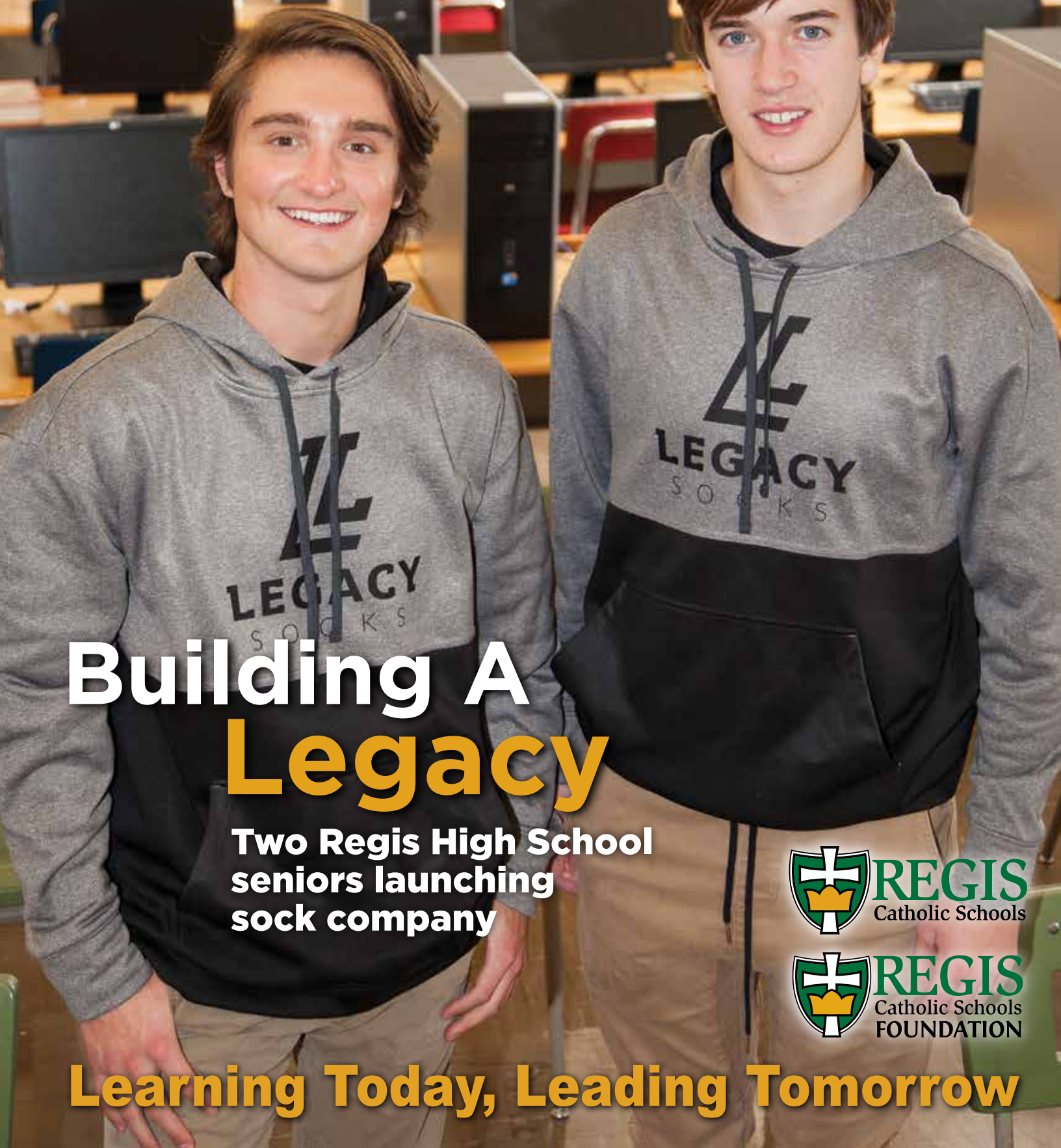


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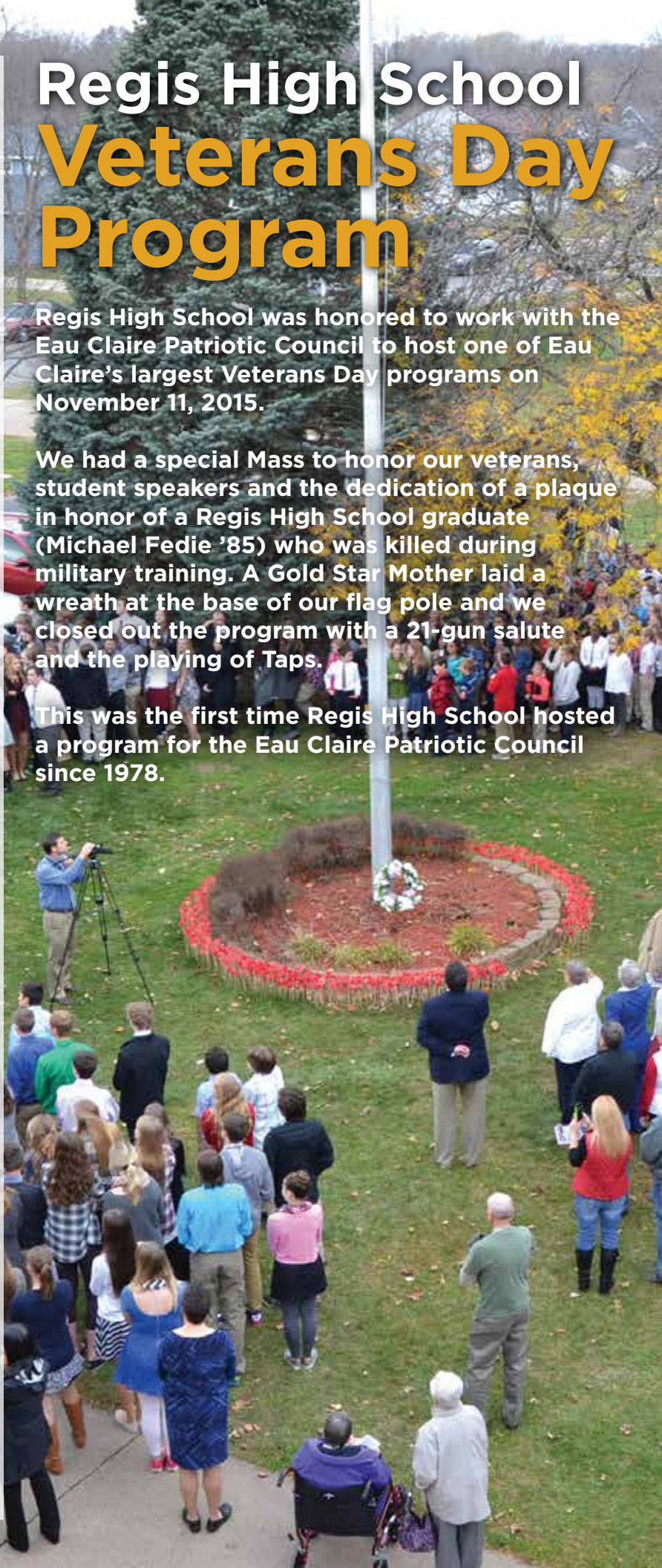
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# Regis High School Veterans Day Program

