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Dear Friends of the Lonergan Archive and Resource Websites,

Here we are at the beginning of a new academic year. The summer went by quickly for me, but was very productive for our work. I have lots to report. The past year has seen many developments.

First, at the Marquette Lonergan Colloquium in late March we launched an entirely new project: **The International Institute for Method in Theology**. The Institute is jointly sponsored by the Marquette Lonergan Project, the Lonergan Research Institute at Regis College in the University of Toronto, and the Faculty of Theology at the Gregorian University, Rome. It is meant to fulfill a long-held dream of Bernard Lonergan, who stamped many of the books found in his library after his death “Institute for Method in Theology.”

The Institute has already assembled five teams of researchers to go to work in distinct but related fields: **systematic theology, philosophy, economics for humane globalization, creating an ecological culture, and critical-realist hermeneutics**. A total of 39 men and women have been assembled to constitute these teams, each with its own coordinator: Darren Dias for systematic theology, Brian Bajzek for philosophy, Joseph Ogbonnaya for economics, Lucas Briola for ecology, and Joseph Gordon for hermeneutics.

Greg Lauzon and I are working to put together a new configuration of Marquette Lonergan Project **websites**, so as to accommodate the work of the Institute. In all likelihood, we will migrate the current Archive and Resource websites from their current “custom” formats to “open source” formats, and at the beginning simply add a new division to the Resource site, for the work of the Institute. But in due time we will probably want to create a third site for the Institute and perhaps put all three sites under one umbrella. We are taking this step by step, but things are definitely in motion. By the end of the March colloquium, I was able to say confidently and publicly, **“This enterprise has traction. It will prosper.”** I’m especially delighted at the presence of **so many young and talented scholars** on the five teams and very happy at their enthusiasm.

Jonathan Bernier has already created **Facebook and Twitter accounts** for the Institute. If you wish to read the **lecture** that I delivered in March to launch the Institute, you can go directly to www.lonerganresource.com and find the paper under Events/Lectures: **“The International Institute for Method in Theology: A Vision.”**

The other, longer-standing tasks of the Marquette Lonergan Project also were significantly moved forward in the past year. Here is a rundown.

Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan. Last summer, *A Second Collection*, edited by John Dadosky and me, was published by University of Toronto Press. In February, *A Third Collection*, also edited by John and me, was published. In July, *Method in Theology*, a third book edited by John and me, was published. And in July, I submitted to University of Toronto Press the text of volume 9, *The Redemption*, translated by Michael G. Shields and edited by H. Daniel Monsour, Jeremy D. Wilkins, and myself. This means that only one more volume needs to be produced, volume 25, *Archival Material*. John Dadosky and I have begun work on this volume. **The end is in sight!**

At this time, I want to acknowledge **the support that Marquette University has given** for over ten years to the Collected Works project. While the Lonergan Research Institute continues to fund the production of the volumes due to a grant from the Malliner Foundation, the great bulk of the work of editing the volumes has been funded by Marquette University since 2006. While I continue to draw attention to Marquette’s support in the General Editors’ Preface to each volume, I think it should be highlighted in this letter as well. The Collected Works are truly a joint project of the LRI and the Marquette Lonergan Project.

The Archive Website. During the past year, there have been uploaded to www.bernardlonergan.com recordings of the following events from 1982: Four question-and-answer sessions from the Boston College Lonergan Workshop of that year (**Lonergan's last appearance at the Workshop**), and the recordings of Lonergan's seminar on Macroeconomics and the Dialectic of History (**the last time he offered this seminar**). The audio recordings have been restored by Greg Lauzon, and I have provided transcriptions of the Q&A sessions from the Workshop and short descriptions of each item in the seminar. Relevant archival numbers are 99910A0E080, 99920A0E080, 99930A0E080, and 99940A0E080 for the Workshop recordings, and 99601A0E080 to 99612A0E080 for the economics seminar.

The Resource Website. During the past year, there have been uploaded to www.lonerganresource.com the following: (1) Recording of the proceedings of the Marquette Lonergan Project Colloquium March 30-31, at which the Institute was launched; (2) recording of the proceedings of 'Dialectical Traditionalism,' a conference sponsored by the Lonergan Research Institute in February of this year; (2) my volumes of essays entitled *Theological Foundations: Intentionality and Psyche* and *Theological Foundations: Theology and Culture* (both originally published by Marquette University Press); (3) Michael Shute, *The Origins of Lonergan's Notion of the Dialectic of History*; (4) recording of the proceedings of 'Lonergan on the Edge' from September 2016; and (5) my book *Subject and Psyche*, published by Marquette University Press in 1994. All of the recordings were produced by Greg Lauzon, working for the Marquette Lonergan Project.

So it has been an extremely productive year for the Marquette Lonergan Project. We continue to work toward establishing a **\$2 million endowment**. We are about one-tenth of the way toward that goal. I'm proud to let you know of two substantial gifts from Jesuit sources. This past year, my Arrupe House Jesuit Community donated from its surplus for the year a very generous gift of \$50,000. And for the third year in a row, the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus sent us a money order in Euros amounting to more than \$5,000.

If everyone who reads this letter could contribute even \$50.00, we would advance significantly in our pursuit. Think about it!

If you are able to contribute to the work of the Project, 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!

Sincerely yours,

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