

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-ninth annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held June 13-16, 1984, at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. The theme of the convention was: "The World Church." The convention began with the First Plenary Session Wednesday evening, June 13. At the beginning of this session Archbishop James A. Hickey welcomed the convention participants to Washington. Following the opening session there was a reception sponsored by The Catholic University of America: School of Religious Studies; Cluster of Independent Theological Schools; DeSales School of Theology, Dominican House of Studies, Oblate College; Georgetown University: Department of Theology; Washington Theological Union; and Woodstock Theological Center.

The convention's eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 14. A cocktail hour and the convention banquet followed. At dessert time during the banquet Michael Fahey, the President of the CTSA, first saluted Luke Salm who is retiring after serving for many years as editor of the *Proceedings*. Then the President read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and the medal to this year's recipient, Monika Hellwig. Finally, in the early evening of Friday, June 15, the Woodstock Theological Center hosted the convention participants at a reception held in the Center's library.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 13

7:30-9:30 P.M. — FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The World Church: Meaning and Significance

Avery Dulles, S.J., The Catholic University of America

Thursday, June 14

9:00-10:30 A.M. — SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Systematic Theology and the World Church

Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A., Washington Theological Union

11:00-12:30 P.M. — WORKSHOPS

1. *Women in the World Church*

Sara Butler, M.S.B.T., Philadelphia

2. *The Global Implications of the Bishops' Peace Pastoral*

J. Bryan Hehir, USSC-Dept. of Social Development and World Peace

3. *Local Theologies for a Global Church: Report from Midwest Members' Group*

Jon M. Nilson, Loyola University of Chicago

4. *Laity in the World Church*

Raymond F. Bulman, St. John's University, New York

5. *Universal and Particular Law in the Revised Code*

James H. Provost, The Catholic University of America

6. *World Religions and the World Church*

Lucien Richard, O.M.I., Weston School of Theology

7. *Inculturation and the World Church*

Marcello Azevedo, S.J., Woodstock Theological Center

2:00-4:00 P.M. — CONTINUING SEMINARS (First Session)

1. Christology

Christ and World Religions

Moderator: Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J., The Catholic University of America

2. Ecclesiology

Pluralism in the Church

Moderator: David J. Stagaman, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

Pluralism in Church Polity

Discussion: Peter F. Chirico, S.S., St. Thomas Center, Seattle

3. Moral Theology

Moderator: John P. Boyle, University of Iowa

General Session (2:00-2:50 P.M.)

The Sexual and the Social in the Catholic Moral Tradition

Presenter: Joan Timmerman, College of Saint Catherine
Separate Working Groups (3:00-4:00 P.M.)

A. *Moral Rules in their Social Setting: Abortion*

Chair: Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Panelists: Patricia Jung, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN;
Barbara Andolsen, Rutgers University

B. *Catholic Social Justice and the American Economy: Prospects for the Bishops' Pastoral*

Chair: Daniel Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville

Panelists: Matthew L. Lamb, Marquette University; Joe Holland, Center of Concern, Washington, D.C.

C. *The Role of the Affective in the Moral Life*

Chair: John Giles Milhaven, Brown University

Panelist: Nancy C. Ring, Weston School of Theology

4. Nature and Method of Theology

Toward a Theology of Evil: Process and Transcendental Approaches in Dialogue

Moderator: Michael Vertin, St. Michael's College, Toronto

Discussion: Joseph Hallman, College of St. Thomas, St. Paul; Peter J. Drilling, Christ the King Seminary