Regis High School was honored to work with the Eau Claire Patriotic Council to host one of Eau Claire's largest Veterans Day programs on November 11, 2015.

We had a special Mass to honor our veterans, student speakers and the dedication of a plaque in honor of a Regis High School graduate (Michael Fedie '85) who was killed during military training. A Gold Star Mother laid a wreath at the base of our flag pole and we closed out the program with a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps.

This was the first time Regis High School hosted a program for the Eau Claire Patriotic Council since 1978.







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## Report from the Dean

This year, we celebrate an extraordinary “Year of Mercy” as called for by Pope Francis.

Mercy is driven by love when nothing is owed. Mercy is reaching out to those in need with no expectation of “getting something back”. We do it for the sheer love of God and the mercy we experience through Christ.

During this season of Lent, we reflect on Christ’s sacrifice of himself for our salvation, not that He owed it to us but through His self-sacrificing love for us. That kind of love transforms us; it is salvific; it is life changing.

Our Catholic identity as Regis Catholic Schools puts the acts of mercy in the forefront of everything we do; from sportsmanship to service, to prayer and especially in our everyday conduct.

God gives us the gift of His mercy each day and invites us to share that gift of mercy to all He brings into our lives.

Rev. Don Meuret  
Dean, Eau Claire Deanery

## Report from the President

There are many directions I could follow as I share this letter with all of you, however, I would like to share that here at Regis Catholic Schools, we are continually striving to bring a faith-filled academic environment that achieves the high standards our students and parents are seeking.

This does not come about by being satisfied that things are in place and for the most part, running smoothly. Rather, in our administrative meetings, we reflect and assess, but more importantly we analyze data in a visionary fashion to contemplate system-wide directives to ensure we continue to push ourselves to set high standards while we solidify our Christ-centered Core Values.

Michelangelo, a great figure from the Renaissance, once said, “The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark.”

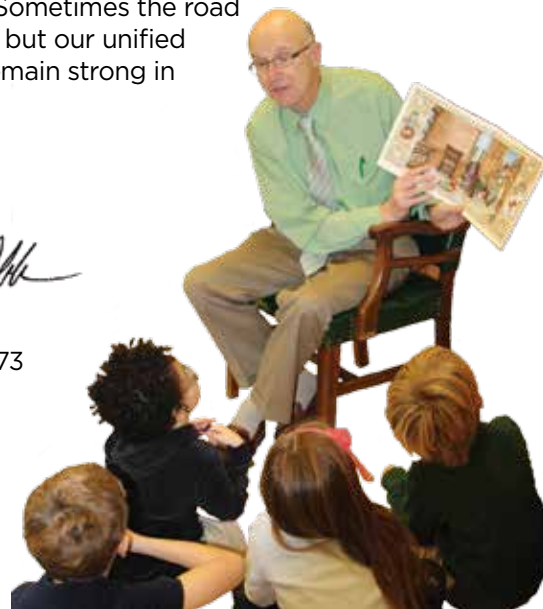
One of those areas where we are “aiming high” is staff retention. The current climate is getting more competitive for teachers statewide. The Regis Catholic Schools administration, Finance Council and parish priests recognize that transition within

staff slows down the ability to stay on course. There has been recent movement to increase the compensation to our valued staff in each of our buildings. All we are awaiting is final approval from the Diocese of La Crosse. As you know, our staff is dedicated and the support they receive from our families is appreciated, thus contributing to a positive Catholic environment in all of our buildings.

In conclusion, please keep us in your hearts and prayers. Sometimes the road has potholes, but our unified system will remain strong in the faith.

God Bless.

Mark Gobler '73  
President





# Report

## from the classrooms

Here at Regis Catholic Schools, we are continuing to organize our efforts in regards to curriculum. We have organized our Teaching and Learning Committee under the direction of the Education Commission, and the members are working to write a Curriculum Procedures Manual. We are excited to have procedures set in place to follow as we unfold the ever-changing educational system and the desire to meet the diverse needs of our student population.

Collection of data from our Aimsweb, PALS and IOWA Test of Basic Skills is helping to drive our individualized instruction efforts. As

Curriculum Coordinator for Regis Catholic Schools, I have formed a group that will be looking at individual students and their needs. This group will meet with teachers and encourage them to utilize best practices to meet each child where they are now and to move forward to the best of their ability.

We are committed to helping all of our students feel successful in mind, body and soul!



Kelly K. Mechelke  
Curriculum Coordinator



Pam Foegen, the Pupil Services Director for Regis Catholic Schools, has been appointed to the Wisconsin Council on Special Education. This is an advisory council that is appointed by State Superintendent Tony Evers to advise the Department of Public Instruction and make recommendations for matters relating to children with disabilities within the state.

