

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its forty-sixth annual convention June 12-15, 1991, at the Radisson Hotel in Atlanta. The theme of the convention was "Theology as Intellectually Vital Inquiry." In the opening session on Wednesday evening, June 12, convention participants were welcomed to Atlanta by Edward J. Dillon, J.C.D., Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception hosted by The Glenmary Research Center and the CTSA.

The convention's eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 13, in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. President Walter Principe was the celebrant. The convention reception and banquet followed the liturgy. At the end of the banquet President Principe read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and the medal to Thomas F. O'Meara of the University of Notre Dame.

Thursday evening, after the convention banquet, the Resolutions Committee held a "hearing" for a discussion of various resolutions that had been submitted for consideration and action at the annual business meeting. Friday evening there was an open forum session on moral theology.

This year's convention once again featured a Multicultural Concerns Breakfast and an Informal Women's Lunch and a Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology (open to all CTSA participants) on Saturday afternoon. There was also a breakfast for the Rahner Society.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

PLENARY SESSIONS

The convention program included four plenary sessions. In the fourth plenary session President Walter Principe delivered his presidential address.

1. "Catholic Theology within North American Intellectual Culture"
Address: Michael Lacey, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Response: Cullen Murphy, Managing Editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*
2. "Theology and the Contemporary Challenge of the Natural Sciences"
Address: William Stoeger, the Vatican Observatory
Response: Elizabeth A. Johnson, Catholic University of America

3. "New Vitality: Theology and the Challenge of Black, Hispanic, and Feminist Theologies in North America"
Panelists: M. Shawn Copeland, Yale University Divinity School
Roberto Goizueta, Aquinas Center, Emory University
Joann Wolski Conn, Neumann College
4. "Catholic Theology and the Retrieval of Its Intellectual Tradition: Problems and Possibilities"
Address: Walter H. Principe, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies and the University of Toronto
Response: Mary Ann Donovan, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Matthew L. Lamb, Boston College

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

On Thursday and Friday mornings twenty-one different convention workshops were offered. Included in the workshops were the first meetings of the Karl Rahner Society of America and the North American von Balthasar Seminar along with workshops commemorating the 100th anniversary of *Rerum novarum* and the 900th anniversary of the birth of St. Bernard.

1. The Christology of Karl Rahner: A Reappraisal by Bruce Marshall (First Meeting of the Karl Rahner Society of America)
Moderators: Andrew F. Tallon, Marquette University
William M. Thompson, Duquesne University
Presenter: James J. Buckley, Loyola College in Maryland
Respondents: Barbara Finan, Ohio Dominican College
Robert E. Krieg, University of Notre Dame
Bruce D. Marshall, St. Olaf College MN
2. John Henry Newman:
Moral Imagination in Theological Method and Church Tradition
Moderator and Presenter: Gerald Magill, St. Louis University
Respondents: Edward Miller, College of New Rochelle
David Hammond, Wheeling Jesuit College
3. Liberationist and Feminist Themes
in Schillebeeckx's *Church: The Human Story of God*
Moderator: Mary E. Hines, Washington Theological Union
Presenters: Mary Catherine Hilkert, Aquinas Institute of Theology
Roger Haight, Weston College
4. Book: Richard McCormick, *The Critical Calling: Reflections on Moral Dilemmas Since Vatican II*
Moderator: Stephen Pope, Boston College
Presenters: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
"Issues in Sexual-Medical Ethics and Moral Norms"
Charles Curran, Southern Methodist University
"Issues in Social Ethics: Theology and the Magisterium"
Richard McCormick, University of Notre Dame

