

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

Monday, June 23, 1958:

The thirteenth annual convention of The Catholic Theological Society of America was held at the Hotel Saint Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota, from the evening of Monday, June 23, until mid-afternoon of Thursday, June 26. The more leisurely pace, as well as other features of the new program were decidedly welcome. For a listing of the members in attendance, we refer the reader to page 202. On the first evening, the hours from 7 P. M. until 9 were devoted to registration, which was followed by the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

Tuesday, June 24, 1958:

9:00 — 10 A. M. REGISTRATION

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

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

His Excellency, The Most Reverend William O. Brady, S.T.D.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Reverend John F. X. Sweeney, S.J.

THE SACRAMENTAL GRACE OF PENANCE

The Reverend Robert Reginald Masterson, O.P.

2:30 — 4:30 P. M. ELECTIVE SEMINARS

EVALUATION OF THE CURRENT CRITICISM OF THE
TRADITIONAL SEMINARY COURSE IN APOLOGETICS

The Reverend Edward J. Hogan, S.S.

A POSITIVE THEOLOGY COURSE ON THE INCARNATION

Brother Celestine Luke Salm, F.S.C.

MORAL ASPECTS OF PHARMACEUTICAL FERTILITY CONTROL

The Reverend John J. Lynch, S.J.

NATURE AND EFFECTS OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Reverend Francis D. Costa, S.S.S.

5:00 P. M. BUFFET SUPPER

The first general session was called to order by the Rev. John F. X. Sweeney, S.J., who presented our archiepiscopal host, The Most Reverend William O. Brady. Having invoked the special assistance of the Holy Spirit, His Excellency addressed the membership as follows:

**ADDRESS OF WELCOME GIVEN BY
ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM O. BRADY**

To the Catholic Theological Society of America
in Convention at St. Paul, Minnesota, June 24, 1958

The Archdiocese of St. Paul offers warm greetings, a genuine welcome and its best hospitality to the members of the CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA convened for the thirteenth annual meeting.

It is, perhaps, not foreign to the archbishop's office that he should express the hope that these will be days of fruitful discussion. Theology always has problems to be explored or implications to be probed. As our theologians discuss with depth sufficient to satisfy their status as intellectuals, because this society is both CATHOLIC and AMERICAN, they will also doubtless touch the grass root theological applications which are, among us, more often emotionally met than rationally weighed.

Your annual meetings and continued twelvemonth exchanges are proof enough that there does exist an intellectual elite among us. Indeed, if we do not have an elite here, it would seem that current critics speak with double-barreled force. Just how our theologians will adjust the expressed disappointment that our Catholic intellectuals have little influence on the multitudes and too little on the rarer breeds of intellectuals in politics, society, business or civic life, I frankly do not know. At times, however, it does seem to me to be true that influence in such spheres seldom filters down from the level of the intellectual, more often coming from a plebian push from below.

This is not, for the moment, of much importance. What does seem to me to be important is that we shall have a synthesis be-

tween our theological thinking and our dusty-shoe area of practical action. Theology talks of God and of the things of God as men know them and as man and his society are affected by them.

Presently pressing for adequate explanation is the irritating and critical question of State and Church relationships. There have been erudite studies in this field but nothing final and nothing without contradiction. There have been explanatory essays, mostly defensive, which have often left us embarrassingly exposed. Likely in this we shall have no theological or civil peace till the Holy Father himself will speak in the language of the twentieth century. But, till then, our theologians do have a challenge to try to match principles with practice in such a way that both will be positive to persuade the distrustful and both proper for the approval of the Holy Office.

All theologians understand that there is much more to the treatises of moral theology than sex and social problems. When we speak of the first, we gain headlines that too often leave us seemingly obsessed or antediluvian or intransigent. There must be a way in which the moral sense of the many can be strengthened and guided without sensationalism or distortion. Discussion of immediate social problems leaves many unconvinced and some violently divided, possibly because between the principles and their applications there are people whose fields of interest are not defined by logic.

In Mariology we seem to have much specialization. This is such a consoling chapter in theology! We all love it, for we all love our Blessed Mother to whom we will refuse no honor that tradition will sustain. But, at times, there does appear a sweetness in the speculation that is not all light and a piety in discussion that is neither of reason nor of faith.

