

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-second annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held June 15-18, 1977, at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario. The theme of the convention was: "Theology and the Study of Religion." At the opening session of the convention, Bishop Aloysius Ambrozic, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, greeted the convention participants and welcomed them to Toronto in his own name and in the name of Archbishop Philip Pocock who was unable to be present. After his words of welcome, a motion was made that both Archbishop Pocock and Bishop Ambrozic be accepted as Honorary Members. The motion passed by acclaim. A concelebrated Eucharistic liturgy was held at noon on the opening day. Daily liturgy was celebrated at 7:30 A.M. during the convention. The annual convention banquet was held on Thursday evening, June 16.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

The 1977 convention program included four major addresses and a number of seminar workshops oriented toward subject matter and method. Several preconvention informal seminars were also held on Wednesday evening, June 15.

Thursday, June 16

9:30-11:45 A.M.—OPENING SESSION

Theology and Praxis. Bernard Lonergan, S.J., Regis College, Willowdale, Ontario.

Respondents: Edward Braxton, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (Braxton's response was read by James Parker, Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, OR); Matthew Lamb, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

3:00-4:30 P.M.—SEMINARS ON SUBJECT MATTER (First Session)

Church-Sacraments. J. Patout Burns, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology, Chicago, IL.

Christology. Anne Carr, B.V.M., Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Ethics. Lisa Cahill, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.

Foundations. Edmund J. Dobbin, Washington Theological Coalition, Washington, DC.

Spirituality. Bernard Tyrrell, S.J., Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA; Sebastian Moore, O.S.B., Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

5:00-6:15 P.M.—SEMINARS ON METHOD

Theology and Social Sciences. T. Howland Sanks, S.J., Canisius College, Buffalo, NY; Lee Cormie, St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, WI.

Theology and Philosophy: The American Tradition. William Shea, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

Political Theology. Francis Fiorenza, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, IN.

Theology and Literature. Mary Gerhart, Hobart and William Smith College, Geneva, NY. (John Navone, S.J., Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, was supposed to lead this seminar, but was unable to attend because of sickness.)

Friday, June 17

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

Theology and Sociology, Andrew Greeley, National Opinion Research Center, Chicago, IL.
Respondent: John Coleman, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

3:00-4:30 P.M.—SEMINARS ON SUBJECT MATTER (Second Session)

Same topics and leaders as on Thursday.

4:45-6:30 P.M.—THIRD GENERAL SESSION

Theology and Philosophy, Gerald McCool, S.J., Fordham University, New York, NY.
Respondents: Fred Lawrence, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA; Dennis McCann, Reed College, Portland, OR.

Saturday, June 18

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

Man the Symbolizer, William Van Roo, S.J., Gregorian University, Rome, Italy.
Respondent: Stephen Happel, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

11:00-11:45 A.M.—PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

David W. Tracy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

At 11:25 A.M. on Friday, June 17, the President, David Tracy, opened the annual business meeting of the Society with a prayer. Joseph Nearon served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Matthew Lamb, the chairman of the Committee on Admissions, presented the committee's report. The other members of the Committee were: Mary Gerhart, J. Peter Schineller, S.J., William Shea, and the Secretary. The committee recommended sixty-nine applicants for active membership and nineteen for associate membership. Some interesting data about the new members were pointed out. Thirteen of the new active members were previously associate members. There are seventeen new women members. Among the new active members forty-two received the Ph.D. degree, and fourteen received the S.T.D. degree. Twenty-two received their degrees from European universities, and thirty-four received their degrees from secular universities. The committee's recommendation of acceptance was approved by unanimous voice vote. The new members are:

