

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-fourth annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held June 13-16, 1979, at the Atlanta American Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme of the convention was: "The Meaning of the Human." At the opening session of the convention, Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan greeted the convention participants and welcomed them to Atlanta. After his words of welcome, in a vote by acclamation, Honorary Membership in the CTSA was conferred on Archbishop Donnellan. The convention's official Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 14. The liturgy was followed by a cocktail hour and the convention banquet.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

The 1979 convention included several pre-convention seminars, four major addresses, five workshops, seven seminars, and an Open-Forum Report on the National Caucus of the Black Clergy Conference.

Wednesday, June 13

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

1. *Mariology and Anthropology*. Eamon Carroll, O.Carm., Catholic University of America, and Frederick M. Jelly, O.P., Josephinum College.
2. *Nineteenth Century Theology*. Francis Fiorenza, Villanova University, Thomas O'Meara, O.P., Aquinas Institute, and John Ford, C.S.C., Catholic University of America.
3. *Doing and Defining Justice—A Roman Catholic Contribution*. Bruno V. Manno, S.M., University of Dayton.
4. *Magisterium and Natural Law*. John Boyle, University of Iowa, Iowa City.
5. *Feminine Symbols and the Holy Spirit*. John M. Farrelly, O.S.B., Washington Theological Union.

Thursday, June 14

9:45-10:45 A.M.—FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Unreasonable Expectations. Regis A. Duffy, O.F.M., Washington Theological Union.

11:00-12:00 NOON—CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

1. *Ethical Implications of Developments in Genetics*. Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the University of Massachusetts Medical Center.

2. *Theology, Psychology, and Critical Theory*. Walter Lowe, Candler School of Theology.
3. *Theory of Sexuality and its Integration of Sociological Theory and Data*. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.
4. *The Human Person as the Mid-Point between Time and Eternity: Anthropology from Blondel to Dunne*. John Connelly, St. John's Seminary, Brighton.
5. *On Putting Politics Back into Political Theology*. John A. Coleman, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley.

1:30-2:30 P.M.—CONVENTION SEMINARS

1. *Historical Christology: Possibilities and Problems*. Bernard Cooke, University of Calgary.
2. *Teilhard, Liberation Theology, and Christian Spirituality*. Donald Goergen, O.P., Aquinas Institute, and Joseph A. Grau, Justice and Peace Center, Milwaukee.
3. *Experimenting on Morality, in Theology, Jurisprudence, and Psychology*. James Gaffney, Loyola University, New Orleans.
4. *The Issues at Puebla*. T. Howland Sanks, S.J., Canisius College.
5. *Sacrament of Marriage: A Discipline in Search of a Theology*. James A. Coriden, Washington Theological Union.
6. *The Church and the Creative Transformation of History: A Process Ecclesiology/Sacramentology*. Bernard J. Lee, S.M., St. John's University.
7. *On Being Human Religiously: Concerns of Theological Anthropology in the 70's and Beyond*. M. Jane Kopas, O.S.F., University of Syracuse.

3:00-4:00 P.M.—SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Society, History, Meaning: Perspectives from the Social Sciences.
LeRoy F. Cormie, University of Chicago.

Friday, June 15

9:00-10:00 A.M.—CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Same Workshops continued from Thursday.

10:30-11:30 A.M.—THIRD PLENARY SESSION

The Rising of the Women is the Rising of the Race. Mary Buckley, St. John's University, Jamaica.

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2:30-3:30 P.M.—CONVENTION SEMINARS

Same Seminars continued from Thursday.

8:00-9:30 P.M.—*Report on the National Caucus of the Black Clergy Conference*. Joseph R. Nearon, S.S.S., John Carroll Univer-

sity. Sr. Toinette Eugene, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley.

Saturday, June 16

9:30-10:30 A.M.—FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

The Doctrine of Grace and the Search for the Human. David W. Tracy, University of Chicago.

11:00-11:45 A.M.—PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

A Phenomenology of the Human Person: A Theo-Anthropology. Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M., Franciscan School of Theology.

