

SECRETARY'S REPORT THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its fifty-seventh annual convention June 6-9, 2002 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme of the convention was "Reading the Signs of the Times." Registration took place from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 6. The program group, Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

At the opening session, President Peter Phan welcomed the Steering Committee of the International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology (INSeCT). The Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes, archbishop of New Orleans, welcomed the convention participants to New Orleans and offered the opening prayer. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges Loyola University New Orleans, Xavier University of Louisiana, Notre Dame Seminary and Our Lady of Holy Cross College for subsidizing this event and for their gracious hospitality and generous support throughout the convention.

President Phan announced that he had appointed an ad hoc committee to prepare a discussion paper on the current clergy sexual abuse crisis. At its pre-convention meeting the Board received the paper, "The 'Crisis in the Church': A CTSA Proposal for Reflection and Reform," which was drafted by Lisa Cahill, Richard Gaillardetz, and Ladislav Örsy. This internal document was made available to the membership following the Thursday evening plenary session and a discussion was held on Friday, June 7, during the time normally devoted to the Hearing of the Resolutions. The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday. The president's reception for new members followed the business meeting. A special session sponsored by the Christology program group took place Friday evening from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The convention's eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday June 8, at Immaculate Conception ("Jesuit") Church. CTSA President Peter Phan presided and gave the homily. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Toward the end of the meal President Phan read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M. Following dessert, Dr. Michael White, professor of Spanish and Afro-American music at Xavier University of Louisiana and renowned jazz clarinetist, together with his ensemble, performed and explicated the heritage of New Orleans style jazz to the delight of everyone.

Morning prayer was held from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings, for such groups as the Karl Rahner Society, *Theological Studies* Board of Editorial Consultants, alumni of the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and the Catholic University of America, the CTSA Underrepresented Constituencies, the Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology and the conveners of program and research groups. A tour of historic Black Catholic sites in New Orleans was held following the convention on Sunday afternoon, June 9.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, June 6

3:30–6:30 *Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology*. Program Group.

Topic: "Feminism and Catholicism: Reading the Signs of the Times"

Conveners: Elena G. Procaro-Foley, Iona College

Jane Carol Redmont, Graduate Theological Union

Moderator: Michelle Gonzalez, Loyola Marymount University

Presenter: Nancy A. Dallavalle, Fairfield University

"Gospel Feminism, Papal Feminism, Catholic Feminism"

Respondents: Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne University

Phyllis Zagano, New York

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

Presiding: Peter Phan, Catholic University of America, President, CTSA

Welcome & Prayer: Most Rev. Alfred C. Hughes, Archbishop of New Orleans

Address: Michael J. Himes, Boston College

"Reading the Signs of the Times: Theological Reflections"

Response: Cynthia Crysdale, The Catholic University of America

9:30 *Reception*

Friday Morning, June 7

9:00 – 10:30 *Group Sessions*

1. The Role of the Church. Selected Session.

The Role of the Church in Reading the Signs of the Times

Convener: Thomas Kopfensteiner, Fordham University

Presenter: Robert E. Lampert, CHRISTUS Health

"What are the 'Signs of the Times' and Who Reads Them?"

Respondent: Christophe Potworowski, Newman College, Edmonton, Alberta

2. Trinitarian Theology. Program Group.

New Directions for Trinitarian Theology

Convener: Nancy A. Dallavalle, Fairfield University

Moderator: Miguel Diaz, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

Presenters: M. John Farrelly, O.S.B., St. Anselm's Abbey

"Time and the Trinity's Saving Presence"

Ralph Del Colle, *Marquette University*

"Trinity and Temporality: Issues and Questions"

3. Catholic Social Teaching Group. Program Group.

Globalization as a Sign of the Times

Convener: Margaret R. Pfeil, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia

Moderator: Brian D. Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland

Presenters: Thomas Massaro, S.J., Weston Jesuit School of Theology

"Judging the Juggernaut: Toward an Ethical Evaluation of Globalization"

Mark Allman, Loyola University Chicago

"Participation as a Constitutive Element for Global Social Justice"