Active Members

James Brennan, S.T.L., 1945	Mary Ann Flanagan, Ph.D., 1974
Margaret Brennan, Ph.D., 1953	Lawrence Frankovich, Ph.D., 1976
Edith Brotz, Ph.D., 1956	John Garvey, S.T.D., 1968
Clifford Brown, Ph.D., 1977	Vincent Genovesi, Ph.D., 1973
Raymond Bulman, Ph.D., 1973	Doris Gottemoeller, Ph.D., 1976
John Burkhard, D.S.R., 1972	David Granfield, S.T.D., 1962
Lisa Cahill, Ph.D., 1976	William Guindon, Ph.D., 1948
Francine Cardman, Ph.D., 1974	J. Brian Hehir, Th.D., 1977
John Carville, S.T.D., 1974	W. Charles Heiser, S.T.L.
Harvey Egan, Th.D., 1973	Theodore Hengesbach, Ph.D.,
Lee Cormie, Ph.D., 1977	1976
Peter Fink, Ph.D., 1976	Paul Hennessy, Ph.D., 1977
Silvio Fittipaldi, Ph.D., 1976	Joseph Hofbeck, S.T.D., 1968

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| Mary Holland, Ph.D., 1975 | Sergio Negro, Th.D., 1974 |
| Damien Isabell, S.T.D., 1971 | Bernard Noone, Ph.D., 1976 |
| Joseph Jankowiak, S.T.D., 1975 | William O'Brien, Ph.D., 1972 |
| Timothy Johnson, S.T.D., 1977 | Anthony Prosen, Ph.D., 1977 |
| Carl Kazmierski, Th.D., 1977 | Michael Proterra, Ph.D., 1976 |
| Peter Kearney, S.S.L., 1962 | Stephen Pujdak, S.T.D., 1976 |
| M. Jane Kopas, Ph.D., 1976 | William Reiser, Ph.D., 1977 |
| Richard Kropf, Ph.D., 1973 | Wilfred Scanlon, Ph.D., 1975 |
| Thomas Livernois, S.T.D., 1974 | David Schindler, Ph.D., 1976 |
| Charles MacDonald, Th.D., 1977 | J. Peter Schineller, Ph.D., 1975 |
| Marietta Mahoney, Ph.D., 1972 | Richard Schlenker, Ph.D., 1975 |
| J. Patrick Maloney, Ph.D., 1973 | Ernest Schmid, Ph.D., 1976 |
| Frank Manning, S.T.D., 1969 | David Schultenover, Ph.D., 1975 |
| William McCarthy, Ph.D., 1972 | John Shea, S.T.D., 1977 |
| John McDermott, Ph.D., 1976 | Robert Simons, S.T.D., 1977 |
| Attila Mikloshazy, S.T.D., 1968 | Malcolm Spicer, Ph.D., 1971 |
| John Miles, Ph.D., 1971 | David Stagaman, S.T.D., 1975 |
| Walter Miller, J.C.D., 1975 | Joan Timmerman, Ph.D., 1974 |
| Robert Mitchell, D.S.R., 1966 | Bernard Tyrrell, Ph.D., 1972 |
| Brian Moore, Ph.D., 1976 | Franz Van Beeck, Ph.D., 1961 |
| John Morris, Th.D., 1976 | Michael Vertin, Ph.D., 1973 |
| Ann Neale, Ph.D., 1976 | John Welch, Ph.D., 1974 |

Associate Members

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| Michael Allsopp | Jeannette Martin |
| Harry Benjamin | William McConville |
| Brian Brown | Michael McGinniss |
| Toni Craven | Roger McGrath |
| Daniel Dolesh | Alice Mulhern |
| Charles Garcia-Sanchez | Michael Place |
| Anita Hyslop | James Reilly |
| Martin Kastelic | Kenneth Steinhauser |
| Catherine LaCugna | Robert Thelen |
| Alice Laffey | |

Nominating Committee

Stephen Happel presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The other members of the committee were: Roger Haight, S.J. (Chairman), and Anne Carr, B.V.M. In making their nominations the committee was guided by the suggestions from the members of the Society. Brief biographical sketches of the nominees had been distributed earlier.

For *Vice-President* there were three nominees: William Hill, O.P., The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; Joseph Komonchak, St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, NY; and Kenan Osborne, O.F.M., Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, CA. After none of the nominees received a majority vote on the first two ballots, Joseph Komonchak withdrew his name from nomination. On the third ballot Kenan Osborne was elected Vice-President.

