

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its forty-third annual convention June 15-18, 1988, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto. The theme of the convention was "The Sources of Theology." In the opening session, Wednesday evening, June 15, G. Emmett Cardinal Carter, Archbishop of Toronto, and E. James Reed, Director of the Toronto School of Theology, welcomed the convention participants to Toronto. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception sponsored by the University of St. Michael's College, Regis College, St. Augustine Seminary, and the Toronto School of Theology.

The convention's Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 16, in St. Basil's Church on the campus of the University of St. Michael's College. Bishop Richard Sklba, a CTSA member and recipient this year of the John Courtney Murray Award, was the celebrant and homilist. The convention reception and banquet followed the liturgy. At the end of the banquet President Michael Scanlon read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and the medal to Bishop Richard Sklba.

Thursday evening, after the convention banquet, the Resolutions Committee held a "hearing" for a discussion of several resolutions which were submitted for consideration and action at the annual business meeting. Friday evening there was a Special Session in which J. Bryan Hehir, of Georgetown University and the United States Catholic Conference, spoke about "*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* and the Social Teaching of Pope John Paul II."

The schedule of the convention program, with its plenary sessions, workshops, and seminars, follows.

#### CONVENTION PROGRAM

**Wednesday Evening** \_\_\_\_\_ **June 15th**

##### 7:30-8:00 PM OPENING SESSION

Presiding: *Michael J. Scanlon*

Opening prayer

Welcome: *G. Emmett Cardinal Carter*, Archbishop of Toronto

*E. James Reed*, Director, The Toronto School of Theology

##### 8:00-9:30 PM FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Address: "The Bible as a Source for Theology"

*John Meier*, Catholic University of America

Respondent: *Jon Nilson*, Loyola University of Chicago

**Thursday Morning** \_\_\_\_\_ **June 16th****9:00-10:45 AM SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

Presiding: *John P. Boyle*

Address: "History of Theology: Fortress or Launching Pad?"

*Walter Principe*, The Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies

Respondent: *Jean Porter*, Vanderbilt Divinity School

**11:15-12:45 CONVENTION WORKSHOPS**

1. Three Counter-Reformation Theologians on the Sources of Theology:  
*Melchior Cano, Cornelius Jansen, Denis Petau (Petavius)*  
Presenter: *Paul Misner*, Marquette University  
Respondent: *Harry McSorley*, The University of St. Michael's College
2. World Religions as a Source for Catholic Theology—A Case Study:  
Hindu and Buddhist Interpretations of Worship  
Moderator: *Frans Jozef van Beeck*, Loyola University of Chicago  
Presenters: *Francis X. Clooney*, Boston College  
*Charles Hallisey*, Loyola University of Chicago  
Respondent: *David Carpenter*, St. Joseph's University
3. Women Creating Theology  
Moderator: *Ann Graff*, DePaul University  
Panel: *Anne E. Patrick*, Carleton College  
*Mary Ann Hinsdale*, Holy Cross College  
*Judith A. Dwyer*, Weston College  
*Cathleen Flynn*, Regis College, Toronto
4. Theological Notes or Hierarchy of Truths?  
Moderator: *Carl Peter*, Catholic University of America  
Panel: *Robert Jenson*, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg  
*Avery Dulles*, Catholic University of America
5. Book Discussion: *The Way of the Lord Jesus*, by Germain Grisez  
Chair: *Philip Rossi*, Marquette University  
Panel: *James Reilly*, Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies  
*Edwin Lisson*, St. Louis University  
*Benedict Ashley*, Aquinas Institute  
*William May*, Catholic University of America
6. The Church's Teaching Mission as a Source for Theology  
Moderator: *Berard Marthaler*, Catholic University of America  
Presenter: *Marianne Sawicki*, Lexington Theological Seminary  
Respondent: *Clarisse Croteau-Chonka*, Mundelein College

**Thursday Afternoon** \_\_\_\_\_ **June 16****2:15-4:15 PM CONTINUING SEMINARS**

1. Nature and Method of Theology  
Moderator: *Robert M. Doran*, Regis College, Toronto  
"Developing and Implementing Lonergan's *Method in Theology*"  
Presenter: *Frederick E. Crowe*, Regis College, Toronto
2. Christology  
Moderator: *William M. Thompson*, Duquesne University  
"Chalcedon in Contemporary Patristic Scholarship"  
Opening Comments: *Michael S. Slusser*, Duquesne University
3. Ecclesiology  
Moderator: *Richard F. Costigan*, Loyola University of Chicago  
Chair: *Jeffrey Gros*, Commission on Faith and Order, New York