5. Catholic Seminaries and Theological Leadership
 Moderator: Robert J. Wister, National Catholic Educational Association
 Presenters: Patricia Walter, St. Mary's Seminary, Cleveland
 "Professional Theology in the Seminary"
 Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
 "The Seminary-related Theological School"
 Jeremiah J. McCarthy, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
 "The Free-Standing Seminary"
6. United States Hispanic Theology
 Moderator: Allan Figueroa Deck, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 Presenters: Arturo Bañuelas, Pastor of Pius X Church, El Paso
 Gloria Loya, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
7. Hermeneutics: Memory, Knowledge, Rhetoric
 Moderator: Susan A. Ross, Loyola University of Chicago
 Presenters: Morny Joy, University of Calgary
 Thomas R. Flynn, Emory University
8. *Rerum Novarum*: Catholic Social Teaching and Middle America
 (Commemorating the 100th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*)
 Moderator: Drew Christiansen, Santa Clara University
 Panelists: Judith Dwyer, Villanova University
 Gerald Powers, United States Catholic Conference
 James Hug, Center of Concern
9. The Pastoral Community as a Source for Theology
 Moderator: Kate Dooley, Catholic University of America
 Panelists: Robert D. Duggan, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Gaithersburg MD
 Ronald L. Chochol, All Saints Church, St. Peter MO
 Julia Ann Upton, St. John's University NY
 Sam R. Miglarese, Diocese of Charleston SC
10. Theology and Science: "Theology and Cosmology"
 Moderator: John Haught, Georgetown University
 Presenters: Christopher Mooney, Fairfield University
 "The Anthropic Principle"
 Anne Clifford, Duquesne University
 "Significance of Cosmology for Theology"
11. Monastic Theology and Contemporary Theology
 (Commemorating the 900th anniversary of the Birth of St. Bernard)
 Moderator: Carla Mae Streeter, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis
 "St. Bernard: A Theologian for Our Age?"
 Presenter: Roch Kereszty, University of Dallas
12. Hans Urs von Balthasar: The Nature and Task of Fundamental Theology
 (First Meeting of the North American von Balthasar Seminar)
 Moderator: Kenneth L. Schmitz, Trinity College, Toronto
 Presenters: David L. Schindler, University of Notre Dame
 Marc Ouellet, Grande Seminaire, Montreal

13. John Courtney Murray: American Catholic Social Ethics in the Murray Tradition: Possible Directions of Development
Moderator: Thomas Hughson, Marquette University
Presenters: Leon Hooper, Woodstock Theological Center
 "Twenty-Five Years of Appeals
 to Murray's Ethical and Religious Analysis"
 Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
 "Retrieval of the Central Themes in Murray's Social Thought"
14. Theology, Science and Gender: Advances in Feminist Consciousness
Moderator: Mary Gerhart, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
(Opening: 30-minute video-taped interview with Evelyn Fox Keller)
Questions from: Cathleen Going, Dominican Monastery, Detroit
 Nancy Ring, LeMoyné College
 Thomas Ryba, Thomas Aquinas Center, Purdue Univ.
 Michael Vertin, St. Michael's College, Univ. of Toronto
Interviewers: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College,
 and Edward Vacik, Weston
15. Book: Frans Jozef van Beeck, *God Encountered: A Contemporary Catholic Systematic Theology*, vol. 1. *Understanding the Christian Faith*
Moderator: Robert Imbelli, Boston College
Panelists: Margaret Mary Kelleher, Catholic University of America
 Lawrence Cunningham, University of Notre Dame
 Frans Jozef van Beeck, Loyola University of Chicago
16. Is Theology Really Essential to the Life of a University?
Moderator: Emily McKay Binns, Villanova University
Presenters: James T. Laney, President, Emory University
 Leo J. O'Donovan, President, Georgetown University
17. Black Catholic Theology: Methodology
Moderator: Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union
Presenter: M. Shawn Copeland, Yale University Divinity School
 "Some Reflections on Method in Systematic Theology:
 Understanding Understanding, Method,
 the Cultural Matrix, and Foundations"
Responses: Diana L. Hayes, Georgetown University
 Cyprian Davis, St. Meinrad's Seminary
18. Theology and Literature: A Critical Conversation
Moderator: Justin Kelly, University of Detroit
Presenters: Diana Culbertson, Kent State University
 Thomas Werge, University of Notre Dame
19. Foundational Aspects of North American Liberation Theology
Moderator: William W. Lindsey, Xavier University, New Orleans
Presentations: Jon Nilson, Loyola University of Chicago
 Alfred Hennelly, Fordham University
 Judith Merkle, Athenaeum of Ohio
 Charles Moutenot, Fordham University

20. Ideas and Institutions: Two Aspects of the Ecumenical Movement's Contributions to an Intellectually Vital Theology
 Moderator: Margaret O'Gara, St. Michael's College, Univ. of Toronto
 Presenters: George Tavard, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
 Jeffrey Gros, National Council of Churches of Christ
21. Modernity/Postmodernity:
 The State of the Question for Contemporary Catholic Theology
 Moderator: Agnes Cunningham, St. Mary of the Lake University
 Presenters: Thomas O'Meara, University of Notre Dame
 Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University

CONTINUING SEMINARS

On Thursday and Friday afternoons the continuing seminars held their two-hour sessions.

