



# LONERGAN AUSTRALASIA PRESENTS 2025 TOM DALY ORATION

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## PRESENTED BY ARCHBISHOP CLEMENT PAPA

Archbishop, Archdiocese of Mount  
Hagen, Papua New Guinea

### PRESENTATION: The PNG Experiment, and the Contribution of Bernard Lonergan and Tom Daly

Since independence, Papua New Guinea has enjoyed some extraordinarily exciting times in the making of a single and unique nation out of a thousand tribes. But this drive towards social integration in the post-independence era has brought enormous social challenges. As we move towards good governance, self-autonomy, improving standards of living, preservation of traditional culture and identity, constitutional changes, political reforms, responding to climate change, and the provision of basic social services to remote outposts, we need a national conversation which will accommodate the total picture of a new generation of people, a transforming society and its contemporary challenges, the recent political history and its impact on social change.

This Oration engages Lonergan's theology of redemptive history, incorporating progress, decline and redemption, to expand our insights and identify multiple clues to possible practical solutions to the complex situation in PNG.

Tom Daly was renowned as the earliest and perhaps the leading exponent and teacher of Lonergan's cognitional theory in Australia. His authority in Lonergan research was also highly valued overseas. Tom's method of teaching Lonergan was unique, particularly in his use of exercises, puzzles and jokes. Though primarily a teacher of philosophy, Tom engaged with some of the most pressing issues of his time in ethics, bioethics, science, mathematics and human consciousness.



FR THOMAS VINCENT (TOM) DALY, SJ



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Archbishop Clement Papa is the newly appointed Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea, a Diocese located in the PNG Highlands. Clement was a student of Tom Daly, SJ. He holds a BA (Hons) in Theology from the Catholic Theological Institute, Port Moresby, and a Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology from the Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome, and a Doctorate in Systematic Theology from the University of Divinity, Melbourne. Most of his priestly ministry has been spent in formation work at the Good Shepherd Seminary, Banz, in the PNG highlands. His doctoral thesis was a study dealing with Bernard Lonergan's idea of redemptive history and its application to PNG social concerns.

**WHEN** Friday 16 May 2025, 7.00pm

**WHERE** West Hall, St. Mary's College, 871 Swanston Street, Parkville  
(enter West Hall via Tin Alley through St. Mary's car park)



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