

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its forty-fourth annual convention June 7-10, 1989, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Union Station, in St. Louis. The theme of the convention was "Providence and Responsibility: The Divine and Human in History." John L. May, the Archbishop of St. Louis and President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, welcomed the convention participants to St. Louis and, in a prepared talk, spoke some very welcome words in defense of American theologians. The first plenary session followed. The evening concluded with a reception sponsored by Archbishop May and the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Aquinas Institute of Theology, The Catholic Health Association of the United States, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, Ligouri Publications, *Review for Religious*, and St. Louis University.

The convention's Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 8, in the Church of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist. John P. Boyle, the CTSA President, was the celebrant and homilist. The convention reception and banquet followed the liturgy. At the end of the banquet President Boyle read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and the medal to Patrick Granfield, O.S.B.

Thursday evening, after the convention banquet, the Resolutions Committee held a "hearing" for a discussion of various resolutions which had been submitted for consideration and action at the annual business meeting. Friday evening there was a well-attended Forum session for a discussion of "Catholic Identity, Academic Freedom, and Theological Responsibility." The discussion was introduced by presentations by Leo J. O'Donovan, Weston School of Theology; and John A. Slosar, Jr., St. Louis University, School of Social Service, and the National Staff of the AAUP. A Multicultural Concerns Breakfast and the Women's Breakfast were held on Thursday and Friday morning.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

PLENARY SESSIONS

The first plenary session on Wednesday evening took the form of a panel presentation followed by round-table discussion. The theme of the presentation was "Providence and Histories: Some American Views." The panelists were:

- Barbara Doherty, President, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College
- P. Michael Galvan, Director, Office of Clergy Formation, Diocese of Oakland
- Marina A. Herrera, Washington Theological Union
- Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

The other three plenary sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings followed the more traditional format. They featured:

- Anne E. Carr, University of Chicago, on “ ‘Not a Sparrow Falls’: On Providence and Responsibility in History,” with a response from John H. Wright, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
- Charles E. Curran, University of Southern California, on “Providence and Responsibility: The Divine and Human in History from the Perspective of Moral Theology,” with a response from Christine E. Gudorf, Xavier University, Cincinnati
- Orlando O. Espin and Sixto J. Garcia, both from St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, on “ ‘Lilies of the Field’: A Hispanic Theology of Providence and of Human Responsibility.”

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

On Thursday and Friday mornings there were sixteen different workshops that offered a rich variety of topics, many of them related to the theme of the convention.

1. God's Providence for Jesus: Comfort or No Comfort?
 Moderator: Anne Marie Harnett, Trinity College, Washington, D.C.
 Presenter: Louis Roy, Boston College
 Respondent: John P. Galvin, Catholic University of America
2. The Medicine Wheel: Native Americans and the Providence of God
 Moderator: Ronald C. Chochol, St. Peters, Missouri
 Presenter: P. Michael Galvan, Director, Office of Clergy Formation, Oakland
3. Teaching Women, Reading Women: Sources of a Theological Praxis
 Moderator: Marianne Sawicki, Lexington Theological Seminary
 Panelists: Elizabeth Willems, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans
 Mary Aquin O'Neill, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem
4. Post-Holocaust Jewish and Christian Theologies of History
 Moderator: Ronald E. Modras, St. Louis University
 Panelists: “Redemption: Human and Divine,”
 John C. Merkle, College of St. Benedict
 “Process Theology and the Suffering God,”
 Harry James Cargas, Webster University
5. John Henry Cardinal Newman on Individual Providence
 Moderator: Richard M. Liddy, Seton Hall University
 Presenter: Lina Gaudette, Newman College, Edmonton
 Respondent: David M. Hammond, Wheeling Jesuit College
6. Providence and Political Responsibility
 Moderator: John H. Thiel, Fairfield University
 Panelists: “Who Cares? Praxis in an Age of Apocalypse,”
 Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University
 “Political Responsibility within a Teilhardian Model of Providence and a Cybernetic Model of Society,”
 Christopher F. Mooney, Fairfield University
7. Book Discussion: “*Daughters of Jefferson, Daughters of Bootblacks.*” *Racism and American Feminism*, by Barbara H. Andolsen
 Moderator: Dolores L. Greeley, St. Louis University
 Presenter: Sally Ann McReynolds, Seton Hall University

- Respondent: Barbara H. Andolsen, Rutgers University
8. The Poet as Theologian: Hopkins and the Transformation of History
 Moderator: Diana Culbertson, Kent State University
 Presenter: Justin J. Kelly, University of Detroit
 Respondent: Donald P. Burgo, Fontbonne College
9. Orality, Literacy, and God's Word in the Writings of Walter Ong
 Moderator: John Britt, University of Dayton
 Presentation: "Scripture and Proclamation,"
 remarks prepared by Werner Kelber, Rice University
 Respondent: Walter J. Ong, St. Louis University
10. Divine Providence: Classical and Evolutionary Views
 Moderator: Joseph A. Bracken, Xavier University, Cincinnati
 Panelists: "The Providence Tradition Revisited,"
 John H. Wright, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
 "Providence in Evolution: A Teilhardian Perspective,"
 Richard W. Kropf, Johannesburg, Michigan
 "A Neo-Whiteheadian Approach to Divine Providence,"
 Joseph Bracken
11. Teaching Women, Reading Women: Implications and Applications
 Moderator: Marianne Sawicki, Lexington Theological Seminary
 Panelists: Patricia L. Wismer, Seattle University
 Regina Coll, University of Notre Dame
12. Book Discussion: *At The Origins of Modern Atheism*, by Michael J. Buckley
 Moderator: Leo J. O'Donovan, Weston School of Theology
 Panelists: Michael J. Buckley, NCCB
 Lawrence S. Cunningham, University of Notre Dame
13. The Contribution of Latin American Women Theologians to a Theology of Providence
 Moderator: Margaret M. Campbell, Holy Names College
 Presenter: Mary Kaye Nealen, College of Great Falls
 Respondent: Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual
14. The Lay Perspective in Theology
 Moderator: Joan H. Timmerman, College of St. Catherine
 Presenter: Georgia M. Keightley, Trinity College, Washington, DC
 Respondent: David P. Killen, Loyola University Institute of Pastoral Studies
15. Providence and Social Justice: The Mission and Limits of Translation
 Moderator: Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University
 Presenter: Phillip J. Chmielewski, Heartland Center, East Chicago, Indiana
 Respondent: William O'Neill, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
16. Seminaries and Ecclesial Tensions: A Discussion
 Moderator: Jeremiah J. McCarthy, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, California
 Panelists: Mary Christine Athans, St. Paul Seminary
 Russell B. Connors, Jr., St. Mary's Seminary, Cleveland
 Mary Ann Donovan, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 Daniel Rush Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville

CONTINUING SEMINARS

The thirteen continuing seminars each held two two-hour sessions during the convention.

1. Christology

- Moderator: Robert Krieg, University of Notre Dame
 "Christ and Salvation in Walter Kasper's Theology"
 Presenter: Hunter Brown, King's College, Ontario
 "Toward a Non-Androcentric Christology"
 Presenter: Elizabeth Johnson, Catholic University of America

2. Ecclesiology

- Moderator: Richard F. Costigan, Loyola University, Chicago
 Chair: Jeffrey Gros, Commission on Faith and Order, New York
 "Reformed-Roman Catholic Dialogue on the Church"
 Presenter: John T. Ford, Catholic University of America
 Respondent: Lewis Mudge, San Francisco Theological Seminary
 Chair: Mark Fischer, Diocese of Oakland
 "Do We Need an Ecclesia-dicy? An Inquiry into the Tragic Dimension of Ecclesial Belonging"
 Presenter: William E. McConville, Washington Theological Union
 Respondent: Anneliese Sinnott, Marygrove College

3. Trinitarian Theology

- Moderator: Barbara Finan, Ohio Dominican College
 "Our Return to God through Christ in the Spirit: A Basic Question Examined in the Light of a Revised Theological Methodology"
 Presenter: David M. Coffey, The Catholic Institute of Sidney
 Moderator: Kilian McDonnell, St. John's University, Collegeville
 "Society and Spirit: A Trinitarian Cosmology"
 Presenter: Joseph A. Bracken, Xavier University, Cincinnati

4. Spirituality

- Moderator: Janet Ruffing, Fordham University
 "Sollicitudo Rei Socialis: Challenge to Contemporary Spirituality"
 Presenter: Prudence Croke, Salve Regina College
 "Reflections on Suffering, Compassion and Social Conversion"
 Presenter: Susan Rakoczy, Regis College, Toronto
 Moderator: Annice Callahan, Regis College, Toronto
 "Spirituality in Catherine of Siena: Three Methodological Levels"
 Presenter: Suzanne Noffke, University of Chicago
 Respondent: John A. McGrath, University of Dayton

