

MINUTES OF THE PITTSBURGH CONVENTION

The seventeenth annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held at the Hotel Penn-Sheraton, Pittsburgh, Pa. from Monday, June 25 until Thursday, June 28, 1962. The officers and Board of Directors held their semi-annual meeting in the headquarters suite on Monday afternoon and evening, laying plans for the forthcoming St. Louis Convention of 1963.

It became evident from the very beginning that the Pittsburgh convention was going to be a huge success, both numerically and theologically. Members began arriving in large numbers on Monday evening and immediately proceeded to take advantage of the accommodations prepared for them, especially the Mass facilities that had been set up in the hotel, through the efficient planning of Father Raymond T. Scultz, Director of the Catholic Information Center of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The first session of the annual convention found the membership responding promptly to the appeal of the Secretary that we adhere strictly to the time schedule outlined on the printed program. Promptly at 10:00 A.M. the official delegation appointed by the President escorted His Excellency, Bishop John J. Wright, D.D., Bishop of Pittsburgh, to the dais, where he was greeted by the officers of C.T.S.A. The incumbent President, Fr. Aloysius McDonough, C.P., then called the 1962 convention to order, presented His Excellency, and asked him to invoke the Holy Spirit upon the deliberations of the Society. His Excellency graciously acceded to the request and addressed himself briefly but forthrightly to the membership. He reaffirmed his welcome to C.T.S.A. to Pittsburgh and said that his attempt at brevity was really a desire to see the morning program unfold, since he intended to stay for the session. His Excellency congratulated the Society on the preparation of its convention program and noted the contemporary importance of all the topics.

Father McDonough thanked Bishop Wright for his kindness to the Society and remarked that it would not be possible to show our usual gratitude by bestowing honorary membership, since His Excellency is already an honorary member, but we could show it in the volume of our applause and our recollection of the Pittsburgh convention.

The Vice-President, Fr. Ferrer Smith, O.P., assumed chairmanship of the opening session by presenting the President for the annual presidential address. Father Smith cited the significant contributions made to C.T.S.A. by Father McDonough since its inception and how well qualified he is by study and experience to lead the Society. Fr. McDonough's address to the members appears in the current issue of the *Proceedings*.

A new feature of the Pittsburgh Convention was the presence of a time clock on the dais operated by the Secretary, Fr. Nugent, C.M. This device was adopted by the Board in hopes of maintaining the time schedule set by them and to allow ample time for discussion from the floor of the various papers to be presented.

The first formal paper of the morning session was given by Fr. John L. Murphy of Catholic University of America, on the very challenging topic, "Can Historical Method Prove Christ's Divinity?" The animated discussion which followed Fr. Murphy's presentation testified to its excellence and the ability of the author to withstand the questionings of Fathers Cahill, S.J., Avery Dulles, S.J., Patrick O'Brien, C.M., and William Baume.

The Secretary announced that the following members of C.T.S.A. had died in the past year 1961-62: Archbishop Keough of Baltimore, Archbishop Brady of St. Paul, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. Brady, Rev. Norbert Geis, C.M., Rev. William V. Herlihy, C.M. According to custom the President offered Mass for our deceased members on Wednesday morning. The morning session was concluded at noon and the membership was advised of the double session seminars scheduled for the afternoon and the assignment of meeting rooms.

The afternoon sessions were devoted to a wide selection of topics that proved to be intensely interesting to the convention guests and members. In the first session which ran from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M.,

presentation of the theme was limited to 20 minutes, thus allowing 70 minutes for discussion. There was no lack of animated discussion which proved to be highly pleasing to all concerned.

Father Richard X. Redmond, S.S., conducted the Fundamental Seminar on "How Should *De Ecclesia* Be Treated in Scientific Theology?"; "What Does the Preacher Do?" was outlined by Fr. Thomas D. Rover, O.P.; "Does the Ascension of Christ Add Anything to the Redemption?" was answered by Fr. Philip J. Donnelly, S.J.; while Fr. John C. Ford, S.J., handled deftly the intriguing topic, "Religious Superiors, Subjects, and Psychiatrists."

After a short intermission the members went back to their second session of the seminars, running from 3:45 to 5:15 P.M. Father Ernest E. Larkin, O.Carm., turned attention to "The Role of Creatures in Christian Spirituality"; Father Robert S. Pelton, C.S.C., posed the question "Does the Laity Have a Role in the Prophetic Mission of the Church?"; Father James M. Egan, O.P., discoursed on "Extreme Unction: Sacrament of the Sick or of the Dying?" and finally Father William C. Bier, S.J., contributed his ideas on "Psychological Tests and Psychic Privacy."

