

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

Monday, June 24, 1957:

The twelfth annual convention of The Catholic Theological Society of America was held at the Hotel Sheraton, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from the evening of Monday, June 24, until the late afternoon of Wednesday, June 26. For a listing of the members in attendance, we refer the reader to page 245. The program for the evening of June 24 follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 24

8:00 P. M. GENERAL SESSION

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Very Reverend Monsignor George W. Shea

8:30 P. M. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The first general session was called to order by the Very Rev. Msgr. George W. Shea, who led the opening prayer to the Holy Spirit. After a formal introduction by the Vice-President, the Very Rev. Aidan Carr, O.F.M., Conv., the President returned to the rostrum and voiced a cordial welcome to the assembly. Msgr. Shea then keynoted the convention by the presidential address, entitled "Theology and the Magisterium" and recorded on pages 217 ff. By his enthusiastic acknowledgement of this address, Father Carr registered the sentiments of the audience. He then called upon the Secretary for preliminary announcements.

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

The Secretary then announced that, through the kind offices of

the Rev. Joseph A. M. Quigley, facilities for the celebration of Holy Mass had been made available at the cathedral chapel, at other nearby churches and convents, and in the air-cooled *aula magna*. Two deceased members were commended to the suffrages of the Society—the Rev. Charles P. Bechler of North Ridgeville, Ohio, and the Rev. Joseph F. Rock, S.J., of San Francisco. Their deaths had occurred in 1955, but we had received no notification until convention time. (Necrology, page 269.) The annual Mass for deceased members, to be celebrated by the President, was announced for the morning of Wednesday, June 26.

The President then made known the personnel of the Committee on Nominations: The Rev. Edward J. Hogan, S.S., Chairman; the Rev. Edmond D. Benard; the Rev. Thomas W. Coyle, C.S.S.R. A motion to adjourn having been duly approved, this inaugural session was brought to a close with prayer.

Tuesday, June 25, 1957:

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 A. M. . . . PONTIFICAL MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Cathedral Chapel of Saints Peter and Paul

10:15 A. M. - 12:30 P. M. . . . GENERAL SESSION

DOCTRINAL DEVELOPMENT: A BASIC THEORY

The Reverend Cyril Vollert, S.J.

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

CHANGING CONCEPTS OF SERVILE WORK

The Reverend Joseph A. M. Quigley

NATURE OF THE RELIGIOUS AND PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

The Reverend Edward Paul Farrell, O.P.

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THEOLOGY OF DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

The Reverend Edward J. Hogan, S.S.

THE TREATMENT OF MIRACLES IN FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S.

5:00 P. M.	BUFFET SUPPER
8:00 P. M.	INFORMAL SYMPOSIUMS

FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend Martin J. Healy

DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

The Reverend William F. Hogan

MORAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend John C. Ford, S.J.

SACRED DOCTRINE IN OUR COLLEGES

The Reverend Raymond S. Leonard

At 9 A. M., in the chapel adjoining the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, the convention Mass of the Holy Spirit was offered by our archiepiscopal host, the Most Reverend John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. At the conclusion of the Pontifical Mass, His Excellency bade us a cordial welcome and invoked upon our discussions the blessing of the Spirit of Truth.

At 10:15, with Msgr. Shea presiding, the general session of the day was devoted to "Doctrinal Development: A Basic Theory," the major paper presented by the Rev. Cyril Vollert, S.J. Brother Celestine Luke Salm, F.S.C., functioned as Recording Secretary at all morning lectures, at one elective seminar, also at the panel discussion of Wednesday.

To locate the text 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 discussion moderated by the Rev. Edward J. Hogan, S.S. The Rev. Dominic Hughes, O.P. functioned in the same capacity for the Rev. Edward P. Farrell, O.P.;

the Rev. Gerard Owens, C.S.S.R. for the Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S. and the Rev. William J. King for the Rev. Joseph A. M. Quigley.

At 5 P. M., the membership reassembled for the annual and always gratifying social. By 8 P. M., in the seminar rooms, the informal symposiums were under way, characterized by popular attendance and animated discussion.

