

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:  
THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its sixty-seventh annual convention June 7–10 at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch hotel. The theme of the convention was “Sacrament(s) and the Global Church.” Registration took place from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on June 7th. The continuing Women’s Consultation in Constructive Theology held its session from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. The 2012 Ann O’Hara Graff Award was presented to Mary Catherine Hilkert, O.P., Professor, Notre Dame University. At the Opening Session, CTSA President John Thiel presided, and Most Reverend Edward Rice of the Archdiocese of St. Louis welcomed the convention participants. President-Elect Susan A. Ross and Board Member Michael E. Lee led the opening prayer and remembrance of deceased members, assisted by Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik, accompanist. The ceremony included a brief memorial for nine CTSA members who had died since last year’s convention: Joseph A. Colombo, Russell B. Connors, Frederick Crowe, S.J., Jack Glaser, Ada María Isasi-Díaz, Edward Konerman, S.J., Frans Jozef van Beeck, S.J., Helen Wright, S.N.D. de N. Prayers were also offered for a theological colleague who had died this past year: Dean Brackley, S.J. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges the College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Theology of St. Louis University, Catholic Health Association of the United States, Fairfield University, Fontbonne University, Georgetown University, and Loyola University Chicago for subsidizing the event and for their gracious hospitality and generous support throughout the convention.

The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday, June 8th. The president’s reception for new and “newer” members followed the business meeting. A reception was also sponsored by Liturgical Press and another to commemorate the publication of the *Festschrift* honoring Joseph Bracken, S.J.

The convention’s liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 8, at the Basilica of St. Louis, King. CTSA member Randy Sachs, S.J., presided, and President John Thiel gave the reflection after communion. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President John Thiel read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque, medal, and check to Terrence W. Tilley.

Morning prayer, led by Colleen Mallon, was held from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings for such groups as the Karl Rahner Society, the Hans urs Von Balthasar Society, the Theological Studies Editorial Consultants, the Women’s Seminar, the CUERG, and the conveners of program and research groups.

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING JUNE 7, 2012:

3:00–5:30 p.m.        **Pre-Convention Session: *Women's Consultation  
in Constructive Theology***

Topic:                    "Art and Water: Sites of Sacramentality and Justice"  
Co-conveners:          Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College  
                                Elisabeth Brinkmann R.S.C.J., Catholic Theological Union  
Moderator:             Elisabeth Vasko, Duquesne University  
Presenters:             Rebecca Berru Davis, Graduate Theological Union  
                                "Grace, Beauty, and Justice in a Peruvian Shantytown: Art as  
                                Sacramental Site for Memory and Creative Transformation"  
                                Colleen M. Carpenter, St. Catherine University  
                                "Women at the Well: Sacramentality and the Search for Living  
                                Water"  
Respondent:            M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College

4:30–5:00 p.m.        **Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award Presentation** to Mary  
Catherine Hilkert, O.P., Professor, University of Notre Dame

5:00–5:30 p.m.        **Business Meeting**

7:00–9:00 p.m.        ***Opening and First Plenary Session***

Presiding:              John E. Thiel, Fairfield University  
                                President, CTSA  
Opening Prayer and Remembrances of Deceased Members  
Welcome:                Most Reverend Edward Rice, Archdiocese of St. Louis  
Opening Address:      Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., Vanderbilt University  
                                "Sacramental-Liturgical Theology Since Vatican II: The Dialectic of  
                                Meaning and Performance"

9:00 p.m.                ***Reception***

### FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 2011

7:15–8:45 a.m.        **Von Balthasar Society Breakfast**

8:30–8:45 a.m.        **Morning Prayer**

9:00–10:30 a.m.      **Second Plenary Session**

Presiding:            Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M.  
Past President, CTSA  
Address:             Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator, S.J., Hekima College, Nairobi,  
Kenya  
                          “A Global Sign of Outward Grace: The Sacramentality of the  
World Church in the Era of Globalization”  
Respondent:         William O’Neill, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

10:30–11:00 a.m.      **Coffee Break**

11:00–12:45 a.m.      **Concurrent Sessions**

**1. Selected Session**

                          “The Relevance of the Catholic Tübingen School for Contemporary Developments in  
Catholic Liturgy and Sacramental Theology”

Convener:            Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University  
Moderator:          Susan Roll, St. Paul’s University, Canada  
Presenters:          Samuel Goyvaerts, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
                          “The Catholic Tübingen School’s Approach to Liturgy:  
Between Tradition and Reform”  
Joris Geldhof, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
                          “The Constitutive Role of the Liturgy in Shaping the Church:  
The Tübingen Theologians and Contemporary Developments in  
Catholic Liturgy and Sacramental Theology”

**2. Catholicity and Mission Topic Session**

Admin. Team:        Gemma Tulud Cruz, Margaret Eletta Guider, O.S.F., Elochukwu Uzukwu  
Convener:            Gemma Tulud Cruz, Australian Catholic University  
Moderator:          Neomi DeAnda, DePaul University  
Presenters:          Margaret Eletta Guider, Boston College  
                          “Sacramental Imagination and World Youth Day 2011: Quo Vadis,  
Global Catholicism?”  
Edmund Chia, Australian Catholic University  
                          “Inculturation in Asia: The Church as Sacrament of Dialogue”  
Cyril Orji, University of Dayton  
                          “‘How Might the Church’s Catholicity and Mission be Truly African?’”

### **3. Catholic Social Thought Topic Session**

Admin. Team: Judith Merkle, Laurie Johnston, Tobias Winright  
Convener: Judith Merkle, Niagara University  
Moderator: Tobias Winright, St. Louis University  
Presenters: Robert Gascoigne, Australian Catholic University  
“Can Catholic Social Thought Help to Alleviate Liturgical Tensions?”  
Dawn M. Nothwehr, O.S.F., Catholic Theological Union  
“Kenan B. Osborne’s ‘Post-Modern Sacramentality’: A Critical Resource for Catholic Environmental Ethics”

### **4. Anthropology Topic Session**

Admin. Team: Colleen Griffith, Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Karen Teel  
Convener: Colleen Griffith, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry  
Moderator: Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Manhattan College  
Presenters: Roberto Goizueta, Boston College  
“Anthropology, Sacramentality, and the Social Nature of Praxis”  
Rosemary Carbine, Whittier College  
“Birthing a New World: Sacramental Praxis and Subjectivity in the U.S.”

