

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its forty-fifth annual convention June 6-9, 1990, at The San Francisco Hilton Hotel at Hilton Square. The theme of the convention was "Inculturation and Catholicity." John R. Quinn, the Archbishop of San Francisco and an Active Member of the Society, welcomed the convention participants to San Francisco in the opening session. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception hosted by the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Harper & Row Publishers, Santa Clara University, the University of San Francisco, and Holy Names College.

The convention's eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 7, in Old St. Mary's Church. George A. Kilcourse, the editor of the *CTSA Proceedings*, was the celebrant. President Anne E. Patrick offered reflections on the readings. The convention reception and banquet followed the liturgy. At the end of the banquet President Patrick read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and the medal to Monsignor Frederick R. McManus of The Catholic University of America.

Thursday evening, after the convention banquet, the Resolutions Committee held a "hearing" for a discussion of various resolutions that had been submitted for consideration and action at the annual business meeting. Friday evening there was a well-attended Panel Discussion on "The Catechism for the Universal Church." The moderator was Thomas Reese of Georgetown University. Panelists included CTSA members who are co-authors of a book assessing the Catechism.

This year's convention also featured a Multicultural Concerns Breakfast on Friday morning and a post-convention Informal Women's Lunch and a Women's Theology Seminar (open to all CTSA participants) on Saturday afternoon.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

PLENARY SESSIONS

The first three plenary sessions on Wednesday evening and Thursday and Friday mornings followed the more traditional format. They featured:

- Michael Slusser, Duquesne University,
on "Diversity, Communion, and Catholicity in the Early Church"
- John A. Coleman, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley,
on "Inculturation and Catholicity in Relation to North America"
- Joseph G. Donders, Washington Theological Union,
on "Inculturation and Catholicity in Relation to the Worldwide Church"

In the fourth plenary session on Saturday morning, President Anne E. Patrick delivered her Presidential Address, "Inculturation, Catholicity, and Social Justice." This was followed by some group discussion and then by general discussion. The final hour of Saturday morning was devoted to a general discussion of "Inculturation and Our Future," moderated by President-Elect Walter Principe, of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, and the University of Toronto. At noon on Saturday, June 9, Anne Patrick handed over the official gavel to the new President, Walter Principe, who spoke a few inaugural words and then declared the annual convention adjourned.

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

On Thursday and Friday mornings there were sixteen different workshops that focused in one way or another on the theme of the convention.

1. Newman Centenary Celebration: John Henry Newman and Inculturation
Moderator: John T. Ford, Catholic University of America
Presenters: John T. Ford; Martin Moleski, LeMoyne College, Syracuse
2. Catechetics and Inculturation: Theological Principles
Moderator: Marie Murphy, Executive Religious Director,
William H. Sadlier, Inc.
3. Preaching and Inculturation
Moderators: Mary Catherine Hilkert, Aquinas Institute of Theology
Kathleen Cannon, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
4. Education and Training for Ministry
Moderator: Carl Starkloff, Regis College, Toronto
5. Mary and Inculturation
Moderator: John F. Britt, University of Dayton
6. Hispanics in North America
Moderator: Allan F. Deck, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Presenters: Roberto Goizueta, Emory University
Maria Pilar Aquino, Mt. Saint Mary's College, Los Angeles
7. Francophones in North America
Moderator: Thomas Potvin, College Dominicain de Philosophie
et de Theologie, Ottawa
8. Pastoral Approaches to Varieties of Culture in the Bay Area
Moderator: George E. Crespín, Chancellor, Diocese of Oakland
9. Native People in North America
Moderator: Achiel Peelman, St. Paul's University, Ottawa
Presenters: Achiel Peelman; Michael Galvan, Pastor,
St. Monica's Church, Moraga CA
10. African Americans and Inculturation
Moderator: Diana L. Hayes, Georgetown University
Presenter: Edward Braxton, Theological Consultant, Sadlier Publications

