

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its sixty-second annual convention June 7-10 at the Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel in Los Angeles, California. The theme of the convention was "Bishops in the Church." Registration took place from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on June 7th. The continuing group, Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:00-5:30 p.m. The 2007 Ann O'Hara Graff Award was presented to Anne E. Carr, University of Chicago. At the Opening session, President Daniel Finn presided and Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, welcomed the convention participants. CTSA president Daniel Finn led the opening prayer. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges St. John's Seminary, Loyola Marymount University, Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, as well as the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto 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 8th. The president's reception for new and "newer" members followed the business meeting. Receptions were also sponsored by the Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology, The Catholic University of America, and Georgetown University.

The convention's liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 9, at Immaculate Conception Church. CTSA member Robert Imbelli presided, and CTSA President Dan Finn gave a reflection. A brief memorial tribute was read after communion for nine CTSA members who had died since the time of the last convention: Stephen J. Duffy, Joseph A. Fahy, Donald Grimes, W. Henry Hall, Victor Pospishil, Robert F. Moosbrugger, Edward J. Ryle, George Vandervelde, and Fr. Joseph L. Waters. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President Daniel Finn read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to Virgilio Elizondo.

Morning prayer, facilitated by Paul Ford, Mary McKay, and Kevin O'Neil, 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, The Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Theological Studies Editorial Consultants, and the conveners of program and research groups.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday Afternoon and Evening, June 8, 2007

3:00-5:30 *Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology*. Continuing Group.
"Ecclesiology, Authority, and Empowerment: What Does Feminist Ecclesiology Have to Say about Where We Are and Where We Want To Be?"

Coconveners: Dawn M. Nothwehr, Catholic Theological Union;
 Colleen Carpenter Cullinan, College of St Catherine

Moderator: Elizabeth Brinkman, College of New Rochelle

Panelists: Jamie T. Phelps, Loyola University, New Orleans;
 Carmen N. Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union;
 Natalia Imperatore-Lee, Manhattan College

4:30-5:00 Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award Presentation to Anne E. Carr of the University of Chicago.

7:00-9:00 *Opening and First Plenary Session*

Presiding: Daniel Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville, President, CTSA

Opening Prayer: Daniel Finn, President, CTSA

Welcome: Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles

Address: Gilles Routhier, Université Laval, Quebec

 "Beyond Collegiality: The Local Church That Vatican II Left Out"

Respondent: Joseph Komonchak, The Catholic University of America

9:15 *Reception*

Friday Morning, June 8, 2007

8:00-9:00 Jesuit School of Theology Breakfast

8:30-8:45 Morning Prayer

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

Presiding: Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame, Past President, CTSA

Address: Michael Root, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina

 "Bishops, Ministry, and Unity of the Church in Ecumenical Dialogue: Deadlock, Breakthrough, or Both?"

Respondent: Elaine MacMillan, University of San Diego

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 *Group Sessions*

1. "Bishops as Learners: Listening to the Laity." Invited Session

Moderator: Susan Mader Brown, King's College, London, Ontario

Presenter: Francis Sullivan, Boston College

Respondent: Catherine Clifford, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

2. "Five years Later: Constructive Responses to the Legacy of the Sexual Abuse Crisis." Select Session

Moderator: Gregory Zuschlag, St. Thomas University, Miami

Presenter: Donald Cozzens, John Carroll University

Respondent: Lynn Bridgers, St. Thomas University, Miami

3. "Emergent Catholicity." Select Session

Convener and Moderator: John C. Haughey, Woodstock Theological Center

Panelists: William George, Dominican University

Michael Stebbins, Gonzaga University

4. Practical Theology: Continuing Group

"Catholic Practical Theology: Locating the Emerging Field"

Convener and Moderator: Tom Beaudoin, Santa Clara University

Presenters: Kathleen Cahalan, St. John's University, Collegeville

"Why Catholic Theological Education Should Embrace Practical Theology and Forget Pastoral Theology"