4. Comparative Theology. Program Group.

Seeking Buddhist Gold:

A Theological Response to Santideva's *Bodhicaryavatara*

Convener: Paul J. Griffiths, University of Illinois at Chicago

Moderator: Thomas Forsthoefel, Mercyhurst College

Presenter: Terrence W. Tilley, University of Dayton

"A Theological Response to Santideva's *Bodhicaryavatara*"

Respondent: Paul J. Griffiths, University of Illinois at Chicago

5. Contemporary Western Theology. Solicited Session.

Contemporary Western Theology: Contexts and Methods

Convener: Vincent Miller, Georgetown University

Presenter: Lieven Boeve, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

"Postmodern Theology between Secularity and Plurality:

Some Methodological Considerations"

Respondents: Gerald Boodoo, Xavier University of Louisiana

Bradford Hinze, Marquette University

6. Practical Theology. Program Group.

Contemporary Theory, the Signs of the Times, and Practical Theology

Conveners: Raymond J. Webb,

University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary

Kathleen A. Cahalan, St. John's University, Collegeville MN

Moderator: Raymond J. Webb,

University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminar

Presenter: Kathleen A. Cahalan, St. John's University, Collegeville MN

"Beyond 'Reading the Signs of the Times':

The Challenge to Contemporary Practical Theology"

Respondent: Stephan Bevans, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union

7. White Privilege and Racism. Selected Session.

Convener: Margaret E. Guider, Weston School of Theology

Moderator: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College

Presenters: Mary E. Hobgood, College of the Holy Cross

William R. O'Neill, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

- "Coming to Terms with White Privilege and Racism:
An Imperative for White Theologians"
8. Von Balthasar Society. Program Group.
Gnostic Return in Modernity
Conveners: David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute
for Studies of Marriage and the Family
Peter Casarella, Catholic University of America
Moderator: David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute
for Studies of Marriage and the Family
Presenter: Cyril O'Regan, University of Notre Dame
"Gnostic Return in Modernity: A Balthasarian Genealogy"
9. Theology and Suffering. Selected Session.
Constructing Theology with Narratives of Suffering
Convener: Bruce T. Morrill, Boston College
Moderator: Thomas Ryan, St. Thomas University
Presenter: Bruce T. Morrill, Boston College
"Reading Texts of Terror: Narrative Redemptions of Suffering"
Respondent: Terry Veling, St. Thomas University
10. Spirituality. Program Group.
Spirituality and Critique of Culture
Convener: Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union
Moderator: Diana Villegas, Acton, MA
Presenters: Michael Warren, St. John's University, New York
"Spirituality and Wealth"
Lee F. Cormie, St. Michael's College, Toronto
"Movements of the Spirit in History: Globalization from Below"
Respondent: Patricia Cooney Hathaway, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit
- 11:00-12:00 *Second Plenary Session*
Presiding: Kenneth Himes, O.F.M., Washington Theological Union,
Past President, CTSA
Address: Barbara Hilkert Andolsen, Monmouth University
" 'The Vision Still Has Its Time':
A Social Ethical Cryptanalysis of the Signs of the Times"
Response: Robert Imbelli, Boston College

Friday Afternoon, June 7

- 1:15-2:15 *Hearing of the Resolutions Committee*
Discussion of "The 'Crisis in the Church':
A CTSA Proposal for Reflection and Reform"
Presiding: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University, Vice-President, CTSA
- 2:30-4:15 *Group Sessions*
1. Constructive Theology. Selected Session.
Contemporary Theory and Constructive Theology

