

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

Monday, June 25, 1956:

The eleventh annual convention of The Catholic Theological Society of America was held at the Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio, from the evening of Monday, June 25, until the late afternoon of Wednesday, June 27. For a list of the 144 members in attendance, we refer the reader to page 267. The program for the evening of June 25 follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 25

8 P. M. GENERAL SESSION

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Reverend Augustine Paul Hennessy, C.P.

8:30 P. M. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The first general session was called to order by the Rev. Augustine Paul Hennessy, who led the opening prayer to the Holy Spirit. After a word of formal introduction by the Vice-President, the Rev. Thomas C. Donlan, O.P., the President returned to the rostrum and read to the members the following telegram:

Please extend to all gathered for the eleventh annual convention of The Catholic Theological Society of America my greetings and heartfelt best wishes for a most fruitful meeting.

(Signed) AMLETO G. CICOGNANI,
Apostolic Delegate.

Father Hennessy then keynoted the convention by the presidential address, entitled "Charity and The Pursuit of Wisdom," and recorded on pages 237ff. By his gracious acknowledgment of this address, Father Donlan echoed the enthusiastic sentiments of the membership. The Vice-President then called upon the Secretary for announcements of immediate interest. Among other items, Father

McDonough mentioned the meetings to follow immediately upon the adjournment of the general session: (a) the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors; (b) the meeting of our Regional Moderators, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J.; (c) the meeting of the Affiliates of the Catholic University of America, convened by the Rt. Rev. William J. McDonald, Vice-Rector of the University.

The Secretary then announced that, through the kind offices of the Very Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Murphy, altars for the celebration of Holy Mass had been made available at the cathedral and four other nearby churches. Finally, the Secretary listed the names of members deceased since the 1955 convention, as follows: The Rev. Terence L. Wholihan, O.F.M., Conv.; the Rt. Rev. Gerald McShane, S.S.; the Rev. Thomas A. Audet, O.P.; the Rev. Thomas W. Moran, S.J. Since the convention, word has been received of the death of the Rev. Charles F. Lang, C.P. The annual Mass for deceased members, to be celebrated by the President, was announced for the morning of Wednesday, June 27. (Necrology, page 290.)

The President then made known the personnel of the Committee on Nominations: The Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., Chairman; the Rev. Gerald Van Ackeren, S.J.; the Rev. Paul E. McKeever. A motion to adjourn having been duly approved, the first general session was brought to a close with prayer.

Tuesday, June 26, 1956:

Embracing the activities of the second day of the convention, we embody herewith an excerpt from our program:

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

9 A. M. . . . PONTIFICAL MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

10:15 A. M. - 12:30 P. M. GENERAL SESSION
THE SACRAMENTAL GRACE OF MATRIMONY
The Reverend James M. Egan, O.P.

2:30 - 4:30 P. M. ELECTIVE SEMINARS

THE EUCHARIST IN RELATION TO THE THREEFOLD
POWERS OF THE CHURCH

The Reverend William Hill, O.P.

THEOLOGICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC ASPECTS OF HABITUAL SIN

The Reverend Joseph S. Duhamel, S.J.

The Reverend Jerome Hayden, O.S.B., M.D.

MOTIVES FOR MORTIFICATION

The Reverend Thomas W. Coyle, C.S.S.R.

THEOLOGY OF THE LAITY

The Reverend Francis Keating, S.J.

5:00 P. M. BUFFET SUPPER

8:00 P. M. INFORMAL SYMPOSIUMS

FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

The Very Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Murphy

DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

The Very Reverend Gerard Owens, C.S.S.R.

MORAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend John R. Connery, S.J.

SACRED DOCTRINE IN OUR COLLEGES

The Right Reverend William R. O'Connor

At 9 A. M., in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, the convention Mass of the Holy Spirit was offered for the intentions of the CTSA, by our Archbishop host, the Most Reverend Edward F. Hoban, S.T.D. At the conclusion of the Pontifical Mass, His Excellency addressed to us a cordial welcome and invoked upon our deliberations the blessings of the Almighty.

