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

On behalf of the New York State Board of Regents, I write to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Father Joseph McShane for his decades of scholarship and service to Fordham University, the borough of the Bronx, and the entire higher education community.

As a proud alumnus of Fordham University (Ed.D., GSE '78), I have closely followed Father McShane's accomplishments over his remarkable tenure as President. It is simply impossible to list all the achievements and ways Fordham has blossomed and thrived under Father McShane's leadership. Fordham's reputation as a world-class institution of higher learning is, in so many ways, a direct result of his tireless efforts, leadership, and devotion to the ideals of access, inclusion, and excellence.

However, it is Father McShane's unrelenting work to make Fordham – and indeed the whole world – a kinder and more equitable place for all that stands out most for me. Under his leadership, Fordham has become a model of diversity and inclusion in both its student and faculty populations. Father McShane has continued to expand the University's well-known partnership with New York City through service, academic partnerships, and numerous other collaborative efforts. Fordham has always understood that institutions of higher education must serve and improve the communities in which they operate.

With the most profound respect and appreciation, the New York State Board of Regents offers Father Joseph McShane peace and fulfillment in his journey ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester W. Young, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Lester W. Young, Jr.
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