- “Reception as a Theological Source”  
Presenter: *J. Robert Dionne*, Marist House, Framingham MA  
Respondent: *Harry McSorley*, University of St. Michael's College
4. Trinitarian Theology  
Moderator: *Kilian McDonnell*, St. John's University, Collegeville  
“Pneumatological Ecclesiology: Opening Windows to Other Traditions”  
Presenter: *Mary Ann Donovan*, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley  
Respondent: *Earl Muller*, Marquette University
5. Spirituality  
Moderator: M. John Farrelly, St. Anselm's Abbey  
Presider: *Annice Callahan*, Regis College, Toronto  
*Janet Ruffing*, Fordham University  
“Understanding and Use of Method in the Study of Spirituality”  
Presenters: *Michael Cooper*, Loyola University of Chicago  
*James Wiseman*, St. Anselm's Abbey, Washington, D.C.
6. Moral Theology  
Moderators: *Francis X. Meehan*, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,  
Doylestown PA  
*Thomas Shannon*, Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
“Spirituality and Discernment in Moral Theology”  
Presenter: *Monika Hellwig*, Georgetown University  
Respondent: *Patrick McCormick*, Mary Immaculate Seminary
7. Theological Anthropology  
Moderator: *Mary Catherine Hilker*, Aquinas Institute  
“Anthropologies in Conflict”  
Presenter: *M. John Farrelly*, DeSales School of Theology  
Respondent: *Richard A. McCormick*, University of Notre Dame
8. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology  
Moderator: *Kevin W. Irwin*, Catholic University of America  
Theme: Liturgy as a Source for Sacramental Theology  
Discussion of a Work in Progress:  
“Liturgical Theology: A Methodological Proposal,”  
by *Kevin Irwin*, Catholic University of America
9. Practical Theology  
Moderator: *Michael J. McGinness*, LaSalle University  
“Pastoral Praxeology and Its Use of Sources:  
Particular Praxis and Tradition”  
Presenter: *Jean-Guy Nadeau*, Faculty of Theology, University of Montreal
10. Historical Theology  
Moderator: *William Madges*, Xavier University, Cincinnati  
“Thomas Aquinas's Use of Sources”  
Presenter: *Mark D. Jordan*, University of Notre Dame  
Respondent: *Walter Principe*, Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies
11. The American Catholic Experience  
Moderator: *Jon Nilson*, Loyola University of Chicago  
“Charles E. Coughlin's Anti-Semitism”  
Presenter: *Christine Athans*, St. Paul Seminary  
School of Divinity of the College of St. Thomas
12. Health Care: Theology and Ethics  
Moderator: *Juliana Casey*, Catholic Health Association

“Theological Perspectives on the Health Care of the Poor in the United States”

Presenter: *Laurence J. O'Connell*, Catholic Health Association

13. North American Theology

Moderator: *J. J. Mueller*, St. Louis University

Theme: John Courtney Murray's *We Hold These Truths*

“Natural Law as Moral Consensus: Retrospect Prospect”

Presenter: *Drew Christiansen*, University of Notre Dame

“Is Commitment to Non-Violence Morally Responsible?”

Presenter: *Betsy Linehan*, St. Joseph's University

**Friday Morning** \_\_\_\_\_ **June 17th**

9:00-10:45 PM THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Presiding: *Anne E. Patrick*

