April 27, 2022

Dear Board of Trustees and Members of the Fordham University Community:

As the Speaker of the New York City Council, it gives me great pleasure to commend Father Joseph M. McShane for his distinguished tenure and enduring contributions as President of Fordham University.

Under Father McShane’s leadership, Fordham has enjoyed remarkable growth over the past 19 years both as a fiscally stronger institution and a more diverse study body that reflects the world at large. His many achievements have made him a widely respected and distinguished professional throughout academia and have garnered the University both national and international recognition.

But what has, perhaps, shone the brightest has been his unwavering commitment to helping all students achieve their goals.

Guided by his faith and a deep devotion to the treasured traditions and values for which Fordham has always stood – excellence, integrity, and perseverance – he has served to empower thousands of students as they assume their respective roles as members of a global community.

As he steps down as Fordham’s president, I would like to thank Father McShane for the truly outstanding work that he has done on behalf of the University and its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and families.

Our city is deeply grateful for his legacy of service and we wish him and everyone at Fordham much continued success.

Sincerely,

ADRIENNE E. ADAMS
Speaker