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John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.

24TH PRESIDENT OF REGIS UNIVERSITY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012
“THE IGNATIAN VISION SUGGESTS TO ME SEVEN HIGHER STANDARDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION WHICH FORM THE STRUCTURE OF THE REMARKS THAT FOLLOW: FIRST, A JESUIT UNIVERSITY STRIVES TO UNDERSTAND REALITY, THE REAL WORLD. SECOND, SINCE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PURSUES WISDOM, THE CENTRAL FOCUS OF STUDY IS THE DRAMA OF LIFE VERSUS DEATH, OF GOOD VERSUS EVIL, INJUSTICE VERSUS LIBERATION. THIRD, WE MUST STRUGGLE TO GET FREE FROM BIAS. FOURTH, EDUCATION SHOULD HELP PEOPLE DISCOVER THEIR VOCATION IN LIFE, ABOVE ALL THEIR VOCATION TO LOVE AND SERVE. FIFTH, A JESUIT UNIVERSITY MUST BE A PLACE WHERE THE CATHOLIC FAITH IS STUDIED AND HANDED ON TO THOSE WHO WOULD EMBRACE IT. SIXTH, WE MUST REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO OTHERWISE COULD NOT AFFORD TO COME. FINALLY, WE MUST COMMUNICATE KNOWLEDGE AND CRITICISM BEYOND THE CAMPUS, TO THE WIDER SOCIETY.”

- Rev. Dean Brackley, S.J., from “Higher Standards for Higher Education”
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Gabriel Brass Quintet
Horn Pipe from Water Music, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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RECEPTION
Boettcher Commons, Regis University
When John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J., was younger, the career paths he imagined for himself included pitching for the St. Louis Cardinals or becoming a physician like his father. Then in high school, an inner city elementary school student he was tutoring told him that he was a good teacher. The comment inspired his vocational direction in the field of education from that day forward. Shortly thereafter, he realized a calling to enter the Society of Jesus, and thus became a member of the Wisconsin Province in 1973.

“I recall sitting up in bed in the middle of the night, saying yes out loud,” he says of his decision to enter the Society of Jesus. “And then I wondered, what God was calling me to? I had always thought I would get married, have kids, and work as a doctor.”

But the decision to become a Jesuit led this second of nine children to become a teacher and a priest, a vocation he describes as a “physician of the soul, building bridges between people and God, bringing the sacred and the secular together to illuminate how God is found in everything.”

At St. Louis University, he discovered another passion. “I fell in love with words,” he says. Father Fitzgibbons completed majors in education, philosophy and English, graduating in 1979. He would then obtain a master’s degree in English from the University of Chicago in 1984, a Master of Divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology in 1986, a Master of Sacred Theology in Moral Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley in 1990, and a doctorate in English at Loyola University Chicago in 1993, where his dissertation focused on the works of a 19th century Protestant preacher who preached and wrote about slavery, women’s rights and the education of minority populations, clearly the great moral issues of the day.

“My dissertation enabled me to combine two favorite interests – literature and theology. There is great interplay between literature and moral thought, especially in American literature, which is where I am most drawn.”

His studies in theology significantly influenced his role as a professor of English, a position he held at both Marquette University (1993-96) and Creighton University (1996-2001). To him, the interplay, the ready connection, between literature and theology provides students with two frameworks for reflection on life’s meaning and two mutually supportive guides for moral discernment. He notes that literature takes into account all human passions, the good and the evil, the hopeful and the despairing; it looks at every aspect of being human.
In 2001, Father Fitzgibbons’ career took another
turn and led him to the role of superior and director
of novices at the Novitiate of the North American
Martyrs from 2001-2006. This change in direction
would bring him back to the role of administrator,
work he first encountered as director of the Jesuit
Humanities Program at Creighton.

