

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The twenty-eighth annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held 18-21 June, 1973 at the Commodore Hotel in New York City. The theme of the convention was *American Theologians in the Service of the American Church*.

### CTSA CONVENTION PROGRAM

John H. Wright, S.J., President, called the assembly to order and led the opening prayer. The convention program included addresses, papers and discussion seminars.

Tuesday, 19 June, 9:30 A.M. — Keynote Address, Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., Woodstock College, N.Y., Editor, *Theological Studies*.

10:45 A.M. I. "Cosmic Evolution: The Contemporary Setting of Theology," Edwin G. Kaiser, C.P.P.S., Precious Blood Institute, St. Joseph College, Collegeville, Indiana.

II. "Elitist and Consumer Pressures in American Catholicism: Some Ecclesiological Reflections," Patrick J. Burns, S.J., Marquette University.

III. "Pluralism in Moral Theology," Roderick Hindery, Temple University.

12:00 noon. Convention Mass. Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York.

2:30 P.M. Discussion Seminars I

1. "The Security and the Insecurity of Faith," Francis Fiorenza, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.

2. "The Historical Roots of Our Present Predicament," Paul Misner, Boston College.

3. "The Problem of Authority in the American Church," T. Howland Sanks, S.J., Chairman, Department of Religious Studies, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester.

4. "Theology of the Local Church," Robert Kress, School of Divinity, St. Louis University.

5. "Ethics of the Life Sciences," Warren Reich, Kennedy Center for Bioethics, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

6. "The Role of Woman in Society and Church," Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M., Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois.

#### 4:00 P.M. Discussion Seminars II

1. "Theology as Interpretation of Tradition: The Role of Historical Theology in Serving Today's Church in America," David L. Balas, O. Cist., Chairman, Department of Theology, University of Dallas.

2. "The New Theological-Political Paradigm of the Church," Bernard F. Donahue, O.S.F.S., Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales.

3. "Varieties of Priestly Identity," John T. Fagan, Former Board Member, National Federation of Priests' Councils, Executive Vice-President, Little Flower Children's Services, Wading River, N.Y.

4. "The American Pragmatist Tradition and Fundamental Moral Theology," Sebastian MacDonald, C.P., Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

5. "U.N. World Population Year, 1974: A Theological Response," Dr. Octavio Cabello, Director, U.N. Population Division, Robert H. Springer, S.J., Woodstock College, N.Y.

6. "Ecumenism at the Parish Level," Msgr. Henry G. J. Beck, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst, N.J.

5:45 P.M. Reception

6:45 P.M. Buffet Dinner

Wednesday, 20 June, 7:30 A.M. — Convention Mass

9:30 A.M. General Address: The Problem of Racism Today," Preston Williams, Harvard School of Divinity.

10:45 A.M. I. "Pastoral Problems in the American Church," Most Rev. John R. Quinn, Archbishop of Oklahoma City.

II. "History and Dogman," Gustave-Pierre Leonard, Dartmouth College.

III. "Ecumenism in America," Daniel J. O'Hanlon, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, and George A. Lindbeck, Yale School of Divinity.

2:30 P.M. Discussion Seminars III

1. "Christian Theology: God or Man; God and Man; God in Man," John F. O'Grady, Executive Secretary, Liturgical Commission, Diocese of Albany.

2. "Black Theology," Bede Abram, O.F.M. Conv., Higher Education Opportunity Program, Fordham University.

3. "Polarization in the Church: Phenomenology and Therapy," John Nijenhuis, O. Carm., Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, N.J.

4. "The Petrine Office," Cletus Wessels, O.P., President, Aquinas Institute, Dubuque.

5. "The American Church: Community of Reconciliation?" Dennis M. Regan, Dean of Theology, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N.Y.

6. "Religious Commitment," Sister M. Francis Regis Carton, S.S.N.D., Provincial, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Md.

4:00 P.M. Discussion Seminars IV

1. "Catechetics and Theology," Berard L. Marthaler, O.F.M. Conv., Department of Religion and Religious Education, Catholic University of America.

2. "Christology: Current Developments," Julian J. Miller, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N.Y.

3. "Religious Identity and Its Relation to the Theologian's Work," Matthias Neuman, O.S.B., St. Meinrad School of Theology.