Raymond Webb, University of St. Mary of the Lake

"Catholic Concerns in Practical Theology"

Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College

"Social Suffering Among U.S. Latinos/as—A Point of Departure for Practical Theology"

Terry Veling, Australian Catholic University, Brisbane

"Theological Method: A Way of Life"

5. "The Lay Ecclesial Minister and the Bishop." Select Session

Convener: Edward P. Hahnenberg, Xavier University, Cincinnati

Moderator: Carolyn Weir Herman, Boston College

Presenters: H. Richard McCord, USCCB Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth

"Reading the Signs of the Times: The U.S. bishops and Lay Ecclesial Ministry"

Edward P. Hahnenberg, Xavier University, Cincinnati

"Theological Reflections on the Bishop as Source and Center of Ministries"

Aurelie A. Hagstrom, Providence College

"By whose Authority? Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Questions of Authorization"

6. Trinitarian Theology: Continuing Group

"Attempts at Mutual Understanding concerning Filioque"

Convener: Anthony Keaty, Blessed John XXIII National Seminary

Moderator: Robert Imbelli, Boston College

Presenters: Valerie Karras, Southern Methodist University

David Coffey, Marquette University (Emeritus)

7. Yves Congar Ecumenical Colloquium: Continuing Group
“Forgetting as a Principle of Continuity in Tradition”
Convener: Jaroslav Z. Skira, Regis University, Toronto
Moderator: Richard K. Eckley, Houghton College
Presenter: Joseph G. Mueller, Marquette University
Respondents: Ann K. Riggs, National Council of Churches of Christ
in the USA, Washington, DC
Jaroslav Z. Skira, Regis College, Toronto
8. History of Renaissance and Modern Theology: Continuing Group
“What It Means to Be a Bishop: Different Models”
Convener: Joseph Devlin, LaSalle University
Presenter: Bernard P. Prusak, Villanova University
“What Have Bishops Been and Done?
What Should Bishops Be and Do?”
Presenter: Rodger Van Allen, Villanova University
“Questions from the American Context”
9. “The Asian Church: Methodology, Theology, and Ecclesiology.”
Select Session
Convener: Gemma T. Cruz, St. Ambrose University, Davenport
Moderator: Christina Astorga, Canisius College, New York
Panelists: Edmund K. F. Chia, Catholic Theological Union
Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University
Respondent: John S. Cummins, Bishop Emeritus of Oakland, California
10. Bioethics and Healthcare: Continuing Group
“Ethical Issues Arising in the Care of the Elderly”
Convener: Mark Miller, St. Paul’s University, Saskatoon
Moderator: Regina Wolfe, Dominican University
Presenters: Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
“Where’s Grandma? Alzheimer’s Disease
and the Virtue of Fidelity”
John J. Hardt, Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy,
Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
“The Problem of Nature in Identifying the ‘Natural’ Arc
of a Life: Life Extension Technologies”
David Belde, Bon Secours Richmond Health System
“Aging with Dignity: Technology as Cornerstone
and Stumbling Stone”
11. White Privilege and Racism: Developing Group
“Bishops and the Social Sin of White Privilege and Racism”
Convener: Alex Mikulich, Saint Joseph College, Connecticut
Moderator: Laurie Cassidy, Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania
Presenters: Mary Elizabeth Hobgood, College of the Holy Cross

Barbara Andolsen, Monmouth University
 Charles Curran, Southern Methodist University
 Roger Haight, Union Theological Seminary
 Margaret E. Guider, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
 Margaret Pfeil, University of Notre Dame

12:15-2:00p.m. *Luncheon for Bishops*

Luncheon Sponsored by the Committee on Underrepresented
 Ethnic and Racial Groups

Friday Afternoon, June 8, 2007

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

Presiding: Terrence Tilley, Fordham University, Vice-President, CTSA

2:30-4:15 *Group Sessions*

1. "Issues Behind the Sexual Abuse Crisis"

