



December 8, 2022

Tania Tetlow  
President  
Fordham University  
441 East Fordham Road  
Bronx, NY 10458

Dear President Tetlow:

We are writing in support of the 600+ members of Fordham Faculty United (FFU), a chapter of SEIU Local 200United, who are fighting for a progressive and equitable contract with Fordham University.

Since March 2022, both full- and part-time non-tenured faculty members across Fordham University's three campuses in the Bronx, Manhattan and Westchester, have engaged in good faith negotiations with the university over fair compensation, health benefits, job security and expanded professional development.

However, those conversations are currently on pause.

The rising cost of living is dramatically impacting people across the State. Astronomical rents in New York City, as well as the debilitating cost of health insurance, are forcing people to work two or more jobs to make ends meet. It would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for Fordham faculty earning a mere \$18,000 a year, to continue paying rent, putting food on the table, covering health insurance costs and travel expenses, on a paltry 3% raise. An annual \$100 health savings card would barely cover a fraction of an individual's monthly health insurance costs.

Fordham, a university rooted in Jesuit values, must once again come to the negotiating table to ensure that its employees are provided a fair, livable wage. The sacrifices made by faculty during and after the COVID-19 pandemic must be recognized by Fordham, and we urge the university to stand by its mission of justice and service by offering FFU a fair contract.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Rosenthal  
New York State Assemblymember

Hon. Jerrold Nadler  
U.S. Representative

Brad Hoylman  
New York State Senator