

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-first annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held June 9-12, 1976 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. The theme of the convention was: "The Divine and the Human in Christianity." At the opening session of the convention, William Cardinal Baum greeted convention participants and welcomed them to Washington. Reverend Richard P. McBrien, past President of the CTSA (1973-1974), was principal celebrant at the concelebrated eucharistic liturgy on Thursday, June 10. Daily liturgy was celebrated at 7:30 A.M. during the convention. Prayers were offered for:

Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Murphy, past President, who was to be consecrated to the episcopacy in Cleveland on June 12; and

Reverend Daniel Hickey and all deceased members of the Society.

The annual convention banquet was held on Thursday evening, June 10.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

The 1976 convention program included the presentation of major papers, seminar workshops and a series of "balance sheets on current issues." Pre-convention informal seminars were scheduled for Wednesday evening, for those interested in specific topics.

Thursday, June 10

9:30-11:45 A.M.—OPENING SESSION

Transcendence and Immanence as Theological Categories, Louis Dupré, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
Respondents: David Burrell, C.S.C., Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana; Anne E. Carr, B.V.M., Divinity School, University of Chicago, Illinois.

3:00-4:30 P.M.—SEMINAR-WORKSHOPS, First Session

FOUNDATIONS. *How God "Speaks" and "Acts" in Human History*, Robert P. Imbelli, St. Joseph Seminary, Yonkers, N.Y.

ANTHROPOLOGY. *Grace as Divinizing and/or Humanizing*, Charles R. Meyer, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois.

CHRISTOLOGY. *Exclusivist Claims and the Conflict of Faiths*, Monika Hellwig, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

CHURCH AND SACRAMENTS. *Divine Institution and Human Adaptation*, Patrick Granfield, O.S.B., The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS *The Paschal Mystery and Human Fulfillment*, John Giles Milhaven, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

PRAYER. *Do We Converse with God?* Thomas E. Clarke, S.J., Gonzaga Center for Renewal, Monroe, N.Y.

500-6:15 P.M.—BALANCE SHEETS ON CURRENT ISSUES

The Theory-Praxis Relationship in Contemporary Christian Theology, Matthew L. Lamb, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Charismatic Renewal in Theological Perspective, John C. Haughey, S.J., Woodstock Theological Center, Washington, D.C.

Infallibility: Who Won the Debate? John T. Ford, C.S.C., The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Civil Religion: Prophetic Freedom or Cultural Captivity? Elizabeth McKeown, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Ecumenism in the 1970's: Is There a New Direction? John F. Hotchkin, Bishops' Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Washington, D.C.

To Teach the Faith or To Teach Theology: Dilemma for Religious Education, Berard Marthaler, O.F.M., Conv., The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Friday, June 11

9:00-11:00 A.M.—SECOND GENERAL SESSION

The Divine and the Human in Jesus Christ, Donald P. Gray, Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York.

Respondents: John B. Cobb, Jr., School of Theology at Claremont, Claremont, California; Eamon R. Carroll, O.Carm., The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

3:00-4:30 P.M.—SEMINAR-WORKSHOPS, Second Session

Same topics as Thursday.

4:45-6:30 P.M.—THIRD GENERAL SESSION

The Mission of the Church: To Divinize or to Humanize?
Michael A. Fahey, S.J., Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Respondent: Sabbas J. Kilian, O.F.M., Fordham University, New York.

Saturday, June 12

9:00-10:45 A.M.—FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

Religion and the Sense of the Sacred, Charles Davis, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Respondent: Mary Collins, O.S.B., The Kansas School of Religion, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

11:00-11:45 A.M.—PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Avery Dulles, S.J., The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Society was held on Friday, June 11, at 11:15 A.M. The meeting was called to order with a prayer by Avery Dulles, S.J., President. Joseph Nearon was parliamentarian.

The report of the Committee on Admissions was given by Thomas Sheridan, S.J., Chairman. Members of this committee are: John Connelly, Agnes Cunningham, *ex officio*, Edward Konerman, S.J., Jerome Theisen, O.S.B. One hundred fourteen requests were received for information regarding membership in the CTSA. Of these, twenty-five were never finalized. Eighty-five applications for membership were screened and processed. Three failed to meet requirements as stated in the amended Constitution of 1974.

