Dear Friends:

Welcome to the dedication of the Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Campus Center at Fordham University.

Founded in 1841 at St. John’s college, Fordham University continues the spirit of the nearly 500-year history of the Jesuit Catholics with their full-hearted engagement and furtherance of justice, wisdom, morality, critical thinking, and caring for others.

As you gather today to dedicate this new campus center, I would like to thank Fordham University President, Father Joseph M. McShane, S.J. for his many years of service to God and to the alum of Fordham.

A native New Yorker, Father McShane entered the Society of Jesus in 1967 and was ordained in 1977. He received both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree from Boston College, and master’s degrees in theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley in 1977 and completed his doctorate in the history of Christianity at the University of Chicago in 1981. His own ties to Fordham go back to his father’s enrollment at the university 93 years ago.

Father McShane has led one of the most remarkable periods of Fordham’s long history, providing much-needed leadership during a global pandemic and a national revival of social justice activism. I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to Father McShane on this great honor and wish him well in his retirement.

Sincerely,

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker