

SECRETARY'S REPORT—  
THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its sixty-eighth annual convention June 6–9 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Miami, Florida. The theme of the convention was “Conversion.” Registration took place from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on June 6th. The continuing group, Women’s Consultation in Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:00–5:30 p.m. The 2013 Ann O’Hara Graff Award was presented to Mary C. Boys, Professor, Union Theological Seminary. At the Opening Session, CTSA President Susan Ross presided and Most Reverend Thomas Gerard Wenski of the Archdiocese of Miami welcomed the convention participants. President Susan A. Ross led the opening prayer and remembrance of deceased members. The ceremony included a brief memorial for thirteen CTSA members and theological colleagues who had died recently: Benedict Ashley, O.P.; Maura Campbell, O.P.; Ralph del Colle; Bernard J. Cooke; Stephen Feehan; Mary Garvin, S.N.J.M.; Peter Goldbach, C.M.; John Jones; Philip Keane; Margaret O’Gara; Kevin O’Rourke, O.P.; Kevin Seasoltz, O.S.B.; and Ed Shirley. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges Barry University, Boston College, Loyola University Chicago, and the President’s Office and School of Theology and Ministry at St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, for subsidizing the event and for their gracious hospitality and generous support throughout the convention.

The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday, June 7th. The president’s reception for new and newer members followed the business meeting. A reception was also sponsored by Liturgical Press.

The convention’s liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 8, at the Shrine of La Ermita de Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre. CTSA member Jorge Presmanes, O.P., presided and President Susan Ross gave the reflection. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President Susan Ross read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque, medal, and check to Anne E. Patrick.

Morning prayer, led by Claudia Herrera, Michael McCormack, and pianist Marina Schreiber was held from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings for such groups as the Karl Rahner Society, Von Balthasar Society, the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, Theological Studies Editorial Consultants, Women’s Seminar, CUERG, and the conveners of program and research groups.

### CONVENTION PROGRAM

#### Thursday Afternoon and Evening June 6, 2013:

3:00-5:30 Pre-Convention Session: *Women’s Consultation in Constructive Theology*

“Rethinking Conversion through Gender and Interreligious  
Difference/Dialogue”

- Co-conveners: Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College  
Paulette Skiba, Clarke University
- Moderator: Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College
- Presenters: Karen B. Enriquez, Xavier University  
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
- Respondent: Michelle Saracino, Manhattan College
- 4:30-5:00 Ann O’Hara Graff Memorial Award Presentation to Mary  
C. Boys, Union Theological Seminary
- 5:00-5:15 Community Memorial honoring the life and work of Ada  
María Isasi Díaz
- 5:00-5:30 Business Meeting
- 7:00-9:00 **Opening and First Plenary Session**
- Presiding: Susan A. Ross, Loyola University Chicago  
President, CTSA
- Opening Prayer and Remembrances of Deceased Members
- Welcome: Most Reverend Thomas Gerard Wenski  
Archdiocese of Miami
- Address: Peter Casarella, DePaul University  
“Conversion and Witnessing: Intercultural Renewal in a  
World Church”
- 9:00 *Reception*

**Friday Morning, June 7, 2013**

- 7:15-8:45 Von Balthasar Society Breakfast
- 7:15-8:45 Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
Breakfast
- 8:30-8:45 Morning Prayer
- 9:00-10:30 **Second Plenary Session**
- Presiding: John E. Thiel, Fairfield University  
Past President, CTSA
- Address: Linda Hogan, Trinity College, Dublin  
“The Ethical Imagination and the Anatomy of Change: A  
Perspective from Social Ethics”
- Respondent: Tobias Winright, St. Louis University
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:45 **Concurrent Sessions**

1. Invited Session

“Conversion and Catholicity within the Guild of Theologians: Overcoming Barriers  
to Dialogue and Communion”

Convener: Dan Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville  
Moderator: Dan Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville  
Presenters: Christopher Ruddy, Catholic University of America  
"I desire to be truly ecclesial": Henri de Lubac on Temptation, Conversion, and the Theologian"  
Christine Firer Hinze, Fordham University  
"Creative Contention, Capital Investment, and the Debt of Love (Rom 13:8): Bonding and Bridging Practices and Their Significance for U.S. Theologians' Academic, Ecclesial, and Public Work"

## 2. Bioethics/Healthcare Topic Session

Administrative Team: Mari Rapela Heidt, Charles Camosy, Andrea Vicini, S.J.

Convener: Mari Rapela Heidt, University of Dayton  
Moderator: Charles Camosy, Fordham University  
Presenters: Patrick M. Clark, University of Scranton  
"Conversion and Mutual Intelligibility in the Physician-Assisted Suicide Debate"  
Meghan Clark, St. John's University, New York  
"Seeking Solidarity in Global Health: *Helping Babies Breathe* in Sudan"

## 3. Black, Asian and Asian-American, and Latino/a Theology

### Consultation Session I

Administrative Team: Ramon Luzárraga, Cecilia González-Andrieu

Convener: Ramon Luzárraga  
Moderator: Teresa Maya, Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word  
Presenters: Brett Hoover, Loyola Marymount University  
"Lost and Found at the Cultural Crossroads: Perspectives on New Evangelization Conversion Narratives"  
Sophia Park, Holy Names University  
"A Strategy for Finding Space for Conversion: The Struggle of U.S. Women Religious"  
Freddie Washington, Xavier University of New Orleans  
"Conversion and Identity: Community as a Major Source of Change"

## 4. Catholicity and Mission Topic Session

Topic: "Conversion: Contemporary Insights and Imperatives for 'Missio ad gentes,' 'Missio cum gentibus' and 'Missio inter gentes'"

Administrative Team: Elochukwu Uzukwu, Margaret Guider, Van Thanh Nguyen

Convener: Elochukwu Uzukwu, Duquesne University  
Moderator: Van Thanh Nguyen, Catholic Theological Union  
Presenters: Steve Bevans, Catholic Theological Union  
"Kicking the Hornet's Nest: Conversion, Church, and Culture"  
Marian Maskulak, St. John's University, New York  
Jonathan Y. Tan, Australian Catholic University

“Mission among the Peoples: The Future of Christian Mission in Asia”

5. Selected Session

- Topic: “Conversion from White Complicity to Anti-Racist Spiritual Practices”
- Convener: Jennifer Reed-Bouley, College of St. Mary
- Moderator: Karen Teel, University of San Diego
- Presenters: Alex Mikulich, Loyola University New Orleans  
“Du Boisian ‘Double-consciousness’: A Way Where There is No Way?”  
Laurie Cassidy, Marywood University  
“Conversion: Mindful Awareness and Turning from Social Evil”  
Jennifer Reed-Bouley,  
“The Faith and Faithfulness of Black Catholics as Gifts to the Universal Church”

6. Selected Session

- Topic: “Desire for Conversion”
- Convener: Peter Casarella, DePaul University
- Moderator: Peter Casarella, DePaul University
- Presenters: Catherine Chalié, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre  
“Franz Rosenzweig (1886–1929): To Remain a Jew in a Christian World”  
Maria Clara Luchetti Bingemer, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro  
“Desire for Conversion in Simone Weil”

7. God/Trinity Topic Session

- “Trinity and Conversion in Augustine”
- Administrative Team: Aristotle Papanikolaou, Anthony Godzieba, Anthony Keaty
- Convener: Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University
- Moderator: Anthony Godzieba, Villanova University
- Presenters: Andrew Salzman, Benedictine College  
“Conversion to the Trinity: the Shape of Augustine’s Thought”  
Anthony Keaty, Blessed John XXIII Seminary  
“The Role of Conversion from the Outer to Inner Person in Augustine’s Understanding of Procession”

8. Historical Theology Topic Session I

- “Personal Conversion in the History of Christian Thought”
- Administrative Team: Helen Ciernick, Shawn Colberg, Daria Spezzano
- Convener: Shawn Colberg, St. John’s University/College of St. Benedict
- Moderator: Kimberly Baker, St. Meinrad Seminary
- Presenter: Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University  
“William Congdon and the Passion of Conversion/Conversion by the Passion”

9. Selected Session – Reconciliation and Conversion

“Differing Views of Power in Church and Sacraments”

Convener: Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., Vanderbilt University

Moderator: Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College

Presenter: Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., Vanderbilt University

“Sign of Reconciliation and Conversion? Differing Views of Power—Ecclesial, Sacramental, Anthropological—Among Hierarchy and Laity”

Respondents: Brian Flanagan, Marymount University

Joseph Mudd, Gonzaga University

10. Theologies Responsive to Islam Interest Group

“Sin and Salvation in Muslim-Christian Theological Conversation”

Convener: Daniel A. Madigan, S.J., Georgetown University

Moderator: Daniel A. Madigan, S.J., Georgetown University

Presenters: Sandra Keating, Providence College

“‘Take to Thyself our souls in the company of the righteous’: Sin and Salvation in Early Islamic Thought”

Christian S. Krokus, University of Scranton

“Engaging Classic Islamic Critiques of the Christian Doctrine of Redemption”

Edmund Chia, Australian Catholic University

“Christian Understandings of Original Sin and Redemption in a Multi-religious yet Muslim-majority Setting”

11. Selected Session

“Conversation and Conversion in the Public Sphere”

Convener: Amanda Osheim, Loras College

Moderator: John Edwards, Villanova University

Presenters: Stephen Okey, Boston College

“Conversation ain’t Beanbag: The Promise and Peril of Conversion in David Tracy’s Public Theology”

Nichole M. Flores, Boston College

“Guadalupe in the Public Square: Religious Affections and Aesthetics in Public Conversation”

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7, 2013**

1:00-2:15

Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology Luncheon:

1:15-2:15

Hearing of the Resolutions Committee:

Presiding:

Susan K. Wood, SCL, Marquette University Vice-President, CTSA

2:30-4:15

**Concurrent Sessions:**

1. Hans Urs von Balthasar Consultation

“Conversion, Language and Dialogue”

Administrative Team: Peter Casarella, Nicholas J. Healy, Barbara Sain

Convener: Barbara Sain

Moderator: Mark L. Yenson, King’s University College at the University of W. Ontario

Presenters: Gill K. Goulding, Regis College, University of Toronto

“Critical Conversion—Dialogue and Gift”

Anne M. Carpenter, Marquette University

“Converting and Straining Language: Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Theological Grammar of Holy Saturday”

2. Christianity and Judaism/Inter-religious Studies Consultation

Administrative Team: Elizabeth Groppe, Joy Galarneau, Todd Walatka

Convener: Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University

Moderator: Joy Galarneau, Siena College

Presenters: Bridget O’Brien, University of Notre Dame

“From Christ’s Fulfillment to God’s Fidelity: The Church’s Conversion?”

Mary Boys, Union Theological Seminary

“The Catholic Turn toward the Quintessential Other: A Multi-Faceted Conversion”

3. Christ Topic Session

Administrative Team: Kelle Lynch-Baldwin, Colleen Carpenter, Randy Rosenberg

Convener: Randy Rosenberg, Fontbonne University

Moderator: Kelle Lynch-Baldwin, Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks

Presenters: Kevin P. Considine, Loyola University Chicago

“Does Jesus Need our Liberation? An Argument for a Conversion to Emancipate the Risen Christ from Christian Idolatry”

Denis Edwards, Flinders University

“Incarnation as Basis for Ecological Conversion”

Gloria L. Schaab, Barry University

“Incarnation as Emergence: A Transformative Vision of God and the Cosmos”

4. Selected Session

“Confinement and Conversion”

Convener: Andrew Skotnicki, Manhattan College

Moderator: Tobias Winright, St. Louis University

Presenters: Andrew Skotnicki, Manhattan College

“Prayer, Conversion, and Rehabilitation”

Kathryn Getek Soltis, Villanova University

“Conversion and the Society that Imprisons”