It was the general agreement of all in attendance that these elective seminars were most profitable, and the discussions were carried on in the spacious ballroom of the hotel where the members retired to partake of the refreshments and the appetizing buffet supper which was arranged by Brother Luke, Treasurer of C.T.S.A. The first day of the convention was acclaimed a huge theological success in every way.

The activities of the second day of the National Convention opened with prayer at 10:00 A.M. recited by the Vice-President, Father Ferrer Smith, O.P., who then proceeded with the business of the session. He welcomed several non-Catholic ministers, guests of Bishop Wright, and then introduced the first speaker, Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, lately of the University of Chicago Divinity School and presently of the Yale Divinity School. Dr. Pelikan was most warmly received by the members who were most anxiously awaiting the development of his topic, "The Protestant Concept of the Church." The membership soon became aware not only of the scholarship of the speaker, but also of his humor and ability to hold an audience.

There was a tremendous surge of applause and the members rose at the conclusion of the talk in appreciation. Evidence of the high caliber of the presentation came in the discussion period which was stimulating, under the observations and queries made by Fathers O'Brien, C.M., Kerns, S.J., Dulles, S.J., Owens, C.S.S.R., Van Ackeren, S.J., and Gerald Kelly, S.J.

The second speaker of the morning session was also presented by Father Smith, in the person of Reverend Robert J. Kelly, S.J., of St. Mary's College, St. Marys, Kansas, whose paper "Evaluative Cognition" was enthusiastically received. Father Kelly's presentation drew forth much animated discussion from Fathers Connell, C.S.S.R., Donlan, O.P., and Farrolier, S.J.

The latter portion of the morning's session was devoted to a streamlined business meeting presided over by the President, Father Aloysius McDonough, C.P.

Father John P. Whalen gave a short report on the status of the new *Catholic Encyclopedia* and remarked how the members of the C.T.S.A. were involved in its production.

Father McDonough offered the congratulations to various members of C.T.S.A. who had been appointed to new hierarchical posts during the past year:

Most Rev. Walter Curtis, D.D., the new Bishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut

Most Rev. Francis F. Reh, D.D., the new Bishop of Charlestown, South Carolina

Very Rev. Msgr. George W. Shea, new rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J.

The President called upon Father Nugent, C.M., to report on the Committee on Admissions. Father Nugent announced that the Committee had received and processed the applications for 15 associate memberships and 77 applications for active membership. With the admission of this year's new members the total enrollment in C.T.S.A. is now 968 members. He made a motion that these applications be formally accepted and ratified by the present membership. Father McDonough asked for and received the unanimous approval of all present.

THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
LIST OF NEW MEMBERS 1962

Active Members

Armstrong, Robert A.
Aschenbrenner, George
Carvelli, Gaetano S.
Doran, Thomas G.
Drennan, Lawrence J.
Guyot, Gilmore H., C.M.
Joy, James B.
O'Regan, Hugh H.
O'Sullivan, Eugene M.
Piro, Frank R.
Polzin, Robert M.
Pyne, John D.
Regan, Michael J.
Votraw, Wilbur J.
Wingell, Richard J.

Fenner, Charles J., C.S.Sp.
Finn, Thomas M.
Gerken, John D., S.J.
Gialdini, Gino, O.E.S.A.
Glomski, Edmund V.
Greenewald, Gerald M.,
O.F.M. Cap.
Guillot, Lawrence B.
Heupler, Charles G., O.F.M.
Cap.
Hughes, Alfred C.
Keelan, Kevin R., T.O.R.
(Very Rev.)
Kett, Francis X.
King, Ronald F., C.M.
Klemme, Dennis C.
Koerber, Charles J., C.S.S.R.
Koren, Henry J., C.S.Sp.
La Due, William J.
Lamirande, Emilien, O.M.I.
Larch, Louis J., S.J.
Ludwig, James L.
MacDonald, Sebastian K., C.P.
McDevitt, Augustine, O.F.M.
McInnes, William C.
McKenna, Jerome F., C.P.
McNulty, Frank J.
McSweeney, Placid
Madigan, Felician M., O.F.M.
Conv.
Maguire, Daniel G.
Marthaler, Bernard L., O.F.M.
Conv.
Matczak, Sebastian A.
Meyer, Nicholas W., O.F.M.
Misner, Paul
Murnion, William E.
Murphy, John F.
Nell, Charles A.
Nemec, Ludwik

Associate Members

Albanese, Anthony
Altany, Joseph S.
Arkins, Peter J.
Austin, Charles G., O.P.
Balfé, Brother Timothy, F.S.C.
Belfield, John H.
Boulet, Richard C., O.P.
Braun, John J.
Burke, William J., S.J.
Burns, Vincent M., S.J.
Bushinski, Edward A., C.S.Sp.
Bushinski, Leonard A., C.S.Sp.
Casey, James J., S.J.
Casey, William J., S.J.
Connell, Joseph, S.J.
Couture, Roger A., O.M.I.
Dailey, Thomas G.
Dinger, Clair M.
Dufort, Jean-Marc, S.J.
Dunne, John J.
Dunne, Joseph G., C.M.
Ehr, Donald J., S.V.D.