Thursday Seminars

1. Christology
 Moderator: Robert Krieg, University of Notre Dame
 "Classical Models of Soteriology:
 A Contemporary Commentary"
 Presenter: Thomas West, The College of St. Catherine
2. Ecclesiology
 Moderator: Mark F. Fischer, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
 "Tradition, Sacrament, Politics:
 Starting Points for Ecclesiology"
 Presenter: Susan Wood, St. Mary's College, Leavenworth
 Respondent: Joan M. Nuth, John Carroll University
3. Trinitarian Theology and Comparative Theology: Conjoint Seminar
 Moderator: Sixto J. Garcia, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
 Presenters: Paul J. Griffiths, University of Chicago
 "Persons Without Selves: An Indian-Buddhist View
 and its Theological Implications"
 Francis X. Clooney, Boston College
 "Saving Persons: A Hindu View
 of Divine Unity and Distinction"
4. Spirituality
 Moderator: Michael Downey, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Philadelphia PA
 "Reviewing the Contribution of Sandra M. Schneiders to the
 Study and Teaching of Spirituality"
 Presenter: Louis J. Cameli, University of Saint Mary of the Lake
 Respondent: Sandra M. Schneiders, JSTB/Graduate Theological Union,
 Berkeley CA

5. Moral Theology
Moderator: Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
"Active Euthanasia"
Panelists: David F. Kelly, Duquesne University
Carol A. Tauer, The College of St. Catherine
James J. Walter, Loyola University of Chicago
6. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology
Moderator: Julia Upton, St. John's University, Jamaica NY
"The Copernican Revolution (and Ptolemaic Residues)
in Sacramental Theology"
Presenter: Joseph Martos, Allentown College
7. Practical Theology
Moderator: Mary Ellen Sheehan, Univ. of St. Michael's College, Toronto
"Experiential Theology or Theology of Experience?"
Presenter: Robert Kinast, Center for Theological Reflection, Madeiros FL
Respondent: Thomas Groome, Boston College
8. North American Theology
Moderator: Donald Gelpi, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
"Rethinking Whitehead's Cosmology"
Presenter: Joseph Bracken, Xavier University
9. *Rerum Novarum* Centenary Celebration
"Historical Perspectives on Christian Social Theory"
Moderator: Bradford Hinze, Marquette University
Presenters: Jean Elshtain, Vanderbilt University
"Rethinking Augustine's Politics For Our Time"
Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame
"The Common Good and the Virtue of Justice
in Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae*"
10. The Nature and Method of Theology
Moderator: Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University
"Social Activity and the Theological Enterprise"
Presenter: Philip Chmielewski, Loyola University of Chicago
Respondent: Gerald Magill, St. Louis University
11. Theological Anthropology
Moderator: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross
"Theology, Women's Experience, and Suffering"
Presenters: Ann E. Graff, Loyola University of Chicago
Patricia L. Wismer, Seattle University

Friday Seminars

1. Christology
Moderator: Robert Krieg, University of Notre Dame
"Jesus the Giver of the Spirit"
Presenter: Robert Imbelli, Boston College
2. Ecclesiology
Moderator: Anneliese Sinnott, Marygrove College
"Church Law and Ecclesiastical Order"
Presenter: Michael A. Fahey, University of St. Michael's College
Respondent: Jeffrey Gros, National Council of Churches of Christ

