a refugee from Ethiopia. After completing high school in Aurora, Colo., he wanted to attend a small university and stay in state. After multiple discussions with guidance counselors and teachers, he decided to visit Regis University in 2006.

"Since I was a child, I knew that I wanted to be in the healthcare field. Seeing refugees and my fellow Africans dying from diseases that shouldn't kill a single human being, I made a pledge to be a part of the solution, not the problem."

Sultan decided to pursue both nursing and chemistry at Regis, taking those first steps toward fulfilling his

dream of helping his fellow refugees. He plans to return to school to become either a medical doctor or to receive his Doctor of Nursing Practice. Sultan reminds us all that nursing is a passion for helping others, not a business.

"The best thing is being there for patients at the time of their stressful situations and ensuring them that I am there to take care not only of them, but the family as well."

Sultan graduated from Regis in 2010 and today is a registered nurse working hands-on with patients suffering from pulmonary and other diseases and their families at The Children's Hospital in Colorado.



## GEORGE REINERT, RC '39

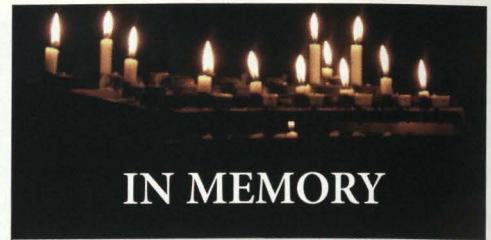
When asked during an interview how he decided to attend Regis, George Reinert, RC '39, replied, "It wasn't my decision," and then he released one of his signature laughs. He pointed out that all three of his older brothers attended Regis High School and College and his mother informed him he would be attending, too. George was 13 years old when he came to Regis in 1931 as a boarder. He'd live in Main Hall for the next eight years as he finished both high school and college on the Lowell campus. His family's appreciation for Jesuit education impacted George's life tremendously.

He cited the dedication of the Jesuits as one of the most meaningful aspects of his educational experience, noting that he wasn't a particularly good student, "but the Jesuits stuck with me, cared about me and helped me whenever I needed it." He added that "the Jesuits taught me that my education was about more than graduating and making a living. They wanted us to come out and live, to make your life about doing for others." He possessed great pride in the fact that all of his children work in service-oriented professions.

This guidance inspired George to become a permanent deacon, a ministry he lived for 37 years. Over his career, he worked for six different bishops across the country, and later frequently delivered homilies at his residence, The Gardens at St. Elizabeth, in Denver, Colo.

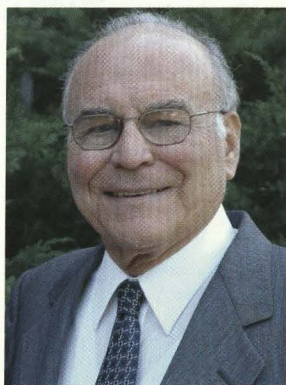
The Society of Jesus was an important familiarity in George's life. Three of his brothers became Jesuits – Paul served as president of St. Louis University, Carl was president of Creighton University, and Jim was the principal of a high school in Wichita, Kansas. A Jesuit even introduced George to his wife Helen, a Seattle University alumna, when he was stationed in Sitka, Alaska. (They married in 1944 the day after his Commanding General told him they had to wait six months. With the help of the priest and their witnesses, George and Helen married quietly behind locked doors and with no lights on in a little Alaskan church.) George would later return to his alma mater to serve as Regis' first development director, working six years under Jesuit President Ryan.

In 2009, he celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> class reunion with fellow classmate, Stan Hall. A third classmate, Dr. Francis Jacobs was unable to make the trip to Denver. George passed to eternal life on December 31, 2011.



## IN MEMORY

- Ann (Reilly) Bishop, LHC '72
- Margaret A. Braukman, RC '50
- Geraldine A. Costello, LHC '76
- Louise B. (Dupre) Cunningham, LHC '58
- Jill Domanick, RHCHP '02
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- Kathryn M. Hopkins, LHC '61
- Maurice E. Kaiser, RC '76
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- Joan (Mander) Lyons, LHC '55
- Mary Karen Madden, S.L., LHC '43
- Lorriane (Kelsey) McCabe, LHC '43
- Susan L. McGilvray, RHCHP '97
- Bernard P. McMenemy, RC '51
- Shirley Morahan, LHC '67
- Ronald W. Moschel, RC '62
- Aldo G. Notarianni, RC '45
- S. Vincent O'Brien, Sr., RC '51
- Charles Michael O'Malley, RC '68
- Lois (Elliott) O'Connor, LHC '48
- Joseph R. Plank, Jr., RC '53
- George J. Reinert, RC '39
- Peter C. Rohan, RC '66
- Willis M. Sanchez, CPS '92
- Gary A. Shoemaker, RC '64
- Judit B. (Szasz) Smith, LHC '54
- Joseph T. Yelenick, RC '49



## ALDO NOTARIANNI, RC '45

Aldo Notarianni's dedication to Regis University impacted the lives of many. From the scholarship he and his wife, Peggie, created to support physical therapy students in memory of their daughter, Elissa, to his involvement with alumni and fundraising initiatives at Regis, Aldo's is a name that will not be forgotten.

