

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

The fifteenth annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held at the Hotel Sheraton, Louisville, Kentucky, from the evening of Monday, June 20, until mid-afternoon of Thursday, June 23. The Officers and Board of Directors convened on the afternoon of June 20 for their semi-annual meeting, in which advance plans were made for the 1961 convention in Ottawa, Canada. In the evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. registration of members began.

The activities of the second day of the convention were as follows:

Tuesday, June 21, 1960:

9:00 — 10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

10:00 — 12:00 M. GENERAL SESSION

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Charles G. Maloney, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop, Louisville, Kentucky

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Right Reverend Msgr. Lawrence J. Riley

THE CONCEPTION OF THE CHURCH AMONG THE EASTERN DISSIDENTS

The Reverend Regis Barwig, O.S.B.

2:30 — 4:30 P.M. ELECTIVE SEMINARS

THE EASTERN ORTHODOX CONCEPTION OF TRADITION

The Reverend Frederick H. Chase

SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY IN THE EASTERN DISSIDENT CHURCHES

The Reverend Paul Mailleux, S.J.

MARIOLOGY IN THE EASTERN DISSIDENT CHURCHES

The Reverend Polycarp Sherwood, O.S.B.

5:00 P.M. BUFFET SUPPER

The first general session was called to order by the President, Monsignor Riley, who presented the Most Reverend Charles G. Maloney, Auxiliary Bishop of Louisville. His Excellency invoked the special assistance of the Holy Spirit upon our deliberations and then addressed the members.

Bishop Maloney conveyed the greetings and blessing of His Excellency, Archbishop Floerch, who was unable to attend. In welcoming CTSA to Louisville, His Excellency expressed great admiration at its accomplishments, and urged the Society to continue to aim even higher. He concluded with the assurance of his prayers and those of the Archbishop.

Monsignor Riley thanked Bishop Maloney for honoring us by his presence and asked him to convey our good wishes and thanks to Archbishop Floerch for the invitation to hold our convention in his see city. The President asked for a motion that their Excellencies, Archbishop Floerch and Bishop Maloney, be elected to honorary membership. The motion was made, duly seconded and carried unanimously.

The formal introduction of the President to the assembly was made by the Vice-President, the Reverend Thomas W. Coyle, C.S.S.R., who noted that Monsignor Riley brought to the Society a freshness of outlook, the fruit of years of study and administration. Thereupon Monsignor Riley addressed the members on the challenge to the theologian in a new decade. The text of the presidential address appears in the latest *Proceedings*.

Father Coyle thanked the President for his illuminating keynote address, which, he was certain, would stimulate much discussion and set the stage for future deliberations by the Society. Thereupon, Father Coyle proceeded to introduce the first formal paper of the Convention, which had been prepared by the Reverend Regis Barwig, O.S.B. Because of his commitments in Rome Father Barwig was unable to be present in person. He asked his confrere, the Reverend Martin J. Horak, O.S.B., St. Procopius' Abbey, Lisle, Illinois, to substitute for him as reader and commentator.

At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion the Vice-President thanked Father Horak for his willingness to undertake a difficult task, and asked him to convey to Father Barwig the corporate thanks of the Society for his contribution to our Convention.

Toward the end of the first general session the President called upon the Secretary for comments and announcements. Father Nugent called attention to the fact that for the first time in over a decade of annual conventions we would miss the kindly and efficient directions of Father Aloysius McDonough, C.P., the retired Secretary. He outlined very briefly the enormous amount of work carried on by Father McDonough in behalf

of the Society and asked the members to give him a round of well-merited applause.

Facilities for Mass and other Convention arrangements were due to the very capable planning of Father Forrest Macken, C.P. and his aides recruited from the Louisville area. It was announced that Masses could be celebrated in the Hotel, or in the Cathedral and adjacent churches. The membership was also alerted to the annual Mass for deceased members, to be celebrated by the President. The following members died during the past year: The Right Reverend Msgr. Daniel T. McColgan, the Very Reverend Msgr. John P. O'Connell, and the Reverends James F. Redding, Thomas C. Mulligan, S.S. and J. Cyril Dukehart, S.S.