John Courtney Murray Award

At a special session around noon on Friday, June 15, the President read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award for distinguished achievement in theology, and presented the silver medal and the plaque to this year's recipient, Bernard Cooke. Friday evening, at 5:00 P.M., a reception was held to honor the recipient of this year's award. The text of the citation reads as follows:

Since 1972 the John Courtney Murray Award has been given to a number of CTSA members who have done yeoman service to the theological world. This year is no exception, for the recipient of this year's award has consistently turned his talents and efforts to improve theological curricula in the several institutions in which he has taught. Moreover, as a professor he enjoys a distinguished reputation and is highly regarded by his students, not only for the classes and lectures which have been so insightful and challenging, but also for the generous time he has spent in academic counselling. His theological interest and research has been extensive and intensive, delving into the areas of symbol and sacrament, ministry and Christology. His research has covered in depth the entire duration of the Christian era, and his last publication, massive and profound as it is, will remain a standard reference for decades to come. Moreover, he has represented the CTSA on numerous committees, and his representation has always been a credit to the Society. Convention after convention, he has generously chaired seminars in the area of Christology. It is with pride and honor that in 1979 we salute one of our members as a most worthy recipient of the John Courtney Murray Award, namely, Dr. Bernard Cooke.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

At 4:00 P.M. on Friday, June 15, the President, Kenan Osborne, O.F.M., called the annual business meeting to order with a brief prayer. Joseph Nearon, S.S.S., served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Norbert Rigali, S.J., the chairperson of the committee on admissions, presented the committee's report. The other members of the committee were: James Moudry, Doris Gottemoeller, R.S.M., Francis McNulty, and the Secretary of the CTSA. The committee recommended

thirty-five candidates for Active Membership and eleven candidates for Associate Membership. This recommendation was accepted by an unanimous voice vote.

Of the new Active members, twenty-two are graduates of Catholic universities, thirteen of secular universities. Twenty-one graduated from schools in the United States, six from Canada, five from Rome, and three from other schools in Europe. Twenty-five of the new Active members have the PhD, six have the STD, one has the SSD, and three have the ThD. Five of the new Active members are graduates of the Catholic University of America; four are graduates of Fordham University; and four more are graduates of St. Michael's in Toronto. There are ten women among the new members.

Brief biographies of the new Active members and the names and addresses of the new Associate members are included in this year's *Proceedings* (cf. below).

Proposals of the Board of Directors

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article Six of the By-Laws, the Board of Directors proposed that Article Five of the By-Laws, "Rules of Procedure," be amended so as to include two other sections besides the present Article Five which would become Section 1 of the new amended Article.

The new Section 2 would provide that resolutions about matters of policy to be acted upon at the business meeting should be presented in writing with enough copies for distribution to the members present no later than 9:00 A.M. of the day of the business meeting. This could be waived by an appeal to the Board sustained by a simple majority vote of the Board. The new Section 3 would make provisions for what would happen in elections if no one achieved a majority after two or three votes.

Discussion first focussed on the proposed Section 2. John Boyle moved that "9:00 A.M." be changed to "10:00 A.M." This was seconded and passed. In the vote on Section 2, the proposal of the Board was defeated in a show of hands.

Section 3 of the proposed new Article Five now became Section 2. After some brief discussion this new Section 2 of Article Five was accepted in an almost unanimous show of hands.

Accordingly, Article Five of the By-Laws now reads:

Article V: Rules of Procedure

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's *Rules of Order Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution or By-Laws of this Society.

Section 2: In elections held in accordance with Article III, Section 3, of the Constitutions of the Society, the procedures and restrictions of Robert's *Rules of Order Revised* shall be followed except that if no majority be obtained after two ballots, the candidate obtaining the lowest number of votes on the second ballot shall be dropped

from the third ballot; and if no majority be obtained after three ballots, the two candidates with the highest number of votes on the third ballot shall alone be eligible for the fourth ballot, unless one of them withdraws, in which case the next highest shall be considered eligible and so forth.

2. The Board of Directors also proposed that the CTSA adopt a statement on academic freedom and due process. John Boyle explained the origin and the rationale of this proposal. There followed some discussion both pro and con. An amendment offered by Francis Buckley, S.J., was accepted adding the words "censured or" before the word "deprived" in the second last paragraph. The statement was then accepted in a vote by a show of hands. The statement reads as follows:

In response to continued concerns, the CTSA has several times drawn attention to the importance of that freedom which the Second Vatican Council (GS, nn. 17 and 62) declared indispensable to scholarly inquiry (see *Proceedings* 28 [1974]; 31 [1976], 256-57; 32 [1977], 258-64).

