Q. 33 Making Functional collaboration a Topic.

Q. 33 (James Duffy, Continued) "I want to join you, and encourage others to join, in making FC a topic in workshops and other gatherings." [p.4, Q.31]

A. 33 My answer can be brief. Are you interested in joining? We are back at the simple options of Q/A 32. Do you wish to make functional collaboration a topic, but now cherishing – in the dynamic presence of the Father – the What question in the struggle forward. Functional Collaboration is a vast unknown that needs genuine non-"haute vulgarization" communal puzzling.

But you can *Assemble* (the last word on *Method*, 249) as best you can the story of its suggestion and rejection by Lonergan experts and do some wandering down page 250 of *Method*. "As best you can"? James has his lists about that, to which we come in Q/A 34. But you might have the courage to push for the larger contexts that I and others {e.g. Mike Shute, in two articles in *Divyadaan* (2013); Pat Brown, FuSe 14 B, "Some Notes on the Development of Method page 250" (on my Website in that series) } have been indicating. My own rambling efforts go back to the International Florida Conference of 1970, when I foolishly expected that people would agree operatively with Lonergan's scientific break-through published in *Gregorianum* of the previous year, and published later (1972) as chapter five of *Method*. It has not become a serious general topic.

You may wish to add some other contexts that came to mind as I wrote of Overture 1833 in this Q/A 33, and the coincidences mount in that there is, of course, *Cantower* 33, "Lonergan And Axial Bridges", written for December 2004 to recall the centennial of his birth. Pages 7-20 of that essay reproduce, with notes, what I wrote in November 1984, to honour his 80th birthday: it became his obituary.

Sometimes I pause over the honesty of those who condemned (March 7th, 1277) Aquinas exactly three years after his death. It is not too late to do the honest thing and condemn Lonergan's extravagant global project of *Gregorianum* 1969, instead of pussy-footing around, skimming *Insight* and wobbling round a few words of chapters 2, 3 and 4 of *Method*. But my hope is that some of you are up to slowly find that being in group [B] of Q/A 32 is existentially and historically unsatisfactory. Then you might join James and me and those other dreamers in pushing on into the dark. How? Well, that is the topic of these Q/A, and we immediately continue the push in Q/A 34, with Jame's list.