- Convener: Bradford Hinze, Marquette University
 Presenters: Vincent Miller, Georgetown University
 "Consuming the Signs of the Times"
 Michele Saracino, Regis College
 "Conflict, Suffering, and Peace: Issues in Being-for-the-Other"
2. World Church Theology. Developing Group (3rd and Final Year).
 World Church Theology Today
 Convener: Gerald Boodoo, Xavier University of Louisiana
 Moderator: Philip Linden, Xavier University of Louisiana
 Presenter: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
 "World Church Theological Trends"
 Respondent: Monya Stubbs, Vanderbilt University
3. The Church and Homosexuality. Selected Session.
 The Church's Theology of Homosexuality
 Convener: James B. Nickoloff, College of the Holy Cross
 Presenters: Mary E. Hines, Emmanuel College
 Leo O'Donovan, S.J., President Emeritus, Georgetown University
 Thomas McElligott, St. Mary's College of California
 "Theological Implications of the Church's Teaching on Homosexuality"
4. Method in Theology. Program Group.
 The Theological Method of Ignacio Ellacuria
 Conveners: Richard M. Liddy, Seton Hall University
 J. Michael Stebbins, Gonzaga University
 Moderator: Donna Teevan, Seattle University
 Presenter: Kevin Burke, Weston School of Theology
 "Toward a Theology of the Signs of the Times:
 The Achievement of Ignacio Ellacuria"
 Respondent: Cephias Lerewonu, Marquette University
5. The Church and Other Religious Traditions. Selected Session.
 The Catholic Church and Other Religious Traditions
 Convener: James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University
 Presenters: David B. Burrell, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame
 Marianne Farina, Boston College
 "Interreligious Friendships with Muslims as a Sign of the Times"
 Respondent: Giv Nassiri, University of California, Berkeley
6. Globalization and the Concerns of Women Selected Session.
 Theology, Globalization, and the Concerns of Women
 Conveners: the presenters
 Presenters: Kathleen McManus, O.P., University of Portland
 Patricia Benson, O.P., Adrian Dominican Sisters
 Colleen Mary Mallon, O.P., Queen of the Holy Rosary College
 "Theology for the Preaching: Crossing Boundaries, Transforming Methods"

7. Yves Congar Ecumenical Colloquium. Program Group.
Congar on Discerning the Mission of the Spirit in the Signs of the Times
Convener: Mark E. Ginter, St. Meinrad School of Theology
Moderator: Richard K. Eckley, Houghton College
Presenter: Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
"A Catholic Perspective"
Respondents: R. William Franklin, Episcopal Diocese of New York
"An Anglican Response"
Michael Prokurat, University of St. Thomas School of Theology
"An Orthodox Response"
 8. CTSA Underrepresented Groups. Solicited Session.
Recent Developments in Under-represented Theologies
Convener: Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Presenters: Anthea Butler, Loyola Marymount University
Michelle Gonzalez, Loyola Marymount University
Jonathan Tan, The Catholic University of America
"There are many rooms . . . Recent Developments
in Underrepresented Theologies and Their Relationship to the CTSA"
 9. Early Christian Theology. Program Group.
Early Christian Response to the Signs of the Times
Convener: Alexis Doval, St. Mary's College of California
Presenters: Michael Foley, University of Notre Dame
"The Art of Reading in Augustine's *Confessions*"
Maureen Tilley, University of Dayton
"Algiers, Annaba, and Augustine in the 21st Century"
 10. The Laity and the Ministry of the Word. Selected Session.
Theology of the Laity and the Ministry of the Word
Convener: Mark Wedig, O.P., Barry University
Moderator: Pat Walter, O.P., Aquinas Institute of Theology
Presenter: Sara Fairbanks, O.P., Barry University
"Dei Verbum 2002: A Look at a Theology of the Laity
and Ministry of the Word in Our Times"
Respondent: Mary Catherine Hilkert, O.P., University of Notre Dame
 11. Bioethics and Health Care. Program Group.
Current Signs in Bioengineering
Convener: Regina Wolfe, St. John's University, Minnesota
Moderator: David F. Kelly, Duquesne University
Presenter: James J. Walter, *Loyola Marymount University*
"The Bioengineering of Planet Earth:
Some Scientific, Moral, and Theological Considerations"
- 4:30-6:00 *Business Meeting*
6:15 *President's Reception for New Members*
8:30-10:00 *Special Session. Christology Program Group.*

"Jesus Symbol of God: A Discussion with Roger Haight"

Moderator: Tatha Wiley, St. Olaf College

Presenter: Roger Haight, S.J., Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Saturday Morning, June 8

