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Dear Friend,

Just six years ago the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary was established in Dundalk. This institution is an undertaking of the Archdiocese of Armagh to form priests for the New Evangelisation, these priests being both diocesan and missionary. At present, nineteen young men whose vocations were nurtured through the Neocatechumenal Way, are being formed for the priesthood there. They will be ordained as priests of the Archdiocese of Armagh.

The Archdiocese of Armagh was able to acquire the old De La Salle house in Dundalk for the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary. The original building, which had been abandoned for several years and in a poor state of repair, has since been beautifully renovated and officially opened in November 2016 as the permanent home for the seminary. The Family of Nazareth Foundation, a foundation for the promotion of the New Evangelisation and of vocations, helped the Archdiocese to fundraise for, and to supervise, the renovation of this existing building and now stands ready to help to support Phase Two of the project.

With the sustained growth of vocations to the seminary in recent years we are now planning to add an extension to the building to properly accommodate the seminarians' housing and formation.

I have entrusted Fr Giuseppe Pollio, the Rector of the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, together with the Family of Nazareth Foundation, the responsibility of supervising the extension of the seminary. The Family of Nazareth Foundation will continue to co-ordinate the fundraising activities for this important project with the Rector.

I would be most grateful if you would consider helping in this project of renewal, which, with God's help, will be an important centre of the New Evangelisation in Ireland. Thank God, the quick completion of Phase One shows that we are off to a very good start, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Armagh and the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, I would like to thank in advance the Family of Nazareth Foundation for their work and all those who will contribute to Phase Two of this project. I pray that God will bless this project 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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Archbishop of Armagh