### **5. Bioethics Topic Session**

Admin. Team: Ron Mercier, Mari Rapela Heidt, Charles Camosy  
Convener: Ron Mercier, St. Louis University  
Moderator: Mari Rapela Heidt, University of Dayton  
Presenters: John Berkman, Regis College, University of Toronto  
“Sacramental Bodies: Profound Disability as a Challenge to the Sacramental Imagination”  
Robert V. Doyle, Loyola Marymount University  
“Tradition and Treatment: The Role of Religion in Health-care Decision-Making”  
Nancy Rourke, Canisius College  
“Swallowing Consistency: Sacramentality and Today’s Speech-Language Pathologists”

## 6. Rahner Consultation

- Admin. Team: Jessica Wormley Murdoch, Paulette Skiba, B.V.M., Rev. Melvin E. Michalski, Heidi Russell
- Convener: Mark Fischer, St. John's Seminary
- Moderator: Ann Riggs, Rivier College
- Presenters: Robert Lassalle-Klein, Holy Names University  
"Elements of an Intercultural Rahnerian Approach to Trinitarian and Fundamental Theology for a Global Church"
- Respondent: Ann R. Riggs, Rivier College  
Richard Lennan, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry  
"Narcissistic Aestheticism? An Assessment of Karl Rahner's Sacramental Ecclesiology"
- Respondent: Shannon Craigo-Snell, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

## 7. Hispanic/Latin@ Theology Consultation

- Topic: "Syncretism in Light of Inculturation: A Theological Perspective"
- Convener: Carmen Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
- Moderator: Carmen Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
- Presenters: Raúl Gómez Ruiz, Sacred Heart School of Theology  
"SC 37: Magna Carta for Inculturation of the Liturgy or Slippery Slope to Syncretism and Abuses?"  
Ramón Luzárraga, University of Dayton  
"Syncretism: Why Latin American and Caribbean Theologians Want to Reexamine a Bad Word in Theology"

## 8. Selected Session

"Medieval Theologians on 'Infidel' Rites"

- Convener: Rita George-Tvrtković, Benedictine University
- Moderator: Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College
- Presenters: Franklin T. Harkins, Fordham University  
"Sacred Reading and the Sacraments of the Old Law"  
Three Victorine Perspectives"  
Rita George-Tvrtković, Benedictine University  
"Deficient Sacraments or Unifying Rites? Medieval Theologians on Jewish and Muslim Praxis"

## 9. Receiving Vatican II Interest Group

Topic: "Theological Fault-lines at Vatican II"  
Co-Conveners: Christopher Ruddy, Catholic University of America  
James Keating, Providence College  
Moderator: Robert Imbelli, Boston College  
Presenter: Jared Wicks, S.J., Pontifical College Josephinum  
"Conciliar Theological Fault Lines"  
Respondent: Bernard P. Prusak, Villanova University

## 10. Economic Justice for All Twenty-Five Years Later Interest Group

Topic: "*Economic Justice for All: Looking back, Looking Forward*"  
Convener: Mark J. Allman, Merrimack College  
Presenters: Meghan J. Clark, St. John's University, New York  
Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., Archbishop Emeritus  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

## 11. Invited Session

Topic: "Liturgy, Sacraments, and Aesthetic Practices"  
Convener: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College  
Moderator: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College  
Presenters: Cecilia González-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University  
"In the Presence of the Holy"  
James Caccamo, St. Joseph's University  
"Mediating God in a New Media World"

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 8, 2012

1:00–2:15 p.m. **Women's Seminar Luncheon**

1:15–2:15 p.m. **Hearing of the Resolutions Committee:**

Presiding: Richard Gaillardetz, Boston College  
Vice-President, CTSA

2:30–4:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions:**

### 1. Christianity and Judaism Consultation

Topic: “Catholic and Jewish Approaches to Sacramentality: A Conversation”  
Admin. Team: Mary Doak, Elizabeth Groppe, Joy Galarneau  
Convener: Mary Doak, University of San Diego  
Moderator: Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University  
Presenters: Joseph J. Martos, Aquinas Institute of Theology  
Elena Procaro-Foley, Iona College  
Respondent: (Rabbi) Ryan Dulkan, Washington University in St. Louis

### 2. Christ Topic Session

Topic: “Christology and Liturgy in East and West”  
Admin. Team: Patricia Walter, Randy Rosenberg, Kelle Lynch-Baldwin  
Convener: Patricia Walter, O.P., Aquinas Institute of Theology  
Moderator: Randy Rosenberg, Fontbonne University  
Presenters: Khaled Anatolios, Boston College  
“The Liturgical Mind of Christ: The Paschal Mystery in Byzantine Liturgy”  
Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University  
“The Human and the Cosmic: Christological Interpretations of the Liturgy in Thomas Aquinas and Maximus the Confessor”  
Mark Yenson, King’s University College, at the University of Western Ontario  
“‘Godhead Here in Hiding’: Maximus, the Humanity of Christ, and Transubstantiation”

### 3. Church-Ecumenism Topic Session

Admin. Team: Catherine E. Clifford, Jeffrey Gros, Brian Flanagan  
Convener: Catherine E. Clifford, St. Paul University, Ottawa  
Moderator: Catherine E. Clifford, St. Paul University, Ottawa  
Presenters: Thomas P. Rausch, S.J., Loyola Marymount University  
“Eucharistic Hospitality: Revisiting the Question”  
Kimberly Alexander, Regent University  
“The Ecclesiological Dimension of Healing: A Global Pentecostal Contribution”  
Rhodora Beaton, St. Catherine University  
“Graced Unity: Language of Sacrament, Language of Proclamation”

#### 4. Von Balthasar Consultation

Admin. Team: Nicholas J. Healy, Barbara Sain, Peter Casarella  
Convener: Barbara Sain, University of St. Thomas  
Moderator: Barbara Sain, University of St. Thomas  
Presenter: Francis X. Clooney, S.J., Harvard Divinity School  
"Reading the Poetic and Dramatic: Hans Urs von Balthasar in Theological  
Conversation with Hinduism"  
Respondent: Edward T. Ulrich, University of St. Thomas  
Martin Bieler, University of Berne, Switzerland

#### 5. Moral Theology Topic Session I

Topic: "Contemporary Developments of Virtue Ethics"  
Admin. Team: David Cloutier, Lisa Sowle Cahill, Nancy Rourke  
Convener: David Cloutier, Mount St. Mary's University  
Moderator: Nancy Rourke, Canisius College  
Presenters: Daniel J. Daly, Saint Anselm College  
"Globalization and the Structures of Virtue and Vice"  
William C. Mattison III, Catholic University of America  
"The Movements of Love: *Agape* and *Eros*, *Amor Concupiscentiae* and  
*Amor Amicitiae*"

