April 27, 2022

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

I write to express my deep admiration for the work of Father Joseph M. McShane, and congratulate him on the dedication of The Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Campus Center.

Father McShane has stewarded Fordham University for almost two decades, and I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with him closely in my role as Chair of the State Assembly’s Higher Education Committee. Father McShane’s commitment to Fordham, and to higher education throughout New York State, has made a tangible impact in the lives of so many. Father McShane and I share an abiding respect and regard for the powerful role that higher education can play in the lives of young people, especially those who come from underserved and underrepresented populations. Under his leadership, Fordham has transformed into a prestigious national university, and he leaves the school stronger, more diverse, and more equitable. While Father McShane has credited the Fordham community for the university’s growth, I have no doubt that his warmth, good humor, humility, and wisdom have been critical to the school’s metamorphosis.

I am grateful for Father McShane’s work, and that his legacy will live on at Fordham. I wish him much success (and rest!) in whatever lies ahead, and again congratulate him and the Fordham community on this happy day.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Glick
Assemblymember