O'Brien, Eugene C. (USN)	Schumacher, Warren F.
O'Brien, Gerald J., S.J.	Stack, Roch J., O.F.M. Conv
Ourada, Edward M.	Sullivan, Leo D., S.J.
Perz, Joseph B., O.P.	Tanzola, Vincent T., S.J.
Powell, John J., S.J.	Twomey, Richard L., S.J.
Predovick, Nicholas, S.J.	Urig, Regis J. (Rt. Rev.)
Quasten, Johannes	Voll, Urban W., O.P.
Roch, Robito, O.F.M. Cap.	Wearsch, William R. (Very Rev.)
Ropella, Chester A. (Rt. Rev.)	Yzermans, Vincent A.
Runde, Raymond E.	Zalalis, Clement, O.F.M.

The Treasurer, Brother Celestine Luke, F.S.C. was then called upon to make his report, which centered on the financial status of C.T.S.A. and the costs involved in the printing of the *Proceedings*. He urged the members to notify the Society of any change of address, which could result in a considerable saving for C.T.S.A.

The Secretary, Father Nugent, C.M. reported on the activity of his office, especially in advising members of the works of the Society and keeping the files. He noted that new membership cards were sent to all members of order to keep the files current and to proceed soon with the publication of a biography of American Catholic theologians. The Secretary asked for cooperation of membership in this project and also in recommending theologians for membership in the Society.

Father McDonough called for the report of the 1962 Cardinal Spellman Award Committee, which was made by Rt. Rev. Lawrence J. Riley, former President. The announcement that this year's recipient was the Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., brought forth a spontaneous reaction of approval. Father Burghardt was called to the rostrum and presented to the members. He thanked them and reaffirmed his dedication to the work of patristic theology. The citation of the Committee 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 1962 is Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., Professor of Patrology and Patristic Theology at Woodstock College.

The accomplishments of Father Burghardt in the field of Theology have not been confined to any one area. In 1946

he obtained his doctorate in Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of America, specializing in Patrology under the internationally renowned Dr. Johannes Quasten. Now President of the Patristic Academy of America, Father Burghardt has distinguished himself even far beyond the boundaries of this continent as an authority in Patristic Studies.

The significant contributions of Father Burghardt in the field of Mariology have evoked widespread acclaim and have prompted his associates in the Mariological Society of America to elect him as their President and to confer upon him the Mariological Award.

No less outstanding has been Father Burghardt's long and devoted service to the Catholic Theological Society of America through the scholarly and thought-provoking addresses which he has delivered at several of the Society's annual conventions and through the thorough and meticulous work which has characterized his chairmanship of the Committee on Current Problems and the Committee on Regional Meetings.

The enviable and well-merited esteem among theologians everywhere, enjoyed by the quarterly publication *Theological Studies*, is due, in no small measure, to the sound scholarship and efficient administrative ability of Father Burghardt, its Managing Editor.

In the lecture halls of Woodstock College, as at his desk as co-editor of *Ancient Christian Writers* and co-editor of *Woodstock Papers*, Father Burghardt has given unceasing evidence of his selfless dedication to the sacred sciences in conveying to his students the riches of Patristic Theology and in training them in the art of the communication of divine revelation through the spoken word.

The Catholic Theological Society of America is honored to name as the 1962 winner of the Cardinal Spellman Award a penetrating theologian of wide interests and profound insights, a forceful and dynamic teacher, a scholarly student of patient and painstaking research, and an author whose many articles commend themselves for clarity of thought, precision of style and maturity of approach: Reverend Walter J. Burghardt, S.J.

Father McDonough announced the membership of the 1962 Committee on Admissions to be chaired by Msgr. George W. Shea. The members include: Fathers John J. Connelly, Augustine

Rock, O.P., Maurice Zeller, C.S.S.R., Daniel Flynn, Paul Boyle, C.P., Paul J. Decker, O.M.I., Jasper Chiodini, and secretary, *ex officio*.

The other Committees were re-appointed to serve for another year.

Msgr. Michael Murphy, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations was asked for his report. He announced the proposed slate of officers for the ensuing year, consisting of the following:

President	Very Rev. Ferrer Smith, O.P.
Vice-President	Rt. Rev. Richard T. Doherty
Secretary	Rev. Vincent J. Nugent, C.M.
Treasurer	Brother Celestine Luke Salm, F.S.C.

Board of Directors: Rev. Aloysius McDonough, C.P.
Rev. Alban Maguire, O.F.M.
Rev. Francis B. Costa, S.S.S.

