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Fr. Paul Lundberg and the organizing committee of the “Connect” Conference

My Beloved Children in Christ,

*“We become strong in the name of the Lord our God.”
(Psalm 20)*

I greet you with love and joy in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as I offer to you my best wishes and my fervent prayers for a successful young adult conference. Truly, a gathering of adults from the ages of 21 to 39, whose stated intention is “to better connect us to our faith, the Church, and each other” is blessed for its intention alone. I commend you for understanding the spiritual need in a group that often finds itself in unique, beautiful and vulnerable stages in life.

Then I see how you have chosen to address the theme of this inaugural gathering, “Finding Christ in Everyday Life”, and I am even more heartened. Your list of speakers and session leaders encompasses a wonderful range: from His Grace Bishop Gregory Tatsis, to iconographers and poets, and heads of businesses both large and small. Indeed it is a positive development to have a group of people who will be able to address the joys and challenges of living a truly Orthodox existence, not just in church, but within the outside world as well, on levels professional and personal.

Therefore, I am most pleased to give my blessing to that which I am certain will not only be a productive and enlightening weekend, but a joyous opportunity for our young people to strengthen existing bonds and create new friendships with likeminded Orthodox young adults.

As you continue to gather attendees, and make final preparations, I pray that the Grace and Love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you now and always, as you receive His gifts of wisdom, zeal and abundant joy! I remain,

Paternally yours with love in our Lord,

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