3. Trinitarian Theology
Moderator: Earl C. Muller, Marquette University
 "The Understanding of 'Person' "
Presenters: Petro B.T. Bilaniuk, University of St. Michael's College
 "The Understanding of Person in Eastern Christianity"
 Anne H. King, College of St. Thomas
 "The Understanding of 'Person' in Western Christianity"
4. Spirituality
Moderator: Michael Downey, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Philadelphia
 "Spirituality as a Vital Intellectual Inquiry:
 The Contribution of William M. Thompson"
Presenter: Julia Upton, St. John's University, New York
Respondent: William M. Thompson, Dept. of Theology, Duquesne Univ.
5. Moral Theology
Moderator: James P. Hanigan, Duquesne University
 "War in the Persian Gulf"
Panelists: Kenneth R. Himes, Washington Theological Union
 Robert Marko, Aquinas College
 Thomas Schubeck, John Carroll University
 Eileen Flynn, Saint Peter's College
6. Practical Theology
Moderator: Mary Ellen Sheehan, University of St. Michael's College
 "A Practitioner's Experiential Theology
 in the Teaching-Learning Situation"
Presenter: Robert McKeon, University of St. Michael's College
Respondent: Gaile Pohlhaus, Villanova University
7. North American Theology
Moderator: Donald Gelpi, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 "Deeper Than Joy or Sorrow:
 Whitehead and Liberating Theology"
Presenter: J.J. Mueller, St. Louis University
8. Comparative Theology
Moderator: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
 "Theological Categories:
 The Transposition Needed for Comparative Theology"
Presenter: Carla Mae Streeter, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis
Respondent: Vernon Gregson, Loyola University, New Orleans
9. Nature and Method of Theology
Moderator: Margaret Campbell, Holy Names College
 "Is There a Specifically Catholic Feminist Theology?"
Panelists: Susan Ross, Loyola University, Chicago
 Marianne Sawicki, University of Kentucky

10. American Catholic Experience

Moderator: Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University
"Search for American Religious Identity between the
World Wars by Jewish, Catholic and Protestant Thinkers"
Presenter: M. Christine Athans, University of St. Thomas

Saturday Seminar

Informal Women's Lunch

Seminar: Women's Seminar In Constructive Theology
(Open to all CTSA Participants)

Moderator: Ann O'Hara Graff, Loyola University, Chicago
"Black Womanist Christology"

Presenter: Jacquelyn Grant, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta

Friday Evening Program

Forum: "Proportionalism: Method or Menace?"

Moderator: William C. Spohn, Woodstock Theological Center

Panelists: Richard McCormick, University of Notre Dame

James J. Walter, Loyola University of Chicago

Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame

Philip J. Foubert, University of Nebraska at Omaha

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD

During the convention banquet on the evening of Thursday, June 13, the President presented the John Courtney Murray Award for achievement in theology to Thomas F. O'Meara of the University of Notre Dame. The award citation reads as follows.

This year our Society honors a distinguished member who long sat and who sometimes still sits at the feet of Thomas Aquinas, and who has learned from this master that while theologians must always draw on the riches of our intellectual tradition, they must also become creatively involved in contemporary questions and concerns.

At a time when Catholic participation in ecumenism was unusual if not suspect, our scholar, still a seminarian, wrote one book and edited another in the ecumenical field—this second volume, a series of essays relating Catholic theology to the thought of Paul Tillich, has as an "Afterword" one of the last pieces Tillich ever wrote. This ecumenical interest has endured through his career: his sympathetic studies of Luther and of Lutheran spirituality led to his becoming the first Catholic to be a professor in a Lutheran seminary in the United States.

Are there Germanic roots hidden behind this Irish name? Or was it his studies of his German confreres, Albert and Eckhart, or perhaps his doctoral studies at Munich with Karl Rahner and Heinrich Fries, that gave him a continuing interest in writing about authors such as Schelling, Moehler, Heidegger, and Bultmann, or that led him to write two impressive volumes on the history of German Catholic theology from 1795 to 1914?

Missionary zeal like that of his Order's founder led him to go to Africa to teach theology in a house of studies in Nigeria. Again, his devotion to ministry has led to many articles and finally to a book on the spirituality and theology of ministry, as well as to studies on theological training for ministry. Ecclesiology has held his attention, from which have come important works on authority in the church and on reform and renewal of ecclesial structures. His work on the theology of grace has sparked his concern for the ways of God's grace outside as well as within the confines of the visible church. And, observing the drift of groups within the churches to the extreme right, he recently published a penetrating analysis of the psychology and theological presuppositions of fundamentalism, including the Catholic variety.

