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Dear Alexei,

I want to send congratulations to the St Andrew's Biblical-Theological institute in Moscow on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary. It is a great achievement that this institution has now existed for a quarter of a century. It came into being at an important time in Russian history. Its vision of providing a sound academic training in theology was timely, as was its hope to create an intellectual bridge and framework for dialogue between East and West. The Institute has given me personally a chance to meet with Russian scholars and thinkers, and for this I am grateful. I know others feel the same. A lot of work has gone into making the Institute what it is today: a centre for theology and religious thought, with a strong record of publishing and an international reputation. It has not always been easy, but nothing good happens without hard work. Many congratulations to you and your colleagues, and best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,



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