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Dear Ernie,

What a milestone this is in the life of the institution that you established and put on such an extraordinarily productive course of development. Paraphrasing someone who is perhaps best recalled in paraphrase, one would have to say that “Today Latin America, Tomorrow the World” reasonably characterizes what has grown out of your dedicated vision and effort so (unbelievably) many decades ago. Clearly, what you put in place has flourished beyond all reasonable anticipation over the years since Fr. Hesburgh bought into your vision and put the resources of the campus behind your initiative. To be sure, the dedicated faculty who joined you at the outset of this great undertaking merit much praise also for the launching of this exceptional trajectory of academic inquiry, but I recall full well how central your vision and effort, not to mention your skill in intramural negotiation, were to the outcome that we now celebrate—even those of us who do so at a distance.

I took the liberty, prompted by the message from Sharon Schierling, who told me of the upcoming occasion, to look up the current website of the Institute. How astounding. Whereas development has all but disappeared from so many academic programs these days, the intellectual forces Notre Dame still marshals in pursuit of a greater understanding of the development process are, simply, overwhelming. This is as it should be inasmuch as even more people in the world today are struggling to attain a better life. And while there has been heartening progress in a number of the Latin American countries that composed the original focus of the Institute, to say nothing of the Asian success stories, “what is to be done?” remains as urgent a question as ever, to reference the European intellectual who was looking at the original region of accelerated development. In short, you launched a magnificent undertaking that has few parallels today, and in absentia I want to join the others closer at hand who are toasting the success of your amazing undertaking. *Ad multos annos* was the wish that infused the thinking and hopes of all of us who were lucky to be there at the outset. Nowadays we reiterate it in gratitude for the outcome and your central role in it.

With heartfelt best wishes for the months and years ahead,

Bill Glade
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