

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its fifty-first annual convention 6-9 June 1996 at the Doubletree Hotel at Horton Plaza in San Diego. The theme of the convention was "Toward A Spirited Theology: The Holy Spirit's Challenge to the Theological Disciplines." Registration for the convention took place from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. and from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 6.

In the opening session on Thursday evening Dr. Alice B. Hayes, President of the University of San Diego, offered the opening prayer. Most Reverend Robert H. Brom, Bishop of San Diego, then welcomed the convention participants to San Diego. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. The CTSA gratefully acknowledges the University of San Diego for its generous subsidy of various events of the convention.

After lunch on Friday, June 7 the Resolutions Committee held a "hearing" for a discussion of a CTSA position paper on infallibility and women's ordination and of other resolutions that had been submitted for consideration and action at the annual business meeting. The business meeting was held in the late afternoon of Friday, June 7. The President's Reception for New Members followed the business meeting. Later in the evening there was an Informal Colloquy on the Responsum ad Dubium regarding women and priestly ordination.

The convention's Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 8 at Our Lady of the Angels Church. Charles Curran, a past president of the CTSA, was the presider. President Elizabeth Johnson preached at the liturgy. The convention banquet followed the liturgy. Toward the end of the banquet President Johnson read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to David N. Power, O.M.I.

After the presentation of the John Courtney Murray Award, President Johnson presented a plaque to the retiring secretary Edward Konerman, in appreciation for his twenty years of service to the CTSA in the office of secretary. In his response the secretary saluted all the officers and board members with whom he had served, who served the Society and the Church so well in carrying out the trust invested in them by the CTSA membership. He expressed a special word of thanks to Luke Salm and the treasurers (Michael Scanlon, George Kilcourse and Mary Hines) and executive secretaries (Michael McGinniss and Maryanne Stevens) who made his work together with them throughout the year and during the conventions so very enjoyable. Finally, he thanked all the members of the CTSA for affording him the privilege and the pleasure of serving as Secretary.

On various days throughout the convention there were special meetings and luncheons or breakfasts for such groups as the graduate chairs/deans and program directors, the Women's Seminar, the Karl Rahner Society, and Theological Studies' Board of Editorial Consultants.

### CONVENTION PROGRAM

#### *Thursday, June 6*

##### 2:00-5:00 *Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology*

Topic: Practical Action and Postmodern Theory

Convener: Ann O'Hara Graff, Seattle University

##### 2:00-3:00 Practical Action: Report on Women's International Connections

Panelists: Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, Drew University, on the Beijing Conference  
Jeanette Rodriquez, Seattle University, on the meeting between Latin American Theologians in EATWOT and North American Hispanic Theologians

Mary Hines, Emmanuel College, on WOC and the Network of Women Theologians

##### 3:00-4:00 *Postmodern Theories: Moving from Experience to Theory*

Moderator: Susan St. Ville, St. Lawrence University

Panelists: Susan Simonaitis, North Central College of Du Page

Mary Gerhart, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

##### 4:00-5:00 Business Meeting

##### 7:30-9:30 *Opening and First Plenary Session*

Moderator: Elizabeth Johnson, CTSA President, Fordham University

Opening Prayer: Dr. Alice B. Hayes, President, University of San Diego

Welcoming Remarks: Most Rev. Robert H. Brom, Bishop of San Diego

Address: John Randall Sachs, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

"Do Not Stifle the Spirit!": The Legacy of Vatican II and Its Urgency for Theology Today

Respondent: Catherine Mowry LaCugna, University of Notre Dame

##### 9:30 *Reception*

#### *Friday Morning, June 7*

##### 9:00-10:30 *Second Plenary Session*

Moderator: Roger Haight, CTSA past president, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Address: Elizabeth Ann Dreyer, Washington Theological Union

Narratives of the Spirit: Recovering a Medieval Resource

Respondent: Joan M. Nuth, John Carroll University

11:00-12:30 *Group Meetings*

1. *The Holy Spirit and the Magisterium*  
Topic: The Holy Spirit's Assistance to the Magisterium in Teaching:  
Theological and Philosophical Issues  
Moderator: John Dool, Saint Thomas University, Fredericton NB  
Presenters: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto  
Michael Vertin, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
2. *The Holy Spirit in Art*  
Topic: Pneumatological Insights from the Arts:  
Slide Presentation with Commentary  
Coordinator: Julia Upton, St. John's University, NYC  
Moderator: Pamela Smith, University of Scranton  
Presenters: Albert C. Labriola, Duquesne University  
George S. Worgul, Jr., Duquesne University
3. *Method in Theology*  
Topic: The Spirit: Bond of Communion in a Community of Grace.  
Nature and Grace Revisited from a Communal Perspective.  
Convener: Shawn M. Copeland, Marquette University  
Moderator: Terrence W. Tilley, University of Dayton  
Presenter: Susan K. Wood, St. John's University, Collegeville  
Respondent: J. Michael Stebbins, Woodstock Center, Washington DC
4. *Spirituality*  
Topic: Authority, Leadership, and the Search for the Spirit  
Convener: Elizabeth E. Carr, Smith College  
Presenters: Brian O. McDermott, Weston Jesuit School of Theology  
Theresa Monroe, John F. Kennedy School of Government,  
Harvard University
5. *Sacramental and Liturgical Theology*  
Topic: The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Liturgy:  
A Conversation East and West  
Convener: Robert J. Daly, Boston College  
Moderator: Prudence Croke, Salve Regina University  
Presenters: Mary Barbara Agnew, Villanova University  
Pneumatology in Current Western Liturgical Theology  
Bruce T. Morrill, Boston College  
Pneumatology in the Work of Alexander Schmemmann
6. *North American Contextual Theology*  
Topic: Towards a Theology of the Imagination  
Convener: John J. Markey, Graduate Theological Union  
Moderator: Nancy Pineda, Graduate Theological Union  
Presenter: Alex Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley  
Respondents: William Spohn, Santa Clara University  
Gary Riebe-Estrella, Catholic Theological Union

7. *Ecumenical Colloquium on Yves Congar/Moral Theology*  
 Topic: The Holy Spirit and Morality: A Dynamic Alliance  
 Coordinator: Mary Theresa Moser, University of San Francisco  
 Moderator: Richard J. Beauchesne, Emmanuel College  
 Presenters: Mark E. Ginter, Sacred Heart School of Theology  
               J. Robert Nelson, Institute of Religion, Texas Medical Center  
               Michael Najim, Antiochene Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
               of North America
8. *Revelation and Ecclesiology*  
 Topic: The Holy Spirit as Interrupting Agent in the Church  
 Coordinator: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross  
 Colloquium Participants:  
 Presider: Susan Ross, Loyola University Chicago  
 Panelists: Gregory Baum, McGill University, Montreal  
               Rosanne Catalano, Institute for Jewish and Christian Studies, Baltimore  
               Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross  
               James B. Nickoloff, College of the Holy Cross
9. *Hispanic/Latino Theologies*  
 Topic: Panel on Eldin Villafane's *The Liberating Spirit*  
 Convener: Orlando Espin, University of San Diego  
 Moderator: Miguel Diaz, University of Dayton  
 Panelists: Sixto J. Garcia, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary  
               Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego  
               Todd Salzman, University of San Diego
10. *Patristic Theology*  
 Topic: The Spirit Is Our Teacher  
 Convener: John J. O'Keefe, Creighton University  
 Moderator: Russell Reno, Creighton University  
 Presenters: James Le Gry, The Thomist  
               Julia Fleming, Creighton University  
 Respondent: Michael Hollerich, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

#### *Friday Afternoon*

- 1:15-2:15 *Hearing of the Resolutions Committee*  
 Presiding: Mary Ann Donovan, CTSA vice president,  
 Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
- 2:30-4:15 *Group Meetings*
1. *Black Catholic Theology*  
 Topic: Anger for the Sake of Justice:  
       Theological Reflections on Black Rage  
 Convener: Bryan Massingale, St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee

- Moderator: Jamie Phelps, Catholic Theological Union  
Presenters: Shawn M. Copeland, Marquette University  
Bryan Massingale, St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee  
Carmichael Peters, Pacific School of Theology, Berkeley
2. *Comparative Theology*  
Topic: Discussion of Joseph Bracken's *The Divine Matrix: Creativity as Link between East and West*  
Convener: James L. Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University  
Moderator: Bradley Malkovsky, University of Notre Dame  
Opening and Closing Remarks: Joseph Bracken, Xavier University  
Respondents: Whalen Lai, University of California, Davis  
Chris Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
3. *Balthasar Society*  
Topic: David Schindler's *at the Heart of the World from the Center of the Church*  
Convener and Respondent: David Schindler, John Paul II Institute  
Moderator: Peter Casarella, Catholic University of America  
Presenters: William Portier, Mt. St. Mary's College  
Michael Baxter, Princeton University
4. *Theology and the Natural Sciences*  
Topic: *Evolution and the Human Spirit*  
Convener: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory Research Group, University of Arizona  
Moderator: Cecilia Ranger, Marylhurst College, Marylhurst, Oregon  
Presenter: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory Research Group, University of Arizona
5. *Medieval Theology*  
Topic: *Late Medieval Spirituality's Challenge for Theology*  
Convener: Katherine TePas Yohe, La Salle University  
Moderator: Marie Baird, Duquesne University  
Presenter: Matthew Ashley, University of Notre Dame  
Respondent: Dominic Monti, Washington Theological Union
6. *Moral Theology*  
Topic: *Love and the Discernment of the Spirit*  
Conveners: Dolores Christie, Ursuline College  
Philip J. Rossi, Marquette University  
Moderator: Brian F. Linnane, College of the Holy Cross  
Presenter: Edward C. Vacek, St. John's University, New York  
Respondent: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College
7. *Catholic Social Teaching*  
Topic: *Differences between Reformists and Radicals in Theological Economic Ethics*  
Convener: Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame  
Moderator: Thomas Poundstone, St. Mary's College, California



Presenters: Gregory Baum, McGill University, Montreal  
Daniel Rush Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville

8. *Theology in a Seminary Context*

Topic: "Foundations," Truth and Narrative in Catholic Theology

Convener: Jack A. Bonsor, St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park

Moderator: Roger E. McGrath, St. Mary's Seminary and University

Presenters: John C. Haughey, Loyola University Chicago

John E. Thiel, Fairfield University

9. *Pneumatology and Mariology*

Moderator: Frederick M. Jelly, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg

Presenters: Frederick M. Jelly

Ecclesial Aspects

Eamon McManus, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg

Ecumenical Aspects

Respondent: Agnes Cunningham, emerita, Mundelein Seminary

10. *Soteriology*

Topic: Theological Responses to Gil Bailie's *Violence Unveiled*  
and Rene Girard

Moderator: Jon Nilson, Loyola University Chicago

Panelists: Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University

Sandra M. Schneiders, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Leo Lefebure, University of St. Mary of the Lake

Gil Bailie, Florilegia Institute

11. *John Courtney Murray Group*

Topic: America's Theologies and the First Amendment

Convener: J. Leon Hooper, Woodstock Theological Center

Moderator: Thomas Hughson, Marquette University

Presenters: Dr. Derek Davis, J. M. Dawson Institute of Church and State,  
Baylor University

Rev. Thomas Ferguson, Archdiocese of Northern Virginia

J. Leon Hooper, Woodstock Theological Center

Dr. James E. Wood, Jr., J.M. Dawson Institute of Church and State,  
Baylor University

4:45-6:15 *Business Meeting*

6:15-7:00 *President's Reception for New Members*

8:00-9:30 *Informal Colloquy on Responsum ad dubium*

*Regarding Women and Priestly Ordination*

Initial Observations: Avery Dulles, Fordham University;

Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College;

Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame;

James Provost, Catholic University of America;

Francis A. Sullivan, Boston College

*Saturday Morning, June 8*

9:00-10:30 *Third Plenary Session*

Moderator: William M. Thompson, CTSA president-elect,  
Duquesne University

Address: Philip S. Keane, St. Mary's Seminary and University  
The Role of the Holy Spirit in Today's Moral Theology

Respondent: Sister Nona Harrison, Skete of the Holy Virgin of Kazan,  
San Francisco

11:00-12:30 *Group Meetings*

1. *Missiology and Mission Theology*

Topic: Mission of the spirit, Mission of Jesus Christ,  
Mission within Cultures: A Conversational Seminar  
Concerned with the "Church as Mission" and Its Future

Convener: Lou McNeil, United States Catholic Mission Association

Moderator: Carl Starkloff, Regis College, Toronto School of Theology

Presenters: Stephen Bevans, Catholic Theological Union

God Inside Out: Notes toward a Missionary Theology of the Spirit

James Bretzke, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Minjung Theology: An Expression of the Holy Spirit in Korea

Margaret Eletta Guider, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Discerning the Work of the Spirit: A Consideration

of the Renovacao Carismatica Catolica

and Its Missiological Significance for the Church in Brazil

2. *Pneumatology Overview*

Topic: Guidelines for Speaking about the Spirit

Coordinator: Regina Bechtle, Mount St. Vincent College, Bronx, New York

Presenter: Kilian P. McDonnell, Institute for Ecumenical  
and Cultural Research, Collegeville

3. *Theological Anthropology*

Topic: Pneumatology in Theological Anthropology

Convener: Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne University

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

Presenters: Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University

The Role of the Spirit in Late Modernity: Safeguard of Particularity

Janice M. Poorman, University of Notre Dame

In the Spirit We Are One: Pneumatological and Anthropological

Foundations for Contemporary Debate on Ecumenism and Religions

4. *Karl Rahner Society/Moral Theology*

Topic: Rahner on Fundamental Option:

A Reappraisal after Veritatis Splendor

Convener: Robert L. Masson, Marquette University

Moderator: Joan M. Nuth, John Carroll University  
 Presenters: Benedict M. Ashley, emeritus, Aquinas Institute of Theology  
 Timothy E. O'Connell, Loyola University Chicago  
 Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame

5. *Communication Theology*

Topic: Narrative and Communication Theology  
 Convener: Bernard R. Bonnot, Unda-USA  
 Moderator: Paul Duffy, Center for the Study of Communication and Culture,  
 Saint Louis University  
 Presenters: Terrence W. Tilley, University of Dayton  
 Angela Ann Zukowski, Unda International  
 Respondents: Edmund Arens, University of Munster  
 Clare Colella, Caritas Telecommunications, Diocese of San Bernardino,  
 Unda-USA

6. *Renaissance/Modern Theology*

Topic: The Spirit in Nineteenth-Century Romantic  
 Philosophy and Theology  
 Convener: William Madges, Xavier University  
 Moderator: Bradford Hinze, Marquette University  
 Presenter: Cyril O'Regan, Yale University

7. *Practical Theology*

Topic: The Spirit in Practical Theology:  
 Reflections on Church Renewal in Two Case Studies  
 Convener: Mark L. Poorman, University of Notre Dame  
 Moderator: Mark F. Fischer, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo  
 Presenters: Patrick Howell, Seattle University  
 Discerning the Spirit in Seattle Church  
 after the 1984-1987 Vatican Investigation  
 Mary Garvin, Gonzaga University and Pat Parachini, St Paul's College  
 Praying Together as a Faith Community:  
 Discerning and Meeting Diverse Expectations

8. *Eschatology*

Topic: Bodily Resurrection and the Persistence of the Graced Self  
 Moderator: Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University  
 Presenter: Bernard P. Prusak, Villanova University  
 The "Body" in Bodily Resurrection: Catholic Perspectives  
 Respondent: William Loewe, Catholic University of America  
 Presenter: Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University  
 Greshake/Ratzinger/Postmodernism: The "Subject" of the Afterlife  
 Respondent: Peter Phan, Catholic University of America  
 Presenter: Philip J. Rossi, Marquette University  
 Charles Taylor: The Dissolution of the Self and the Retrieval of Spirit  
 Respondent: Steven J. Pope, Boston College



9. *Ecclesiology/Ecumenics*

Topic: Ecclesial Implications of the Proposal to Declare the Inapplicability of the Tridentine Condemnations on Justification

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

Moderator: Gregory L. Sobolewski, St. Mary's University, Winona MN

Presenters: George Tavard, Marquette University

David W. Lotz, Union Theological Seminary, New York

10. *Historical Roots of Feminist Theology in the Americas*

Topic: Feminist and Mujerista Theology of Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz (1648-1695)

Moderator: Lillian Bozak-DeLeo, Molloy College, Rockville Center NY

Presenter: Pamela Kirk, St. John's University, NYC

Respondent: Jeanette Rodriguez, Seattle University

11. *Criteria of Catholic Theology*

Topic: The Criteria for Catholic Theology

Convener: Matthew Lamb, Boston College

Moderator: Robert Imbelli, Boston College

Presenters: Robin Darling Young, Catholic University of America

J. Augustine DiNoia, Dominican House of Studies

and Doctrinal Committee of the NCCB

*Saturday Afternoon*

12:30-2:30 *The Holy Spirit in Art (with Slides):*

*A "Lunch" Repeat of the Group Session*

2:30-4:00 *Group Meetings*

1. *Ecclesiology/Pastoral Theology (CTSA Task Force)*

Topic: Communion Ecclesiology and Collaborative Ministry

Convener: Georgia Keightley, Trinity College, Washington, D.C.

Moderator: Richard Bayer, Fordham University

Panelists: Catherine Nerney, Chestnut Hill College

T. Howland Sanks, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

John Markey, Denver

2. *Religious Charisms as Sources of Pneumatology*

Topic: Pneumatology and Religious Families:

*A Comparative Study of Religious Charisms*

Moderator: Annice M. Callahan, Regis College, Toronto School of Theology

Panelists: Mary Ann Donovan, Jesuit School of Theology,

Berkeley—apostolic (families)

Michael Downey, Bellarmine College—lay

Roberta McKelvie, Fordham University—mendicant

Mark O'Keefe, St. Meinrad School of Theology—monastic

3. *Trinitarian Theology*  
 Topic: Holy Spirit: Presence, Power, Person  
 Convener: Joseph A. Bracken, Xavier University  
 Moderator: Margaret Mary Moore, Theology and Life Institute, St. Louis  
 Presenter: Ralph G. Del Colle, Marquette University  
 Respondent: Donald L. Gelpi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
4. *Christology*  
 Topic: From Spirit-Bearer to Spirit-Giver:  
     The Mediation of Salvation through Jesus  
 Convener: Thomas H. West, College of St. Catherine  
 Moderator: Mark Napack, Catholic University of America  
 Presenter: Michael O'Keefe, Mercyhurst College  
     The Historical Jesus as Savior: A Dialogue with Crossan and Borg
5. *Moral Theology and Pneumatology*  
 Topic: Conscience and the Holy Spirit  
 Coordinator: Ronald P. Hamel, Lutheran General Hospital  
 Moderator: Joan Mueller, Creighton University  
 Presenter: James P. Hanigan, Duquesne University  
 Respondent: Patrick T. McCormick, Gonzaga University
6. *Fundamental/Systematic Theology*  
 Topic: The Impact of Historicity on Theological Disciplines  
 Moderator: Gary Macy, University of San Diego  
 Panelists: Dept. of Theology, University of San Diego—Florence Morgan  
     Gillman, Gary Macy, Patricia Plovovich, and Norbert Rigali
7. *Ecclesiology/Canon Law*  
 Topic: The Spirit and Church Structures: How the Spirit Acts  
     When the Structures Work and When They Break Down  
 Coordinator: James A. Coriden, Washington Theological Union  
 Presenters: James A. Coriden  
     James H. Provost, Catholic University of America
8. *The Spirit and Hinduism*  
 Topic: The Hidden Ground of Grace: Reflections on the Holy Spirit  
     in the Light of Hindu Approaches to Spiritual Liberation  
 Coordinator and Moderator: James L. Fredericks,  
     Loyola Marymount University  
 Presenter: Bradley Malkovsky, University of Notre Dame  
 Respondents: Stephen Duffy, Loyola University, New Orleans  
     Francis X. Clooney, Boston College
9. *John Henry Newman*  
 Topic: Newman's Pneumatology  
 Moderator: Gerard Magill, Saint Louis University  
 Presenters: Avery Dulles, Fordham University—Ecumenical Considerations  
     Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College—  
     Ecclesiological Considerations

10. *Historical Theology*

Topic: Friendship in Augustine, Aelred and Aquinas

Coordinator: Lawrence S. Cunningham, University of Notre Dame

Moderator: Keith J. Egan, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame

Presenters: John C. Cavadini, University of Notre Dame

Keith J. Egan, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame

Joseph P. Wawrykow, University of Notre Dame

Respondent: Kathryn L. Johnson, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary

5:30 *Eucharist: Our Lady of the Angels Church*

7:00 *Reception*

7:30 *John Courtney Murray Award Banquet*

*Sunday Morning, June 9*

9:00-10:30 *Follow-Up Seminars*

1. *"Do Not Stifle the Spirit!":*

*The Legacy of Vatican II and Its Urgency for Today's Theology*

Moderator: John W. Alverson, Carlow College

Panelists: Cyprian Davis, St. Meinrad School of Theology

Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame

Theresa E. Koernke, Washington Theological Union

2. *Narratives of the Spirit: Recovering a Medieval Resource*

Moderator: Mary McKay, Mt. St. Mary's College, Los Angeles

Panelists: Raymond Lucker, Bishop of New Ulm

M. Carmel McEnroy, "Tir Na Og"

Harry McSorley, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

3. *The Role of the Holy Spirit in Today's Moral Theology*

Moderator: Mary Ann Dillon, St. Francis College of Pennsylvania

Panelists: James Keating, Pontifical College Josephinum

John Popiden, Loyola Marymount University

Maura A. Ryan, University of Notre Dame

11:00-12:00 *Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address*

Moderator: Mary Ann Donovan, CTSA vice president,

Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Presenter: Elizabeth Johnson, CTSA President, Fordham University

12:00 *Appointment of the New President*

## JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD—1996

*Citation*

Our honoree this evening hails from the island of saints and scholars and adds his own fair bit to that heritage. Educated in Rome, he earned licentiate degrees in philosophy and theology at the Gregorian University and the STD in theology with liturgical specialization at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute, San Anselmo. Perhaps it was his missionary heart that drove him—he is, after all, a member of a missionary religious order, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate—for after teaching theology at Piltown, Milltown, and Maynooth in Ireland and at the Gregorian, he migrated to these American shores in 1977. Here he has settled, teaching ever since in the Department of Theology at Catholic University of America in Washington DC, being currently the Shakespeare Caldwell Duval Distinguished Professor of Theology.

There is an original quality to this scholar's thinking that recommends him to our attention, for he works at that juncture where systematic theology and liturgy intersect, where thought and worship meet, where the life of the church is intensely expressed, and where there are no easy answers. In book after book and in journal articles and book chapters that number in the dozens, he probes the "unsearchable riches" of the liturgy, brings to light the "gifts that differ" in lay ministries established and unestablished, reinterprets the Tridentine meaning of sacrifice, and seeks to revitalize the tradition of eucharistic mystery "amid the ruins." With the touch of the poet he writes of doxology, of blessing, of memorial, and of the hermeneutics of ritual praxis. No stranger to suffering, he also dares to probe prayer and the holocaust, the Christian need to lament, and the work of memory amid the cultural experience of the absence of God. Fascinated by the impact of culture upon worship and theology, he has lectured throughout this country as well as in Ireland, South Africa, the Philippines, and most recently Zaire, seeing ecumenical foundations for the faith in changing circumstances, truly "mapping the mapless." In a word, his work in sacramental and liturgical theology has made a distinctive contribution toward a new Catholic approach in these areas.

Our honoree has an international reputation of the first rank, having served on the Editorial Board of *Concilium* for over twenty years and coedited seventeen of its volumes. His fellow liturgists elected him President of the North American Academy of Liturgy and honored him with their highest accolade, the Berakah Award. A whole generation of younger scholars is afoot in the land having passed through his "empowering" mentorship; their gift of a *Festschrift* signals appreciation for his distinguished teaching. He has consistently promoted the integrity of the charism of theology in the church, defending his own work and standing in active solidarity with theologians under attack, at no little personal cost. Currently serving on the editorial board of *Theological Studies*, this

witty, salty, prophetic, courageous, and wise scholar stands for what is best in our profession.

For distinguished service and achievement in theology, the Catholic Theological Society of America is pleased to present the 1996 John Courtney Murray Award to David Noel Power.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Elizabeth Johnson called the annual business meeting to order at 4:45 P.M. on Friday, June 7. Terrence Tilley served as parliamentarian.

##### *Committee on Admissions*

Charles Moutenot presented the report of the Committee on Admissions. The other members of the committee were Catherine Tepas Yohe (chair), Diana Hayes, Jack Bonsor and the Secretary of the CTSA. Diana Hayes and Jack Bonsor will continue to serve on the committee next year.

From approximately one hundred initial inquiries during the year seventy-five applications were returned. In its review the committee found that all seventy-five applicants were qualified for membership: forty-eight for active membership and twenty-seven for associate membership. Five of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Twenty-eight of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Twenty of the applications resulted from the use of the new CTSA brochure.

The committee recommended that these seventy-five 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 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 contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

##### *Committee on Nominations*

J. Michael Joncas, chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Paul Lakeland and Lisa Cahill. Lakeland and Cahill will continue to serve on the committee next year, with Lakeland serving as chair. The nominees proposed by the committee were:

- for Vice President: Philip Rossi, Marquette University

Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

- for Secretary: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross

- for Treasurer: Roger McGrath, St. Mary's Seminary and University

- for Board Members: Jeffrey Gros, Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, NCCB/USCC



Joseph Augustine DiNoia, Dominican House of Studies  
Allan Figueroa Deck, Loyola Marymount University  
Susan Secker, Seattle University

There were no nominations from the floor. Robert Schrieter was elected vice president. Susan Secker and Jeffrey Gros were elected board members on the third and fourth ballots respectively. Mary Ann Hinsdale was elected secretary by acclamation. Roger McGrath was reelected treasurer by acclamation.

William Thompson becomes the new President for 1996-1997. Mary Ann Donovan becomes the president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Elizabeth Johnson as past president and Mary Ellen Sheehan and Terrence Tilley as board members.

#### *President's Report*

1. During the past year Walter Principe, a past president of the CTSA, and John Carmody, corecipient of the John Courtney Murray Award last year with Denise Carmody, have died. Ann O'Hara Graff and Anne Carr are both seriously sick. We will remember them in the convention liturgy. If the CTSA members here at the convention know of other members who have died or are sick, they can give these names to Orlando Espin for mention in the liturgy.

2. Implementation of "Ex Corde Ecclesiae." The NCCB's revised draft document for the implementation of Ex Corde Ecclesiae will be voted on by the bishops at their November meeting. The board of the CTSA continues to be pleased with the provisions outlined in this draft document. There is no mention of a mandate, and the procedures laid down in Doctrinal Responsibilities are presented as the procedures to be used in resolving disputes.

3. Global Networking. During the past year Peter Hunermann of the European Society for Catholic Theology has been in contact with the president to propose a global networking of all the theological societies throughout the world. The networking would take the form of an annual meeting of the presidents of all these theological societies. These meetings would be hosted in a three-year cycle by the European Society for Catholic Theology, by COCTI (the Conference of Catholic Theological Institutions), and by the CTSA.

The Board is in favor of this proposal for global networking. The founding meeting will take place later this summer in Sherbrooke, Canada. Past President Anne Patrick and former editor of the *Proceedings* Paul Crowley will represent the CTSA at this meeting and report back to the board.

4. CTSA on Internet. The board has approved a proposal by Mark Johnson (the editor for the new directory) to establish an Internet site for the CTSA. Johnson will set up this site at Marquette University. Eventually the board would like to invite the other theological societies in the global network to join the CTSA on the Internet. The CTSA membership will be informed about the existence and the possibilities of the Internet site when it is set up.

5. Study of Infallibility and Women's Ordination. In response to many calls from CTSA members and after consulting with Board members, the President

appointed Jon Nilson, Margaret Farley, and Francis Sullivan to a task force to prepare a draft statement about the criteria for infallibility and the teaching on the ordination of women. After some discussion and slight emendation, the Board now offers this draft statement to the membership for their own study and response. The Board encourages CTSA members to study the statement as individuals and in their theology departments or faculties.

Copies of the study document are available now during the convention. The document will also be printed in the *Proceedings*. Members should send any responses, emendations, revisions they may have to the incoming president of the CTSA, William Thompson, at Duquesne University by March 1. The board hopes to have the final statement ready for consideration by the members at the June 1997 convention.

6. *New Directory*. A new edition of the CTSA Directory is being prepared by Mark Johnson. It will be offered to the CTSA members on paper or on disk. A mailing will be sent to the membership in September to ask how individuals want their copy of the directory, on paper or on disk.

7. *Proceedings*. The new editor of the *Proceedings*, Judith Dwyer, came to the podium to thank the board for her appointment as editor. She also thanked former editor Paul Crowley for his invaluable assistance during the past year. Finally, the editor reminded all who are responsible for submitting reports from this convention that the deadline for such reports is July 3.

8. *Future Conventions*. In 1997 the CTSA will hold its convention at the Marriott Hotel in Minneapolis June 5-8. In 1998 the convention will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario June 11-14.

#### *President-Elect's Report*

1. *President-Elect William Thompson* thanked everyone involved in preparing for and carrying out the convention program. He expressed a special word of thanks to Orlando Espin for his fine work with the local arrangements; to the University of Dan Diego and its president, Dr. Alice Hayes, for their generous support of the convention; and to Bishop Robert Brom, of the San Diego diocese, for making the time to welcome the CTSA to San Diego.

2. *The Seal of the Society*. Last year in connection with the fiftieth anniversary celebration the President-Elect studied the seal of the Society and noted that there were no symbols in the seal for women doctors of the Church. He wondered whether it might be possible to include symbols for Teresa of Avila and Catherine of Siena. Thompson contacted a heraldist who eventually prepared two options. The board has chosen one of these options which shows an arrow for Teresa and a quill for Catherine. The new shield will begin appearing as new stationery is prepared for the various officers.

3. *The Slide Presentation*. The president-elect reminded everyone that the slide presentation will be repeated during lunchtime on Saturday. He suggested that a quick lunch-to-go could be gotten from the little deli just to the left of the entrance to the hotel dining room.

4. Honorary Membership for Dr. Labriola. Dr. Albert Labriola, a distinguished university professor in the English Department at Duquesne University, prepared the slide presentation for the convention. To thank Dr. Labriola for this special service to the Society, the Board unanimously agreed to offer honorary membership in the CTSA to Dr. Labriola. Thompson now asked the assembled members to give their approval—which they did in an enthusiastic round of applause.

5. Evaluation Forms. The president-elect reminded members to fill out the evaluation forms for the individual small group sessions and to return them to Treasurer Roger McGrath.

6. Getting to the Convention Liturgy. Orlando Espin, chair of the local arrangements committee, then explained to the members how they would be taken by buses to and from the convention liturgy. Since the parish is probably the poorest in the diocese, but is doing wonderful things in ministry, he urged everyone to be generous in the offertory collection.

#### *Vice President's Report*

1997 Convention. Vice President Mary Ann Donovan announced that the theme for the 1997 convention will be "The Eucharist for the 21st Century." The "call for papers" form was included in the Spring mailing and is also available at the registration desk. In order to provide more time for the study of the criteria for infallibility there will be a session in the convention program for discussion of various comments or papers submitted during the year by individuals or theological departments and faculties.

#### *Treasurer's Report*

1. Evaluations. Treasurer Roger McGrath reminded all the members at the convention to fill out the blue evaluation form for the whole convention. Those responsible for reporting on the small group sessions should fill out the white evaluation form. All evaluation forms can be returned at the registration desk.

2. Financial Report. The financial report was included in the convention folder everyone received at registration time.

3. Use of CTSA Assets. At its meeting last October the Board agreed to designate a certain portion of CTSA assets as "funds functioning as an endowment." The income from these funds would be used to fund research projects and specific elements of the annual convention. Now at its meeting before the convention the board also decided to earmark \$10,000.00 of CTSA assets for expenses that may be involved in the global networking project.

#### *Executive Secretary's Report*

1. Mailing Problems. There have been some reports of mailing problems. Sometimes this is due to changes of address not being sent to the executive secretary's office. Other times the problem has occurred with third-class mail in

certain parts of the U.S. CTSA members are encouraged to call the executive secretary's office if they do not receive a mailing. The second dues notice will be sent out in early July as first-class mail to make sure the office has correct addresses.

2. Thanks. Finally, Executive Secretary Mary Ann Stevens, who has been appointed president of the College of Saint Mary in Omaha and so must leave the office of executive secretary, thanked the members of the CTSA for their cooperation and patience during her term in office.

### Resolutions

Three related resolutions concerning the NCCB's "general review" of Richard McBrien's 1994 edition of *Catholicism* were placed on the agenda of the business meeting by the Resolutions Committee. The resolutions, accompanied by seven pages of chronological background, had been submitted by members of the theology department at the University of Notre Dame. The resolutions read as follows:

1. RESOLVED: that the CTSA deplors the refusal of the NCCB's Committee on Doctrine to grant "formal doctrinal dialogue" to Richard P. McBrien regarding the committee's "general review" of the completely revised and updated edition of his *Catholicism*, published in 1994.
2. RESOLVED: that the CTSA interprets this refusal as a disregard of the NCCB's own guidelines contained in "Doctrinal Responsibilities: Approaches to Promoting Cooperation and Resolving Misunderstandings between Bishops and Theologians" that the bishops adopted in June 1989 by a vote of 214 to 9, and that was then approved by the Holy See.
3. RESOLVED: that Resolutions one and two be sent to the NCCB's president, Anthony Pilla, with copies to the other members of the NCCB.

A friendly amendment to resolution two, to change the words "then approved" to "reviewed," was accepted by the movers of the resolution. After some clarification and discussion the question was called. This motion was approved by a very clear voice vote. The three resolutions were then voted on one by one. All three resolutions were approved by a very clear, though not unanimous, voice vote.

With no other resolutions to be considered and no further business to be addressed the President entertained a motion to adjourn. The business meeting of this fifty-first annual convention was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

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