

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its fifty-second annual convention 5-8 June 1997 at the Minneapolis Marriott at City Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme of the convention was "Eucharist for the Twenty-first Century." Registration took place from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5.

At the opening session Dr. Jean Cameron, Academic Dean of the College of St. Catherine, offered the opening prayer. Most Reverend Lawrence H. Welsh, auxiliary bishop of the diocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis welcomed the convention participants to Minneapolis on behalf of Archbishop Harry J. Flynn. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. The CTSA gratefully acknowledges the College of St. Catherine for subsidizing the opening reception.

After lunch on Friday, June 6, the Resolutions Committee held a hearing on two resolutions submitted by the Board of Directors for consideration and action at the annual business meeting. The business meeting was held in the late afternoon of Friday, June 6. The President's reception for new members followed the business meeting.

The convention's eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 7, at St. Olaf's Parish. Rev. Peter Chirico, S.S., a past member of the Board of Directors and former teacher of President William Thompson, presided. President William Thompson preached at the liturgy. The convention banquet followed the liturgy. Toward the end of the banquet, President Thompson read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to Anne Carr, B.V.M.

Morning prayer was held from 8:30-8:45 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On various days throughout the convention there were special meetings and luncheons or breakfasts for such groups as the Women's Seminar, the Karl Rahner Society, the Theological Studies Board of Editorial Consultants, the International Network of Societies of Catholic Theology, and the conveners of continuing and developing groups.

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, 5 June

1:00-4:00 *Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology*

Topic: "Conscience and Authority:

A Conversation with *Liberating Conscience* by Anne E. Patrick"

Coconveners: Susan M. Simonaitis, Fordham University

Susan M. St. Ville, University of Notre Dame

Moderator: Jane Redmont, Graduate Theological Union

Presenters: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

Patricia Beattie Jung, Loyola University of Chicago

Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union

Respondent: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College

4:00-5:30 *Information Session: "Tradition and Women's Ordination"*

Moderator: Jon Nilson, Loyola University of Chicago

Panelists: Margaret Farley, Yale Divinity School

M. Catherine Hilker, University of Notre Dame

David N. Power, Catholic University of America

Francis A. Sullivan, Boston College

John H. Wright, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

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

Moderator: William M. Thompson, CTSA President, Duquesne University

Welcome: Most Rev. Lawrence H. Welsh,

Diocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Opening Prayer: Dr. Jean Cameron, Academic Dean,

The College of St. Catherine, St. Paul.

Address: Mary Collins, Catholic University of America

"The Eucharist and the Church"

Respondent: James B. Nickoloff, College of the Holy Cross

9:30 Reception

Friday Morning, 7 June

9:00-10:30 Group Meetings<sup>1</sup>

1. "A Discussion on Eucharistic Theology  
in Jean-Luc Marion's *God without Being*." Select group.  
Convener: Xavier John Seubert, Villanova University  
Moderator: Michael Scanlon, Villanova University  
Presenters: Xavier John Seubert, Villanova University  
Regis Duffy, St. Bonaventure University  
Michael Scanlon, Villanova University
2. "*Ave Verum Corpus*: Music and the Eucharist." Invitational group.  
Moderator/Presenter: Michael Joncas with musical group,  
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul
3. Black Catholic Theology  
Topic: "Inculturation and the Eucharist:  
African and African-American Perspectives." Continuing group.  
Convener: Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union  
Moderator: Diana Hayes, Georgetown University  
Presenter: Chris Egbulem, Dominican Institute of Philosophy and Theology,  
University of Ibadan, Nigeria,  
and DeSales School of Theology, Washington, D.C.  
Respondent: Cyprian Davis, St. Meinrad School of Theology and the  
Institute for Black Catholic Studies, Xavier University of Louisiana
4. Catholic Social Teaching  
Topic: "Community and Care at Life's End." Continuing group.  
Convener: William P. George, Dominican University  
Moderator: Thomas J. Poundstone, St. Mary's College, Moraga, California  
Presenters: John A. Gallagher, Holy Cross Health Care System  
Regina Wolfe, St. John's University, Colleagueville  
Mark Miller, Director, Redemptorist Bioethics Consultancy  
for Western Canada
5. "Common Ground Initiative—State of the Question." Invitational group.  
Moderator: Stephen J. Pope, Boston College

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<sup>1</sup>About the group meetings. Those designated "continuing" have program spaces assured on an ongoing basis, reviewed when the convention structure is reviewed. "Developing" groups are reviewed annually. "Select groups" are selected by the program committee from members' proposals for a given year. Those designated "invitational" appear on the program in a given year at the invitation of the president-elect. A "research" group has a program space for three years.

