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Dear Friend,

It is not yet ten years since the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary was established in Dundalk. The institution is an undertaking of the Archdiocese of Armagh to form priests for the New Evangelization, these priests being both missionary and diocesan. When the seminarians are ordained, they will be incardinated into the Archdiocese of Armagh to serve in the parishes of the Archdiocese. They will also be available, if required, to serve as missionaries, both in other parts of Ireland and internationally, thus allowing the Archdiocese to have a new missionary thrust answering the Holy Father's call for the New Evangelisation.

At present eighteen young men whose vocations were nurtured by the Neocatechumenal Way, are being formed for the priesthood here. They will be ordained as priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh. While based in Dundalk, the seminarians attend St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, for their academic studies. The formation of these vocations from all over the world is truly a work of the Lord and as the seminary relies on donations, we can see the providence of the Lord at work every day, which assures us that we are supported by the Lord in this work.

In 2015 the Archdiocese of Armagh was able to acquire the old De La Salle House in Dundalk for the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary. In 2015 the original building was beautifully renovated. It was officially opened in November 2016 as the permanent home of the seminary. With the sustained growth of vocations to the seminary over recent years, a significant extension to the seminary is now a necessity for the housing and formation of the seminarians. The Phase II project is now well advanced with building works planned to commence on-site at the start of 2022. Fundraising for the project is ongoing at this time to ensure that the full Phase II plans can be brought to fruition as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Armagh and the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, I would like to thank in advance all those who have supported the Seminary since its establishment. I pray that God will bless the ongoing work at the seminary and its benefactors so that we can continue our important mission of forming priests to serve you and your family in the future, while continuing the Church's mission of announcing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

With every blessing and kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

+ Eamon Martin

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