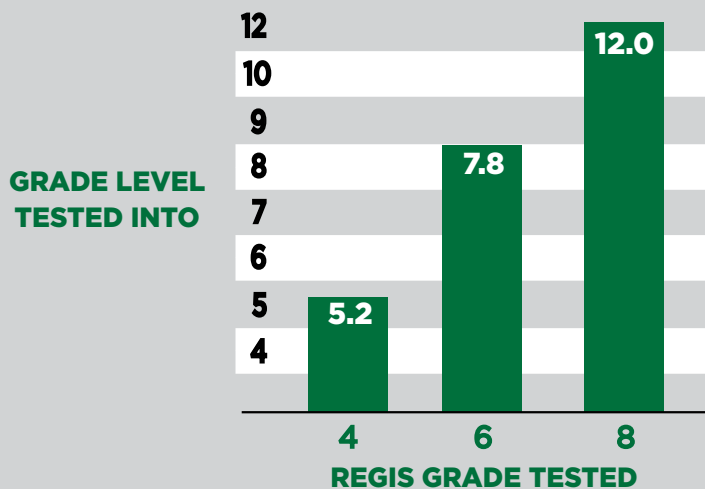
The committee consists of representatives that include parents of students with disabilities, individuals with disabilities, teachers, institutes of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel, special education/pupil services directors, other state agencies involved in the financing and delivery of services related to children with disabilities, private and charter schools, state child welfare agencies and state juvenile and adult corrections.

Foegen will represent all private schools across the state of Wisconsin. She currently works with our Regis Catholic Schools teachers to assess the needs of our students.

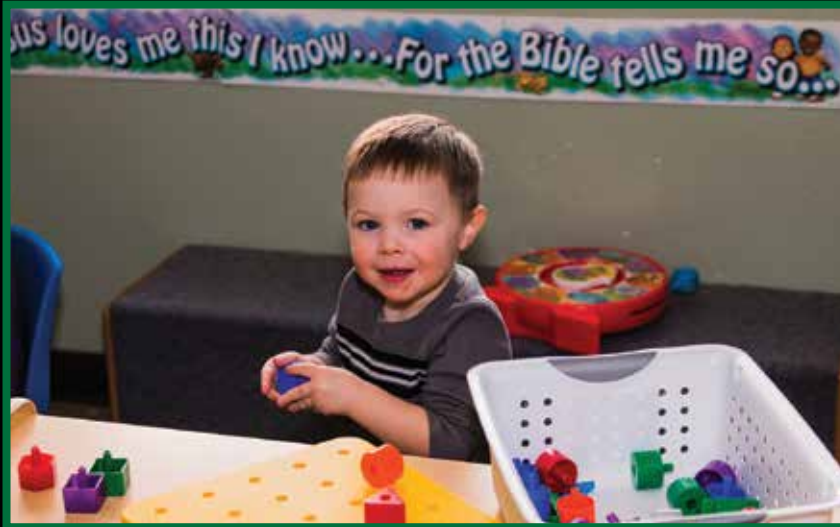
“This is truly an honor to be appointed to represent the private schools in the state of Wisconsin,” Foegen said. “It allows us to have a voice in matters being discussed and planned for educating students with disabilities.”

### Our students continue to test above their grade level!

- Regis Catholic Schools 4th graders, on composite average, tested into a 5.2 grade level
- Regis Catholic Schools 6th graders, on a composite average, tested into a 7.8 grade level
- Regis Catholic Schools 8th graders, on a composite average, tested into a 12.0 grade level



(National Standardized Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Fall 2015)



## Regis Child Development Center Celebrating 25th Anniversary

It's hard to visit the Regis Child Development Center without smiling. From the moment you walk through the front door...

*...you know you've found someplace special.*

It was 25 years ago that the old Benedictine convent on the Regis campus was transformed into a place for young children to learn and grow. It was done under the direction of Gayle Flaig, Administrator of the Early Childhood Programs for Regis Catholic Schools.



“Early education is so important,” Flaig said. “It is a time to build a child’s foundation for learning, which he or she will use in kindergarten and beyond. Our programs allow children to explore, create and learn social skills.”

The first day of operation at the Regis Child Development Center was September 23, 1991 with just two children and five employees. Within one year, there was a waiting list.

Seven years later, in the fall of 1998, the Genesis Child Development Center was opened in what used to be Sacred Heart School.

Over the past 25 years, the two facilities have cared for thousands of young children ages 6 weeks to 12 years and have developed lasting relationships with their parents.

Today, the Regis and Genesis Child Development Centers partner with the Eau Claire Area School District as host sites for its 4K program and both serve as a teaching site for student teachers from Chippewa Valley Technical College. Regis Child Development Center is licensed for 130 children and Genesis Child Development Center is licensed for 107 children.

Flaig says the success of both programs has everything to do with the dedication and talent of her teachers and the management team.

“The talented and passionate teachers at our Regis and Genesis Child Development Centers have dedicated their professional careers to giving children the best possible start in life,” she said. “These are teachers with credentials and degrees.



They develop weekly lesson plans and implement age-appropriate curriculum to nurture and stimulate all domains of a child’s development.”

As she reflects on the past 25 years, Flaig says one of her favorite things is walking through the hallways at Regis High School and seeing students who started in one of her programs. And while those children have grown, she says a lot of things within her early childhood education programs has stayed the same.

*“I consider it an honor and a privilege that parents entrust us with their children. It’s a responsibility I don’t take lightly.”*

-Gayle Flaig

“25 years ago, children learned the same way they do today. It’s all about providing an exceptional program with stimulating activities in a loving environment,” she said.



**Gayle Flaig**, Administrator of the Early Childhood Programs for Regis Catholic Schools, has a B.S. degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Wisconsin – Stout. With more than 30 years of experience, she has held positions of Program Director, Independent Consultant, Vocational Instructor and Program Administrator. She has spoken at numerous local and state conferences, including the NAEYC National Conference, the National Catholic Education Conference and by invitation in Missouri, Minnesota and Connecticut.