William O’Neill, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara

University

“‘First be Reconciled’ (Mt. 5:24): Conversion and Restorative Justice”

5. Invited Session

“Deconversion and Non-Normative Catholicisms”

Convener: Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University

Moderator: Natalie Kertes Weaver

Presenters: Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University

“‘Help My Unbelief’: Deconversion in Catholicism Today”

Respondent: William Dinges, Catholic University of America

6. Discipleship and Sustainability Interest Group

“Analyzing the Justice Implications of Energy Systems in the Current Carbon Economy”

Administrative Team : Erin Lothes Biviano, College of Saint Elizabeth

Convener: Erin Lothes Biviano, College of Saint Elizabeth

Moderator: Erin Lothes Biviano, College of St. Elizabeth

Presenters: Christiana Z. Peppard, Fordham University

“Market Myopias in the Energy-Water Nexus and the Pursuit of the Common Good”

Jame Schaefer, Marquette University

“Converting from a Carbon Economy: Why Resorting Now to Nuclear Generated Electricity is Imprudent and Unjust”

7. Globalization Interest Group

Administrative Team: Gemma Tulud Cruz, Australian Catholic University

Convener: Gemma Tulud Cruz, Australian Catholic University

Moderator: Jan Jans, Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Presenters: Margaret Pfeil, University of Notre Dame

“An Ethical Consideration of the Global Arms Trade”

Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

“Peacebuilding and Hope”

Elochukwu Uzukwu and Gerald Boodoo, Duquesne University

“Globalization, Politics and Religion in Postcolonial Africa”

8. Selected Session

“The Transformative Role of Theology in Church and Society: North American Perspectives”

Convener: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College

Moderator: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College

Presenters: Stephen Pope, Boston College

“Theology in the Context of the Abuse of Power”

Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College of Theology and Ministry

“Theologizing to Transgress—A Response to the Rising Tide of  
Femicide in the Americas”

9. Receiving Vatican II Interest Group

- Conveners: Robert Imbelli, Boston College  
James Keating, Providence College  
Moderator: Christopher Ruddy, Catholic University of America  
Presenters: Joseph Komonchak, Catholic University of America  
“The Event of Vatican II”  
Respondent: Massimo Faggioli, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

10. Spirituality Topic Session  
“Spirituality and Conversion”

- Administrative Team: Marian Maskulak, Thomas McElligott, Patrick Kelly, S.J.  
Convener: Marian Maskulak, St. John’s University, New York  
Moderator: Thomas McElligott, St. Mary’s College of California  
Presenters: Min-Ah Cho, St. Catherine University  
“‘Longing Keeps the Wounds Open and Undressed’: Rethinking  
Lonergan’s Notion of Conversion through Hadewijch of Antwerp’s  
Mystical Poetry”  
Kathleen Dolphin, St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame  
“Imitating Christ: Ongoing Conversion”  
Simon J. Hendry, University of Detroit Mercy  
“‘Ruined for Life’: A Spirituality of Conversion—Donald Gelpi’s  
Conversion Scheme Applied to the Experience of the Jesuit  
Volunteer Corps”

11. Theological Hermeneutics and Critical Theories Interest Group

- Convener: Bradford Hinze, Fordham University  
Moderator: Anthony Godzieba, Villanova University  
Presenters: Sandra Schneiders, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara  
University  
“Biblical Hermeneutics since 1950”  
Francis Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard Divinity School  
“Hermeneutics at the Crossroads: Between Mountain Peaks and a  
Crumpled Handkerchief”  
Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union  
“Emerging Forms of Intercultural Hermeneutics”

**FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 7, 2013**

- 4:30-6:00 CTSA Business Meeting:  
Presiding: Susan A. Ross, Loyola University Chicago  
President, CTSA  
Parliamentarian: Timothy O’Connell, Loyola University Chicago

**Evening Events:**

- 6:15-7:45 President’s Reception for New/Newer Members



6:45-7:45 Liturgical Press Reception

**SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 8, 2013**

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

8:30-8:45 Morning Prayer:

9:00-5:00 Exhibits Open:

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

Presiding: Richard R. Gaillardetz, Boston College  
President-Elect, CTSA

Address: Ormond Rush, Australian Catholic University  
"Ecclesial Conversion After Vatican II: Renewing "The Face Of  
The Church" To Reflect "The Genuine Face Of God"

Response: Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Manhattan College

10:30–11:00 **Coffee Break:**

11:00-12:45 **Concurrent Sessions:**

1. Black, Asian and Asian-American, and Latino/a Consultations, Session II  
"That's How the Light Gets In"

"Communities as Sources of Conversion(s): Wrestling, Dancing, and Swinging the  
Blues"

Administrative Team: C. Vanessa White, Shawnee Daniels-Sykes

Convener: Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, Mount Mary College

Moderator: C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University  
"Letting in Light: The Little Stories of Metamodern Aliens"

Gemma Tulud Cruz, Australian Catholic University

"Interrupting Normal Ways of Thinking: An Asian Perspective on  
Creative Cultural Forms of Resistance"

Simon Mary A. Ahiokhai, Duquesne University

"The Prophetic Character of the Marginalized and Voiceless in  
Communities of Faith: The Nigerian Experience"

2. Church/Ecumenism Topic Session

"Ecclesial Conversion, Ecclesiological Conversion"

Administrative Team: Brian P. Flanagan, Cheryl Peterson, Richard Lennan

Convener: Brian P. Flanagan, Marymount University

Moderator: Cheryl Peterson, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Presenters: \*Richard Lennan, Boston College School of Theology and  
Ministry

"Changing the Church: An Exploration of Methods in  
Ecclesiology"

(\*Paper read by Brian P. Flanagan in Richard Lennan's absence)  
Gerard Mannion, University of San Diego

“Metanoia to Collective Witness: Embracing Ecumenical Pluralism in Magisteria”

Amanda Orsheim, Loras College

“The Kenotic Marks of the Church”

### 3. Liturgy/Sacraments Topic Session

Administrative Team: Mariana Farina, Rita George-Tvrtković, Thomas Cattoi

Convener: Thomas Cattoi, Santa Clara University

Moderator: Thomas Cattoi, Santa Clara University

Presenters: Catherine Cornille, Boston College

“Multiple Religious Belonging as ‘Unachieved Conversion’?”