Some of our giants among the theologians are increasingly confident that religious tensions are lessening. These hold out high hopes for what is sometimes described as the appositeness of the dialogue. We who are somewhat closer to the problems of tension, closer than books or planned discussions over pipe and pitcher, are at times less optimistic in our appraisals. Theologians may note with relief the Lutheran suggestions of a needed reappraisal of

Catholicism. But an archbishop's mail holds evidence that emotions are still strong enough in the non-academic areas to reject any reappraisal of Lutheranism or kindred holdings. Nor are Catholics less flammable in tense situations.

Our theologians may quite properly keep in mind that most of us are not intellectuals, good or bad as that may be. We are only good, struggling, simple souls who love God, are loyal to the Church, who get along fairly well with our neighbors until there is some irritant to illustrate that our pluralistic society is not calmly pluralistic.

For our own people and for our neighbors, we need the approach of grace and goodness and heroic Catholic living much more than we need the mystique of speculation or the blows of argumentation. For the one we are not competent; for the other society is not prepared.

From our theologians, we need explanatory studies but translated into the language which makes profound thoughts simple. There is an obscurantist terminology which, to me, is not always happy. Catholic civic duties seem prejudiced if we are called "ghetto Catholics"; the missionary message of the Church is hardly clarified by refuge in words like "kerygmatic"; the advantage of the future is not secure simply by the "establishment of the dialogue." Theology deals with mysteries but it also deals with men. There is much theology in the Gospels. There is the voice of Christ speaking the language of the people and rarely is that as obscure as the footnotes of the commentators.

With such remarks, gentlemen, you will understand, I am sure, that I welcome you not as theologians alone, but as theologians to many of whom the Church has confided a classroom chair and the duty to form priests who must face the facts of religious living as they actually are, not as the philosophers would have them to be. Our playing with concepts is linked with the saving of souls.

I offer you this type of welcome chiefly because you are meeting in the City of St. Paul. Our patron was no mean theologian just as he was no mean son of Tarsus, no mean Roman, no mean apostle. Our theologians are no mean sons of our nation, Romans in Paul's stamp and apostles in his footsteps. Under Paul's patronage here,

this city and archdiocese has sent not a few into the halls of theology and with some success. We need your stimulation to bolster the apostles of the present in a theological journey that is both pleasant and thorny. Priests and faithful look to our theologians for both knowledge and understanding.

Worship is man's first duty as a creature and the understanding of worship is at the heart of much present Catholic yearning. Sanctity is man's ultimate aim. Theology explains what grace alone can effect. The fullest measure of civic living is a legitimate and necessary temporary goal. Explanation of the intricacies of modern living in terms of the ancient faith lies in your competence.

Some 19 years ago I was lifted from a chair of classroom theology to the bishop's place as theologian to the faithful. The vision from that seat makes much more plain the purpose of the classroom.

Because of this double interest, I beg God's favor upon your discussions and upon the theological work that will develop throughout the year. I presume that what you will do here will strengthen the hearts and hands of those in the active ministry as well as advance the horizons of theological vision. To you, our theologians, we want to turn, and to you we must turn, not for what our critics call the dry bones of theological argumentation but for that living and consoling inspiration which the theological sciences can give to a fuller understanding of God and a firmer union of all His creatures with Him.

Father Sweeney thanked His Excellency for his impressive message to the Society, and then proposed that Archbishop Brady be elected to honorary membership. The motion was duly seconded and ratified unanimously. The formal introduction of the President to the assembly was made by the Vice-President, the Rev. Richard T. Doherty. After a word of cordial welcome, Father Sweeney proceeded to keynote the convention by the presidential address, entitled "The Challenge to Theology," recorded on page 178 ff. Echoing the sentiments of the audience, Father Doherty voiced an eloquent acknowledgment of this address. Then, amid the spirited acclamation of the assembly, Archbishop Brady departed. Whereupon, Father Sweeney presented the Rev. Robert R. Masterson,

O.P., whose interesting paper on "The Sacramental Grace of Penance" stimulated worthwhile discussion (page 17 onward). Toward the conclusion of the first general session, the President called upon the Secretary for preliminary announcements.