Father Nugent announced that, as a result of the action taken by the Board of Directors, the Secretary would be responsible for the collecting of all papers read at the annual Conventions. These would, be presented to the Managing Editor for publication in the *Proceedings*.

The Secretary announced a meeting of the members of the Committee on Admissions immediately after the morning session.

Monsignor Riley called upon the Treasurer, Brother Celestine Luke Salm, F.S.C., who paid tribute to his predecessor, Monsignor James E. Rea, for his faithful years of service to CTSA. Brother Luke urged the members to register and announced plans for the buffet supper to be held in the evening.

In the late afternoon, after the Seminars were concluded, the membership assembled for the annual social, which enabled the theologians and their guests to solve problems and discuss issues in a less formal manner than in the general sessions.

The activities of the third day of the 1960 Convention are outlined as follows:

Wednesday, June 22, 1960:

10:00 A.M.—12:00 M. GENERAL SESSION

CONTEMPORARY PROTESTANT ATTITUDES ON CONTRACEPTION

The Reverend John L. Thomas, S.J.

8:00 P.M. INFORMAL SYMPOSIUMS

FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend Barry Rankin, C.P.

DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

The Reverend Bonaventure Schepers, O.P.

MORAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend Paul E. McKeever

SACRAMENTAL-LITURGICAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend Edward J. Hogan, S.S.

The first session of the day was called to order by the President and opened with prayer. Msgr. Riley introduced the speaker of the day, the Reverend John L. Thomas, S.J. of St. Louis University and a well known theologian and writer, whose interesting paper on "Contemporary Attitudes on Contraception" was well received and evoked much discussion and favorable comment.

The Secretary announced the Symposiums for the evening session and assigned meeting rooms. He also announced that the Holy See had honored four of our members during the past year. One of our Charter members—Bishop Thomas J. Riley—was raised to the hierarchy; Monsignor Michael Murphy, our former President, and Monsignor Joseph Spitzig, were made Domestic Prelates; and Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher was made a Papal Chamberlain. The Secretary announced that the Committee on Admissions had duly screened the sixty-seven new applicants for membership in the Society, and asked for a motion formally admitting them to the Catholic Theological Society of America. A motion to that effect was made, and by their inclusion the membership of the Society presently totals 835. The names of the new members are listed at the end of this report.

Monsignor Riley announced the various Committees for the ensuing year. The Committee on Admissions: Rev. John F. Harvey, O.S.F.S., *Chairman*, Reverends Richard T. Doherty, Maurice Walsh, S.J., Augustine

Rock, O.P., Aloysius Mehr, Maurice Savard, O.M.I., Barry Rankin, C.P., and Alphonsus Thomas, C.S.S.R.

The Committee on Research and Publications: Very Rev. Msgr. John H. Harrington, *Chairman* and *Editor* of the *Proceedings*, Rev. James F. Rigney, *Vice-Chairman* and *Managing Editor*, Very Rev. Msgr. Harry C. Koenig, Reverends Bonaventure Schwinn, O.S.B., Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P., Francis L. Sheerin, S.J., and Alfred C. Rush, C.S.S.R., *Archivist*.

The Committee on Current Problems was reappointed and consists of the following: Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., *Chairman*, Reverends Eamon R. Carroll, O.Carm., Edward J. Hogan, S.S., John M. Paul, C.S.P., William J. Hill, O.P., and Edmond D. Benard, whose untimely death on February 4, 1961 is deeply lamented.

The President proceeded to the task of thanking the many friends and benefactors of the Society, especially the Archbishop and the Auxiliary Bishop of Louisville, our hosts during the 1960 Convention. He expressed sincere thanks to the Redemptorist Fathers of Holy Redeemer College, Washington, for their generous hospitality during our annual Board Meeting in November. Thanks were also expressed to the Franciscan Fathers of Holy Name College, Washington, for their kindness on the occasion of the Cardinal Spellman Award ceremonies of November 1959. The President said he was not unmindful of the work of the various Committees, and the work of the Regional Chairmen, their hosts and the individuals who prepared papers. It was announced that because of the current airline strike Father Burghardt, S.J. would be unable to be present and report on the Regional Meetings.