# Why Linda Teaches in Catholic Schools

BY MARY KAY MCPARTLIN  
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**For the past 38 years**, Linda Schultz has taken her faith to Regis Catholic Schools in Eau Claire in the Diocese of La Crosse. As a second-grade teacher, Linda shares her love of Christ with her students and their families — and, at the same time, finds her faith growing thanks to her students.

“When I started half-time, and my first child was 2 weeks old,” says Linda. “I stayed at the Catholic school because the Catholic Church was all about families. Our philosophy is God first, then family, then work.”

Linda taught in public school systems in Alabama and Indiana, and in a Montessori school in Idaho, before she and her husband moved to Wisconsin for his career in law enforcement. Linda liked the opportunity to share her faith in God.

“The public school did not offer me the opportunity to grow within my faith and to witness Him to the kids,” Linda says.

The opportunity for students to be open and express their faith and understanding of Christ’s love is beneficial, Linda believes. “The students make their faith look so simple. They just think, ‘This is what Jesus wants me to do,’” says Linda.

Witnessing the simplicity found in the actions of children is inspiring. As adults, she believes we often spend more time analyzing God’s instruction than actually doing what He wants.

Spending time in the classroom teaching students the power of prayer and how to count their blessings is just as important to Linda as the basics of academics. She knows a focus of love and positive thinking will benefit the students their whole lives.

As a second-grade teacher, Linda guides her students through making their first Reconciliation and first Communion. Her students every year are an inspiration to her in their understanding and joy in these sacraments.

“Each year, I pick up something different as I prepare my students to receive the sacraments,” Linda says.



First Reconciliation is often fearful for children. Linda loves to see their uneasiness about telling the priest their sins transform into joy after they receive the forgiveness of God. "First Reconciliation is just awesome," says Linda. "I love the excitement that comes from the forgiveness God gives us. To be right there in the realms of that journey with my students is something I can be really grateful for. My faith keeps growing each year."

Linda's parents taught her the importance of faith. "My father wasn't Catholic," she says. "He told us that until we were 18 we had to be practicing Catholics. When we turned 18, we could be something else, but we had to be part of a faith community. He would drive us to 8 a.m. Mass, then pick us up - and he would go with us to church for special occasions and holidays. My dad was also very active in our Catholic school life. He was president of the parent teacher organization."

Linda and her sister went with their mother every Thursday night to the neighborhood rosary. Each week it was at a different family's house in the neighborhood.

Faith is an active part of life for Linda. She doesn't believe we are meant to just sit around and wait for God to take care of everything.

A main focus in Linda's classroom is to show respect for others. "The more you give, the more you receive," she says.

Mistakes are nothing to be ashamed of either. Linda's students learn mistakes happen, even for the teacher.

"I will be the first to admit to the children I made a mistake," says Linda. "We all make mistakes and have to start over."

This is also a message she shares with parents. It's easy to blame children for a mistake in parenting, resulting from a tired adult over-reacting to a problem or issue. Linda encourages the

parents of her students to always admit to mistakes. It doesn't lessen their authority over their children, but reassures children every person makes mistakes, and models appropriate behavior of how to fix a mistake.

"All of those pieces are so important for a child," Linda says.

Another blessing Linda finds as a Catholic school teacher is the gifted teachers she works with



every day. From student teachers to longtime teachers in the district, Linda finds her colleagues inspiring. It is clear teachers want to be working in a faith-filled atmosphere when they choose Catholic schools over the higher-paying public schools.

The family atmosphere in Catholic schools is a draw for many teachers, Linda believes. She remembers one of her student teachers loved the atmosphere in the school and the classroom so much that she didn't stop spending time there even when her official student teaching was done.

"She still came back to my classroom every Friday to grade papers and work with the kids," says Linda.

Her faith has kept Linda steady and stable, even when her life was in turmoil. A battle with breast cancer was a manageable

challenge for Linda - thanks to her faith.

"There's a good side to everything," Linda says. "You have to look for it."

Attitude is a choice for Linda, and she chooses to look at the positive and stay happy. She emphasizes to her second-graders that the love of God can be shared just by smiling or holding the door open.

"People just need a simple gesture to show them the world is OK," says Linda. "I tell my students their smile might be the only smile a person sees that day."

Having followed the example of Mother Teresa in her daily life, it should have been no surprise to Linda when she won the Mother Teresa Award from the Diocese of La Crosse in 2013, but it was.

"Receiving the Mother Teresa Award was very, very humbling," Linda says. "The diocese gave me the letters the people wrote on my behalf, and I loved having those letters as much as receiving the award."

Linda told her father she wanted to be a teacher when she was in kindergarten. She still feels the calling of God every day to witness for Him in the classroom.

"I am very, very blessed. If I had it to do all over again, I'd do it the same way," says Linda. "Teaching has been wonderful for me. Putting me in the Catholic schools was God's way of saying, 'You have a deep faith and I need you to witness.' I couldn't have done that in the public school."

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# Building A Legacy

Matt Manas and Michael Hoffmann like to stay busy. In addition to participating in academics and athletics, the two Regis High School seniors have started their own company.





“Last year, we got the idea to start a sock brand called Legacy Socks,” Manas said. “We came up with the name of the company based around the idea that we all have such a finite amount of time in our lives and the only thing we’ll leave behind is our legacy.”

Legacy Socks offers fun and unique sock designs available for purchase online. Manas and Hoffmann say the funky designs are all about standing out.

“In our current generation, the way you dress says a lot about yourself,” they said. “Our designs definitely make you stand out!”

The two seniors create all of the sock designs themselves before handing them over to a local graphic designer to be polished and finalized. Legacy Socks currently offers four designs.

“I didn’t realize how much detail goes into creating a company that supplies such a basic necessity,” Hoffmann said. “But, seeing the progress of the work and our ideas becoming a real product is such a great feeling and makes all of the work worth it.”