- Presenters: Oscar H. Lipscomb, Archbishop of Mobile  
 Elizabeth A. Johnson, Fordham University  
 Robert Imbelli, Boston College
6. Early Christian Theology  
 Topic: "Early Christian Perspectives  
 on David N. Power, *Eucharistic Mystery*." Continuing group.  
 Convener: John J. O'Keefe, Creighton University  
 Moderator: Julia Fleming, Creighton University  
 Presenters: Ken Snyder, University of St. Thomas  
 Michel R. Barnes, Marquette University  
 Charles Bobertz, St. John's University, Collegeville  
 Alexis Doval, St. Mary's College, Moraga, California
7. "Ecumenical Colloquium on Yves Congar:  
 Congar and Christian Worship." Select group.  
 Convener: Mark E. Ginter, Sacred Heart School of Theology  
 Moderator: Frederick Jelly, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary  
 Presenters: Richard J. Beauchesne, Emmanuel College  
 Respondents: Max Johnson, St. John's University School of Theology  
 Harry Pappas, Rector, St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
8. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology  
 Topic: "Eucharistic Theology for the 21st Century:  
 Theory and Practice." Continuing group.  
 Convener: Bruce T. Morrill, Boston College  
 Moderator: Prudence Croke, Salve Regina College  
 Presenters: Robert J. Daly, Boston College  
 James L. Empereur, San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio
9. "Reflections on Synods and the Upcoming Synod for the Americas."  
 Invitational group.  
 Moderator: Jeffrey Gros, Secretariat for Ecumenical  
 and Interreligious Affairs NCCB  
 Presenter: Donald William Wuerl, Bishop of Pittsburgh
10. Theology and the Natural Sciences  
 Topic: "Eschatology: Scientific and Theological Perspectives in Dialogue."  
 Continuing group.  
 Convener/Moderator: William R. Stoeger,  
 Vatican Observatory Research Group, University of Arizona  
 Presenters: Joseph W. Haller, University of Arizona  
 Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
- 11:00-12:30 *Second Plenary Session*  
 Moderator: Elizabeth A. Johnson, CTSA Past President, Fordham University  
 Address: Gary Macy, University of San Diego  
 "The Eucharist and Popular Religiosity"  
 Respondent: Joan Timmerman, College of Saint Catherine

*Friday Afternoon, 6 June*

1:15-2:15 *Hearing of the Resolutions Committee*

Presiding: Robert Schreiter, CTSA Vice President,  
Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

2:30-4:15 *Group Meetings*

1. "Alternatives To Dissent? Seeking Responsible and Constructive Approaches to the November 1995 Responsum." Select group.

Convener: Christine Gudorf, Florida International University

Moderator: Charles Curran, Southern Methodist University

Presenters: Barbara Andolsen, Monmouth University

Christine Gudorf, Florida International University

Patricia Jung, Loyola University of Chicago

2. Communication Theology

Topic: "Preaching as Communication Theology." Developing group.

Convener: Bernard R. Bonnot, Unida-USA

Moderator: Frances Forde Plude, Notre Dame College, Cleveland

Presenter: Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame

Respondents: Thomas P. O'Meara, University of Notre Dame

Joan Bernet, Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis

Paul Duffy, St. Louis University

3. Comparative Theology

Topic: "Is the Theology of Religions Obsolete?" Continuing group.

Convener/Moderator: James L. Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University

Presenters: Paul Knitter, Xavier University, Cincinnati

Monika Hellwig, Assoc. of Catholic Colleges and Universities

Frank Clooney, Boston College

4. Criteria for Catholic Theology

Topic: "The Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ." Developing group.

Convener: Mathew L. Lamb, Boston College

Moderator: Robert Imbelli, Boston College

Presenter: Robert Sokolowski, Catholic University of America

Respondent: Joseph Wawrykow, University of Notre Dame

5. Karl Rahner Society

Topic: "Rahnerian Appreciation of von Balthasar  
and a Balthasarian Appreciation of Rahner." Continuing group.

