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It is with great joy that I send my prayers and best wishes to the Trustees and supporters of the new Stonyhurst Foundation. Stonyhurst is the oldest continuously active Jesuit school in the world and, as such, is dear to the hearts of all who value the heritage and traditions of Jesuit education. Men and women from Stonyhurst have made an extraordinary contribution to the life of the Church and to our Jesuit mission over the last 425 years. The school is a beacon of academic excellence and of Faith that does Justice.

The aim of the Stonyhurst Foundation – to make an education at this school available to as many young people as possible, irrespective of means – is entirely consistent with the spirit of Jesuit education. St Ignatius himself was a prolific fundraiser in aid of our schools. Stonyhurst has always endeavoured to be as 'means blind' as possible in accepting pupils, and the work of the Foundation will advance this aim even further.

With all best wishes,

(Fr) Damian Howard SJ

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