11. Eastern Christians in North America
Moderator: Petro Bilaniuk, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
12. East Asians in North America
Moderator: Matthias Lu, St. Mary's College, Moraga CA
Presenters: Richard Yee, Holy Names College
Filomena Saraswati Devi, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
13. The Glenmary Research Center's Approach to Inculturation
Moderator: Louis McNeil, Director, Glenmary Research Center
Presenters: Louis McNeil; Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross;
Helen Matthews Lewis, Anthropologist,
Highlander Research and Education Center, New Market TN
14. Pastoral Inculturation of Ecclesiology and Morals with Regard to Prostitution
Moderator: Jean-Guy Nadeau, Université de Montreal
15. Inculturation and Marital Behavior
Moderator: E. Paul Benoit, Professor of Psychology (retired), Vancouver, B.C.
16. Publications Workshop
Moderators: Denise L. Carmody and John T. Carmody, University of Tulsa
"Guidelines for Book and Journal Publishing"

CONTINUING SEMINARS

On Thursday and Friday afternoons the continuing seminars held their two-hour sessions.

1. Christology

- Moderator: Robert A. Krieg, University of Notre Dame
"Toward a Contemporary Theology of Human Meaning:
The Spirit as Context and Goal of Aquinas' Christology"
- Presenter: Mary Ann Fatula, Ohio Dominican College
"Faith-Images of Jesus:
A Metaphorical Approach to Christology"
- Presenter: Michael L. Cook, Seattle University

2. Ecclesiology

- Moderator: Mark F. Fischer, Director,
Office of the Diocesan Council, Oakland
"Non-Theological Factors in Ecumenical Activity"
- Presenter: R.J. Hennessey, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg
"Post-Conciliar Ecclesiology:
The Lay Person and the Small Community"
- Presenter: Kenan B. Osborne, Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley
Respondent: John S. Cummins, Bishop of Oakland

3. Trinitarian Theology

- Moderator: Kilian McDonnell, St. John's Abbey and University, Collegeville
 "The Trinity and the Black Experience"
 Presenter: Diana L. Hayes, Georgetown University
 Moderator: Barbara Finan, Ohio Dominican College
 "Hispanic Trinitarian Theology"
 Presenter: Sixto J. Garcia, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach

4. Spirituality

- Moderators: Annice Callahan, Regis College, Toronto
 Janet Ruffing, Fordham University
 "Belden Lane's *Landscapes of the Sacred: Cultural Geography as a Methodological Category in American Spirituality*"
 "A Native American Perspective"
 Presenter: Michael Galvan, Pastor, St. Monica's Church, Moraga CA
 "Spanish and French: A New World Perspective"
 Presenter: Carmina Chapa-Gutierrez, St. Mary's College, Moraga CA
 "American Catholic Spirituality and Inculturation: Some Points for Discussion"
 Presenter: Lawrence S. Cunningham, University of Notre Dame
 "Afro-American Spirituality: A Question for Catholic Inculturation"
 Presenter: Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

5. Moral Theology

- Moderator: Patricia Beattie Jung, Wartburg Theological Institute, Dubuque
 "Catholic Hierarchy and the Toleration of Evil"
 Presenter: Edward Sunshine, Barry University, Miami Shores
 "Virtuous Vindictive Anger?"
 Panelists: Giles Milhaven, Brown University
 Christine Gudorf, Xavier University, Cincinnati
 Jean Porter, Vanderbilt Divinity School
 Edward Vacek, Weston School of Theology

6. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology

- Moderator: Kevin W. Irwin, Catholic University of America
 "African Liturgical Inculturation"
 Presenter: Thomas Kane, Weston School of Theology
 "Liturgy and Inculturation"
 Presenter: Thomas Krosnicki, Washington Theological Union

7. Practical Theology

- Moderator: Mary Ellen Sheehan, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
 "Don Browning's Model of Practical Theology: A Review and Critique"
 Presenter: Michael McGinniss, La Salle University
 "Radical Multiculturalism and Inculturation"
 Presenter: Lester De Souza, Toronto School of Theology

8. North American Theology

Moderator: Donald L. Gelpi, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 "Discussion of Josiah Royce, The Problem of Christianity"

(1) "Rahner and Royce:
 How to Identify a Most Essential Christian Creed"

Presenter: Frank M. Oppenheim, Jesuit Renewal Center, Milford, Ohio
 (2) "Royce and Catholic Theology:

The Vice of Obedience, the Virtue of Loyalty"

Presenter: Elizabeth A. Linehan, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia

9. Comparative Theology

Organizer: Francis X. Clooney, The Divinity School, University of Chicago

Moderator: Carla Mae Streeter, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis
 "John Hick's *An Interpretation of Religion*
 as a Resource for Theologians"