Address: Experience as a Source for Theology

*Ellen Leonard*, The University of St. Michael's College

Respondent: *John Coleman*, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

11:15-12:45 CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

1. The Importance of Quebec Theology for North American Theologies  
Moderator: *Daniel Donovan*, The University of St. Michael's College  
Presenter: *Remi Parent*, University of Montreal
2. The *Sensus Fidelium* as a Source for Theology  
Presenter: *Edmund J. Dobbin*, Villanova University  
Respondent: *John Britt*, University of Dayton
3. Mediating the Sources of Theology  
Moderator: *Paul Lakeland*, Fairfield University  
“Praxis as Theological Mediation”  
Presenter: *Roger Haight*, Regis College, Toronto  
“Critical Theory as Theological Mediation”  
Presenter: *Paul Lakeland*, Fairfield University  
“The Theologian as Authorial Mediator”  
Presenter: *John Thiel*, Fairfield University  
“Mediation as Means or End of Theology?”  
Presenter: *James Buckley*, Loyola College of Baltimore
4. Theology and the Natural Sciences  
Moderator: *John H. Wright*, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
5. The Sources of Hispanic-American Theology  
Presenters: *Sixto Garcia*, St. Vincent de Paul Seminary  
*Orlando Espin*, St. Vincent de Paul Seminary
6. Catholic Bishops and Women's Issues in the U.S. and Canada  
Panel: *Margaret O'Gara*, The University of St. Michael's College  
*Donna Geernaert*, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops  
*Mariella Frye*, U.S. Catholic Conference  
*Bishop Matthew H. Clark*, Diocese of Rochester
7. Medellin (1968) and Puebla (1978):  
The Challenge for North American Theology  
Moderator: *Paul Surlis*, St. John's University, Jamaica NY

**Friday Afternoon** \_\_\_\_\_ **June 17**

2:15-4:15 PM CONTINUING SEMINARS

1. The Nature and Method of Theology

Moderator: *Robert M. Doran*, Regis College, Toronto  
 "Developing and Implementing Lonergan's *Method in Theology*,"  
 continued

Presenters: *Matthew L. Lamb*, Boston College  
*Robert M. Doran*, Regis College, Toronto

## 2. Christology

Moderator: *William M. Thompson*, Duquesne University  
 "Contemporary Approaches to Chalcedon in Systematic Theology"  
 Opening Comments: *Sixto Garcia*, St. Vincent de Paul Seminary  
*Robert A. Krieg*, University of Notre Dame

## 3. Ecclesiology

Moderator: *Richard F. Costigan*, Loyola University of Chicago  
 Chair: *Mark Fischer*, Diocese of Oakland  
 "The Ecclesial Person: Basic Theological Source"  
 Presenter: *Carla Mae Streeter*, Aquinas Institute  
 Respondent: *William McConville*, Washington Theological Union

## 4. Trinitarian Theology

Moderator: *Barbara Finan*, Ohio Dominican College  
 "Pneumatological Ecclesiology: New Perspectives, Old Perspectives"  
 Presenter: *Kilian McDonnell*, St. John's University, Collegeville  
 Respondent: *Elizabeth Anne Dunn*, Santa Barbara, California

## 5. Spirituality

Moderators: *Annice Callahan*, Regis College, Toronto  
*Janet Ruffing*, Fordham University  
 Theme: Sources for Theology and Spirituality  
 "Spirituality as a Source for Theology"  
 Presenter: *Annice Callahan*, Regis College, Toronto  
 "Liturgical Praxis as Source for Spirituality"  
 Presenter: *Michael Downey*, Loyola Marymount University  
 "Psychology as a Source for Spirituality"  
 Presenter: *Janet Ruffing*, Fordham University

## 6. Moral Theology

Moderator: *Judith A. Dwyer*, Weston School of Theology  
 "Moderation and the Prophetic Role of the Moral Theologian"  
 Presenters: *Margaret Farley*, Yale Divinity School  
*Philip Keane*, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore

## 7. Theological Anthropology

Moderator: *M. John Farrelly*, St. Anselm's Abbey  
 Presider: *Patricia Wismer*, University of Notre Dame  
 "Feminist Conceptions of the Body and Theological Anthropology"  
 Presenter: *Susan A. Ross*, Loyola University of Chicago  
 "Theological Anthropology and Genetic Engineering:  
 The Case of Karl Rahner"  
 Presenter: *David F. Kelly*, Duquesne University

## 8. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology

Moderator: *Kevin W. Irwin*  
 Theme: Liturgical Theology  
 Discussion of a Work in Progress:  
 "Liturgical-Sacramental Theology: Some Issues and Questions,"  
 by *Margaret Mary Kelleher*, Catholic University of America