Reid B. Locklin, St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto

“Up and Through: Models of Conversion in Contemporary Advaita Vedānta”

Trent Pomplun, Loyola University Maryland

“Ippolito Desideri, S.J. (1684–1733) on the Validity of Buddhist Meditation”

### 4. Fundamental Theology Topic Session

Administrative Team: Susie Paulik Babka, Craig Baron, Stephen Okey

Convener: Susie Paulik Babka, University of San Diego

Moderator: Craig Baron, St. John’s University, New York

Presenters: Lieven Boeve, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

“Joseph Ratzinger’s Conversion to Truth: A Reading Key for a Theological-Ecclesial Programme”

Judith Gruber, Loyola University New Orleans

“Postcolonial Conversions: Displacement as a Locus Theologicus”

Julius-Kei Kato, King’s University College at the University of Western Ontario

“Conversion in a Postmodern World: From Monoreligiosity to Interreligiosity”

### 5. Historical Theology Topic session II

“Patristic, Medieval, and Reformation Perspectives on Justification and Conversion”

Convener: Helen Ciernick, Mount Marty College

Moderator: Kristin Colberg, St. John’s University/College of St. Benedict

Presenters: Shawn Colberg, St. John’s University/College of St. Benedict

“Thomas Aquinas, the Council of Trent, and Prevenient Grace in the Act of Justification”

Stephan Gaetano, University of Notre Dame

“Meriting Conversion after Trent: A Dispute between the Council Theologians Andreas de Vega and Domingo de Soto”

Kimberly Baker, St. Meinrad Seminary

“A Heart Transformed: Augustine on Christian Conversion”

### 6. Liturgy/Sacraments Topic Session

“Eucharistic Conversion”

Administrative Team: Rhodora Beaton, Steven Rodenborn, Jonathan Tan  
Convener: Rhodora E. Beaton, St. Catherine University  
Moderator: Steven Rhodenborn, St. Edwards University  
Panelists: Gary Macy, Santa Clara University  
Jill Raitt, University of Missouri, Columbia  
Robert J. Daly, Boston College

7. The Thought of Bernard Lonergan Interest Group  
“Various Applications of Lonergan’s Notion of Conversion”

Administrative Team: John Dadosky  
Convener: John Dadosky, Regis College, University of Toronto  
Moderator: Cyril Orji, University of Dayton  
Presenters: M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College  
“A Role for the Notion of Conversion in an African American  
Theology”  
Mark Miller, University of San Francisco  
“Sartre’s *Nausea* and Lonergan’s Conversion”  
Francis Clooney, Harvard Divinity School  
“Intellectual Conversion as a Necessary Moment in Interreligious  
Learning”

8. Moral Theology Topic Session I

Administrative Team: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Nancy Rourke, Daniel Daly  
Convener: Nancy Rourke, Canisius College  
Moderator: William George, Dominican University  
Presenters: Edward Vacek, Loyola University New Orleans  
“The Affective Basis for Conversion”  
Joseph McInerney, U.S. Naval Academy  
“Humility and Conversion in Augustine’s Thought”

9. Spirituality of John Henry Newman Interest Group

Conveners: John R. Connelly, Loyola Marymount University  
Brian W. Hughes, University of Saint Mary, Kansas  
Moderator: Danielle Nussberger, Marquette University  
Presenters: Theodore James Whapham, St. Thomas University, Miami  
“Trinity, Belief and Imagination in the Spirituality of John Henry  
Newman”  
Ryan J. Marr, St. Louis University  
“Mary as the Pattern of Faith: Newman’s Mariology and the  
Vocation of the Theologian.”  
Kevin Mongrain, Ryan Chair of Newman Studies, Duquesne  
University  
“Newman and the Spirituality of the Oratory: Identity and  
Institution against Abstraction.”

10. Anthropology Topic Session

“Abundant Life? Ecology, Subjectivity, and Conversion”

Administrative Team: Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Karen Teel, Nancy Pineda-Madrid  
Convener: Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Manhattan College  
Moderator: Karen Teel, University of San Diego  
Presenters: Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine University  
“The Abundant Life: Eating Humanly in a Hungry World”  
Michele Saracino, Manhattan College  
“Animals as Subjects? Creaturely Existence in the Midst of the Sixth Mass Extinction Spasm”  
Respondent: Elizabeth Johnson, Fordham University

11. Theology and Science Topic Session

Administrative Team: William R. Stoeger, J. Matthew Ashley, Celia Deane-Drummond  
Convener: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory  
Moderator: Celia Deane-Drummond, University of Notre Dame  
Presenters: Robert Masson, Marquette University  
“A Universe from Nothing? How Cognitive Linguistics Can Clarify the Difference between Scientific and Theological Questions”  
Brian Robinette, Boston College  
“Mind All the Way Down? Towards a Theology of Biological Facts”

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 8, 2013**

12:50-2:15      *Theological Studies* Editorial Consultation Luncheon:  
1:00-2:15      CUERG Luncheon

2:30-4:15      **Concurrent Sessions:**

1. Thomas Aquinas Interest Group

Conveners: Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College  
Michon Matthiesen, Providence College  
Moderator: Cyrus Olsen, Scranton University  
Presenters: Frederick Bauerschmidt, Loyola University Maryland  
“Conversion, Coercion and Persuasion in Thomas Aquinas”  
Daria Spezzano, Providence College  
“‘The Best Kind of Servitude’: Thomas Aquinas on the Grace of Conversion”  
Respondent: Paul Griffiths, Duke University

2. Mary in Contemporary and Global Perspective Interest Group

Conveners: Wendy Wright, Creighton University  
Dorain Llywelyn, Loyola Marymount University  
Moderator: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry  
Presenters: François Rossier, University of Dayton

“The Role of Mary in Latin American Cultures Made Tangible in Marian Ethics”

John Fitzgerald, St. John's University, New York

“A Sign of the Divine? Cultural Interpretations of the Marian Phenomena at Fátima”

Patricia Panganiban-Lambino, Ateneo de Manila University  
“Mary, Catechisms, and Culture”

3. Black, Asian and Asian-American, and Latino/a Consultations, Session III  
“That's How the Light Gets In”

“God's Call to Conspire for Freedom: The New Birth of Catholicity”

Administrative team: Sophia Park, S.N.J.M.

