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Dear Friend,

Almost four 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, these will be both diocesan and missionary. At present, there are fourteen young men who are being formed for the priesthood there. These vocations come from the Neocatechumenal Way and will be ordained as priests of the Archdiocese of Armagh.

You may already know that the Archdiocese of Armagh was able to acquire the old De La Salle house in Dundalk. This property will be exclusively used as the new home of the House of Formation. However, the building had been abandoned for a number of years and was in a very poor state of repairs. The Family of Nazareth Foundation has been helping the Archdiocese to fundraise for and to supervise the renovation the existing building. The renovation is going very well and, please God, the seminarians will be able to move in to their new home over the coming summer.

Originally the De la Salle house was built for eight religious brothers, but we now have fourteen seminarians in formation and we hope that the number will grow over the coming years. So as soon as the first phase of the renovation of the current property is completed, we are intending to add an extension to the building in order to properly accommodate the seminarians' housing and formation.

I know that many of you have already helped in this project and I would like to thank you for your help. I would also like to acknowledge the marvellous job done by all those involved in the Family of Nazareth Foundation for their work so far. However, there is still a lot of work to be done and, now that the momentum of building has started, I think it is important that we keep it going. We still need some funds to complete the first phase and to start work on phase two. 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.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Armagh and Redemptoris Mater House of Formation, I would like to thank you in advance for your generous support. I know that God will bless you and repay you a hundredfold for any and all help that you give, so that we can continue our important mission of forming holy priests who will be able 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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