#### 6. Invited Session

Topic: "Parish Sacramental Preparation: How Do We Translate Good Theology  
into Practical Practice"  
Convener: Martha Rheaume, St. Nicholas Church, O'Fallon, IL  
Moderator: Natalie Kertes Weaver, Ursuline College  
Presenters: Martha Rheaume, St. Nicholas Church, O'Fallon, IL  
"Understanding the Methodology of the Catechesis  
of the Good Shepherd"  
Barbara Furdek, St. Nicholas Church, O'Fallon, IL  
"The Collaboration of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
and Practical Theology"  
Julie Kilian, St. Francis Xavier College Church, St. Louis, MO  
"Practical Experiences of Sacramental Preparation from a Catechesis  
of the Good Shepherd Perspective"



## 7. Practical Theology Topic Session

Topic: "Sacraments and the Global Church in Postcolonial Contexts"  
Admin. Team: Susan Abraham, Bryan Froehle, Brett Hoover  
Convener: Susan Abraham, Harvard Divinity School  
Moderator: Brett Hoover, Loyola Marymount University  
Presenters: Shannon Craigo-Snell, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Center  
"Narrative, Performance, and Power: Sacraments in Global Settings"  
Amanda Quantz, University of St. Mary  
"Sacrament/s and the Global Church"  
Respondent: Robert Schreiter C.P.P.S., Catholic Theological Union

## 8. Historical Theology Topic Session I

Topic: "Sacraments and the Global Church in Antiquity: Augustine of Hippo"  
Admin. Team: Franklin T. Harkins, Helen Ciernick, Lee Bacchi  
Convener: Franklin T. Harkins, Fordham University  
Moderator: Lee Bacchi, St. Mary Nativity Church, Joliet, IL  
Presenters: Kimberly Baker, Saint Vincent College  
"Christ Spread Throughout the World: Augustine's Sacramental Theology of Church"  
Andrew Salzman, Boston College  
"Sacraments in the Augustinian Tradition: Powerful or Powerless?"

## 9. Selected Session

"The *Really* Global in the *Really* Local: Ritualized Bodies in Comparative Theological Perspective"

Convener: Reid B. Locklin, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto  
Moderator: Jonathan Y. Tan, Australian Catholic University  
Presenters: Bede Bidlack, St. Anselm College  
"The Universe at Prayer: Body, Cosmos, and Divinization in Teilhard de Chardin and Daoist Xiao Yingsou"  
Reid B. Locklin, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto  
"Sacramental Scripts: Ritualized Dialogue and the (Dis)Placement of the Body in Hindu Non-Dualism"  
Respondent: Tracy Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University

## 10. Mary in Global and Contemporary Perspective Interest Group

Topic: "Mary in Ecumenical and Interfaith Perspective"  
Conveners: Wendy Wright, Creighton University  
Dorian Llywelyn, S.J., Loyola Marymount University  
Moderator: Aurelie Hagstrom, Providence College  
Presenters: Mary Christine Athans, B.V.M., University of St. Thomas  
"The Quest of the Jewish Mary"  
Walter Sisto, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto  
"Model and Spirit-Bearer: A Reflection on Sergius Bulgakov's  
Mariology"  
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University  
"Maryam Umm 'Isa in Islamic Text and Context"

## 11. Theology of Migration Interest Group

Convener: Linh Hoang, Siena College  
Moderator: Kathryn Lilla Cox, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University  
Presenters: Linh Hoang, Siena College  
"Migration in a Trinitarian Perspective"  
Gemma Tulud Cruz, Australian Catholic University  
"Migration and Redemption"  
Michael Downey, Diocese of San Bernardino  
"Egypt Behind: Gladness to Find: Migrant Spirituality"

## FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 2012

4:30–6:00 p.m. **CTSA Business Meeting**

Presiding: John E. Thiel, Fairfield University  
President, CTSA  
Parliamentarian: Timothy O'Connell, Loyola University Chicago

6:15–7:45 p.m. **Receptions:**

6:15–7:45 p.m. **President's Reception for New/Newer Members**

6:15–6:45 p.m. ***Festschrift*** to honor the publication of *Seeking Common Ground: Evaluation and Critique of Joseph Bracken's Comprehensive Worldview*, a *Festschrift* in honor of Joseph Bracken, ed. Marc Pugliese and Gloria Schaab (Milwaukee: Marquette University, 2012)

6:45–7:45 p.m. **Liturgical Press Reception Celebrating New Titles**

8:00 p.m.                    **Panel Discussion:**

Topic:                        “Church and Government”  
Panelists:                    M. Cathleen Kaveny, University of Notre Dame  
James Coriden, Washington Theological Union  
Terrence Tilley, Fordham University

9:00 p.m.                    **Panel Discussion:**

Topic:                        “Vatican Notification of the Work of Margaret Farley”  
Panelists:                    Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College  
Margaret Farley, Yale University (Emerita)

### **SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 2012**

7:15–8:45 a.m.            **Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society**

8:30–8:45 a.m.            **Morning Prayer**

9:00a.m.–5:00 p.m.    **Exhibit Hall Open**

9:00–10:30 a.m.        **Third Plenary Session:**

Presiding:                 Susan A. Ross, Loyola University Chicago  
President-Elect, CTSA  
Address:                    Teresa Berger, Yale University Divinity School  
“Sacramental Sights Through Women’s Eyes:  
                                      Spying in a Promised Land”  
Response:                 Susan Abraham, Harvard University Divinity School

10:30–11:00 a.m.        **Coffee Break**

11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions:**

#### **1. Moral Theology Topic Session II**

Topic:                        “Sacramentality in Moral Theology”  
Convener:                    David Cloutier, Mount St. Mary’s University  
Moderator:                 Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College  
Presenters:                 Maureen H. O’Connell, Fordham University  
                                      “Confessing Complicity: Catholic Moral Theology and White Claims to  
                                      Moral Goodness in Racial Injustice”  
                                      Charles Camosy, Fordham University  
                                      “Peter Singer and Catholic Moral Theology on Non-Human Animals and  
                                      Ecology: The Difference Sacramentality Makes”

## **2. Spirituality Topic Session**

Topic: "The Sacramental Nature of Lived Experience"  
Admin. Team: Peter Feldmeier, Marian Maskulak, C.P.S., Michon Matthiesen  
Convener: Peter Feldmeier, University of Toledo  
Moderator: Marian Maskulak, C.P.S., St. John's University, New York  
Presenters: Wendy Wright, Creighton University  
"A Dialogue with God: Motherhood and the Sacramental Imagination"  
Julia Feder, University of Notre Dame  
"Post-Traumatic Healing as a Sacramental-Spiritual Practice"  
Respondent: Peter Feldmeier, University of Toledo

## **3. Liturgy/Sacraments Topic Session**

Topic: Sacrament/s and the Global Church  
Admin. Team: Lizette Larson-Miller, Rhodora Beaton, Steve Rodenborn  
Convener: Lizette Larson-Miller, Church Divinity School of the Pacific  
Moderator: Rhodora Beaton, St. Catherine University  
Presenters: Gary Macy, Santa Clara University  
"Mediterranean Meals to God: The Globalization of the Eucharist"  
Anne McGowan, Yale University  
"The Spirit's Sending and the Sacraments: Insights from the Eucharistic  
Epiclesis for a Global Church"  
Richard McCarron, Catholic Theological Union  
"Yesterday's Bread: The Sacramentality of Food in a World of Hunger"

