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TO JOSEPH BELLACOSA: IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

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I am delighted to join in paying tribute to Joseph Bellacosa as he ends another phase of what has been a truly extraordinary career.

Every institution takes its strength from the men and women who give their lives to it. St. John's is immeasurably stronger and better because Joe Bellacosa has, for so many years, shared his great gifts with us. Our University was proud to send him forth with degrees from St. John's College and the School of Law and has always taken special pleasure in the many ways by which we have welcomed him home—as professor, trustee, and most recently, dean. He has shared with our University community his eloquence, his keen sense of justice, and his remarkable intellect. Under his leadership these past four years the School of Law has flourished, enhancing its record of accomplishment and its reputation. We are truly grateful.

We are grateful as well for the ways by which he continues to model values that are central to our University community: a strong faith in God; a love of learning and a commitment to excellence; and a focus on others that manifests itself in a giving heart and a noble record of service.

I know that I speak for all of St. John's in thanking Joe, his wife Mary, and his family for the years that they have given to us. We know that as they move on to the next phase of their lives, they will continue to be joined to our University by bonds of love and loyalty. Joe and Mary—know that we are proud of

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you and grateful for all you have done for us and that we wish for you all of the blessings that life has to offer.