5. Moral Theology

- Moderator: Thomas Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 "Partners in the Mystery of Redemption: A Pastoral Response to Women's Concerns for Church and Society"
 Panelists: Patricia Beattie Jung, Wartburg Theological Seminary
 Patrick T. McCormick, Mary Immaculate Seminary
 Moderator: Michael Place, Archdiocesan Curia of Chicago
 "The Many Faces of AIDS"

Panelists: Denis Brodeur, SSM Health Care System
 Eileen Flynn, St. Peter's University
 William C. Spohn, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

6. Theological Anthropology

Moderator: Susan A. Ross, Loyola University, Chicago
 "Franz Hinkelammert, The Economic Roots of Idolatry: Entrepreneurial Metaphysics"
 Presenters: Christine E. Gudorf, Xavier University, Cincinnati
 Lee F. Cormie, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
 Moderator: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross
 "Teaching Theological Anthropology"

7. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology

Moderator: Kevin J. Irwin, Catholic University of America
 Book Discussion: *Christian Liturgy*, by Edward Kilmartin
 Leaders: Mary Schaefer, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax
 Regis Duffy, University of Notre Dame

8. Practical Theology

Moderator: Michael McGinniss, LaSalle University
 "Sexuality and Spirituality: A Test Case for Practical Theology"
 Presenter: Gaile M. Pohlhaus, Villanova University
 Respondent: Jean-Guy Nadeau, University of Montreal
 "The Interaction of Experience and Theological Reflection in the U.S. Bishops' Proposed Pastoral on Women"
 Presenter: Mary Ellen Sheehan, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

9. Historical Theology

Moderator: William Madges, Xavier University, Cincinnati
 "Revelation in the Theology of J.E. Kuhn"
 Presenter: Zachary Hayes, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
 "Listening to Forgotten Voices: Infallibility and the French Minority Bishops of Vatican 1"
 Presenter: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
 Respondent: John T. Ford, Catholic University of America

10. The American Catholic Experience

Moderator: Jon Nilson, Loyola University, Chicago
 "The American Catholic Church and the Southern Experience: Is Integration Possible?"
 Presenter: William D. Lindsey, Xavier University, New Orleans
 "Social Concern and Religious Commitment: What Can Orestes Brownson Teach Us about Catholicism Today?"
 Presenter: Patricia O'Connell Killen, Loyola University Institute of Pastoral Studies

11. Healthcare, Theology, and Ethics

Moderator: John Glaser, Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange Health System
 "The Theological Foundations of Catholic Healthcare"
 Panelists: Juliana Casey, Catholic Health Association
 Moderator: Diana Bader, Catholic Health Association
 "Ethical Issues Raised by the Science of the Human Pre-embryo and Human Genetics"

Panelists: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
 Arnold Kahn, M.D., Ph.D., Pediatric Research Institute, St. Louis
 Kevin O'Rourke, St. Louis University Medical Center

12. North American Theology

Moderator: Donald L. Gelpi, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 Presenter: William C. Spohn, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 Presenter: John R. Stacer, Loyola University, New Orleans

13. Comparative Theology

Moderator: Charles Hallisey, Loyola University, Chicago
 "Sacred Speech, Sacred Word: Hindu and Muslim Contributions
 to the Theology of Revelation"
 Panelists: David Carpenter, St. Joseph's University
 John Renard, St. Louis University
 Moderator: Francis X. Clooney, Boston College
 "Current Questions in the Theology of Religions in the Catholic
 Context"
 Presenter: Paul Knitter, Xavier University, Cincinnati
 Respondent: William M. Thompson, Duquesne University

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

At 11:00 AM on Saturday morning, June 10, President John P. Boyle delivered his presidential address. He then handed over the presidential gavel to Anne E. Patrick, the new President of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD

At dessert time during the convention banquet on the evening of Thursday, June 8, the President presented the John Courtney Murray Award for achievement in theology to Patrick Granfield, O.S.B., of The Catholic University of America. The award citation reads as follows:

The Catholic Theological Society of America takes pleasure in honoring today one who entered the Society at a convention in St. Louis in 1963, shortly after completing his doctorate in sacred theology at The Catholic University of America.

Our honoree has devoted his professional life to teaching and research. He is a recognized authority in the field of ecclesiology who has given special attention to issues in church government today. His books have explored the implications of communications for a more participatory form of government, the changing form of the petrine ministry in the church, and, most recently, vexing questions of authority and autonomy with respect to limits on papal authority.