While at Creighton, a number of colleagues suggested
he would make a good university president some
day. Father Fitzgibbons dismissed the notion in favor
of a deep passion for teaching. But his colleagues
pressed him not to let go of the thought entirely. It
was not until a sabbatical at the University of San
Francisco (USF) that he would give administrative
work more serious consideration.

The topic of conversation resurfaced, this time at
the prompting of President Stephen Privett, S.J., who
asked him to consider academic administration,
more specifically a presidential path, emphasizing,
“I’ll train you.”

As a result, Father Fitzgibbons accepted the roles
of vice president for administration and interim
dean of the College of Professional Studies at the
University of San Francisco from 2007-2009, discover-
ing that the work was the same ministry he had
served before with a different angle. “The question
became – how do we make this community of
scholars even better? Administrators are facilitators
who shape the community and the outside world to
make Jesuit education successful.”

Now seasoned in administrative work, Father
Fitzgibbons left USF to serve as associate provost
for faculty development at Marquette University,
a position he held until his appointment as the
president-elect. He became the 24th president of
Regis University on June 1, 2012.

He is excited to build upon the good work of his
predecessors, David M. Clarke, S.J. (22nd president),
and Michael J. Sheeran, S.J. (23rd president), in
leading Regis University into its next frontier. As the
only Jesuit, Catholic college in the Rocky Mountain
region, he sees Regis’ mission as serving people in
Colorado and beyond, while also serving the
University’s Ignatian identity.

He wants to strengthen Regis’ presence in this
area of the country and elevate the awareness and
accessibility of Jesuit education. “Jesuit education
is deeply rooted in the tradition of the humanities
and sciences,” says Father Fitzgibbons. “Regis is
profoundly engaging and student centered in its
presentation of Jesuit education, and is positioned
to make an enormous impact as it continues to
grow and evolve.”

Jesuit education is increasingly important to
the well-being of the world, according to Father
Fitzgibbons, because the purposes and method of
Jesuit education bring out what students already
know and emphasize not what to think, but how
to think about content, important issues, and the
world in which we live. “Jesuit education is very
deliberately Socratic and critical. It engages students
in dialogue aimed at helping each become one’s
best self.”

When asked how he would describe Jesuit
education in one word, Father Fitzgibbons insisted
that such a description required two: respectful and
interactive. It reverences the other as a bearer of
God’s spoken word and always interacts from a place
of conversation, recognizing how God’s wisdom
already resides within each person.

“God dwells in creation and in humans. God is at
work already. The expectation for us, then, is to
discover how we in Jesuit education bring that out
and make it more and more fulfilling through time.”
Rev. Stephen A. Privett, S.J., began his tenure as the 27th president of the University of San Francisco (USF) on September 15, 2000.

Father Privett was born in San Francisco, California. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1960 and is a graduate of The Catholic University of America, the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and Gonzaga University. His doctorate is in Catechetics and his particular expertise focuses on the Hispanic community in the Catholic Church.

Prior to his appointment at USF, Father Privett served as provost and academic vice president at Santa Clara University. As provost, he was responsible for oversight of student life and intercollegiate athletics, as well as academic affairs. While teaching at Santa Clara, he was recognized for “Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership” with the Sears Roebuck Foundation Award.

Early in his career, Father Privett was an instructor at Jesuit High School in Sacramento and principal of Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose.

He currently serves as a trustee at Schools of the Sacred Heart and Fairfield University. He chairs the California Campus Compact Executive Board and is a member of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth Club of California, Board of Directors of the American Council on Education, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Public Architecture, the Beijing Center, and the Fromm Institute. He serves on the accrediting commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the California Foundation and is an honorary member of the San Francisco Host Committee.

