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Dear Colleagues of Concordia,

Grace and peace in Christ to you.

I regret that I am unable to join you for the official ceremony for the dedication of the College's new gymnasium as I will be in Poland for the General Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation.

This dedication is significant event in the life of Concordia as a school of the Lutheran Church. Martin Luther not only brought reform to Church life, but also to the work of educating young people.

In Luther's childhood, schooling was firmly locked into language and grammar which were and still are essential. But especially in Germany, Luther helped established a wholistic approach to education which included disciplines such as music and physical development.

This new gymnasium at Concordia takes up that tradition, and it will contribute to the education and personal development of a new generation of young people.

I pray for God's abundant blessing on the staff students and families of Concordia as you work together in the journey of good Christian schooling.

Your fellow in Christ,

+ Paul Bishop Lutheran Church of Australia & New Zealand

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