Regis High School Principal Paul Pedersen says he’s impressed by the work ethic and high level of motivation both Manas and Hoffmann have shown.

“Matt and Michael are both very creative and confident young men.” Pedersen said. “Their ability to take an idea and put it in motion on the open market

does not surprise me. They have a vision and I believe it will be successful.”

Prior to combining their entrepreneurial spirits together to launch Legacy Socks, Manas and Hoffmann each started a company on their own. For Hoffmann, it was a lawn care service and for Manas, it was a clothing line called BE. Lifestyle Clothing, which he started in August of 2015.

“The t-shirts have powerful sayings,” he said. “BE Different. BE Strong. BE United. What’s even better is that 10% of all profits go to a local homeless shelter and to an organization called “Be The Match”, which manages the largest bone marrow registry in the world for patients in need of transplants throughout the country.”

While Manas and Hoffmann took the responsibility of creating Legacy Socks on their own, their parents were a huge part of their support system. In addition to providing positive support, they also helped the two entrepreneurs when they had questions about legal issues or needed advice on making good financial decisions.

“We are impressed with Michael and Matt’s initiative to start this company and their commitment to follow through with their message throughout the whole process,” said Michael’s father, Scott Hoffmann. “We are happy to see what they created and are excited for their future.”

“It’s been so awesome to see Matt and Michael work on their companies,” added Matt’s mother, Julie Manas. “Not only have they been doing a great job with their business endeavors, but they’ve also maintained excellent grades and have been active in extracurricular activities.”

Following graduation from Regis High School, Manas plans to attend the University of Colorado-Boulder and Hoffmann the University of Wisconsin-Madison. They plan to continue to grow their business as they attend college, using the connections they make to their benefit. It’s safe to say these two are excited for the future.

“We want to create a quality, meaningful brand,” Manas said. “We truly believe in this company and hope, more than anything, to spread peace, love and positivity.”

### Legacy Sock Designs



If you’d like to purchase a pair of socks from Legacy Socks, visit [www.legacysocks.com](http://www.legacysocks.com). They are \$14 a pair and can be shipped anywhere in the U.S. To purchase an item from the BE. Lifestyle Clothing line, visit [www.BeDuds.com](http://www.BeDuds.com).



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# Auction

**The Regis Catholic Schools Auction** is the single biggest fundraiser for our St. Benedict Tuition Assistance Scholarship program, which makes tuition at our schools affordable for all families. Starting this year, we will also provide an opportunity for auction attendees to financially support a highlighted project within our system.



The 23rd annual Regis Catholic Schools Auction, which was held in November 2015, helped raise more than \$90,000 for the St. Benedict Tuition Assistance Scholarship program! Thank you to our generous donors and to our supporters who attended the event.







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# Sports Report

## Wrestling



Members of the Ramblers Wrestling team battled through a challenging season with committed grapplers who trained and practiced hard and competed even harder. Senior and Captain Joe Larsen was selected Best Teammate and Most Improved Wrestler. Jake Gilbertson was selected MVP/Outstanding Wrestler. Jaxon Kostka had the Outstanding Match and Elliott Morning won the Grinder Award. Other team members included Hunter Hood and Paul Alexander. Only one senior from the team graduates this year, meaning the team will have plenty of talent returning to co-op with Altoona High School next season!

## Dance Team



This season, the members of the Dance Team earned the title of Cloverbelt Conference Champions for both their Jazz and Hip Hop routines. At the Regional Championship, the team qualified for the State

Championship in both Jazz and Hip Hop. The team earned 2nd place in Division 2 Hip Hop and 5th place in Division 2 Jazz. This was the 13th consecutive year the Regis Dance Team has qualified for the State Championships!

Seniors Ana Myers and Bekah Konzen and freshman Ruth Konzen also auditioned to be on the All-State Dance Team. More than 90 soloists were considered and Bekah and Ruth were among only 17 dancers to advance to the finals. They were two of only nine dancers in Wisconsin to be named to the All-State Dance Team and Ruth was the only freshman named to the 2016 All State Dance Team. Ruth is also the first freshman from the Regis Dance Team's history to earn that honor.

## Hockey



The Regis/McDonell Boys Hockey Co-op combined with the Altoona Boys Hockey Team this season to form the Regis/Altoona/McDonell Boys Hockey Co-op. RAM Hockey had an overall record of 10-13-1 and took 4th place in the Middle Border Conference. Senior Forward Zach Gilles (Captain) of McDonell led the team with 59 points (27 goals, 32 assists). Zach was named Team MVP, earned All-Conference honors and was named to the All-State Honorable Mention team. Senior Defenseman Dom Bourget (Asst. Captain) of Regis was the next leading player for RAM Hockey with 39 points (16 goals, 23 assists). Dom was named Team Defensive Player of the Year and earned All-Conference Honorable Mention honors. Senior Adam Erickson of Regis was another leading scorer for RAM Hockey this season with 28 points (15 goals, 13 assists). Seniors Seth Peterson of Regis, Trent Peterson and Jake Sandstrom of Altoona and Brady Bauer and Jarret Jordan of McDonell made significant contributions to the success of RAM Hockey's opening season with their competitive play and leadership.

**On November 11, 2015, three Regis High School athletes signed their National Letters of Intent to play at the college level.**

**Shae Brey**  
(Basketball)  
is headed to  
Butler University.

**Kayla Neff**  
(Track & Field)  
will attend  
South Dakota  
State University.

**Logan Rohrscheib**  
(Basketball)  
committed to the  
University of  
Minnesota Duluth.





## Boys Basketball



The Regis Boys Basketball team had another very successful season, finishing the season with a 23-3 record. The Ramblers won the Western Cloverbelt Conference Championship and defeated Marshfield Columbus in the Conference Crossover Championship

game in Neillsville 87-59. The team lost in the WIAA Sectional Championship game 66-57 to Cameron (25-0) in front of 3,000 people at the new Menomonie High School Fieldhouse.