At 10:15, with Father Hennessy presiding, the general session of the day was devoted to "The Sacramental Grace of Matrimony," a major paper presented by the Reverend James M. Egan, O.P. Graciously and efficiently, Brother Celestine Luke Salm, F.S.C., functioned as Recording Secretary for all the morning lecturers, as well as at one of the elective seminars.

To locate the texts of all recorded papers and discussions, we

refer the reader to the Table of Contents—page 33. During the elective seminars of the afternoon, Brother Salm, F.S.C., served as Recording Secretary for the twofold discussion by the Rev. Joseph S. Duhamel, S.J., and the Rev. Jerome Hayden, O.S.B., M.D. The Rev. Hugh O'Connell, C.S.S.R., served in the same capacity for the Rev. Thomas W. Coyle, C.S.S.R.; the Rev. Louis E. Sullivan, S.J., for the Rev. William Hill, O.P., and the Rev. Vincent T. O'Keefe, S.J., for the Rev. Francis Keating, S.J.

Although "*schola vacat*" had been announced for 5 P. M., not a few members lingered in the seminar rooms for animated discussion, which was carried over into the Grand Ballroom, the locale of our very enjoyable social hour. By 8 P. M., the informal symposiums were under way and, as usual, well attended.

Wednesday, June 27, 1956:

The activities of the final day of the 1956 convention are outlined as follows, according to program:

10:00 A. M. - 12:00 M. GENERAL SESSION

SUITABLE PENANCES FOR DIFFERENT CLASSES OF PENITENTS

The Reverend Joseph A. Spitzig

CO-OPERATION WITH NON-CATHOLICS IN ETHICO-RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Right Reverend John J. Voight

2:00 - 3:30 P. M. PANEL DISCUSSION

THE THESIS FORM AS AN INSTRUMENT OF THEOLOGICAL
INSTRUCTION

The Reverend Edmond D. Benard, Chairman

Panel Members

The Reverend John Courtney Murray, S.J.

The Reverend Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P.

3:30 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING

The first session of the day was called to order by the Rev. Thomas C. Donlan, O.P., who presided. In the afternoon, imme-

diately upon the conclusion of the panel discussion, the President opened the final, business meeting. Father Hennessy called upon the Secretary for his report, and requested that, in the absence of the Rev. Jordan Aumann, O.P., Chairman of the Committee on Admissions, Father McDonough function as spokesman for that committee. The Secretary announced the enlistment of fifty-two new applicants, whose enrollment would bring the total membership of the CTSA to 607. Having assured the assembly that the candidates had been duly screened, Father McDonough requested the President to process their approval by the house. Whereupon, the induction of all applicants was ratified unanimously. The names of the new members follow.

- Adamczyk, Stanley J., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J. (Ramsey P.O.)
- Arsenault, Lionel, C.S.S.R., Mont Saint-Joseph, Aylmer, Quebec, Canada.
- Billy, Method C., O.F.M., Conv., 625 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington 17, D. C.
- Bowman, David J., S.J., West Baden College, West Baden Springs, Ind.
- Breen, Russell W. J., 3484 Peel St., Montreal 2, P. Q., Canada.
- Bruns, James E., 16 Barclay St., New York 7, N. Y.
- Carroll, Eamon, O.Carm., 1600 Webster St., N.E., Washington 17, D. C.
- Cavallo, Francis M., S.X., 101 Summer St., Holliston, Mass.
- Cunningham, Francis L. B., O.P., St. Rose Priory, Asbury Road, Dubuque, Iowa.
- Davis, John D., Bellarmine College, 2000 Norris Place, Louisville 5, Ky.
- Demeck, Norman, C.P., 328 Washington Ave., Dunkirk, N. Y.
- Desilets, Donald A., 104 Springfield St., Chicopee, Mass.
- Dignan, Paul J., C.P., St. Michael's Monastery, Union City, N. J.
- Dillon, David A., St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.
- Dovick, Robert E., 2226 S. Whipple St., South Chicago, Ill.
- Fleming, William S., Seminary of St. Pius X, Erlanger, Ky. (P.O. Box 62)
- Freudinger, Pancratius J., O.F.M., St. Joseph's Seminary, Teutopolis, Ill.
- Gartland, William F., C.S.C., Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass.
- Hakim, Albert B., Seton Hall U., S. Orange, N. J.
- Hart, Rt. Rev. James V., 472 W. 142 St., New York 31, N. Y.

