SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

The forty-first annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held June 11-14, 1986, at the Palmer House in Chicago. With just over three hundred and fifty in attendance this convention was one of the largest in recent years. The theme of the convention was "Catholic Theology in the North American Context." The convention began Wednesday evening, June 11, with a prayer service followed by the first plenary session. The Very Reverend Gerald Kicanas, President of the University of St. Mary of the Lake and Rector of the seminary at Mundelein, welcomed the convention participants to Chicago. Following the opening session there was a reception hosted by various seminaries, departments of theology or religious studies, and other institutions in the Chicago area.

The convention's Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 12, at the hotel. George Dyer, a past recipient of the John Courtney Murray Award, was the celebrant and homilist. Monika Hellwig, President-Elect of the CTSA, shared some reflections during the liturgy. There were also prayer services on Thursday and Friday mornings and at the conclusion of the convention Saturday noon.

A cocktail hour and the convention banquet followed the liturgy on Thursday. At dessert time during the banquet President Francis Fiorenza read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to this year's recipient, Gregory Baum.

Following the business meeting Friday evening a special "Welcome" reception was held for the new members, hosted by the Board of Directors and the committee on Admissions in the Presidential Suite.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Wednesday

8:00-9:30 P.M.—FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The Historical Context of North American Theology: The U.S. Story
David J. O'Brien, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

Response: The Canadian Story
Daniel L. Donovan, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

Thursday

June 12

9:00-10:45 A.M.—SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The American Experience in Moral Theology
John P. Boyle, University of Iowa
Respondents: Benedict Ashley, Aquinas Institute, St. Louis, MO
Anne Patrick, Carleton College, Northfield, MN

11:15-12:45 P.M.—WORKSHOPS

- Recovering Occasional Theology: Lessons from the Chicago Experience Chair: Jon Nilson, Loyola University of Chicago Panelists: William Burrows, University of Chicago Joseph Gremillion, University of Notre Dame Carol Frances Jegen, Mundelein College, Chicago
- Specifically Christian Moral Norms?
 Chair: Donald Dietz, Oblate College, Washington, DC
 Panelists: Germain Grisez, Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg
 Charles E. Curran, Catholic University of America
- Aesthetic Pragmatism and American Approaches to Conversion Chair: Joseph A. Bracken, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH Panelists: Donald Gelpi, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley William Spohn, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
- Pedagogical Issues in North American Theology
 Chair: Eileen Flynn, St. Peter's College, NJ
 Speaker: Thomas Groome, Boston College
 Respondent: Kieran Scott, St. Bonaventure University, NY
- Domestic Church—Authentic Ekklesia?
 Chair: Donald B. Conroy, National Institute for the Family
 Panelists: Eugene Fisher, Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, NCCB
 Marina Herrera, Washington Theological Union, DC
 David M. Thomas, Regis College, Denver, CO
- Christology in the Light of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue
 Speaker: John T. Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago Respondent: Ronald Modras, St. Louis University
- 7. Newman's Influence in North American Theology
 Chair: John F. Britt, University of Dayton
 Panelists: James C. Bacik, University of Toledo
 William J. Kelly, Marquette University
 James Lyons, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, IL

2:15-4:15 P.M.—CONTINUING SEMINARS (First Session)

- Theological Methodology
 Constructing Local Theologies
 Moderator: Michael Vertin, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
 Cultural Anthropology and Constructing Local Theologies
 Presenter: Ronald Chocol, Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis
 Respondent: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
- Christology
 A North American Christological Proposal
 Moderator: Elizabeth Johnson, Catholic University of America
 Author Present: William Thompson, Carroll College, Helena, MT

3. Ecclesiology

Ecclesiology and the North American Church

Moderator: Richard F. Costigan, Loyola University of Chicago

Chair: Jane Russell, Creighton University, Omaha The 1985 Synod and the Church in North America

Presenter: Joseph Komonchak, Catholic University of America

4. Trinitarian Theology

Pneumatology

Moderator: Catherine M. LaCugna, University of Notre Dame

Problems in Pneumatology

Presenter: Kilian P. McDonnell, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN

The Experience of Spirit in Christ and Church

Presenter: Robert P. Imbelli, School of Theology, Maryknoll, NY

5. Spirituality

Emergence of a New American Spirituality, II

Moderators: Elizabeth Dreyer, Washington Theological Union, DC Keith Egan, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN

Jean Vanier: Recovery of the Heart Tradition:

Bases for Communion and Justice

Presenter: Michael Downey, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles

6. Moral Theology

Moderator: Edward Vacek, Weston School of Theology

Women's Issues: An Agenda for the Church

Presenter: Mary Ann Donovan, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