Presenter: Chester Gillis, Georgetown University

Moderator: Paul Knitter, Xavier University, Cincinnati
 "Reading Shinran's *Shōshinge* as an Exercise
 in Crosscultural Theology"

Presenter: Ruben Habito, Perkins School of Theology

Respondent: David Burrell, University of Notre Dame

10. Historical Theology (Newman Centenary Celebration)

Moderator: Zachary Hayes, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
 "Real Assent and a Large Mental Field: Aspects
 of Contextualization in the Thought of John Henry Newman"

Presenter: John Linnan, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

11. The Nature and Method of Theology

Moderator: John E. Thiel, Fairfield University
 "Theology and the Challenge of Culture"
 "Faith and Cultures: Challenges to a World Church"

Presenter: Robert J. Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
 "Experience and Culture:
 A Point of Departure for American Atheism"

Presenter: Michael J. Buckley, University of Notre Dame
 "Sociology and Salvation: Do We Need a Catholic Sociology?"

Presenter: Gregory Baum, McGill University

12. Theological Anthropology

Moderator: Patricia L. Wismer, Seattle University
 "It Comes from the People:
 Appalachian Women Construct Local Theology"

Presenters: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross
 Helen Matthews Lewis, Anthropologist,
 Highlander Research and Education Center, New Market TN

13. The American Catholic Experience

Moderator: Patricia O'Connell Killen,
 Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington
 "Inculturation as Historical Fact and Interpretative Tool: Assess-
 ing the Bicentennial History of Catholicism in the United States"

Panelists: Patricia O'Connell Killen
 William Lindsey, Xavier University, New Orleans
 Jon Nilson, Loyola University of Chicago

Post-Convention Women's Theology Seminar

Moderator: Ann O'Hara Graff
 "The Construction of Feminist Systematic Theology"
 Discussion based on papers prepared by
 Elizabeth A. Johnson, Catholic University of America, and
 Susan Ross, Loyola University of Chicago

Moderator: Joann Wolski Conn

Colloquium: "Sharing Strategies for Survival and Growth in Various Settings"

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD

During the convention banquet on the evening of Thursday, June 7, the President presented the John Courtney Murray Award for achievement in theology to Monsignor Frederick R. McManus of The Catholic University of America. The award citation reads as follows:

This evening our Society honors a member whose first honorary doctorate was received in 1964 and most recent in 1989, whose accomplishments in several theological disciplines are so distinguished that we may wonder whether we actually have a theologian here, or rather a set of theological twins or triplets.

For while our honoree has been professor of one theological discipline since 1958 and has edited the leading journal in this field since 1959 (*The Jurist*), his eleven books contribute to a different theological discipline, and his practical contributions as theological consultant, university administrator, ecumenist, and director of the U.S. Bishops' Secretariat on the Liturgy befuddle any attempt to categorize his work. How can one capture the contribution of a man who served as a *peritus* and significantly influenced the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, and who later took time to compose the preface to a volume entitled *The Sacred Play of Children?* How does one measure the influence of the author of *Sacramental Liturgy* and the first recipient of the Role of Law Award of the Canon Law Society of America? How does one characterize a theologian twice honored by Pope John Paul II, most recently with the Benemerenti Medal in 1984, and who also pays dues to the American Association of University Professors?

The phrase "truly Catholic" suggested itself to *The Jurist* last year in describing our honoree's contribution to canon law, liturgy, ecumenism, and generally to academic and ecclesiastical life, and the phrase fits very well. Another term also suggests itself this year, one closely identified with the discipline he professes with such distinction. This is the term "advocate," which resonates also with the present liturgical season and suggests the theological depth that inspires his work. Our honoree has honored us by arranging to arrive late at this year's Catholic-Orthodox dialogues in Germany so that he can be with us this evening. And the Catholic Theological Society of America takes great delight in presenting this year's John Courtney Murray Award to Monsignor Frederick R. McManus, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston and Professor of Canon Law at The Catholic University of America.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Anne Patrick called the annual business meeting to order at 4:45 P.M. on Friday, June 8. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

The members of the Committee on Admissions this year were: Patricia Wismer (chair), Patrick McCormick, Allan Figueroa Deck, Thomas Potvin and the Secretary of the CTSA. Allan Deck and Thomas Potvin will continue on the committee next year, with Deck serving as chair. Patricia Wismer presented the report of the committee.