Msgr. Riley paid special tribute to Father Forrest Macken, C.P. for his exemplary kindness and zeal in the pre-Convention planning. Through him the Society conveyed its thanks to all his associates and generous staff of helpers.

To Father Gerald F. Van Ackeren, S.J. and his confreres at St. Marys, Kansas, the Society owes a particular debt of gratitude for the work of providing again this year the outline previews of the Convention papers.

Corporate thanks were also extended to Father James Brennan, C.M., the Director of Public Relations, for handling releases to the press and other publicity; to the members of the "Ad hoc Committee" for its recommendations and suggestions for the betterment of the CTSA; and finally to the Most Reverend Abbott of the Trappist Community at Gethsemani, and the Very Reverend Father Rector of the West Baden College, for their cordial invitations and hospitality to our members.

The Report of the Treasurer was made in Brother Celestine Luke's ever capable and cheerful manner. This report appears elsewhere in this Supplement.

Msgr. Riley announced the 1960 recipient of the Cardinal Spellman Award: the internationally known scholar and teacher, the Reverend Doctor Johannes Quasten of the Catholic University, Washington, D.C. The citation, written by Msgr. Michael Murphy assisted by Father Alfred Rush, C.S.S.R. is as follows:

The unanimous choice of the Award Committee, ratified by the Board of Directors, as the recipient of the Cardinal Spellman Award for Theology for 1960 is Dr. Johannes Quasten, Professor of Patrology and Christian Archaeology, of the Catholic University of America.

Recognized initially among European scholars for his studies and teaching at the University of Muenster, Dr. Quasten has proved to be the distinguished pupil of a renowned teacher, Franz Doelger. As a member of the faculty of the School of Theology of the Catholic University Dr. Quasten has, since 1938, trained a generation of students, many of whom are members of this Society, in the Doelger tradition—interpreting Christian sources, patristic literature, archaeology, epigraphy, in the light of their cultural background.

His influence and contribution have been extended beyond the classroom and campus by the valued series, *Studies in Christian Antiquity*, prepared under his direction, by the growing library of *Ancient Christian Writers* of which he is the editor and for which he was the moving spirit, and recently with the publication of his own patiently-awaited and enthusiastically received *Patrology*.

The membership hailed the selection of Dr. Quasten and gave him a prolonged round of applause, led by Father Gerald Kelly, S.J., who regarded the recipient as most worthy of such recognition by our Society.

The President announced that the Committee on Nominations, consisting of Father William King, Chairman, Father Van Antwerp, S.S. and Father Robichaud, S.M., would present the nominees for the Officers and three Board of Directors for the coming year. The names presented were as follows:

President Reverend Thomas W. Coyle, C.S.S.R.
Vice-President Reverend Aloysius McDonough, C.P.
Secretary Reverend Vincent J. Nugent, C.M.
Treasurer Brother Celestine Luke Salm, F.S.C.

New Members of the Board of Directors:

The Right Reverend Msgr. Lawrence J. Riley

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

The Reverend Edward F. Hanahoe, S.A.

All names placed in nomination were ratified unanimously. Monsignor Riley invited the new President to the speaker's rostrum and presented him to the assembly. Father Coyle expressed his thanks and pledged his energies to the fulfillment of the purposes of the Society and the good of the Church. The members gave him an enthusiastic response, whereupon Father Coyle sought a motion for adjournment.

The afternoon was spent by some of the members at the Trappist Monastery of Gethsemani, where they were introduced to the Trappist way of life. Still others journeyed to West Baden College where they were the guests of the Jesuit Fathers for dinner. After the respite of the afternoon, the members reassembled in the evening for the informal symposiums, which were described as highly profitable.

The agenda of the final day of the 1960 convention was as follows:

Thursday, June 23, 1960:

10:00 A.M.—12:00 M. GENERAL SESSION

THE CATHOLIC CONCEPTION OF THE CHURCH

The Reverend Edward L. Murphy, S.J.

2:00—3:30 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION

PROBLEMS OF PROHIBITED BOOKS: AN EXPLORATORY DISCUSSION

The Very Reverend Monsignor James E. Rea, Chairman

PANEL MEMBERS

The Reverend Leo A. Arnoult, O.P.