During the WIAA Sectional Semi-Final game, senior Logan Rohrscheib broke the Eau Claire city scoring record for a single game by scoring 53 points. That record was held by Stan Johnson from Memorial for the past 54 years at 52 points. The 53 points also broke the Regis single game record of 50 held by Mike Devney in 1976. Logan also became the all-time leading scorer in the city with 2,014 points, passing former teammate from last year Billy Wampler '15 who totaled 1,996 points.

Coach Bill Uelmen completed his 36th year coaching and his overall records now stands at 553-295.

## Girls Basketball *A Season to Remember*



**The Lady Ramblers** were stocked full of talent heading into the season, meeting pre-season expectations and more! The team won the Cloverbelt Conference with an undefeated record of 14-0 and did not have a game closer than 10 points in conference play.

The Lady Ramblers finished the regular season with an 18-4 record. In the post-season, the Ramblers defeated Osseo-Fairchild in the Regional Semi-Final 83-56 and won the Regional Championship at home over Colfax 49-45. In the Sectional Semi-Final, the Ramblers defeated arch rival Fall Creek 49-36 at Altoona before crushing Phillips 80-44 to win the Sectional Championship and send the Lady Ramblers to the WIAA State Championship for the 4th time in the last six years. The Lady Ramblers ran into a red hot Mineral Point team in Green Bay and gave a great effort, but came up short in the WIAA State Championship Semi-Finals by a final score of 77-56.

Hannah Anderson led the team in scoring with 14.4 points per game, while Shae Brey was right behind her with 14.1 points per game. Amber Darge averaged 12.8 points per game. Shae Brey led the team in rebounds with 11.3 rebounds per game. Liz Shinnars led the team with assists at 5.2 per game.

All-Conference Team members included Shae Brey and Hannah Anderson (1st Team), Amber Darge (2nd Team) and Hannah Gibbons (Honorable Mention). Shae Brey was named First Team All-State by the WBCA and was selected to play in the WBCA All Star Game. She was also named Leader-Telegram All Northwest Player of the Year.



# Activities Report

## Band & Choir

On January 10 and 11, four Regis High School singers participated in the 66th annual Dorian Vocal Festival. Juniors Ariana Madson and Therese Milanowski and seniors Lianna Belling and Ana Myers performed in a sold-out evening concert.

On January 16, several Regis High School music students participated in the annual Cloverbelt All-Conference Band and Choir Festival, held at Altoona High School. These talented students spent most of the day rehearsing with guest clinicians from the music departments at St. Norbert and UW-Platteville and performed that evening in a well-attended concert.

## Forensics

The cast and crew of the fall One Act Play, 'Anatomy of Gray', performed at the State One Act Festival at UW-Whitewater in November. For the first time, Regis received an Outstanding Ensemble Award, recognizing teamwork among the cast and crew in creating an overall effect.

On February 8, 30 members of the Forensics team competed at the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association (WHSFA) Sub-District Festival. All 30 members in 17 events received the necessary scores to advance to the district level of competition.

## Pep Club



Winter Carnival Week 2016 was a great success! Held the final week of January, students in Pep Club put on a week full of fun activities, including a caterpillar relay race, a dodge ball tournament and a pep rally for our winter sports and dance teams. The pep rally featured our traditional Freshman Initiation Rite, in which Mr. Snyder leads the freshman class in singing the school fight song. Hallways were decorated with the theme of 'World Environments' during the week.

## Sturgeon Bowl

Students from Regis High School traveled to Milwaukee in early February to compete in the Sturgeon Bowl, which is the regional competition for the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. On Friday afternoon, the team visited Discovery World on the Milwaukee lakefront. Friday evening, they had a program which included tours of the research laboratories of the UWM - School of Freshwater Sciences. The academic competition ran all day Saturday.

## Middle & High School Technology Club



Regis students participated in the 10th Annual Lego Robotics Competition on December 9 in Rochester, MN. The Lego Robotics Program is sponsored by IBM and at least one Regis team has competed since the program began.

Students spend several months building and programming their Lego robots to solve weekly problems. Their work is capped off each year by a competition in Rochester, where students demonstrate the program they wrote to solve a long-term problem. At the competition, students are given a short-term project which requires teams to solve a problem from start to finish during a set amount of time. After building, programming, and testing their robot, students demonstrate their team's solution for the judges or compete head-to-head with other teams.

Members of the Regis High School Tech Club finished fourth in the short-term competition and each of the two Regis Middle School Tech Club teams advanced to the second round in the short-term competition.



# Living Faith

## Gold Mass 2015

On Friday, December 11, students at Regis Middle and High School celebrated the annual Gold Mass. This tradition dates back to the beginning of Regis and was instituted by Bishop John Paul in 1953. Throughout the month of December, students collected donations of non-perishable food items and cash for the St. Francis Food Pantry and the Sojourner House. In all, they presented \$800 and 1,000+ food items to the two organizations.



## Catholic Schools Week 2016

January 31 - February 6

On Wednesday, February 3, all of our K-12 students and faculty gathered for a system-wide Mass in the Regis gym. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our schools during Catholic Schools Week!



During this school year, each student and staff member at Immaculate Conception Elementary painted a tile to create this mosaic cross, which is now displayed at the school! K-4th grade students painted the blue and green tiles, while 5th grade students and staff members painted the yellow and orange tiles. Mr. David Lennox, an Immaculate Conception parishioner, assembled the wood frame to surround the art piece. A beautiful symbol of faith!



The Regis Legacy Society is dedicated to the future of our Regis Catholic Schools students. This new display, which honors our new Legacy Society members and past donors to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, was installed at Regis High School in late December. It is located in a prominent place of honor as visitors enter the building and will be updated on a yearly basis.

Our Regis Legacy Society members are those generous donors who have made commitments to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 or more in their

estate planning. There are currently eleven members who have made testamentary gifts designated for the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation.

