

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-third annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held June 7-10, 1978, at the Marc Plaza Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme of the convention was: "Voices of the Church." At the opening session of the convention, Archbishop Rembert Weakland greeted the convention participants and welcomed them to Milwaukee. After his words of welcome, a motion was made to confer Honorary Membership on Archbishop Weakland. The motion passed by acclaim. The convention's official Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated at 4:30 P.M. in the Gesu College Church. After the liturgy the Theology Department of Marquette University hosted the convention participants at a cocktail hour on the campus mall.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

The 1978 convention included four major addresses, a large number of workshops and continuing seminars, and two Open Forum sessions on the CTSA reports on human sexuality and the status of women in Church and society.

Wednesday, June 7

8:00-10:00 P.M.—PRE-CONVENTION INFORMAL SEMINAR

The "Chicago Statement of Concern:" Implications for Theological Education. Peter J. Schineller, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology, Chicago, IL.

Thursday, June 8

9:00-10:45 A.M.—OPENING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Keynote Address: Jaroslav Pelikan, Yale University.

11:00-12:00 M.—CONVENTION WORKSHOPS (First Series)

1. *Some Rules for Theological Argument: A Search for Properly Theological Warrants.* David Burrell, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame.
2. *Physiological Techniques for Mystical Contemplation.* David Granfield, O.S.B., Catholic University of America.
3. *Mary and Listening to the Voice of Christ's Spirit in the Church.* Frederick M. Jelly, O.P., Dominican House of Studies, Washington.
4. *Theology as Intellectual Conversion.* Richard M. Liddy, Darlington Seminary.
5. *Conjugal Love.* William E. May, Catholic University of America.

6. *Teilhard de Chardin: Toward a Developmental and Organic Theology*. Donald J. Goergen, O.P. Aquinas Institute.
7. *Woman and the Understanding of God*. Mary Buckley, St. John's University, Jamaica, NY.
8. *The Hermeneutical Privilege of the Oppressed*. Lee Cormie, University of Chicago Divinity School.
9. *Christian Interpretations of History: A Dialogue with Langdon Gilkey's "Reaping the Whirlwind"*. John Farrelly, O.S.B., St. Anselm's Abbey, Washington.
10. *Pluralism and the Voices of the Neighborhood Churches*. Mary G. Durkin, University of Dayton.
11. *Thanatology and Christian Theology: What Meanings Do Death and Dying Have for Christian Living?* Kieran Nolan, O.S.B., St. John's University, Collegeville.
12. *Medellin: Tenth Anniversary Reflections on Justice in the World*. Paul Surlis, St. John's University, Jamaica, NY.

1:30-2:30 P.M.—CONVENTION SEMINARS (First Session)

1. *Christology*. Bernard Cooke, University of Calgary.
2. *Ecclesiology: Why the Sacraments?* J. Patout Burns, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago.
3. *Trinity and World Process*. Joseph Bracken, S.J., Marquette University, with William Hill, O.P., Catholic University of America, and Robert Sears, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago.
4. *The Challenge of Mysticism for Contemporary Catholic Theology*. Harvey D. Egan, S.J., Boston College.
5. *Rahner's Ecclesiology*. Michael Fahey, S.J., Concordia University, Montreal.
6. *Theological Ethics: American Catholicism and Human Rights*. David Hollenbach, S.J., Weston School of Theology, Cambridge.
7. *Theology and the Magisterium*. George J. Dyer, Editor, *Chicago Studies*.

2:45-4:00 P.M.—SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New Voices in the Church. Bishop Patrick Kalilombe, Malawi; Gustavo Gutierrez, Peru; Raimundo Panikkar, India.

8:45-10:00 P.M.—OPEN FORUM ON "HUMAN SEXUALITY"

Leader: Daniel Maguire, Marquette University. Respondents: William Everett, St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee; and Cathleen Going, Thomas More Institute, Montreal.

Friday, June 9

8:45-10:15 A.M.—THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Voice of a Pastor. Archbishop John R. Roach, D.D., Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

10:30-12:00 M—CONVENTION WORKSHOPS (Second Series)

1. Bishop Kalilombe
2. Gustavo Gutierrez
3. Raimundo Panikkar

3:00-4:15 P.M.—CONVENTION SEMINARS (Second Session)

Same as on Thursday.