4. "Prayer and Spiritual Theology," Robert S. Pelton, C.S.C., Presbytery, St. Mary's Notre Dame, Indiana.

5. "Ecumenical Dimensions of the Priesthood," Donald G. Clifford, S.J., Saint Joseph's College, Philadelphia.

6. "How Can Catholic Publications Aid Lay Readers in Celebrating the Christian Tradition Today?" James M. Reese, O.S.F.S., Book Review Editor, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, and James Clifton, C.F.X., Editor-in-Chief, *The American Ecclesiastical Review*.

8:00 P.M. Forums for Discussion of CTSA Committee Reports Completed, Published in *CTSA Proceedings*, 1972:

1. "The Bilateral Consultations Between the Roman Catholic Church in the United States and Other Christian Communions," Richard P. McBrien, Pope John XXIII National Seminary.

2. "The Problem of Second Marriages," John R. Connery, S.J., Bellarmine School of Theology, Chicago.

3. "Catholic Hospital Ethics," Warren Reich, Kennedy Center for Bioethics, Georgetown University.

Reports still in preparation:

4. "Renewal of the Sacrament of Penance," Kenan Osborne, O.F.M., Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, California.

5. "Guidelines for Sexual Morality," Anthony R. Kosnik, Dean, SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary.

Thursday, 21 June, 7:30 A.M. — Convention Mass

9:30 A.M. I. "Longergan's Method in Theology and Today's Problems: Two Views," Austin B. Vaughan, St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, N.Y. and Richard M. Liddy, Darlington Seminary, Mahwah, N.J.

II. "An American Political Theology: the Church and Social Change," Peter J. Henriot, S.J., Center of Concern, Washington, D.C.

III. "Principles of a Theology of Preaching," William J. Hill, O.P., Catholic University of America.

## BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the CTSA was held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 20 June, 1973. John H. Wright, S.J., President, called the meeting to order.

### *Secretary's Report*

Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M. reported briefly on the secretary's activities of the past year. It has not been found feasible to plan a new membership directory, at this time. The question, however, is still under discussion. Updated membership printouts are distributed to CTSA officers on a bi-monthly basis as one of the services available through membership in CSR. Change of address notices should be sent promptly to the Treasurer or to the Secretary to insure continued contact with CTSA.

Reports of CTSA Research Committees appeared in the 1972 issue of *Proceedings*. Alternate publications include: Report on the "Bilateral Consultations" by the Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs. Booklets are available in limited quantity for a price of \$1.00 per copy. "The Problem of Second Marriages" appeared in *America*. The report on "Catholic Hospital Ethics" was also published in *The Linacre Quarterly*, Vol. 39, No. 4, November, 1972. Reprints are available.

During the past year, an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to study the question of requirements for associate membership in CTSA. This committee was chaired by Edward H. Konerman, S.J. of Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois. The study was occasioned by requests from members and applicants for membership, because of the trend in American theological schools to confer a degree other than the S.T.L., even when retaining a program allegedly equivalent to the licentiate program.

At this time, the committee finds insufficient evidence to warrant an evaluation of existing equivalencies of degree and/or of program. The need still exists to address the question of requirement for associate membership. During the coming year, continued research and consultation will be pursued in view of suggested amendments to the CTSA Constitution. Announcements and information regarding this topic will

appear in the *CSR Bulletin*.

Associate members who receive the doctoral degree in theological or related studies are requested to submit their application for active membership in CTSA to the Secretary.

Application for membership in CTSA is to be submitted prior to 1 May of the year membership is requested.

Manuscripts of papers presented at each annual convention are to be submitted to the Editor of *Proceedings* no later than 15 July for inclusion in the annual issue of that publication.

