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To my DePaul Family

I'm writing to thank you.

This is my final letter to you as your president. I hope I've been a good steward, but I do know one thing for certain. These 13 years have been an extraordinary blessing for me.

It is a blessing to have good work in life. DePaul is truly a noble enterprise. Each day our faculty and staff wake up, come to campus and prepare the next generation. They research, write and consult in nearly every area of human endeavor, bringing the best of current knowledge and research to bear so that the world itself might be improved.

It is a blessing to work alongside good people. I've known amazing student leaders, selfless faculty and staff, politicians who truly believe in public service, corporate and nonprofit leaders who create the most civic-minded city I've ever known, and, yes, extraordinarily generous alumni—one generation literally helping the next—who give scholarships, internships, jobs and advice to our students as they begin their adult lives.

It is a blessing to continue the work of St. Vincent de Paul with all of you. I have frequently said that I believe St. Vincent must be proud to have his name associated 400 years later with the good work that is being done in his name.

DePaul is like a symphony that comes to life each day as all of us—including you, our alumni and friends—gather and take up our various instruments. Thank you for making DePaul what it has become. DePaul is truly a rare treasure, and it has been the great honor of my life to work with you on its behalf. I promise you that I will continue to support this institution for the rest of my life. I look forward to the ways our paths will cross in the future.

May God bless you, and through all of us, may God continue to bless DePaul University.

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