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

Convener: Melvin Michalski, Saint Francis Seminary, Milwaukee

Presenter: Craig A. Baron, Duquesne University

"The Linguistic Other in Transcendental Thomism"

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

Presiding: Jon Nilson, Loyola University Chicago, President-Elect, CTSA

Address: David C. Robinson, S.J., University of San Francisco

"Beyond the Gutenberg Hologram: The Gamble of a Lifetime"

Respondent: Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M., Boston College

11:00-12:30 *Group Sessions*

1. Black Catholic Theology Program Group.

Contemporary Black/Womanist and Hispanic/Latino/a Theologies in America:

A Dialogue. Session I

Convener: Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Loyola University Chicago

Presenter: Stephanie Mitchell, University of Detroit Mercy

"Tangle Roots—African Diaspora and *Mestizaje*"

Respondent: Orlando Espin, University of San Diego

2. The Unity of the Churches. Selected Session.

The Unity of the Churches

Convener: Jeffrey Gros, F.S.C., U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Presenters: Ann K. Riggs, National Council of Churches

John Ford, C.S.C., Catholic University of America

"The Catholic Contribution to the Faith and Order Movement"

3. Renaissance and Modern Theology. Program Group.

Historical Criticism

Convener: William McConville, Raleigh, NC

Moderator: John Thiel, Fairfield University

Presenter: David G. Schultenover, S.J., Marquette University

"Historical Criticism and Luis Martín,
the Black Pope of the Modernist Crisis"

4. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology. Program Group.

Liturgical Signs of the Times

Convener: Bruce Morrill, Boston College

Moderator: David Fagerberg, The Liturgical Institute,

University of St. Mary of the Lake

Presenter: David Stosur, Saint Francis Seminary, Milwaukee

"Reading the Sign(ifier/ified)s of the Times:

A Narrative Response to Guardini's Challenge"

- Respondent: Bruce Morrill
5. Karl Rahner Society. Program Group.
 Karl Rahner and Religious Language
 Convener: Melvin Michalski, Saint Francis Seminary, Milwaukee
 Moderator: Craig A. Barron, Duquesne University
 Presenters: Stephen Fields, Georgetown University
 "Rahner and the Symbolism of Language"
 Ann R. Riggs, Rivier College
 "Rahner and Wittgenstein: An Attempt at Conversation"
 Terrance Klein, St. John's University
 "Symbol and Religious Language"
6. Communication Theology. Research Group (first of three years)
 Publishing Project in Communication Theology
 Convener: Frances Forde Plude, Notre Dame College
 Moderator: Bernard (Bob) Bonnot, Hallmark Channel
 Presenter: Paul A. Soukup, S.J., Santa Clara University
 "A Communication Theology Research and Publishing Project"
 Respondent: Stephen Hrycyniak, Sheed and Ward Publishers
7. Theology and Philosophy Selected Session.
 Theology and Philosophy
 Convener: James Le Grys, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
 Moderator: Robert Masson, Marquette University
 Presenter: Oliva Blanchette, Boston College
 "Is Metaphysics Relevant for Contemporary Theology?"
 Respondents: Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University
 David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute
 for Studies on Marriage and the Family
8. Christology. Program Group.
The Firstborn of Many; Works in Progress
 Convener: Tatha Wiley, St. Olaf's College
 Moderator: Lou McNeil, Georgian Court College
 Presenter: Donald L. Gelpi, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 "The Firstborn of Many: Elements of the Argument"
 Respondents: Alexander Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 Open forum: Discussion of participants'
 current Christological research and writing
9. Contemporary Theology—INSeCT. Solicited Session.
 Contemporary Theology—INSeCT
 (International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology)
 Convener: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College
 Presenters: Peter Hünemann, University of Tübingen
 Marcio Fabri dos Anjos, Sociedade de Teologia e Ciências da Religião,
 Sao Paulo