Father McDonough reminded the assembly of the annual Mass for deceased members, to be offered on the morrow by the President, and listed the demise of the following Reverend Fathers: Francis Rozsaly, S.P., Theodoric J. Kernel, O.F.M., and Albert Kleber, O.S.B. The Secretary then announced that, through the kind offices of the Rev. Richard T. Doherty of The St. Paul Seminary and the Rev. James Lavin of The College of St. Thomas, altars for the celebration of Holy Mass had been made available in the adjacent Mirror Room. After a show of hands indicative of attendance at the afternoon seminars, meeting rooms were assigned. Attention was called to the free evening of Tuesday and the free afternoon of Wednesday, as new features of the program.

The President returned to the podium to announce a bus tour of the Twin Cities, arranged by the Vice-President, as well as an invitation to visit The St. Paul Seminary as supper guests of Archbishop Brady. Father Sweeney then made known the personnel of the Committee on Nominations: The Rev. Sebastian Carlson, O.P., Chairman; the Rev. John E. Murphy, the Rev. Cyril Vollert, S.J. A motion to adjourn having been duly approved, the first general session was brought to a close with prayer.

It is becoming an annual custom to benefit by the invaluable services of Brother Celestine Luke Salm, F.S.C., who functioned as Recording Secretary at the general sessions. To locate the texts of all recorded papers and discussions, we refer the reader to the Table of Contents—page 1. During the elective seminars of the afternoon, Brother Stephen C. Sullivan functioned as Recording Secretary for the discussion moderated by Brother Celestine Luke Salm, F.S.C. The Rev. Robert H. Springer, S.J. functioned in the same capacity for the Rev. John J. Lynch, S.J.; the Rev. Richard G. Kalkman, S.S. for the Rev. Edward J. Hogan, S.S.

At 5 P. M., the members reassembled for the annual social, which proved to be one of the most enjoyable ever.

The activities of the third day of the 1958 convention are outlined as follows, according to program:

Wednesday, June 25, 1958:

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

MORAL ASPECTS OF SEGREGATION IN EDUCATION

The Right Reverend Francis J. Gilligan

BUSINESS MEETING

8:00 P. M. INFORMAL SYMPOSIUMS

FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

The Very Reverend Monsignor George W. Shea

DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

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

MORAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend Forrest Macken, C.P.

SACRED DOCTRINE IN OUR COLLEGES

The Reverend Vincent J. Nugent, C.M.

The first session of the day was called to order by the Vice-President, who introduced the Rt. Rev. Francis J. Gilligan, formerly of The St. Paul Seminary. Monsignor Gilligan's timely topic and able presentation were followed by frank and practical discussion.

At 11 A. M., the President opened the business meeting, by calling upon the Rev. Sebastian Carlson, O.P., Chairman of the Committee on Admissions. Father Carlson informed the house that, the seventy-five candidates had been duly screened and recommended their admission as members of the CTSA. A motion to that effect was duly carried, and by their inclusion, the membership of the Society now totals 679. The names of the new members follow.

- Bacigalupo, Leonard F., O.F.M., Mt. Alvernia Seminary, Wappingers Falls, N. Y.
- Baum, William W., P. O. Box 1037, Kansas City 41, Mo.
- Bennett, Very Rev. Owen, O.F.M.Conv., St. Anthony-on-Hudson, Rensselaer, N. Y.
- Bevilacqua, Anthony J., 80-26 88th Avenue, Woodside 21, N. Y.
- Boyle, Paul M., C.P., 1924 Newburg Road, Louisville 5, Ky.
- Bullock, Myron F., 58 Grafton Street, Newton Centre 59, Mass.
- Butler, Ignatius W., T.O.R., St. Francis Monastery, Loretto, Pa.
- Cameron, Frederick M., 54 Esty Street, Ashland, Mass.
- Celiano, Alfred V., Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.
- Ciklic, Peter, 7101 West 80th Street, Los Angeles 45, Calif.
- Connelly, John J., St. John's Seminary, Brighton 35, Mass.
- Cintolo, Anthony A., 82 West Milton Street, Readville 37, Mass.
- Cormier, Edmond, S.S., St. Boniface Seminary, St. Boniface, Manitoba, Canada.
- Dedek, John F., St. Gilbert's Rectory, Grayslake, Ill.
- Dewan, Wilfred F., C.S.P., St. Paul's College, Washington 17, D. C.
- Diederich, Everett A., S.J., St. Mary's College, St. Marys, Kan.
- Dowling, Philip J., Corpus Christi Rectory, 29th and Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia 32, Pa.
- Duchaine, Maurice C., S.S., St. Edward's Seminary, Kenmore, Wash.
- Dunne, John S., C.S.C., University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.
- Eckert, Charles F., 8116 Niles Center Road, Skokie, Ill.
- Endres, Benedict J., O.P., St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa.
- Fahy, Thomas G., Seton Hall University, S. Orange, N. J.
- Fay, Benjamin U., O.P., 487 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington 17, D. C.
- Fiedler, Ernest J., P. O. Box 1037, Kansas City, Mo.
- Flanagan, Neal M., O.S.M., Stonebridge Priory, Lake Bluff, Ill.
- Flynn, John H., 45 Alewife Brook Parkway, N. Cambridge 40, Mass.
- Frazier, William B., M.M., Collegio Maryknoll, Via Sardegna 83, Roma, Italia.
- Geraets, Chrysostom H., O.P., 1200 College Avenue, Racine, Wis.
- Grabner, Donald R., O.S.B., Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo.
- Grady, Rt. Rev. Joseph E., St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester 12, N. Y.
- Harrington, Timothy J., 11 Sycamore Street, Worcester, Mass.
- Holland, Timothy J., S.S.J., Xavier University, New Orleans 25, La.
- Hrynchshyn, Michael, C.S.S.R., St. Mary's Seminary, Meadowvale, Ont., Canada.
- Imbierski, Walter J., 720 N. Rush Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