Convener: Sophia Park, S.N.J.M., Holy Names University

Moderator: Christina Astorga, Fordham University

Presenters: Ramón Luzárraga, University of Dayton

“Breathing Together: Conspiracy as a Means to Pluralism”

Linh Hoang, Siena College

“Dwelling In Place: Asian American Enhancing a New Catholicity”

Kwame Assenyoh, Graduate Theological Union

“Politics of Conversion: A Diaspora Perspective on Being ‘Black and Catholic’ in the U.S.A. and its Transformative Prospects for Catholicism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

4. Catholic Social Thought Topic Session

“Structures of Sin and Personal Conversion”

Administrative Team: Tobias Winright, Saint Louis University

Convener: Tobias Winright, Saint Louis University

Moderator: Tobias Winright, Saint Louis University

Presenters: David Cloutier, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg

“Structures of Sin and Personal Conversion: Clarifications from Aquinas”

Joy Galarneau, Siena College

“Pedagogy and Praxis of Conversion: A Theological Appraisal of Bystander Intervention Training Programs in Light of Catholic Social Thought”

5. Selected Session – Comparative Spirituality

“An Interchange between Followers of Jesus and Buddha”

Conveners: Roger Haight, Union Theological Seminary

Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary

Moderator: Kyeongil Jung, Union Theological Seminary

Presenters: Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary

“The Essence of Buddhist Spirituality”

Roger Haight, Union Theological Seminary

“The Essence of Christian Spirituality”

6. Creation/Eschatology Topic Session

Administrative Team: John R. Sach, Brian Robinette, Ernesto Valiente  
Convener: John R. Sachs, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry,  
Moderator: Ernesto Valiente, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry  
Presenters: Joseph Drexler-Dreis, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
“Nat Turner’s Rebellion: Conversion Outside Given Structures of  
Salvation”  
Todd Walatka, University of Notre Dame  
“Eschatology Reframed: Kathryn Tanner’s Turn to  
History and Away from the Future”

#### 7. Invited Session

Ecclesial Conversion: Path to Christian Unity  
Convener: Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University, Ottawa  
Moderator: Paul F. Lakeland, Fairfield University  
Presenters: Paul D. Murray, Durham University  
“Growing into the Fullness of Christ: Receptive Ecumenism as an  
Instrument of Ecclesial Conversion”  
Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University, Ottawa  
“Pray This Way: Common Prayer and the Conversion of the  
Churches”  
Respondent: Kristin Colberg, St. John’s University/College of St. Benedict

#### 8. Selected Session

“Benedictine Way of Life and Conversion”  
Convener: Kathryn Lilla Cox, St. John’s University/College of St. Benedict  
Moderator: Julia Brumbaugh, Regis University  
Presenters: Thomas J. Bushlack, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul  
“‘Lectio Divina,’ ‘Intentio Cordis,’ and Fidelity to the Gospel: A  
Benedictine-scriptural Blueprint for Moral Formation and  
Conversion”  
Kathryn Lilla Cox, St. John’s University/College of St. Benedict  
“Putting on the Mind of Christ: Conversion of Thoughts”  
Jason King, St. Vincent College  
“Benedictine Obedience: Authority and Conversatio Morum”

#### 9. Moral Theology Topic Session II

Administrative Team: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Nancy Rourke, Daniel Daly  
Convener: Christina Astorga, Fordham University  
Moderator: Amy Pauley, St. Paul University, Ottawa  
Presenters: Todd A. Salzman, Creighton University  
“Conversion and the Sexual Person”  
Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman, St. John’s University/College of St.  
Benedict, and Kent Lasnoski, Quincy University  
“Conversion of Heart and Home: Expanding the Marital Vocation  
to be Fruitful and Multiply”

#### 10. Practical Theology Topic Session

“Reading Sacred Texts and Reading Ourselves: Narrative and Comparative Reading as Practices of Conversion”

Administrative Team: Bryan Froehle, Brett Hoover, Colleen Griffith

Convener: Bryan Froehle, St. Thomas University, Miami

Moderator: Brett Hoover, Loyola Marymount University

Presenters: Nathaniel Samuel, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, “Re-storying our Lives: A Narrative Approach to Conversion”

Karen B. Enriquez, Xavier University

“The Practice of Comparative Reading and the Transformation of the Theologian”

Respondent: Thomas Groome, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

“Rediscovering Sacramentality in a (Post) Secular Age: Listening to the Margins”

#### 11. Karl Rahner Consultation

Administrative Team: Heidi Russell, Paulette Skiba, Melvin Michalski, and Peter Joseph Fritz, and Richard Penaskovic

Convener: Peter Joseph Fritz, College of the Holy Cross

Moderator: Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University

Presenters: Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University

“Conversion on Gender Issues for Catholic Theology? Resources in Rahner”

Mark F. Fischer, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo

“Rahner's Transcendental Christology and Conversion to God”

Annmaire S. Kidder, Central School of Theology

“Karl Rahner's ‘Last Will’”

### **SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 2013**

5:30

Eucharist

Shrine of La Ermita de Nuestra Senora del la Caridad del Cobre

6:45

Reception

7:30

John Courtney Murray Award Banquet

### **SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 2012**

7:15-8:45

**Conveners' Breakfast:**

8:30-8:45

Morning Prayer:

9:00-10:00

**Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address:**

Presiding:

Susan K. Wood, Marquette University

Vice-President, CTSA

Address:

Susan A. Ross, Loyola University Chicago

President, CTSA

“Conversion, the New Evangelization and the Call of Vatican II”

10:00

**Appointment of the New President:**

10:15

Breakfast Reception/Coffee

11:00-1:00

**Meeting and Luncheon: CTSA Board of Directors:**

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2013

June 8, 2013

The theologian whom we honor tonight with the John Courtney Murray award was born on April 5, 1941, in Washington, D.C., the eldest of six children of an Irish Catholic family. She attended parochial schools where her athletic and musical abilities were evident early on. Like many young Catholic women of her age, she found inspiration in communities of women religious and made the commitment to join one of them. Following her first vows in 1960, her teaching responsibilities involved piano, choir, and musical theater, including preparing her students for a performance of “The Pirates of Penzance.” She earned her B.A. taking college courses on weekends and in the summers, completing it in eleven years, instead of the usual thirteen.

In the years after Vatican II, our awardee, who would later become the President of our own Society, had the fortunate experience of hearing lectures on theology by two other future CTSA Presidents, Bernard Cooke and Monika Hellwig, and set her sights on studying for an advanced degree in Theology. In preparation for this, she earned an M.A. in English literature from the University of Maryland, and then took up graduate studies in Religion and Literature at the University of Chicago. During her time as a graduate student, she participated in the first Women’s Ordination Conference in Detroit, published a landmark article in *Theological Studies*, and played a skilled hand of bridge. In 1980, she accepted a position at Carleton College, where she spent her academic career, ultimately as the William H. Laird Professor, and served multiple terms as department chair, until her retirement in 2009.

Concerned throughout her career with the issue of conscience in its many dimensions, she has written three books on the topic, and published numerous articles and book chapters dealing with ethics, feminist theology, Vatican II, moral responsibility, Jesuit education and the cultivation of virtue, to name only a few. She has a special interest in the relationship between the theological and the literary and has lectured widely in this country and around the world. She is able to draw out the ethical dimensions of some of the great novelists of the English language, such as Graham Greene and George Eliot. Her energy and concerns, however, are not only scholarly but also quite practical. Organizations such as ours need good structures as well as wise and careful leadership. Her concerns for the efficient work of this Society are evident in the time and attention she has given to our organization and in her efforts to reorganize the Society’s administrative structure some 20 years ago with the office of Executive Secretary (now Executive Director). She was also a founding member of the Steering Committee and Vice President of the International Network for Societies of Catholic Theology (INSeCT) and has also served on the Board of the Society of Christian Ethics.

Over the last ten years, as she has dealt with serious health issues, her dedication to her community, students, family, and church has never wavered. She has continued to teach, write, lecture and travel while maintaining a sense of humor and a



keen perspective on what really matters in life. In recognition of her distinguished service to her own community, our Society, and to the discipline of theology, I am honored to present the John Courtney Murray award to Anne E. Patrick of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Ross called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

#### *Committee on Admissions*

Stephen Bevans, Chair, presented the Report of the Committee on Admissions.

The Committee on Admissions for 2012–2013 consisted of Stephen Bevans, Chair, Susan Abraham, Mary Doak, and Christopher Vogt. Stephen Bevans and Mary Doak will continue to serve on the committee next year.

From 87 applications returned during the year, the committee in its review determined that 85 qualified for membership, 50 for active membership and 35 for associate membership. Two of the applicants for active membership were determined not to meet the criteria for membership. Two of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Two of the applicants for active membership were former members who were reinstated. Twenty-nine (34%) of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Ten (12%) are from underrepresented races/ethnicities. Fifteen (18%) are from outside the United States.

The Admissions Committee recommends that the eighty-five applicants whose names have been posted on the bulletin board outside the meeting be admitted to the Society.

The CTSA members present at the 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 and others who had been admitted to membership recently 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 CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

#### *Report of the Nominating Committee*

Edmund Chia, the chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Daniel Finn and Margaret Guider. Daniel Finn and Margaret Guider will continue to serve on the committee next year. The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follows:

For Vice-President: Bradford Hinze  
Patricia Beattie Jung  
For board members: Gerard Mannion  
Dawn Nothwehr  
Paulinus Odozor

Gloria Schaab

There were no nominations from the floor.

Bradford Hinze was elected Vice-President. Dawn Nothwehr was elected to the board on the second ballot. Paulinus Odozor was elected to the board on the fourth ballot. New CTSA Secretary Natalie Kertes Weaver was elected by acclamation for a one-year term later in the meeting, and Treasurer Jozef Zalot was re-elected for a one-year term, also by acclamation. Richard Gaillardetz becomes President for 2012–2013. Susan Wood becomes President-Elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Susan Ross, Past President, and Elizabeth Grope and James Keenan, S.J., board members.

### *Report of the President*

President Susan Ross thanked those who had stood for election and proceeded to give her own report, highlighting several matters.

#### **Revision of the Red Book**

At the October Board meeting, John Thiel very generously offered to take up the revision of the Red Book, which was badly out of date. It has now been revised and a process developed for continuous updating.

#### **Theologians and Bishops**

The Presidential line, Roger McGrath (CTSA liaison with the bishops), and CTS President Sandra Yocum met with the USCCB Committee on Doctrine for the annual dinner. On November 26, Richard Gaillardetz and Sandra Yocum had dinner with the Canadian Bishops' Doctrine Committee in Ottawa, hosted by the Archbishop. In March, a group of CTSA members went to Washington, DC, for a one-day symposium at the Catholic University of America on the "New Evangelization."

#### **Dinner with a Bishop Initiative**

At the October Board meeting, the Board approved gifts of \$500 each to ten groups of theologians and local bishops for dinner and discussion. She was happy to report that most of the groups met; two groups were unable to schedule their dinners. All of the groups so far reported that these meetings went very well, and she hopes that the groups continue the practice. The new President and Board can decide if they want to do anything further with this initiative.