Our honored scholar's range of interests is truly remarkable. Esthetics in relation to theology and art in relation to the sacred have captured his imagination as well as his intellectual probing. And in what scientists, who love the word, would call an "elegant" procedure, he has cast his theological eye on Catholic science fiction.

His extensive curriculum vitae indicates only in general terms what is surely one of his most important accomplishments, the formation of students in theology through his teaching and direction of their work for a quarter of a century. Our own Society, together with others to which he belongs, has benefited from his presence and active participation in conventions. More than that, he has served on our executive board, including his presidency in 1980-1981. He has chaired our research and publications committee for a number of years, and played an important consultative role in our statement of concern, "Do Not Extinguish the Spirit."

The Catholic Theological Society of America is happy and proud to present this year's John Courtney Murray Award for outstanding and distinguished service in theology to a theologian who continues and honors the intellectual apostolic tradition of the Order of Preachers, the William K. Warren Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, our respected friend and colleague, Thomas F. O'Meara.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Walter Principe called the annual business meeting to order at 4:45 P.M. on Friday, June 14. Michael Place served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

The members of the Committee on Admissions this year were: Allan Figueroa Deck (chair), Thomas Potvin, Ronald Chochol, Mary Aquin O'Neill, and the Secretary of the CTSA. Ronald Chochol and Mary Aquin O'Neill will continue on the committee next year. Allan Deck presented the report of the committee.

The committee recommended eighty applicants for active membership and seventeen applicants for associate membership. The committee's recommendation was approved by a voice vote. The president asked the thirty-nine new members in attendance at the convention to stand for recognition, and they were welcomed by a round of applause. A "Welcome" reception for the new members was held later in the evening.

Of the ninety-seven new members twenty-eight are women. Ten 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: Michael Slusser (chair), Elizabeth Johnson and William Spohn. Elizabeth Johnson will serve as chair next year.

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

- for Vice-President: Gerard Sloyan, Temple University
John Coleman, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
- for Secretary: Edward Konerman, Loyola University of Chicago
- for Treasurer: Mary Hines, Washington Theological Union
- for Board Members: Donald Buggert, Whitefriars Hall, Washington
Orlando Espin, University of San Diego
Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame
Susan Ross, Loyola University of Chicago

There were no nominations from the floor. Gerard Sloyan was elected Vice-President. Susan Ross and Orlando Espin were elected Board Members on the second and third ballots respectively. Edward Konerman and Mary Hines were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Michael Buckley becomes the new President for 1991-92. Lisa Sowle Cahill becomes the President-Elect. The others who will continue on the Board of Directors are Walter Principe as Past-President and Jamie Phelps and Matthew Lamb as Board Members.

Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing special to report.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report. The treasurer commented briefly on the financial report for 1990 (printed elsewhere in this volume of the *Proceedings*). Last year's convention in San Francisco was expensive. Large expenditures of the Special Projects funds were incurred in the production of the Report on the Profession of Faith and the statement "Do Not Extinguish the Spirit" and in the initial work of the committee on the history of the CTSA. There will be major expenses in the coming year for the new Directory and continued work by the history committee. The added income from the increase in dues will be helpful.

1991 Convention. The 355 registered participants make this convention one of the best attended ever. The high number of pre-registrations was very helpful. A larger number of participants than usual are staying the convention hotel.

Future Conventions. The 1992 convention will take place June 11-14 at the Pittsburgh Hyatt. In 1993 the convention will take place June 10-13 at the San Antonio Hyatt. Both of these conventions will run from Thursday evening to Sunday noon.

Thanks. Finally, the treasurer expressed a word of thanks to the local arrangements committee, especially to Louis McNeil and Martha Garcia of the Glenmary Research Center and to Roberto Goizueta of the Aquinas Center at Emory University.