The committee recommended fifty-two applicants for active membership and seventeen applicants for associate membership. The committee's recommendation was approved by a voice-vote. The President asked the twenty-seven new members in attendance at the convention to stand for recognition, and they were welcomed by a round of applause. A "Welcome" reception for the new members was held later in the evening in the Presidential Suite.

Of the sixty-two members fifteen are women. Five of the new active members had been associate members. Brief biographical entries for the new active members and the names and addresses of the new associate members are included in the Directory-Update appendix of this year's *Proceedings*.

Committee on Nominations

The members of the Committee on Nominations this year were Gerald Grace (chair), Michael Slusser and Elizabeth Johnson. Michael Slusser will serve as chair next year.

Gerald Grace presented the slate of nominees, whose biographical resumes had been available for convention participants at registration time:

- for Vice-President: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
William M. Thompson, Duquesne University
- for Secretary: Edward H. Konerman, Loyola University of Chicago
- for Treasurer: Mary E. Hines, Washington Theological Union
- for Board Members: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross
Matthew L. Lamb, Boston College
Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
Sandra M. Schneiders, Jesuit School of Theology/Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

There were no nominations from the floor. Lisa Sowle Cahill was elected Vice-President. Matthew Lamb and Jamie Phelps were elected Board Members on the third and fourth ballots. Mary Hines and Edward Konerman were elected Treasurer and Secretary.

Walter Principe becomes the new President for 1990-91. Michael Buckley becomes the President-Elect. The others who will continue on the Board of Directors are Anne Patrick as Past-President and Joseph Bracken and Joann Wolski Conn as Board Members.

President's Report

Post-Convention Activities. Shortly following the St. Louis Convention, various officers represented the Society at important gatherings. Past President John Boyle, Vice-President Michael Buckley, and Past President Leo O'Donovan were present at the NCCB meeting where the document "Doctrinal Responsibilities" was approved by a vote of 214-9, and President-Elect Walter Principe met with the CCCB Doctrinal Commission members. And while the other officers were in "Jerusalem," President Anne Patrick traveled to "Athens" and was a guest at the session of Committee A (Academic Freedom) at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of University Professors in Washington, DC, where she gained a background perspective on current AAUP discussions regarding the limitations clause concerning academic freedom in religious institutions of higher learning. She concluded that American higher education generally could benefit from theological work clarifying how religious values can be respected at the same time as academic freedom is upheld. Other traditions besides our own experience tensions here, and opinions are divided within Committee A itself; censure recommendations for violations of academic freedom in religious institutions are not always unanimous.

1989 Resolution on the Profession and Oath. Shortly after the convention the President, following the board's request, wrote to the Presidents of the Canadian and U.S. episcopal conferences to inform them of our plans to conduct an in-depth study of theological and canonical issues involved in the new Profession and Oath, and to ask them to have their conferences request Rome to delay implementation pending study of the issues. By August the President had appointed five members of the Society to a committee to implement the mandate established in our resolution of last June, which directed the Board "to create a committee, in collaboration with other scholarly societies if advisable, to address the theological and practical issues involved in the newly published Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity." These members were President-elect Walter H. Principe, Vice-president Michael J. Buckley, Margaret A. Farley, John T. Ford, and James H. Provost. She asked Michael Buckley to chair the committee, and at its first meeting James Provost was elected secretary. The full committee met once a month during the fall and again in February. It then submitted a draft report to broad consultation and to subsequent revision. Several revised drafts followed. In all, more than twenty experts in history, canon law, and theology outside the committee were asked to criticize the document and suggest improvements. The final draft was completed on Easter, April 15, 1990. The Officers and Directors of the Society unanimously received this report and authorized its publication and distribution to our members, which was done by mail in May, thanks particularly to the efforts of James Provost.

In keeping with the CTSA resolution and at the request of the Canon Law Society of America, the latter organization had joined in the committee's labors beginning in the fall. Although at first it was thought this would entail a joint committee of the two societies, CLSA involvement did not include appointing new members to the committee and was more one of collaboration than of joint participation. In the spring the CTSA Officers and Directors unanimously judged that

our committee had fulfilled its mandate, and the CLSA Board of Governors, while voicing appreciation of the work contained in the report, decided that because of CLSA's different convention timeline and research mandate it would continue working on this topic in keeping with its own perspective.

