COLORADO LT. GOV., DENVER MAYOR AMONG NUMEROUS LEADERS SLATED TO ATTEND INAUGURATION OF REGIS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT REV. JOHN P. FITZGIBBONS, S.J.

PHOTOS – FROM LEFT, LT. GOV. GARCIA, MAYOR HANCOCK, FR. FITZGIBBONS

(DENVER) – Colorado’s lieutenant governor, the mayor of the City of Denver, 12 university and college presidents, and a host of leaders and representatives from around the nation will be in attendance when Regis University inaugurates Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J., as the 24th president of Colorado’s only Jesuit Catholic university on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 at a 3 p.m. ceremony on the grounds of Boettcher Commons at the University’s North Denver (Lowell) campus.

Father Fitzgibbons officially became Regis University president on June 1, 2012. A native of Omaha, Neb., he most recently served as associate provost for faculty development at Marquette University.

Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, City of Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock, 12 university and college presidents, and delegates from around the nation and Regis University faculty will be among the 300 people participating in a festive and colorful banner-filled procession. About 1,500 are expected to attend the event, which is open to the public.

The two-hour inauguration features an invocation by the Archbishop of Denver, Most Rev. Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, charges by Lieutenant Governor Garcia, Mayor Hancock and a host of local and national guests, a keynote presentation by the president of the University of San Francisco, Rev. Stephen A. Privett, S.J., missioning by the Provincial of the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus, the Very Rev. Douglas W. Marcouiller, S.J., an inaugural address by Father Fitzgibbons, and a benediction by Sr. Barbara Quinn, RSCJ, D.Min. from Boston College.

The inauguration ceremony is the showcase event of two days of celebration for Father Fitzgibbons. The festivities begin Sept. 24 with a 3 p.m. Mass of Celebration in the University’s Field House. Following the inauguration ceremony on Sept. 25, is a post-ceremony reception from 5-6:30 p.m., on the University’s Boettcher Commons, with a private dinner wrapping up the festivities.

Father Fitzgibbons joined the Jesuits in 1973 and was ordained a priest in 1985. He earned a Ph.D. in English from Loyola University Chicago, an S.T.M. in theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, a Master of Divinity from the Weston School of Theology, a Master of Arts in English from the University of Chicago, and a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and English from Saint Louis University.

For more information about the inauguration, visit www.regis.edu/inauguration.
ABOUT REGIS UNIVERSITY
Regis University, with nearly 15,000 students, comprises Regis College, the College for Professional Studies and the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions. The University is recognized by U. S. News & World Report as a Top School in the West and is one of 28 Catholic Jesuit colleges and universities throughout the United States. Regis University is located at 3333 Regis Blvd. at 50th and Lowell Streets in north Denver. In addition to its North Denver Lowell campus, the University has campus locations in Colorado Springs, Interlocken at Broomfield, Denver Tech Center, Thornton (dual-language campus), Loveland and in Henderson, Nevada. For news releases, fact sheet, experts list or university highlights, visit the “Media Center” at www.regis.edu/media. For more information about Regis University visit www.regis.edu.