- Hennessy, Thomas E. D., O.P., Aquinas College, 143 Lakeside Drive, N.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Hill, William J., O.P., 487 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington 17, D.C.
- Hogan, William F., C.S.C., 4001 Harewood Road, N.E., Washington 17, D. C.
- Hudson, Peter M., O.S.B., Holy Cross Abbey, Cañon City, Colo.
- Jones, James D., O.S.B., Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo.
- Kaiser, Brother F. James, F.S.C., De La Salle College, Washington 18, D. C.
- Kernel, Theoderic J., O.F.M., St. Joseph's Seminary, Teutopolis, Ill.
- Koenig, John H., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J. (Ramsey P.O.)
- Konrad, Joseph, 75 Greene Ave., Brooklyn 38, N. Y.
- Kraszewski, Boniface J., O.F.M., Christ the King Seminary, West Chicago, Ill. (Box 246)
- Lennon, Peter F., Seton Hall University, South Orange, N. J.
- Lind, Christopher H., O.S.B., 528 High St., Newark 2, N. J.
- McDonald, Rt. Rev. William J., Catholic University of America, Washington 17, D. C.
- Mahon, John M., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J. (Ramsey P.O.)
- Mattingly, John F., S.S., St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif.
- Mitchell, William, 440 N. Mayfield Ave., Chicago 44, Ill.
- Mullins, Robert J., University Station (Box MM), Grand Forks, N. Dak.
- Norris, Frank B., S.S., St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore 10, Md.
- O'Brien, John F., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J. (Ramsey P.O.)
- O'Connell, James J., 432 Gifford St., Syracuse 4, N. Y.
- Pechulis, John Baptist, C.P., 5700 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago 31, Ill.
- Quill, James E., 1140 Madison Ave., Covington, Ky.
- Reddan, Patrick E., 472 West 142 St., New York 31, N. Y.
- Reese, J. Kelly, Church of the Ascension, Bowie, Md.
- Roche, M. Edward, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill.
- Signori, Bernard, 2065 Sherbrooke St., W., Montreal 25, P. Q., Canada.
- Sullivan, Roger J., 751 Alta Vista St., Dubuque, Iowa.
- Tos, Aldo J., Catholic University of America, Washington 17, D. C. (Coldwell Hall)
- Tusinski, Louis A., C.R., 1456 W. Division St., Chicago, Ill.
- Voight, Rt. Rev. John J., 31 East 50 St., New York 22, N. Y.
- Young, Patrick J., Pendroy St., E. Meadow, L. I., N. Y.
- Zabella, Albert J., S.J., 42- Rue de Grenelle, Paris, France.

Having thanked the Fathers for their gracious co-operation in the enlistment of new members, the Secretary reported that, as usual, a copy of the PROCEEDINGS had been sent to all members of the hierarchy throughout the U.S.A. and Canada. The text of an accompanying letter from the President is recorded on page 257. Father McDonough then exhorted the members that—if and when circumstances might permit—they patronize our advertisers and in doing so, refer to their ads in our annual. Mention was then made of the locale of our 1957 convention—the new Sheraton Hotel at Philadelphia, Pa. Finally, the Secretary emphasized the appreciation of the CTSA to those of the press to whom we are indebted for publicity, and to those who so kindly reviewed our annual PROCEEDINGS.

