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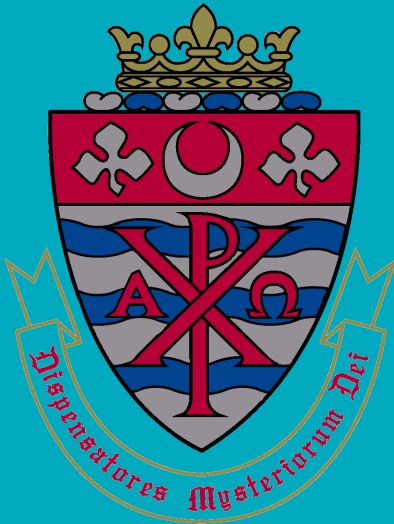
Lonergan: Tradition & Innovation

Course for
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Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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How link history and innovation, identity and mission? How link historical studies in theology with doctrinal, systematic and pastoral studies? This was precisely the aim of the Canadian Jesuit philosopher-theologian, Bernard Lonergan, S.J. (1904-1984) in his emphasis on theological method. All the specialties in theology, when working together, help us to hear the Word of God out of the past so as to speak that Word in the present for the future. While outlining the specific early influences on Lonergan's thought – Plato, Augustine, Aquinas, John Henry Newman and the modern sciences - the course will also present the broad outlines of his method. Throughout, the course will emphasize self-appropriation and conversion as central to Lonergan's thought. Among other aims, the course will highlight the relevance of Lonergan's thought on Christ to integrating the various fields and professions in the contemporary world.

Rev. Msgr. Richard Liddy, Ph.D., University Professor of Catholic Thought and Culture and Director of the Center for Catholic Studies. Previously he was rector of ICSST and spiritual director at the North American College in Rome. In 1993 he published a work on his teacher, the Jesuit philosopher theologian, Bernard Lonergan (1904-1984), entitled *Transforming Light: Intellectual Conversion in the Early Lonergan*. His book, *Startling Strangeness: Reading Lonergan's Insight*, was published in 2007. He has also written articles on the thought of Blessed John Henry Newman as well as on art, education and formation.

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