Shortly before our convention the President sent copies of the report to the officers of the Canadian and U.S. episcopal conferences and the CLSA, and in her May letter to the North American bishops she informed them of the committee's work and the availability of the report as a resource for the further work to be done concerning the Profession and Oath.

There will be a resolution presented later in this meeting bearing on the CTSA Committee Report on the Profession of Faith/Oath of Fidelity. The President thanked the members of this committee for their very fine work.

Committee on North American Concerns. By August the President had appointed the Past-President John Boyle, and Margaret O'Gara and Thomas O'Meara to a committee to implement the 1989 convention resolution that "the Board have a statement prepared that addresses the kinds of issues raised by the Cologne declaration but also reflecting North American concerns." Two draft statements were considered at the October Board meeting, and the Board approved a process whereby a revised draft would be discussed at the convention, subsequently revised again, and mailed to the members for individual decisions concerning endorsement, with public release of the statement to indicate the number but not the names of those endorsing it. The Committee's Draft #7, "Do Not Extinguish the Spirit," was sent to members with the April convention mailing for discussion at the June meeting prior to further revision. This draft was discussed yesterday evening in the "hearing" session. There will be one more revision by the committee. A resolution about this statement will be presented later in the business meeting. Again, the President thanked the members of this committee for their very fine work.

Committee on Research and Publication. At the end of October the President mailed to the members a reprint of the Guidelines for Research Projects and Subsidized Publications in the hope of stimulating proposals for research projects, especially collaborative ones. During the winter two individual proposals were reviewed by the committee and not accepted for specialist review. In the spring the President thanked retiring committee Chair John Galvin and member Robert Imbelli for their several years of leadership and service on the committee, which has laid the groundwork for fine publishing possibilities if only our members will take advantage of it. Margaret O'Gara has been appointed to chair the committee through the 1992 convention, and Robert Schreiter to committee membership for the next three years.

Academic Freedom and JCCLSS. At the October board meeting the officers and directors of the Society approved a resolution expressing to the Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies and Scholars our interest in participating in a study of academic freedom together with other scholarly societies, bishops, and representatives of Catholic colleges and universities. CTSA representative and JCCLSS Chair Donald Buggert has subsequently reported that at the November

meeting of the Joint Committee, it was concluded that "before involving representatives from the episcopal community or from Catholic colleges and universities, the scholarly societies should themselves form an ad hoc committee to deal with this issue. . . . Let the scholars first 'hammer this thing out'. When they have reached a consensus position, then invite the others into the discussion." The committee was to have met again in January to develop an agenda of issues concerning academic freedom and suggest topics and speakers for the September 1990 Colloquy of the Commission of Bishops and Scholars on the theme of "The Contemporary Significance of the Reception of Doctrine in the Early Church," to be held in the Chicago area. Excellent progress has been made toward this latter meeting, but none on the academic freedom study question. It therefore seems that the CTSA may want to move forward on its own on this question. In order that our members be informed on the continuing concerns over academic freedom at the Catholic University of America, particularly in view of a likely censure by the 1990 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of University Professors, the President mailed to members in October the report of AAUP's Committee A (Academic Freedom) that judged the University to have deprived CTSA member and past president Charles Curran of tenure "without due process and without adequate cause," which was reprinted from the September-October issue of *Academe* along with a response from Counsel for the University's Administration. These reprints and a contribution toward mailing costs were provided courtesy of the Academic Freedom Fund of the AAUP.

NCEA Seminary Department. The President met with CTSA member Robert Wister of the Seminary Department of the NCEA in January and subsequently sought and obtained board approval (by mail and telephone) for endorsing an NCEA proposal to obtain funding from the Lilly foundation for a study of "What is Catholic Theology in America Today." In the fall NCEA Seminary News carried information on the CTSA convention, and in April the CTSA President's letter inviting seminary professors on the NCEA mailing list to become active in CTSA was mailed to these individuals with a membership brochure from the NCEA office.

NFPC Project on Priestless Parishes. In response to a request from the National Federation of Priests' Councils, the President appointed Gerard Austin to represent the Society at a March 13-14 meeting concerning priestless parishes sponsored by the NFPC. Austin provided theological input for that meeting, outlining the theological problems arising from the growing practice of the normal Sunday eucharist's being replaced with a communion service, and agreed to review by mail the first draft of the committee's statement, which will be drawn up in June 1990.