His 1980 book was translated and published in German and his 1987 book has been published in England and a revised edition has been prepared for translation and publication later this year in Spanish.

Early in his career our honoree coedited a Festschrift honoring his own teacher, Johannes Quasten. In 1985 he collaborated with Avery Dulles to produce a very useful bibliography of books and articles on the church.

Our honoree has also been an officer and director of this Society, and was president of the Society in 1984-1985.

His books, his more than 60 articles in journals, dictionaries and encyclopedias, and his service to Catholic theology constitute truly distinguished achievement.

The Catholic Theological Society of America therefore takes great pleasure in bestowing the John Courtney Murray Award for 1989 upon
Patrick Granfield of the Order of St. Benedict
Professor of Systematic Theology in The Catholic University of America.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President John Boyle called the annual business meeting to order at 4:45 PM on Friday, June 9. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

The members of the Committee on Admissions this year were: Thomas McKenna (chair), Joseph Bracken, Patricia Wismer, Milton Walsh, and the Secretary of the CTSA. Patricia Wismer presented the report of the committee.

The committee recommended sixty-four applicants for active membership and eleven applicants for associate membership. The committee's recommendation was approved by a round of applause. The President asked the twenty-one 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 (sponsored by the Department of Theology of St. Louis University) was held later in the evening.

Of the seventy-five new members twenty-three 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 Mary Ann Donovan (chair), Gerald Grace, and Michael Slusser. Gerald Grace will serve as chair next year.

Mary Ann Donovan presented the slate of nominees, whose biographical resumes had been available for convention participants at registration time:

- for Vice-President: Michael Buckley, University of Notre Dame
Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
- for Secretary: Edward Konerman, Loyola University of Chicago
- for Treasurer: Mary Hines, Washington Theological Union
- for Board Members: Barbara Hilkert Andolsen, Rutgers University
Joseph Bracken, Xavier University, Cincinnati
Joann Wolski Conn, Neumann College
William Roberts, University of Dayton

There were no nominations from the floor. Michael Buckley was elected Vice-President. Joseph Bracken and Joann Wolski Conn were elected Board Members on the second and third ballots. Mary Hines and Edward Konerman were elected Treasurer and Secretary.

Anne Patrick becomes the new President for 1989-1990. Walter Principe becomes the President-Elect. The others who will continue on the Board of Directors

are John Boyle as Past-President and Catherine Hilker and William Thompson as Board Members.

President's Report

Task Force for Bishops' Pastoral on Women's Concerns. Last summer a CTSA task force was set up to coordinate a CTSA response to the first draft of the U.S. bishops' pastoral on Women's Concerns. The task force included Susan Ross (chair), Ronald Chochol, Patricia Jung, Michael McGinniss, and Mary Ellen Sheehan.

The task force prepared a statement for the Board's review and after some revision submitted the statement to the Board of Directors for its October meeting. The Board accepted the statement and forwarded it to Bishop Imesch's committee. When Bishop Imesch requested some further data, Susan Ross gathered it. The President expressed the Society's thanks to Susan Ross and the other members of the task force.

Status of "Doctrinal Responsibilities." The document, *Doctrinal Responsibilities* (originally the final report of a joint CTSA/CLSA Committee and now a document of the NCCB's Committee on Doctrine), had been scheduled for a vote by the bishops last November; but the vote was deferred after a last-minute intervention by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Leo O'Donovan reported that Archbishop Lipscomb, the new chair of the Committee on Doctrine, sought a meeting with the Congregation. The meeting was held this past March. O'Donovan and Michael Buckley participated in the meeting. O'Donovan assured CTSA members that the present document (scheduled for a vote by the bishops next week at Seton Hall) is substantially intact and the procedures proposed in the document are very much the same as in the original CTSA/CLSA document.

Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies and Scholars. Donald Buggert continues to serve as the CTSA representative on JCCLSS. Last October a subcommittee of JCCLSS, the Joint Commission of Bishops and Scholars, arranged a regional colloquium at Los Altos on the topic "The Bishop Then and Now." Thirteen bishops and twenty scholars took part in the colloquium. The meeting was very well received and there are plans to continue its existence. This year the Joint Commission will hold a second regional colloquium in October in Mobile. The topic will be "Fundamentalism: A Catholic Appraisal." It is hoped that this regional meeting will also continue in existence.

The President asked Donald Buggert to stand, and the CTSA members present expressed their appreciation of his efforts with a round of applause.