## **5. Creation/Eschatology Topic Session**

Topic: "Creation, Eschatology and the Sacramental Imagination"  
Admin. Team: Colleen Carpenter, Randy Sachs, S.J., Ernesto Valiente  
Convener: Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine's University  
Moderator: Randy Sachs, S.J., Boston College  
Presenters: Joseph Flipper, Marquette University  
"Eschatology in the Sacramental Imagination of Henri de Lubac"  
Daniel Scheid, Duquesne University  
"Alongside Waterfalls: Thomas Berry and the Sacramentality  
of the Universe"

## 5. Asian Theology Consultation

- Topic: “Sacramentality and Asia/Asian America”  
Convener: Julius-Kei Kato, King’s University College at the University  
of Western Ontario  
Moderator: Sophia Park, S.N.J.M., Holy Names University  
Presenters: Joseph Cheah, O.S.M., St. Joseph College  
“White Supremacy and the Sacramentality of Asian American  
Experience”  
Kenan Osborne, O.F.M., Franciscan School of Theology/Graduate  
Theological Union  
“Euro-American Sacramental Theology—Its Need for Asian Help”  
Peter Phan, Georgetown University  
“Funerals and Cult of the Dead: Asian Context and Catholic Celebrations”

## 6. Intercultural/Transnational Pedagogies Interest Group

- Topic: “The Future of Transnational and Intercultural Pedagogies:  
Embracing the New Normal”  
Convener: Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John’s University, New York  
Moderator: Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University  
Panelists: Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee  
Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union

## 7. Selected Session

- “The Politics of Doxology: A Theological Response to Giorgio Agamben’s  
*The Kingdom and the Glory*”
- Convener: Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University  
Moderator: Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University  
Presenters: Yves De Maeseneer, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
“Doxology of Power? Giorgio Agamben on the Liturgical Roots of  
Western Politics”  
Kevin Mongrain, Duquesne University  
“Politics of Glory: Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Theology  
as Source of Resistance”

## 8. Comparative Theology Topic Session

Topic: "Sacramentality and Inculturation"  
Convener: David Clairmont, University of Notre Dame  
Moderator: Francis X. Clooney, S.J., Harvard University  
Presenters: Matthias Frenz, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes  
"Intuitive Access to Sacraments in a Multi-Religious Context: Hindus at Christian Pilgrimage Sites in Southern India"  
SimonMary Ahiokhai, Duquesne University  
"Shaping the Content for Interreligious Engagement: A Case for Interreligious Hospitality in Nigeria's Religiously Pluralistic Societies"  
Hans Gustafson, University of St. Thomas  
"What a Christian Might Learn about Sacramentality from the Spirituality of Nicholas Black Elk"

## 8. Selected Session

"Theological Responses to the Arab Spring"

Convener: Anna Floerke Scheid, Duquesne University  
Moderator: Meghan J. Clark, St. John's University, New York  
Presenters: Anna Floerke Scheid, Duquesne University  
"Just Revolution and the Salience of Nonviolence Amidst Armed Resistance"  
Tobias Winright, St. Louis University  
"Legitimate Defense' and the 'Responsibility to Protect'"

## 10. Invited Session

Topic: "Generations Respond to *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 50 years Later"  
Moderator: Patricia Beattie Jung, St. Paul School of Theology  
Panelists : Elisabeth Vasko, Duquesne University  
Bryan Massingale, Marquette University  
Mary Hines, Emmanuel College

## 11. The Thought of Bernard Lonergan Interest Group

Topic: "Sacramentality and Systematic Theology"  
Convener: John Dadosky, Regis College, University of Toronto  
Moderator: Mark Miller, University of San Francisco  
Presenters: Joseph C. Mudd, Gonzaga University  
"What is Conscious Participation? Bernard Lonergan's Contribution to a Liturgical Hermeneutics"  
Darren Dias, O.P., St. Michael's College, University of Toronto  
"Sacramentality and the Multireligious Context"  
Robert M. Doran, S.J., Marquette University  
"The Structure of Systematic Theology"

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 8, 2012

1:00–2:15 p.m. ***Theological Studies* Editorial Consultation Luncheon**

1:00–2:15 p.m. **CUERG Luncheon**

2:30–4:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions:**

### 1. Black Catholic Theology Consultation

Topic: "The Sacramental Imagination—African Appropriation of Catholicism"  
Admin. Team: LaReine-Marie Mosely, Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, C. Vanessa White  
Convener: Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, Mount Mary College  
Moderator: C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union  
Presenter: Elochukwu Uzukwu, Duquesne University  
"The Sacramental Imagination—African Appropriation of Catholicism Before and After Vatican II"

### 2. Theologies Responsive to Islam Interest Group

Convener: Daniel Madigan, Georgetown University  
Moderator: Christian Krokus, University of Scranton  
Presenters: Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University  
John Renard, St. Louis University  
Daniel Madigan, Georgetown University

### 3. Selected Session

“Sacramental Ordination of Women Deacons for the Global Church”

Convener: Gary Macy, Santa Clara University  
Moderator: Susan Wood, Marquette University  
Panelists: Sara Butler, M.S.B.T., University of St. Mary of the Lake  
William Ditewig, Diocese of Monterey  
Phyllis Zagano, Hofstra University

### 4. Selected Session

“The Case *Not* Heard: Moral Methodology and the Phoenix ‘Abortion’ Debate”

Convener: James T. Bretzke, S.J., Boston College School of Theology and  
Ministry  
Moderator: Judith Merkle, Niagara University  
Presenter: James T. Bretzke, S.J., Boston College School of Theology and  
Ministry  
Respondent: Ron Hamel, Catholic Health Association

### 5. Theology and Natural Science Topic Session

Admin. Team: Richard Kropf, William Stoeger, S.J., J. Matthew Ashley  
Convener: Richard Kropf, Diocese of Lansing, MI  
Moderator: William Stoeger, S.J., Vatican Observatory  
Presenters: Terrence C. Ehrman, C.S.C., Catholic University of America  
“The Human Soul”  
Marian Maskulak, C.P.S., St. John’s University, New York  
“Edith Stein’s Body-Soul Holism”  
Respondent: Michael J. Dodds, O.P., Dominican School of Philosophy and  
Theology, Berkeley

