



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

September 23, 2021

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to welcome all those gathered to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Saint Xavier University and offer my sincere congratulations on this momentous occasion.

Saint Xavier University was founded in 1846 by the Sisters of Mercy, becoming the first Catholic university in Chicago and the first Mercy institution of higher learning in the world. As one of the oldest educational institutions in Chicago, Saint Xavier University has continued to grow and educate people through epidemics, the Great Chicago Fire, and other challenges by continuing to adapt with the addition of new buildings, innovative programming, athletic programs, and inclusiveness.

This event presents the opportunity to come together to celebrate the achievements over the past 175 years with a special Spirit of Mercy Day Mass, a Student Leader Commissioning art gallery exhibit, and Homecoming celebrations. From a commencement for a graduating class of two students in 1919, to the largest incoming freshman class in its history in 2021, Saint Xavier has helped more than 40,000 alumni build productive and successful lives. I commend and congratulate Saint Xavier University for 175 of success and excellence.

I hope your event is memorable and enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor