

Appendix C

KARL RAHNER SOCIETY BREAKFAST

The Karl Rahner Society (KRS) business breakfast took place on Saturday, June 13, with approximately sixty members present. It was announced that the KRS will use the "call for papers" method now employed by the AAR. Participants are asked to send a one-page paper proposal by October 16, 1992, to William M. Thompson, Theology Department, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA 15282. The papers will be circulated to the current KRS steering committee (Thompson, Michael Fahey, Sixto Garcia, Pamela Kirk, Mary Maher, Andrew Tallon) and the appropriate papers will be chosen for next year's session within two weeks. A call for papers mailing will be sent out to all members (approximately 150 of them) shortly after the convention.

It was also announced that Duquesne University is planning an international conference on Rahner in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of his death for sometime in 1994. The conference will be interdisciplinary, and paper proposals should be sent to Thompson as soon as possible. Many of the papers will hopefully be published in a volume by the Duquesne University Press. It is hoped to bring speakers of an international Rahner reputation to the conference as well.

Michael Fahey handed out copies of Roman Siebenrock's "Mitteilungen aus dem Karl-Rahner-Archiv" (*Zeit. Kath. Theol.* 110 [1988]). He then presented a brief explanation of this article, which details the holdings and needs of the Rahner Archives at the University of Innsbruck. Members were able to gain a sense of key Rahner resources for future research.

Andrew Tallon proposed that in exchange for modest and reasonable dues members would receive an annual subscription to the quarterly journal *Philosophy & Theology* (edited by the Departments of Philosophy and Theology at Marquette University). The journal published last year's KRS papers, and it is now proposed that it will devote an entire issue to Rahner and the KRS. It is hoped to publish approximately six papers on Rahner in the issue, as well as a KRS "Bulletin" (to be edited by Melvin Michalski of St. Francis Seminary). The journal will send out advance copies of the papers for the annual CTSA convention gathering as well. *Members should note that there is now the possibility of publishing approximately six articles on Rahner annually, rather than only the one or two chosen for discussion at the CTSA convention.*

There was a vigorous round table discussion on Tallon's proposal, as well as on the topic(s) for next year's gathering, together with an evaluation of this year's academic gathering. Each table reported through a recorder. It was agreed

that we have not yet found the best way to hold our academic gatherings. The problem is not enough time, thus far, for the level of participation needed. We are on the right track with advance reading of papers. But the steering committee was asked to consider a further range of options: limits of one or two papers, beginning immediately with questions, eliminating a formal response, use of a small group approach, keeping a respondent, and beginning only with the response.

The members practically unanimously accepted Tallon's proposal for dues and the annual subscription to the journal. Further information will be forthcoming. The membership list is being revised, and mailings will soon follow. It was agreed that something concerning ecumenism, the intercultural, and evangelization will be appropriate topics for next year's convention (the overall theme is planned around these topics). Members suggested studies of Rahner's and Fries' *Unity of the Churches*, of the world church, of anonymous Christianity, of world religions, of ecclesiology in Rahner, of the relation between evangelization and dialogue, of the shape of the Church of the future, and of the theme of unity and diversity in Rahner's theory of symbolism. (Something of relevance to the issue of Hispanic theology would also be appropriate, given the location of next year's convention, it was later suggested.)

The breakfast was a most enjoyable experience. It was clear that membership is growing (close to doubling in one year). Many of us were deeply formed by Rahner's thought, and find it necessary and helpful to reassess the "permanent" validity of his work. The breakfast, as always, ended with several anecdotes about Rahner himself.

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