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### **Supporting the construction of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary building**

Dear Friend,

The Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary was established in Dundalk in 2012. This institution is an undertaking of the Archdiocese of Armagh to form priests for the New Evangelization. The vocations to this seminary are nurtured by the Neocatechumenal Way and are being formed for the priesthood here. They will be ordained as priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh.

So far, four priests and a deacon have already been ordained and are serving in the Archdiocese of Armagh. At present, we have eighteen men in formation for the priesthood in this seminary.

*As Archbishop of Armagh, I very much value our connection with the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Dundalk. I am really hopeful that it will bear a great fruit for the Archdiocese of Armagh; for the Church in Ireland and indeed beyond. People are no longer practicing their faith. I believe that something else is needed for our Church! And perhaps the most important thing we need is a missionary heart once more for the Church in Ireland. A heart for the new Evangelization. I genuinely and sincerely believe that that heart has already begun to beat, and it is already beating softly here in Dundalk. We are really gifted in Ireland that we had a tremendous missionary outreach down through the centuries so one of the ingredients of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary that is so important for me is this missionary dimension. It is really a seminary for the New Evangelisation.*

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 works started on 1 June 2022. Significant fundraising already achieved has allowed the building works to start. Much work remains to be done to bring the project to full completion.

I have entrusted Fr Giuseppe Pollio, the Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary, with the responsibility of supervising the extension of the seminary. The Seminary and the Family of Nazareth Foundation are running specific fundraising activities to support the Phase II development. I would be most grateful if you would consider helping in this project, which, with God's help, will be an important centre for the New Evangelization in Ireland.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Armagh and the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, I would like to thank all those who will contribute to Phase II 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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