Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the dedication of the Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Campus Center hosted by Fordham University. Since 1841, Fordham University has educated students in the Jesuit tradition, supporting, challenging and empowering young people to become global citizens.

Congratulations are due to tonight’s honoree: Father Joseph M. McShane, Outgoing President of Fordham University. His leadership, service and accomplishments are worthy of your recognition.

Established by Archbishop John Hughes as the first Catholic institution of higher education in the Northeast, Fordham University is a vibrant, inclusive learning community. From its New York City beginnings, Fordham has become a global university, with a campus in London and partnerships with universities in China and South Africa. During Father McShane’s leadership over the past two decades, the university has invested more than $1 billion in major capital projects and expanded its enrollment to over 16,000 students. The dedicated members of the Fordham University community are honoring cherished traditions, and helping create a brighter, more compassionate future for New York State.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

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Thomas P. DiNapoli
State Comptroller