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Dear Protopresbyter Valery:

On behalf of the students, faculty, and administration of Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, New York, I offer my congratulations on the occasion of your 90th birthday, a longevity to which most of us can only aspire.

That most of your long life has been devoted to selfless service to our Lord, to His Church, and to cultivating Russian Orthodoxy in this land is a testament to your character and a shining model for our seminarians in Jordanville.

I am delighted that the current, as well as some recent, seminarians who have been graced with the Protopresbyter Valery Lukianov Scholarship for their studies at Holy Trinity Seminary are with you today to celebrate the occasion and to honor you personally.

Alas, I am unable, due to an unanticipated health problem, to accompany them and the several faculty and administrators who have made the trek to New Jersey this weekend.

Nonetheless, I embrace you spiritually and kiss your right hand as a junior brother priest and ask the Lord's blessing upon you, your family, and the clergy and faithful of the cathedral that you—and the Lord!—built: St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

Your brother in Christ,

Archpriest Alexander F. C. Webster
Dean & Professor of Moral Theology