March 11, 2022
Season of Lent

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It is a joy to greet you as you gather to celebrate the Dedication of the Joseph M. McShane, S.J. Campus Center at the Rose Hill Campus of Fordham University. What a fitting honor for Father McShane, who has devoted so much of his life and priesthood to this magnificent university!

The Archdiocese of New York and Fordham University have a long and proud history together, as the university was originally founded by my illustrious predecessor, Archbishop "Dagger" John Hughes. With his expertise, insights, and thoughtful guidance, Father McShane has helped Fordham University develop academically, while at the same time staying true to its Jesuit roots. During his tenure, Fordham has grown in prestige and enrollment, with a new footprint to match. Thank you, Father McShane for ensuring that the “transformative power of the Jesuit education” will continue for new generations of students at Fordham University.

Although I cannot be with you in person, be assured that I am with you in spirit, and that you will all have a special remembrance in my prayers today.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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