### 6. God/Trinity Topic Session

Topic: “Encountering the Triune God in the Sacrament(s)”  
Admin. Team: Gloria L. Schaab, Aristotle Papanikolaou, Ralph Del Colle  
Convener: Gloria L. Schaab, Barry University  
Moderator: Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University  
Presenters: Andrew Staron, Catholic University of America  
“He did not regard equality: Christ as the Icon of Sonship in the  
Thought of Jean-Luc Marion”  
Theodore James Whapham, St. Thomas University  
“How Do These Symbols Work? Sacramental Implications of the  
God-world Relation in the Trinitarian Theologies of Louis Marie  
Chauvet and Kevin Vanhoozer”



## 7. Spirituality of John Henry Newman Interest Group

- Conveners: John R. Connolly, Loyola Marymount University  
Brian W. Hughes, University of Saint Mary, Kansas
- Moderator: Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College
- Presenters: Kenneth Parker, St. Louis University  
“Coming to Terms with the Past: The Role of History in the Spirituality of John Henry Newman”  
Donald Graham, Institute of Theology of St. Augustine’s Seminary  
“Sympathy in the Spiritual Theology of John Henry Newman”

## 8. Selected Session

“Global Ecology and the Life of the Sacraments”

- Convener: Christiana Z. Peppard, Fordham University
- Moderator: Elizabeth A. Johnson, Fordham University
- Presenters: Christiana Z. Peppard, Fordham University  
“Living Water: Ecology, Sacramentality, and the Hydrography of Faith”  
Erin Lothes Biviano, College of St. Elizabeth  
“Concelebrating the Sacrament of Co-Creation”

## 9. Historical Theology Topic Session II

- Topic: “Sacraments and the Global Church in Modernity”
- Convener: Helen Ciernick, Mt. Marty College
- Moderator: Franklin T. Harkins, Fordham University
- Presenters: Paul Monson, Marquette University  
“*Sacramentum* and *Stabilitas* in American Benedictine Monasticism”  
Rose Beal, St. Mary’s University of Minnesota  
“The Influence of Liturgical Reform on Yves Congar’s ‘Total Ecclesiology’”  
Michon Matthiesen, Providence College  
“The Twentieth-Century ‘Sea-change’ in Eucharistic Theology: Maurice de la Taille’s *Mysterium Fidei*”

## 10. Fundamental Theology Topic Session

Admin. Team: Karen Trimble Alliaume, Craig Baron, Susie Paulik Babka  
Convener: Karen Trimble Alliaume, Lewis University  
Moderator: Craig Baron, St. John's University, New York  
Presenters: Peter Fritz, College of the Holy Cross  
"Rahner vs. The Sacraments' Postmodern Despisers"  
Colby Dickinson, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
"Sacrament as Fetish?: The Irreducible Singularity of Sacramental Presence from a Postcolonial Perspective"  
Daniel Rober, Fordham University  
"Rediscovering Sacramentality in a (Post) Secular Age: Listening to the Margins"

## 11. Selected Session

"Dialogue as Sacrament"

Convener: Aimée Upjohn Light, Duquesne University  
Moderator: John Borelli, Georgetown University  
Presenters: John A. Radano, Seton Hall University  
Erik Ranstrom, Boston College  
Aimée Upjohn Light, Duquesne University  
Respondent: James L. Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University

## SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, 2012

5:30 p.m.                    **Eucharist, at the Basilica of St. Louis, King**  
6:45 p.m.                    **Reception**  
7:30 p.m.                    **John Courtney Murray Award Banquet**  
9:00–10:30 p.m.           **Film Showing of "A Question of Habit"**

## SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 2012

7:15–8:45 a.m.            **Conveners' Breakfast**  
8:30–8:45 a.m.            **Morning Prayer**

9:00–10:00 a.m.      **Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address**

Presiding:            Richard Gaillardetz  
                             Vice-President, CTSA  
Address:              John E. Thiel, Fairfield University  
                             President, CTSA  
                             “Creation, Contingency, and Sacramentality”

10:00 a.m.            **Appointment of the New President**

10:15 a.m.            **Breakfast Reception/Coffee**

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Meeting and Luncheon: CTSA Board of Directors**

**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE, ST. LOUIS, 2012**

Chair: Brian Robinette, St. Louis University  
       Jill Raitt, St. Louis University  
       Randy Rosenberg, Fontbonne University  
       J. J. Mueller, S.J., St. Louis University  
       Colleen Mallon, Aquinas Institute of Theology

*The CTSA is most grateful for their assistance with this convention.*

## JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2012

June 9, 2012

The professors in our Society may sometimes distinguish between teacher-scholar types like themselves, always on the side of the angels, and colleagues who live their professional lives as academic administrators, who, at least in the judgment of the professors, are thought to be singing in another, and sometimes more dissonant, angelic choir. Our honoree, throughout his career and in his very person, has managed to dash any sense of difference or hierarchy in this metaphorical angelic community, and has done so through the exercise of his remarkable talents as a teacher, a scholar, and an administrator.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 19, 1947, our honoree grew up in that city and in Phoenix, Arizona. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of San Francisco in 1970 and his Ph.D. at the Graduate Theological Union in 1976. As early as his high school years, he developed an interest in the creative intersection of theology and philosophy, an interest that matured in his later studies and that now has taken shape in ten books—two of which were supported by major fellowship grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities—more than sixty articles, and dozens of conference presentations. For our honoree, philosophy is not just a flighty conversation partner, useful here and there to meet theology's interpretive needs, but an endeavor that requires professional mastery and engagement in order to offer reason's rich resources to the service of faith. In this regard, our honoree has shown himself to be a most imaginative Catholic thinker, especially concerned to highlight the pragmatic dimensions of belief and practice often overlooked by theologians who approach the Catholic tradition philosophically only by appeal to metaphysics or through the history of ideas. Thus, his books on such topics as the nature of faith, the path of Christian discipleship, the workings of tradition, the prudential character of wisdom, and the limitations of theodicy all bring a distinctively American philosophical resonance to the Catholic appreciation for the unity of *fides et ratio*. Ever concerned about the theological encounter between the epistemological question of how reason knows and the ecclesial question of how faith believes and acts, his career-long work continues to make an important contribution to theology's traditional task of faith seeking understanding.

The administrative accomplishments of our honoree have not just fostered the professors and programs he has served but have contributed as well to the good flourishing of Catholic theology in our historical moment. After appointments at Georgetown University, St. Michael's College, and Florida State University, he came to the University of Dayton in 1996 as department Chair. He made a significant contribution to the founding of Dayton's doctoral program in Theology and served as Director of that program from 1999 to 2003. In 2006 he arrived at the Rose Hill Campus of Fordham University as Professor of Theology and Department Chair, and in that capacity continues to lead Fordham's excellent program, since 2010 as the first holder of the Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J., Chair in Catholic Theology. We can only be grateful to him for leading us too—first as a CTSA Board member from 1995 to 1997 and then as our President in 2008–09. Other professional societies have recognized his talent for “practical wisdom.” He served as President of the College Theology Society from 1996 to 1998, and has served this past year as President of the Society for Philosophy of Religion.