Past-President's Report

History of the CTSA Committee. Although this committee has existed on paper for several years, it went into action only in 1990 after the Board of Directors committed up to \$3,000 of Special Projects funds to launch the project of having a history of the CTSA published by 1996, the 50th anniversary of the Society. Gerard Sloyan was appointed chair, and Anne Patrick and Robert Wister were added to the membership that already included Walter Burghardt, Agnes Cunningham, Gerald Fogarty and Luke Salm. On December 28, 1990, Sloyan convened a meeting with Patrick and Wister in New York, and subsequently the other committee members and several other knowledgeable persons were polled about possible plans.

The results of these inquiries were discussed by Sloyan, Cunningham, Fogarty, Patrick and Wister at a meeting during the convention. In general they favored publishing a substantial historical essay based on archival material, possibly together with several shorter essays that would treat specific aspects of the Society's history in more depth. The committee accepted Wister's offer to investigate the CTSA archives this summer and to author the principal historical essay.

After the summer the committee will decide on a definite plan, a budget and timetable to propose to the Board for its October meeting. Members of the Society with material or ideas to contribute to this project are encouraged to send them to Gerard Sloyan, chair, at Temple University.

President-Elect's Report

The President-Elect expressed his thanks to the local arrangements committee, to all who were involved in the plenaries, workshops and seminars during the convention, to Catherine Hilkert and William Thompson who assisted him in planning and organizing the convention program, and to the treasurer, Mary Hines, who saw to all the arrangements. He reminded all the participants to turn in evaluation forms and asked the moderators of workshops and seminars to turn in their evaluation reports to the Vice-President, Lisa Cahill.

Vice-President's Report

1992 Convention. The theme for next year's convention will be "Theology and Experience: A Critical Appropriation." Details of the convention program are still being developed. Suggestions for workshops are welcome and should be sent to the Vice-President at Boston College.

Report of the Research and Publications Committee. The members of this committee are Margaret O'Gara (chair), James Walter, Robert Schreiter, David Power, and the Vice-President (ex officio). The committee met for an hour and a half on June 13, 1991, during the convention in Atlanta.

During the academic year, 1990-91, the committee received and reviewed one manuscript and voted not to recommend a grant toward publication. Once again the committee encourages members to submit manuscripts. At its meeting the committee discussed a request regarding the future of the *Catholic Guide to Periodical Literature*. The chair was asked to investigate this matter.

After several years of discussion of alternative topics, the committee recommends to the Board of Directors that the CTSA sponsor a multi-author book, to

be published by Paulist Press, on "Cultural Diversity as a Source of Theology." Paulist Press has made an enthusiastic commitment to work with the CTSA on this project if approved by the CTSA Board. The committee requests that the President of the CTSA, after consultation with the Board and the committee, be empowered to appoint an editor for this book.

The committee has also received a request that the CTSA collaborate on a series on the history of theology. The CTSA members involved have been promised full authority over "the integrity of thought," the design of the series, etc. The committee recommends to the Board that the committee be authorized to take the next steps in investigating this matter and to report to the Board with its findings.

President's Report

Follow-up from 1990 Business Meeting. The President wrote the various letters mandated by the members at last year's business meeting. He received responses from Chenu's superiors and from the superior of the Jesuits slain in El Salvador.

Document on "Ecclesial Vocation of Theologians." After this Roman document was issued, the President issued a statement in his own name and only after he had seen the entire document.

Profession of Faith/Oath of Fidelity. The President visited Archbishop Lipscomb to discuss this matter. He was in closer contact with the Canadian bishops.

The English and French translations have been approved by Rome and are beginning to be applied, more slowly by the Canadian bishops. Archbishop Lipscomb has invited the CTSA to send a representative to an October meeting of the bishops' Committee on Doctrine to discuss implementation of the profession/oath.

In an effort to set up a network of information contacts have been established with other societies in the United States, Canada, Britain and with the European, Australasian and South African theological societies. The CTSA Report on the Profession/Oath has been received quite favorably by the Canadian bishops and the British Theological Society.

Statement "Do Not Extinguish the Spirit." A final version of this statement was prepared by members of the Society. It was then sent to all the members to be endorsed or not. Eighty percent of those responding approved the statement and its being published. The forty percent response from the members is considered very good for this type of vote requested by mail with only two weeks to respond. The statement has been endorsed by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and by the College Theology Society.

