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Dear Greg,

Many have spoken of your extraordinary leadership over these past thirteen years, and I, too, stand in awe and thanks for the way in which the Divinity School has grown since I came here: Most of all, in the beauty of the faculty, not only your recruitment of many with an uncanny ability to see their potential, but also your promoting, uplifting, and highlighting some, who only needed your encouragement to become more than they thought they could be.

I have learned from you that leadership begins in the heart, where there is true servanthip to the Lord. I am grateful to you that you have always been a person of piety first, not presumption.

I really am not sure that there is any group of faculty anywhere in the world that matches ours for brotherly love, effort without competition, earnestness without guile, self-sacrifice without complaint, knowledge without airs, expertise without territories, debate without animosity, prayer with genuineness.

But it takes constant cultivation. We have to be continually surprised by new actions and gestures to cry, "Yes! This is the community I love!" Thank you for your untiring inspiration to think differently and embrace ever new voices in the church and in the world.

Ultimately, the faculty's mission is the students; and ultimately I am grateful to you for them. I can sincerely rejoice in my heart for the education they are receiving, which is possible because you have opened the doors here to such a richness of courses. As a Catholic, I want the students to understand the Catholic tradition, and so you may not know how much all your annual letters of appreciation of my work have meant to me.

It has been a privilege to serve as Faculty Secretary. The time you took to proofread my notes was a gift to me that saved me from a lot of embarrassment, and your constant words of appreciation, while an embarrassment, helped me to take up the task with joy.

May your servanthip and leadership continue as you sail now into wider seas. While I deeply regret having to lose you as Dean, at least the University will have a chance to see what is possible when you are at the helm of its global engagement initiative.

Many blessings and prayers to you and Susan and all your family in this transition,

Love,