While noting these and, if this genre and time allowed, so many more professional accomplishments, we cannot overlook the personal, which, in light of eternity, will likely shine forth all the more. Our honoree has been married for forty-two years to Maureen, one of our very

best historians of early Christianity, and they are the proud parents of two daughters, Elena and Christine, and the justifiably doting grandparents of Jacqueline. Our honoree is fond of observing that “theology is a team sport.” No doubt, that insight issues to some degree from his marriage to Maureen since he has been known to state what is certainly the irrefutable fact: “I know more about Late Antique North African Christianity than any theologian I know.” Our honoree also is an opera buff, a devotion that has found expression in his own past endeavors as a liturgical cantor and choir member. The title of our honoree’s doctoral dissertation was “On Being Tentative in Theology.” Evidently, theology and song are very different things, since those of us who have shared his pew at our convention liturgies know there is nothing tentative about his singing. And, throughout his career, there has been nothing at all tentative about his love of theology, his scholarly energy, and his steadfast leadership in so many venues of the academy.

In recognition of his extraordinary gifts, his record of theological accomplishment, and his dedicated service, the Catholic Theological Society of America presents its highest honor, the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology, to Terrence W. Tilley.

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

President Thiel called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Timothy O’Connell served as parliamentarian. President Thiel announced that there would be discussion of a Resolution which had been submitted by the deadline. The discussion would take place at the end of the meeting, under New Business, after the action to receive the reports from CTSA Committees.

## **COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS**

Gloria Schaab, Chair, presented the Report of the Committee on Admissions. The Committee on Admissions for 2010–11 consisted of Gloria Schaab, Chair, Reid Locklin, Susan Abraham, and Christopher Vogt. Susan Abraham and Christopher Vogt will continue to serve on the committee next year. Two new members will be appointed by the CTSA President.

From approximately 90 applications returned during the year, the committee in its review determined that 86 qualified for membership, 53 for active membership, and 33 for associate membership. Two of the applicants for associate membership and two of the applicants for active membership were determined not to meet the criteria for membership at this time. Four of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Twenty-two (25%) of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Ten (12%) of the new Active members are from underrepresented races/ethnicities. Fourteen (16%) are from outside the United States. The Admissions Committee recommended that the 86 applicants whose names have been posted on the bulletin board outside the meeting be admitted to the Society.

The CTSA members present at the meeting approved the committee’s recommendation by a voice vote. The President asked the new members who were present at the convention to stand and be recognized. They were greeted with a round of applause. The President then invited the new members and others who had been admitted to membership recently to a reception to be held immediately following the business meeting. Brief biographical entries and addresses of the new members are found in the addenda to the CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

## **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Mary Catherine Hilkert, the chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Edmund Chia and Daniel Finn. Edmund Chia and Daniel Finn will continue to serve on the committee next year. The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follows:

For Vice-President: Steven Bevans  
Susan Wood

For board members: Susan Abraham  
Peter Casarella  
Elizabeth Groppe  
James Keenan

There were no nominations from the floor.

Susan Wood was elected Vice-President. James Keenan was elected to the board on the second ballot. Elizabeth Groppe was elected to the board on the fourth ballot. Secretary Mary Theresa Moser and Treasurer Jozef Zalot were re-elected for a one-year term by acclamation later in the meeting. Susan Ross becomes President for 2012–13. Richard Gaillardetz becomes President-Elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are John Thiel, Past President, and Kathleen McManus and Elena Procario-Foley, board members.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President John Thiel introduced his report by acknowledging this year was an interesting one in which to serve as President and presented a number of issues deserving of the membership's attention.

### **2012 Convention**

He thanked Susan Ross for organizing an outstanding convention, and thanked too the institutions that supported the convention receptions and a number of our convention scholarships:

College of Arts and Sciences, St. Louis University  
Fairfield University  
Georgetown University  
Loyola University of Chicago  
Catholic Health Association  
Department of Theological Studies, St. Louis University  
Fontbonne University  
We are fortunate to have such generous benefactors!

### ***Proceedings* Editor and Online *Proceedings* Platform**

President Thiel thanked Jonathan Tan for his several years of service as CTSA *Proceedings* Editor and acknowledged Kent Lasnoski as his successor. Kent will continue our transition to online publication into the future. The Board has voted to use the Boston College

online journals platform (OJS) as the server for our future *Proceedings*, as well as for all past issues of the *Proceedings* which have now been digitized in preparation for their posting there. We expect the transition to online publication to be complete with the fall appearance of the coming issue of the *Proceedings*. Members will access the CTSA *Proceedings* directly, of course, through the Boston College site or via a link that will be placed on the CTSA website. In considering some of the issues that attend the transition, the Board has voted that, in the interests of making the Society's scholarship immediately available to all, recent issues of the *Proceedings* will not be held for a time in the "Members Only" section of the CTSA website but instead will be available through open access and at no cost. The Boston College website offers a sophisticated search engine, and all *Proceedings* entries will be downloadable once we're up and running.

### **CTSA Website Reconstruction**

This work took place at the initiative and creativity of our Executive Director, Mary Jane Ponyik, and through the good work of our webmaster, Em Koenig. President Thiel reported that we now have a much more attractive and navigable website that was approved unanimously by the Board before it was launched. Thanks so much to Mary Jane for all her good work on this project and on which she will have things to say in her report.

### **Christie Lecture**

President Thiel reported that on October 20, 2011, he had the great pleasure of presenting the Inaugural Dolores L. Christie Lecture at John Carroll University. This lecture, which will be offered annually by the CTSA President, honors our Executive Director *Emerita*, Dee Christie, and is co-sponsored by John Carroll University and the Catholic Theological Society of America. It was a wonderful evening, with John Carroll University exhibiting the same hospitality that it offers every day to our offices on its campus.

### **Bishops and Theologians**

Since relations between bishops and theologians occupied the Society in the last year, President Thiel noted that he chose to report on this matter at greater length in his January letter to the Society.

A year ago at this Business Meeting, the members of the Society present overwhelmingly approved a resolution submitted by Michael Buckley that raised questions about the procedures of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine that led to their March 24, 2011 evaluation of Professor Elizabeth Johnson's book *Quest for the Living God*. President Thiel communicated that resolution to Archbishop Timothy Dolan, President of the USCCB, shortly after our convention and he responded in a letter dated July 7, 2011. President Thiel's letter and Archbishop Dolan's response were posted for the society's reading on the CTSA website.