#### **Search for New Secretary**

John Thiel (Chair), Mary Ann Hinsdale, and Elena Procaro-Foley served as the Search Committee for the position of Secretary, since Theresa Moser will be stepping down from the position after the convention in 2013. The Committee recommended that Natalie Kertes Weaver, of Ursuline College in Cleveland, Ohio, be recommended for the position. The Board, by email, accepted this recommendation, and Natalie will be the Board's candidate for this position at the June 7, 2013 Business Meeting.

#### **Convention Structure**

As mandated by the new convention structure, the CTSA was due to review the new convention structure after five years. Jim Keenan (chair), Rosemary Carbine, Holly Taylor Coolman, Bryan Massingale, and Dawn Nothwehr have served on this committee over the last year.

#### **Theological Diversity**

### *Reports: Secretary's Report*

Dan Finn (Chair), Peter Casarella, Holly Taylor Coolman, James Keating, Danielle Nussberger, Christopher Ruddy, and Susan Wood have constituted this ad-hoc Committee on Theological Diversity and have met over the last year electronically.

#### **Hotel/Union Issues**

Gina Wolfe (Chair), Kenneth Himes, M. Cathleen Kaveny, and Kathleen McManus submitted their report in April. Susan had extensive conversations with Gina over the course of the year on these issues and has expressed her gratitude to Gina and the members of the Task Force for their diligent work on this difficult topic.

#### **Biviano Request for an Ad-Hoc Committee**

Erin Loathes Biviano requests that the CTSA Board establish a committee on fossil fuel investments. The Board will consider this request at the Fall Board Meeting.

President Ross concluded by saying that it has been an honor to serve the CTSA this year. She is very grateful for the generosity of the members who came forward to serve on the various ad-hoc committees this year. This is truly a collaborative endeavor, and the CTSA is fortunate to have such a dedicated membership.

### *Report of the President-Elect*

President-elect Rick Gaillardetz expressed his gratitude to all who had worked with him to plan the convention, including Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik, the members of the local arrangements committee chaired by Brian Froehle, the Session Coordinators, graduate student assistants, Susan Ross and her supportive husband, William George. He encouraged the leaders of Topic Sessions, interest groups and consultations to attend the Conveners' Breakfast on Sunday morning, which will focus on the evaluation of and planning for the next convention. He also reminded all administrative teams to turn in to either him or Susan Wood all leadership changes.

### *Report of the Vice-President*

Vice-President Susan Wood reported that the 69<sup>th</sup> annual convention will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, June 5–8, 2014. Planning for the convention is going fairly well at this early stage. The convention theme is on "Identity and Difference, Unity and Fragmentation" and the plenary speakers will be Anthony Godzieba, of Villanova University, Paul Griffiths of Duke University, Christina Astorga of Loyola University, Chicago, and Rick Gaillardetz of Boston College, who will give the presidential address. The Call for Papers is available on-line and a hard copy is also available at this meeting. The Call for Papers for the Topic Sessions should be on-line by July and she encouraged the members to consider submitting proposals

### *Report of the Secretary*

Secretary Theresa Moser reminded the members to be sure to update their email addresses, contact information, and list of professional achievements. This being her last convention as CTSA Secretary, she assured the members present that plans for

the transition to the new Secretary's office are moving along smoothly. The CTSA members present thanked her for her ten years of service with a standing ovation.

*Report of the Treasurer*

Treasurer Jozef Zalot presented a few highlights of the Treasurer's Report, which is in the Appendix section of the *Proceedings*. He noted that the financial state of the CTSA is strong. He highlighted the remarkable \$23,000 drop in expenses for the publication of the *Proceedings*, which is now produced only in digital format and is available through Boston College library. Treasurer Zalot encouraged suggestions from the membership regarding the use of CTSA funds, noting that the CTSA has been funding scholarships for some members, especially, but not exclusively, junior scholars, to attend the annual convention.

*Report of the Executive Director*

Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik reported that over 398 CTSA members are

registered for the convention and 71% of these are attending the John Courtney Murray Banquet. She expressed her gratitude to Bryan T. Froehle of St. Thomas University, who has been an incredible chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee. Without this committee and the student volunteers' support, it would be difficult to pull the convention together.

Mary Jane reminded the members to update their contact information on the website. CTSA members are often sought for professional engagements, lectures, CTSA convention matters, and it is important that the contact information is up to date.

In preparing for the convention, she noted that some members expressed confusion about how annual dues differ from convention registration fees. Annual dues are a professional obligation and an expression of support of the larger work of the Society. Annual Dues are not collected at the convention. The convention registration fee is paid only by members who attend the convention. She also noted that when making a payment using a credit card, members are not required to have a PayPal account. PayPal allows users to log in as a guest by clicking the link "Click here to enter as a guest" to make a credit card payment.

Executive Director Ponyik then announced that the CTSA is contracted for future conventions as follows:

2014 San Diego, Manchester Grand Hyatt (\$149), June 5–8

2015 Milwaukee, Hyatt Regency (\$135), June 11–14

Members are encouraged to visit the CTSA website, which this year has a new site, the Authors' corner. In the Author's Corner, members will find recently published books, along with an abstract written and submitted by current CTSA members. To submit a book for posting, click on the Authors' Corner link found on the CTSA home page and complete a submission form.

Finally, Executive Director Ponyik thanked the membership for their continued warm welcome to the position of Executive Director.

*Report of CUERG*

Co-Chair Natalia Imperatori-Lee gave the report of the Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups (CUERG).

1. Speaking for the committee Natalia expressed her thanks to Gerald Boodoo and Tracy Tiemeier for their service to CUERG and to the CTSA, in particular their help in shepherding the committee's transition in membership. They welcomed two new members to CUERG this year: Dr. Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu of Loyola Marymount University and Sophia Park of Holy Names University.