Throughout his career, Father Privett has demonstrated a commitment to “whole person education,” a traditional hallmark of Jesuit education. At Santa Clara, he helped establish the Eastside Project, a program that has received national recognition as a model program for community-based learning.
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University of San Francisco (1855)
Loyola Marymount University (1911)

Colorado
Regis University (1877)

Connecticut
Fairfield University (1942)

District of Columbia
Georgetown University (1789)

Illinois
Loyola University of Chicago (1870)

Louisiana
Loyola University of New Orleans (1912)

Maryland
Loyola College in Maryland (1852)

Massachusetts
College of the Holy Cross (1843)
Boston College (1863)

Michigan
University of Detroit-Mercy (1877)

Missouri
St. Louis University (1818)
Rockhurst University (1910)

Nebraska
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Fordham University (1841)
Canisius College (1870)
Le Moyne College (1946)

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Regis History

Founded in 1877 in Las Vegas, New Mexico, Regis University is the only Jesuit Catholic university in the Rocky Mountain West, one of twenty-eight Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. In 1888, the University relocated to its current 81-acre Denver campus on Lowell Boulevard. In addition to the Lowell campus, Regis serves students on campuses throughout Colorado and Nevada, and online across the country and the world.

The University tailors learning to its 15,000 learners in three colleges, each a distinct expression of the University's mission: Regis College (2,000 students), the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions (3,000 students), and the College for Professional Studies (10,000 students). From the traditional student living on campus, to a business executive studying online, to a health care student serving in a clinical placement in rural Colorado, Regis enjoys a student body that spans many experiences and geographies. In addition to bachelor's and master's degrees, the University offers doctoral degrees in Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, and Nursing Practice.

Inspired by St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, Regis University has been educating men and women of all ages to make a positive impact in a changing society. In light of this mission, more than 50,000 student hours are devoted annually to service learning and community engagement in local and international immersions. Regis is distinguished by countless alumni who continue this passion for learning and service throughout their lives.

For more than 450 years, Jesuits and their institutions have served God in new and unexpected ways with timeless characteristics: passion for quality; love of the humanities and sciences; commitment to ethics, values, justice, and fairness; integration of genuine religious experience with intellect; care for a student's heart as well as mind; and an unwavering belief in a good world where God is at work in the most unlikely and wondrous places.

INAUGURATION DESIGN

The blue graphic design used as the background for the inauguration materials was inspired by an artistic element of Main Hall's construction. Specifically, it derives from the extension of Main Hall that protrudes to the north of the building added to the original structure in the 1930s. Looking at the top of the building, one notices square and diamond shapes framing the floral design, which inspired the decorative image repeated in all materials.
ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

Ifíigo Lopez de Loyola, who later took the name Ignatius, was the youngest son of a nobleman of the mountainous Basque region of northern Spain. Trained in the courtly manner of the time of King Ferdinand, he dreamed of the glories of knighthood and wore his sword and breastplate with pride.

Ignatius was a man on the edge of two worlds. When he was born in 1491, the Middle Ages were just ending and Europe was entering the Renaissance.

Europe of the late 15th century was a world of discovery and invention. European explorers sailed west to the Americas and south to Africa, and scholars uncovered the buried civilizations of Greece and Rome. The printing press fed a new hunger for knowledge among a growing middle class. It was the end of chivalry and the rise of a new humanism. It was a time of radical change, social upheaval and war.

In a quixotic attempt in 1521 to defend the Spanish border fortress of Pamplona against the French artillery, Ignatius’ right leg was shattered by a cannon ball. His French captors, impressed by Ignatius’ courage, carried him on a litter across Spain to his family home at Loyola where he began a long period of convalescence.

During that time, he read several religious books, the only reading material readily available. These books and the isolation of the recovery period brought about a conversion that led to the founding of the Jesuits. Ignatius began to pray. He fasted, did penance and works of charity, and dedicated himself to God. He decided to study for the priesthood, and encountered problems with the Spanish Inquisition, primarily because he was presuming to teach people spiritual doctrine without a theology degree.