The encyclical letter of Pope John Paul II, *Redemptor hominis*, and many recent statements by the pope have emphasized that human rights are rooted in an adequate Christian theology of the human person.

In the light of Pope John Paul II's determination that the Church be an unwearied advocate of human rights, and conscious that the practice of the Church today must be consistent with its proclamation, the CTSA judges it appropriate to reaffirm two principles which affect the rights of theologians to carry on their service in the Church:

1. No theologian should be censured or deprived of that liberty acknowledged to be necessary for theological inquiry without due process which respects fundamental fairness and equity. (See *Proceedings* 32 [1977], page 261, III/7 and IV.)

2. No theologian holding an academic appointment should be censured or otherwise deprived of any right except as a result of due process which is in accordance with publicly stated standards and is consonant with generally accepted academic practice in the United States and Canada

Nominating Committee

The members of the nominating committee this year were: Michael Fahey, S.J. (chairperson), Jane Kopas, O.S.F., and Thomas O'Meara, O.P. Michael Fahey presented the slate of candidates:

- for *Vice-President*: Joseph Bracken, S.J., Marquette University
John Connelly, St. John's Seminary, Brighton
Thomas O'Meara, O.P., Aquinas Institute
- 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*: Walter Conn, Villanova University
Regis Duffy, O.F.M., Washington Theological Union
Timothy O'Connell, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
Leo O'Donovan, S.J., Weston School of Theology

Mary Buckley was nominated from the floor for the office of Board member.

The elections proceeded according to the newly accepted procedures voted on earlier. Before the election of Board members, it was decided, after some discussion and a vote, to elect one Board member at a time. Those elected, all on a second ballot with the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer, were:

<i>Vice-President:</i>	Thomas O'Meara, O.P.
<i>Secretary:</i>	Edward Konerman, S.J.
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Michael Scanlon, O.S.A.
<i>Board Members:</i>	Leo O'Donovan, S.J. Regis Duffy, O.F.M.

The Vice-President, William Hill, O.P., automatically becomes the new President for 1979-1980.

While the various ballots were being tallied, other reports were presented.

Secretary's Report

1. *Membership.* As of January, 1979, membership in the CTSA totalled 1,199. Some few of these are Honorary Members. A few were dropped in May for three-years non-payment of dues. With the new members this year the CTSA membership is over 1,200.

2. *Admissions Committee.* The Secretary thanked the members of the committee for their prompt cooperation in the review process. He then reviewed the procedure used. On the first contact by an applicant a letter is sent to the applicant with the application card. Upon the return of the card, if it is obvious that the applicant will be accepted, the Secretary sends a letter of assurance along with a copy of the Constitution. Then, after the dues notice has been mailed, the Secretary adds the names of the applicants to the CSR mailing list so that they will receive the Spring letter with information about the upcoming convention. The review process takes place after April 1.

Late returns are still accepted to be reviewed by the committee at the time of the convention. These applicants are sent a letter of assurance along with the Constitution and copies of the Spring letter and the convention program.

The Secretary also reminded everyone of the requirements for membership: for Active membership, the possession of the doctorate in the sacred or other related sciences; for Associate membership, the completion of doctoral course work. He urged all the members to encourage their colleagues or their students to apply for membership if they qualify.

3. *Joint Membership.* At its October, 1978, meeting the Board of Directors approved a joint membership for husbands and wives each of whom meet membership requirements. The dues for this joint membership are \$20.00 with a single mailing address. This joint membership goes into effect in 1980. Either the Secretary or the Treasurer could be contacted.

4. *Updating the Directory.* Once again this year the biographical entries of the new Active Members and the names and addresses of new Associate Members will be included in the *Proceedings*. Also included will be some changes of address and other changes in biographical entries.

Treasurer's Report

1. *Summary of Receipts and Expenditures.* Cf. below for the full financial statement for 1978.

2. *1980 Convention.* The 1980 convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco, June 11-14.