9. Practical Theology  
Moderator: *Michael J. McGinness*, LaSalle University  
"Preparing for Lay Ministry:  
Theological Analysis of the Experience of Ecclesial Lay Ministers"  
Presenter: *Louise Bond*, Catholic University of America.
10. Historical Theology  
Moderator: *William Madges*, Xavier University, Cincinnati  
"J. S. Drey: Modern Sources and the Post-Modern Critique"  
Presenter: *Bradford Hinze*, Marquette University
11. The American Catholic Experience  
Moderator: *Robert Kress*, University of San Diego  
"Black Catholic Experience(s)"  
Presenter: *Jamie Phelps*, Chicago Theological Union
12. Health Care Theology and Ethics  
Moderator: *Diana Bader*, Catholic Health Association  
"Reproductive Ethics: Third Parties in Procreation"
13. North American Theology  
Moderator: *J. J. Mueller*, St. Louis University  
"What Is Still Alive and What Is Not in *We Hold These Truths?*"  
Presenter: *Stephen Rowntree*, Loyola University of New Orleans  
"Post-Murray Considerations: The Challenges"  
Presenter: *J. J. Mueller*, St. Louis University

**Saturday Morning****June 18**9:00-10:30 AM FOURTH PLENARY SESSIONPresiding: *Michael J. Scanlon*

Address: "The Magisterium and Theology"

*Francis Sullivan*, S. J., The Gregorian UniversityRespondent: *Richard McBrien*, University of Notre Dame11:00 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS*Michael J. Scanlon*, Washington Theological Union12:00 CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

## John Courtney Murray Award

At its convention in Toronto, June 15-18, 1988, the Catholic Theological Society of America presented the John Courtney Murray Award for achievement in theology to Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee. The text of the award citation reads as follows:

This year the Society wishes to honor one of its own faithful members who superbly exemplifies the highest ideals of theology in scholarly and pastoral life. As professor of Sacred Scripture and minister of the Gospel, he has long ago made the praxiological turn and has quietly but courageously shared his great vision of the Divine Mystery with many others in the church.

His books and articles probe the Word of God as a call to new beginnings, new sensitivities, new honesty. They also deal with topics of intense contemporary concern such as the ordination of women, theological dissent, peace in society. The title of his latest book, *Words of Warning, Dreams of Hope*, may well sum up the prophetic tone of his ministry.

By teaching, preaching, and especially by working in tandem with others in professional organizations like our own, such as the Society of Biblical Literature, the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, the Midwest Association of Theological Schools, of which he was President in 1975, and the Catholic Biblical Association, of which he was elected President in 1982, he has effectively brought his influence to bear on many levels of the American church.

His writings appear not only in biblical and theological journals but also in the publications of the American hierarchy, whose ranks he joined in December 1979 as Titular Bishop of Costra. The Pauline virtue of *phronēsis* continues to inform his *praxis* as Vicar General of his diocese and his participation in several central committees of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, such as the Committee on Doctrine and the Committee on the Liturgy.

In recognition of his many past achievements and with appreciation for his continuing efforts to make the Word of God effective in the whole church, the Catholic Theological Society of America proudly presents the John Courtney Murray Award to Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee.

#### Annual Business Meeting

President Michael Scanlon called the annual business meeting to order at 4:45 PM on Friday, June 17. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

#### *Committee on Admissions*

Thomas McKenna presented the report of the Committee on Admissions. The other members of the committee this year were Thomas Groome (chair), John Merkle, Catherine Hilbert, and the Secretary of the CTSA.

The committee recommended sixty applicants for active membership and eighteen applicants for associate membership. The committee's recommendation was approved by a round of applause. The President asked the twenty-five new members in attendance at the convention to stand for recognition, and they were welcomed by a second round of applause. A "Welcome" reception for the new members was held in the Presidential Suite immediately after the business meeting.

Of the seventy-eight new members nineteen are women. Eight of the new active members had been associate members. 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 of this year's *Proceedings*.

#### *Committee on Nominations*

The members of the Committee on Nominations this year were Jon Nilson (chair), Mary Ann Donovan, and Gerald Grace. Mary Ann Donovan will serve as chair next year.

Jon Nilson presented the slate of nominees, whose biographical resumes had been available for convention participants at registration time:

—for Vice President: David Hollenbach, Weston School of Theology  
Walter Principe, Institute of Medieval Studies,  
Toronto

—for Secretary: Edward Konerman, Loyola University of Chicago

- for Treasurer: Mary E. Hines, Washington Theological Union  
 —for Board Members: Denise Lardner Carmody, University of Tulsa  
 Mary Catherine Hilkert, Aquinas Institute  
 of Theology, St. Louis  
 Robert I. Kinast, Washington Theological Union  
 William M. Thompson, Duquesne University,  
 Pittsburgh

There were no nominations from the floor. Walter Principe was elected Vice-President. Catherine Hilkert and William Thompson were elected Board Members on the second and third ballots. Mary Hines and Edward Konerman were elected Treasurer and Secretary.