At its June 9, 2011 meeting, the CTSA Board agreed that, in the interests of promoting understanding, the incoming President and Past-President should seek a meeting with Cardinal Wuerl prior to our annual November dinner with the Doctrine Committee to discuss the current state of relations between bishops and the Catholic Theological Society of America. In July,

2011 President Thiel wrote to Cardinal Wuerl asking him if he thought it a good idea to have such a meeting, and he replied that he welcomed the opportunity to speak with us.

On October 7, Mary Ann Hinsdale and John Thiel met with Cardinal Wuerl at his Washington office. Cardinal Wuerl invited Father Thomas Weinandy, O.F.M., Cap., Executive Director of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine, to join our meeting, which lasted for 70 minutes. President Thiel reported that our discussion was mutually respectful and cordial. The CTSA representatives raised all the matters about which they judged the members of the CTSA to be concerned regarding relations between bishops and theologians. Much of our conversation was devoted to the broader issues of the Johnson case. President Thiel noted that the details of our concerns and the concerns expressed by Cardinal Wuerl were reported in his January letter to the Society which still is posted on the CTSA website.

Shortly after our October 7 meeting, the USCCB Committee on Doctrine published a text dated October 11, 2011 and entitled "Response to Observations by Sr. Elizabeth Johnson, C.S.J. ..." This text reiterated the judgment of the Committee on Doctrine in its March 24 Statement that Professor Johnson's book *Quest for the Living God* was not faithful to Catholic teaching. Members of the Board of the CTSA issued a statement on November 4, 2011 expressing our dismay that the Committee on Doctrine had made no effort to engage Professor Johnson personally and constructively in dialogue aimed at mutual understanding at any point in the process prior to the Committee's final judgment. We believed that this focus on process in our statement was consistent with the resolution passed overwhelmingly at last year's Business Meeting of the CTSA.

President Thiel reported that we shared a productive conversation in Baltimore about the New Evangelization at our November 12 annual dinner with members of the Committee on Doctrine, which was attended by Cardinal Wuerl, Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Father Weinandy, the Presidential line of the CTSA—Susan Ross, Richard Gaillardetz, Mary Ann Hinsdale, and John Thiel—Father Roger McGrath, CTSA Coordinator of Relations between U.S. Bishops and Theologians, and Brad Hinze, President of the College Theology Society. Before the CTSA and CTS representatives turned to that topic, though, all voiced their strong concern about the absence of a constructively dialogical process in the Johnson case. We expressed our strong concern too that the Doctrine Committee's final statement of October 11 did not modify any of the positions of its March 24 evaluation, in spite of the fact that Professor Johnson's long response repeatedly stated that she did not write, think, or maintain positions ascribed to her in the Doctrine Committee's March 24 Statement. These issues continued to be points of disagreement between the theologians and the bishops. President Thiel recalled that in his January letter to the Society he urged both bishops and theologians to exercise a hermeneutics of generosity in making judgments about theologies that differ from the theological style to which they might be personally inclined in the rich pluralism of Catholic theological styles. Our different Catholic sensibilities and theological styles need to be seen as sources of mutual appreciation rather than as markers of ecclesial division.

Finally, on this topic, in February President Thiel, on behalf of the CTSA, sent letters of congratulations to Archbishop Timothy Dolan and Archbishop Edwin O'Brien on the occasion of their elevation to the rank of Cardinal. Cardinal Dolan and Cardinal O'Brien responded with letters of gratitude for the Society's good wishes and prayers.



**CDF Notification on Margaret Farley's 2006 Book *Just Love***

President Thiel informed the Society that, at its June 7 meeting, the Board of Directors of the CTSA approved the following statement:

On June 4, 2012, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a "Notification" entitled "Regarding the Book *Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics* by Sister Margaret A. Farley, R.S.M." The "Notification" judged that, in a number of respects, Professor Farley's book presents positions on matters of sexual ethics that are contrary to the teaching of the Magisterium.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Theological Society of America, wish to note that Professor Farley is a highly respected member of the theological community. A former President of the CTSA and a recipient of the Society's John Courtney Murray Award, she has devoted her life to teaching and writing on ethical issues and has done so in ways that have been reflective, measured, and wise. Her work has prompted a generation of theologians to think more deeply about the Christian meaning of personal relationships and the divine life of love that truly animates them. The judgment of the "Notification" that a number of Professor Farley's stated positions are contrary to the teaching of the Magisterium is simply factual. In our judgment, however, Professor Farley's purpose in her book is to raise and explore questions of keen concern to the faithful of the Church. Doing so is one very legitimate way of engaging in theological inquiry that has been practiced throughout the Catholic tradition.

The Board is especially concerned with the understanding of the task of Catholic theology presented in the "Notification." The "Notification" risks giving the impression that there can be no constructive role in the life of the Church for works of theology that (1) give voice to the experience and concerns of ordinary believers, (2) raise questions about the persuasiveness of certain official Catholic positions, and (3) offer alternative theological frameworks as potentially helpful contributions to the authentic development of doctrine. Such an understanding of the nature of theology inappropriately conflates the distinctive tasks of catechesis and theology. With regard to the subject matter of Professor Farley's book, it is simply a matter of fact that faithful Catholics in every corner of the Church are raising ethical questions like those Professor Farley has addressed. In raising and exploring such questions with her customary sensitivity and judiciousness, Professor Farley has invited us to engage the Catholic tradition seriously and thoughtfully.

Signed,

John E. Thiel, Ph.D.  
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Fairfield, CT  
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*Reports: Secretary's Report*

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June 7, 2012

## **Expression of Thanks**

President Thiel concluded by thanking Mary Jane Ponyik who served so creatively and industriously in her first year as our Executive Director and our Board members who give their time and talent to serve us all: Susan Ross, Richard Gaillardetz, Theresa Moser, Jozef Zalot, Elena Procaro-Foley, and Kathleen McManus. He expressed special thanks to our two outgoing Board members who have completed their two-year terms: Michael Lee and Judith Merkle. Finally, he expressed extraordinary thanks to our Past-President, Mary Ann Hinsdale, who completed four years of service in the Presidential line and who was such a wonderful President of the Society.

## **MOTION FROM THE FLOOR**

CTSA member Charles Curran then rose to propose a motion that the CTSA members present at the Business meeting endorse the statement of the Board of Directors concerning the “Notification” from the Vatican regarding Margaret Farley’s book. President Thiel clarified that the statement of the Board did not require the endorsement of the CTSA membership. James Keating then moved that the vote be taken by secret ballot. The motion was defeated. The motion to endorse the statement of the Board of Directors passed.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT**

President-elect Susan Ross expressed her gratitude to all who had worked with her to plan the convention, including Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik, the members of the local arrangements committee chaired by Brian Robinette, the Topic Session Coordinators, graduate student assistants, John Thiel, and her supportive husband, William George. She encouraged the leaders of Topic Sessions, Interest Groups and Consultations to attend the Conveners Breakfast on Sunday morning, which will focus on the evaluation of and planning for the next convention.

