

## ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



### Regina Cissne

After spending several years working for the Capuchins, Regina began her career at Thomas More in the fall of 1990, teaching classes in theology and social sciences. She is most frequently remembered for her instruction in History and U.S. Government, especially in the Advanced Placement classes. She spent 25 years teaching and sharing her love of Irish culture with students at St. Thomas More, beating cancer twice along the way. Even after her retirement, she has continued to serve as a substitute teacher and she is always present for St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Her love for teaching has been inspiring to her students, with several former students crediting her as the reason they decided to go into teaching. One former student now teaching at St. Thomas More recalled, "I always knew I loved history, but Ms. Cissne especially gave me the added push to use that love of history to become a teacher and influence others and pass that love on." Regina received the Kohl Education Foundation Teacher Fellowship Award in 2012 and was recognized by the St. Thomas More chapter of the Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society as an honorary member.

Outside of her career as a teacher, Regina has been instrumental in the planning and carrying out of Irish Fest for over 40 years, including the last 30 years as the festival's hotel and hospitality coordinator. She has worked with the many famous international artists who perform each year as well as Irish government dignitaries who have attended. She coordinates hundreds of hotel rooms at numerous downtown properties. It is safe to say that her efforts to ensure the care and comfort of these musicians, performers, and dignitaries are integral to the festival's success. In fact, she was named Irish Fest Volunteer of the Year in 2004.

Regina has four children – Michael, Rachel, Brian, and Rebecca – she also has six grandchildren. We are thankful for her decades of commitment to St. Thomas More and we welcome her to the Alumni Hall of Fame.



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