The following applicants were nominated and elected to membership:

Active Members

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| Calvin Alderson, S.T.D., 1974 | Thomas Gajdos, Ph.D., 1976 |
| George Berthold, S.T.D., 1975 | George Gilmore, Ph.D., 1975 |
| Vincent Branick, S.S.D., 1975 | Robert Gregorio, S.T.D., 1974 |
| Edward Braxton, S.T.D., 1975 | Arthe Guimond, S.T.D., 1972 |
| Ronald Burke, Ph.D., 1974 | James Hanson, Ph.D., 1975 |
| Patout J. Burns, Ph.D., 1974 | Joseph Henchey, S.T.D., 1972 |
| Louis Cameli, S.T.D., 1975 | Michael Higgins, J.C.D., 1975 |
| Michael Chaback, S.T.D.
1975 | Matthew Kelleher, Ph.D.,
1974 |
| Michael Cook, D. Th., 1974 | Joseph Kiernan, S.T.D., 1973 |
| Richard Costigan, Ph.D.,
1972 | George Kilcourse, Ph.D.,
1974 |
| Hans-W. Daigeler, D. Th.,
1972 | Edward Krause, Ph.D., 1975 |
| James Dallen, S.T.D., 1976 | Dennis Krouse, S.T.D., 1974 |
| Joanne McWilliam Dewart,
Ph.D., 1968 | H. Paul Lemaire, D.S.R., 1968 |
| Vincent DiLalla, Ph.D., 1975 | Joseph Lienhard, D.Th., 1975 |
| Francis DiLorenzo, S.T.D.,
1975 | Edwin Lisson, S.T.D., 1975 |
| John Dister, Ph.D., 1969 | William Loewe, Ph.D., 1974 |
| Michael Donnellan, Ph.D.,
1972 | Juan Manuel Lozano, S.T.D.,
1959 |
| Regis Duffy, S.T.D., 1971 | Donald McCarthy, Ph.D.,
1960 |
| Mark Durkin, D. Mn., 1974 | William McConnell, Ph.D.,
1968 |
| William Faix, Ph.D., 1976 | Anthony McDevitt, J.C.D.,
1953 |
| Mary Foley, Ph.D., 1956 | Paul McGuire, Ph.D., 1976 |

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| Elizabeth McKeown, Ph.D.,
1972 | Paul Surlis, S.T.D., 1973 |
| Bruno Manno, Ph.D., 1975 | John Szura, Ph.D., 1972,
Ph.D., 1976 |
| William Marravee, D.Th.,
1966 | Terry Tekippe, Ph.D., 1972 |
| William May, Ph.D., 1968 | David Thomas, Ph.D., 1971 |
| Eugene Megyer, S.T.D., 1951 | Richard Viladesau, S.T.D.,
1975 |
| Philip Mooney, Ph.D., 1972 | Thomas Weinandy, Ph.D.,
1975 |
| Donald Moore, D.S.R., 1969 | Donald Wuerl, S.T.D., 1974 |
| John Mulvihill, S.T.D., 1971 | |
| Georg Muschalek, D.Th., 1959 | <i>Associate Members</i> |
| Matthias Neuman, S.T.D.,
1975 | Robert Brockland |
| Vincent Novak, S.T.D., 1967 | Clifford Brown |
| James O'Brien, S.T.D., 1971 | LeRoy Cormie |
| Padraic O'Hare, D.Ed., 1974 | Dennia Dease |
| John Padberg, Ph.D., 1965 | Wayne Fehr |
| Ronald Pasquariello, Ph.D.,
1971 | Thomas Fernon |
| Lawrence Reilly, S.T.D., 1972 | Joseph Kukura |
| Philip Rosato, D.Th., 1975 | George Lawless |
| Thomas Shanahan, Ph.D.,
1975 | Stanley Lawson |
| Mary Sheehan, S.T.D., 1975 | William Marrin |
| Michael Slusser, Ph.D., 1975 | Edward Ryle |
| Emmanuel Sullivan, Ph.D.,
1971 | Stewart Sharlow |
| John Sullivan, S.T.D., 1973 | John Shea |
| | Patricia Smith |
| | Phillip Zediker |

Honorary Member

Reverend John L. Kelly moved that Honorary Membership be conferred on William Cardinal Baum. The motion was seconded and unanimously acclaimed.

Nominating Committee

Reverend Philip D. Morris, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Approximately sixty responses were submitted to this committee, following a request in the CSR Bulletin and in the February dues' mailing. In preparing the slate of nominees, the committee took into consideration suggestions from the membership and balance, geographical, as well as professional and personal. A brief biographical sketch of each candidate was distributed to the members. The following slate of candidates was presented:

For Vice-President: Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M., Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois; Kenan Osborne, O.F.M., Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, California.

Agnes Cunningham was elected Vice-President for 1976-77.

For Secretary: Edward H. Konerman, S.J., Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois. Since there were no further nominations, the Secretary was elected unanimously by acclaim.

For Treasurer: Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A., Augustinian College. The Treasurer was re-elected by unanimous acclaim.

