

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its fiftieth annual convention 8-11 June 1995 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. The theme of the convention was "Evil and Hope." Registration for the convention began at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, June 8. From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. that afternoon there were two preconvention seminars: the Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology and a Seminar on the Criteria of Catholic Theology. Following these seminars the Continuum Publishing Group hosted a preconvention reception.

In the opening session on Thursday evening Bishop Patrick J. Sheridan, the vicar general of the Archdiocese of New York, welcomed the convention participants in the name of Cardinal John O'Connor. Then, to mark the Society's fiftieth anniversary the opening evening's prayer took the form of a celebratory remembrance of the communion of the saints, especially of those who have engaged in the ministry of theology before us. Paul Covino (College of the Holy Cross) presided at the ceremony, assisted by Reader Judith Merkle (Xavier University), Pianist Kevin O'Neil (Washington Theological Union) and a schola of Fordham University graduate theology students. After the anniversary celebration David Tracy delivered the first plenary address. The evening concluded with a reception hosted by St. John's University, College of Mount Saint Vincent, Maryknoll School of Theology, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Manhattan College, St. Joseph's College, Manhattanville College, Fordham University, Molloy College, Iona College, St. Francis College, Saint Peter's College, Caldwell College, Felician College, St. Joseph's Seminary, and the College of New Rochelle.

Besides the opening prayer ceremony, there were other "anniversary moments" throughout the convention program to celebrate the CTSA's fiftieth anniversary. The convention itself was held in the same basic hotel, the 1946 Commodore Hotel, in which the founding group held the first convention. The local arrangements committee arranged for decor that marked high points of the CTSA history and identity. Displayed near the registration desk throughout the convention were an enlarged photograph of the founders, the program of the first convention, a photocopy of the 1961 charter from the University of the State of New York, the banner with the armorial seal, an analysis of the membership of the CTSA over the past fifty years, and lists of the presidents, the recipients of

the Cardinal Spellman and the John Courtney Murray awards, the published research reports, and various "firsts" in the history of the CTSA.

The plenary session on Friday morning opened with a roll call of past presidents. On Saturday morning the plenary session began with a roll call of the Cardinal Spellman/John Courtney Murray award recipients. At the conclusion of the convention liturgy John Wright (Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley) offered a blessing prayer over the Catholic Theological Society of America. The prayer was composed by Harry Corcoran (Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley), one of the founding members, who because of illness was unable to attend the convention. At the convention banquet there was an anniversary toast as well as a commemorative booklet.

Following the banquet there was an after-dinner roundtable of raconteurs, Past Presidents Richard McCormick, Luke Salm, Francis Fiorenza, Monika Hellwig, Michael Scanlon, and Anne Patrick, who regaled us with tales from the Society's history.

The convention's Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 10, at St. Francis Xavier Church on 16th Street. President Roger Haight was the celebrant. The convention banquet followed the liturgy. Toward the end of the banquet President Haight read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and the medal to John Carmody and Denise Carmody.

After lunch on Friday, June 9, the resolutions committee held a "hearing" for a discussion of resolutions that had been submitted for consideration and action at the annual business meeting. The annual business meeting was held in the late afternoon on Friday, June 9. The President's Reception for New Members immediately followed the business meeting. On various days during the convention there were also special meetings and luncheons or breakfasts for such groups as the graduate program directors, the Women's Seminar, the Rahner Society, and the editorial board of *Theological Studies*.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

PLENARY SESSIONS

The convention program included four plenary sessions including the presidential address.

1. "Evil and Hope: Foundational Systematic Perspectives"
Address: David Tracy, University of Chicago
Response: Shawn Copeland, Marquette University
2. "Evil and Hope: Foundational Moral Perspectives"
Address: Susan Ross, Loyola University, Chicago
Response: David Hollenbach, Boston College
3. "Evil and Hope: Spiritual and Pastoral Perspectives"
Address: Jon Sobrino, Universidad Centroamericana
Response: Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego

4. "Fifty Years of Theology"

Presidential Address: Roger Haight, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Each of the first three plenary sessions had a follow-up seminar scheduled on the final morning of the convention.

1. "Evil and Hope: Foundational Systematic Perspectives"

Moderator: Anthony Godzieba, Villanova University

Panelists: David Tracy, University of Chicago

Shawn Copeland, Marquette University

David Burrell, University of Notre Dame

Nancy Ring, Le Moyne University

David Power, Catholic University of America

2. "Evil and Hope: Foundational Moral Perspectives"

Moderator: Bryan Massingale, St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee

Panelists: Susan Ross, Loyola University, Chicago

David Hollenbach, Boston College

Margaret Farley, Yale University

John Boyle, University of Iowa

Richard McCormick, University of Notre Dame

3. "Evil and Hope: Spiritual and Pastoral Perspectives"

Moderator: Elizabeth Dreyer, Washington Theological Union

Panelists: Jon Sobrino, Universidad Centroamericana

Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego

Alfred Hennelly, Fordham University

Monika Hellwig, Georgetown University

Gregory Baum, McGill University

GROUP MEETINGS

Besides the plenary sessions with their follow-up seminars and the two preconvention seminars there were forty group meetings scheduled for single sessions in the morning and afternoon of the two full days. Some of these were continuing special interest groups or research seminars; others were workshops or presentations arranged only for this year's convention.

*Thursday Afternoon, June 8*1. *Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology*

Topic: Evil and Hope: Womanist/Feminist Contributions

Convener: Ann O'Hara Graff, Loyola University, Chicago

Panelists: Morny Joy, University of Calgary

Susan St. Ville, St. Lawrence University, Canton NY

Cynthia Crysdale, Catholic University of America

Jeanette Rodriquez, Seattle University

2. *Seminar on Criteria of Catholic Theology*
 Topic: The Criteria of Catholic Theology
 Conveners: Matthew Lamb, Boston College
 Robert Imbelli, St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie
 Presenter: Avery Dulles, Fordham University

Friday Morning, June 9

1. *Philosophical Theology*
 Topic: Diverse Readings of Evil: Philosophical Underpinnings
 Moderator: Joan Nuth, John Carroll University
 Presenter: Michael Vertin, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
2. *Christology*
 Convener: Thomas West, College of St. Catherine
 Topic: The Christology of Piet Schoonenberg
 Presenter: Ralph Del Colle, Barry University
3. *Sacramental and Liturgical Theology*
 Convener: Prudence Croke, Salve Regina University
 Topic: Edward Kilmartin's Vision of the Future of Eucharistic Theology
 Moderator: Lillian Bozak-DeLeo, Molloy College, Rockville Centre NY
 Presenter: Robert Daly, Boston College
4. *Karl Rahner Society*
 Convener: Robert L. Masson, Marquette University
 Topic: Karl Rahner on Tragedy and Apokatastasis
 Moderator: Mary E. Hines, Emmanuel College, Boston
 Presenters: Paul Crowley, Santa Clara University
 "Rahner's Christian Pessimism"
 Carmel McEnroy, St. Meinrad School of Theology
 "Hope for Us All? Rahner and Apokatastasis"
5. *Catholic Social Teaching*
 Convener: Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
 Topic: The Evil of Violence
 Moderator: Thomas Poundstone, University of Notre Dame
 Presenters: William George, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion,
 University of Chicago: "Gun Violence in the United States"
 M. Cathleen Kaveny, Ropes & Gray Law Firm, Boston: "The Legal
 Case Against Violence Against Abortion Providers"
6. *North American Contextual Theology*
 Convener: John J. Markey, Graduate Theological Union
 Topic: The Ideological and Philosophical Sources of Evil and Hope in
 American Culture: Reflections on *Keeping the Faith* by Cornel West
 Presenters: Elizabeth Linehan, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia
 Stephen Bevens, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
 William D. Lindsey, Belmont NC

- Respondent: Author Cornel West, Harvard University
7. *Moral Theology*
 Topic: Heterosexism
 Moderator: Russell Connors, St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland
 Presenter: Patricia Beattie Jung, Wartburg Theological Seminary
 Respondent: James Hanigan, Duquesne University
 8. *The Church and Antisemitism*
 Topic: The Holocaust as a Metaphor for Evil: Responsibility and the Church
 Moderator: Gerard Sloyan, Catholic University of America
 Presenter: Ronald Modras, Saint Louis University
 Respondent: Eugene Fisher, USCC Secretary for Catholic Jewish Relations,
 Washington DC
 9. *Comparative Theology*
 Topic: Evil and Hope in a Cross-Cultural Context: Reflections in Light of
 Hindu Goddess Worship
 Moderator: Francis X. Clooney, Boston College
 Presenter: Rachel McDermott, Barnard College
 Respondents: John Makransky, Boston College
 Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
 10. *American Catholic Experience*
 Convener: Charles L. Moutenot, Fordham University
 Topic: Who's Afraid of Religious Values: A Discussion of Stephen Carter's
The Culture of Disbelief
 Moderator: Mary Christine Athans, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul MN
 Presenters: Stephen Schafer, Belmont Abbey College
 Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University

At the last minute, because of illness and other unforeseen circumstances, the group meeting on American Catholic Experience had to be canceled. In its place the following meeting was substituted.

11. *Consultation on "Ex Corde Ecclesiae"*
 Convener: Monika Hellwig, Georgetown University

Friday Afternoon, June 9

1. *Trinitarian Theology*
 Convener: Joseph Bracken, Xavier University, Cincinnati
 Topic: God and the Problem of Evil
 Moderator: Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University
 Presenters: Emily Binns, Villanova University: "On Teilhard de Chardin"
 James McCartney, Villanova University: "On Norman Pittinger"
 Joseph Bracken, Xavier University, Cincinnati: "On Marjorie Suchocki"
 Respondent: Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University

2. *Theology in a Seminary Context*
Convener: John Farrelly, De Sales School of Theology, Washington DC
Topic: Philosophy within Theology in View of the Foundationalism Dispute
Moderator: Roger McGrath, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore
Presenters: Jack Bonsor, St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park CA
Thomas Guarino, Seton Hall University
3. *Cosmology*
Topic: Evil and Hope: In Dialogue with Cosmology
Moderator: Robin Ryan, St. John's Seminary, Brighton MA
Presenter: James Pambrun, St. Paul University, Ottawa
4. *Sacramental Theology*
Topic: *In Persona Christi*: Conflict of Interpretations
Moderator: Shawn Madigan, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul MN
Panelists: Dennis Ferrara, Washington DC
Sara Butler, Mundelein Seminary
C. Gerard Austin, Catholic University of America
5. *Moral Theology*
Topic: U.S. Catholic Moral Theology: Historical Perspectives
Moderator: Thomas Kopfensteiner, Kenrick School of Theology, St. Louis
Presenters: Charles Curran, Southern Methodist University: "Thomas J. Bouquillon: Americanist, Neo-Scholastic, or Manualist?"
Christine Hinze, Marquette University: "John A. Ryan: Theological Ethics and Political Engagement"
6. *Patristic Theology*
Convener: Kenneth B. Steinhauser, Saint Louis University
Topic: Theology of Martyrdom: From the New Testament to Origen's *An Exhortation to Martyrdom*
Presenter: Lauren Pristas, Benedictine College, Atchison KS
7. *Theology and Modern Literature*
Topic: Flannery O'Connor: Evil and Hope in the Catholic Imagination
Moderator: Diana Culbertson, Kent State University
Presenters: Annette Moran, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley: "Meditation on Hope: Violence and Dismemberment"
Irwin Streight, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada: "Christ's Back: The Turn to Evil or Grace"
George Kilcourse, Bellarmine College: "Everything Off Balance: Flannery O'Connor's Christ"
8. *Balthasar Society*
Topic: Discussion of *The Pattern of Redemption: The Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar*
Moderator: David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute, Washington DC
Presenter: Edward Oakes, New York University
Respondent: Mark McIntosh, Loyola University, Chicago

9. *Practical Theology*

Convener: Mark Poorman, University of Notre Dame

Topic: Methods in Practical Theology:

Suffering and Hope in Three Case Studies

Presenters: Allan F. Deck, Loyola Marymount University:

"Leadership Development Among Latinos: New Hope"

Mark Poorman and Regina Coll, University of Notre Dame:

"Women in Theology and Ministry: Pain and Promise"

Patricia Smith and Patricia Reilly, Mercy Medical Center, Baltimore:

"Bereavement: Loss and Gain"

10. *Black Catholic Theology*

Convener: Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Topic: "Rivers of Nihilism, Streams of Hope":

Theological Responses to Cornel West's *Race Matters*

Moderator: Carmichael Peters, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

Brian Massingale, St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee

Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University NY

Respondent: Author Cornel West, Harvard University

*Saturday Morning, June 10*1. *Theological Anthropology*

Convener: Mary Catherine Hilkert, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis

Topic: Evil and Hope: Dilemmas for Theological Anthropology

Presenters: Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne University: "Ecological Lament"

Anne King-Lenzmeier, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul MN:

"Confronting Nihilism"

2. *Ecclesiology*

Convener: Susan Wood, St. John's University, Collegeville MN

Topic: Catholicity: Local and Universal Church

Presenter: Joseph Komonchak, Catholic University of America

Respondent: John Erickson, St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary

3. *Medieval Theology*

Convener: Katherine TePas, LaSalle University

Topic: Options for Universal Salvation in the West?

Presenters: Peter Casarella, Catholic University of America:

"Nicholas of Cusa: Christ's Vision of Death among the Damned"

Katherine TePas, LaSalle University:

"Julian of Norwich: All Will Be Well"

Respondent: John Cavadini, University of Notre Dame

4. *Moral Theology*

Conveners: Richard Sparks, Paulist Press

Dolores Christie, Ursuline College, Cleveland

Topic: Intrinsic Evil: The Tradition, the Debate,
and Some Effort at Resolution

Presenters: Michael Place, Archdiocese of Chicago
Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

5. *Comparative Theology*

Convener: James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University

Topic: The Theological Significance of Islam

Presenters: John Kelsay, Florida State University:

"Islam as a Political Theology"

Daniel P. Sheridan, Loyola University, New Orleans:

"Christian Faith's Judgment of Muhammad as a Prophet"

Respondent: James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University

6. *Theology and the Natural Sciences*

Convener: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory Research Group,
University of Arizona

Topic: Providence in an Indeterministic World

Moderator: Cecilia Ranger, Marylhurst College, Marylhurst OR

Presenter: John H. Wright, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

7. *Feminism and Catholic Theology*

Topic: Lonergan and Feminism

Moderator: Cynthia Crysdale, Catholic University of America,
Editor of *Lonergan and Feminism*

Presenters: Contributors to the volume:

Elizabeth Morelli, Loyola Marymount University

Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Respondent: William Loewe, Catholic University of America

8. *Christianity and the Holocaust*

Topic: God and Humanity in Auschwitz

Moderator: Cornelia Schutz, Boston College

Presenter: Donald J. Dietrich, Boston College

Respondents: Mary Boys, Union Theological Seminary, New York

John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

9. *The Domestic Church*

Convener: Susan Secker, Seattle University

Topic: Family as Domestic Church

Presenters: Presentations by Panel Members;

Open discussion of the research of the task force

10. *Panel: Undergraduate Teaching*

Convener: John J. Mueller, Saint Louis University

Topic: How to Teach Evil and Hope in the Classroom

Saturday Afternoon, June 10

1. *Method in Theology*
 Convener: Margaret Campbell, Holy Names College
 Topic: Is Theodicy an Evil?
 Responses to *The Evils of Theodicy* by Terence Tilley
 Moderator: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross
 Presenters: Anne Patrick, Carleton College
 Peter Phan, Catholic University of America
 Respondents: Author Terence Tilley, University of Dayton
2. *Hispanic/Latino Theology*
 Convener: Orlando Espín, University of San Diego
 Topic: Epistemological Issues in Latino Theologies
 Moderator: Jeanette Rodriguez, Seattle University
 Presenters: Otto Maduro, Drew University
 Orlando Espín, University of San Diego
3. *Soteriology*
 Topic: The Cross of Christ: Evil's Transformation into Hope
 Moderator: John Connelly, Sacred Heart Parish, Newton, MA
 Presenter: William B. Frazier, Maryknoll School of Theology.
 Respondent: Regina Bechtle, Sisters of Charity Center,
 Mount St. Vincent NY
4. *Sacramental Theology*
 Topic: Construction of the Self in Liturgical and Sacramental Theology
 Moderator: Mary Barbara Agnew, Villanova University
 Presenters: Donald Gelpi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
 Theresa Koernke, Washington Theological Union
 Xavier John Seubert, Villanova University
5. *Renaissance/Modern Theology*
 Convener: Zachary Hayes, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
 Topic: Development of Catholic Theology in North America
 in the First Fifty Years of the Twentieth Century
 Presenter: Gerald Fogarty, University of Virginia
 Respondent: Michael Himes, Boston College
6. *Spirituality*
 Convener: Elizabeth E. Carr, Smith College
 Topic: Living with Hope in the Face of Evil
 Presenters: Jon Sobrino, Universidad Centroamericana
 Rosemary Haughton, Wellspring House, Gloucester MA
7. *Theology and Communication Theory*
 Convener: Bernard Bonnot, Brooklyn NY
 Topic: The Trinity and Communications
 Presenter: John R. Sachs, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

8. *John Henry Newman*

Topic: Newman's Conversion, 1845-1995

Moderator: Gerard Magill, Saint Louis University

Presenters: John Ford, Catholic University of America

John Connolly, Loyola Marymount University

Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College PA

Gerard Magill, Saint Louis University

9. *Catholic Ethics*

Topic: Theological Ethics and Civil Society

Moderator: Philip Chmielewski, Loyola University, Chicago

Presenters: Peter Casarella, Catholic University of America

Michael Schuck, Loyola University, Chicago

Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

William O'Neill, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Catherine Halvey, University of Chicago

10. *John Courtney Murray Group*

Convener: Leon Hooper, Woodstock Theological Center

Topic: The Ethics of Citizenship and Economic Reality

Presenters: Barbara H. Andolsen, Monmouth College NJ

Dennis McCann, DePaul University

Thomas O'Brien, St. Bernard's Institute, Rochester NY

George Weigel, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington DC

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD

For the first time in the fifty-year history of the Catholic Theological Society of America, the John Courtney Murray Award is being given jointly to two theologians. Their work, both individually and in collaboration with each other, is virtually a compendium of contemporary Catholic thought. It ranges from systematic theology to world religions, from spirituality to Christian ethics, from scriptural studies to matters of ecology, peace and justice. They have, moreover, sought to address a wide variety of audiences, from their peers in the academy to the educated public. Their work includes textbook surveys along with scholarly studies, popular lectures as well as specialist explorations. In all these they have opened to us the multiplicity of human "ways to the center."

The giving of this year's prize is symbolic of many changes that have taken place in the Church at large and in our Society since its founding in 1946. While not the first laypersons to receive it, our awardees are the first husband and wife "team" to be so honored. It is significant that their theological achievements are here being recognized by a group that was for years made up entirely of male clerics. In this jubilee year, the CTSA happily affirms its own greater catholicity, embracing the vitality and diversity of the people of God. It also proclaims once more the incarnate character of theology itself as it honors Denise and John Carmody.

The Carmodys' biographies likewise mirror the changing history of the contemporary American Church. Nurtured in the Irish Catholic culture of the East Coast (Baltimore and Boston), they received their early spiritual and intellectual formation in religious communities (the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Jesuits). Denise had completed her Ph.D. at Boston College and had begun teaching at Notre Dame of Maryland when John, who had earlier studied at B.C., Weston, and Woodstock, chose to pursue doctoral studies at Stanford University. It was during this time that they decided, after much prayer and inner searching, to unite their lives and careers. Leaving behind the security of the familiar (and the institutional support of the Church they loved), they set out with the courage of faith on a risky journey, together.

This decision led them into new fields of study and different academic venues, including territory formerly closed to Catholic theologians. It led to joint teaching positions at public universities, such as Penn State, Wichita State, and later to a private institution, the University of Tulsa. It also launched a publishing career of amazing productivity: in less than two decades the Carmodys have authored, coauthored, or edited an astonishing total of fifty-five books, not to mention a host of articles, essays, and published lectures.

Their horizons expanded geographically as well. Travel grants have enabled them to investigate the religious cultures of distant regions, from the former Soviet Union and the Far East to Europe, Egypt, and Australia. Now they have returned to one of their many points of departure, to California, where Denise Carmody is Bernard J. Hanley Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Santa Clara University and John Carmody is Senior Research Fellow.

Throughout their many journeys, inner and outer, they have sought to integrate the Catholic view of life with the perspectives opened up by other traditions. While bringing the wisdom of Catholicism to bear on current issues, they have enriched that wisdom with insights drawn from far-ranging sources, from the religions of oral cultures to the major world faiths, Eastern and Western. They have drawn on their own lived experience (as well as others') to write eloquently of Christian marriage. In this they have ably fulfilled the theologian's task of critically yet faithfully interpreting the Church's tradition. In all their inquiries they have been moved by the profoundly Catholic conviction that an authentic life and Christian faith are fully compatible; that "the truest self, the truest God" will finally be found together.

Denise and John have also made the communicating of religious knowledge a primary concern, vigorously promoting imaginative teaching at the college level. Not only have their many textbooks made "Carmody and Carmody" a household name in the field of religious studies, but they have taken a leading role in the "Academic Teaching of Religion" section at the annual convention of the American Academy of Religion. Thanks largely to the Carmodys' influence, these seminars have been characterized by a down-to-earth practicality.

Their individual accomplishments are hardly less remarkable than their joint ventures. Denise, besides being a frequent guest lecturer at many institutions (and recipient of one of the AAR's Master Teacher Awards), has also aided significantly in bringing the work of Catholic theologians to the attention of a wide public. She did this formerly through the Warren Lectures at the University of Tulsa and now through a similar series at Santa Clara. In several books and lectures, Denise has examined the treatment of women in the world's religions from the standpoint of a self-critical feminism. She has likewise been very active in ecumenical relations, particularly as part of the Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue. Her sparkling personality in combination with an acute awareness of people has enabled her to fill with distinction a number of administrative roles, including the one she now holds.

John Carmody's theological works have ranged from studies of Lonergan and Rahner to the "encyclical theology" of Pope John Paul II. Still more recently he has criticized popular contemporary versions of male spirituality, proposing instead his own vision of an authentic masculinity based on the Christian tradition. Tackling as well the concrete problems of living, he has composed mass-market books on *How to Get through the Day* and *How to Handle Trouble*. In the past three years, his meditations on his own ongoing struggle with cancer have brought a deep personal faith to bear on the mystery of suffering, illness, and death. His calm, good humor and persevering creativity in the midst of sickness are an inspiration to all. It seems entirely fitting that he should be honored at a convention whose theme of hope in the face of evil he has not only speculated on, but lived.

It is with joy that the Catholic Theological Society of America presents this year's John Courtney Murray Award to John and Denise Carmody.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Roger Haight called the annual business meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. on Friday, June 9. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

William Madges, chair of the committee on admissions, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Mary Maher, Charles Moutenot, Katherine TePas, and the secretary of the CTSA.

From approximately 100 initial inquiries during the year eighty-seven applications were returned. In its review the committee found that all eighty-seven were qualified for membership: sixty-five for active membership and twenty-two for associate membership. Five of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Thirty-eight of the new members, both active and associate, are women.

The committee recommended that these eighty-seven applicants be admitted to the Society. The CTSA members present at the business meeting approved the committee's recommendation by a voice vote. The president asked the new members who were present at the convention to stand to be recognized. They were greeted by a round of applause. The president then invited the new members to the president's reception for new members immediately following the business meeting. Brief biographic entries and addresses of the new members will be found in the directory update in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Committee on Nominations

Daniel Finn, chair of the committee on nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were J. Michael Joncas and Paul Lakeland. The nominees proposed by the committee were:

- Vice President: Mary Ann Donovan, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
Matthew L. Lamb, Boston College
- Secretary: Edward Konerman, Loyola University, Chicago
- Treasurer: Roger McGrath, St. Mary's Seminary and University
- Board Members: Mary Ellen Sheehan, University of St. Michael's College
Michael Slusser, Duquesne University
Terrence Tilley, University of Dayton
Susan K. Wood, St. John's University, Collegeville

There were no nominations from the floor. Mary Ann Donovan was elected vice president. Mary Ellen Sheehan and Terrence Tilley were elected board members on the third and fourth ballots respectively. Roger McGrath and Edward Konerman were elected by applause.

Elizabeth Johnson becomes the new President for 1995-1996. William Thompson becomes the president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Roger Haight as past president and Shawn Copeland and Peter Phan as board members.

President's Report

1. At its meeting last October the board of directors had received a draft statement of policy for the CTSA archives which Jon Nilson had prepared. The president then appointed an archives committee (Robert Wister as chair, Patricia O'Connell Killen and Edward Konerman). The board has now approved the policy statement for the archives. This policy statement can be found in an appendix in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

At this point in the meeting a point of order was raised to ask whether this business meeting was closed to the press and, if it was, why. After the

president indicated the board's reasons for the closed meeting, a motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the press. The motion was carried, and the representatives of the press were invited to enter.

2. Paul Crowley, editor of the *Proceedings*, will resign after taking care of this year's volume. Following a search for a new editor and discussion by the board of several applicants, the president followed the board's recommendation and appointed Judith A. Dwyer (St. John's University) editor of the *Proceedings* as of 1996.

3. A new directory is planned for 1996 or 1997. The president has appointed Mark Johnson (St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer IN) editor of this new directory.

4. Last fall the NCCB *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* Implementation Committee initiated a round of dialogues between the bishops and Catholic colleges and universities and Catholic learned societies to explore how the Bishops of the U.S. might best implement ECE. Terrence Toland, S.J., was named project director for the NCCB committee. With the encouragement of Toland the CTSA President appointed an ad hoc committee (Monika Hellwig as chair, James Provost and Roger McGrath) to consult with Toland and to seek to be of assistance, if possible, by supplying theological input. Toland and the committee members have been present at the convention and have held a couple of consultation sessions in order to listen to feedback from CTSA members regarding some recommendations the committee had developed. The ad hoc committee will continue to work with Toland.

5. The Council of Societies for the Study of Religion (CSSR) has asked whether the CTSA would like to offer *Religious Studies Review* to CTSA members at a special subscription rate. If all CTSA members were to receive the RSR the cost would be \$8.00 a year for each member. Another possible option that can be explored with the CSSR is to have a checkoff on the CTSA dues notice by which individual members could indicate their wish to receive the RSR. The price (between \$8.00 and \$36.00) would still have to be negotiated. Since many CTSA members already receive the RSR through their membership in some other professional society, the Board will explore the second option.

6. The secretary, Edward Konerman, informed the board that he would like to retire from his office at the time of the 1996 convention in San Diego. A search for a new secretary will be initiated and announced in the CSSR *Bulletin* and in the January president's letter. Members are invited already to submit applications or nominations for the office of secretary to the new president or eventually to the search committee.

7. The board and the membership want to thank Anne Patrick for her fine work in producing the new brochure on the CTSA. The secretary can report that already the new brochure has yielded about twenty applicants for membership for next year.

President-Elect's Report

1. President-Elect Elizabeth Johnson reported that there are 576 full registrations and forty-three one-day registrations for this convention. This makes this convention the largest by far in CTSA history.

There has been some discomfort with the expense entailed in this convention, especially with the high cost of meals. But it should be kept in mind that this fiftieth convention is being held here in New York City and at this hotel because the very first CTSA convention was held here when the hotel was the Commodore. The board of directors is not insensitive to the expenses connected with conventions. Next year the convention in San Diego will not be as expensive. Also, the board is continuing to look into the possibilities of holding a convention at a college or university.

2. This year is the first year in which the new convention format is being followed. The forty breakout sessions include six arranged for this convention by the president-elect, nine selected for this convention by the convention program committee (the president-elect and the four elected board members) from the responses to the call for papers, and twenty-five small groups. The twenty-five small groups include eighteen "perennial" special interest groups that continue from year to year so long as attendance is maintained, three research groups with a three-year life span that is renewable if the research warrants it, and four "annuals" (in counterdistinction to "perennials") that are developing groups that must request a place on the program each year and may eventually become a new special interest group.

3. Harry Corcoran, one of the founding members, was scheduled to offer a prayer of blessing for the CTSA at the end of the convention liturgy. However, he was ill and could not attend. John Wright, a colleague of Corcoran's at Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, offered the prayer composed by Corcoran. The text of the prayer can be found in the fiftieth anniversary commemorative section in this volume of the *Proceedings* (286).

St. Francis Xavier parish, where the convention liturgy will be celebrated has great outreach programs. CTSA members were urged to be generous in their offertory contributions.

4. All those attending the convention were encouraged to fill out and turn in the convention-evaluation forms. Convention planners take these evaluations seriously. The moderators of the twenty-five small groups should also return reports on their groups' sessions to the treasurer, Roger McGrath.

5. The deadline for reports and papers for this year's *Proceedings* is June 26.

6. The president-elect expressed her thanks to Maryanne Stevens for her fine work in preparing for and "managing" the convention, her first as executive secretary. She also expressed her thanks to Edward Zukowski and his local arrangements committee for the outstanding job they did not only for the usual local arrangements but also for all the anniversary details. The assembled members expressed their appreciation and thanks with a round of applause.

Vice President's Report

1. Vice President William Thompson reported that there was nothing to report at this time from the Research and Publications Committee.

2. The vice president then reported on his planning for next year's convention. The convention will take place 6-9 June at the Doubletree Hotel at Horton Plaza in San Diego. The theme for the convention will be "Toward a Spirited Theology: Pneumatology's Challenge to the Theological Disciplines."

The speakers and topics are set for the three plenary sessions:

—John R. Sachs: Pneumatology's Challenge to Systematics

—Elizabeth Ann Dreyer: Pneumatological Challenges from the History of Theology and Spirituality

—Philip S. Keane: Pneumatology's Challenge to Moral Theology

There will be room in the program for approximately eight sessions initiated by CTSA members in response to the Call for Papers. The page of instructions for proposing such "Call for Papers" sessions was included in the Spring mailing.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roger McGrath commented on the financial report which had been prepared by the executive secretary, Maryanne Stevens, and was posted near the registration desk. He noted that the CTSA's financial situation was quite sound, but pointed out that as usual the cost of the convention exceeds the convention income.

Resolutions

1. *Statement about Carmel McEnroy's Dismissal*

In preparation for the board's meeting and for the convention's business meeting President Haight appointed an ad hoc committee (John Boyle as chair, James Coriden and Mary Hines) to draft a resolution or statement concerning the dismissal of Carmel McEnroy. The committee prepared a four-page statement which the board discussed and after some minor amendments adopted unanimously as a statement of the board of directors of the CTSA.

This statement of the board had already been sent to Cardinal Keeler, the president of the NCCB. It will also be sent to Archabbot Timothy Sweeney, O.S.B., of St. Meinrad Abbey; Rev. Eugene Hensell, O.S.B., the president-rector of St. Meinrad School of Theology; to Dr. M. Carmel McEnroy, R.S.M., Ph.D.; to Bishop Donald Wuerl, chair of the NCCB Committee on Priestly Formation; and to Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, archbishop of Indianapolis.

But first the board wanted to present its statement to the CTSA members assembled in the business meeting, not to be further amended but simply to be endorsed (or not) as a statement not only of the board of directors but also of the CTSA at convention. After a few brief comments the question was called. *The*

statement was endorsed by a clear voice vote. The text of the statement can be found in the appendixes in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

2. Margaret Farley (Yale Divinity School) rose to propose the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the CTSA Board be instructed to request a review by the ATS (Association of Theological Schools) of St. Meinrad's dismissal of Carmel McEnroy; and that with this request the board forward to the ATS a copy of its statement in this regard.

This resolution was seconded and accepted for discussion by one-third of the members present. After some brief discussion *the resolution was passed by a clear voice vote.*

3. Harry McSorley (University of St. Michael's College) then rose to propose the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that on the basis of the statement of the CTSA on the dismissal of Sr. Carmel McEnroy, R.S.M., Ph.D., accepted by the Society at its fiftieth annual meeting held in New York City on June 9, 1995, the Society urge that existing provisions for due process be followed in the case of Carmel McEnroy and that she be reinstated pending the outcome of that process. The Society also wishes to state that despite the actions taken at St. Meinrad School of Theology, nothing has changed in the professional role of Dr. Carmel McEnroy. She is a Catholic theologian in good standing.

This resolution was seconded and accepted for discussion by one-third of the members present. *The resolution was passed by a clear voice vote.*

4. A resolution proposed by Joseph Martos (Spalding University) and accepted by the Resolutions Committee to be placed on the agenda of the business meeting reads as follows:

RESOLVED: that in this fiftieth anniversary year of the dropping of the first atomic bombs, we reaffirm what was said by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in their 1983 pastoral letter, *The Challenge of Peace*: "Under no circumstances may nuclear weapons or other instruments of mass slaughter be used for purposes of destroying population centers or other predominantly civilian targets" (127).

Harry McSorley offered a friendly amendment which was accepted by Joseph Martos. The friendly amendment proposed:

that after the words "what was said by the" there be inserted the words "Second Vatican Council in its Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*: 'Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities

or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and man' (80), and by the"

The resolution as amended was passed by a clear voice vote.

New Business

Thomas O'Meara rose to suggest that the board and the Society begin to give some thought to some other possible models for CTSA meetings. He mentioned as one possibility having plenary sessions every other year and holding regional meetings in the "off years."

With no other business to be addressed the president entertained a motion to adjourn. The business meeting of this fiftieth annual convention was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Early Saturday morning, the day after the business meeting, word was received of Cardinal Bernardin's illness. Before the start of the morning's plenary session President Haight presented to the assembly a motion that the CTSA fax a message of prayerful support to the cardinal. The motion was approved unanimously. The text of the message reads as follows:

Dear Cardinal Bernardin:

The theologians of the Catholic Theological Society of America wish you to know of their deep sorrow on learning the news of your illness. We stand in solidarity with you as you fight this disease. And we offer you our prayers, this evening at the Mass of the Blessed Trinity and thereafter, for your complete recovery and the return to your important ministry.

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