Wednesday, June 26, 1957:

The activities of the final day of the 1957 convention are outlined as follows, according to program:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

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

THE MORALITY OF SITUATION ETHICS

The Very Reverend Aidan Carr, O.F.M., Conv.

DEMYTHOLOGIZING AND BASIC CHRISTIAN DOGMA

The Reverend Myles M. Bourke

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

THE MORALITY OF RIGHT-TO-WORK LAWS

PANEL MEMBERS

The Very Reverend Monsignor Francis W. Carney

The Reverend John F. Cronin, S.S.

3:30 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING

The first session of the day was called to order by the Very Rev. Msgr. George W. Shea, who presided over the discussions subsequent to the papers presented by the Very Rev. Aidan Carr, O.F.M., Conv., and the Rev. Myles M. Bourke. In the afternoon, immediately after the forum conducted by the Very Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Carney and the Rev. John F. Cronin, S.S., the President opened the final, business meeting.

Msgr. Shea called upon the Chairman of the Committee on Admissions, the Rev. Paul J. Decker, O.M.I., who reported that

ninety-five candidates for membership had been duly screened and recommended for admission. The motion was carried that all be approved as members. The names of the new members follow.

- Acerra, Angelo, O.S.B., St. Bernard Abbey, St. Bernard, Ala.
 Antinello, Anthony F., 259 Essex St., Brooklyn 8, N. Y.
 Ajamie, Albert, 2618 W. St. Claire St., Indianapolis 22, Ind.
 Beaudry, Brother J. Frederick, F.S.C., St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn.
 Best, Eugene C., 26200 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland 23, Ohio.
 Blaher, Very Rev. Damian, O.F.M., Holy Name College, Washington 17, D. C.
 Brokhage, Joseph D., 616 S. East St., Indianapolis 25, Ind.
 Cassels, John J., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington (Ramsey P. O.), N. J.
 Chagnon, John I., St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield 5, Mass.
 Coburn, Very Rev. Msgr. Vincent P., 404 Plane St., Newark 2, N. J.
 Cole, William J., S.M., University of Dayton, Dayton 9, Ohio.
 Concannon, Francis B., Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead, N. Y.
 Cooke, Bernard J., S.J., Marquette University, Milwaukee 3, Wis.
 Coressel, Leo A., S.J., St. Louis University, St. Louis 3, Mo.
 Crowley, Charles B., O.P., 183 Bayview Av., Jersey City, N. J.
 Davis, James J., O.P., St. Stephen's Priory, Dover, Mass.
 De Adder, James W., 29 Milton St., N. Andover, Mass.
 Donahue, John M., O.P., 143 Lakeside Drive, N.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Doyle, Thomas L., S.S., Via Quattro Fontane, 113, Roma 3, Italia.
 Driscoll, James A., O.P., La Salle College, Philadelphia 41, Pa.
 Duffy, Charles G., 757 Hancock St., Quincy, Mass.
 Dunne, Peter E., O.P., 2905 Federal Blvd., Denver 11, Col.
 Dyer, George J., St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill.
 Falcone, John C., SS., St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore 10, Md.
 Fennell, Robert J., Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.
 Fitzgerald, Thomas J., S.S.J., 320—21 St., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.
 Fleming, Edward J., Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.
 Forster, Andrew A., S.S., St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif.
 French, Howard, Bellarmine College, Louisville 5, Ky.
 Gagnon, Pius R., O.Carm., Mt. Carmel Priory, Pottsville, Pa.
 Garrigan, Owen W., Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.
 Gerber, John C., C.S.C., Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, Ind.
 Gleason, Robert W., S.J., Fordham University, New York 58, N. Y.
 Graham, Joseph A., O.S.A., 3900 Harewood Road, N.E., Washington 17, D. C.