For Board of Directors: John Connelly, St. John Seminary, Brighton, MA; Michael A. Fahey, S.J., Concordia University, Montreal; Anthony Kosnik, SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, MI; Gerard Sloyan, Temple University.

John Connelly and Michael Fahey were elected on the first ballot.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Scanlon, O.S.A., presented the Treasurer's Report (see below). Two hundred twenty-two persons have registered at the 1976 convention. The dues increase (\$15.00 per year) will take effect in January, 1977. The 1977 convention will be held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, June 15-18. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report

Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M., reported on the following items:

1. *Membership.* The April, 1976 CSR computer print-out listed 1,075 CTSA members. Of these, 989 are Active; 86, Associate. At the present time, excluding members admitted at the 1976 convention, there are 37 women members of the CTSA. Three of our associate members have completed their doctorates and join the ranks of active members this year. The new June, 1976 membership total is 1,160. Of these, 50 are women.

Members of CTSA are encouraged to recommend to membership in the Society theologians who have recently completed their doctorates or others who are not members. Forms for such recommendation are available and will be distributed in one of the CTSA mailings during the coming year.

The Board of Directors and the Committee on Admissions have set April 1 as the deadline for future applications for CTSA membership in order to provide sufficient time for the committee to fulfill its functions responsibly and to notify applicants of their recommendation or rejection by the committee. Applications which arrive after this deadline will be given consideration to the extent that is possible for the committee.

2. *New Directory.* Efforts to produce a new membership directory during the past year were unsuccessful, due to unforeseen circumstances.

During its June 9 meeting, the Board of Directors moved to initiate the necessary steps for the production of a new directory, to be made available to the membership of the Society as soon as possible.

3. *CTSA Research File.* The CTSA Research File Project has been brought to completion. Copies are entrusted to the Presi-

dent and the Secretary of the Society. In the past months, frequent use has been made of these files in response to requests for theologians interested in research collaboration with various study groups.

Members are encouraged to register or update their listings in this file. A handy form is provided in the June issue of the *CSR Bulletin*, p. 7. This information, as well as change of address, should be sent to the office of the Secretary in order that the Society's files are kept in order.

President's Report

Avery Dulles, S.J., presented the following report to the assembled membership:

1. Richard McCormick, S.J., CTSA Liaison Officer with the Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies and Scholars (CLS) submits as his report the recent Newsletter of CLS, Vol. I, No. 1. Copies of this Newsletter have been sent to every member of CTSA.

2. The annual CTSA appeal to American Bishops for funds to assist in theological research amounted to \$6,750. The Society is grateful for this continued generous support on the part of the U.S. Bishops.

3. CTSA liaison with CSR continues through the following delegates: Michael Scanlon, O.S.A. (*ex officio*); Bernard Cooke (term ends, June, 1977); Carl J. Peter (term ends, January, 1979).

4. In response to a request from Cardinal Dearden, Charles Curran has been named as a voting delegate from CTSA to the October 21-23 Call to Action Conference. Father Curran has been a member of the CTSA Liaison Committee for the observance of the bicentennial. Avery Dulles, David Tracy and Agnes Cunningham are members of the Nuclear Committee on Church for the Bicentennial.

5. Members of the Publications Committee are: Richard P. McBrien, Chairman; Francis Fiorenza, and Kenan Osborne, O.F.M. The *CSR Bulletin*, December, 1975, carried the criteria established by this committee for manuscripts submitted for publication under CTSA sponsorship. These criteria are called again to the attention of CTSA members who are encouraged to submit manuscripts which conform to the following standards:

- a. No doctoral dissertations, or adaptations thereof, will be accepted. (CTSA members are encouraged to make use of the AAR dissertation series.)
- b. No maximum number of manuscript pages shall be imposed.
- c. No more than one manuscript will be published each year.
- d. Manuscripts must be submitted to the Publications Committee Chairperson who, after consultation with the other members of the committee, will decide whether the manuscript is to be forwarded to two outside readers for evaluation, or whether it is simply to be returned to its author as a work unpublishable in the CTSA series.
- e. The CTSA Publications Committee will make the final decision whether or not a manuscript will be published in the CTSA series. The Board of Directors will be informed of this decision and will be provided with copies of the Publications Committee report.
- f. There will be an editor-of-series to supervise preparation of the manuscript for publication. This editor will also serve as an *ex officio* member of the Publications Committee.

6. At the June 9 meeting of the Board of Directors, the position of Executive Secretary was established for the Society, according to the Constitutions (By-Laws, Art. I, 5):

For the proper conduct of the business of the Society and for the better achievement of its stated purposes, the Board of Directors may appoint an executive secretary who may or may not be the elected Secretary of the Society.

The implementation of this position will be effected at a later date.