Relation with the NCEA's Seminary Division. Once again this year Robert Wister of the Seminary Division of the NCEA wrote to seminary professors to encourage them to join the CTSA. As a result of this letter some twenty seminary professors applied for and were admitted to active membership.

Executive Secretary. In response to the search for someone to fill the newly activated office of Executive Secretary a couple of members offered to serve. The search committee (Principe, Buckley, Patrick, Konerman, and Hines) eventually chose Michael McGinniss of La Salle University. The President then appointed him to serve a five-year term.

As soon as McGinniss returns from Rome in July, the Treasurer, Mary Hines, will work with him to begin setting up the office. In a gradual process through the rest of the year, various operations from the office of the Treasurer and the Business Office (now being handled by the Secretary) will be transferred to the office of the Executive Secretary.

New Editor of the "Proceedings." Again the search committee (Principe, Buckley, Patrick, Konerman, Hines, and Kilcourse) received responses from several fine candidates. The choice fell on Paul Crowley of Santa Clara University.

The President expressed the gratitude of the Society to the retiring editor, George Kilcourse, for his many years of fine service. The members assembled concurred with a warm round of applause. And then they warmly greeted the new editor.

A new Directory will be published in 1992. This will be done at Bellarmine College in Louisville under the supervision of George Kilcourse.

Centenary of "Rerum Novarum." Copies of this year's program were sent to Archbishop Mahoney and Bishop Malone to show them how the centenary of *Rerum Novarum* was being marked during our convention. It was also pointed out in the cover letter that social issues were involved in very many areas of theology treated in the convention. Replies have been received from both bishops.

JCCLSS. Donald Buggert continues to be the CTSA representative to the Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies and Scholars. He reported that the Joint Committee of Bishops and Scholars sponsored another colloquium, this one in September, 1990, in Chicago, on contemporary theological reflection on the theology of reception. Plans for the future include colloquia in the Southwest and in the East.

Thanks to Past President. Finally, the President expressed his gratitude and that of the whole Society to the retiring Past-President, Anne Patrick, for her leadership as President and for all that she has done for the Society during the past years. Including her two years as a Board Member, Anne Patrick has served on the Board of Directors for the past six years.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

The resolutions committee (Vice-President, ex officio, as chair; James Coriden, and Michael Place) received only one proposed resolution before the convention. The committee decided not to put this resolution on the agenda of the business meeting.

The Vice-President, Lisa Cahill, as chair of the resolutions committee, then spoke a few words of caution and guidance about proposing resolutions. In their separate discussions, both the resolutions committee and the Board of Directors have noted that several of the resolutions proposed and adopted in recent years have been rather costly both in terms of funding (the resolutions concerning the Profession/Oath and the statement "Do Not Extinguish the Spirit" resulted in the expenditure of \$13,000 of Special Projects funds) and in terms of the time and energy expended by the members of these special committees. There has also been a shift in the nature and purpose of the proposed resolutions from internal affairs to social, political matters.

Granted that sometimes a project such as the report on the Profession/Oath may be urgently needed and well worth the cost in time, energy, and money; still, in considering whether to propose a resolution for the convention business meeting we would do well to remember that the CTSA is a scholarly, theological society; to ask about the intent of the resolution, the audience addressed, the likely effectiveness of the action; to calculate the cost in terms of the time spent in discussing and debating the proposal at the convention itself and in terms of the time and energy and funds required in carrying out the proposal. There may often be more appropriate, more effective, and less costly ways for us as scholars to respond to various situations.

Resolution Proposed. After the Vice-President concluded these remarks, Joseph Martos proposed a resolution (not accepted earlier by the committee) that CTSA members assembled here in convention make public their perception that the military action of the U.S. government and its allies in the recent "Gulf War" was not morally justifiable according to the criteria of the just war theory. In a vote by ballot *this resolution was not accepted for discussion* by one third of the members present.

No other resolutions were proposed.

New Business

Peter Chirico raised a question (deriving from the earlier round table discussions in the third plenary session) about the possibility of having a convention program entirely focussed on "one perspective" (e.g., Hispanic, or feminist, or African-American). He requested a "straw vote." A majority of the members seemed to favor this suggestion. Michael Cook then suggested the possibility of the "Hispanic Perspective" for the 1993 convention in San Antonio.

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

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