- "The Agenda of Catholic Theology Outside North America"
10. Theology and the Natural Sciences. Program Group.
Religion and Genetics
Conveners: Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory, University of Arizona
Moderator: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory, University of Arizona
Presenters: Thomas A. Shannon, *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
Zachary Hayes, O.F.M., Catholic Theological Union
"Adam and Eve, Modern Genetics and Original Sin"
11. Moral Theology. Program Group.
Casuistry, Imagination, and Terror
Conveners: William A. Barbieri, Jr., Catholic University of America
Thomas B. Leininger, University of San Diego
Presenters: Richard B. Miller, Indiana University
"Casuistry, Imagination, and Terror"
William Barbieri, Jr.,
"Method in Casuistic Imagination"

Saturday Afternoon, June 8

2:30-4:15 *Group Sessions*

1. Hispanic/Latino/a Catholic Theology. Program Group.
Contemporary Black/Womanist and Hispanic/Latino/a Theologies in America:
A Dialogue. Session II
Convener: Gary Riebe Estrella, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union
Moderator: Orlando Espin
Presenter: Theresa Torres, Catholic University of America
"Voices from the Margin: Towards a Theology of Reconciliation:
Theological Insights from Latino/a and African American Perspectives"
Respondent: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University
2. Marriage and Family Issues. Selected Session.
Contemporary Theology on Marriage and Family Issues
Convener: Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University
Presenters: William P. Roberts, *University of Dayton*
"Can Domestic Violence Break the Sacramental Marriage Bond?"
Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University
"Christian Parents and the Moral Development of Children"
Respondent: Florence Bourg, College of Mt. St. Joseph
3. Medieval Theology. Program Group.
Issues in Post-Thomistic Theology
Convener: Michael Gorman, Catholic University of America
Presenters: Stephen Brown, Boston College
"The Debate over the Character of Theology
in the Early Fourteenth Century"

- Michael Miller, Mt. St. Mary's College
 "Molina's Misleading Use of Aquinas
 in Defense of his Doctrine of Middle Knowledge"
4. Theological Education. Solicited Session.
 Theological Education in a Post-Christian Context
 Convener: Jerry Farmer, Xavier University of Louisiana
 Presenters: Mark Gstohl, Xavier University of Louisiana
 "Culture and Christ: The Role of Historical Theology
 in a Post-Christian Context"
 Phillip J. Linden, Xavier University of Louisiana
 "Method in Religion and Theology in the North American Context"
 Rudley Miland, Xavier University of Louisiana
 "The Contemporary Problem of Theodicy, Social Suffering and Theology"
 Mary Ann Stachow, Xavier University of Louisiana
 "Undergraduate Biblical Studies in a Post-Christian Context"
5. Theology and Ecology. Developing Group (first of three Years).
 Theology and Ecology Convener: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
 Presenter: Denis Edwards, Flinders University
 "Ecology and the Creator Spirit"
 Respondents: Dawn Nothwehr, Catholic Theological Union
 Kevin Irwin, Catholic University of America
6. The New American Religious Pluralism. Selected Session.
 The New American Religious Pluralism as a Sign of the Times
 Convener: Francis X. Clooney, S.J., Boston College
 Moderator: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
 Presenters: Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
 Jonathan Tan, The Catholic University of America
 Edward Ulrich, University of St. Thomas
 "The New American Religious Pluralism as a Sign of the Times"
7. North American Contextual Theologies. Program Group.
 Radical Individualism and Ecclesial Responses
 Convener: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Graduate Theological Union
 Moderator: Donald L. Gelpi, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 Presenter: John Markey, O.P. Barry University
 "The Recovery of the Communal Dimension of Individual Spirituality"
 Respondent: Mary Johnson, S.N.D., Emmanuel College
8. "Radical Orthodoxy" and Catholic Theology. Selected Session.
 The Significance of "Radical Orthodoxy" for Catholic Theology
 Convener: Philip Rossi, S.J., Marquette University
 Presenters: David B. Burrell, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame
 Anthony Godzieba, Villanova University
 John Montag, Creighton University
 Philip Rossi, S.J., Marquette University