President's Statement on Curran Decision. Earlier this year the President issued a public statement in response to the decision of the court in the Curran case. This matter of the President's statement will be considered further later in the meeting.

The Cologne Declaration. During the Board meetings over the past two days the President and the Board have discussed what action the Board or the CTSA might take at this time relative to the so-called Cologne Declaration and similar statements from other national groups of theologians (French, Flemish, Spanish,

Italian). Just before the time of the Board meeting the President received from Francis Fiorenza a letter from one of the authors of the Cologne Declaration, Prof. Dietmar Mieth of Tübingen, along with some of the documentation. The letter reported on initial efforts to organize some kind of European theological association and explored the possibility of some kind of contact with the CTSA. The letter also sought some expression of support for the Cologne Declaration.

For a number of reasons, including the short notice of the request, the lack of full texts for the various statements, the variety of options, the Board was unable to achieve any consensus as to a statement it or the Society might make at this time. The Board did instruct the new President to seek to establish contact with the forming European theological association.

Profession of Faith/Oath of Fidelity. In February there appeared in the pages of *L'Osservatore Romano* a new form of the Profession of Faith along with an Oath of Fidelity. At the time the canonical status of this new Profession and Oath was unclear. Now this Profession and Oath have appeared in the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* (in the issue dated January) under the section devoted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. But there is no signature nor any indication of papal approval.

At its meetings over the past two days the Board discussed this new Profession of Faith/Oath of Fidelity. A proposal from the Board will be presented by the Committee on Resolutions.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary thanked the members of the Committee on Admissions for their prompt cooperation in the consultation-by-mail about this year's applications.

"Proceedings" Business Office. There are no more copies of volume 42 of the Proceedings (1987) in stock.

Special Word to the Convention. Cathleen Going was one of the first two women accepted as Active members in the CTSA, at Denver in 1965. She is now a cloistered Dominican nun in the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and just recently made her solemn profession. She continues to be a CTSA member. The Murray Award recipient asked that an invitation to the award banquet be sent to her. In reply, Cathleen, now Sr. Mary of the Savior, wrote:

Thank you very much for the kind invitation you extended to me on behalf of the Society to attend the presentation-banquet in honor of Father Patrick Granfield. Cloister regulations do not permit my attendance, but I shall be celebrating with you all the same. A timely choice of Award recipient, surely. And earnest prayers will be offered during the several Convention days—as is now done here annually—that all may proceed in light and peace (and with whatever other sentiments may turn out to be necessary!), as you reflect on "Providence and Responsibility."

Treasurer's Report

1989 Convention. The Treasurer reported that there were 312 officially registered for this year's convention. 259 of these had preregistered. The Treasurer expressed a special word of thanks to the former Treasurer, George Kilcourse, who

had arranged for this year's convention to be held here at the hotel in the Union Station, and also to Diana Bader of The Catholic Health Association who so ably coordinated all the local arrangements.

Financial Report. The Treasurer briefly summarized the receipts and expenditures for the past year (cf. Financial Report below in this issue of the Proceedings). She observed that the deficit incurred this year was due in very large part to the costs of the publication of the new Directory and to the start-up again of CSSR dues and Bulletin fees. She also noted that with much of the CTSA funds in the Special Projects fund it was clear that the increase in CTSA membership dues this year was needed.

President-Elect's Report

1989 Convention. President-Elect Anne Patrick thanked all those who helped with this year's convention. She expressed special thanks to the Treasurer, Mary Hines, whose work was complicated by a change in hotel ownership; to Diana Bader, coordinator of local arrangements, and to her staff and colleagues at The Catholic Health Association and to others who contributed to the liturgy and convention arrangements; to the speakers and moderators of program events; and to the seven St. Louis sponsors of the Wednesday evening reception. Convention participants were reminded of the importance of completing convention evaluation forms and returning them by Saturday morning.

Convention Seminars. The moderators of the convention seminars were reminded to turn in their reports to the President-Elect by Saturday noon. Next year there will again be a Multicultural Concerns breakfast. There will also be a Saturday afternoon Women's Seminar which will be planned by a steering committee composed of Ann Graff, Elizabeth Johnson, and Jamie Phelps.

Convention Workshops. The President-Elect mentioned that although ordinarily only summary reports of the workshops are published in the *Proceedings*, there are sometimes cases where workshop papers on the convention theme are included in the *Current Issues in Theology* volumes, and thus she will welcome workshop papers on the convention theme in case there is a possibility of consideration for publication.