Convener: Robert Masson, Marquette University

Moderator: Melvin Michalski, St. Francis Seminary

Presenters: Leo O'Donovan, Georgetown University

David Balas, University of Dallas

6. North American Contextual Theology  
 Topic: "The Body of Christ: the Claim of the Historical Reality of the Crucified People on North American Theology and Ethics." Continuing group.  
 Convener: John J. Markey, Graduate Theological Union  
 Moderator: Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago  
 Presenters: Robert Lassalle-Klein, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley  
 William O'Neill, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
7. "The Fundamental Character of the Local Eucharistic Worshipping Community." Select group.  
 Moderator: Phillip J. Linden, Jr., Xavier University of Louisiana  
 Presenters: Phillip J. Linden, Jr., Xavier University of Louisiana  
 Gerald Boodoo, Xavier University of Louisiana  
 Jerry Farmer, Xavier University of Louisiana  
 Monya Stubbs, Xavier University of Louisiana
8. "The Politics of Exclusion and Participation: Ethics and the Eucharist." Select group.  
 Moderators: Maura A. Ryan, University of Notre Dame  
 Brian F. Linnane, College of the Holy Cross  
 Presenters: Margaret A. Farley, Yale Divinity School  
 Christine Firer Hinze, Marquette University  
 Brian F. Linnane, College of the Holy Cross  
 William C. Spohn, Santa Clara University
9. Trinitarian Theology  
 Topic: "Eucharist as Participation in the Koinonia of Father, Son and Holy Spirit" Continuing group.  
 Convener: Joseph A. Bracken, Xavier University, Cincinnati  
 Moderator: Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University  
 Presenter: David N. Power, Catholic University of America
10. "Postmodern Sacramental Theology." Invitational group.  
 Moderator: Donald L. Gelpi, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley  
 Presenters: Lieven Boeve, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium  
 Respondents: Georges De Schrijver, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium  
 L. Leijssen, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium  
 S. Van den Bossche, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

4:45-6:15 *Business Meeting*

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

*Saturday Morning, 7 June*

7:15-8:45 *Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society*

Convener: Robert L. Masson, Marquette University

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

Moderator: Mary Ann Donovan, CTSA President-elect,  
Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley  
Address: John F. Baldovin, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley  
"The Eucharist and Ministerial Leadership"  
Respondent: Rosa Maria Icaza, Mexican American Cultural Center

11:00-12:30 *Group Meetings*

1. Christology. Continuing group.  
Topic: "Postmodernism and Christology:  
The Case of Jean-Luc Marion."  
Convener: Michael E. O'Keefe, Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pennsylvania  
Moderator: Tatha Wiley, St. John's University, Collegetown  
Presenter: Mark Napack, Catholic University of America  
Respondent: Mike Raschko, Seattle University
2. "Ethical, Theological and Legal Issues in Human Germ Line Therapy."  
Select group.  
Moderator: Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Presenters: Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
James J. Walter, Loyola University of Chicago  
M. Cathleen Kaveny, University of Notre Dame
3. "La Eucaristia en las comunidades de base de America Latina." Select group.  
Moderator: Gregory A. Banazak, SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary,  
Orchard Lake, Michigan  
Presenters: Luis Reyes Ceja, Universidad de Guadalajara  
Juan Manuel Hurtado Lopez, Comision teologica nacional  
de las comunidades eclesiales de base, Mexico, D.F.  
Jose Sanchez Sanchez, Comision teologica nacional  
de las comunidades eclesiales de base, Mexico, D.F.
4. Medieval Theology. Continuing group.  
Topic: "Medieval Perspectives on David N. Power, Eucharistic Mystery."  
Convener: Katherine M. Yohe, La Salle University  
Presenters: Cheryl Clemons, Brescia College  
Michael Driscoll, Notre Dame University  
Edward Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College
5. Method in Theology. Continuing group.  
Topic: "Method and the Situation of Theology."  
Conveners: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University  
Terrence Tilley, University of Dayton  
Moderator: J. Michael Stebbins, The Woodstock Center  
Presenter: Roberto S. Goizueta, Loyola University of Chicago

- Respondents: Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego  
 Gerald Boodoo, Xavier University of Louisiana  
 Cynthia Crysdale, Catholic University of America
6. Missiology and Mission Theology. Developing group.  
 Topic: "Trinitarian Themes in Mission to Various Cultures"  
 Convener/Moderator: Carl Starkloff, Regis College, Toronto  
 Presenters: Anthony Gittins, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago  
 Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
  7. "The Eucharist as Marriage Feast: Its Anthropological Implications  
 in Light of the Hieros Gamos." Invitational group.  
 Moderator: Michael Slusser, Duquesne University  
 Presenter: K. Paul Wesche, St. Herman's Orthodox Parish
  8. "The Wider Communion: Interreligious Friendship  
 as a New Theological Virtue." Select group.  
 Moderator: Lizette Larson-Miller, Loyola Marymount University  
 Presenter: James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University  
 Respondents: Denise Carmody, Santa Clara University  
 Jack Renard, St. Louis University
  9. Theological Anthropology. Continuing group.  
 Topic: "Theological Perspectives on the Body."  
 Convener: Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne University  
 Moderator: Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University  
 Presenters: Pamela Kirk, St. John's University, New York City  
 Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University.
  10. "Women and the Eucharist." Invitational group.  
 Convener: Susan A. Ross, Loyola University of Chicago  
 Moderator: Joanne Pierce, College of the Holy Cross  
 Presenters: Shawn Madigan, College of St. Catherine  
 Cristina Traina, Northwestern University  
 Joan Mitchell, Publisher, Good Ground Press  
 Susan Ross, Loyola University of Chicago

2:30-4:15 *Group Meetings*

1. Ecclesiology. Continuing group.  
 Topic: "Identity of a Eucharistic Church in an Ecumenical Age."  
 Convener: Susan Wood, St. John's University, Collegeville  
 Moderator: Catherine Michaud, St. Catherine's College  
 Presenter: Gerard Austin, Catholic University of America  
 Respondent: Maxwell Johnson, St. John's University, Collegeville
2. Hans Urs von Balthasar Society. Developing group.  
 Topic: "Rahner and Balthasar on the Eucharist."  
 Convener: David Schindler, John Paul II Institute



- Moderator: Mark McIntosh, Loyola University of Chicago  
Presenters: William Dych, Boston College  
Peter Casarella, Catholic University of America
3. Hispanic/Latin Theologies. Continuing group.  
Topic: "Popular Religion as a Source  
for a Systematic Theology of the Eucharist."  
Convener: Roberto S. Goizueta, Loyola University of Chicago  
Presenter: Orlando O. Espin, University of San Diego
4. Moral Theology. Continuing group.  
Topic: "Perspectives on Physician-Assisted Suicide."  
Conveners: Patrick T. McCormick, Gonzaga University  
Philip Rossi, Marquette University  
Moderator: M. Cathleen Kaveny, University of Notre Dame  
Presenters: Dennis Brodeur, SSM Health Care System  
Dolores Christie, Ursuline College  
Jon Fuller, Boston City Hospital  
Michael Hollerich, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
5. "Parish Councils: Whose Interpretation of Vatican II Was Right?"  
Select group.  
Moderator: James A Coriden, Catholic University of America  
Presenter: Mark F. Fischer, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo  
Respondent: John A. Coleman, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
6. Practical Theology. Research group.  
Topic: "Religion, Culture and Sacrament: Two Case Studies."  
Convener: Mark L. Poorman, University of Notre Dame  
Presenters: Debra Blake, Regis University, Denver  
Michael Horan, Loyola Marymount University
7. "Recovering the Eucharist: Breaking Bread in Diet America." Select group.  
Presenter: Patrick T. McCormick, Gonzaga University  
Respondents: James Dallen, Gonzaga University  
Julia Upton, St. John's University, New York
8. Renaissance/Modern Theology. Continuing group.  
Topic: "Johann Adam Moeller's Communion Ecclesiology."  
Convener/Moderator: Bradford Hinze, Marquette University  
Presenter: Michael Hines, Boston College
9. Spirituality. Continuing group.  
Topic: "The Experience of Eucharist as Consolation and Desolation."  
Convener: Elizabeth E. Carr, Smith College  
Moderator: Brian McDermott, Weston Jesuit School of Theology  
Presenters: Arthur B. Chappell, Villanova University  
Robert Lassalle-Klein, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley  
Joan Nuth, John Carroll University

## 10. Theology in a Seminary Context. Developing group.

Topic: "Theological Anthropology and Biological Evolution."

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

Moderator: Roger E. McGrath, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland

Presenters: Anne Clifford, Duquesne University

Michael Barnes, University of Dayton

5:15 *Eucharist: St. Olaf's Parish*

7:00 *Reception*

7:30 *John Courtney Murray Award Banquet*

*Sunday Morning, 8 June*

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

## 1. Exploration of Mary Collins' paper: "The Eucharist and the Church"

Facilitator/Moderator: Mary Ellen Sheehan, CTSA Board,

University of St. Michael's College

Facilitator/Reporter: Jeffrey Gros, CTSA Board,

Secretariat for Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs

To open the conversation: James Nickoloff, College of the Holy Cross.

## 2. Exploration of Gary Macy's paper: "The Eucharist and Popular Religiosity"

Facilitator/Moderator: Terrence Tilley, CTSA Board, University of Dayton.

Facilitator/Reporter: Diana Hayes, CTSA Board, Georgetown University

To open the conversation: Joan Timmerman, College of Saint Catherine

## 3. Exploration of John Baldovin's paper:

"The Eucharist and Ministerial Leadership"

Facilitator/Moderator: Susan Secker, CTSA Board, Seattle University

Facilitator/Reporter: James Pambrun, CTSA Board, St. Paul University

To open the conversation: Rosa Maria Icaza,

Mexican American Cultural Center.

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

Moderator: Robert Schreiter, CTSA Vice President,

Catholic Theological Union

Address: William M. Thompson, CTSA President, Duquesne University

"The Millennium, Christ, and the Academy:

Thoughts on John Paul II's Challenge"

12:00 *Appointment of the New President*

## JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD—1997

*Citation*

Among the published entries of this theologian is a brief study titled "Of Angels and Gargoyles." It seems an appealing combination. Theologians are not angels, and should we be tempted to think we are, the gargoyle is there to mock our pretensions. Theologians are not gargoyles either, and should we be tempted to become pure mockery, the angel is there to inspire us to aspire higher. Here is a theologian who makes no claims to be either angel or mockery, but whose work appropriately exposes itself to the enriching tension between the two. This theologian is clearly a model philosophical theologian, humanist, and educational theorist, who celebrates the gift of *ratio*: by submitting to its rigors, by practicing a dialogical style of thinking and writing, by careful study of the great masters and continual willingness to break new ground, and even by extensive reflection upon the nature of philosophical and theological methods themselves. Here reason inspires because it perspires and aspires.

Here is a theologian whose work exposes itself to the shadow side of human and Christian existence. Taking a lesson, at least, from the gargoyle, it knows it must seek to expose pretense and fakery, pathology and ideology, as best it can. Theology and the spirituality which forms it have been described by our honoree as a struggle to recognize "the sin of human exploitation, whether that sin is expressed in physical or psychological violence, in militarism, in the domination of male over female, rich over poor, white over color, in-group over out-group, strong over weak, force over freedom, war over peace, man over nature." Perhaps our honoree's theological and spiritual maturity most provocatively expressed itself in the recommendation of a willingness to recognize "the temptation . . . in [the] search for solidarity, to impose a new ideology as normative for all."

*Ratio* and *advocatio*, our honoree has written and taught, impose severe obligations, if they are not to go astray. How do we keep reason's ascent from becoming a descent into rationalism? How do we maintain our passionate commitments for the overcoming of exploitation, and yet not become hardened, ruthless, and doctrinaire in the process? Reality has a way of assisting and tutoring us, if we would but listen, and our honoree has done so admirably and exemplarily. Most notably we would call attention to the sustained attention to spirituality in our theologian's published writings. "The search of many, whether Christian or not, is for an integral way, a spirituality, sometimes called a mystical-political orientation that unites the concerns of both self and world," the theologian we would honor has written. Our honoree has recommended both a recovery of the medieval distinction between *ratio* and *intellectus*, and the rooting of the former in the latter, which is described by our honoree as "a higher understanding by connaturality (participation and experience)."

A native of Chicago, and receiving the A.B. *cum laude* from that city's Mundelein College in 1956, and two M.A.s in theology, one from Marquette University in 1962 and the other from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago in 1969, our honoree went on to earn the Ph.D. from the latter in 1971, having written a dissertation under David Tracy's direction, one much referred to, which was published in 1977 under the title of *The Theological Method of Karl Rahner*. Her book *Transforming Grace: Christian Tradition and Women's Experience*, published in 1988, is widely regarded as ground-breaking, as its translation into German, Italian, French, and Portugese, and numerous reviews, attest. That same year saw the publication of *The Search for Wisdom and Spirit: Thomas Merton's Theology of the Self*, in which, under Merton's guidance, she was able to develop more amply the mystical-prophetic style of theology characteristic of her writings. She has regularly published articles and reviews, too numerous to mention here; edited or coedited six books, the most recent having just appeared as *Religion, Feminism, and the Family*; received honorary doctorates from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and Loyola University in Chicago; has served or serves on the editorial boards of the leading journals in religion and theology; and is a much sought after speaker.

A revealing passage in our honoree's book on Merton perhaps explains why she has been and continues to be a mentor and guide for so many. It also illustrates the thread running through her scholarly work.

Merton's life and texts reveal [she writes] his discovery of the necessity of a fundamental and good autonomy as the precondition of the serious spiritual life. Autonomy may seem to be precisely the opposite of the spiritual attitude suggested by the rhetoric of the monks and mystics of Merton's wisdom traditions. They all, Christian and Zen, Sufi and Orthodox, prefer the language of . . . loss of ego in utter dependence on God. Yet here we are reminded of the repeated aphorism of . . . Karl Rahner, about the direct proportion that obtains between autonomy and dependence or closeness to God . . . Further, there is the important insight, reemphasized today in Christian feminist theology, that one cannot give a self which one does not yet fully possess . . . Only a self who possesses itself is capable of the austere loss of self about which all the religious traditions speak.

Our honoree has enjoyed a distinguished teaching and administrative career: instructor, assistant professor, and a chairperson at Mundelein College; assistant professor at Indiana University, Bloomington; assistant and associate dean at the Divinity School in Chicago, as well as assistant and associate professor of theology; visiting professor at Trinity College in Dublin, at Boston College, and at Harvard Divinity School. She is currently professor of theology and of humanities at the Divinity School and the College of the University of Chicago, and has been, since 1958, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For distinguished service and achievement in theology, the Catholic Theological Society of America is pleased to present the 1997 John Courtney Murray Award to Anne E. Carr.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President William Thompson called the annual business meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 1997. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

##### *Committee on Admissions*

Jack Bonsor (Chair) presented the report of the Committee on Admissions. The other members of the committee were Diana Hayes, John Alverson, Marie Baird, and the Secretary of the CTSA. John Alverson and Marie Baird will continue next year.

From approximately ninety-five initial inquiries during the year sixty-five were returned. In its review the committee found that all sixty-five applicants were qualified for membership; forty-two for active membership and twenty-three for associate membership. Eleven of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. One applicant who formerly was an active member was reinstated. Twenty-one of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Five of the applications resulted from the use of the CTSA brochure.

The committee recommended that these sixty-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*

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

- for Vice President: Orlando Espin, University of San Diego  
Margaret Farley, Yale Divinity School
- for Secretary: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross
- for Treasurer: Roger McGrath, St. Mary's Seminary and University
- for Board Members: Barbara Hilkert Andolsen, Monmouth College  
Thomas Guarino, Seton Hall University  
Diana Hayes, Georgetown University  
James Pambrun, St. Paul University, Ottawa

There were no nominations from the floor. Margaret Farley was elected Vice President. Diana Hayes and James Pambrun were elected on the second and third ballots respectively. Mary Ann Hinsdale was reelected secretary by acclamation. Roger McGrath was reelected treasurer by acclamation.

Mary Ann Donovan becomes the new president for 1997-1998. Robert Schreiter becomes the president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are William M. Thompson as past president and Jeffrey Gros and Susan Secker as board members.

#### *President's Report*

1. Monika Hellwig of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities was invited to update the members regarding the report on the Vatican's response to the U.S. Bishops' implementation guidelines for *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. She noted that the response from Cardinal Pio Laghi states that the Congregation for Bishops and not the Congregation for Education will be the body from which the *recognitio* of the guidelines will come. This is because the Vatican deems the guidelines as related to the norms of episcopal conferences. The Vatican's interpretation of the guidelines as a "first draft" was somewhat of a surprise to the bishops; thus, the implementation committee will be proceeding slowly with regard to the responses which are asked for. She asked for the CTSA's patience until the committee has more information.

2. CTSA *Proceedings*. Instructions for submitting manuscripts for volume 52 of the *Proceedings* have been given to conveners and presenters. Manuscripts are due to *Proceedings* Editor, Judith Dwyer by 3 July 1997.