The Reverend John J. Reed, S.J.

ADJOURNMENT

The morning session of the final day of the convention opened with prayer, whereupon Monsignor Riley called to the rostrum, the Reverend Edmond D. Benard, a former president of the Society, and 1955 recipient of the Cardinal Spellman Award, to report on the New Catholic Encyclopedia presently being authored by leading Catholic experts, including many of our members. The complete text of Father Benard's report is printed in the *Proceedings*.

The President then introduced the speaker of the morning, Father Edward L. Murphy, S.J., whose paper on "The Catholic Conception of the Church" was not only capably handled, but perhaps one of the finest papers read before the Society. Afterwards, Monsignor Riley thanked the speaker for the new insights he provided into the life of the Church throughout the world.

In the afternoon session, Monsignor Riley announced that Monsignor Rea, the originally scheduled Chairman of the Panel Discussion, was unable to be present because of circumstances beyond his control. Father Robert J. Kelly, S.J. of St. Mary's College, St. Marys, Kansas, very kindly agreed to chair the meeting. Father Kelly analyzed the problem and invited the two panelists to present their views. The opinions expressed by Father Arnoult, O.P. and Father Reed, S.J. evoked much discussion, and thus manifested the current relevance of this problem.

The enthusiasm and depth of discussion throughout the entire Convention were sufficient evidence that the Louisville meeting was a rewarding experience. With deep satisfaction and thanks to all who made the sessions intellectually attractive and stimulating, the motion was carried to adjourn the fifteenth annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

VINCENT J. NUGENT, C.M., *Secretary*
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, JAMAICA, N.Y.

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The Most Rev. John P. Cody, D.D., and the following Reverend Fathers:

Barry, Garrett, F., O.M.I.	Kenny, Gregory D., C.M.F.
Biltz, Joseph H.	Kerns, Joseph E., S.J.
Bockstie, Richard F., C.S.S.R.	King, Philip J.
Bonano, Salvatore J., C.M.F.	Kriss, Zigford
Bowen, John E.	Loughlin, Edmund L.
Cardegna, Felix F., S.J.	MacEachen, Bede F., S.A.
Chirico, Peter F., S.S.	McElligott, Thomas, S.S.C.
Cirone, Theodore, C.M.F.	McElwain, Hugh M., O.S.M.
Cunningham, Richard G.	McNally, Robert E., S.J.
Daly, Thomas J.	Moeslin, Francis R.
Dailey, William J.	Nearon, Joseph R., S.S.S.
Delaney, Cyril R., S.J.	Noll, Charles A.
Dickman, John W.	O'Connor, Edward J., O.P.
Egan, D'Arcy L., C.S.S.R.	O'Donohoe, James A.
Falanga, Joseph S., C.M.	O'Hare, Francis C.
Falardeau, Ernest R., S.S.S.	Portman, John R.
Fellows, Alfred B.	Quinn, John R.
Flinn, Robert J., S.V.D.	Sargent, Benjamin F., S.J.
Flynn, Harry J.	Schepers, Bonaventure M., O.P.
Finn, Rt. Rev. Charles A.	Schmitt, Boniface A., O.P.
Fisher, David T., S.J.	Sheridan, Thomas L., S.J.
Foley, Vincent De Paul	Shinners, John
Folster, John R.	Sinclair, Alexander B.
Gaydos, Francis A., C.M.	Stanton, Edward S., S.J.
Forker, James M.	Theisen, Roman G., M.M.
Geerken, Columban M., O.S.B.	Thome, Theodore F.
Geis, Norbert F., C.M.	Vancik, Vladimir G.
Graham, Eugene J.	Vaughan, Austin B.
Heaney, John J., S.J.	Vaughan, Laurence S., M.M.
Herscher, Irenaeus, O.F.M.	VonEuw, Charles K.
Higgins, James J., C.S.S.R.	Wessels, Cletus J., O.P.
Hughes, Charles M.	Whalen, John P.
Kelly, Thomas I., C.S.S.R.	Yahn, George J.

*The addresses of these new members will be found in the membership list.