- Jelly, Frederick M., O.P., Providence College, Providence 8, R. I.
 Juras, Very Rev. Msgr. Francis M., 94 Bradford Street, Lawrence,
 Mass.
 Kenny, Walter F., 141 Ashburton Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.
 King, John J., O.M.I., 391 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington 17,
 D. C.
 Krueger, Arthur F., 2215 West Irving Park Road, Chicago 18, Ill.
 Labelle, Jean-Paul, S.S., San Sulpice Daishingakkô, 1900 Shinshoen,
 Katae, Fukuoka, Japan.
 Landry, Albert-Marie, O.P., 831 Rockland Avenue, Montreal 8,
 P.Q., Canada.
 Locigno, Joseph P., 920 Eleventh Street, N.E., Washington 2, D. C.
 McCormick, Richard A., S.J., West Baden College, West Baden
 Springs, Ind.
 McGovern, Leo J., S.J., Weston College, Weston 93, Mass.
 McLean, George F., O.M.I., 391 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Wash-
 ington 17, D. C.
 Mason, Robert E., 592 Middle Neck Road, Great Neck, N. Y.
 Moriarty, Eugene J., The St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul 1, Minn.
 Mouton, Richard von Phul, P. O. Box 575, Lake Charles, La.
 Murray, Rt. Rev. John J., 17 Chestnut Street, Peabody, Mass.
 Nebel, Charles A., Immaculate Conception Rectory, Centerville
 Station, Ill.
 O'Connor, John T., S.C.J., Sacred Heart Monastery, Hales Corners,
 Wis.
 O'Donnell, Clement M., O.F.M.Conv., 625 Michigan Avenue, N.E.,
 Washington 17, D. C.
 Parsons, John L., 1518 Beacon Street, Waban, Mass.
 Peterman, Eugene L., C.P., 1924 Newburg Road, Louisville 5, Ky.
 Philbin, Richard G., S.J., Weston College, Weston 93, Mass.
 Pollack, Andrew J., C.P.P.S., St. Charles' Seminary, Carthagenia,
 Ohio.
 Procaccini, Joseph J., 19 Bayard Street, Trenton 8, N. J.
 Przygoda, Jacek, Loyola University, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Quinlan, Thomas J., 2500 Kenwood Avenue, Alexandria, Va.
 Rabay, Christopher S., S.O.Cist., University of Dallas, Dallas 21,
 Texas.
 Ryan, William D., 269 South York Road, Elmhurst, Ill.
 Schleck, Charles A., C.S.C., 4001 Harewood Road, N.E., Washing-
 ington 17, D. C.
 Schroeder, Francis J., S.S.J., 1200 Varnum Street, N.E., Washing-
 ington 17, D. C.
 Schultz, Russell A., 355 Faillon Street, E., Montreal 10, P.Q.,
 Canada.
 Sheehan, John J., 2223 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester 24, Mass.