John Boyle becomes the new President for 1988–1989. Anne Patrick becomes the President-Elect. The others who will continue on the Board are Michael Scanlon as Past-President and Catherine LaCugna and Peter Chirico as Board Members.

### *President's Report*

*Intersocietal Committee on Academic Freedom and Ecclesial Responsibility.* The report of this committee was received by the Board and will be published in the *Proceedings*.

*CTSA Response to Bishops' Pastoral On Women's Concerns.* In response to a request from Bishop Joseph Imesch the Board has agreed to constitute a special Task Force to facilitate and coordinate responses from our membership to the Pastoral Letter, "Partners in the Mystery of Redemption." These responses are not limited to the text of the Letter. They can also raise issues not addressed in the Letter. Members should send their responses to John Boyle who will set up the Task Force from the women and men who volunteer. Bishop Imesch would like a response from the CTSA by December 1, 1988.

*Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies and Scholars.* The CTSA representative to the JCCLSS is Donald Buggert, who is also the chair of the JCCLSS. Buggert reported to the Board on the recent activity of the JCCLSS.

The purpose of the JCCLSS is to establish effective liaison with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In a meeting on March 24, 1987, between representatives from the JCCLSS and the NCCB it was decided that there be established a new Commission of Bishops and Scholars constituted by three Bishops and three scholars. Representing this new commission at this convention is Bishop Patrick Cooney, the Auxiliary of Detroit. Donald Buggert is the executive secretary of the commission which is chaired by Bishop Pierre Du Maine of San Jose.

On November 19, 1987, the commission met to deal with several issues. The commission wants to encourage bishops to belong to and actively participate in the scholarly societies. It also urged the scholarly societies to make a special effort to invite and welcome bishops to their regional and national conventions. Finally, the members of the commission agreed that it was imperative that the existence and purpose of the commission be made known among both bishops and scholars.

The current agenda of the commission:



—Two meetings are planned for the Fall of 1988.

—The commission will sponsor a colloquy in Los Altos, California, October 13-15, involving 35 to 40 bishops and scholars from the Northern California area. Its general topic will be: "The Bishop Then and Now: The Contemporary Significance of the Emergence of the Ministry of Bishop." Scholars will present papers on the ministry of bishop as it developed up to the year 450 from six different perspectives. Responding bishops will be asked to reflect upon the significance of the material presented by the scholars.

—The commission may sponsor two regional colloquies in 1989. Buggert reports that to date the commission does not have the money to fund the Los Altos colloquy, but with Carmelite confidence he expects that *Deus providebit*.

One suggestion from the Board of Directors to Buggert is that at least one woman should be added to the commission. The Board highly commends the activity of this commission. The Board also wishes to express special thanks to Michael Buckley, S.J., staff person for the Bishops' Committee on Doctrine. Buckley was most instrumental in the establishment of the commission and continues to render it valuable assistance.

*Seattle Symposium.* Last December the CTSA co-sponsored with the University of Seattle a symposium in Seattle on "Authority in the Church." Papers were given by Anne Patrick, David Tracy, and Michael Scanlon. There will be a second stage of the symposium (with three more speakers) later this year.

*CTSA Member New President of Villanova.* Finally, the President pointed out that a CTSA member who had given a workshop that morning on the *Sensus Fidelium* had just been elected President of Villanova University. The CTSA members present congratulated Edmund Dobbins with a round of applause.

### Secretary's Report

In a brief report the Secretary thanked the members of the Committee on Admissions for their cooperation in the review process used for admitting new members. He also urged all CTSA members to encourage their colleagues and their doctoral students to apply for membership. Applicants should write to the Secretary at Loyola University, Chicago, IL 60626.

### Treasurer's Report

*1988 Convention.* There are 330 participants registered for this convention. A special exchange rate was guaranteed by the hotel (\$130.00 Canadian for United States \$100.00). This should be noted on the hotel bill as a credit. Convention participants were encouraged to fill out and return the convention-evaluation forms. A special word of thanks was expressed to Michael Fahey for taking care of local arrangements.