The President asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Since none were forthcoming he requested a motion for the acceptance of the nominations made by the Committee. Father Gerald Kelly, S.J., made the motion which was duly seconded and approved.

Father McDonough, as the retiring President, then thanked his co-workers and various groups who assisted in the work of C.T.S.A. He thanked especially our Episcopal host, His Excellency, Bishop John Wright for his kind and warm-hearted invitation to hold our 17th annual Convention in Pittsburgh. Singled out for special thanks were the following:

- Rev. Raymond T. Scultz, Director of the Catholic Information Center, for his diligent providing for our physical needs during the Convention;
- Rev. James A. Brennan, C.M., Director of Public Relations C.T.S.A., for his press coverage of the Convention;
- The various speakers during the Convention;
- The Father Rector and Community of Holy Redeemer College, Washington, for their generous hospitality and kind consideration during our semi-annual meeting of Board of Directors;
- All the advertisers in our annual *Proceedings* for their generous response to our annual appeal.

Father McDonough then called attention to the two proposed Constitutional amendments which had been sent to the members a month previously. He explained the purpose of the two amendments as follows:

According to our Constitution, as amended during the 1953 convention at Baltimore, Maryland, "This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the active members present. Notice of such proposed amendment, with copy thereof, shall be mailed to the entire active membership of the Society, at the last known mail addresses according to the books of the Society, not less than one month in advance of such meeting" (Article VIII).

During the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors, at Washington, D.C., November 15, 1961, it was deemed advisable—with a view to efficiency of administration—to provide a moderate degree of continuity of office, and to regularize that continuity constitutionally. This motion of the Board implements a recommendation of the *ad hoc* Committee, appointed to review the structure and procedure of the Society.

The two proposed amendments, which would specify Article III, Section 6 of the Constitution are as follows:

- (a) Ordinarily, the Vice President will be nominated to succeed to the presidency.
- (b) Ordinarily, the retiring President will be nominated a member of the Board of Directors.

Accordingly, Father McDonough then asked for a motion from the members. A motion of unanimous approval was made by Father Gerald Kelly, S.J., and seconded by Father Matthew Herron, T.O.R. The members voiced complete approval of the two amendments to the Constitution.

The President called attention to the fact that the members would reconvene in the evening to participate in the Informal Symposiums at 8:00 P.M. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. with prayer.

The members of the Board of Directors continued their meeting in the afternoon while the membership availed themselves of the free afternoon to acquaint themselves with Pittsburgh and its environs.

In the evening the members gathered again in the various meeting rooms to attend the Informal Symposiums:

Fundamental Theology . . .	Fr. Gustave A. Weigel, S.J.
Dogmatic Theology	Fr. John J. Connelly
Moral Theology	Fr. Daniel V. Flynn
Ascetical Theology	Fr. James A. Laubacher, S.S.

The third and final day of the Pittsburgh Convention was convened at 10:00 A.M. by the Vice-President, Father Ferrer Smith, O.P. After the initial prayer the first speaker was introduced for the presentation of his theme. He was the Reverend Austin B. Vaughan, professor at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N.Y., whose paper was "What is the Role of the Local Bishop in the Church?" The presentation of this and the succeeding paper was limited to 20 minutes and the discussion following it was allowed 40 minutes. At 11:00 A.M. the second speaker was introduced, Very Reverend Augustine P. Hennessy, C.P., former President of C.T.S.A., and Rector of Holy Cross Seminary, Dunkirk, N.Y., and presently Master of Novices, Pittsburgh, Pa. Father Hennessy developed the theme "The Relationship Between Maturity and Sanctity." There was a representative and profitable discussion following the presentation.

The membership was advised that the closing session, the panel discussion, would be held at 2:00 P.M. and would begin promptly in order to allow the fullest amount of time for discussion. The meeting adjourned at noon.

The final session of the Convention began promptly at 2:00 P.M. and took the form of the usual panel discussion that has become a veritable tradition for the termination of the annual meeting. "Is All Revelation in Scripture?" was discussed brilliantly by Father Gerald Van Ackeren, S.J., of St. Mary's, Kansas and Father Martin J. Healy of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N.Y.

Father McDonough, C.P., presiding for the last time as President of C.T.S.A. thanked both panelists and then invited discussion of the two views presented. An animated period of questioning and analysing followed led by Fathers Egan, O.P., Chirico, S.S., and Murphy.

Only because of the pressure of time was the meeting terminated

in order that members might return to their various areas of ministry. It was the unanimous voice of the members that the Pittsburgh Convention was, by far, the most successful meeting of the C.T.S.A. All were grateful for the Pittsburgh hospitality as well as the high caliber of the sessions. Father McDonough brought the 17th Annual Convention to a prayerful close at 3:30 P.M. and expressed the hope that all would meet again in St. Louis in 1963.

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