7. Theological Anthropology

Moderator: M. John Farrelly, De Sales School of Theology, Washington, DC *Evaluation of W. Pannenberg's Anthropology in Theological Prespective* Presenter: Edmund Dobbin, Washington Theological Union, DC

8. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology

Moderator: Regis A. Duffy, Washington Theological Union, DC

The Politics of Worship

Panelists: Stephen Happel, Catholic University of America Margaret M. Kelleher, Fordham University Joseph Powers, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

9. Practical Theology

Lay Ministry in North America

Moderator: Michael J. McGinniss, La Salle College, Philadelphia

A Theological Interpretation of Lay Ministry

Presenters: Mary Hines, Washington Theological Union, DC Robert Kinast, WTU and Center for Care of Society

8:30-9:30 P.M.—SPECIAL SESSION

Information Session: The Charles Curran Case

Presider: Francis S. Fiorenza, CTSA President,

Catholic University of America

Panelists: Elizabeth Johnson, Catholic University of America Sally McReynolds, Catholic University of America Charles Curran, Catholic University of America Richard McCormick, Kennedy Institute, Georgetown University Friday _____June 13

9:00-10:45 A.M.—THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Religion and Politics: Theological and Policy Perspectives

J. Bryan Hehir, Department of Social Development and World Peace, USCC

Respondents: Barbara Andolsen, Rutgers University, NJ Roger Haight, Regis College, Toronto

11:15-12:45 P.M.—WORKSHOPS

Catholicism: American (Free Church), European (Established)
 Presenter: Robert Kress, University of Illinois at Urbana
 Respondent: Patrick Carey, Marquette University

2. Images in North American Thinkers:

Peirce and Royce, Hocking and Whitehead

Chair: William Spohn, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Panelists: John Stacer, Loyola University, New Orleans

Frank Oppenheim, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH J.J. Mueller, St. Louis University

3. Biblical Justice and Health Care in America

Chair: Lawrence J. O'Connell, Catholic Health Association,

St. Louis University

Presenter: James E. Hug, Center for Concern, Washington, DC

4. Issues in North American Seminary Curriculum

Chair: Zachary Hayes, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Presenter: Daniel J. Pakenham, St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee

5. The Role of the Imagination in Theology

Chair: Patrick W. Collins, Office of Christian Worship, Diocese of Peoria

Panelists: James L. Empereur, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley William Frost, University of Dayton

6. The Influence of Buber and Heschel on North American Theology

Chair: Jure Kristo, Loyola University of Chicago

Panelists: John C. Merkle, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN

Donald J. Moore, Fordham University

2:15-4:15 P.M.—CONTINUING SEMINARS (Second Session)

1. Theological Methodology

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

Christian Theology and Constructing Local Theologies

Presenter: Donna Geernaert, Ecumenical Director,

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Respondent: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

2. Christology

Particular North American Issues

Moderator: Elizabeth Johnson, Catholic University of America

Author Present: William Thompson, Carroll University, Helena, MT

3. Ecclesiology

Moderator: Richard F. Costigan, Loyola University of Chicago

The Authority of Wisdom: Pastoral Councils in the U.S. Church Presenter: Mark F. Fischer, Director, Diocesan Pastoral Council, Oakland CA

- 4. Trinitarian Theology
 - Moderator: Catherine M. LaCugna
 - Shall We Call the Holy Spirit "She"?
 - Panelists: M. John Farrelly, De Sales School of Theology, Washington, DC Donald Gelpi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
- 5. Spirituality
 - Moderators: Keith Egan, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN Elizabeth Dreyer, Catholic University of America
 - The Spirituality of Dorothy Day
- 6. Moral Theology
 - Three Separate Working Groups
 - A. A Christian View of Human Sexuality
 - Moderator: Edward Vacek, Weston School of Theology
 - Presenters: Willaim E. May, Catholic University of America Michael Place, Archdiocese of Chicago
 - B. Allowing to Die—A Bio-Ethical Issue
 - Moderator: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
 - Presenters: James Walter, Loyola University of Chicago John Connery, Loyola University of Chicago
 - C. Nuclear Pacifism in the U.S.; Responding as Church or Sect? Moderator: Francis X. Meehan, Immaculata College, PA
 - Presenters: Kenneth Himes, Washington Theological Union, DC Judith Dwyer, Weston School of theology
- 7. Theological Anthropology
 - Moderator: Mary Catherine Hilkert, Aquinas Institute, St. Louis
 - The Future of Humanity: Feminist Perspective
 - Panelists: Mary Buckley, St. John's University, NY
 - Nancy Ring, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY Christine E. Gudorf, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH
- 8. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology (continued from Thursday)
- 9. Practical Theology
 - Moderator: Michael J. McGinniss, La Salle College, Philadelphia
 - The Local Church and Education for Lay Ministry
 - Presenters: Eugene King, St. Paul University, Ottawa
 - Lucien Roy, Office for Lay Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago

Saturday _

June 14

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

- The North American Context for Systematic Theology
- Gregory Baum, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto Respondent: David W. Tracy, Divinity School, University of Chicago

11:00 A.M.—PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Francis S. Fiorenza, Catholic University of America

John Courtney Murray Award

At dessert time during the convention banquet on the evening of Thursday, June 12, the President presented the John Courtney Murray Award for achievement in theology to Gregory Baum. The award citation reads as follows:

The Catholic Theological Society of America this year confers its highest honor on one of the most prolific theological authors in North America. Editor of, and chief contributor to a bi-monthly ecumenical journal for over twenty years, author of or contributor to more than a score of books and hundreds of articles and reviews, and co-editor of a section of an eminent international theological journal, our honoree is also well known for his lecture activity throughout North America.

Born in Berlin of secular Jewish parents, our award-winner escaped the terrors of Naziism but was interned in England and brought to Canada during part of World War II. Thanks to the intervention of a concerned Christian woman, he gained an early release from his internment camp to enter university: first at McMaster, then at Ohio State, where he won his master's degree in mathematics. It was during this period that he became a Christian and entered the Catholic Church, a conversion in which a reading of St. Augustine's *Confessions* played a key role.

His doctoral thesis in theology at the University of Fribourg on the evolution of papal teaching concerning Christian reunion proved to be a providential preparation for his appointment as a *peritus* to the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity on which he served during and immediately after the Second Vatican Council. Dialogue among Christians, dialogue between Jews and Christians, and dialogue with such powerful intellectual influences on the modern world as Freud, Marx, and the classical sociological tradition—these are the areas to which our honored colleague has addressed himself with distinction. Less known is his practical involvement in support of new initiatives in the Catholic press and of such marginalized groups as Catholic homosexuals and refugees from political oppression.

Although many of his publications have had an international impact, not least in the United States, he has also been actively involved in the development of a distinctively Canadian version of Catholic social teaching. His lucid exposition and defence of various social justice statements of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as those emanating from the Bishop of Rome, have won him increasing respect throughout the Catholic community.

As he completes his twenty-seventh year of teaching at St. Michael's College, The University of Toronto, our honored theologian sees himself as more pessimistic about the world but more optimistic about the Church. Now as before, his theology is shaped by the Pauline-Augustinian insight that the most important things that happen to us are not of our doing but are the work of grace.

The Catholic Theological Society of America is indeed proud to present the John Courtney Murray Award for 1986 to one of North America's most creative theologians, Gregory Baum.

Annual Business Meeting

President Francis Fiorenza called the annual business meeting to order at 4:45 P.M. on Friday, June 13. Timothy O'Connell served as the newly appointed parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Paul Hennessy, the chairperson of the Committee on Admissions, presented the committee's report. The other members of the committee this year were Dolores Greeley, James Buckley, Elizabeth Johnson, and the Secretary of the CTSA. James Buckley will continue to serve on the committee next year along with three new members appointed by the new President. One of these three will serve for only one year completing the term of Elizabeth Johnson who later in the business meeting was elected to the Board of Directors.

From a total of seventy-five initial contacts, fifty-nine applications for membership were returned to the Office of the Secretary. Upon reviewing these applications the Committee on Admissions recommended forty-four applicants for active membership and fifteen applicants for associate membership.

The recommendation of the committee was approved by the members present at the business meeting by a voice-vote. The President then asked the thirty new members in attendance at the convention to stand, and they were welcomed with a round of applause. The President then invited the new members to the special "Welcome" reception to be held in the Presidential Suite immediately after the business meeting.

Of the fifty-nine new members, fourteen are women. The degrees earned by the new active members include the Ph.D. (29), the S.T.D. (11), the D.Th. (2), and the D.Min. (2). Thirty-three of the new active members are graduates of Catholic schools; eleven are graduates of non-Catholic schools. Twenty-seven of the new active members graduated from schools in the United States, four from schools in Canada, seven from schools in Rome, and six from other schools in Europe. Particular schools that produced a number of new active members this year are: The Catholic University of America, seven; Marquette, the Gregorian, and the University of Chicago, four each; Louvain, Notre Dame, and St. Michael's, Toronto, three members each.

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*.