The President then called upon the Rev. James Edward Rea for the annual report of the Treasurer. The report will be found on page 258.

Having thanked the Secretary and Treasurer for their reports, the President announced the personnel of the Committee on Admissions. (For a complete list of the officers of the CTSA, of the members of the Board of Directors and of committees, we refer you to page 35.) Father Hennessy then echoed the gratitude of all to the Very Rev. Gerald F. Reilly, C.S.S.R., Rector of Holy Redeemer College, Washington, D. C., for the hospitality extended to us annually, on the occasion of the Board of Directors' meeting and the presentation of the Cardinal Spellman Award. Appreciation was expressed also to those who had been our gracious hosts on the occasion of regional meetings; to the Regional Moderators, and to the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Regional Meetings. The chairman of this committee, the Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., was invited to the rostrum to read his report and recommendations, recorded page 264. onward. (Since the convention and owing to the resignation of the Very Rev. Gregory J. Staniszewski, C.P., the Rev. Thomas W. Coyle, C.S.S.R., has been appointed Regional Moderator of the Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin area.)

The President emphasized our indebtedness to the Committee on Current Problems, to the convention speakers and their recording

secretaries—especially Brother Celestine Luke Salm, F.S.C. (For the report of the Current Problems Committee, see page 260.) Father Hennessy announced that a letter of congratulation had been sent in the name of the CTSA, to the Very Rev. Thomas Plassman, O.F.M., on the occasion of his sacerdotal Golden Jubilee; also, that a telegram of condolence had been sent to His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, on the occasion of his father's death.

The next item on the *agenda* was the customary proposal that, our episcopal host be elected to honorary membership, a motion which was carried enthusiastically. The President stated that Archbishop Hoban would be notified by wire, that evening, during the observance of His Excellency's birthday, and that he would offer Mass on the morrow for the intentions of the Archbishop-Bishop of Cleveland. Father Hennessy then voiced our appreciation to the Rev. Alfred C. Rush, C.S.S.R., Archivist of the Society, and to the Very Rev. Theodore Foley, C.P., Advertising Manager of the PROCEEDINGS. (Since the convention and owing to the resignation of Father Foley, the Secretary has functioned as a temporary successor.) Finally, the President thanked the Rector of the Cathedral and the neighboring pastors who so courteously provided us with facilities for the celebration of Mass, and especially Msgr. Michael J. Murphy, for his liaison work in preparation for the Cleveland convention.

As chairman of the Committee on the Cardinal Spellman Award, Father Hennessy announced the 1956 recipient in the person of the Rev. John C. Ford, S.J., who acknowledged the honor with gracious humility. The Committee on Nominations then submitted for the ratification of the house the following slate of officers, for a term of one year, and for a two-year term three new members of the Board of Directors.

<i>President</i>	. . .	The Very Rev. Msgr. George W. Shea
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . .	The Rev. Aidan Carr, O.F.M., Conv.
<i>Secretary</i>	. . .	The Rev. Aloysius McDonough, C.P.
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . .	The Rev. James Edward Rea

Members of the Board—

The Very Rev. Msgr. William A. Bachmann

The Rev. Edward J. Carney, O.S.F.S.

The Rev. Augustine P. Hennessy, C.P.

The motion of the Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., that the nominees be approved by acclamation was duly seconded and carried. Father Hennessy thanked all and each of the members, especially the Secretary and Treasurer, for their co-operation throughout the year. Whereupon, the new President was invited to the dais. Having received the gavel from Father Hennessy, Monsignor Shea blended humility and humor in acknowledging the honor accorded him. A motion to adjourn having been duly carried, this final, business meeting was brought to a close with prayer, in a spirit of thanksgiving for a very worthwhile convention.

ALOYSIUS McDONOUGH, C.P.,
Secretary, CTSA.