Relations with Other Groups and Societies. The President corresponded with various members, bishops, and with other individuals and groups, including the Catholic Theological Society of Southern Africa, which is eager to stay in communications with the CTSA. She also represented the Society at the Virgil Elizondo Award Banquet of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States in Berkeley June 5. Meanwhile John Boyle continues to serve as a theological consultant to the NCCB Committee on Doctrine, and Walter Principe

and Michael Buckley have been in contact with officers of the French Canadian, British, and newly-formed European theological societies. Finally, in response to the request of the USCC Department of Social Development and World Peace, the President has recently assured Archbishop Roger Mahony and Bishop James Malone of our Society's interest in appropriately marking the 100th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*.

Office Proposal. Recognizing that the Society's work requires a more centralized and better staffed office support arrangement than is presently available, the Board is considering on Saturday a proposal that a committee be appointed to design a job description and prepare a budget for an Executive Secretary in time for consideration and approval at the October meeting of the Board of Directors, and that the President subsequently appoint a search committee to fill this position in time for the June 1991 convention.

Editor of the CTSA Proceedings. The present editor of the *Proceedings*, George Kilcourse, has agreed to serve until 1992. The new President will appoint a Search Committee to begin the process of locating a successor to Kilcourse, so that this person can prepare to work with Kilcourse on the 1992 *Proceedings*.

Reprint of Constitution in Proceedings. The present version of the Constitution of the CTSA (with all of the changes for inclusive language previously approved and with the provision for the Resolutions Committee) will be published as an appendix in the 1990 *Proceedings*. Extra offprints will be made for distribution to new members.

Secretary's Report

The secretary thanked the members of the Committee on Admissions for their prompt cooperation in the consultation-by-mail about this year's applications. He also reminded CTSA members that if they are not receiving CTSA mail (the *Proceedings*, the *CSSR Bulletin*, dues notice, pre-convention mailings) it may be because they have changed their address. Members should send notification of a change of address directly to Mary Hines, the Treasurer, since she maintains the computerized membership list.

Treasurer's Report

1990 Convention. There were 350 registered for this year's convention. The fact that 300 of these had preregistered was a great help in the registration process. The treasurer reminded members that the best way to assure having a ticket for the convention banquet was to preregister and pay for the ticket in advance.

Future Convention Sites. In 1991 the CTSA convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Atlanta, June 12-15. In 1992 the convention will be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Pittsburgh. The dates for the 1992 convention will be June 11 to 14; these dates will involve a Thursday to Sunday arrangement.

Financial Report. The treasurer summarized briefly the financial report (cf. below in this issue of the *Proceedings*). She pointed out that with a new issue of the *Directory* due in a year or so, with the increased cost of CTSA mailings, and

with the budget for the planned new central office, another raise in dues (to \$40.00) will be necessary, effective for the new fiscal year.

Local Arrangements Committee. Finally, the treasurer thanked the Local Arrangements Committee. She expressed a special word of thanks to Thomas Artz who coordinated all the work of the local arrangements committee and to Mark Fischer who arranged the liturgy and prayer services and lined up the Multicultural Breakfast.

President-Elect's Report

President-Elect Walter Principe thanked all those who helped in the planning and carrying-out of this year's convention, especially the Board of Directors and the Secretary and Treasurer; Thomas Artz and Mark Fischer and the other members of the Local Arrangements Committee; George Kilcourse, Anne Patrick and the others involved in the convention liturgy; the speakers and moderators of the program sessions; and the sponsors of the opening evening's reception.

The moderators of the convention workshops and the continuing seminars were reminded to submit their reports to George Kilcourse, the editor of the *Proceedings*. Seminar moderators should give their plans for next year to Michael Buckley who is planning the convention for next year. All the convention participants were urged to turn in the evaluation forms for this year's convention.

The President-Elect observed that there were representatives from other theological associations in attendance at this convention (from French-speaking Canada, from Australia, from the Hispanic Theologians of the United States). He also noted that the Multicultural Breakfast, while not a great success in terms of numbers, was a great experience. Finally, the President-Elect observed that the work involved in the preparation for the convention confirmed for him the great need for an Executive Secretary with a central CTSA office.