A North Denver native, Aldo graduated from Regis High School and Regis College. His love of his alma mater stemmed from the transformative experience he encountered as an undergraduate student. He frequently recollected how the Jesuits continued to offer education during the height of World War II to the young men who remained on campus. "The peacetime enrollment for 200 to 250 students was decimated by WWII and dropped to 50 during the regular season and one summer to five, of which I was one," remembered Aldo. "But the Jesuits did not close the doors on the five of us in spite of obvious economic problems. They kept them open."

Aldo built a successful law career after completing a Master of Arts in English at The Catholic University of America and a J.D. at the University of Denver (DU). He worked with the Colorado Supreme Court and the U.S. District Court, in addition to teaching at DU and Regis. In 1980 he was named secretary of the Board of Directors at St. Joseph Hospital and in 1990 was elected to its Board of Trustees.

In 1986, he formed the law partnership Notarianni and Notarianni with his son, Gregory, RC '81. The First Judicial District Bar Association recognized Aldo with the Award of Merit in 2006.

Among his contributions to Regis, Aldo served as a member of the Alumni Board, the Planned Giving Council and the Crest Club, a Telefund volunteer, a class agent, and on the Forum on the Future. He and Peggie are also members of the Ignatian Society. In 2001, he received the Alumni Service Award.

Another visible gift to Regis came in 2003 when he gave the Dayton Memorial Library the Notarianni Presidential Campaign Memorabilia collection. Located on the 4th floor of the library, the permanent collection dates back to John Adams and extends to the Bush vs. Kerry era.

"The Regis tradition has loomed large in my life," Aldo noted in 2000. "That tradition is found in the dedication of the Jesuits, who, through education, seek to develop the whole person: one whose vocational and professional skills are honed to a high degree of efficiency, but only in a venue of spiritual, moral and compassionate values."

Aldo believed deeply in the education and experience that Regis provides, noting "Regis is where my heart is." He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Peggie, four children and seven grandchildren.

# WHAT'S YOUR REGIS STORY?



## Melodie Polidori Harris, RC '89

Family can play a big role in shaping the story of who we are and who we become. That has certainly been the case for Melodie Polidori Harris, vice president of Polidori Sausage.

When Melodie needed to transfer after her sophomore year at Arizona State, her mother encouraged her to look at Regis. Melodie's father was an alumnus of Regis, class of 1964, and both parents were well aware of the quality education she would receive there. Melodie took their advice. She studied finance and Spanish and recalls how the school was a close-knit, familial community. "It wasn't uncommon for professors to list their home phone numbers on syllabi back then," she says. Besides growing her education, Regis grew her family. She met her husband, William Andrews Harris, RC '90, during her undergraduate years.

On the career front, family also has impacted her life journey. Her great grandmother started Polidori Sausage in 1925. The company has remained in the family, run at various times by her grandfather, Louis Polidori and great uncle, Augie Polidori, and most recently, by Melodie and her brother Steve. Melodie began

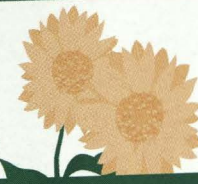
working for the family business in 2002 after honing her skills in a variety of business positions.

As ever, relationships play an important role in the company. Over the years, the family has developed many loyal partnerships with customers and other businesses. Today, the 40 different varieties of Polidori sausages can be found in the top pizza, deli and breakfast restaurants in Denver. King Soopers carries Polidori Sausage as well.

Beyond her education and career, Melodie feels that her family has shaped who she is as a person. "Both my parents and grandfather led by example. Each was hard working, made time for family and supported me in my endeavors." Melodie tries to live that way, too.

Hard work, relationship building and personal support are values that can shape a life. The Polidori family understood that. The Regis family does, too.