- Hacault, Antoine, Grand Seminaire, Saint Boniface, Manitoba, Canada.
- Hagarty, Robert J., 3339 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D. C.
- Hardon, John A., S.J., West Baden College, West Baden, Ind.
- Harrington, Rt. Rev. John F., 76 Elliot St., Springfield 5, Mass.
- Heath, Mark R., O.P., La Salle College, Philadelphia 41, Pa.
- Henkey, Charles H., Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind.
- Hughes, Walter D., O.P., Providence College, Providence, R. I.
- Jarcynski, Eugene T., C.S.C., Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
- Judge, T. Austin, St. Raymond's Rectory, Lynbrook, N. Y.
- Keller, William, Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.
- Kelly, George A., 451 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.
- Kelly, Robert J., S.J., St. Mary's College, St. Marys, Kan.
- Kiesling, Christopher G., O.P., St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa.
- Korba, Joseph, C.S.S.R., St. Mary's Seminary, Meadowvale, Ontario, Canada.
- Leonard, Joseph T., S.S.J., 1200 Varnum St., N.E., Washington 17, D. C.
- Luzi, Alexis A., O.F.M., Cap., St. Anthony Friary, Marathon, Wis.
- McDonnell, Francis J., 75 Union Park St., Boston 18, Mass.
- McGann, Francis J., 20 Roseland St., Dorchester, Mass.
- McGrath, Richard H., Villa Madonna Academy, Covington, Ky. (R. 2, Box 50).
- McGurk, Aquinas, C.P., 159 Washington St., Brighton 35, Mass.
- McNicholas, Walter F., O.S.A., 6310 S. Claremont Ave., Chicago 36, Ill.
- Maguire, William E., 1565 Pennington Road, Trenton 8, N. J.
- Maher, Joseph A., O.S.A., Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.
- Mahoney, Paul J., O.P., 2905 Federal Blvd., Denver 11, Col.
- Malone, George K., 730 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago 11, Ill.
- Masters, Andrew V., S.V.D., St. Mary's Mission House, Techny, Ill.
- Monniere, Gerard, Holy Angels Rectory, S. Meriden, Conn.
- Moriones, Francis, ORSA, Tagaste Seminary, Suffern, N. Y.
- Mullaney, Aidan M., T.O.R., 157 Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Mullen, John J., St. Raymond's Rectory, Lynbrook, N. Y.
- Murray, John P., C.M., Our Lady of Angels Seminary, Niagara, N. Y.
- O'Brien, John J., 209 Brookline St., Cambridge 39, Mass.
- O'Connell, Matthew, S. J., Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.
- O'Dell, Aloysius F., C.P.P.S., St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Ind.
- Olkovikas, Albert W., 145 Lowell St., Manchester, N. H.
- Powers, Raymond T., 351 E. 55 St., New York 22, N. Y.
- Rankin, Barry, C. P., 5700 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago 31, Ill.
- Reardon, Edward J., P. O. Box 455, Hazardville, Conn.

- Regan, Francis A., 39 Woodlawn St., Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.
 Rieder, David J., St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, Minn.
 Seidel, Thomas E., C.S.C., Holy Cross Seminary, Notre Dame, Ind.
 Shea, Joseph T., Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.
 Sheets, John R., S.J., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Sheldon, William W., C.M., Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, Pa.
 Smolko, John F., S.S., 401 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington 17, D. C.
 Stuhlmiller, Carroll, C.P., 5700 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago 31, Ill.
 Sullivan, Brother C. Stephen, F.S.C., De La Salle College, Washington 18, D. C.
 Synan, Edward A., Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.
 Toland, Terrence J., S.J., Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.
 Topmoeller, William G., S.J., St. Mary of Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill.
 Turro, James C., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, (Ramsey P. O.), N. J.
 Valle, Raymond F., 261 Pleasant St., S. Weymouth 90, Mass.
 Vezselowsky, Albin V., O.Praem., St. Norbert Abbey, West De Pere, Wis.
 Walsh, William J., O.S.A., 3900 Harewood Road, N.E., Washington 17, D. C.
 Waters, Joseph L., S.S.J., 1200 Varnum St., N.E., Washington 17, D. C.
 Wheeler, Orrin T., S.J., Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.
 Yamauchi, H. James, S.J., Loyola University, New Orleans 18, La.
 Zeller, Maurice S., C.S.S.R., P. O. Box 148, Oconomowoc, Wis.
 Ziegler, John H., C.S.P., St. Paul's College, Washington 17, D. C.
 Zimmerman, Anthony F., S.V.D., St. Mary's Seminary, Techny, Ill.