4:30-5:45 P.M.—OPEN FORUM ON "WOMEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY"

Leader: Sara Butler, M.S.B.T., Catechetical and Pastoral Institute, New Orleans. Panel: other members of the research team: Anne Carr, B.V.M., University of Chicago Divinity School; Frederick Crowe, S.J., Regis College, Toronto; Edward J. Kilmartin, S.J., University of Notre Dame.

Saturday, June 10

8:45-9:45 A.M.—FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Voice of Lay Experience in Christian Ethics. John G. Milhaven, Brown University.

9:45-11:00 A.M.—CONVENTION SEMINARS (Third Session)

Same as on Thursday and Friday.

At the beginning of the convention luncheon on Friday, June 9, the President read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology and presented the medal and plaque to this year's recipient, Edward J. Kilmartin, S.J.

Citation for the John Courtney Murray Award

The Catholic Theological Society of America confers the John Courtney Murray Award for 1978 on a member who is recognized for achievement through a unique combination of competencies.

As a dogmatic theologian, this man has been active in teaching and publishing since the completion of his doctorate at the Gregorian University where, under the direction of the Dutch theologian, Jan Witte, he studied the Concept of Eschatology at the World Council of Churches Assembled at Evanston. In his teaching, he has measured the length and breadth of our country: from St. Michael's in Winooski, Vermont to the University of San Francisco; from Marquette in Milwaukee to Notre Dame in New Orleans. He has, most recently, been Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

As a liturgical theologian, this priest, one of the founding members of the North American Academy of Liturgists, has carried on pioneering work in liturgical theology. His name is familiar to the readers of *Theological Studies* and other journals for his contributions on the ante-Nicene liturgies, on transubstantiation and notably, on *sacrificium laudis*, the function of early Christian prayers. He is known to anglophones and francophones alike

through the original and translated editions of *The Eucharist in the Primitive Church* (McGraw Hill, 1965). In addition to his own studies, he has widely popularized the research of Johannes Betz (Würzburg) on Eucharist in the Greek Fathers.

His reinterpretation of the notion of the priest as *representatio Christi* and *representatio ecclesiae* has had wide ranging impact on the understanding of ministry. As a member of the CTSA Task Force on the Status of Women, he has been able to apply this understanding to the question of the ordination of women.

As an ecumenist, this year's award recipient has been, since 1965, the Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Dialogue with the Orthodox and Ancient Oriental Churches. He has had a major role in the formulation of consensus statements on marriage, the pastoral office and the Church.

This theologian's friends remember that his first graduate degree was earned in chemistry, for research into the mystery of the structure of sugar. His summertime associates are aware of the fact that he is an eager and competent swimmer. His students esteem him as a valuable mentor, encouraging younger American theologians in their initiation to the scholarly activities in which he has been engaged for the past twenty years. His colleagues await the near publication of two new major works: *The Theology of Word and Sacrament; Early Sources of Eucharistic Doctrine and Practice*.

Today, the Catholic Theological Society of America, with justifiable pride, confers the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology on Edward Kilmartin, of the Society of Jesus.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

At 11:05 A.M. on Saturday, June 10, the President, Sister Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M., called the annual business meeting to order with a brief prayer. Joseph Nearon served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Mary Gerhart, the chairperson of the Committee on Admissions, presented the committee's report. The other members of the committee were: Matthew Lamb, James Moudry, Norbert Rigali, and the Secretary of the CTSA. The committee recommended sixty-eight candidates for Active membership and twelve candidates for Associate membership. This recommendation was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Of the new Active members, twelve are graduates of secular universities, ten of the Gregorian, nineteen of other European universities, and five of Canadian universities. Nine of the new members are teaching in Canada. There are ten new women members, bringing the total number of women members to about sixty-eight. The total membership of the CTSA is now 1,225.

Biographical entries of the new Active members and the names and addresses of the new Associate members are included in this year's *Proceedings* as part of the updating of the new *Directory*. (Cf. below.)