5. Nineteenth Century Theology
The Challenge of 19th Century German Theology to the World Church
 Moderator: Francis S. Fiorenza, The Catholic University of America
Drey's Challenge to Theological Methodology
 Presenter: Wayne L. Fehr, S.J., Marquette University
6. Spirituality
The Dark Night: A Text and its Contemporary Personal and Social Significance
 Moderator: Vernon J. Gregson, Loyola University of New Orleans
 Panelists: Keith Egan, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Constance Fitzgerald, O.C.D., Baltimore Carmel, Stephen Payne, O.C.D., Weston School of Theology
7. Theological Anthropology
Theological Anthropologies behind the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Bilateral Statement on Justification
 Moderator: John M. Farrelly, O.S.B., DeSales School of Theology
 Discussion: Robert W. Jenson, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg; Carl J. Peter, The Catholic University of America
8. Theology and the Social Sciences
United States of America: Context for Theology
 Moderator: Paul J. Surlis, St. John's University, New York
- A. *Feminist Theology and Social Transformation*
 Presenter: Marjorie R. Maguire, Milwaukee
- B. *The Contribution of Peace Studies to Theology*
 Presenter: Joseph J. Fahey, Manhattan College
- C. *Theology and the Behavioral Sciences: Trilateral Analysis*
 Presenter: Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Washington Theological Union
9. Trinitarian Theology
 Moderator: Catherine M. LaCugna, University of Notre Dame
- A. First Part (2:00-2:50 P.M.)
The Trinitarian Theology of Eberhard Jüngel
 Presenter: Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J., Weston School of Theology
- B. Second Part (3:00-3:50 P.M.)
Catherine of Siena and the Trinity
 Presenter: Suzanne M. Noffke, O.P., University of Wisconsin, Madison

Friday, June 15

9:00-10:30 A.M. — THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Moral Theology and the World Church

Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

11:00-12:30 P.M. — WORKSHOPS

1. *Ecumenical Dimensions of the World Church*

Paul A. Crow, Jr., Council on Christian Unity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis

2. *Basic Christian Communities: Pluralism and Unity*
William R. Burrows, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union
3. *The Lima Statement: Report from CTSA Research Team*
Michael A. Fahey, S.J., Concordia University, Montreal
4. *Spirituality and the World Church*
Mary Ann Fatula, O.P., Ohio Dominican College
5. *Social Justice and the World Church*
Peter Henriot, S.J., Center of Concern, Washington, D.C.
6. *Evangelization in the World Church*
Eugene Hillman, C.S.Sp., Salve Regina College
7. *The Vow of Obedience in a Pluralistic Church*
Barbara Lawler Thomas, S.C.N., Nazareth, Kentucky

2:00-4:00 P.M. — CONTINUING SEMINARS (Second Session)

As on Thursday except:

2. Ecclesiology
Communio Ecclesiarum: Reunion of the Separated Churches
Discussion: Roger E. McGrath, Camden Diocesan Center
5. Nineteenth Century Theology
Strauss' Challenge to Christology
Presenter: William Madges, Xavier University, Cincinnati
9. Trinitarian Theology
Moderator: Mary Ann Donovan, S.C., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
The Triune Symbol: Creation and Incarnation
Presenter: Joseph A. Bracken, S.J., Xavier University, Cincinnati
Respondent: Donald J. Gelpi, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

8:30-10:00 P.M. — SPECIAL INTEREST SESSION

The World Church in the Perspective of the World History of Religion
Wilfred Cantwell Smith, Harvard University

Saturday, June 16

9:00-10:30 A.M. — FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Sacramental Theology and the World Church
Geoffrey Wainwright, Duke University

11:00 A.M. — PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

1904-1984, Karl Rahner, Theologian
Michael A. Fahey, S.J., Concordia University, Montreal

John Courtney Murray Award

At dessert time during the convention banquet on the evening of Thursday, June 14, the President presented the John Courtney Murray Award for distinguished achievement in theology to Monika Hellwig. The award citation reads as follows:

Tonight the Catholic Theological Society of America honors a true Professor of Theology, in every sense of the word: an author and teacher and lecturer on the Word of God whose astonishing life has again and again been the creative context for discovering divine purpose in our time. Our honoree has served God's Word and God's people through public contributions and classroom dedication and timely publications which together form a remarkable unity of witness to the loving and compassionate mystery of God active in our world. Indeed, in praising our colleague tonight we are reminded once more of the great grace of that uncanonical vocation: the theologian.

The life was the creative context. Birth in Breslau in Silesia (now Wroclaw in Poland) in the year before Hitler came to power; dislocation first to Berlin and then to the Netherlands; transport thereafter to Scotland and England, where secondary schooling and university studies took place; those were times and lands for many languages, considerable hardship, the loss of first parents and the blessing of new ones. Memories gathered, of a father whose special sense was for celebration, of an artist mother whose personal struggle provided a lasting paradigm for redemptive suffering. And convictions were born: about the extraordinary stability that can be engendered by a tradition one approaches creatively; about literature and art and music as the surest conveyors of such traditional wisdom; about the sense of universality one can learn from living with the uprooted and the deprived.