Committee on Nominations

The members of the Committee on Nominations this year were Donald Buggert (chair), Zachary Hayes, and Ellen Leonard. Ellen Leonard will serve as chairperson of the committee next year along with two new members to be appointed by the new President.

Zachary Hayes presented the slate of nominees, whose biographies had been made available for the convention participants at registration time.

-for Vice-President: John Boyle, University of Iowa

Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

—for Board Members: Catherine LaCugna, University of Notre Dame

Elizabeth Johnson, Catholic University of America

Roger Haight, Regis College, Toronto

Gregory Baum, University of St. Michael's College

for Secretary: Edward Konerman, Loyola University of Chicago
 for Treasurer: George Kilcourse, Bellarmine College, Louisville

Immediately before the election of Board Members, Gregory Baum withdrew his name from nomination. An attempt was made to nominate someone from the floor, but this was rejected when it was pointed out that the proposed nominee was not a member of the CTSA and had not been a member for at least five years.

John Boyle was elected Vice-President. Elizabeth Johnson and Roger Haight were elected Board Members on the first and second ballots respectively. The Secretary and the Treasurer were re-elected by acclamation.

Monika Hellwig becomes the new President for 1986-1987. Michael Scanlon becomes the President-Elect. The others who continue to serve on the Board of Directors are: Francis Fiorenza as Past President; and William Loewe and Anne Patrick as Board Members.

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

Secretary's Report

The Secretary thanked the members of the Committee on Admissions and of the Committee on Nominations for their fine cooperation in the work of the two committees. He urged all members to encourage their colleagues or their doctoral students to apply for membership. He also reminded all members to keep him informed of any changes of mailing address.

Change of Address for Secretary's Office and Proceedings Business Office. The Office of the Secretary and the Business Office for the Proceedings have moved. The new address is: Jesuit Residence, Loyola University, Chicago, IL 60626.

Treasurer's Report

Convention Attendance. The Treasurer, George Kilcourse, reported that this convention was one of the best attended in recent years with just over three hundred and fifty registered participants. Approximately fifty participants availed themselves of the alternate housing at Loyola University. He thanked all those who had pre-registered since this facilitates matters at registration time and helps provide the count requested by the hotel.

Financial 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, while there was an increase in the balance of December 31, 1985 over that of December 31, 1984, much of the CTSA monies are in the Special Projects fund. As a result, at its meeting last October the Board of Directors decided to raise the annual membership dues by five dollars to \$25.00 and the convention registration fee by five dollars to \$30.00.

CTSA Mailing List. Over the past years the CTSA mailing list has been maintained by the CSR which also took care of sending out dues notices and providing mailing labels and print-outs of the membership list and the *Proceedings* subscribers' list. But during the past year, with the CSR, now the CSSR, moved to Mer-

cer University, these services have been very unsatisfactory. With the approval of the Board the Treasurer is exploring other possibilities including the possibility of providing these services for ourselves.

Proceedings. As editor of the Proceedings, Kilcourse pointed out that the arrangements with Mercer University Press for the production of the 1985 Proceedings worked out very well. He thanked the speakers and moderators of last year's convention for their cooperation. He reminded everyone that again this year the deadline for the submission of papers and reports is July 1.

As a general rule, papers from workshops and seminars will not be published in the *Proceedings* unless this has been arranged by the President-Elect because of a special bearing a workshop paper has to the convention theme. An effort is being made at present to arrange for a special, separate publication of the plenary papers of various conventions.

B-E-M Report. Finally, the Treasurer noted that the final report of the Fahey research team has been published by the University Press of America. This report, *Catholic Perspectives on Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry*, is available for purchase at the registration desk.

President's Report

Joint CTSA/CLSA Committee on Cooperation between Theologians and the Ecclesiastical Magisterium. After this committee (chaired by Leo O'Donovan) had completed its work, its final report was published and also sent to the NCCB's Committee on Doctrine. The Bishops' committee eventually sent the Board of Directors a response to the report. As a result, the President has re-activated the joint committee (again with O'Donovan as chair) to develop a response to the Bishops' response.

Committee on 'Imprimaturs'.' One of the tasks undertaken by this committee, which became a joint committee of the CTSA, the CTS, the CLSA, and the NCDD (John Boyle, chair; Kathleen Gafney, James Provost, and Thomas Ivory), was to make a study of the criteria used in the approval of catechisms. They did this with the help of Berard Marthaler of CUA. The result of their work, a report on The Approval of Catechisms and Catechetical Materials, was received by the Board of Directors and will be published in the 1986 Proceedings. This report was also submitted to the USCC Committee on Education who received it with approval. John Boyle, the chairperson of the joint committee, spoke briefly about the report and was thanked for his work with a round of applause.