Moderator: Thomas Green, Catholic University of America

Presenters: Christopher Ruddy, St. Thomas University, St. Paul

"Behind the Sexual Abuse Crisis: Ecclesiological Perspective"

Sharon Euart, Canon Law Consultant

"Behind the Sexual Abuse Crisis: Ethical Perspective"

2. "Bishops as Leaders in Ecumenical Dialogue:

Fostering Ecumenism as It Is Understood by the Church"

Moderator: John Borelli, Georgetown University

Presenter: William S. Skylstad, Bishop of Spokane, WA

Presenter: George Anderson, Retired Presiding Bishop,
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Respondent: Tod D. Brown, Bishop of Orange

3. Medieval Theology: Continuing Group

"Bishops and Preaching:

Historical, Theological, and Hagiographical Perspectives"

Convener: Gregory LaNave, Dominican House of Studies

Moderator: Marie Anne Mayeski, Loyola Marymount University

Presenters: Edmund J. Mazza, Azusa Pacific University

"Dumb Dogs and *Domini Canes*:

Bishops, Friars, and the Twelfth-Century Pastoral Vacuum"

Michael Sirilla, Franciscan University of Steubenville

"The Priority of the Teaching Office for the Bishop in Aquinas"

Suzanne Hevelone, Boston College

"A Bishop of Virtue:

Jacobus de Voragine on St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra"

4. Theology and Ecology: Continuing Group

"Theological Insights, Challenging Responsibilities:

The Bishops, the Church, and the Environmental Crisis"

Convener: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
Moderator: Erin Lothes Biviano, St. John's University, New York
Presenter: Erin Lothes Biviano, St. John's University, New York
 "Responsibility in a Creation Context: Freedom for the Other"
 Suzanne Franck, St. Joseph's College, Patchogue NY
 "The Bishops Ecological Pastorals:
 Foundations for an Ethics of Ecological Interrelation"
 Gregory Zuschlag, University of St. Thomas, Miami
 "Stewardship and Sacramentality: The Problem of Responsibility
 in the U.S. Bishops' Environmental Pastorals"
Respondent: Richard Yanikowski, President of the Association of Catholic
 Colleges and Universities

5. The Church in the United States: Developing Group
 "Episcopal Leadership and the Church in the United States"

Convener and Moderator: William Clark, College of the Holy Cross
Presenter: Richard R. Gaillardetz, University of Toledo
Respondents: Phyllis Zagano, Hofstra University
 J. Michael Byron, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul
 Joseph Hartzler, Franciscan School of Theology
 Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Creighton University

6. Christology: Continuing Group
 "Bishops and the Development of Christology"

Convener: Tatha Wiley, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul
Moderator: Cheryl Peterson, Trinity Seminary
Presenter: Gerard S. Sloyan, Catholic University of America;
 Professor Emeritus of Religion at Temple University

7. "Catholics and Jews as People of God:
 The Vatican II Challenge to the Bishops"

Convener: Elena G. Procaro-Foley, Iona College
Moderator: Tobie Tondi, Rosemont College
Presenters: Carol Ann Martinelli, Independent Scholar
 Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University
 Angela Kim Harkins, Fairfield University
Respondent: Michael Berenbaum, University of Judaism, Los Angeles

8. Catholic Social Teaching: Continuing Group
 "Challenges to Just War Theory Since 'The Challenge of Peace' "

Convener: Brian Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Moderator: Patricia Lamoureux, St. Mary's Seminary and University
Presenters: Kenneth Himes, Boston College
 David Hollenbach, Boston College
 Maureen O'Connell, Fordham University

9. Method in Theology: Continuing Group

“The Dialectic of Authority in Newman’s *Apologia*”

Convener: J. Michael Stebbins, Gonzaga University

Presenter: Richard M. Liddy, Seton Hall University

10. Balthasar Society: Continuing Group

“Bishop, Presbyter, and Parish: Historical Precedents and Current Challenges”

