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This past term has been a busy one at the Loneragan Research Institute. The biggest news is that volume nine of the Collected Works, *The Redemption*, was published in November. Congratulations and thanks to Robert Doran, H. Daniel Monsour, Jeremy Wilkins for their work as editors and Michael G. Shields for his work as translator. Due to the labour disputes occurring at Canada Post, I made an executive decision to delay the distribution of complimentary copies until the new year. Those should go out in early January.

In October, Michael Vertin honoured us by delivering the Annual Loneragan Lecture, entitled “Self-Appropriation and Ecumenical Dialogue: A Hypothesis.” Professor Vertin also presented at the October Loneragan Graduate Seminar, asking “What is a Dialectical Disagreement?” Reid Locklin and Matt Thollander graciously gifted us with their responses. Zane Chu presented at the November Graduate Seminar, on “The Law of the Embrace: Thomas Aquinas, Bernard Lonergan, and Miroslav Volf on the Redemption,” to which Beth McCutcheon responded. There was general agreement that the combination of a Catholic presenter and Protestant respondent made for a particularly fruitful dialogue. Fiona Li moderated both the October and November seminars, and Robyn Boéré and Matt Thollander provided logistical support. We are very grateful for their contributions.

Looking ahead to next term, we have two Graduate Seminars scheduled. In January 18, John Dadosky will present on “Further along the Fourth Stage of Meaning: Lonergan, Alterity, and Genuine Religion,”

to which I will respond. On March 15, Jordan Ryan of the University of Dubuque will present on “Collingwood’s *Idea of History* in Lonerganian Philosophy of History and Its Relevance for the Historical Interpretation of the New Testament,” with respondent to be decided. Prof. Ryan and I are currently exploring the possibility of an edited volume on Lonerganian contributions to historical Jesus studies, which would engage with the legacy of Ben F. Meyer and also consider future avenues for research. I would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in such a volume.

On a more personal note, in November, I went to Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Denver, where I secured a contract for my third book, *Rethinking the Dates of the New Testament*. This long-percolating book was to be my second, before the opportunity for what became my second book presented itself somewhat unexpectedly. When published, it will represent only the second completed monograph since the 1890s which seeks to critically establish the dates for the entirety of the New Testament texts. I cannot say enough good about how supportive the LRI board has been about my research in this area, and for that I am quite grateful.

Concluding with a spirit of gratitude, thank you to all those who have supported the LRI’s work in various ways in the past as well as the present. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

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