The *Secretary*, Edward Konerman, S.J., and the *Treasurer*, Michael Scanlon, O.S.A., were both renominated for their respective offices. They were re-elected by acclaim. Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M., Vice-President during the past year, will automatically become the new *President*.

For the election of two new members of the *Board of Directors*, the nominating committee presented four nominees: Gregory Baum, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto; Patrick Burns, S.J., Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI; Sara Butler, M.S.B.T., Director of Religious and Adult Education, Mobile, AL; and Bernard Cooke, University of Calgary, Alberta. William May was nominated from the floor. On the second ballot Sara Butler and Gregory Baum were elected.

While the votes were being counted during the several rounds of balloting, several other reports were given to the convention members, and William Hill, O.P., made a brief announcement about the supplementary volume (vol. 17) that is planned for the New Catholic Encyclopedia.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Scanlon, O.S.A., presented the Treasurer's Report (see below). The 1978 convention will be held at the Marc Plaza Hotel in Milwaukee, June 7-10.

Secretary's Report

Edward Konerman, S.J., reported on the following items:

1. *Past Presidents Present.* A large number of past presidents, perhaps more than ever before, were present at this convention. Those present were: Eugene Burke, Paul McKeever, Richard McCormick, S.J., Austin Vaughan, Charles Curran, Carl Peter, John Wright, S.J., Richard McBrien, Luke Salm, F.S.C., and Avery Dulles, S.J. Past President Austin Vaughan received a warm round of applause for being named Auxiliary Bishop of New York.

2. *Updating the Directory.* After the new Directory is distributed, it will be updated annually by including in the annual *Proceedings* a list of any changes of address reported to the Office of the Secretary, a list of the new Active members with brief biographies, and a list of the new associate members with their addresses.

3. *Committee on Admissions.* The review of applications for membership was handled very well by the committee in its consultation-by-mail. The committee wants to remind everyone of the April 1 deadline for applications, though it will continue to try to process late returns.

4. *Membership Figures.* The total membership of the CTSA according to the CSR mailing list as of June 1, 1977, was 1,075. Of these 947 were active members and 128 were associate members. New members this year total 75, allowing that 13 of the new active members were associates. The new total membership is 1,150. There are 1,016 active members and 134 associate members. With the 17 new women members, the total of women members is 58.

Executive Secretary's Report

Luke Salm, F.S.C., gave the following report.

1. *Job Description.* The elected Secretary and Treasurer will continue their traditional duties. The Executive Secretary will be in charge of the Archives and the *Proceedings*, will coordinate various other publications, and will be available for consultation by the Officers and Board in order to provide continuity. The term of office will be for five years. The Executive Secretary will serve without pay, and will have a voice but no vote in Board meetings.

2. *Archives.* The CTSA archive material is now deposited at The Catholic University of America. Former officers and Board members are encouraged to clean out their files and send the archive material to the Executive Secretary.

3. *Directory*. The updated Directory is ready to go to press. The shift in emphasis is from where a member taught in the past to what the member has written and published (dissertation, books, recent articles). The active members' present positions and specializations are listed. Copies of the Directory will be sent free of charge to all members. Non-members and institutions can obtain a copy of the Directory for \$5.00. They can send requests to CTSA Publications, Darlington Seminary, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

4. *Proceedings*. The deadline for all manuscripts is July 15. The book should be in the mail just before Christmas.

5. *Questionnaires on Convention*. There were 420 returns of the questionnaire on the conventions. These are presently under study by the Board of Directors. Some items of interest: the principal reasons for non-attendance were time and expense. As to time, however, there was no clear preference for any other time than early June. Almost twice as many found the travel expense more of a problem than the hotel expense. Some prefer to have the convention at a church-related or educational institution, but there are also problems here. Principal reasons for attendance were personal interactions with friends and colleagues and the quality of the programs and the speakers. The principal complaints were two. A small but vocal minority complained that the image of the CTSA is too liberal, too secular, even disloyal or antagonistic to Church authority. The seminars were a major target; there were demands for more continuity, better preparation, and more participation.