2. One difficulty identified by the participants at last year's CUERG luncheon was the ghettoization of the ethnic/racial interest groups and sessions at the annual meeting. This is why they are particularly excited to announce that this year the program for the Coalition of the Black, Asian and Asian-American, and Latino/a Consultations has been combined. Entitled "That's How the Light Gets In," three sessions will explore the convention theme of "conversion" from a variety of perspectives, bringing the three consultations into conversation and galvanizing support for the work of scholars of color at CTSA. All CTSA members are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

3. Natalie announced that the CUERG luncheon took place on Saturday, June 8. The committee thanked Mary Jane Ponyik for her tireless work to make the luncheon a reality each year.

4. This year CUERG is working on a mission statement and a new name. They are, as ever, committed to ensuring the Society's success in increasing the participation of CTSA members from underrepresented groups on leadership teams and steering committees, as well as on the Board. They continue to encourage the greater visibility of these scholars on convention programs and in every capacity throughout the society.

*Report of the INSeCT Delegate*

Catherine Clifford gave the report on the activities of the International Network of Societies of Catholic Theology (NSeCT).

**Succession of CTSA Delegates**

Catherine began by expressing her gratitude to Nancy Pineda-Madrid for accepting to succeed her as the CTSA delegate. She looks forward to working together with Nancy this summer, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, as they plan for next year's triennial meeting of the Network Council, composed of Presidents and delegates from the member societies. They are planning a congress to be held at Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, from 17–20 July, 2014, to reflect together on the theme, "the nature, function, and location of theology, with particular attention to the role of theology in overcoming power abuse in Church and Society." Events have already been organized in England and the Philippines to reflect on this theme. Nancy Pineda-Madrid and Stephen Pope have

graciously agreed to contribute to a session on the topic in this year's CTSA convention program.

### **2013 Executive Meeting; 2014 International Meeting and Network Council**

Catherine explained that the Executive meeting this year will coincide with the annual convention of the Brazilian Catholic Theology Society, Sociedade de Teologia e Ciências da Religião (SOTER), July 8–11, 2014. Dr. Eamonn Conway and she will both give keynote addresses at this event, which is focussed on religious pluralism. Following the meeting, they will spend a few days planning for 2014. A number of past members of the INSeCT Executive, including Paolo Fernando Carneiro de Andrade and Afonso Soares, together with Valmor da Silva, are working on local arrangements. SOTER will offer hospitality to all who attend. As is the custom, they have begun a fund raising campaign to cover the travel costs of delegates from Asia and Africa, and a number of Latin American countries. The goal is to raise \$60,000 in order to bring together a truly representative body from the member societies for a substantial exchange. She hoped that the CTSA would be able to make a generous contribution.

### **The Future of INSeCT**

Catherine then noted that the International Congress of 2014 will be an important moment to determine the future shape and direction of INSeCT. Between these triennial meetings, INSeCT functions through the three members of the Executive, located in Europe, Brazil, and North America respectively. They have managed to stay in touch throughout the year via Skype. The management of their finances remains intractably bogged down, as they have not found an alternative to their existing German Bank account. Catherine remains convinced of the need for a stable institutional “home” to support the ongoing management of the bank account and web site. As well, she believes it needs to be asked whether it is not time to find a way to establish a more stable and formal network – perhaps using Skype or other technologies – to put Society presidents in more regular contact with one another. They would welcome input and suggestions on these matters. The 2014 meeting will be an important moment to consider these questions in greater depth. The sole purpose of INSeCT is to promote such contact and exchanges among the member societies themselves.

### **Conclusion**

Catherine ended her report by saying that the election of Pope Francis in March of this year is an important symbol of the coming of age of a truly global Catholic community, whose center is no longer in Europe, but is now in the global south. It is therefore most appropriate that the activities of INSeCT in the past year have been more focused on reaching into the southern hemisphere. She remains grateful to the CTSA for the support of these efforts.

Finally, she noted that this may be her last report, as Nancy Pineda-Madrid will be transitioning into the role of CTSA delegate in the coming months. They have yet to confirm the details of the passing of the baton, but will have a chance to do so in the coming weeks. Catherine then expressed her thanks to the CTSA Board for their support over the past six years that she has had the privilege to serve as CTSA representative. It has been a wonderful opportunity for her to experience firsthand the rich diversity and the many challenges facing the global Catholic theological community.

*Presentation of the LaCugna Award*

Natalie Kertes Weaver, Chair, presented the report of the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award Committee, whose members include Karen Alliaume and David Cloutier.

The committee received nine strong submissions and selected from among them Christiana Z Peppard's essay, "Fresh Water and Catholic Social Teaching: A Vital Nexus." Natalie noted that his exceptional essay was easily chosen for its scholarly merit and constructive theological contribution.

President Ross then presented the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award, a plaque and a check, to Christiana Z. Peppard. The abstract is published here: Christiana Z. Peppard, "Fresh Water and Catholic Social Teaching: A Vital Nexus." *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, vol. 9, no. 2 (2012): 325–351.

Fresh water is a *sine qua non* for human life, and it is *sui generis*. For human beings and societies, for the fields we till and the industrial processes we enact, the absence of clean, fresh water augurs desiccation, decline, or death. Its availability and distribution are increasingly heralded as issues that will shape the social, economic, and environmental terrain of the twenty-first century. What has Catholic Social Teaching to say about this vital substance? This essay suggests that CST offers ways of schematizing the significance of fresh water that encompass both social and environmental goods. The essay first addresses important background considerations: the challenge of anthropocentrism when considering CST and environment; the question of authoritative sources; and "kaleidoscopic" methodology. The subsequent section depicts eight interpretive keys for schematizing CST with regard to fresh water. The conclusion indicates important normative insights that can serve as principled guidelines for policy.

*Action to Receive the Reports*

President Ross asked for a motion to receive the Reports. The Reports were received by acclamation.

*Adjournment*

There being no new business, President Ross expressed gratitude to Timothy O'Connell for his service as parliamentarian and invited new and newer members and Topic Area leaders to the President's reception after the Business meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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