- "Radical Orthodoxy: Reading the Signs of Pre/Post and Modern Times"
9. Missiology and Mission Theology. Program Group.
Syncretism and Indigenous Leadership and Traditions
Conveners: Stephan Bevans, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union
Lou McNeil, Georgian Court College
Moderator: Jeanne Evans, Marymount Manhattan College
Presenters: Carl F. Starkloff, S.J., Institute of Jesuit Resources
"Religious Syncretism as a Response to Alien Pressures"
Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union
"Indigenous Leadership in the Church: the Chiapas Experience"
10. Thought of John Henry Newman. Program Group.
Signs of the Times in Newman's Thought and Strategies
Conveners: Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College
Kevin Godfrey, Alvernia College
Presenters: Thomas R. Potvin, Dominican College of Theology, Ottawa
"Times and Events: An Integral Part of Development of Doctrine"
Gerald H. McCarren, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University
"Signs of the Times in Newman's Present Position of Catholics
in England apropos of the Signs of the Times Today"
Edward Jeremy Miller, *Gwynedd-Mercy College*
"Would *Ex Corde* have been a Sign of the Times for Newman?"
11. Ecclesiology. Program Group.
Generational Shifts in Ecclesiology:
Differing Constructions of the Church/World Relationship
Convener: Susan K. Wood, St. John's University, Collegeville MN
Moderator: Bradford Hinze, Marquette University
Presenters: Thomas Rausch, Loyola Marymount University
Christopher Ruddy, St. John's University, Collegeville MN
"Generational Perspectives on Ecclesiology: Main Issues and Tasks"
- 5:00 *Eucharist: Immaculate Conception ("Jesuit") Parish*
- 6:15 *Reception*
- 7:00 *John Courtney Murray Award Banquet*

Sunday Morning, June 9

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

1. Discussion of Michael Himes's Address
Moderator: Judith Kubicki, Fordham University
2. Discussion of Barbara Hilkert Andolsen's Address
Moderator: Patricia Jung, Loyola University Chicago
3. Discussion of David C. Robinson's Address
Moderator: Francis J. Buckley, S.J., University of San Francisco

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

Presiding: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University, Vice-President, CTSA

Address: Peter Phan, Catholic University of America, President, CTSA
 "Theology on the Other Side of the Borders"

12:00 *Appointment of the New President*

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JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD, 2002

The theologian who is honored with the John Courtney Murray Award this year is a son of Saint Francis. Born in Santa Clara, California, he spent all of his teaching career of more than thirty years at the Franciscan School of Theology/Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, at which he is still teaching as Professor Emeritus. He also served as academic dean and then as president of this institution for fourteen years.

After earning his licentiate in sacred theology from the Catholic University of America in 1965, our honoree went to study at the Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany, where he obtained his doctorate, barely two years later, with a dissertation on the relationship between conditioned and unconditioned being according to Paul Tillich.

In the theological world, our theologian is nationally and internationally known for his writings on sacramental theology and ministry. His books on sacraments in general, the sacraments of initiation, reconciliation and penance, priesthood, and non-ordained ministry have been widely used as textbooks throughout the country, and one of them has been translated into Spanish and Korean. Keeping with the times, his latest book deals with the sacraments in the postmodern world. His writings, always pellucid and well-organized, are marked by a deep sense of historical development, which allows him to search for alternative solutions to currently debated issues in the life of the church in a responsible way. Hence, his theology evinces a profound concern for pastoral relevance, but is at the same time deeply rooted in the Tradition.

Lately, our honoree has turned his attention to the world of Asia. He has pursued research on Confucianism and its relationship to Christian thought. He has taught at Fudan University in Shanghai, and at Beijing University, as well as in Singapore. He is perhaps the only John Courtney Murray honoree to date who can boast of a knowledge of Chinese.

Our honoree has been extremely generous in his service to various academic organizations including the American Academy of Religion, and of course, the Catholic Theological Society of America, of which he was President in 1978-79. It is therefore with great pleasure and gratitude that we honor *Professor Kenan Osborne, O.F.M.* with the prestigious John Courtney Murray Award.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Peter Phan called the annual business meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2002. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Matthew Ashley presented the report from the Committee on Admissions. The other members of the committee were Ronald Mercier, S.J. (Chair), Cristina Traina, Kathleen McManus, O.P. and Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M., the secretary of the CTSA, *ex officio*. Matthew Ashley and Kathleen McManus will continue to serve on the committee next year.

