

Keeping Our Regis Community Safe

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REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Regis community,

As a Catholic Jesuit school committed to caring for the whole person (*cura personalis*), Regis has no higher responsibility than protecting the well-being of our students.

Over the past many years, in consultation with outside experts in the field, Regis has implemented robust student protection policies, as well as background screening and regular training for our faculty and staff.

We write today to share that we have posted new content on our website which offers our community greater access to information regarding Regis's policies. This new content also aims to ensure that current students, employees, and former students are aware of how to report violations of our school's code of conduct. As you will see, this includes the ability to report violations to T&M, a private security and investigation company with significant experience serving independent and Catholic schools. You may view this new content [here](#).

In 2003 and 2019, school leaders sent letters to our community regarding a past and shameful history of sexual abuse of some former students by previous members of our faculty and staff. In those letters, Regis invited former students who are survivors of abuse to come forward and expressed a commitment to implement strong student protection practices. In [the 2019 letter](#), Regis provided a list of Jesuits who had been credibly accused of abuse by our former students and apologized for instances of past misconduct.

Since the 2019 letter, the State of New York opened windows for minors and adults who are survivors of abuse to file civil claims which had previously been time-barred by a statute of limitations. Nine such lawsuits were filed against both the Province (the Jesuits) and Regis in these open windows. All the accused in these claims, which relate to behavior between 1958 and 1994, were Jesuits on the 2019 list. To date, Regis and the Province have resolved two of these claims.

We are deeply saddened that our history includes this grave moral evil and crime, which harmed young men entrusted to our service and care. To any Regian who was mistreated in such a way by one of our faculty or staff members, we offer our profound and sincere apology. Such acts not only violated you; they stood in direct contrast to our mission as a Catholic Jesuit school.

Of course, we recognize that the pain and suffering some of our alumni endured may never be fully ameliorated. But we believe that God's love can heal even the deepest of wounds caused by human sin and evil. And we pray that the power of this love will work in the hearts and minds of those who suffer this harm to bring them relief and enduring peace.

We hope this new content on our website and the addition of an external reporting resource further demonstrate our commitment to protecting our community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ
President

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Chairman, Board of Trustees

