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Dear Friends,

As we continue to move forward in this spring semester, I write with two pieces of exciting news concerning our University Mission. First, many of you may be aware that we are in the midst of the Mission Priority Examen (MPE), which is a process in which each Jesuit college and university participates in a period of reflection over how well they are living up to their mission. [At this webpage, you can see specific details about our MPE, including the Self-Study Committee.](#) Our last MPE took place in the 2017-18 academic year and many of you were instrumental in our success. I am hoping that you will all consider having your voice heard in our communal discernment this year. To that end, I wish to announce the following opportunities to gather for such reflection. Please RSVP by clicking the link for the meeting(s) that you wish to attend, so we can order enough food:

1. [Open Forum for students - Tuesday, February 24th 11:30-1 in ELH 235](#)
2. [Open Forum for staff – Wednesday, February 25th at 12:00pm in ELH 235](#)
3. [Open Forum for staff – Friday, March 6th at 9am in ELH 235](#)
4. [Open Forum for students - Tuesday, March 10th at 5:30pm in ELH 235](#)
5. Open Forum for friends of campus (alumni, parents, and community partners) – Wednesday, March 25th at 6pm on ZOOM
6. [Open Forum for faculty – Wednesday, April 8th at 12pm in ELH 235](#)
7. [Open Forum for faculty - Tuesday, April 14th at 9am in ELH 235](#)
8. Open Forum for all faculty, staff, and students – Friday, April 17th at 3pm on ZOOM

Also, I want to let you know that The University of Scranton has recently unveiled a brand new document entitled “[The Beloved Community: Our Commitment to Human Dignity.](#)” This plan recognizes the rich Catholic, Jesuit tradition, which we treasure here at the university. It highlights various aspects of our way of proceeding, many of which are explicitly supported by Catholic magisterial documentation. I invite you to peruse this plan, so we can determine together how we might best live up to our common heritage.

Yours faithfully,

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President