3. *1981 Convention.* The convention for 1981 will be held in the Midwest, probably in Chicago or St. Louis.

4. Finally, in response to the question raised occasionally as to whether the CTSA should hold its convention in a hotel or in some educational institution, the Treasurer mentioned that the Board of Directors has been studying the question for several years. He cited figures from the questionnaire of 1977 that seemed clearly to indicate that a good majority of the membership preferred hotels.

Executive Secretary's Report

1. *Publications.* Last year's *Proceedings* was slow in being sent out largely because of the Canadian mail strike. July 15 is the deadline for papers to be included in the 1979 *Proceedings*. Authors of these papers may request off-prints.

Human Sexuality will be coming out soon in paperback from Doubleday. Copies of the *Report on Women* are almost gone. The CTSA is investigating whether to print more copies or to offer the report to another publisher. The *Report on the Bilateral Consultations* will eventually be published. Announcement of this will appear in the *CSR Bulletin*.

2. *The Council on the Study of Religion.* The Executive Secretary is the *ex officio* delegate of the CTSA to the CSR. Edward Konerman and Bernard Cooke are the two appointed delegates. Our belonging to the CSR costs us a little, but the CSR provides us with many services, and the CTSA has an opportunity to play an important role in the CSR discussions.

3. *Status of the CTSA with the Internal Revenue Service.* This has been considered recently by the Board of Directors. Even though the CTSA is a tax-exempt organization, it may be required to fill out certain forms for the IRS. The Board has decided to hire a lawyer to check out this matter.

President's Report

1. *Appeal to the Bishops.* The President reported that so far thirty-one bishops have responded to the appeal for contributions sent

out by the President. Their contributions total nearly \$4,000. The bishops also suggested various topics that they would like the CTSA to consider.

2. *Augsburg Confession Project of the CTSA and the Lutheran World Federation.* Harry McSorley, the head of the CTSA team involved in this project (the other CTSA members are Avery Dulles and George Tavard; George Lindbeck is the head of the Lutheran team), reported to the President that the project has progressed very well. It involves the translation of most of the 1970 volume *Katholische Anerkennung des Augsburgischen Bekenntnisses?* with some added essays. Fortress Press will publish the volume around the end of this year with Paulist Press as a likely co-publisher. The CTSA's role will be acknowledged in the preface.

3. *Black Catholic Symposium.* The symposium was held in Baltimore, October 12-15, 1978. The CTSA helped in sponsoring it and two of our members participated. From all reports, it was very successful. Joseph Nearon will report on it in an Open Forum session on Friday evening.

4. *Research Team on Bilaterals.* The chairperson of this research team, Richard McBrien, submitted to the Board of Directors the final report of their work. The other members of the team were: John Finnegan, George MacRae, S.J., Richard McCormick, S.J., and George Tavard. The Board accepted the report as substantially fulfilling the mandate given to the research team in 1977. Details will now be worked out about the publication of this report. Notification of this will be given in our column in the *CSR Bulletin*.

5. *New Research Team.* At its October meeting, the Board of Directors, in response to a report by Luke Salm on the CSR-sponsored Wingspread Conference, requested Bernard Cooke to try to frame a proposal for a CTSA research team. For the June meeting of the Board, Cooke submitted such a proposal. It calls for a study of the present state of the discipline of theology, of the prospects and needs for professional development, and of the relationship of theology to the several disciplines included under the term "religious studies." The proposal was further clarified in a luncheon meeting of the Board with Cooke. The Board agreed to sponsor the proposed study according to the Cooke proposal.

New Business

Vincent Cushing, O.F.M. made the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the CTSA appoint a committee of selected members and other experts as needed to study the Apostolic Constitution *Sapientia Christiana* and the accompanying norms for application for their effect on the structures and programs of Roman Catholic theological education in North America, and that this committee report, and, if it seems appropriate, offer guidelines and recommendations to the membership of the Society, at the next annual meeting.

In the discussion of the motion it was pointed out that the Board of Directors was already considering such a research team, but that it had decided to wait until its October meeting when the Roman document would certainly be in hand. In response, a number of members urged that the sooner we act on this, the better. The motion was passed on a show of hands.

Their being no other new business, the business meeting of the 1979 convention was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

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