- Siler, Jerome J., O.C.S.O., Our Lady of Holy Trinity Abbey, Huntsville, Utah.
- Sponga, Very Rev. Edward J., S.J., Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.
- Stack, John J., 1678 Asylum Avenue, W. Hartford 7, Conn.
- Stanks, Thomas D., S.S., St. Edward's Seminary, Kenmore, Wash.
- Tarrant, Daniel J., 1105 Locust Street, Dubuque, Iowa.
- Taufen, Daniel J., 25 Eighth Avenue, S., St. Cloud, Minn.
- Turner, Wayne A., Avoca, Wis.
- Vanyo, Leo V., Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, Ohio.
- Wright, John H., S.J., Piazza della Pilotta, 4, Roma, Italia.
- Ziskovsky, George, The St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul 1, Minn.

The President then called upon the Secretary, who thanked the members for their co-operation in the enlistment of new members. Father McDonough recommended our advertisers to the consideration of the assembly, and thanked the reviewers of the PROCEEDINGS, as well as those of the press to whom we are indebted for publicity.

Father Sweeney invited Father Rea to the rostrum, to present the annual report of the Treasurer, to be found on page 192.

The President announced the personnel of the Committee on Admissions for 1958-1959. (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 iii.) Father Sweeney paid tribute to the Redemptorist Fathers of Holy Redeemer College, Washington, D. C., for their annual hospitality to us on the occasion of the Board of Directors' meeting and the presentation of The Cardinal Spellman Award. He emphasized also our appreciation to those who had been our hosts on the occasion of regional meetings, and to the Regional Moderators. The President then invited the Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., to report on the progress of the regional meetings (page 199).

Father Sweeney emphasized the annual co-operation of the Committee on Current Problems, whose recommendations to the Board of Directors are recorded from page 194 onward. Due appreciation was voiced also to the convention speakers and to their recording secretaries. The President echoed the sentiments of all present in again acknowledging the manifold kindness of Archbishop Brady, the unstinting co-operation of Father Doherty and Father Lavin,

as well as of the Secretary, Treasurer, Archivist, Advertising Manager, and Editor of the PROCEEDINGS. Although a list of acknowledgments similar to the above is an annual routine, it is in no sense perfunctory. The many who, over the years since 1946, have contributed to the efficient operation of the CTSA realize that, that efficiency has called for not a little interest, enthusiasm, and self-sacrifice.

As Chairman of the Committee on the Cardinal Spellman Award, the President made known the recipient in the person of the Rt. Rev. Joseph C. Fenton, of Catholic University. Monsignor Fenton had been notified by telegram, and his message of appreciation was read to the assembly. Father Sweeney then called upon Father Carlson who, as Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, 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.....Very Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Murphy
Vice-President.....Rev. Vincent J. Nugent, C.M.
Secretary.....Rev. Aloysius McDonough, C.P.
Treasurer.....Very Rev. Msgr. James Edward Rea

Members of the Board of Directors:

Rev. Gerald F. Van Ackeren, S.J.
 Rev. Robert R. Masterson, O.P.
 Rev. John F. X. Sweeney, S.J.

All names placed in nomination were ratified unanimously. Invited to the rostrum by Father Sweeney, Msgr. Murphy thanked the assembly for the confidence reposed in him.

After the afternoon respite, the members reassembled in the evening for the informal symposiums—unfailingly, one of the most attractive features of the program.

The agenda of the final day of the 1958 convention are programmed as follows:

Thursday, June 26, 1958:

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

THE CONCEPT OF BIBLICAL INSPIRATION

The Reverend David M. Stanley, S.J.

2:00 — 3:30 P. M. PANEL DISCUSSION

THE ROLE OF PRUDENCE IN THE RIGHT TO CENSOR IN
LITERATURE AND ART

The Reverend Paul Bussard, Chairman

PANEL MEMBERS

The Very Reverend Owen Bennett, O.F.M.Conv.

The Reverend John R. Connery, S.J.

ADJOURNMENT

The general session of the morning was a well invested two hours, comprising a digest of the principal paper authored by the Rev. David M. Stanley, S.J., and the discussion that followed. The panel discussion of the afternoon, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Paul Bussard, conducted by the Rev. John R. Connery, S.J., and the Very Rev. Owen Bennett, O.F.M.Conv., was a memorable finale of the program. With a keen sense of gratification, and not without reluctance, the motion was carried to adjourn the thirteenth annual convention of The Catholic Theological Society of America.

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