Nominating Committee

The members of the Nominating Committee this year were: Thomas Sheridan (chairman), Mary Peter McGinty, and Thomas

Dailey. The chairman first explained the election procedures and pointed out that, according to the Constitution, only Active members could vote, and a simple majority was required to be elected. He then presented the nominees:

- for *Vice-President*: John Connelly, St. John Seminary, Brighton;
William Hill, O.P., Catholic University of America.
- for *Secretary*: Edward Konerman, S.J., St. Mary of the Lake Seminary.
- for *Treasurer*: Michael Scanlon, O.S.A., Augustinian College, Washington.
- for *Board Members*: John Boyle, University of Iowa;
John Connery, S.J., Loyola University, Chicago;
Frederick Crowe, S.J., Regis College, Toronto;
John Harvey, O.S.F.S., De Sales, Hyattsville.

The parliamentarian then pointed out that, since Rules of Order were meant to expedite business, it would be in the spirit of such rules if a motion were made to suspend the by-laws so that, if after a third ballot no nominee had achieved a majority, only the top two candidates would be eligible for the fourth ballot. This motion was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The elections were then held. There were no nominations from the floor. Just before the election of Board Members a motion was made to vote for only one member at a time. This was seconded and passed.

- Those elected were: *Vice-President*: William Hill, O.P.
Secretary: Edward Konerman, S.J.
Treasurer: Michael Scanlon, O.S.A.
Board Members: Frederick Crowe, S.J.
John Boyle

The present Vice-President, Kenan Osborne, O.F.M., automatically becomes the new President for 1978-1979.

While the various votes were being tallied, other reports were presented to the members attending the business meeting.

Secretary's Report

1. *Admissions Committee*. The Secretary thanked the members of the committee for their prompt cooperation in the review process. Since, in most cases, the Secretary can be fairly sure, after an application has been returned to the Secretary's office, that an applicant will be recommended for acceptance, the Secretary will try to send the applicant a note of assurance earlier than was done in the past. The names of applicants will also be added to the CSR mailing list earlier, but only after the January mailing of dues notices.

2. *Archives*. The archival material in the Secretary's office from the years 1966-1971 (the term of office of Warren Reich) have been delivered to the Catholic University of America this spring.

3. *Directory Update*. The biographical entries of new Active members and the names and addresses of new Associate members will be included in this year's *Proceedings*. There will also be update material in the *Proceedings* covering some few omissions, corrections and changes of address.

Members are asked, if they have a change of address, to notify the Secretary who will then make the change on the CSR mailing list and include the change in next year's *Proceedings*. Similarly, if anyone knows of a member who has died, the Secretary would appreciate being informed.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary read a brief report from the Treasurer.

1. *Summary of Receipts and Expenditures*. Cf. below for the full financial statement for 1977.

2. *1979 Convention*. Basically because of financial considerations, the Board of Directors has changed the location of next year's convention from Boston to Atlanta for June 13-16. Further information will be supplied in the *CSR Bulletin*.

3. *1980 Convention*. This convention is planned for San Francisco. Again, further information will be supplied in the *CSR Bulletin*.

A question was raised from the floor about the cost of holding the conventions in hotels and the possibility of going to some university campus. The President responded that the Board is aware of this question and has been considering it.

Executive Secretary's Report

1. *Publications*. Last year's *Proceedings* has been sent out. For this year's *Proceedings*, July 15 is the deadline for manuscripts. It will include the principal addresses, seminar presentations, and any summaries of workshops and seminars that are fairly extensive.

The new *Directory* has been sent out. It will be updated annually in the *Proceedings*.

There are still copies of *Human Sexuality* available from Darlington Seminary at the reduced price, for new members (and perhaps also for old members). The Report on the Status of Women in Church and Society can be obtained from Darlington for a *prepaid* (\$3.00) order.

2. *Guidelines for Research Teams*. The Board of Directors drew these guidelines up last year. They were published in last year's *Proceedings* and in the *CSR Bulletin*. Members were asked to review them and to suggest any changes. Only two members suggested changes. This year the Board considered these suggested changes and adopted two of them:

The second sentence of the paragraph on the composition of the research team was changed to read: "The Project Director chooses the members of the research team *with the approval of the President* of the Society."

