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Dear Friend,

Almost three years ago Redemptoris Mater House of Formation was established in Dundalk. This institution is a new undertaking of the Archdiocese of Armagh to form priests for the New Evangelisation who will be both diocesan and missionary. At the moment there are twelve young men in formation at the House of Formation. They have come to us from the Neocatechumenal Way and will be ordained as priests of the Archdiocese of Armagh.

Recently the Archdiocese of Armagh acquired the old De La Salle House in Dundalk. This property will be exclusively used as the new home of the Redemptoris Mater House of Formation. However, the building was abandoned for a number of years and is in a very poor state of repairs. Originally it was built for eight religious brothers, but we now have twelve seminarians in formation and we hope that the number will grow over the coming years, so the building will have to be extended in order to accommodate their housing and formation.

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. I have entrusted Fr. Giuseppe Pollio, the rector of Redemptoris Mater House of Formation, with the responsibility of supervising the refurbishment and extension of the old De La Salle property.

The Family of Nazareth Foundation, a foundation for the promotion of the New Evangelisation and of vocations, will be co-ordinating the fundraising activities for this important project.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Armagh and Redemptoris Mater House of Formation, I would like to thank you in advance for any support you can give us with this project – by way of encouragement, prayers or financial help. I know that God blesses and repays a hundredfold any and all help that we give to Him. In supporting this project you will be assisting the formation of 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 good wish and blessing,

Yours sincerely,

+ Eamon Martin

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