

## Class of 2009 to Hear from Board of Regents Chancellor and Bishop

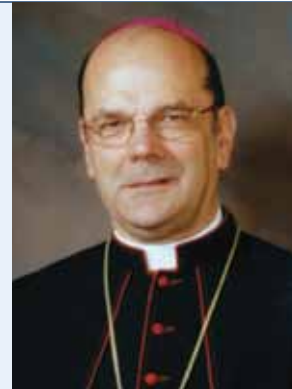
The outgoing Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents, **Robert M. Bennett**, will address the Canisius College graduate class of 2009 during commencement ceremonies on **Wednesday, May 13** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Koessler Athletic Center. Now in his third and final term as chancellor, Bennett also serves as a distinguished lecturer and advisor to several Western New York universities.

On **Saturday, May 16** at **11:00 a.m.**, **Rev. Robert J. Cunningham**, the Bishop of Ogdensburg, will present the commencement address to the Canisius College undergraduate class of 2009 during ceremonies at U.B.'s Alumni Arena. Installed in May 2004, Bishop Cunningham is the 13th bishop to lead more than 128,000 Roman Catholics throughout New York's eight northernmost counties. He is a native of Buffalo, and served as the secretary to the late Bishop Edward D. Head and assistant chancellor of the Diocese of Buffalo.

Bennett and Bishop Cunningham will both receive honorary degrees



Robert M. Bennett



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during commencement ceremonies, as well as **Leo R. Futia '40**, retired chair and CEO of Guardian Life Insurance Company of America; **Hon. Arthur O. Eve**, retired Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly; **Amy Betros** and **Norman S. Paolini Jr. '69**, co-founders and co-directors of St. Luke's Mission of Mercy; and **James M. Wadsworth**, partner at Hodgson Russ LLP and chair of the John R. Oishei Foundation.

## Canisius Serves Up Tim Horton's

Canisius students can now check out more than books at the Bouwhuis Library. A new, full-service Tim Horton's coffee chain opened this semester on the main level of the library. The menu at the new Tim Horton's includes donuts, soup, sandwiches and of course, coffee.

"Today's students want more social and relaxed learning environments; places where they can interact with each other and with faculty," says **Joel A. Cohen, PhD**, associate vice president for library and information services. "Coffee shops are now part of the academic culture on college campuses."

In just two months, library traffic increased 34 percent and library circulation is up 12 percent. The new Tim Horton's also created 30 new counter and food service positions at the college, 17 of which are filled by Canisius students.

The college is planning a phased renovation of the Bouwhuis Library, which will result in the creation of a new, technology-based learning commons. The renovation will incorporate various new workspaces, including computer clusters equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Other additions include new quiet study spaces and more collaborative study areas for students to work on group projects. The library learning commons will also further integrate electronic collections with books and other print resources.



## Canisius Mourns Passing of Father Higgins

Canisius College lost a revered member of its Jesuit community on January 20 when **Rev. James P. Higgins MEd '90, S.J.**, died suddenly. He was 54.

A native of Western New York, Father Higgins came to Canisius College in 1988 as an accounting instructor. He went on to serve in a multitude of roles throughout his tenure. Father Higgins taught in the departments of Mathematics and Accounting. He also served as rector of the Canisius Jesuit Community and secretary to the Canisius College Board of Trustees. In 1995, Canisius appointed Father Higgins assistant to the president of the college, a role in which he served until 2000 when he was named the 32nd president of Canisius High School.

"Jim Higgins was one of the most hard working and dedicated men I have ever known," said Canisius College President **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.** "He gave himself completely to his work at the college and then as president at Canisius High School. He was a good friend and I will miss him greatly."

Father Higgins completed his term as president of Canisius High School in June 2008. He was on sabbatical at LeMoyne College in Syracuse at the time of his death.



Rev. James P. Higgins  
MEd '90, S.J.

## Counseling & Human Services Earns Accreditation

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) granted national accreditation to the Department of Counseling and Human Services' academic programs in school counseling and community counseling. An independent agency, CACREP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

"CACREP is among the most rigorous master's accrediting associations in the field of counseling education," says **Margaret C. McCarthy, PhD**, dean of the college's School of Education and Human Services. "Their endorsement not only speaks to the college's commitment to educational quality but is a testament to our faculty, who are dedicated to provide students with programs that meet or exceed the most rigorous professional standards."

This is the first accreditation for the school counseling and community counseling programs at Canisius.

## Canisius Commended for Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service named Canisius College to its 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The honor roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees are chosen based on scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

More than 2,600 Canisius College students participated in community service projects over the past year, resulting in more than 33,300 hours of service.

## Nine Appointed to Board of Regents

The Canisius College Board of Regents appointed nine new members. The Board of Regents serves as an advisory group to Canisius President **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.**, and the college's Board of Trustees. Board of Regents members serve three-year terms. The new members are:



**MARTIN BERARDI '79**  
*President, Medical Devices Group*  
MOOG Inc.



**NORA EBERL '92**  
*Chief Financial Officer*  
Eberl Iron Works Inc.



**THOMAS R. EMMERLING '75**  
*Managing Partner*  
Dopkins & Company LLP



**JODI JOHNSTON '95, MEd '98**  
*News Anchor/Reporter*  
WGRZ-TV, Channel 2



**WILLIAM J. MAGGIO '85, MBA '92**  
*Chief Operating Officer/Partner*  
Immco Diagnostics Inc.



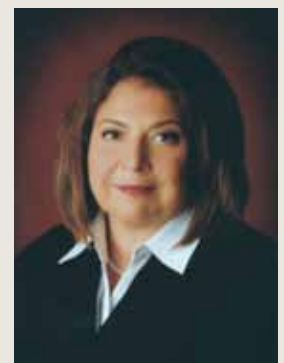
**JAMES B. NONNENGARD '82**  
*Chief Executive Officer/President*  
Regions Investment Services



**RICHARD C. SUCHAN '82**  
*Senior Vice President & Market Manager,*  
Key Private Bank



**FRANK E. SWIATEK '65**  
*President*  
Frank Swiatek & Associates



**HON. MARY GRACE TRIMBOLI '75**  
*(Retired) Justice*  
Toledo, OH Municipal Court