3. Board Resolution on the Revised U.S. Lectionary. Joseph Jensen, Executive Director of the Catholic Biblical Association, requested that the CTSA join the CBA in a joint statement expressing concern over the rejection by the Vatican of the inclusive language measures adopted by the U.S. bishop in the revised U.S. Lectionary. The Board unanimously adopted the following resolution at its 5 June 1997 Board meeting:

We urge the U.S. bishops to resume negotiations with Rome on issues of the translation of the Lectionary with the intention of affirming and implementing the instruction on Translation of Liturgical Texts (*Comme le prévoir*). In this process, should it become necessary, we urge the bishops to ask the Vatican to explain how the use of these directives violates the faith of the the Church or the integrity of the Bible.

The Board also authorized two Board members to serve on a committee if a joint statement is desirable.

4. The Board received the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the CLSA Document on Ordaining women to the Permanent Diaconate. The president thanked the the members of the committee: Michael Fahey (Chair), Kenan Osborne, Mary Collins, and Robin Darling Young.

5. Thanks. The president thanked the members of the Admissions Committee, particularly Jack Bonsor who is retiring as Chair. He also thanked the members of the Nominations Committee, particularly its Chair, Paul Lakeland who leaves the committee this year. Finally, he expressed gratitude to Joan Mueller, Acting Executive Secretary for her work in this transition year in Omaha.

#### *President-elect's Report*

1. President-Elect Donovan announced that this is one of our largest conventions with 472 in attendance. She also noted that it may be the first time on record when we did not enough room for morning prayer. Saturday and Sunday morning prayer will be held in Spring Park Bay room on the 8th floor.

2. The president-elect thanked all those who enabled the smooth running of this convention. Apologizing for any inadvertent omissions, she expressed the CTSA's appreciation to the following: Executive Secretary, Dee Christie; the staff at the registration desk: Maria Bowen, Antoinette Gutzler, Mary McCormick, Mary Kay Oosdyke, and Kaye Yohe; St. Olaf's Parish, especially Sr. Frieda Kalenza and Fr. John Forliti, and their liturgist; the College of St. Catherine for the opening reception; the St. Paul Seminary, especially Fr. Paul Feela and David Jenkins, for the morning prayer; the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, for its warm welcome; the local arrangements coordinators, Shawn Madigan and Tom West; and our parliamentarian, Tim O'Connell.

3. Because of a massive computer failure in combination with some other factors related to moving the executive office from Omaha to Cleveland, we have lost our membership data base. We have been struggling with this problem for several months, and apologize for the inconvenience to members. All of the mailings have been erratic since early 1997. We are working to repair the damage in three steps: (1) rebuild an accurate member list; (2) sort out our billing; (3) correct and update the directory. It is our intent to complete at least steps one and two by the end of the summer. President-elect Donovan asked those whose mailings have been affected to complete a form available at the registration desk. She expressed gratitude for the membership's patience and cooperation.

4. The current convention structure has now been in place for three years, and so is ready for evaluation. Two specific ways are provided for input. First, in the registration packet contains a two-sided evaluation form: one side is for the 1997 convention and one for the experience of these three years. On Sunday there will be a breakfast for conveners of developing and continuing groups in order to raise issues affecting them.

5. The President-elect explained that the Sunday sessions at this convention have been reshaped to respond to a request for fewer "talking heads" and more opportunity for members to interact. We have planned a combination of a short priming from the speaker/respondent, time for discussion in table groups, and open microphone, with facilitators and recorders present in each room. The present and newly elected Board members will serve as facilitators and recorders.

### *Vice President's Report*

1998 Convention. Vice President Robert Schreiter announced that the theme for the 1998 convention will be "Theological Anthropology: The Human Telos in the Divine Economy." The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada 11-14 June 1998. A brief description of the theme can be found on p. 15 of the program guide for this year's convention. The "call for papers" form was included in the spring mailing (green form). Deadline for proposals is 30 September 1997.

### *Secretary's Report*

1. As the Board liaison with the Nominations Committee, Mary Ann Hinsdale announced that in order to facilitate the work of this committee, the nominations cards would be sent out earlier and there will be an earlier deadline for returning them. The job descriptions for the elected offices will also be published.

2. CTSA Web Site. The Board approved the setting up of a CTSA web page on a server at the College of the Holy Cross. The secretary will oversee the site. She will proceed incrementally, with a description of the society and the membership application process as the first priorities. The International Society of Catholic Theological Societies will also have a page linked to our site.

3. Application Process. The secretary reviewed the procedure for applying for CTSA membership. All applications go through the secretary, not the Executive Secretary. When an application is complete, the secretary sends the name to the Executive Office to be put on the mailing list. Members are billed for dues after the convention in which they are admitted. Please do not send money before you are billed and please do not send dues to the secretary's office. The secretary is happy to receive inquiries by phone, fax, email, or "snail mail." There is a form on the CTSA information brochure for this purpose. The application deadline for each year's admissions is May 1st.

### *Treasurer's Report*

1. Thank you. Treasurer Roger McGrath thanked Dee Christie for her work in this difficult year of transition in the Office of the Executive Secretary.

2. During the next fiscal year, the treasurer will be instituting a new chart of accounts. We will also be shifting to an "academic" fiscal year calendar.

3. Financial Report. The financial report was included in the convention packet received at registration time.

### *Executive Secretary's Report*

In lieu of a report, President Thompson formally introduced Dolores L. ("Dee") Christie, the new CTSA executive secretary. She was given a round of



applause. Dee announced that the site of the 1999 convention will be Miami, Florida, at the Hyatt Regency (Convention Center), 10-13 June 1999.

### *Resolutions*

The only resolution brought forward from the Committee on Resolutions was a resolution from the CTSA Board concerning the Task Force document on the "Tradition and Ordination of Women." President Thompson explained that the Board asked for a secret ballot to be taken on its resolution, with the results being recorded in the following manner: of \_\_\_\_\_ CTSA members present at its annual business meeting, \_\_\_\_\_ voted "yes," \_\_\_\_\_ voted "no," and \_\_\_\_\_ abstained. President Thompson then announced that, "in the interest of impartiality, because this is a Board initiative, I have asked past president Michael Fahey to chair, pro tem, this portion of the meeting. This is not to be construed as a precedent."

The background for the resolution presented by the Board can be found in appendix A. The resolution read as follows (original text is underlined):

RESOLVED: that the Society, assembled at its annual Business Meeting, having considered and discussed the paper, endorses the conclusion of the paper, that "There are serious doubts regarding the nature of the authority of this teaching and its grounds in Tradition. There is serious, widespread disagreement on this question not only among theologians, but also within the larger community of the Church. Once again, it seems clear, therefore, that further study, discussion, and prayer regarding this question by all the members of the Church in accord with their particular gifts and vocations are necessary if the Church is to be guided by the Spirit in remaining faithful to the authentic Tradition of the Gospel in our day."

Several friendly amendments were made: (a) to change the words "having considered and discussed the paper" to "after a year-long process of study and revision"; (b) to insert "Tradition and the Ordination of Women" in apposition to "the paper"; (c) to eliminate the phrases "once again" and "therefore" and replace with ellipses. These were accepted by the movers of the resolution. An amendment to replace the resolution with an alternate text was defeated by a clear voice vote. An amendment was proposed to insert the following text in brackets after the word "teaching" in the first line of the conclusion: "namely, the teaching that the Church's lack of authority to ordain women to the priesthood is a truth that has been infallibly taught and requires the definitive assent of the faithful."

This amendment was passed by a clear voice vote. The final amended text then read as follows:

RESOLVED: that the Society, assembled at its annual Business Meeting, after a year-long process of study and revision, endorses the conclusion of the paper, "Tradition and the Ordination of Women," that "There are serious doubts regarding the nature of the authority of this teaching [namely, the teaching that the Church's lack of authority to ordain women to the priesthood is a truth that has been infallibly taught and requires the definitive assent of the faithful] and its grounds in Tradition. There is serious, widespread disagreement on this question not only among theologians, but also within the larger community of the Church. . . . [I]t seems clear . . . that further study, discussion, and prayer regarding this question by all the members of the Church in accord with their particular gifts and vocations are necessary if the Church is to be guided by the Spirit in remaining faithful to the authentic Tradition of the Gospel in our day."

After further clarification and discussion, the question was called. The resolution was then voted on by secret ballot. Of 248 members present, 216 voted "yes," 22 voted "no," and 10 abstained.

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 the fifty-second annual convention was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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