

Thank You

From Mary Deeley

To our wonderful Students, Associates, Faculty, Staff, Alumni/ae, and Friends

I simply want to say “Thank you.” Thank you to the Director/Chaplains of Sheil who mentored and supported my ministry and became friends along the way. You are models of ministry, preachers of the Good News, and compassionate and caring guides to Jesus.

Thank you to my staff colleagues – all of you. Nobody had more fun than us. We laughed and cried together, weathered the challenges of transition and tensions, and urged each other on to do our best for this community. I have learned much from you about teamwork and I know that God will continue to guide this spirited, grace-filled group in the years to come.



Thank you to our Associates and Friends – our partners in mission. Your desire to make a vibrant community for students at Northwestern moved you to volunteer your time, talent, and treasure to cook, serve, host thanksgiving meals and rides to the airport, and welcome and talk with students as they embraced an adult faith. Your generosity helped keep us afloat in the lean times and provided more than we could hope for in the rest of them. I am also grateful for your support of my ministry among you. I know you will welcome Crystal, our new campus minister, with equal grace.

Finally, thank you to our students – all of you in all the years I have been here. You were so much of the reason I came. You taught me a lot about being faithful in the midst of questions. Walking with you toward that great light which is the glory of God has been one of the great privileges and blessings in my life. I would gladly stay were it not for the insistent call of Jesus telling me it’s time to fish off the other side of the boat. Handing our lives over to Christ is something we don’t ever stop practicing and that’s something I have preached to you on more than one occasion.

My prayer for the entire Sheil community is that you may be so filled with the love of Christ that his presence will be evident to all whom you meet.

Mary