*Financial Report.* The Treasurer reviewed briefly the financial report contained below in this issue of the *Proceedings*. Thanks to the recent increase in dues the CTSA had a surplus for the year. Still a large part of the CTSA funds is in the Special Projects Fund.

*Publications.* As editor of the *Proceedings*, the Treasurer commented on various CTSA publications.

—*Proceedings*. Again, this year, July 1 is the deadline for the submission of papers and reports for the 1988 *Proceedings*. The eventual move to the use of diskettes will mean a savings of approximately 40% in the composition costs. At its meeting on June 15 the Board of Directors approved an *increase in the subscription price of the Proceedings*. The price will now be \$10.00 for subscriptions in the United States and Canada; it will be \$12.00 for foreign subscriptions.

—*Current Issues in Theology*. The special publication of convention plenary papers was initiated two years ago for a three-year experiment. So far the sales have been very slow. The special publication was intended to provide these plenary papers for use in classes. But so far only single-copy orders have been received.

—*1988 Directory*. The new edition of the CTSA Directory has been published and mailed to the members. The cost for copies of the 1988 Directory is \$10.00.

*Council of Societies for the Study of Religion*. The Treasurer has been the CTSA representative to the CSSR. He reported that the CSSR is healthy. The *Bulletin* has been resurrected. The third issue is due in September. A CSSR Directory is expected soon.

### *Salute to the Treasurer*

When George Kilcourse finished his Treasurer's Report, President Michael Scanlon pointed out that this was Kilcourse's final Treasurer's Report. Kilcourse is retiring as Treasurer this year. He will, of course, continue on as Editor of the *Proceedings*.

The President saluted Kilcourse and thanked him in the name of the whole Society for his outstanding service as Treasurer. The President then read the citation of a special acknowledgement and presented the framed certificate to the retiring Treasurer. The assembled members expressed their appreciation of Kilcourse's work with a warm round of applause.

### *President-Elect's Report*

*1988 Convention*. President-Elect John Boyle thanked all those who had helped with this year's convention. He expressed a special word of thanks to the Treasurer, George Kilcourse; to Michael Fahey who took care of local arrangements and the convention liturgy; and to the local schools that sponsored the reception on Wednesday evening.

In connection with this year's convention some contact was made with the French-speaking theological society in Canada. The President-Elect expressed the hope that in the future relations with the theological associations in Canada, both French-speaking and English-speaking, would be developed further.

*New "PR" Brochure*. The CTSA numbers approximately 1400 members. But there are many Catholic theologians and many Catholic doctoral students working in many non-church-related schools. In an effort to acquaint these Catholic theologians with the CTSA and to attract them to membership, a "PR" brochure is planned. Also an attempt will be made to enlist contact persons or "recruiters" in these various other schools.

*1989 and 1990 Conventions.* In 1989 the CTSA convention will take place June 7-10 at the Omni Hotel, Union Station, in St. Louis. In 1990 the CTSA convention will be held June 6-9 at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco.

*Convention Seminars.* Moderators of the convention seminars were reminded that they should give the President-Elect the reports on their seminars before the Board meeting on Saturday.

*"Doctrinal Responsibilities."* The President-Elect reviewed the progress of the document *Doctrinal Responsibilities* since it was adopted by the CTSA and the CLSA and given to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. After it was returned to the Doctoral Committee last November, the document has been revised slightly. It is expected to be on the agenda again for the Bishops' meeting next November.

### *Vice-President's Report*

*Publications and Research Committee.* This committee met yesterday, chaired by John Galvin whom President Michael Scanlon appointed to replace John Ford. The other members of the committee are: Robert Imbelli, Margaret O'Gara, James Walter, Sixto Garcia, and the Vice-President.

The focus of the discussion concerned how to encourage members to make use of the committee by sending in proposals and manuscripts that the committee may eventually help to publish. Guidelines for submissions were published in the 1987 *Proceedings*. The committee especially invites proposals for collaborative projects, such as the study of Baptism, Eucharist, Ministry published a few years ago. For example, CTSA seminar or workshop leaders might propose to develop ideas from presentations and discussions that have taken place at conventions; or, members might decide to follow up on convention work in local or regional gatherings and submit a proposal to publish their findings; or, the task force to be constituted in response to Bishop Imesch's request for feedback on the first draft of the NCCB pastoral response to women's concerns might also want to develop essays on these topics for publication. The committee prefers to receive proposals first and manuscripts later upon request, especially for group projects.

