



The Lonergan Research Institute

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Dear Friends and Supporters of the LRI,

As we draw to the close of 2023, I'd like to share with you a few reasons for the LRI to be grateful. Most significantly, all 25 volumes of the Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan have been published by the University of Toronto Press. This is a great testament to the ongoing significance of Bernard Lonergan's thought; few other scholars, let alone theologians, have had their corpus published by such a prestigious secular academic press. This wonderful achievement is the result of the collaborative efforts of so many people associated with the LRI, past and present. I can't help but remember with gratitude the pioneering Jesuits who initiated and shepherded this project over the decades: Frederick Crowe, Robert Doran, Michael Shields, and Robert Croken, to name a few. I'm also thankful for the support of Regis College who nurtured this enterprise as the academic home of the LRI.

This past year also marked the completion of the strategic visioning of the LRI that began in the midst of the pandemic in 2019. We were led in this discernment process by Sr. Laurence Loubieres, who was recently elected Superior General of the Xaviere Sisters. Four priorities for our future came out of the visioning process: to make Lonergan's archive even more widely accessible, particularly through the digital sphere; to build a more diverse intellectual community; to leverage Lonergan as a Canadian thinker; and to facilitate the institutional transformation of the LRI. We are grateful to all our stakeholders and friends for participating in this multi-year process.

In July 2022 Regis College federated with the Faculty of Theology of the University of St Michael's College. The LRI now benefits from the dynamic synergy of these two venerable institutions that continue to disseminate Lonergan's thought through the teaching and research of their faculty members and the scholarship of their graduate students. The new federation makes for an even stronger center for excellence in Roman Catholic theology at the heart of the Toronto School of Theology ecumenical consortium in the University of Toronto.

This was also a year of transition for the LRI. Our former Director, Dr. Jonathan Bernier, is now teaching full-time at Regis College. We are grateful for Jonathan's directorship of the LRI over the years, especially during the pandemic. Patrick Nolin, LRI Senior Research Assistant and doctoral student writing on Paul Ricoeur and Robert Doran continues to be instrumental in his support of the LRI. The Board is now discerning the future leadership of the LRI, taking into account the completion of the publication of the Collected Works, the strategic visioning priorities, and the Regis-St Michael's federated faculty of theology. Indeed, these are exciting times for the LRI, and the new year promises to bring novelty and creativity with it.

I'd like to close by expressing my gratitude to so many of you who support the mission of the LRI through your financial donations, prayers, and time. There would be no LRI without the support of friends like you who care about this mission and want to continue strengthening it as a vital part of Toronto and the wider Lonergan community of scholarship. The LRI needs your support to navigate this transitional time and to continue its mission to care for the archives and promote, develop, and implement Lonergan's work.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the LRI, I wish you all the very best for the Advent-Christmas season.

Darren Dias, OP
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