7. Research Committees:

- a. *Status of Women*. A progress report has been submitted to the Board by this committee. This committee has been mandated to continue its work for the year 1976-1977, following the guidelines originally enunciated:
Not to perform new research, but to conduct a theological review and critique of the work that has been done by various committees and conferences under Roman Catholic and other Christian sponsorship.
- b. *Human Sexuality*. The approximately 400-page report of this committee has been completed. It has been received by the Board of Directors, who will collaborate with the committee in

- the final editorial process. Publication of the report, so that it may be available to members of the Society, will be carried out as expeditiously as possible.
- c. At the request of Bishop Law and his committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, John Hotchkin has asked the Board of Directors to establish a committee to review and critique the consensus statements of the Bilateral Consultations up to and including June, 1972. A newly-established committee will undertake the same task for statements produced since June, 1972. Members of this committee remain to be appointed.
 - d. In response to a motion submitted by the pre-convention seminar on "Theology Faculties and the Congregation for Catholic Education," the Board of Directors has established a committee:
 - (1) with the immediate mandate of responding to the proposals of the SCIC on the preparation of legislation for academic centers of ecclesiastical studies in time for the meeting in Rome in November;
 - (2) with the longer term mandate of studying the implications and modalities of accountability in the theological enterprise.

Resolution

The Board recommended to the floor their motion regarding the Quesnell Tenure Controversy. Following discussion, the motion was accepted in the following form, with amendments introduced by Charles Curran (Catholic University of America) and Robert Daly (Boston College), by a vote of 91-41-13:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Catholic Theological Society of America go on record as urging all interested parties involved in the Quentin Quesnell tenure controversy to seek an amicable and just resolution of the conflict. We bring to the attention of these parties the following resolution of the CTSA (1974) and trust that this resolution bears some relevance in this situation:

Whereas it seems to us contrary to the spirit of the Gospel to require a person leaving the active ministry of the Church to promise as a condition of laicization that

he will not teach theological disciplines in Catholic institutions,
since this deprives the Catholic community of his theological competence,
since this unfairly deprives him of his livelihood in his chosen field,
since the process of laicization should not be penal in character,
and since laicization is fundamentally irrelevant to a person's theological ability,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the CTSA judges that laicization in itself should not be a barrier to functioning as a Catholic theologian in teaching or administration in Catholic schools, colleges, or universities, nor should it prevent him from acting as an official *peritus* at any level: diocesan, regional, national or international.

A motion submitted by Charles Curran that a vote of recognition and thanks be expressed to the retiring Secretary of the CTSA for six years of service was seconded and unanimously approved.

Charles Amico presented a suggestion that consideration be given at future conventions to single session workshop seminars, each one complete in itself, in order to enable members to attend more than one seminar.

All other business having been completed, the President announced the name of the recipient of the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology for 1976 and conferred on the awardee the medal and plaque designating this award. The 1976 Award recipient is: Richard P. McBrien.

Citation for the John Courtney Murray Award, 1976

The Catholic Theological Society of America takes pleasure this year in honoring one of the most productive of its younger members. Having received his theological doctorate in 1967, he has risen rapidly through the ranks of academia. As a former seminary professor, a present university professor and director of a major institute for the study of religious education, he has used his influence consistently to maintain the highest standards in theological education. Much in demand as a lecturer, he has given important addresses at many key conferences both in the United States and abroad.

Most of all, however, our awardee is known as an author. Putting to shame the indolence of his seniors, he has in the past ten years authored nine books and contributed to thirteen others. Since 1966 he

has uninterruptedly written a weekly syndicated column for the national press, thereby bringing the fruits of theological scholarship to a wide and diverse public.

Perhaps no one has done more than the theologian we honor today to clarify for American Catholics the ecclesiological import of Vatican II. Not content with conciliar exegesis and empty theorizing, he has drawn specific practical conclusions and has pressed vigorously for the promotion of freedom and justice in the Church. Without in the slightest compromising his strong Catholic sense of identity and his deep loyalty to the Church, he has been a persistent advocate of renewal and reform.

In bestowing this recognition the CTSA is conscious of honoring one of its own most articulate leaders. A member of the Board of Directors since 1970, our honoree served as Vice President and then as President of the CTSA. In his work as an officer and board member, and in his service on numerous committees of the Society, he has unfailingly distinguished himself by his reliability, efficiency, and sureness of judgment.

With admiration for these early achievements and with confident expectation that they are harbingers of greater achievements yet to come, the Catholic Theological Society of America eagerly confers the John Courtney Murray Award for distinguished achievement in theology upon the Reverend Richard P. McBrien.

The 1976 convention was adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:55 P.M.

AGNES CUNNINGHAM, S.S.C.M., *Secretary*
St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
Mundelein, Illinois