



April 27, 2022

To the Fordham Community:

Ninety years ago, Owen Patrick McShane, Father McShane's father, stood on the steps of Freeman Hall and became the first member of his family to graduate from Fordham College. What followed was almost a century of a McShane presence at Fordham University. In the ensuing years, Owen McShane's brother, three of his children, two of his grandchildren and two of his brother's grandchildren received degrees from Fordham University, and his nephew became a highly regarded Professor of Church History at Fordham.

On that spring afternoon in 1932, it is unlikely that Owen McShane could have imagined the important role this great institution would play in the lives of three generations of McShanes and that his son Joe would one day become the thirty-second president of Fordham University. But it is not hard for us to imagine the bursting pride he would have felt were he here with us today, with his wife Cis by his side, celebrating the dedication of this fabulous new Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Campus Center building. Indeed, Father McShane's family gathered here today is filled with that same pride – a pride that by any measure is justified by Father McShane's extraordinary legacy of transformation and accomplishment over these last 19 years of tireless dedication to Fordham.

So, on behalf of the extended McShane family, more than two dozen members of which are here on this wonderful day to join in the celebration, congratulations to "our Joe," as his mother would refer to Father McShane, on this well-earned honor.

Proudly and joyously,

The McShane Family

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*Clockwise from top left:* Owen P. McShane (left) at his 1940 Fordham Law graduation ceremony; Thomas A. McShane (second from right) at his 1982 Fordham Law graduation with Father McShane and their parents, Owen and Catherine; Sarah C. McShane at her 2021 Fordham Law graduation with Father McShane and her parents, Thomas A. McShane and Kitley S. Covill; Jake McShane (second from left) at his 2014 Fordham College at Rose Hill graduation with his parents, Kitley and Thomas, and sister, Sarah; John Shelley McShane (third from right) at his 1969 Fordham College at Rose Hill graduation with (from left) his brothers, Joseph, Owen, and Thomas, and their parents; and Owen P. McShane Jr. at his 1967 Fordham College at Rose Hill graduation with his mother, Catherine, and grandmother Ellen Shelley.