Board Statement on Roman Draft Document on Catholic Universities. The President reported that the CTSA was asked last Fall to make a statement about the draft document being circulated by the Sacred Congregation on Catholic Education concerning Catholic universities. The Board discussed this at its October meeting and eventually drafted a statement that was sent to Cardinal Baum, Archbishop Malone, Alice Gallin, and Theodore Hesburgh. The Board's statement will be published in this year's *Proceedings*.

Proposed Joint Committee on Academic Freedom. The Board of Directors of the College Theology Society (CTS) has proposed that the Catholic Theological Society of America, the Canon Law Society of America, and the Catholic Biblical

Association join the CTS in considering setting up a national joint committee on the academic rights and responsibilities of exegetes and theologians. The Board of the CTSA will send a couple of representatives of the CTSA to an exploratory meeting with representatives of the other societies.

Committee on Research and Publication. This committee is in the process of drafting revised guidelines for research projects sponsored either by the CTSA alone or by the CTSA in collaboration with other societies, and for possible subsidies for the publication of scholarly studies. The Board expects to consider these guidelines further at its October meeting.

Appointment of Parliamentarian. After the death of Joseph Nearon who regularly served as parliamentarian, Luke Salm and then Timothy O'Connell served in this capacity. At its meeting before the start of the convention the Board agreed to the appointment of Timothy O'Connell as official parliamentarian.

Resolutions from the Board. The President next presented to the assembled members two resolutions proposed by the Board of Directors. (Copies of these two resolutions were distributed before the start of the meeting.)

1. RESOLVED that for the good of Roman Catholic theology, Catholic higher education, and the Catholic Church in North America, we strongly urge that no action be taken against Charles Curran that would prohibit him from teaching on the theology faculty at the Catholic University of America.

In preparation for the proposal of this resolution an "Information Session" had been held the previous evening. After several members spoke both pro and con, discussion of the resolution was closed.

The resolution was adopted overwhelmingly on a show of hands. A call for a count of the vote showed: Yes, 171; No, 14; Abstain, 4.

2. RESOLVED that the CTSA is in support of the Bishops of the United States in their efforts to develop a "consistent ethic of life." Since it is the task of theologians to contribute to the clarification and understanding of doctrinal and ethical issues, we strongly urge our members, in their research, writing and teaching, to work resolutely on the development of such an ethic.

Board Member Robert Daly explained briefly the origin of this resolution. The Board had received several requests for resolutions regarding ethics and human life. The suggested resolutions were not easily harmonized, but in response to the requests the Board proposed the resolution given above. The wording "of the Bishops of the United States in their efforts" replaced "of the American Hierarchy in its efforts" as a result of some friendly wording amendment.

The resolution was adopted overwhelmingly.

President-Elect's Report

Monika Hellwig, the President-Elect, expressed her thanks to various people who contributed to the planning and carrying out of the convention program: to George Kilcourse, the Treasurer; to Timothy O'Connell and the liturgical team; to Michael Place and the local arrangements committee; to the speakers, moderators, panelists, and the Board of Directors. She then urged the seminar moderators to assist the new President-Elect in preparing next year's convention by giving

him the titles of topics to be discussed in the seminars, the names of the persons involved along with their schools or institutions, and the precise roles they will fill.

Vice-President's Report

Michael Scanlon, the Vice-President, gave the assembled members some information on next year's convention. The convention will be held June 10-13, 1987, at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel in Philadelphia. Michael McGinniss will explore the possibilities of some alternate housing.

The theme of the convention will be "The Linguistic Turn in Contemporary Theology." In a keynote address in the first plenary session Jean Ladriere, of the Institute of Philosophy at Louvain, will elaborate the thrust of the theme. The other plenary sessions will consider the linguistic turn in Christology, in moral theology, and in sacramentology.

The Vice-President intends to arrange for a number of workshops focused around the theme. He invites the members to contact him with suggestions for these workshops. It is also hoped that the Continuing Seminars will be able to be attuned to the theme of the convention.

Other Business

1. Alfred Hennelly offered a resolution on behalf of James Coriden who had had to depart early:

RESOLVED that the two resolutions passed earlier in the business meeting, along with a letter of explanation and a report of the vote counts, be sent to all the Bishops of the United States.

This resolution was adopted on a clear show of hands.

2. Andrew Tallon was recognized to say a brief word of announcement about a new journal being published by Marquette University, *Philosophy and Theology*.

There being no other business, the business meeting of this forty-first annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was adjourned on schedule at 6:30 P.M.

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