From approximately eighty-five initial inquiries during the year, seventy-five applications were returned. In its review the committee found that seventy-four applications qualified for membership; fifty-two for active membership and twenty-one for associate membership. One applicant for active membership decided to defer his admission for this year. Nine of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Four applicants were members who were reinstated. Twenty-nine of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Seven are from underrepresented groups.

The committee recommended that these seventy-four applications 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 and be recognized. They were greeted with a round of applause. The president then invited the new members to a reception to be held immediately following the business meeting. Brief biographical entries and addresses of the new members are found in the addenda to the directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Committee on Nominations

Elena Procario-Foley, chair of the Committee on Nominations gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Miguel Diaz, Mary Ann Donovan, and Michael Fahey. Procario-Foley, Diaz, and Fahey will continue to serve on the committee next year. The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follows.

- for vice president: Orlando Espín, University of San Diego
Roberto Goizueta, Boston College
- for secretary: Mary Ann Hinsdale, Boston College
- for treasurer: Roger McGrath, Our Lady of Grace Parish,
Somerdale, New Jersey
- for board members: Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego
Nancy A. Dallavalle, Fairfield University
Daniel Rush Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville
James B. Nickoloff, College of the Holy Cross

There were no nominations from the floor.

Roberto Goizueta was elected vice-president. Daniel Rush Finn was elected to the board on the second ballot. Maria Pilar Aquino was elected on the fourth ballot. Mary Ann Hinsdale was reelected secretary by acclamation. Roger McGrath was reelected treasurer by acclamation.

Jon Nilson becomes the new president for 2002–2003. M. Shawn Copeland becomes the president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Peter Phan as past president, Francis Clooney and Thomas Shannon as board members.

President's Report

1. President Peter Phan explained that the reason the convention was meeting in New Orleans instead of Philadelphia was that the board of directors had determined that the practices of the Adams Mark hotel did not agree with the principles that CTSA stands for. He explained that we will not know if we will suffer any financial penalties from this decision until after the convention. President Phan thanked John Christie who provided legal consultation to the CTSA *pro bono*, as well as M. Shawn Copeland, Barbara Hilkert Andolsen and Christine Firer Hinze, who served on the ad hoc committee to investigate this situation.

2. The mandatum took effect on May 31, 2002. Peter Phan spoke to the members of the Association of Catholic College and Universities at their annual meeting this past January and his address is posted on the CTSA website. CTSA member Monika Hellwig, who is executive director of the ACCU, has asked to be kept abreast of any difficulties that CTSA members may have experienced so she may inform the college and university presidents.

3. Given the mission of Catholic theologians to serve the church with our theological expertise, Peter Phan, Jon Nilson and M. Shawn Copeland met with Bishop Donald Trautman, Chair of the Bishops' Committee on Doctrine, and Monsignor John Strykowski, theologian for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, on March 12, 2002, to explore further opportunities for conversation. A proposal was made that such a meeting be held at least once a year. Another sign of cooperation between theologians and the bishops is that the CTSA president will invite the bishop members of the society to have lunch with the board at least once a year. This year two bishop members joined the board for lunch before the convention: Auxiliary Bishop Richard Sklba of Milwaukee and Auxiliary Bishop Emile Wcela of Rockville Centre, New York.

4. Conversation has begun with the College Theology Society's board of directors to see what forms of future collaboration our two societies might pursue, since we have many joint members and some of our membership serve or have served on the boards of both societies.

5. The board has engaged Dr. Jeffrey Marlett of the College of St. Rose to write the history of the CTSA. Dr. Marlett has agreed to have the history finished by 2006. President Phan thanked Msgr. Robert Wister for generously making available his research for this project.

6. The Executive Director's office has moved to John Carroll University and the Society would like to thank them for all they have done to support the CTSA.