6. "*Human Sexuality*." Orders are being processed as fast as they are received. The special price applies to members only (including new members), but for one copy only. Prepaid orders will still be accepted, at least through the summer.

7. *Concilium*. Seabury Press will publish the next series of volumes of *Concilium* and has offered to make this series available to CTSA members at a special price. When negotiations are concluded, members will be notified as to how to obtain the new volumes.

President's Report

David Tracy presented the following report.

1. *Liaison with Catholic Learned Societies and Scholars*. Richard McCormick, S.J., the CTSA Liaison Officer with this Joint Committee, reports that the CTSA has provided a list of

representative names for possible consultation with the American Bishops.

2. *Annual Appeal to the Bishops.* The appeal to the bishops for financial support was sent out in May. The CTSA is grateful to the bishops for their contributions and support.

3. *Call to Action Meeting.* Charles Curran, the CTSA representative at the Call to Action meeting in Detroit has submitted a report to the Board.

4. *Publications Committee.* The members of the Publications Committee are Richard McBrien, Francis Fiorenza, and Kenan Osborne. The criteria for publication of manuscripts under CTSA sponsorship can be found in the 1976 *Proceedings* and in the December issue of the *CSR Bulletin*. The committee received no manuscripts during the past year.

5. *Statement of the Board to the Sacred Congregation on Catholic Education.* In response to a request that originated in a pre-convention seminar last June, the Board set up a committee to explore the possibility of the Board making some response to the Congregation concerning the recent proposals for new ecclesiastical legislation for canonically erected faculties. This committee submitted its report to the Board in the form of a draft statement. At its October, 1976, meeting the Board reworded the statement, made it its own, and directed that it be sent to the interested parties.

The statement was sent out in November to Cardinal Garrone, the head of the Congregation, to the other members of the Congregation, to the Deans and/or the Rectors of the canonically erected faculties in the United States and Canada, and to other interested parties—about 80 in all.

Cardinal Garrone responded in a letter to the President that he had received the statement and that it had arrived in time to be part of the input for the Congress that was held in late November, 1976. This statement will be included in this year's *Proceedings* (cf. Appendix).

6. *Executive Secretary.* At its meeting last June the Board of Directors established the position of Executive Secretary. At its October meeting the Board appointed Luke Salm, F.S.C., to this position.

7. *CTSA-Concilium Meeting at Notre Dame.* At the end of May and the beginning of June of this year, the Board of Directors of the CTSA met with the Editorial Board of Concilium and some American social scientists for a colloquium entitled "Toward Vat-

ican Council III." A number of other CTSA members were invited to attend in terms of specific topics to be addressed in papers. Notre Dame provided the room and board. The CTSA and Concilium covered the travel expenses of their own members. The various papers prepared for the colloquium will be published next spring.

8. *New Guidelines for Future Research Projects.* New guidelines have been drawn up by the Board for handling Research Projects in the future. Since no new projects will be set up this year, the Board would welcome the reactions of the CTSA members. The new guidelines will be published in the October issue of the *CSR Bulletin* and in the *Proceedings* (cf. Appendix).

9. *Present Research Projects*

(a) *On the Status of Women in the Church.* Sara Butler, M.S.B.T., the chairperson of this research team, reports that the project has been completed. The report has just been given to the Board of Directors who will deal with it at the October meeting.

(b) *On the Bilateral Consensus Statements.* Richard McBrien, the Chairman, reports that the research team has been constituted. The members are: George MacRae (New Testament), George Tavard (sacramental theology), Richard McCormick (ethics), John Finnegan (canon law and marriage), and McBrien (ecclesiology). If several further consensus statements on the papacy are available this winter the committee hopes to be able to deal with them in time for their report next June. Otherwise their final report will be submitted for the Board meeting in October, 1978.

(c) *On Human Sexuality.* The final report of this research project was received by the Board at last year's convention. In accord with arrangements agreed upon at that time, the study was given to several outside experts, two moral theologians and a social scientist, for a final critique. Their recommendations and those of the Board members themselves were considered at the October Board meeting and then communicated to the research team.