The President called upon the Secretary, who thanked the membership for their co-operation in enlisting so many new members. The total membership now numbers 686. Father McDonough mentioned that, as usual, the PROCEEDINGS had been circulated among the hierarchy of the U. S. A. and Canada. He then recommended our advertisers to the consideration of the members and asked that, in patronizing our ad customers, they mention our annual. 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 favorably reviewed the PROCEEDINGS.

Msgr. Shea then invited the Rev. James Edward Rea to the

rostrum, to present the annual report of the Treasurer, to be found on page 232.

The President announced the personnel of the Committee on Admissions, for 1957-1958. (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.) Msgr. Shea then expressed the indelible appreciation of all to the Rector of Holy Redeemer College, Washington, D. C., for the hospitality extended to us annually, on the occasion of the November meeting of the Board of Directors and the presentation of The Cardinal Spellman Award. Our appreciation was emphasized 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 comment on the accomplishments of the regional meetings, which he did in retrospect and in prospect. (Please see page 235.)

The President stressed our indebtedness to the Committee on Current Problems, to the convention speakers and their recording secretaries. (The report of the Committee on Current Problems is recorded pages 239-243 ff.) The next item on the *agenda* was the customary proposal that, our archiepiscopal host be elected to honorary membership, a motion which was carried unanimously. Very grateful acknowledgment was voiced to the Rev. Joseph A. M. Quigley of Overbrook Seminary, for his yeoman's service to the convention in so well organizing the facilities for Holy Mass, and to those who responded to his appeal for assistance—the Rt. Rev. John P. Connery, Chancellor; the Rev. John H. Donnelly, Rector of the Cathedral; the Rev. John T. Green, Procurator of the Seminary; the Rev. Martin J. McDonough, of the Propagation of the Faith; the Sub-deacons from Overbrook; the Poor Clare Nuns; and, Kilner & Co., of Philadelphia.

Msgr. Shea expressed the appreciation of the Society to the Rev. Alfred C. Rush, C.S.S.R., Archivist, and commended the Secretary and Treasurer for their unstinting co-operation. He also thanked the Secretary for his additional work as temporary Advertising Manager, and the Rev. John H. Harrington, Editor of *The PROCEEDINGS*.

As chairman of the Committee on The Cardinal Spellman Award, the President announced the recipient in the person of the Rev. Gerard Yelle, S.S., of the Grand Séminaire, Montreal, Canada. As spokesman for the Committee on Nominations, Msgr. Shea 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.

President Rev. John F. X. Sweeney, S.J.
Vice-President Rev. Richard T. Doherty
Secretary Rev. Aloysius McDonough, C.P.
Treasurer Rev. James Edward Rea
Members of the Board of Directors:

Very. Rev. Msgr. George W. Shea
 Rev. Alfred C. Rush, C.S.S.R.
 Rev. Joseph A. Spitzig

All names placed in nomination were approved unanimously.

Since the convention, the Very Rev. Msgr. William A. Bachmann has resigned as a member of the Board of Directors, because of his appointment as Spiritual Director of the North American College at Vatican City. During the November meeting of the Board of Directors, the Very Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Murphy was elected to fill out Msgr. Bachmann's term.

In the name of The Catholic Theological Society of America, we record here our congratulations and enthusiastic felicitations to two members of the Society who have been designated Successors of the Apostles—the Most Rev. Walter W. Curtis, and the Most Rev. John M. A. Fearn.

Having ascertained that there was no unfinished or new business pending, Msgr. Shea invited to the rostrum the new President, to whom he presented the gavel. Father Sweeney thanked the house for the vote of confidence accorded him, approved a motion to adjourn, and with a prayer of thanksgiving brought to a close the twelfth and very worthwhile convention of the CTSA.

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