The report from the Admissions Committee included the following recommendations: (1) the election to active membership of forty-eight candidates, including one approved as an exceptional case, according to the Constitution, Article II, 1, a; and (2) the election to associate membership of thirty-three candidates. On the vote of the members present, the following applicants were admitted to active membership:

Mary Barbara Agnew	Ph.D.	Catholic University of America
James Biechler	Ph.D.	Temple University, 1973
Walter Bildstein	S.T.D.	Angelicum, 1972
Anne Brennan	Ph.D.	Columbia-Union Theological, 1973
William Brown	S.T.D.	Angelicum, 1969
Mary Buckley	Th.D.	University of Münster
Carnegie S. Calian	Th.D.	Basel, 1963
John Civile	S.T.D.	Alfonsiana, 1972
John Cox	Ph.D.	Claremont Graduate School, 1972
Robert Daly	Th.D.	University of Würzburg, 1972
George Devine	M.A.	Marquette University, 1964
Anne Dunn	Ph.D.	Marquette University, 1967
James Dunning	Ph.D.	Catholic University of America, 1973
Piet Fransen	S.T.D.	Gregorian, 1950
Charles Froehle	S.T.D.	Angelicum, 1968
Joseph Gibbons	Ph.D.	Yale University, 1972



Donald Goergen	Ph.D.	Aquinas Institute, Dubuque, 1972
Monika Hellwig	Ph.D.	Catholic University of America, 1968
John Hickey	J.C.D.	Gregorian University
Robert Imbelli	Ph.D.	Yale University, 1973
Dorothy Irvin	Th.D.	University of Tübingen, 1972
Frederic Kelly	Ph.D.	Catholic University of America, 1972
Geffrey Kelly	S.T.D.	Louvain, 1972
Robert Kress	S.T.D.	Angelicum, 1968
Walter Lowe	Ph.D.	Yale University, 1972
George Maloney	S.E.O.D.	Oriental Institute, 1962
Philip Mueller	Ph.D.	Fordham University, 1972
Henry Murphy	S.T.D.	Catholic University of America, 1972
James Murtagh	S.T.D.	Gregorian University
Angelo Neophitos	S.T.D.	Alfonsiana, 1970
Donald S. Nesti, C.S.Sp.	S.T.D.	Pontifical Gregorian University, 1970
James O'Connor	S.T.D.	University of St. Thomas Aquinas, 1972
Kevin O'Rourke, O.P.	J.C.D.	Angelicum, 1961
Richard Penaskovic	D.Th.	University of Munich, 1973
Bernard Rabik	S.T.D.	University of St. Thomas Aquinas, 1972
Mary Rattigan	Ph.D.	Fordham University, 1973
Hugh M. Riley	D.Th.	University of Munich
John Ryan	S.T.D.	Institut Catholique, Paris, 1973
James Schmeiser	S.T.D.	St. Paul University, Ottawa, 1973
Mary Schneider	Ph.D.	Marquette University, 1971
Thomas Shannon	Ph.D.	Boston University, 1973
William Shea	Ph.D.	Columbia University
Robert Strimple	Th.D.	University of Toronto (Trinity), 1972
David Thomasma	Ph.D.	Catholic University of America, 1972

Albert Tittiger	S.T.D.	Teresianum, 1973
Rodger Van Allen	Ph.D.	Temple University, 1972
Roman Vanasse	S.T.D.	Gregorian University, 1964
Mary Catherine Vukmanic	Th.D.	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1972

The following applicants were elected to associate membership:

Francis Barszozewski	Robert Lampert
Regina Bechtle, S.C.	James Lothamer, S.S.
Jerome W. Bracken	John Maksymowicz
Alden Brown	Henry Mansell
Donald Burgo	Eugene Merlin
Francine Cardman	Melvin Michalski
Mary Corbett, S.C.	John Morris
George Donaldson	Michael Proterra, S.J.
Edward Francis	Richard Roach, S.J.
Martin Foley	Paul Sanchez
John Grega	Wilfrid Scanlon
J. Jefferson Gros	Thomas Shanahan, S.J.
Henry Hall	William Thompson
James Healy	Thomas R. Ulshafer
Martin Hopkins, O.P.	Michael Walsh

#### *Report of the Nominating Committee*

In response to the President's request for suggested candidates for nomination to offices in CTSA, twenty returns with eighteen names were counted. In its work, the nomination committee made use, according to Austin Vaughan, chairman of the committee, of nine suggestions for Vice-President and of seventeen for Board members. The following candidates were presented in nomination to the members at



the business meeting: For Vice-President: Luke Salm and David Tracy; for Secretary: Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M.; for Treasurer: Philip D. Morris; for Board Members: J. M. Donahue, Joseph Farraher, Joseph Komonchak and Robert J. Welsh. Nominations from the floor included: John Connolly, Anthony Kosnik and Kenan Osborne. Candidates elected were: Vice-President, Luke Salm, F.S.C.; Secretary, Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M.; Treasurer, Philip D. Morris; Board Members, Joseph Komonchak and Kenan Osborne. (Richard P. McBrien automatically succeeds to the office of President.)