As a student in Paris he drew a small band of friends to himself and directed them in extended prayer and meditation according to his Spiritual Exercises. After further studies, the first Jesuits were ordained to the Catholic priesthood in Venice and offered themselves in service to Pope Paul III. In 1540, Paul III approved the Institute of the Society of Jesus. Ignatius was elected General Superior and served in that post until his death in 1556 at the age of 65.
WHO WAS ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS?
Jean François Regis, S.J., the patron of Regis University, was a humble French preacher recognized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. He was born in Font-Couverte, Narbonne, Languedoc, France on January 31, 1597, and educated as a Jesuit. He was ordained a priest at the age of thirty-one. Regis came from a recently ennobled family but spent much of his life preaching to the poor in Huguenot-controlled areas of France. His preaching style was said to have been simple and direct, and appealed to the uneducated peasantry. In his eagerness to serve the poor, Jean François established several hostels for prostitutes, and set up girls as lace makers to give them an income. (He is thus the patron saint of lace makers.) He also worked with plague victims in Toulouse. Regis also established the Confraternities of the Blessed Sacrament, which organized charity collections of money and food from the wealthy. John Francis died of pneumonia on December 30, 1640, during a mission with his companion, Brother Claude Bideau, to La Louvesc, Dauphine, a poor hamlet in the mountains of Ardèche in south-central France. He was canonized on June 16, 1737. A sculpture of St. John Francis Regis speaking to the people of Le Puy is found in the narthex of the chapel bearing his name on Regis University’s Lowell campus.

THE SEAL OF REGIS UNIVERSITY
The Latin Universitas Regisana Societas Jesu translates as “Regis University of the Society of Jesus” and names the University and its sponsoring organization, the Jesuit Order. The crown is a symbol of the University’s patron, St. John Francis Regis. The word regis in Latin means “of the King.” 1877 is the founding year of the University. The mountains are symbolic both of the Rocky Mountains and of the mountains of the Massif Central where St. John Francis Regis lived and worked. The letters IHS are the Greek letters Iota, Eta, Sigma, the first three letters of the word “Jesus,” and within the sunburst comprise the seal of the Society of Jesus. The Jesuit seal is found on the pediment at the front entry of Main Hall. The alternating stripes (originally red and gold) are from the shield of the Onaz-Loyola family. The motto “Men and Women in Service of Others,” in Latin Homines Ad Serviendum Alis, is an expression used to describe the purpose of Jesuit education: to form men and women who use their knowledge and energies in the unselfish service of others. The motto also expresses the desire of Regis’ faculty and staff to be of service to students and the community.

REGIS UNIVERSITY MACE
Maces were medieval war clubs. At universities, the mace became a traditional symbol of protection and later evolved as a longer walking stick. The academic mace today is associated with the dignity of the university and the preservation of it as a place where all subjects may be explored.

The mace bearer traditionally is one of the university’s senior faculty members.

Regis University’s mace, made of mahogany and topped with the University seal, also displays important dates in Regis’ history. This new mace is being used for the first time in this inauguration ceremony.
CHAIN OF OFFICE
The chain of office dates back to the Middle Ages. At his investiture, the mayor of a medieval town was presented with a chain of medallions that represented the guilds working together for the welfare of the town. The chief official of a medieval university held similar authority and thus was honored with a chain of office, but his was composed of the insignia of all the university’s colleges.

The Regis University Presidential Chain of Office is worn as part of the president’s academic attire at ceremonial occasions such as commencements and convocations. The medallion bears the University’s Seal. The five engraved bars rising from the medallion represent different names and respective years by which the University was known throughout its history until becoming Regis University in 1991.

REGIS UNIVERSITY BANNERS
The three banners carried at the beginning of the ceremony represent Regis University’s three colleges: Regis College, the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions and the College for Professional Studies.

PROCESSION OF JESUIT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BANNERS
The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) is a national organization whose mission is to serve its member institutions: the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. Though each institution is separately chartered by the state and is legally autonomous under its own board of trustees, the 28 schools are bonded together by a common heritage, vision and purpose, and engage in a number of collaborative projects.

