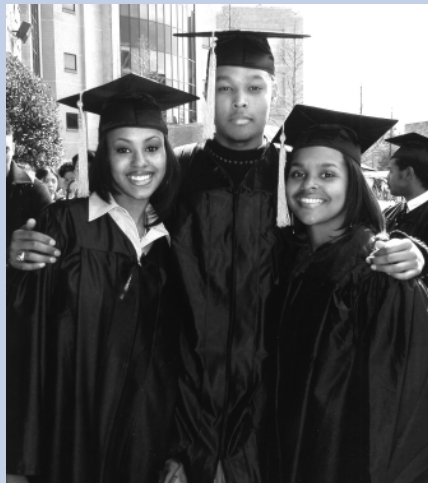
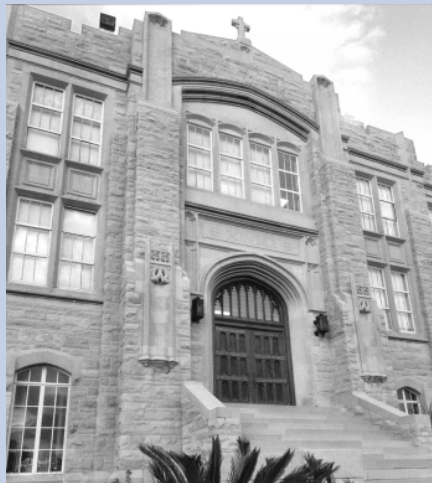


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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

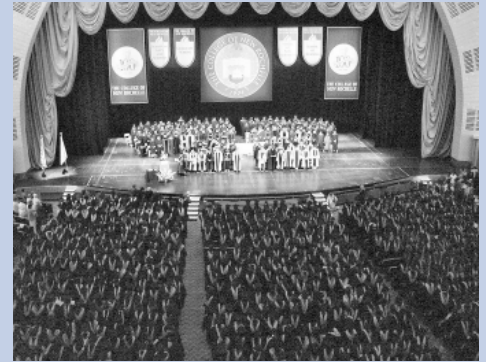
Dear Members of  
The College of New Rochelle Family,

The College's 99th Commencement will take place on May 25th, again this year at New York's Radio City Music Hall. We will celebrate the achievements of our graduates and the faculty and staff, as well, for calling forth in each other our best efforts.

As we appropriately glory in our success and enjoy it with family and friends this year, we will turn outward to share our celebration with our brothers and sisters in the battered City of New Orleans. You know very well the devastation of hurricane Katrina, with its loss of life, property and threat to the very future of that great and historic American community.

We know we cannot personally meet all the needs of the people of New Orleans, as much as we might yearn to do so. We can, however, make a real difference in the future of one important part of this hurting city. I am talking of our sister college in New Orleans, Xavier University, the nation's only Catholic black college.

Like CNR, Xavier started as a small liberal arts college founded by Catholic nuns to provide college degrees to a population excluded from higher education. In 1915, Philadelphia heiress Katherine Drexel, declared Saint Katherine by Pope John Paul II in 2000, and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, went to New Orleans to open a school for Black students. Today it is the number one college in the nation in the number of African American undergraduates receiving degrees in Biology and the life sciences and the Doctor of Pharmacy



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Dr. Norman C. Francis

Under the brilliant leadership of a truly great educator and president, Dr. Norman C. Francis, the College reopened in time for the second semester of the school year. With remarkable faith and determination, working twenty-four hours a day, guided by Dr. Francis, Xavier University of Louisiana came back to life. Happily, the University is very much alive. But much still needs to be done to guarantee its full recovery and future promise.

This year, the College's Board of Trustees and I have invited Xavier's President, Dr. Norman Francis, to receive an honorary degree at Commencement and to give the Commencement address. Dr. Francis is legendary in American higher education. He has been President at Xavier for 38 years, a

feat that makes him now the longest serving university president in the United States. Distinguished and accomplished in so many ways, all quite remarkable, our honored guest Dr. Francis, beyond all this, has presided over his university in its devastation and now in its determined efforts at resurrection with great grace and the gift of charismatic leadership. With admiration we welcome him to our Commencement, are honored as he joins the Class of 2006, and reach out in support of his work to restore Xavier University.

I invite all members of the College family to join in our support of Xavier University of New Orleans through some financial contribution. It would be wonderful if I could tell Dr. Francis that a large part of our family of 7000 students, 38,000 graduates, faculty, staff, trustees and friends

shared in Xavier's struggle as they face the challenge of rebuilding. It may seem a bit odd that I would encourage donations to Xavier. However, I believe it is part of our nature as Catholic institution to reach out to those most in need. Xavier needs our help, and I know the nation and all of us will be better for their restored health. I do know your contribution will be deeply appreciated and will do enormous good. You may use the attached envelope for your gift.

As we celebrate Commencement 2006, we do so in our special CNR way – reaching out to those who need us. Thank you, dear members of the CNR family, for your consideration of joining the Class of 2006 in their graduation gift to Xavier University. Your special generosity is never taken for granted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Sweeney".

Stephen J. Sweeney, Ph.D.  
President

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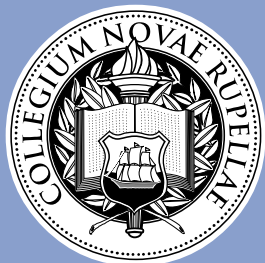


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Xavier New Orleans Fund, 29 Castle Place, New Rochelle, New York 10805



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