Priorities for Coming Year. The President-Elect indicated that in addition to carrying out the ordinary responsibilities of President and following through on any items decided by the members at this meeting or by the Board of Directors, she will focus on four areas:

- (1) Continuing to build membership and to seek ways in which the concerns and experiences of diverse cultural communities within North American Catholicism can impact theological research and teaching;
- (2) Continuing to collaborate with bishops and with other theological societies, and especially seeking to build ties with French Canadian, Black, and Hispanic theological societies;
- (3) Promoting ongoing study of the subject of tonight's Forum "Catholic Identity, Academic Freedom, and Theological Responsibility." (The President-Elect plans to attend a June 15 meeting of Committee A of the American Association of University Professors in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of ascertaining how the AAUP discussion about academic freedom in religiously sponsored

colleges and universities is proceeding; and, if arrangements can be made, she is considering attending the August 28-31 International Conference on the Present and Future Challenges Facing Catholic Universities at St. Paul University in Ottawa.)

- (4) Working with the Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Members to develop ways of making CTSA member-services and communications and planning more efficient, which may involve eventually providing for an Executive Secretary.

1990 and 1991 Conventions. In 1990 the CTSA convention will take place June 6-9 at the Hilton Square Hotel in San Francisco. In 1991 the convention will take place June 12-15 at the Radisson Hotel in Atlanta. The President-Elect added that because of escalating costs and related factors it is possible that later conventions may need to be moved back a day, since it was difficult to arrange reasonable hotel rates for a Wednesday-Saturday meeting in Atlanta.

Vice-President's Report

Research and Publications Committee. Vice-President Walter Principe, an ex officio member of the Research and Publications Committee, reported that the committee had nothing to report.

1990 Convention. The Vice-President has chosen as the theme of the 1990 convention "Inculturation and Catholicity." He explained briefly his understanding of those two terms and gave a general idea of the plenary sessions. He suggested that the Continuing Seminars might well be linked with the convention theme. Finally, he invited the members to forward to him any suggestions as to topics for workshops and names of possible presenters.

Report of the Editor of Proceedings

1989 Proceedings. The editor reminded all concerned parties that the manuscripts to be submitted for the 1989 Proceedings should be sent to him by July 1. This year the manuscripts should be on diskettes.

1988 Directory. The remaining copies of the 1988 Directory are now available for \$5.00.

Current Issues in Theology. Last year's volume was the third and last in the experiment. The sales have been very small. If there is to be a fourth volume, it will most probably be with a new editor and publisher.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

This committee, which includes the Vice-President as chair and Mary Christine Athans and Timothy O'Connell, conducted a well-attended and lively hearing on Thursday evening to discuss and clarify several proposed resolutions. Several resolutions were now presented to the assembly.

Resolution Regarding Archbishop May

Resolved that the CTSA express its sincere appreciation and thanks to Archbishop John May for his welcoming remarks affirming the close collaboration of bishops and theologians.

The resolution passed on a seemingly unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Regarding President's Statement about Curran Decision

Resolved that the membership of the CTSA affirm and ratify the statement of President John Boyle of 2 March 1989 relative to the court decision concerning Charles Curran and his relationship to The Catholic University of America.

The resolution passed on a clear voice vote.

Resolution Regarding the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity

Resolved that the membership of the Catholic Theological Society of America:

- (1) Direct the Board to create a committee, in collaboration with other scholarly societies if advisable, to address the theological and practical issues involved in the newly published Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity;
- (2) Receive Draft 1: Theological Reflection on the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity, distributed during this annual meeting, and remand it to that committee for consideration;
- (3) Direct the President to inform appropriate officials in the NCCB and the CCCB of the Society's serious concerns about the Profession and Oath and about the effects of their implementation.

The resolution passed on a voice vote almost without dissent.

New Business

Margaret O'Gara rose to make the following motion:

Resolved that the membership of the Catholic Theological Society of America:

- (1) Direct the Board to have a statement prepared addressing the kinds of issues raised by the Cologne Declaration, but also reflecting North American concerns;
- (2) Direct that this statement be ready for the October Board meeting where its form of presentation to the membership would be decided upon.

During the lively discussion of this resolution, an amendment and a motion to table were both defeated. Finally, the question was called. The motion passed on a clear voice vote.

Since there was no further business, the President entertained a motion to adjourn. The business meeting of this forty-fourth annual convention of the CTSA adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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