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Dear Friends of the Marquette Lonergan Project,

As we come to the end of the summer, it is time for me to bring all of you up to date once again on the comings and goings of the Marquette Lonergan Project and to ask for your continued help. Our work this past year includes the following.

1 The International Institute for Method in Theology.

We are co-sponsoring this new venture with the Lonergan Research Institute at Regis College in the University of Toronto and with the Faculty of Theology at the Gregorian University, Rome. We have added 15 new members to the Institute’s research teams, bringing us to a total of 54. These men and women are divided into five research groups, each of which is working on a specific project eventually to find its way into series of publications through Marquette University Press. The working groups are: systematic theology, philosophy, economics for humane globalization, creating an ecological culture, and critical-realistic hermeneutics.

The annual Lonergan Colloquium at Marquette is now devoted to the work of the Institute. We got off to a very good start this year with a colloquium devoted to the work of the Economics group. Paul St. Amour’s keynote lecture, ‘Lonergan and Piketty on Income Inequality,’ is available on www.lonerganresource.com, under Events/Lectures. Excellent lectures were also given by Kate Ward and Robert Rivera.

The next colloquium will be held in March of 2019 (dates to be announced) and will be centered on Critical-realistic hermeneutics.

2 Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan

Volume 9, The Redemption, will be published within the next six months. As for volume 25, Archival Material, the final volume in the set, the first part, which consists of Lonergan’s papers on history written in the 1930s, has been edited. But more work remains to be done on this volume.

3 The Archive Website

During the past year, there have been uploaded to www.bernardlonergan.com the recordings of the conversations at Thomas More Institute that were edited into the book Caring about Meaning. The audio recordings were restored by Greg Lauzon. Relevant archival numbers are 98501A0E080, 98502A0E080, 98503A0E080, 98504A0E080, 98505A0E080, 98506A0E080, 98507A0E080, 99709A0E080, and 99710A0E080.

23900DTE040, a translation of 'De novissimis' (23900DTL040) was added to the website. The item contains earlier material on the natural desire to see God than is found in 'De ente supernaturali' and earlier elements in a still-emerging cognitional theory.

Lonergan’s 1956-57 Lectures on the positive/dogmatic portion of Trinitarian theology. Lonergan's first published work on the positive/dogmatic portion of Trinitarian theology was in 1961: De Deo Trino: Pars Analytica. But he lectured on this material earlier in Rome, and student notes of those lectures have been preserved in the library of the Lonergan Research Institute, Toronto. 14500DTL040 is a version of these Latin notes edited by Robert M. Doran. Michael Shields has translated the notes, and his translation appears here as 14600DTE050.
4 The Resource Website

In addition to Paul St. Amour’s lecture on Lonergan and Piketty, the following items were made available this year on www.lonerganresource.com:

(a) We began this last year making available the lectures delivered at the annual meeting of the Lonergan Philosophical Society. The following lectures were delivered, as part of the American Catholic Philosophical Association meeting held in Dallas, TX, in November 2017: Daniel Arioli, Lonergan and Heidegger; Michael Sharkey, Response to Daniel Arioli; Gregory Floyd, Where Does Hermeneutics Lead?; Brad Stone, Response to Gregory Floyd

(b) Also, within the past year Greg Lauzon’s audio recordings of the proceedings of the 2009 Lonergan Workshop at Boston College were uploaded to this website.

5 Writing and Lectures

I’m happy to say that the second volume of my own work, The Trinity in History: A Theology of the Divine Missions, will soon be published by University of Toronto Press. The subtitle is Missions, Relations, and Persons. I have begun work on volume 3: Redeeming History.

I was honored to be invited to the Gregorian University in May to deliver a lecture as part of a mini-Workshop on Ignatius Loyola and Lonergan. My lecture was on the respective Trinitarian visions of Ignatius and Lonergan. It will be published soon by Gregorian University Press, and a video of the gathering will be available on the Gregorian website.

So it has been another productive year for the Marquette Lonergan Project. We continue to work toward establishing a $2 million endowment. We are better than one-tenth of the way toward that goal. It’s slow going, but I’m proud to let you know again of a substantial gift from my own Arrupe House Jesuit Community, another donation of $50,000. If any of you can help us move incrementally to our long-range goal, it will be greatly appreciated. Please send your donation, with checks payable to Marquette University and marked as specified for the Lonergan Project, to:

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Thanks very much!

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