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Mr. & Mrs. Joel Feldman
469 Ridge Lane
Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Feldman,

Thank you for your very kind and gracious note. As you might imagine, I was very grateful to receive it. I was also very happy to hear that the Fordham community remains as close and special to you as Casey was and always will be to Fordham.

As you know far better than anyone, Casey was a remarkable young woman. No. I take that back. Casey was not remarkable. She was a star. Moreover, she was a restless, creative star who was always in motion, always spending herself to bring life and joy to all who were lucky enough to have her in their lives. At Fordham, she was at the center of a series of loving and loyal communities, all of which benefitted from her generosity of spirit and her great energy. Therefore, her death has left a void at the very heart of the University. At the same time, however, I would be less than honest if I did not tell you that she continues to be a very real (and quite vibrant) presence in our community. And how could she not be? After all, she taught others how to love, how to write, how to see the world in new and exciting ways, and how to be a true "woman for others". Therefore, she continues to inspire the members of the entire Fordham community and the members of those lively communities that she gathered around herself when she was in McMahon Hall.

Since Casey's influence was (and remains) so powerful in the life of the University, I would like to thank you for sharing her with us. And please remember: just as she will remain a member of Fordham's family forever, you too are members of the University family. Therefore, you too will be remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely,


Joseph M. McShane, S.J.

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