After early education in social science and law, our honoree joined the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries, in hopes of serving the poor in India. But such intellectual talent was deemed more important for the education of the Society's own members in the United States, and this led not to the streets of India but to theological studies at The Catholic University of America and at Notre Dame and then, later, to three years of work in Rome for a Vatican official and for the International Movement for a Better World. Returning in 1965 to the United States as a layperson, our colleague completed a Ph. D at Catholic University and has since been teaching at the nation's oldest Catholic university, while also becoming the single parent of three adopted children.

The theology emerging from such a life has been deeply marked by it in so many ways: it is experiential, socially aware, at once deeply realistic and profoundly hopeful, liturgically shaped, sensitive to symbolism, responsive to contemporary questions and inclusive of so many questioners. *Understanding Catholicism* has been both a title and a constant theme for our colleague. Studies in Hinduism and Judaism nourished a sense for symbols which served so well for writing *The Eucharist and the Hunger of the World* and, later, *Sign of Reconciliation and Conversion*. A long cultivated awareness of the liturgical year's cycle as shaping all time contributed significantly to the effective presentation of *The Meaning of the Sacraments*. Knowing the stories and dreams of so many people from such different places made a real difference in writing *Death and Christian Hope*. Still more recently an enduring concern for social transformation contributed to recognizing, without distorting, *Jesus the Compassion of God*. Through all these writings, as in countless lectures and workshops, social projects and ecumenical committees, everything our honoree learned has been presented as "one strand of thought or experience among many others, each justified only in terms of its own frame of reference." And theology has been pursued with eloquent consistency as "the art of interpreting the symbols inherited within a tradition, in such a way that they are recognized and accepted by those who live within the tradition as offering continuity, inner coherence, and an adequate and appropriate response to contemporary questions about human life."

Well then, *What Are the Theologians Saying?* (You may remember that as the title of a first book, fourteen years ago.) We the Catholic Theological Society of America, gathered here at Georgetown University for our 39th Annual Convention, are saying with pride and admiration and delight that we award our John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology this year to: Monika Konrad Hellwig, Professor of Theology at Georgetown and our deeply esteemed colleague.

Annual Business Meeting

Michael Fahey, the President, opened the business meeting at 4:30 P.M. on Friday, June 15. Luke Salm, the Executive Secretary, served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Joseph Bracken, the chairperson of the Committee on Admissions, presented the committee's report. The other members of the committee this year were Catherine LaCugna, Ellen Leonard, Michael McGinniss, and the Secretary of the CTSA. Leonard and McGinniss will serve on the committee again next year along with two new members to be appointed by the President.

During the year there were approximately eighty initial contacts made with the Secretary's office. Sixty-nine applications were returned. After reviewing these applications the committee agreed that fifty-five applicants met the requirements for active membership, and fourteen applicants should be recommended for associate membership.

Thirty-three of the new active members have the PhD degree; sixteen have the STD degree. Forty are graduates of Catholic universities; fifteen are graduates of non-Catholic schools. Forty-one of the new active members graduated from American institutions; fourteen graduated from European institutions, with ten of the fourteen graduating from Roman schools. Particular institutions that produced a number of new active members this year are: The Catholic University of America, nine; the Gregorian, six; Fordham University, five; and the Graduate Theological Union, four.

There are nineteen women among the new active members this year. This is the most women ever among new active members in a given year; twice before there were seventeen women accepted as active members. Among the new associate members there were seven other women.

Brief biographical entries of the new active members and the names and addresses of the new associate members are included in the Directory-Update Appendix in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Bracken concluded the report of the Committee on Admissions by recommending that fifty-five applicants be accepted as active members and fourteen applicants be accepted as associate members. This recommendation was approved by the members present at the meeting by a voice-vote. The President then asked the twenty-six new members present at the convention to stand, and they were welcomed with a round of applause. Finally, the President invited the new members to a special "Welcome Reception" immediately after the business meeting.

Committee on Nominations

The members of the Committee on Nominations this year were Thomas Shannon, Cathleen Going, and Joseph Powers. Shannon, the

chairperson, presented the slate of nominees, whose biographies had been made available for convention participants at the time of registration:

- for Vice-President: Regis Duffy, O.F.M., from Washington Theological Union; Monika Hellwig, from Georgetown University.
- for Board Members: Robert Daly, S.J., from Boston College; Elizabeth Johnson, C.S.J., from the Catholic University of America; Francis Meehan, from Immaculata College; Margaret O'Gara, from the University of St. Michael's College.
- for Secretary: Edward Konerman, S.J., from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein.
- for Treasurer: George Kilcourse, from Bellarmine College, Louisville.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Monika Hellwig was elected Vice-President. Margaret O'Gara and Robert Daly were elected Board Members on the second and third ballots respectively. The Secretary and the Treasurer were re-elected by acclamation.

Patrick Granfield, O.S.B., the President-Elect during the past year, automatically becomes the new President for 1984-1985. Vice-President Francis Fiorenza becomes the President-Elect. The others who continue to serve on the Board of Directors are: Michael Fahey, S.J., as Past-President, and Anthony Kosnik and Timothy O'Connell as Board Members.

While the various ballots were being counted, reports were given by the other officers.

Secretary's Report

In a brief report the Secretary thanked the members of the Committee on Admissions for their prompt cooperation in the review-by-mail process. He urged all members to encourage their colleagues or their doctoral students to apply for membership. Application cards can be obtained from the Office of the Secretary, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, IL 60060. He reminded members to inform him of any changes of address they may have so that he can correct the computer mailing list.

Finally, the Secretary announced that the Business Office of the *Proceedings* will be moved from Manhattan College to Mundelein, effective August 15. The new address of the *Proceedings* Business Office will be P.O. Box 422, Mundelein, IL 60060.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave a brief summary of the financial report which is contained below in this issue of the *Proceedings*. He pointed out that the CSR has raised membership dues slightly, but observed that this increase was reasonable inasmuch as these dues had not been raised for about five years. He urged convention participants to fill out and turn in the evaluation forms for this year's convention held on a university campus.

Finally, as the newly appointed Editor of the *Proceedings*, the Treasurer reminded convention speakers and seminar moderators that July 15 is the deadline for the submission of manuscripts for this year's *Proceedings*.

Executive Secretary's Report

When he was introduced for the last time as Executive Secretary, Luke Salm, F.S.C., was greeted with a rousing ovation. Because of an assignment to Rome by his religious congregation he must resign the office of Executive Secretary. For the present this office will be left vacant.

The Executive Secretary reported that the 1983 *Proceedings* was once again published within the calendar year. The editorship of the *Proceedings* is being turned over to George Kilcourse. *Human Sexuality* is now out of print, and Doubleday has returned the rights to this book to the CTSA.

The Archives of the CTSA are stored at the Department of Archives at the Catholic University of America. Former officers of the CTSA are reminded that they should send any archival material they may have to CUA.

Just prior to the convention the Executive Secretary received notification that the CTSA will be listed in the 1984 edition of the Official Catholic Directory. This should aid the Treasurer in pursuing the matter of securing tax-exempt status for the CTSA.

With this, Luke Salm concluded his final report as Executive Secretary and Editor of the *Proceedings*.

President's Report

The President opened his report by observing that in its first full year in place the new structure of officership worked very well. With the President-Elect taking care of the convention program, the President was better able to look after other CTSA affairs.

Letter to the Bishops

During the year the President wrote to the bishops of the United States and Canada, four hundred and sixty-nine in all, to inform them of CTSA activities and to appeal for support. A rather small percentage of the bishops responded with contributions totalling \$5,700.00. The President was asked by the bishops for suggestions of theologians to take part in the preparation of the pastoral letter on women. Some names had already been suggested and still others would be as a result of the Board meeting this week.

Mansour Case

In pursuance of the resolution passed by the members at last year's business meeting, the President wrote to the appropriate ecclesiastical authorities and religious superiors about the case of Agnes Mary Mansour.

There was little response besides several notes acknowledging reception of his letter.

Publications Committee

The President next reported that the Publications Committee, after aiding in the publication of two books, had received very few manuscripts for consideration during the past year. It seemed best to the Board to re-define the mandate of this committee in order to seek other ways to promote publication.