Vice-President's Report

1991 Convention. The Vice-President informed the assembly about the current stage of his planning for the 1991 convention. The tentative wording of the convention theme is "Theology as Intellectually Vital Inquiry." Plans for the four plenary sessions are as follows:

1. Catholic Theology within North American Intellectual Culture. Michael Lacey (the director of the Program in American Society and Politics, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars) and Cullen Murphy (the managing editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*) will consider the absence of Catholic theology from much of American intellectual culture and from the world of professional elites in journalism and the reasons for this absence.

2. Theology and the Challenge of Physical and Biological Sciences. Theological issues are raised in these sciences. Should they be part of the contemporary theological problematic? If so, how should they be addressed? These sciences present a methodology that is taken as serious in North American culture. Does this raise questions about the seriousness of method for theology? The Vice-President has not yet lined up a speaker to address this topic. Perhaps there could be a panel.

3. North American Theology and the Challenge of Liberation Theology: One Hundred Years Since *Rerum Novarum*. Does liberation theology offer methodological challenges to North American theology both in terms of issues and in terms of methods? Is North American theology too much abstracted from vital social issues? Again, as of now no particular speaker has been lined up for this session.

4. Catholic Theology and the Retrieval of its Intellectual Tradition. With various cultural shifts (e.g., loss of a Latin culture and the French/German influences, theologians increasingly formed within American secular universities, etc.), how can Catholic theology in North America incorporate its patristic and medieval heritage as a strong and characteristic resource to give depth to its reflections? Walter Principe may address this in his presidential address during this session. Who might be respondents is not yet decided.

Finally, Vice-President Buckley indicated that as the convention program takes final shape there may be some rearrangement of the workshop and seminar structure. Retiring board members Catherine Hilkert and William Thompson will work with the vice-president to arrange for the convention workshops. The vice-president invited the members of the CTSA to send him their suggestions for these workshops.

Report of the Editor of Proceedings

1990 Proceedings. George Kilcourse, the editor of the Proceedings, reminded the plenary speakers and moderators of seminars and workshops that they should submit their manuscripts to him on diskettes by July 1.

The Directory. A new issue of the *Directory* is planned for 1992. The questionnaires for the new *Directory* should be mailed out in the Fall of 1991.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

This committee, which includes the vice-president as chair and Timothy O'Connell and James Coriden, conducted a well-attended and lively hearing on Thursday evening to discuss and clarify several proposed resolutions. Several resolutions were now presented to the assembly by the resolutions committee.

Resolution Regarding the Profession of Faith/Oath of Fidelity

Whereas: The Catholic Theological Society of America recognizes the concern among many theologians at the recent introduction into the Church of a revised Profession of Faith and new Oath of Fidelity;

Whereas: The Society acknowledges the inescapable involvement of theologians in the doctrinal, pastoral, and ecumenical issues raised by this new requirement;

Whereas: The Board of the Society has received in May, 1990 a research report from its Committee on the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity which studied this matter and highlighted "certain problematic areas which these texts seem to pose for the future reflection of theologians, canonists, and the pastors of the Church";

Whereas: The Society wishes to collaborate with its bishops in the resolution of these issues for the peace of the Church;

Be It Resolved: That the Catholic Theological Society of America respectfully requests the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to initiate formal consultations with theologians and canonists about the requirement of this recently revised Profession of Faith and new Oath of Fidelity and the doctrinal, pastoral, and ecumenical issues raised by this new requirement;

Be It Further Resolved: That the Catholic Theological Society of America offers to its bishops this research report and the fullest cooperation of the Society for these consultations.

In the discussion of this resolution, the following resolution was moved as an *amendment by way of addition:*

Be It Furthered Resolved: That in light of the problems created by the Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity for Catholic theologians in North American higher education, the Catholic Theological Society of America will support the decision of those members who in conscience cannot take the Profession of Faith and/or the Oath of Fidelity.

After some discussion *this amendment was defeated* in a vote by show of hands.

Then a motion was made to table the resolution. The *motion to table the resolution passed* on a close vote by count of hands.

Resolution of Thanks to Bishops Related to Doctrinal Responsibilities

Be It Resolved: That the members of the Catholic Theological Society of America express to Bishop Raymond Lessard, Archbishop Oscar Lipscomb, and the members of the Committee on Doctrine its gratitude for their work in bringing to successful completion the document, *Doctrinal Responsibilities*. It is the opinion of this Society that this action of the Committee on Doctrine has rendered a great service to cooperation between bishops and theologians.