The 28 Jesuit colleges and universities are represented in this ceremony by banners displaying their respective colors carried by members of Regis University’s students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. The Regis University banner leads the procession of banners. Also represented is the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities; Regis University’s sister school, St. John’s College, in Belize; and Loretto Heights College, which became associated with Regis in 1988.

ACADEMIC REGALIA/PRESIDENTIAL REGALIA
Present day academic attire is derived from the long clerical robe worn in the classroom by both university faculty and students during the Middle Ages, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge. Since medieval buildings were made of stone and lacked adequate heating, an additional outer garment, a pluvial, originally a loose cape with a hood, was also worn.

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries as most European universities passed from ecclesiastical to secular control, the style and color of academic attire was somewhat modified. In colonial American universities, the conservative traditional British system for academic regalia was maintained. By 1893 an inter-collegiate commission was established that determined a uniform code for design and colors for
academic attire, which by then comprised three pieces: a robe, a hood and a hat (commonly called a mortarboard). American bachelor's gowns are usually black with pointed sleeves; master's gowns are black with long, oblong, tapered sleeves. Doctoral robes also are black, although a few other colors (usually gold, purple, dark blue or dark red) also have been adopted.

The academic hood derives from the cowl of the monk's habit. Originally it had three functions: head covering (hood), cape, and bag of alms that had been collected. Today's hoods are standardized, with the doctoral hoods being four feet long, and the master's hood being three and one half feet long. While bachelor's degree holders once wore a shorter hood, today the hood is usually reserved for wear by persons with a degree beyond the undergraduate level.

The color of the lining of the hood indicates the institution granting the degree. The color of the tassel on the cap and of the velvet edging of the hood indicates the division of the college or university from which the degree was offered. Gold tassels and black tassels, when worn by faculty, indicate degree rather than academic division or discipline. Academic dress that is markedly different from the above indicates a degree from a foreign university.

The presidential regalia worn by Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J, makes its debut at this inauguration ceremony. Instead of wearing academic regalia from his doctoral-granting university, Father Fitzgibbons wished to begin a new custom wherein presidents of Regis University wear regalia specific to the office of the president for all formal academic ceremonies. This includes four bars on the sleeves and blue and gold colors accenting the regalia to represent the traditional school colors of Regis University.
Presidents of Regis University

LAS VEGAS COLLEGE (1877)
Salvatore Personè, S.J. ~ October 1, 1878
Dominic Pantanella, S.J. ~ January 4, 1883
Salvatore Personè, S.J. ~ August 10, 1884

SACRED HEART COLLEGE (1884)
Dominic Pantanella, S.J. ~ August 10, 1884

COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART (1888)
Salvatore Personè, S.J. ~ 1888
Joseph M. Marra, S.J. ~ January 19, 1892
John B. Guida, S.J. ~ July 29, 1896
John J. Brown, S.J. ~ September 1, 1899
Anthony J. Schuler, S.J. ~ September 1, 1903
Robert M. Kelley, S.J. ~ August 15, 1920

REGIS COLLEGE (1921)
Aloysius A. Breen, S.J. ~ September 20, 1926
Gerald P. Walsh, S.J. ~ July 31, 1931
John J. Driscoll, S.J. (Acting President) ~ September 23, 1931
Joseph A. Herbers, S.J. ~ January 6, 1932
Robert M. Kelley, S.J. ~ February 21, 1935
John J. Flanagan, S.J. ~ March 19, 1942
Raphael C. McCarthy, S.J. ~ June 10, 1947
Richard F. Ryan, S.J. ~ July 1, 1953
Frederick T. Daly, S.J. (Acting President) ~ October 24, 1967
Louis G. Mattione, S.J. ~ March 1, 1968
Thomas James Casey, S.J. (Acting President) ~ July 1, 1971
David M. Clarke, S.J. ~ August 1, 1972

REGIS UNIVERSITY (1991)
Michael J. Sheeran, S.J. ~ January 1, 1993
John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J. ~ June 1, 2012