If you have already included the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation in your estate planning, but have not notified the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, please contact Advancement Director Bill Uelmen at (715) 830-2273, ext. 7 or [buelmen@RegisCatholicSchools.com](mailto:buelmen@RegisCatholicSchools.com) so we can make sure your generosity is properly acknowledged. Thank you for your support!

## Success! The campaign for the new auditorium seats and carpet in the Fr. Dowd Auditorium has exceeded its goal!

Last summer, we asked for your help and you answered the call! Thanks to our alumni, friends and current families, we were able to replace the auditorium seats in the Fr. Dowd Auditorium at the Regis campus with new cushioned seats. **Thank You!**



The old auditorium seats at Regis Middle and High School were original to the building and were showing their age. We are excited to announce that 536 new seats and new carpet were installed over the Christmas break. We were also able to resurface the floor underneath the seats. Name plaques recognizing our generous donors will be placed on the back of each sponsored seat soon.



There are still about 100 seats that can be sponsored as part of this project. A donation of \$200 for one seat or \$175/each for two or more seats will give you the opportunity to place a name on the back of one of the new auditorium seats.

If you are willing to help us with this project by honoring a student, alumnus, teacher, class or just to show your support, please send your donation to...



**Regis Catholic Schools Advancement Office**  
2728 Mall Drive, Ste 200 | Eau Claire, WI 54701

Please make your check payable to the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation**.

You can also donate online via PayPal at [www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com](http://www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com). Just look under "Giving Opportunities".

*We were able to complete this project because you understand that support of Regis Catholic Schools is a great investment. We are blessed to have each and every one of you!*





Thank you to our generous donors who have already supported the annual Regis Fund! This year's campaign will conclude on June 30, 2016. To date, we have received donations of \$275,000!

There is still time to donate! The annual Regis Fund helps support our annual budget and is used to enhance curriculum, materials, projects, scholarships and programs for our students. Your gifts to the Regis Fund are 100% tax deductible.

**A generous benefactor has pledged a monetary match up to \$20,000 to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation's annual Regis Fund to be used for new lockers at Regis High School and Middle School in**

**the future. Your gift to the annual Regis Fund will be counted towards this matching gift!**

To support the **Regis Catholic Schools Foundation** through the 2015-16 Regis Fund, please fill out and return the enclosed donation envelope. You can also donate online at **www.RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com**.

**Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students!**



## *Get to know the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation!*

**The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation was established in 1976 to help financially support Regis Catholic Schools.**

The Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-stock corporation formed to create a permanent fund. Thanks to investments, continued contributions and bequests, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation funds are allowed to grow and produce an annual income that is used to support Regis Catholic Schools.

We believe everyone can help! Each one of us has the ability to share the future of Regis Catholic Schools

through prayers, volunteerism, donations and words of support. Supporting the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation is a wonderful way to invest in our current and future students.

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation plays an important role when it comes to supporting our students and teachers and we realize not everyone is aware of all the group does.

### **The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation...**

- **Provides Scholarships**
- **Sponsors the Regis Fund** (Annual Giving)
- **Sponsors the Tuition Partnership Program** (Annual Giving)
- **Sponsors the Regis Legacy Society & Display**
- **Contributes to the Regis Catholic Schools Annual Budget**
- **Organized the Fr. Dowd Auditorium Seating Project & New Carpet**
- **Paid for Portion of the New School Bus**
- **Paid for "Bonus Pay" Teachers Received in 2014**
- **Organizes & Sponsors Non Sibi Awards Dinner**
- **Sponsors Distinguished Alumni Awards**
- **Purchased Tables, Chairs & Glassware for Regis Catholic Schools**
- **Sponsors Awards for Regis Catholic Schools Teachers & Staff**
- **Helped Pay for Renovation of Band & Choir Rooms**
- **Donated \$15,000 to Regis Music Association**
- **Contributed to Child Development Centers** (New Doors & Cribs)
- **Financially Supports The Rambler Report**
- **Helps Fund Advancement Staff Salaries**
- **Supports Co-Curricular Programs**
- **Updates Database**
- **Provides Address Lists to Alumni for Reunions**
- **Sponsors Alumni Directory** (Harris Publication)
- **Sends Thank You and Tax Receipt Letters to Donors**

## AlumniReport



**Members of the Class of '63** have been getting together in Bayfield, Wisconsin every fall for decades! They come from as far as Texas and California! This photo was taken at Erickson's Apple Orchard in September. Pictured are Jim Goldammer, Stan Andrews, Michele Lange Lippert, Georgia Carroll Hill, Pat DesForge, Fred DesForge and Jay Lippert.

**Sallie Knudtson Adam '64** is thrilled to be retired from teaching many subjects, including French, for more than 30 years in southern California after one year in the Milwaukee area. Her love of the language began in Sr. Ina's classroom in 1960! She says she patterned her teaching style after Sr. Ina.



**Members of the Class of '65** gathered for a 50th reunion in September. The planning committee included Ron Krippner, Deb Neuheisel Smith, Dick Coleman, Carolyn Andrews Bugher, Judy Buchholz Christianson, Doug Kuhn and Mary Fitts Hawley.



**Mary Budik Coons '71** is currently working on her third book, 'Planks of History', expected to be available in August.

The commissioned book is about the history of Hanover, Minnesota's historic iron truss bridge and a history of the Crow River. She and her husband, Bob Miller, live in Doha, Qatar.

**Ivy (Morgan) Hartman '73** has taken a position as Special Education Assistant at Sam Davey Elementary. She was a teacher for Regis Catholic Schools for almost 30 years!

**Tim O'Brien '79** is celebrating his 25th year as a trial lawyer with Bakke Norman Law Office in Menomonie and New Richmond. In 2015, Tim was re-certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, a recognition granted to approximately 3% of all attorneys in the United States, was named a Wisconsin Super Lawyer for the 7th time and was inducted as a Fellow of the Wisconsin Law Foundation. Tim and his wife Stacey have two children in college and live in New Richmond.

