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SPEAKING OF BLESSINGS

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Concordia College in Edmonton, and I invite you to join all of us at Concordia in thanking God for His never-failing grace and mercy, and for the many ways in which He continues to bless the college and the work we are doing here.

Speaking of blessings, I would like to mention in particular the many dedicated Christians in our congregations throughout Canada and the United States who, from the very beginning in 1921, have continued to support the college in countless ways.

The pioneers of our church in Western Canada deserve special mention in this regard, and I am thinking now of one person in particular. That is Dr. Albert H. Schwermann, the first president of Concordia, who will be celebrating his 90th birthday in this 60th anniversary year on June 13, 1981.

I have been reading Dr. Schwermann's short history of Concordia College entitled "Recollections of a President Emeritus". As a result I have come to appreciate more fully the wonderful heritage that has been passed on to us, under the Lord's guidance and blessing, by the pioneers of our church in Western Canada.

Our college is a priceless gift - one that we all, I am sure, want to treasure and keep, not only for ourselves, but also for our children and for generations yet unborn.

I am coming to you in this letter with an appeal for your continued support of the college, and at this particular time with a request for a special 60th anniversary thankoffering.

Your gift of \$60 offered today will become tomorrow's heritage. And as a token of our thanks and a memento of Concordia's 60th anniversary, we want to send you a copy of Dr. Schwermann's "Recollections" with your receipt. A special form is enclosed with an envelope for your convenience.

Thank you most sincerely, and may God's blessing continue to rest upon you.

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Acting President

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