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**To Dr Alexei Bodrov
and all the Staff of Saint Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute**

It is with pleasure that on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Saint Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute, to be celebrated on 23 September 2015, I express my heartfelt congratulations on behalf of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

Through its many activities, including the extensive work of translating and editing, the organization of international symposia, and the provision of academic tuition, Saint Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute in Moscow has made a significant contribution to theological renewal in Russia. Moreover, your Institute has played over the last 25 years a leading role in facilitating encounter and exchange between Christians of the East and the West, responding to the Lord's prayer that all may be one so that the world may believe (Jn 17:21).

It is with great joy that I reflect also on the longstanding cooperation between Saint Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. I express my prayerful best wishes that your Institute may continue its outstanding work for many years, and I assure you, together with all your staff, of my warmest greetings in the Lord as well as my closeness in prayer.

Yours sincerely,



Kurt Cardinal Koch
President