Luke Salm, F.S.C., the Executive Secretary, was authorized by the Board to work with the chairman of the research team to arrange for publication of the final report after the research team had made its final revision in view of the recommendations communicated to them. Arrangements for publication of the study were finalized in early January. Paulist Press would publish the study as a book with the publication date set for June 20. Copies

would be made available to CTSA members at a special pre-publication price.

At the conclusion of the President's Report, the President recognized William May who had earlier requested such recognition. May made a motion that the CTSA publicly state again that the members as a body have not yet examined the report on Human Sexuality nor have they approved it, and that the report remains simply the work of a committee of five. After this motion was seconded, Charles Curran offered an amendment to the effect that without any preamble the CTSA adopt as its own the statement of the Board as found in the foreword of the book. After seconding and some discussion, this amendment was accepted by a voice vote and became the motion on the floor.

Warren Reich then offered an amendment to the Curran motion to introduce a preamble referring to false impressions that exist concerning the CTSA's authorship of the report on Human Sexuality. This was seconded and accepted by a voice vote. Then the Curran motion as amended by Reich was accepted by a voice vote.

William May then made a second motion that the CTSA ask the publishers not to use the phrase "a study commissioned by the CTSA" in advertising the book, and to delete the phrase from the jacket and title page in subsequent prints. After being seconded and discussed briefly, this motion was defeated on a voice vote.

Warren Reich then made a motion that the Curran motion, passed earlier, be made available to the press in the most useful manner and as quickly as convenient. This motion was seconded and accepted.

There being no further questions or motions from the floor, the President then read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology and presented the medal and plaque to this year's Award recipient, Frederick E. Crowe, S.J.

Citation for the John Courtney Murray Award, 1977

The Catholic Theological Society of America takes pleasure this year in honoring one of its most productive members.

He has honored the Society by his frequent contributions throughout the years, by his painstaking scholarship and carefully constructive work on the central doctrines, especially revelation and Trinity.

He has managed over these many years to combine his own constructive theological work with providing the wider scholarly world with the extraordinary analyses of the work of Bernard Lonergan and the possibilities of ongoing collaboration.

His efforts in the wider theological community to assure collaboration have been aided not only by his constant outpouring of theological scholarship of the highest rank but also by his gracious person.

It is a special honor for the Society to have this opportunity to join his many colleagues in Toronto on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday and forthcoming *Festschrift* in his honor. With admiration for his achievements and his person, therefore, and with confident expectations of his future work as well, The Catholic Theological Society of America proudly confers the John Courtney Murray Award for distinguished achievement in theology upon the Reverend Professor Frederick Crowe, S.J.

After the presentation of the John Courtney Murray Award, the annual business meeting of the CTSA was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

CONCLUSION OF CONVENTION

At the concluding session of the convention, David Tracy handed over the gavel to Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M., the new President. She then introduced Tracy who gave his Presidential Address. At its conclusion Agnes Cunningham closed the convention with the following prayer:

In the name and the mystery of our God, who is One and Three, we pray:

Holy God, Strong God, Undying God! You are Father, Son, and Spirit. You touch our lives as Creator, Savior, Comforter. Accept the words we have spoken and heard these days; the words we have shared; the words we entrust to your mercy through your own Word. We are grateful for this time together; for the widened horizons; for the challenging exchanges; for the deepened relationships; for the beauty and enrichment that have come to us through association with colleagues who have helped us to discover, perhaps for the first time, a new culture and a new city. We confide to your compassion and your love the limitations we ourselves have set to truth these past few days. In the glory that is Yours alone, Great God, heal us and make us new. For the days ahead we ask: for the grace to trust when we do not see; for light to see into the heart of Truth; for the ambition to pursue excellence in whatever endeavors we undertake; for the freedom to be faithful to our own integrity; for the growth in that faith which is given to us as gift, rooted in a past and reaching out towards Your own future. Good and Gracious God, Holy, Strong, Undying, *eleison imas*—have mercy on us. Amen.

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