*1989 Convention.* The 1989 convention will take place June 7-10 at the Omni Hotel, Union Station, in St. Louis. The convention theme is "Providence and Responsibility: The Divine and Human in History." Diana Bader will chair the local arrangements committee and J. J. Mueller is exploring possibilities for alternate housing. Details of the program will be worked out after the evaluation forms for the 1988 convention have been returned. Comments are invited particularly on the format of plenary sessions, and leaders of continuing seminars are reminded to give John Boyle the name and address of the person who will be responsible for organizing and reporting on the seminar next year.

*Resolutions Committee.* This committee, which includes the Vice-President as chair and Mary Hines and Timothy O'Connell, met yesterday to refine the proposals received from Society members. It also conducted a hearing last night attended by about one hundred persons. Resolutions which had been further clarified as a result of the hearing were then proposed to the assembly.

#### *1. Resolution Regarding Cooperation Between Bishops and Theologians.*

With a slight rewording of section A, this resolution was *adopted* by a clear voice-vote. As adopted, the resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS the members of the Catholic Theological Society of America are committed to the support of that which sound Catholic theology requires, including both pastoral governance and scholarly competence, and WHEREAS the problems confronting theologians as they seek to pursue appropriate Catholic theological inquiry are growing more urgent,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, ASSEMBLED IN ANNUAL MEETING:

- A. reaffirms its previously expressed support for the document completed in 1983 by the joint CTSA-CLSA committee and entitled "Doctrinal Responsibilities"; and
- B. expresses its appreciation for and support of the Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies and Scholars for its establishment of a Commission of Bishops and Scholars, and for its efforts to promote regional theological colloquia bringing bishops and scholars together; and
- C. directs the Officers and Board of the Catholic Theological Society of America to seek opportunities and ways for the CTSA itself to sponsor conversations between representative theologians and bishops of the church in North America in order to explore and suggest ways in which episcopal responsibility and academic competence can best work in harmony, for the enhancement of both theological inquiry, teaching, and publication, and effective pastoral leadership.

### 2. Resolution Regarding AAUP Statement.

The proposed resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS the members of the Catholic Theological Society for America, while respecting the profound importance of a climate of cooperation within the ecclesial setting and energetically working for that cooperation, seek also to support the flourishing of theology as an academic discipline,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, ASSEMBLED IN ANNUAL MEETING:

- A. endorses the "Statement of Principles" issued by the American Association of University Professors in 1940, along with the Interpretative Comments added to that Statement in 1970; and
- B. directs the President to inform the American Association of University Professors of this endorsement.

After some brief discussion the motion was made to table the resolution. This motion passed on 78-54 vote. *The resolution regarding the AAUP Statement was tabled.*

### 3. Resolution Regarding Charles Curran.

During the discussion of this resolution the original section B was deleted on a clear show of hands. Then a new section B was inserted on a clear show of hands. *The resolution, as amended with a new section B, was adopted* on a clear show of hands. As adopted, the resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS the members of the Catholic Theological Society of America recognize that pursuit of Catholic theology requires a climate respectful of

freedom of inquiry and supportive of the processes of academic collegiality, and

WHEREAS the members of the Catholic Theological Society of America, as affirmed in their resolution of 1986, hold their colleague, Charles Curran, in high esteem,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, ASSEMBLED IN ANNUAL MEETING:

- A. expresses its respect and appreciation to the many members of the scholarly community at the Catholic University of America who generously gave of themselves so that substantive issues might be considered through procedures sensitive to the need for due process; and
- B. deploras that Charles Curran may be forced to leave the Catholic University of America; and
- C. reaffirms its conviction that Charles Curran's presence at Catholic University of America, teaching Catholic theology, would serve well the good of Roman Catholic theology, Catholic higher education, and the Catholic Church in North America; and
- D. directs the President, with the advice of the Board, to communicate these sentiments to appropriate individuals and groups.

*New Business*

Walter Principe, newly elected Vice-President, rose to thank the members for their vote of confidence and to ask members to send him any suggestions they might have for the program for the 1990 convention.

Since there was no further business, the President entertained a motion to adjourn. The business meeting of this forty-third annual convention of the CTSA was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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