The *resolution passed* on a very clear voice vote.

Resolution of Thanks to Joint Committee on Doctrinal Responsibilities

Be It Resolved: That the members of the Catholic Theological Society of America formally thank Leo O'Donovan, John Boyle, and all the other members of the Joint CTSA/CLSA Committee on Cooperation Between Theologians and the Ecclesiastical Magisterium (Jon Nilson, Patrick Granfield, John Alesandro, Robert Carlson, and James Provost) as also Michael J. Buckley, former executive director of the NCCB Committee on Doctrine, for their fine work in the development and eventual adoption of *Doctrinal Responsibilities*.

The *resolution passed* on a very clear voice vote.

At this point several more resolutions were introduced for consideration. These had not been reviewed by the Resolutions Committee and had first to be accepted for discussion by at least one third of the members present.

Resolution Concerning Those Slain Recently in El Salvador

Be It Resolved: That we, the members of the CTSA, express our solidarity with our brothers and sisters at José Simeon Canas University in El Salvador (Ignacio Ellacuría, SJ, Ignacio Martín-Baro, SJ, Segundo Montes, SJ, Amando López, SJ,

Joaquin López y López, SJ, Juan Ramon Moreno, SJ, Julia Elba Ramos, and Celina Ramos) who were murdered for carrying out in their country and in their institution the academic ministry of investigating and speaking the truth that we as theologians are committed to in our countries and institutions. We condemn the violence that has attempted to silence them and so many others who speak the truth.

The *resolution passed* on a very clear voice vote.

Resolution Regarding Marie-Dominique Chenu

Be It Resolved: That the members of the CTSA recognize the debt theologians owe to the late Marie-Dominique Chenu, OP, for his scholarship, his foresight, and his pastoral concerns—all of which he exercised with courage, diligence, forbearance, Christian love, and a profound humanity which embraced all his brothers and sisters.

The *resolution passed* on a very clear voice vote. The new president of the CTSA was asked to communicate word of this resolution to Chenu's priory and to the Master of the Order in Rome.

Resolution Regarding Michael Glazier

Whereas: The purpose of the CTSA is to promote studies and research in theology;

Whereas: Michael Glazier has contributed substantially to this project in North America;

Whereas: he has recently met substantial reversals in the pursuit of this purpose;

Be It Resolved: That the members of the CTSA express their gratitude to Michael Glazier for his unflinching encouragement, their respect for his achievements, and their hope that in collaboration with the Liturgical Press his leadership in this area will continue.

The *resolution passed* on a very clear voice vote.

Resolution Regarding the Statement on North American Concerns

Whereas: The content of the statement "Do Not Extinguish the Spirit," and the concrete references given in its footnotes are still open to further revision by the Committee, and the CTSA will not have the opportunity to review this subsequent draft during the current convention;

Whereas: Critical issues in the manner of its presentation, e.g., the person(s) whom it addresses and the disposition of the names of those who sign it, remain to be determined, and the time is not available now for a judicious determination of these issues;

Be It Resolved: That the CTSA directs its Board to consider the issues raised in this convention, to resolve them in the manner it judges most appropriate, and to report its actions to the membership at its earliest convenience. If the Board is unable to resolve these questions, it should return the matter to the members at the 1991 convention.

The *resolution passed* on a very clear voice vote.

Resolution Regarding Noncompliance with Profession of Faith/Oath of Fidelity

Be It Resolved: That the Catholic Theological Society of America urge its members not to comply with the requirements of an Oath of Fidelity or Profession of Faith if and when these are imposed on them;

Be It Further Resolved: That in instances where refusal to comply would be seriously harmful to individual members, the Catholic Theological Society of America help to provide interpretations of the requirements that will mitigate conflicts of conscience.

This resolution was not accepted for discussion by one third of the members present.

Resolution Regarding CTSA Endorsement of Document on Profession/Oath

Be It Resolved: That the membership of the CTSA endorse the document on the Profession of Faith/Oath of Fidelity and recommend it to the bishops of the United States and Canada.

This resolution was passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Since there was no further business, the President entertained a motion to adjourn. The business meeting of this forty-fifth annual convention of the CTSA adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

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