Dear Friends:

As a Fordham LAW ’78 alumnus, I write to commemorate the remarkable legacy of outgoing University President Father Joseph M. McShane. I am honored to recognize Father McShane’s 19 years of service to this institution, during which he presided over the University’s transformation to a prestigious global university. Thanks to his leadership, he leaves Fordham a larger, more prominent institution offering innovative academic programs to the most diverse enrollment ever.

Father McShane’s unwavering commitment to Fordham’s success can be seen across the University’s three campuses which expanded past New York City to include campuses in Westchester and London during his tenure. Among the most visible demonstrations of Father McShane’s legacy can be found in my congressional district at the Lincoln Center campus, which now includes a new law school, residence hall, and campus center. His decisive leadership to make critical investments in university facilities and academic offerings will allow Fordham to attract the next generation of scholars and continue delivering on its mission for years to come.

While Father McShane’s retirement will surely be a loss for the Fordham community, we take great comfort in knowing that he has set the stage for his successor to build on the University’s reputation of excellence. With his history of civic engagement, including his work on civil rights and higher education policy, we know Father McShane will find new ways to continue spreading his influence and serving our community.

I am proud to join you all in congratulating Father McShane on his retirement after 19 years as the 32nd president of Fordham University. We wish him the best in his retirement.

Sincerely,

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