## **REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

Vice-President Richard Gaillardetz reported that planning for the Miami 2013 convention is going fairly well at this early stage. The convention theme is “Conversion,” and the plenary speakers will be Peter Casarella of DePaul University, Linda Hogan of Trinity College in Dublin (Ireland), Ormond Rush of Australian Catholic University in Banyo (Australia), and Susan Ross of Loyola University, Chicago (who will give the presidential address). The Call for Papers is available online and a hard copy is also available at this meeting. The Call for Papers for the Topic Sessions should be online by mid-July, and he encouraged our members to consider submitting proposals. He reminded everyone that they may also submit proposals for one of the nine selected sessions that will be chosen by the program committee at the October meeting.

Vice-President Gaillardetz expressed his thanks to Bryan Froehle of St. Thomas University who has agreed to chair the local arrangements committee. They have not yet worked out any alternative housing arrangements but will begin making those plans soon.

## **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Secretary Theresa Moser reminded the members to be sure to update their email addresses, contact information and list of professional achievements. She encouraged the members to send information about deceased members to the Executive Director or herself. The information is added to the obituary section of the website and serves as a reference for the annual remembrance of deceased members at the convention. Members can also check the CTSA website for job postings and conference announcements.

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Treasurer Jozef Zalot presented a few highlights of the Treasurer's Report, which is in the Reports section of the *Proceedings*. He noted that the financial state of the CTSA is strong. While the statement shows a deficit in current operating income, this is largely due to one-time expenses associated with digitizing the *Proceedings* for online publication with Boston College.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik reported that 404 CTSA members are registered for the convention and some are still registering. Currently 74% of those attending the convention are coming to the banquet and presentation of the John Courtney Murray award.

The 2013 convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Miami June 6–9, with a room cost of \$137. The 2014 convention will be at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, where the room cost will be \$149. She announced changes to the evening schedule, which will include a reception by Liturgical Press 6:45–7:45, followed by two panels, one on the current religious freedom question and the other on the “Notification” concerning Margaret Farley's book.

## **REPORT OF CUERG**

Co-Chair Natalie Imperatori-Lee gave the report of the Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups (CUERG). She noted that the majority of CUERG's work this year has gone to reconstituting the committee and regularizing the terms of service, as is customary throughout the Society. Since this is the last year of the Interest Group on Intercultural and Transnational Pedagogies, CUERG will explore the possibility of sponsoring another Interest Group or session that would benefit the Society. She noted that CUERG is pleased with the increasing participation of members of under-represented groups in leadership teams and steering committees of the CTSA. She announced that they are reinstating the CUERG luncheon at this convention and plan to make it a regular event of the CTSA. The complete report can be found in the Reports section of the *Proceedings*.

## **REPORT OF THE INSeCT DELEGATE**

Catherine E. Clifford, CTSA's delegate to the International Network of Societies of Catholic Theology, presented the report. She noted that the INSeCT Steering Committee has not undertaken any new initiatives since her report to the Board in October 2011 and that she wished to inform the membership of ongoing initiatives.

INSeCT has requested the CTSA Board to be mindful of the request made by the Network Council at its Triennial Meeting last June that all member societies make a concerted effort to invite sustained reflection on the theme “The Nature and Role of Theology in Church, Society, and Academy” between now and the next Triennial in 2014. The fruits of these reflections will be brought together at the next triennial International Colloquium which we hope will be hosted by SOTER in Sao Paolo, Brazil, 2014.

Members of the Steering Committee have been invited by the Francophone West African Regional Conference of Catholic Bishops to visit the Catholic University of West Africa and the Jesuit Theological Institute in Abidjan, and the Dominican Institute of Theology in Yamoussokro. It is the Steering Committee’s hope that these informal contacts might lay the foundation for more sustained relationships in the future with theologians in one of the fastest growing Catholic communities of the world. Professor Clifford thanked the CTSA Board for its support of this initiative.

Professor Clifford noted that 2013–14 will be the final year of her mandate as the CTSA delegate to INSeCT, having served more than six years and in the offices of INSeCT President and Vice-President. She urged the Board to attend to the selection of her replacement and to do so in a way that would make for a smooth transition.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE LACUGNA AWARD**

Gary Macy, Chair, presented the report of the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award Committee, whose member include Susan Wood and Karen Alliaume. The committee received eight essays representing six universities in three countries. The submissions for this year’s competition were very strong and the committee had a difficult but delightful task in choosing among such worthy candidates.

After careful thought and much deliberation, the committee chose the essay, “‘Jesus Wept’: Mourning as Imitation of Christ in Bernard’s Sermon Twenty-Six On the Song of Songs,” by Anna Harrison of Loyola Marymount University.

President Thiel then presented the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award, a plaque and a check, to Anna. A précis of her paper appears below:

Tucked into one of the most celebrated and sumptuous religious texts of the Middle Ages, Bernard of Clairvaux’s *Sermons on the Song of Songs*, we find an unabashed apology for mourning, in which the author assumes center stage and in which he casts himself within a pedigreed tradition of the bereaved that includes King David and Jesus. Bernard’s fear that his sorrow at the death of his brother, Gerard, has conquered his own faith is the central expressed concern of Sermon 26, echoing an anxiety about grief that travels back to the first centuries of Christianity. Bernard’s primary concern in this Sermon is to reconcile trust in God with the agony one experiences at the death of one especially beloved. I argue that Bernard does so by modeling himself on Christ, and in so doing, he elaborates a new sense of *imitatio Christi*.

### **ACTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS**

President Thiel asked for a motion to receive the Reports. The Reports were received by acclamation.

**NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION**

Vice-President Richard Gaillardetz, ex-officio chair of the Resolutions Committee, reviewed the guidelines for Resolutions and moved that the floor be open to discussion. The text of the Resolution follows:

The Catholic Theological Society of America expresses deep concern with the decision of the federal government to not extend full exemption from the Department of Health and Human Services' contraception and sterilization coverage mandate to all Catholic employers. While the society recognizes that differences of opinion exist in terms of the morality of contraception and sterilization, it also upholds religious liberty as well as the fundamental right of both individuals and institutions to not be forced to act contrary to their informed consciences. The society urges federal and state governments to exempt employers from funding or providing contraception and sterilization when such funding or provision directly violates the moral tenets of the employer's religious tradition.

A brief but serious discussion followed, with statements both for and against the proposal. Phyllis Zagano then moved that the Resolution be tabled. The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Thiel expressed gratitude to Timothy O'Connell for his service as parliamentarian and invited new and newer members and Topic Area leaders to the President's reception after the Business meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:18 p.m.

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