The second paragraph of the section on funding was deleted.

The Board rejected the suggestion to establish an intermediary editorial board. These guidelines will now be in effect for any future research teams.

3. *Council on the Study of Religion*. The CSR has raised the assessment for the individual member Societies. The other CTSA representatives to the CSR, besides the Executive Secretary as *ex officio* representative, are Carl Peter and Edward Konerman.

4. *Archives*. Past officers and members of the Board are encouraged to send any archival material they may have either to the Executive Secretary or to the Department of Archives at the Catholic University of America.

President's Report

1. *Publications Committee*. The President asked Richard McBrien, the chairman of this committee to speak about the committee. McBrien reminded the members that the purpose of this committee was to ensure a publishing outlet for worthy manuscripts. The criteria for publication are as follows: no dissertation will be accepted; and only one manuscript a year will be published. The committee itself, consisting of McBrien, Francis Fiorenza, and someone to be named to replace Kenan Osborne, is the first group to review a manuscript. After them two outside experts are asked to review the manuscript. Up to the present, no manuscripts have been submitted with a view to publication.

2. *Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies and Scholars*. Richard McCormick, the CTSA liaison person with this Joint Committee, reported to the President that a series of colloquia is being planned to address the question of theology and the Magisterium. The Board asked George Dyer, who was directing a convention seminar on this topic, to try to have his seminar group come up with a list of questions that we might propose to the Joint Committee as questions to be answered by these colloquia. These questions have been drawn up. They will be considered by the new President and the Board, and then forwarded through McCormick to the Joint Committee.

3. *Research Team on Bilaterals*. The chairman, Richard McBrien, reported to the President that this research team has been advised to delay a little in order to deal with several other bilateral consensus statements expected in the very near future. The Board approved of this and expects to receive the final report of this research team in June, 1979.

4. *Bishops' Appeal*. The appeal to the Bishops was mailed later than it was hoped. So far there has been an encouraging response both in contributions and in words of support for the CTSA.

5. *Update on Human Sexuality*. The Italian and Spanish translations have been completed and are now available. A British edition is available in the Commonwealth. Negotiations are underway for French and German translations. The Board is still considering how it might best encourage the continuing discussion.

6. *Research Teams.* No new research teams have been set up this year. But there have been proposals or requests for collaboration between the CTSA and other groups.

The CLSA has suggested that the CTSA set up a committee to work with their committee in developing a theology of marriage. The CLSA has also requested our collaboration in a study of those sections of the proposed new Canon Law that deal with the teaching office and the People of God.

A symposium on Black Theology will be held October 12-15, 1978, in Baltimore. At least two members of the CTSA, Joseph Nearon and Edward Braxton, are involved in this. James Lyke, O.F.M., the President of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus which is sponsoring the symposium has requested that the CTSA support the symposium.

The new President and the Board of Directors will consider how the CTSA may respond positively to these requests.

At the end of her report the President expressed her thanks to all who had helped her throughout the past year and in planning the convention.

Discussion

At the beginning of the "Discussion" section of the business meeting, the following motion was made and seconded:

Be it resolved that the CTSA, with no intention of judging the content and substance of his work, here notes its dissatisfaction at the lack of due process in the silencing of Rev. John McNeill, S.J.

After some discussion, a motion was made to table the resolution. This motion was accepted in a vote by a show of hands.

A second motion was made and seconded to the effect that the CTSA was concerned about the McNeill case and requested further information about it. Before the exact wording of this second motion could be worked out, the motion was defeated by a show of hands.

A motion was now made to reconsider tabling the original motion. This motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands.

At this point, a motion was made to adjourn the business meeting in order to hear the President deliver the Presidential Address. This motion was seconded and passed on a show of hands.

Since it was already past 12:30 P.M. and some members would have to leave rather quickly in order to meet travel schedules, the President decided not to deliver the Presidential Address. The Vice-President, Kenan Osborne, accepted the gavel, thus becoming President for 1978-1979. He thanked Agnes Cunningham for the very fine convention, and then adjourned the convention.

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