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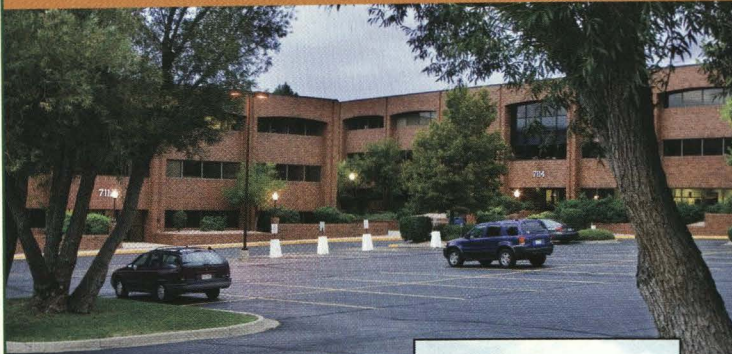
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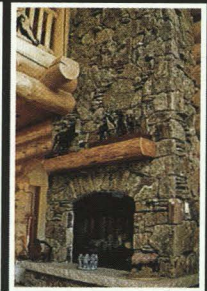
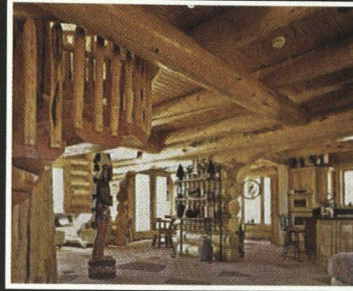
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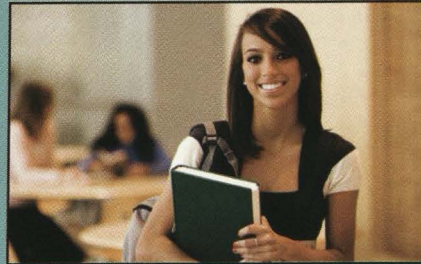


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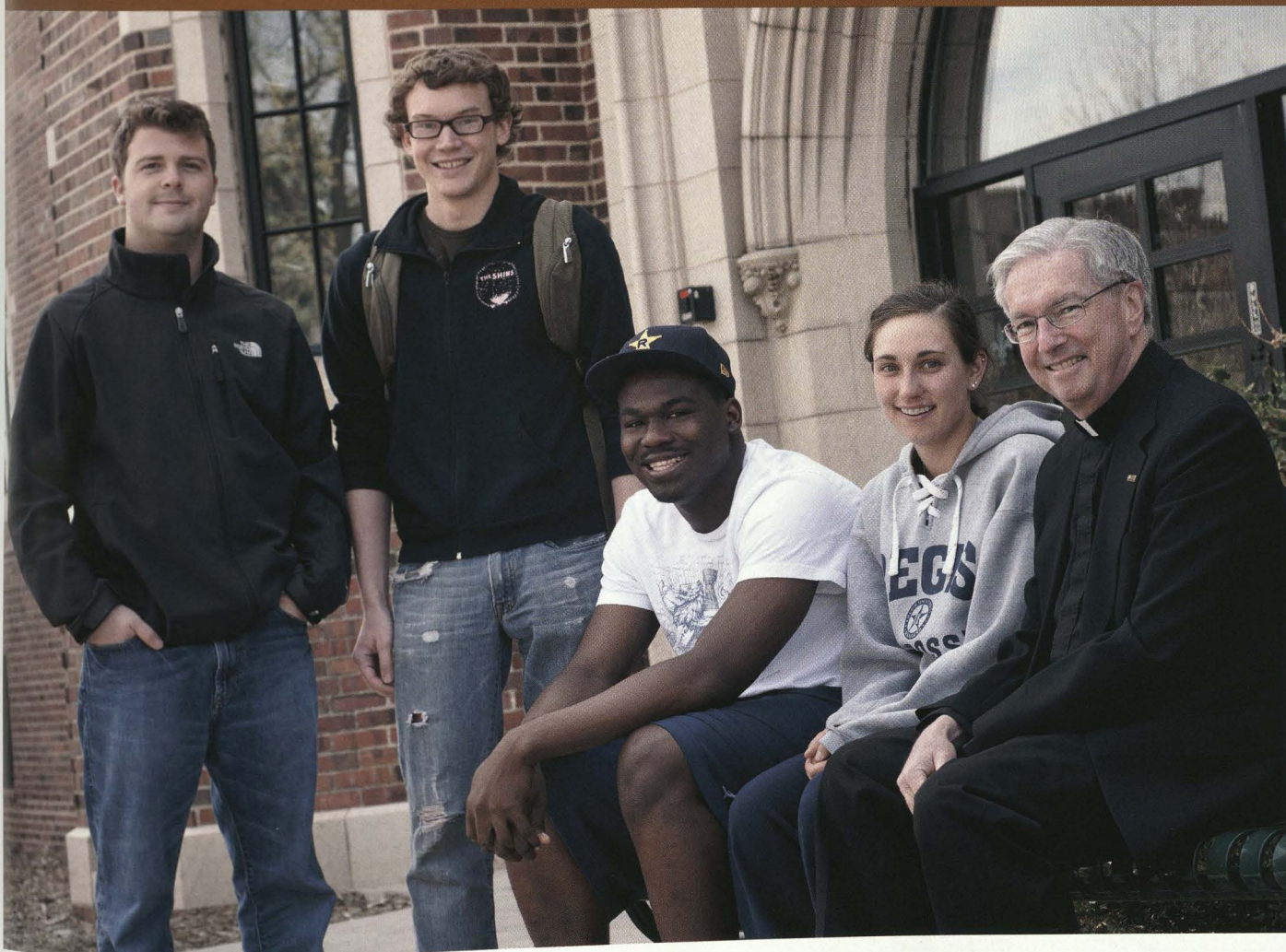
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