7. The President invited Dr. Peter Hünemann, President of the Steering Committee of the International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology (INSeCT) to address the convention. Dr. Lieven Boeve of the *Europäische Gesellschaft für katholische Theologie* (ET) also extended best wishes from that society to CTSA. Dr. Boeve extended an invitation to members of the society to their 2004 conference which will be held in Fribourg, Switzerland. The conference theme will be: "The Fears that Haunt Europe: A Challenge to Theology." Dr. Bradford Hinze, CTSA delegate to INSeCT, gave a brief report to the membership in which he expressed gratitude to Drs. Hünemann, Marcio Fabri dos Anjos, and Anne E. Patrick for their pioneering work on the Steering Committee. Hinze reminded CTSA members that the INSeCT website is linked to our own CTSA website and encouraged the membership to visit it often for news of international Catholic theological societies.

President-Elect's Report

1. Jon Nilson announced that to further the effort of increased communication between theologians and bishops, he has asked John Thiel of Fairfield University to serve as liaison for this endeavor. This past November, Nilson attended the meeting of the Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians (SALT) to bring greetings from the CTSA and to invite their members to attend the New Orleans meeting as our guests. CTSA member Cynthia Crysdale is the President of SALT.

2. President-elect Nilson thanked the members of the local arrangements committee for their work on the convention: Gerald Boodoo (Chair), Elizabeth Willems, Peter Bernardi, Peter Gittens, and Philip Linden.

3. Conveners were reminded to attend the conveners' breakfast meeting on Sunday morning. President-elect Nilson also reminded the members of the importance of filling out the convention evaluation form found in the folders.

4. The CTSA secretary, Mary Ann Hinsdale, has announced that this coming year will be her final year as CTSA secretary. A search committee will be appointed to vet applications for candidates for this position. This committee will forward the name of the candidate to the Nominations Committee and the person will stand for election in 2003.

5. Mary Ann Hinsdale received this year's Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award from the Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology. The award is given annually to a member of the Seminar "whose work integrates theological scholarship with Christian praxis, especially as it affects the lives of women."

Vice-president's Report

Vice-president M. Shawn Copeland announced that the 2003 convention will be held June 5-8 at the Westin Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. The theme of the convention is "The Vocation of the Theologian."

Vice-president Copeland met with the Board of Directors of the College Theology Society at their May meeting to discuss the possibilities of future collaboration. Both societies agreed to continue these conversations.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Mary Ann Hinsdale announced that the CTSA board approved a listserv policy. The electronic list (listserv) will be used primarily as a means of rapid communication to the membership by the officers and board of directors (i.e., important convention announcements, reminders, death notices, etc.). Other announcements, such as employment opportunities and conference call for papers can be posted on the website bulletin board. The listserv currently has 535 subscribers. E-mail the secretary (hinsdale@bc.edu) if you wish to be put on the listserv.

The cost of producing a printed Directory with extensive biography and bibliography has been prohibitive and has resulted in yet another delay. The board authorized a more abbreviated printed directory that will include name, institution, address, phone, email and theological specializations. The online Directory, located on the CTSA website, will continue to include dissertation titles and three recent publications. The printed directory should be out this fall.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roger McGrath referred members to the financial report and balance sheet that was included in their convention folders. Indicating the highlights of those reports, he noted that income is down and expenses are up. Some of this is due to the increased professionalization of the Executive Director's office. Another reason is due to our drop in investment income. We are subject to the same post-9/11 market variables as everyone else. Most of our investments are in bonds and despite the downturn in the economy, we are in good shape.

Executive Director's Report

1. Executive Director Dolores Christie announced that beginning next year there will be a different mailing cycle. Hotel reservation and convention information will come in the same mailing.

2. Four hundred twenty persons are registered for the convention.

3. Rooms for next year's convention at the Westin hotel will be priced at \$115. In 2004 we will be meeting June 10-14 on the east coast. The room rate at the Hyatt in Reston, Virginia will be \$119. A free shuttle to the hotel will be available from Dulles airport.

