



George Latimer  
County Executive

April 27, 2022

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

It is my great pleasure to send greetings to the Fordham University community on the occasion of this historic dedication of the Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Campus Center. As an alum, FCRH '74, I applaud the many accomplishments of Father McShane and his tireless commitment to higher education.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, I turned to Father McShane for guidance and shared a conversation with him live on social media to reach beyond Westchester County. Father McShane has not only shown compassionate leadership to the Fordham University community, but to the community at-large. He is looked upon as a source of faith, understanding both the secular responsibility in education and spiritual responsibility. In these tough times, he has advised people, not just those of the Catholic faith, to dig deeper and look at what is essential in life, helping others reconnect with themselves and ask important questions.

This building will hold more than just symbolic weight for the Fordham University community and future Rams. It will build bridges and create networks from students to faculty, alumni and prospective families. Father McShane leaves behind an indelible legacy after nearly two decades at the helm. His devotion, dedication and commitment has transformed the University, increasing enrollment, diversity and fundraising. His footprint will continue to inspire generations to come.

Best wishes to Father McShane and to my fellow Rams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer".

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