**Doug Anderson '88** has been promoted to the rank of Chief Master Sgt. in the U.S. Air Force. He is currently stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, Spain. Doug is married to Maria Elana Martines Barrios Anderson of Caracas, Venezuela. They have three sons; Jamie, Tyler and Kyle.

**Danielle (Hebert) Miller '93** lives in Rhinelander, Wisconsin with her husband, Pete. She just moved her nail and facial spa (Dubl Digits) to a larger location and expanded from two technicians to four.



**Dan Hehli '00** will complete his residency from the University of Indiana School of Medicine-Department of Anesthesia in June.

He has accepted a position with

the Eau Claire Anesthesiologist group. Dan, Tina and Amelia will be moving back to Eau Claire in July.

**Breanna (Farley) Lund '09** and **Eddie Lund '09** got married on August 22, 2015 in Eau Claire! They have since moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota to start their lives together.



**Larry McCaghy '59** was presented with the FMC Lifetime Achievement Award for 2015 by the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota at the annual State Conference in November. This award is given to one member each year in recognition of "lifelong conducting experience providing outstanding contributions and distinguished service to choral music in Minnesota" and "significant and noteworthy accomplishments that embody the distinction and significance of the name 'F. Melius Christiansen', founder and director of the St. Olaf Choir". Mr. McCaghy served as director of choirs at Lakeville High School in Lakeville, Minnesota from 1965 to 1999. His love for choral music developed while singing in the choir at Regis High School with Sister Laurice in the 1950s. He lives in Lakeville with his wife, **Faith (Kappus) McCaghy '59**.

### CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

Do you have exciting news? Are you planning a class reunion? We want to know! Send your updates and any photos to [rschultz-krogman@RegisCatholicSchools.com](mailto:rschultz-krogman@RegisCatholicSchools.com) to be published in future issues of The Rambler Report!





## Remember When?

### Regis Ski Team | February 1958

The team included (L-R) Pete Ihle, Dick Bezanson, Mike Geroux, Bill Knutson, Chuck Ihle, Ed Carlson, Tom Welch and Fred Fey (Not Pictured) for its first and only year in existence!

### Calling all parents of Regis alumni! We need your help!

If your son or daughter is no longer living at the address where they receive our mailings, could you please forward their new address to us? This will help us make sure our Regis Catholic Schools database is accurate, will ensure your son or daughter receives important mailings and it will also help eliminate unnecessary postage costs.

To update your son or daughter's mailing address, please go to

[www.RegisCatholicSchools.com](http://www.RegisCatholicSchools.com)

and click on "Update Information" under the ALUMNI tab.

*Thank you!*

## Reunions

**Class of 1951  
65th Reunion**  
September 10, 2016

**Class of 1966  
50th Reunion**  
September 16-17, 2016

Plans are being made to have a gathering with graduates of Regis, North and Memorial on Friday, September 16, 2016 at the Eau Claire Country Club. The Regis Class of 1966 will then have a separate reunion on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the new Eau Claire Holiday Inn-South on Owen Ayers Court.

**Contact:** Cathy (Dresden) McCann at [bill.cathy@att.net](mailto:bill.cathy@att.net) or (715) 225-6927

**Class of 1981  
35th Reunion**  
Social - June 17, 2016  
Reunion - June 18, 2016

**Contact:** Kris Miller, Mona Matthews or Jeff Roach at [regisclassof81@gmail.com](mailto:regisclassof81@gmail.com).

Planning a class reunion? E-mail Robyn at [rschultz-krogman@RegisCatholicSchools.com](mailto:rschultz-krogman@RegisCatholicSchools.com) with the details and we'll publish the information in our next issue of The Rambler Report!

## In Memorium



**Fr. Eugene Klink**  
On Thursday, November 19, Father Eugene Klink passed away at the age of 78 at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital

in Eau Claire. Fr. Klink was at Immaculate Conception Parish for 30 years, from 1983 until his retirement in 2013.

Funeral services were held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Eau Claire

with Bishop William Callahan as celebrant and Father John Schultz as homilist and burial was at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Independence.

### Alumni

**Frances Hagman Frank** '40 (St. Patrick's)  
**Thomas Hagen** '40 (St. Patrick's)  
**Francis Egan** '47 (St. Patrick's)  
**Beverly Bennett Bridges** '48 (St. Patrick's)  
**Rev. Thomas McInnis** '49 (St. Patrick's)

**Robert McFaul** '51 (St. Patrick's)

**Marko Mato** '52 (St. Patrick's)

**Arthur Roach** '52 (St. Patrick's)

**Richard Paulus** '55

**Richard Kummet** '57

**Betty Pritchard Schoettle** '59

**John Golden** '61

**Patrick Flynn** '65

**Chris Kopplin** '81

**Nicholas Downs** '00

### Friends

**Gale Dhein**

**Eternal rest, grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

## Upcoming Events

Walk for Virtues  
May 13

Regis High School Graduation  
May 25

Faith Night at the Eau Claire  
Express (Sponsored by  
Regis Catholic Schools)  
June 5

24th Annual ScRambler  
Golf Outing  
June 18

Regis Catholic Schools Auction  
November 5

Non Sibi Awards Dinner  
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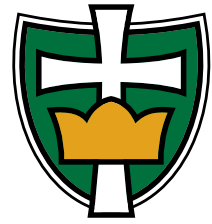
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# Two contests... two big winners!



**Regis Catholic Schools** art teacher Dominique Carlson was chosen as the November winner for WQOW News 18's Tools for Schools grant!

Carlson is using the \$500 award to teach 4th grade students at Immaculate Conception Elementary, St. James Elementary and St. Mary's Elementary about the rich history of paper making in Eau Claire and Wisconsin.

In December, Regis Middle School was picked as the winner of the WEAU 13 News and Gordy's Market Schools Rule! contest.

The school used the \$3,000 in Box Tops for Education, courtesy of General Mills, to take students on a field trip to see the movie "The Letters", which explores the life of Mother Teresa.

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