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Dear Professor Watson.

On behalf of the Board of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery and the Executive Director, Professor Thomas Kearns, I am delighted to inform you that the RCSI Surgery and Post Graduate Faculties Board (SPFB) has ratified your nomination as an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery (FFNMRCSI Hon).

The Faculty awards its highest honour and most prestigious award to individuals who make significant, sustained and important contributions to the nursing and midwifery professions and/or healthcare delivery for the benefit of society.

The Board recognises the significance of your contribution across these domains, particularly your lifetime of outstanding work in nursing research and scholarship. As a Faculty of nurses and midwives, we are particularly delighted to honour your trailblazing work in the development of theoretical constructs underpinning the science of caring and its evolution. Your seminal work has been instrumental in providing meaningful foundations, frameworks and concepts to support the work of nurses and midwives, and indeed, provide a philosophical-ethical approach through which nursing work can be both articulated and understood. This is all the more significant in the context of your work, when nursing research in particular and scholarship were in their infancy.

The Faculty was honoured to hear you speak at our virtual conference in 2020, and hear, first-hand, about your latest scholarship on caring science, and the incorporation of Caritas to further develop your earlier work, and provide the nursing and midwifery professions with new philosophical understandings, within which to situate their work.

I am delighted to confirm that the Conferring Ceremony for Honorary Fellowship will take place in RCSI on Wednesday 23 February 2022 as part of the Faculty's celebration of the Faculty's 40th Annual Conference. The evening will begin at approximately 5pm, and conclude at 10.30pm approximately. A detailed itinerary will be made available closer to the time.

The Faculty is hoping to host the ceremony as an in-person event, however, the evolving pandemic situation will be under constant review and public health guidance will determine changes to this current.

Please be advised that Honorary Fellows shall not assume the title until he/she has made the declaration at the Conferring Ceremony.

Sincere congratulations; the Faculty is honoured to have such a distinguished, dedicated and pioneering leader joining our network of global Fellows.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Faculty.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Michael Shannon,

Dean

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