

United States Senate
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April 27, 2022

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

It is an honor to pay tribute to my good friend, Father Joseph McShane, whose impact on Fordham University and the surrounding community over nearly three decades of service has been nothing less than extraordinary.

During his tenure as president, Father McShane and I became friends, and I always looked forward to our frequent lunches together at various Italian restaurants in New York. It's been a true pleasure to get to know Father McShane and understand his passionate commitment to his role as leader and steward of this fine institution.

Fordham has no greater champion than Father McShane.

Over the years, Father McShane not only materially improved Fordham with increased fundraising, new buildings and academic programs, and higher rankings, but he also brought the university closer to the community and its founding Jesuit tradition of engaging with – and improving – the wider world.

We have worked closely together on countless projects and initiatives, most recently the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic that brought unprecedented challenges to colleges and universities.

Father McShane has led the Fordham community of administrators, teachers, and students by example with his fundamental decency and upstanding character, and he leaves this university a more respected, more welcoming, and more secure institution of higher learning than he found it.

For that, we can all be grateful.

I look forward to reading the next chapter in the life of this truly extraordinary public servant, colleague, and above all, friend.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator