

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The fortieth annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held June 5-8, 1985, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. The theme of the convention was "Theology: Academic and Ecclesial." The convention began with the First Plenary Session Wednesday evening, June 5. At the beginning of this session Archbishop John R. Quinn, an active member of the Society, welcomed the convention participants to San Francisco and gave a brief address entitled "Faith: The Root of the Theological Enterprise." Following the opening session there was a reception sponsored by the various schools in the Bay Area.

The convention's Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 14, in the Cathedral. President Patrick Granfield presided in the presence of Archbishop Quinn. Past-President and Murray Award recipient William Hill gave the homily.

A cocktail hour and the convention banquet followed the liturgy. At dessert time during the banquet President Granfield read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and the medal to this year's recipient, Zachary J. Hayes. Following the banquet there was a "Welcome" reception for the new members, hosted by the Board of Directors and the Committee on Admissions in the Presidential suite.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY _____ **June 5**

8:00-9:30 P.M.—FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Theology Today: New Crises and New Visions

Johann Baptist Metz, University of Münster, West Germany

THURSDAY _____ **June 6**

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

The Ecclesial and Cultural Roles of Theology

Joseph Komonchak, The Catholic University of America

Respondent: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

11:00-12:30 P.M.—WORKSHOPS

1. Patristic Period

Origen: Man of the Church and Focus of Controversy

Robert J. Daly, Boston College

2. Medieval Period

Bishops, Theologians, and Philosophers in Conflict at the Universities of Paris and Oxford: The Condemnations of 1270 and 1277

Walter H. Principe, Medieval Pontifical Institute, Toronto

3. Nineteenth Century
 "Dancing on the Tight Rope"—Newman's View of Theology
 John T. Ford, The Catholic University of America

4. Twentieth Century
Church and Theology in the Modernist Crisis
 Daniel L. Donovan, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

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

1. Theological Methodology
The Resurrection, Reconstructive Hermeneutics, and Foundational Theology
 Moderator: Michael Vertin, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
The Resurrection and Reconstructive Hermeneutics
 Presenter: Francis S. Fiorenza, The Catholic University of America
 Respondent: Johann Baptist Metz, University of Münster, West Germany
2. Christology
Christology: Academic, Ecclesial, and . . . ?
 Moderator: Elizabeth A. Johnson, The Catholic University of America
3. Ecclesiology
Influence of Church Life and Faith upon Ecclesial Understanding
 Moderator: Peter F. Chirico, St. Thomas Center, Seattle
 Chairperson: Roger E. McGrath, LaSalle College, Philadelphia
The Consent of the Church: Different Classical Views
 Presenter: Richard F. Costigan, Loyola University, Chicago
4. Trinitarian Theology
 Moderator: Catherine Mowry LaCugna, University of Notre Dame
Karl Rahner's Pneumatology
 Presenter: Leo O'Donovan, Weston School of Theology
 Respondent: Mary Ann Fatula, Ohio Dominican College, Columbus
5. Spirituality
The Emergence of an American Spirituality
 Moderator: Elizabeth Dreyer, The Catholic University of America
Studying the History of Spirituality in America: Issues and Challenges
 Presenter: John Farina, Paulist Press
 Respondent: Two Seminar Participants
6. Moral Theology
 Moderator: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College
 General Session: *The Process of the Economics Pastoral: Academic Thinking in an Ecclesial Setting*
 Presenter: David Hollenbach, Weston School of Theology
7. Theological Anthropology
Theological Anthropologies and the Situation in the United States as Analyzed by Robert Bellah
 Moderator: John M. Farrelly, DeSales School of Theology
From the Perspective of Rahner and Liberation Theology
 Presenters: James J. Buckley, Loyola College, Baltimore
 Christine E. Gudorf, Xavier University, Cincinnati

8. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology
Paul Ricoeur and Sacramental Theology
Moderator: Regis A. Duffy, Washington Theological Union
The Subjective Dimension of Symbol
Presenter: Regis A. Duffy
9. Practical Theology
Moderator: Michael McGinniss, LaSalle University, Philadelphia
Practical Theology: Three Perspectives
Panelists: Rosann Catalano, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore
Timothy O'Connell, Institute of Pastoral Studies,
Loyola University, Chicago
Edward C. Sellner, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul

FRIDAY**June 7**8:30-10:30 A.M.—THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Biblical Scholarship and the Church
The New Testament—The Church's Book???
PHEME PERKINS, Boston College
Canonical Hermeneutics
in the Light of Biblical Literary and Historical Criticism
JAMES SANDERS, Claremont School of Theology

11:00-12:30 P.M.—WORKSHOPS: Theology: Academy and Church

1. *Ecclesiastical Assessment and Theological Education*
Roger D. Haight, Regis College, Toronto
Robert Schreiter, Dean, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
2. *Ministerial Theology in a University Setting*
Timothy E. O'Connell, Institute of Pastoral Studies,
Loyola University, Chicago
3. *The Impact of World Religions on Academic and Ecclesial Theology*
Paul F. Knitter, Xavier University, Cincinnati
4. *Developmental Psychology: From Moral Theology to Spirituality*
Walter E. Conn, Villanova University
Joann Wolski Conn, Newman College
5. *Academy and Church Teaching Authority: Current Issues*
John P. Boyle, School of Religion, University of Iowa

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

1. Theological Methodology
Foundational Theology as a Reconstructive Hermeneutics
Presenter: Fred Lawrence, Boston College
Respondent: Francis S. Fiorenza, The Catholic University of America
2. Christology
Continuation from Thursday
3. Ecclesiology
*Basic Christian Communities as a Starting Point
for an Ecclesiology from Below*
Presenter: Jane E. Russell, Creighton University

4. Trinitarian Theology
Reconsidering the Trinity
Presenter: Marjorie Suchocki, Wesley Seminary, Washington, DC
Von Balthasar's Pneumatology and Spirituality
Presenter: Randy Sachs, Fairfield University
5. Spirituality
American Religious Experience: Discerning the False from the True
Presenter: Doris Donnelly, St. John's University, Jamaica, New York
6. Moral Theology
Three Separate Working Groups
 - A. *The Content of the Economics Pastoral*
Moderator: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
Panelists: Drew Christiansen, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Oliver F. Williams, University of Notre Dame
 - B. *Homosexuality*
Moderator: Edward V. Vacek, Weston School of Theology
Panelists: John F. Harvey, Washington, DC
Kevin Gordon, San Francisco
 - C. Professional Ethics for the Theologian
Moderator: Walter J. Woods, St. John's Seminary, Brighton
Panelists: Raymond A. Lucker, Bishop of New Ulm
Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College
7. Theological Anthropology
From the Perspectives of American Religious Philosophy and Vatican II, "Gaudium et Spes"
Moderator: Christine E. Gudorf, Xavier University, Cincinnati
Presenters: William C. Spohn, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
John Farrelly, DeSales School of Theology
8. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology
The Hermeneutics of Ricoeur and Sacramental Theology
Presenter: Stephen Happel, The Catholic University of America
9. Practical Theology
Theology in Its Natural Environment: Issues, Implications, and Directions
Presenters: David P. Killen, University of the South, Executive Director
of Bairnwick Center for Theological Education Extension
Patricia O'Connell Killen, University of the South, School of Theology

8:00-10:00 P.M.—FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Theological Education as a Theological Problem (Panel Discussion)
Roger D. Haight, Regis College, Toronto
Claude Welch, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
Marjorie Suchocki, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington
Patricia Smith, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore

SATURDAY _____ June 8

9:00-10:30 A.M.—FIFTH PLENARY SESSION*The Sectarian Temptation:**Reflections on Theology, Church, and the University*

James M. Gustafson, Divinity School, The University of Chicago

(Gustafson's paper was read by William C. Spohn)

11:00 A.M.—PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS*The Uncertain Future of Collegiality*

Patrick R. Granfield, The Catholic University of America

John Courtney Murray Award

At dessert time during the convention banquet on the evening of Thursday, June 6, the President presented the John Courtney Murray Award for distinguished achievement in theology to Zachary J. Hayes. The award citation reads as follows:

Each year the Catholic Theological Society of America honors a theologian for distinguished achievement by conferring the John Courtney Murray Award. Our recipient this evening has been an active member of the Society for twenty years. He is well known and respected as an educator, an author, and a scholar.

We honor him first for his contributions to theological education. Enjoying a reputation as a demanding, enthusiastic, and stimulating teacher, he has taught systematic theology since 1964, first in the seminary of his own religious order and then, at a large and influential major seminary in the midwestern city of his birth. His commitment to the highest standards and his insistence on a balanced and rigorous curriculum have been appreciated by his colleagues and students. Other schools have recognized his competence: he has been a visiting lecturer at such places as the University of Chicago Divinity School, St. John's Seminary in Brighton, and the Franciscan School of Theology at Berkeley.

We honor him also as a productive author who has dedicated his energy to bringing the voices of great historical figures to the contemporary theological conversation. He is one of those increasingly rare individuals who combines a broad knowledge of the history of doctrine with an equally sure command of current thought. He has written eight books and numerous articles on questions of creation, evolution, and eschatology. His fine translations of Latin and German writings reveal his linguistic skills. He has translated, for example, two early works of Joseph Ratzinger, who had been a *Privatdozent* at the University of Bonn, where our honoree earned his own doctorate.

We honor him especially as a scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to the present theological discussion of Christology and eschatology by bringing to bear on these areas the insights of that medieval master and mystic, St. Bonaventure. All his books as well as his numerous articles in journals and *Festschriften* have explored various facets of the thought of this great Doctor of the Church. The depth of this scholar's knowledge as well as his careful work in editing, translating, and commenting upon selected works in the Bonaventurian corpus, were publicly acknowledged in 1974, the seven hundredth anniversary of St. Bonaventure's death, when he was awarded an honorary doctorate by St. Bonaventure's University in New York.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure, that the Catholic Theological Society of America at this, its fortieth annual convention in the city of St. Francis, confers the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology on a member of the Order of Friars Minor, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Catholic Theological Union at Chicago, and our esteemed colleague, Zachary J. Hayes.

Annual Business Meeting

President Patrick Granfield called the annual business meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. on Friday, June 7. Timothy O'Connell, a member of the Board of Directors, served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Michael McGinniss, the chairperson of the Committee on Admissions, presented the committee's report. The other members of the committee this year were Ellen Leonard, Paul Hennessy, Dolores Greeley, and the Secretary of the CTSA. Hennessy (chair) and Greeley will serve on the committee again next year along with two new members appointed by the President.

During the year there were approximately one hundred initial inquiries about membership. Eighty-nine applications were returned. After reviewing these applications the committee agreed to recommend sixty-one applicants for active membership and twenty-eight for associate membership.

The total number of new members, eighty-nine, is the largest number of new members in at least the past six years. There were forty-one women among the new members, twenty-eight active and thirteen associate. This is by far a record number of women, almost half of the total number this year, and more than twice as many as in any past year.

The degrees earned by the new active members include the Ph.D. (42), the S.T.D. (10), the D.Th. (4), and other degrees such as the D.S.R., the J.C.D., the Ed.D., and the S.E.O.D. (the doctorate in Sacred Oriental Ecclesiology). Thirty-nine of the new active members graduated from schools in the United States; twenty-one of these were from Catholic schools, eighteen from non-Catholic schools. Five of the new active members are graduates of Canadian schools, while another sixteen are graduates of European schools, with eight of these sixteen from Roman schools. Particular institutions that produced a number of new active members this year are: The Catholic University of America, five; and Marquette, Fordham, Notre Dame, St. Michael's in Toronto, and the Gregorian all with four members each. The schools with large numbers of new associate members are The Catholic University, eight; Fordham and the Graduate Theological Union, four each.

The recommendation of the Committee on Admissions for the acceptance of sixty-one new active members and of twenty-eight new associate members was approved by the members present at the meeting by a voice-vote. The President then asked the thirty-three new members present at the meeting to stand, and they were welcomed with a round of applause.

Brief biographical entries for the new active members and the names and addresses of the new associate members are included in the Directory-Update appendix in this year's *Proceedings*.

New Permanent Committee on Resolutions

During the past year an *ad hoc* committee (Jon Nilson, chair, Timothy O'Connell and Patout Burns, with George Connelly as consultant) had studied how best to handle resolutions to be considered at the business meeting. In their report to the President the committee suggested an amendment to the By-Laws establishing a committee on resolutions. The Board of Directors accepted this suggestion and now proposed that the By-Laws be amended by the addition of a third section to Article V—Rules of Procedure. The proposed new section reads:

3. Resolutions to be proposed for adoption by the Society shall usually be transmitted to the Committee on Resolutions. The Committee shall consist of at least three (3) active members of the Society. The Vice-President shall chair the Committee. The President shall appoint the other members of the Committee.
 - a) Any member of the Society can transmit to the Committee a proposed resolution. The resolution should be accompanied by a clear account of the facts of the matter and by an explanation of the reasons for its adoption. It shall be received by the Chairperson of the Committee at least fifteen (15) days before the beginning of the Annual Meeting of the Society and shall be considered by the Committee before the business meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Society. If the resolution is approved by the Committee, it will be placed on the agenda of the business meeting.
 - b) Any proposed resolution which has not been received by the previously mentioned deadline, but which has been received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the beginning of the business meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Society, and which has been unanimously approved by the Committee, will be placed on the agenda of the business meeting.
 - c) Any proposed resolution which has not been approved by the Committee or any other resolution from a member can be placed on the agenda, if its being so placed is approved by one-third (1/3) affirmative vote of those active members of the Society present and voting at the business meeting.

Jon Nilson explained the rationale for the proposed amendment and answered several questions for clarification. Then a couple of motions were made to amend the proposed amendment.

MOTION (by Grisez, seconded): that a sentence be added to paragraph "c": "The motion to put the proposed resolution on the agenda shall be non-debatable."

After some brief discussion, this motion *passed* on a clear voice-vote.

MOTION (by Komonchak, seconded): that paragraph "c" read: "if its being so placed is approved by a majority affirmative vote."

After some discussion, this second motion was *rejected* on a clear voice-vote.

Then the proposed amendment of the By-Laws, as amended by the Grisez motion, was *accepted* on a clear voice-vote.

Committee on Nominations

The members of the Committee on Nominations this year were Joseph Powers (chair), Donald Buggert, and Zachary Hayes. Buggert and Hayes will continue to serve on the committee next year, with Buggert as chair. Powers presented the

slate of nominees, whose biographies had been made available for convention participants at the start of the business meeting:

- for Vice-President: Michael Scanlon, Washington Theological Union
Walter Conn, Villanova University
- for Board Members: William Loewe, The Catholic University of America
Jon Nilson, Loyola University, Chicago
Anne Patrick, Carleton College
Patricia Smith, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore
- for Secretary: Edward Konerman, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary,
Mundelein
- for Treasurer: George Kilcourse, Bellarmine College, Louisville

There were no nominations from the floor.

Michael Scanlon was elected Vice-President. Anne Patrick and William Loewe were elected Board Members on the third and fourth ballots respectively. The Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected by acclamation.

Francis Fiorenza becomes the new President for 1985-1986. Monika Hellwig becomes the President-Elect. The others who continue to serve on the Board of Directors are: Patrick Granfield as Past-President; and Margaret O'Gara and Robert Daly as Board Members.

While the various ballots were being counted, reports were given by the Officers of the Society.

President-Elect's Report

Francis Fiorenza, the President-Elect, began his report by thanking the Secretary and most especially the Treasurer for all their help in the preparation and carrying out of the convention. He then informed the members present about the status of the report on the Lima document.

Report on B-E-M. Almost all of the final report of the research team studying the Lima document on Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry has been submitted to the Board of Directors. The rest of the report is expected in the near future. The Board then plans to have the report evaluated by a couple of outside experts and to proceed toward arranging for the publication of the report.

Secretary's Report

Committee on Admissions. The Secretary thanked the members of the committee on admissions for their prompt response 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.

Mailing List. When the 1984 *Proceedings* was mailed to about thirteen hundred members and two hundred and fifty subscribers, only twenty-five or thirty were returned marked "Addressee Unknown." So it seems the mailing list is in fairly good shape. The Secretary reminded members, especially new members, to keep him informed of any changes of mailing address so that he can update the mailing list.

Proceedings Business Office. It is easiest to contact the Business Office through the Office of the Secretary at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. The office still has in stock: a few copies of each issue of the *Proceedings* from past years, many more copies for the past three years, a good number of the *Report on Women*, a few copies of the *Report on the Sacrament of Penance*, and copies of the 1982 *Directory*.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report. The Treasurer, George Kilcourse, gave a brief summary of the financial report which is contained below in this issue of the *Proceedings*. He pointed out that for the first time in several years the CTSA finished the year in the black, even though expenditures included two issues of the *Proceedings*. There does not seem to be any need at the present time to increase membership dues or convention fees.

Council on the Study of Religion. There have been changes in the CSR, occasioned by the retirement of Harold Remus. The new director of the CSR is Watson Mills of Mercer University in Macon GA. The offices of the CSR will be moved to Mercer. The *CSR Bulletin* will be suspended for one year at least. In its place a *Religious Studies Newsletter (RSN)* will be published by the AAR and the SBL. The *RSN* will include the CTSA's news column. The CTSA's mailing lists will be transferred to Mercer University.

Proceedings. As Editor of the *Proceedings*, Kilcourse thanked the authors of plenary sessions and the speakers of the workshops and the moderators of the seminars for their cooperation last year. They made his first year as editor much easier. He reminded speakers and moderators at this convention that July 1 is the deadline for submitting their papers and reports.

The printing of the *Proceedings* will be handled by Mercer University Press. The 1985 issue should be ready for mailing by Thanksgiving.

Vice-President's Report

1986 Convention. The Vice-President, Monika Hellwig, reminded members that, as previously announced, the 1986 convention will be held June 11-14 at the Palmer House in Chicago. The theme of the convention will be "Theology and the North American Experience." The plenary sessions will feature: a careful review and analysis of our history; a consideration of the exigencies brought to bear on moral theologians; a new look at Church-State relations in connection with the Bishops' Pastorals; an examination of the North American philosophical and cultural influences on systematic theology and liturgy. Suggestions for workshops, and so forth, will be most welcome, especially if sent to Hellwig in writing.

Regional Meetings. At its October meeting the Board of Directors asked the Vice-President to explore the possibility of reactivating regional meetings. She found that the history of such meetings was spotty and that, in general, if there was not much local interest there was not much point in the Board's pushing the idea. At the present time, in the East where schools are more numerous and closer to one another so much else is going on that a regional CTSA meeting seems unnecessary. In other parts of the country the distances between schools are much

greater and regional CTSA meetings would entail spending money perhaps better saved for the annual convention. The new Vice-President might investigate further the possibility of "piggybacking" with regional CTS meetings and might poll the membership in the next January mailing.

President's Report

Letter to Bishops. The President sent a personal letter to about four hundred and sixty bishops in the United States and Canada informing them of the activities of the CTSA and offering to be of service to them. In the forty-seven responses to his appeal for assistance he received \$7,100. The CTSA is grateful for these funds which are used for special CTSA projects.

History of the CTSA. Looking forward to the fiftieth anniversary of the CTSA in 1995, the Board is pursuing plans to produce a history of the Society tracing its development and presenting its impact on the Church in North America. Luke Salm has agreed to chair a coordinating committee for this project. Gerald Fogarty, a new member this year, has agreed to serve on the committee. Any information or materials from charter members and past Officers would be appreciated.

Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies and Scholars. Donald Buggert continues to be the CTSA representative on this committee (JCCLSS). A number of the others on the committee, while officially representing other societies, are also members of the CTSA. Buggert reports that a new liaison group has been set up consisting of three bishops (Law, Lipscomb, and Bevilacqua) and three scholars (Provost, Loewe, Buggert, each representing a different society but all also CTSA members).

"Ad Hoc" Committee on "Imprimatur" and "Doctrinal Responsibilities." As he said he would at last year's business meeting, the President set up this *ad hoc* committee. John Boyle agreed to serve as chair. Since the others on the committee happened also to belong to other societies (James Provost the CLSA, Kathleen Gaffney the CTS, and Thomas Ivory the NCDD) the committee recommended that it be established as a Joint Committee with each of the members officially representing these particular societies and with Boyle as chair. The Board acted positively on this suggestion at its October meeting.

The joint committee met with the NCCB's Committee on Doctrine in November for a cordial and broad discussion of the matter of the *imprimatur*. They also urged the Committee on Doctrine to continue to study the CTSA/CLSA document *Doctrinal Responsibilities*.

The joint committee has developed a proposal to collect and review the current Roman and American legislation governing the approval of catechisms in an effort to distill the criteria applicable to the evaluation of catechisms. The USSC Committee on Education has accepted this proposal.

In response to the committee's request the Board of Directors decided to maintain the committee in existence for another year at least, and to support the proposed project concerning catechisms with a grant of \$500.00 (matched with similar funding from the other societies represented on the joint committee).

The committee seems to have executed its mandate so far. A modest but encouraging beginning has been made in establishing real dialogue in this area. Next year, perhaps, the Board can decide whether to establish a permanent committee.

New Business

After a show of hands was had of those members who already had a computer or who planned to obtain one, it was suggested that the CTSA should begin to consider setting up an electronic bulletin board.

There being no other new business, for the first time in a long time and to the delight of all present, the President adjourned the business meeting fifteen minutes before the scheduled time.

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