Dear Roger,
Your recent letter was so full of wonderful news I had to hurry off this letter. My sincerest congratulations on your election as a Corresponding Member of the Monumenta. I think better and better of Horst Fuhrmann, and this move certainly confirms his deep wisdom and far-sighted intelligence. (He wrote me the nicest thank you letter after I sent in my article for their special commemoration volume). The Monumenta will be graced and invigorated for this.

It brings to my mind our St. Bernard Bischoff, who must be over 80 and cannot be with us forever. I wrote to him about a month ago, sending off-prints and asking if he would give me his judgement on the date and place of origin of Paris, BN lat. 2328 (it contains a new baptismal tract). I was utterly astonished to have a reply from him in it must have been less than three weeks! To think, with all the important people that constantly flood him with requests! It was an extremely kind and interested letter, and he dates the hand to s. ix $2 / 4$ probably, but is certain that it was written in southern France.

I still feel helpless when it comes to dating hands. I've recently gotten to know David Ganz by letter at Chapel Hill. He's working on the Corbie script at the very beginning of the 9 th century, and it is fun to have someone in this area of the world to talk to. He helps keep me up somewhat with people, books, and articles in our shared field of manuscripts. He is giving one of the papers at Toronto this week.

I just finished a book review of Michael Enright's Iona, Tara, and Soissons. I was getting more and more distressed that he talked at length about the Collectio Hibernensis without mentioning your name, until I came to a footnote explaining that you, in your gracious way, had alerted him to your articles, and that he regretted not knowing about them in time to include them in the book. A pity, because your work on Salzburg mss would have precisely helped his thesis.

I'm getting off course. I haven't finished expressing to you my deepest joy at yours and Ruth's decision to move into the Roman Catholic fold. Not that this is as important as our oneness, but because I always sensed your deep affinity with the Roman tradition. In fact, you probably did a lot more for my faith in the church of my birth, unawares, than I ever realized when I was in Toronto. Those were joyous years working on the liturgy committee and teaching Confirmation while struggling with my dissertation. Is Bob Madden there now? The last I knew he was at the School of Theology in Vancouver. Please give him my greetings!

Michele's award sounds incredible. You must be very proud. And what
fun to have two medievalists under the same roof. What interesting conversations must go on at the dinner table! Do you suppose she will end up in teaching?

I never did thank you for sending me your latest (?) article on the Mass for the DMA. It is a masterpiece of clarity, and I used it in a seminar $I$ am giving this Spring on Ritual and Society in the Middle Ages. I'm lucky, because I'm doing it as a warm-up for the one course I will be asked to teach at Harvard. I have opted to teach in their Freshman Seminar Program, as most of the Mellon Fellows do.

Harvard and a year of research/writing is exciting, although things seem a little bewildering at the moment, as $I$ must quest for an apartment and office space that are extremely hard, I am warned, to come by. Faith!

I am astounded at all you have accomplished and still have ahead of you this year. Where do you find the time and the energy? I wish you the best of success with the Medieval Academy there this week, and will try not to think too much about all that $I$ am missing. Please give my warmest greetings to Ruth. I trust all the boys and Persus are doing well and treating their eldest sister with dreadful awe? I am not too late to wish you all Happy Eastertide and a Fair Pentecost!

Lots of love,