Research Team on Lima Statement

The President, as chairperson of this research team, had already given a report on the team's work in a workshop of the convention. The team, which includes Edward Kilmartin, George Worgul, William Marravee, and PHEME PERKINS, expects to finish its work this year.

New Theological Society

The President reported that a new theological society had been formed, the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain. John Mahoney has been elected its first President. The President of the CTSA had sent a message of congratulations and best wishes to Mahoney; he now read Mahoney's reply to the assembled members.

The President also sent telegrams of congratulations to Yves Congar and Bernard Lonergan on the occasion of their birthdays.

Joint CTSA/CLSA Committee

Finally, the President asked Leo O'Donovan, the chairperson of the joint CTSA/CLSA committee on relations between theologians and the ecclesiastical magisterium, to report on the present status of that committee's final report. O'Donovan informed the members present that the committee's final report, *Doctrinal Responsibilities*, is now under study by committees of the NCCB. This report will be published in the *Proceedings* of the Canon Law Society and in the CTSA *Proceedings*.

President-Elect's Report

Patrick Granfield, the President-Elect, began his report by thanking various people involved in the preparation and carrying out of this year's convention: the President and the Board, the Secretary, and most especially the Treasurer; the speakers and seminar moderators and panelists; the local arrangements committee; and the heads of the local schools who hosted the reception the first evening of the convention.

Committee on Research and Publication

The old Publications Committee will be re-constituted as a Committee on Research and Publication. Its mandate will be re-defined as to explore areas of research and avenues of publication, and to explore possibilities of cooperation between various societies (CLSA, CTS, CBA, etc.). The

Vice-President will be a member of this committee *ex officio*. The chairperson of the committee will be announced in the October issue of the *CSR Bulletin*.

Committee on Resolutions

An *ad hoc* committee is being set up to look into the question of establishing a permanent committee on resolutions, its need and feasibility, the possibility of Board guidelines, etc. Jon Nilson has agreed to serve as chairperson of the committee.

"Imprimatur" and Relations between Bishops and Theologians

Both at its regular meeting on Wednesday and again at a special breakfast meeting on Friday the Board discussed the recent withdrawals of the *imprimatur*. There are serious issues involved that cannot be ignored. But something more is needed than a statement or letter of protest. The CTSA should provide a scholarly, argued response and seek some implementation of the procedures suggested in *Doctrinal Responsibilities*, the report of the joint CTSA/CLSA committee. Granfield assured the members that as President he would pursue this matter vigorously in a number of ways.

He intends to call and then to write Archbishop John Quinn, head of the bishops' doctrinal committee, to urge the bishops to address these issues along with the CTSA/CLSA report, and to express the readiness of the CTSA to cooperate with the bishops in any way. He also intends to contact William Shea, the President of the College Theology Society, to explore with him the possibility of the Presidents of the various learned societies meeting with the bishops.

Then, also, he is setting up an *ad hoc* advisory committee to address the *imprimatur* issues. John Boyle has agreed to serve as chairperson of this committee. This committee is not intended to be another research team. It will have a narrower, more immediately practical goal, to seek to establish a real dialogue with the bishops' doctrinal committee, to investigate whether a meeting can be arranged with the bishops even before their regular Fall meeting, to explore still other possible ways of addressing the theological issues involved. Thus, it is hoped that this committee will be able to follow up on the work of the joint CTSA/CLSA committee and advance the implementation of the procedures suggested in *Doctrinal Responsibilities*.

Vice-President's Report

Francis Fiorenza, the Vice-President, announced that the 1985 convention will be held June 5-8 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. The theme of the convention will be "Theology: Academic and Ecclesial." He invited the members to contact him if they have any suggestions as to workshops touching the theme or speakers and discussion leaders. More detailed information on the 1985 convention will be communicated to the membership in the coming issues of the *CSR Bulletin*.

Other Business

In connection with the President-Elect's sketching of the steps he intends to take in addressing the issues involved in the recent withdrawals of the *imprimatur*, Vernon Gregson informed the members present that the CTS has commissioned a sociological survey dealing with the impact of *Christ Among Us* and of the withdrawal of its *imprimatur*.

Then several other observations and comments were made. Finally, a motion to adjourn having been made, the business meeting of the 1984 convention of the CTSA was adjourned.

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