#### *Treasurer's Report*

The summary of the complete financial report for 1972 will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Members will note that CTSA revenues are down this year. This can be accounted for, in part, by failure on the part of some members to pay dues and, again, by the fact that the Dreyfus Fund, Inc. is also down. Another factor was the failure of the Los Angeles Congress to net any income for participating societies.

The 1974 Convention will be held 10-13 June in Chicago. The convention site will be the O'Hare Inn, Des Plaines, Illinois.

The 1975 Convention is to be held in New Orleans.

#### *President's Report*

The efforts of the President during this past year have been primarily aimed at the development of communication both within the society and in its relations with individuals and bodies outside it.

Within the society itself, communication has been fostered through frequent and direct correspondence with individual members, through consultation, requests for membership services and nominations, and in the establishment of research committees.

Outside the society, communication has been encouraged and promoted within the Church, with the bishops at several levels. One mode of maintaining communication with the bishops was the request for donations to support theological research through CTSA committees which address critical theological questions. Thirty-two bishops responded generously to this request. Individual invitations were also sent to all the bishops for attendance at the 1973 convention. The

presence at this convention of several bishops and letters of regret because of prior commitments witness to an encouraging interest in the theological enterprise.

The continued advantages of CTSA membership in CSR are recognized by officers and board members. Advances in CSR projects and programs are regularly reported to the Board by CTSA delegates to CSR, Warren Reich and Gerald Van Ackeren, S.J., to whom the gratitude of the society is due for their services. The presence of Norman E. Wagner, Executive Director of the CSR Office in Waterloo, Ontario, was acknowledged with an expression of appreciation for his interest and collaboration.

The successful termination of the 1972 research committees is an encouragement to continue this mode of theological reflection and investigation. At the present time, committees have been established for the study of the Sacrament of Penance and of Human Sexuality. The latter committee will be continued and another on the question of the use of wealth will be established. Suggestions regarding a committee on communication with the news media and on the continuing problem of racism were made from the floor during a brief discussion period entertained by the President.

At 1:15 P.M. a motion for adjournment was entertained and carried.

#### *Final Business*

On Thursday, 21 June, members of CTSA assembled for the closing session of the society's convention. Richard P. McBrien called the meeting to order and introduced John H. Wright, who delivered his Presidential Address, developing the theme: "The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

Richard P. McBrien expressed the thanks of the society to the out-going President and then introduced Carl Peter, past President of CTSA, who brought the convention to a close by reading the citation in honor of the 1973 recipient of the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology: Bernard J. F. Lonergan, S.J.

*Citation for the John Courtney Murray Award, 1973*

Few Catholic theologians of our day have influenced the development of their discipline as much as the scholar we wish to honor this year. A pioneer in grasping the need for a more adequate cognitional theory as the basis of theologizing, he called attention to crucial questions of methodology when these were regarded by many as at most a peripheral concern. Honored years ago by this society for his painstaking study of *gratia operans* in Thomas Aquinas, he has for a quarter of a century sought to challenge his colleagues and critics to discover the recurring pattern operative in human consciousness and, therefore, in the theological enterprise. We honor him because of the prestige he has attained for himself and for the respect he has won for Catholic theology.

In an era of exegesis and historical analysis, he has had the courage to seek an overview and has reminded his colleagues that ours is likewise an age of field-theories. In his writings and through his students he has left a mark on religious studies in North America as have few others. Despite poor health for a decade, he has worked on seeking to show the importance of viewing theology as one discipline rather than isolated functional specializations. In a word, the challenge to understanding that he has generated has lasting importance as an effort to keep theology from being crushed under the weight of the ever more numerous and unassimilated data of research.

Many do not accept his cognitional theory as adequate for theological method. But none can fail to recognize the achievement of a man who has had the genius to attempt once more to express the fundamental characteristics of faith seeking understanding.

For these reasons, the Catholic Theological Society of America is proud to recognize one of the continent's most distinguished theologians and to present the John Courtney Murray Award to Bernard J. F. Lonergan.

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