



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Dear Roger!

Thank you so much for sending me your articles in the DMA. They are beautifully written, especially the canon law one is so lucid you make it sound uncomplex!

Finally, I can send you something in return. My deepest, deepest thanks to you for making it possible to publish this article with the RB. Dom Verbraken and I have had numerous humorous exchanges. He certainly is a lovely gentleman. In thanking me for my thank you for the off-prints, he invited me to send him more articles! Anyway, it has all been thanks to your support and encouragement and help that the article was possible, and I'm eternally grateful.

I've been writing like crazy all summer, and I think the book is really coming. It's far too long and I'll have to do a lot of editing, but if I can get a rough draft of the entire thing nailed by the end of the summer, that would be all I could ask. Writing sure brings back memories of days in Toronto buried in my cubicle and trotting over to your office for lessons on lit infinitives.

It's been a peaceful summer, but devastatingly hot and dry, as you may have read. I do plan to spend some time with my family at the end of August in Maine-- a cool reward to look forward to. Your thoughts are probably turning to Munich in September? Have you written your talk yet? I am still mulling over the article I have promised the MGH.

I keep my eye on the job market and am not down. I've applied for the one in liturgy at Vancouver, but I'm at a disadvantage not being Canadian. I've also applied for a position in Church Thought, 2nd-8th c., at Villanova U. I thought I would apply for an ACLS Fellowship as well. Would you be willing to write me a recommendation? If so, I will send you the actual form and my statement of proposal in Sept.

I hope all your family is well. I think often of Nathan especially. Will you take a vacation together this summer?

Thanks a million again for your articles and mine. Your personal contributions to the DMA are what is going to give it lasting value.

Warmest regards and my prayers,

as always,