Organizers: Peter Casarella, Catholic University of America

Barbara Sain, University of St. Thomas

David Schindler, Pope John Paul II Institute

for Studies of Marriage and the Family

Convener: Barbara Sain, University of St. Thomas

Presenter: Paul McPartlan, Catholic University of America

11. Hispanic/Latino/a Theology: Continuing Group

“Pastoral y Poder: Local Legacies of Authority and Agency
in Comunidades Hispanas/Latinas”

Convener: Carmen M. Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: Gary Macy, University of San Diego

Theresa Torres, University of Missouri-Kansas City

4:30-6:00 CTSA Business Meeting

Presiding: Daniel Finn, St. John’s University, Collegeville, President, CTSA

Parliamentarian: Timothy O’Connell, Loyola University, Chicago

6:15 *Receptions*

President’s Reception for New/Newer Members

Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology

Catholic University of America

Friday Evening, June 8, 2007

8:00-9:30 *General Session: Panel of Bishops*

“The Challenge of the Call To Be a Bishop in North America Today”

Presiding: Margaret O’Gara, University of St. Michael’s College,
President-Elect, CTSA

Speakers: Richard Grecco, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto

Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles

Donald Pelotte, Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico

Richard Sklba, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

Saturday Morning, June 9, 2007

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

8:30-8:45 *Morning Prayer*

9:00-10:30 *Group Sessions*

1. "Bishops in the Public Square": Invited Session
 Moderator: James Heft, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, Los Angeles
 Presenters: Patrick Jordan, *Commonweal*
 "When Bishops Speak Out on Public Issues"
 Tobias Wainwright, St. Louis University
 "Chaplains to the State or Teachers of the Church: U.S. Catholic
 Bishops and the Second War between the U.S. and Iraq"
2. Comparative Theology: Continuing Group
 "Episcopal Sacramental Mediation: A Comparative Approach"
 Convener: Peter Feldmeier, University of St. Thomas
 Presenter: Peter Feldmeier, University of St. Thomas
 Respondent: Tracy Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University
3. Black Catholic Theology: Continuing Group
 "Collaboration for Mission"
 Convener: M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
 Moderator: M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
 Presenter: Jamie T. Phelps, Institute for Black Catholic Studies,
 Xavier University
 Elochukwu Eugene Uzukwu, Milltown Institute
4. Spirituality Seminar: Continuing Group
 "Bishops and Spirituality"
 Convener: James A. Wiseman, Catholic University of America
 Moderator: University of St. Thomas, St. Paul
 Presenters: Eileen Flanagan, Neumann College
 "Bishops' Impact on the Spirituality
 of the First Poor Clares in America"
 Michael E. Lee, Fordham University
 "A Bishop Confronting Reality:
 The Beginnings of a Romeroan Spirituality"
5. Theological Anthropology: Developing Group
 "Theological Anthropology in Relation
 to the Personal, the Social, and the Institutional"
 Convener: Phyllis H. Kaminski, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
 Moderator: Mary Ann Hinsdale, Boston College
 Presenter: Rosemary P. Carbine, College of the Holy Cross
 "Reclaiming a Dialogical Notion of Personhood
 for a Feminist Public Church"

6. Select Session

“The Bishop’s Participation in the Threefold Office of Christ”

Convener: Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

Moderator: George Tavard, Brighton, MA

Presenters: Peter De Mey, Catholic University of Leuven

“Reconsidering *Lumen Gentium* 25-27

in Light of Reflection on Episcopacy

in Other Christian Churches and in Ecumenical Dialogue”

Presenter: James Coriden, Washington Theological Union

“The Teaching Ministry of the Diocesan Bishop:

A Collaborative Exercise”

7. Theology and the Natural Sciences: Continuing Group

Convener: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory Group,

Steward Observatory, University of Arizona

Moderator: Joseph Bracken, Xavier University, Cincinnati

Presenters: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory Group,

Steward Observatory, University of Arizona

James R. Pambrun, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

8. Mission Theology and Missiology: Continuing Group

“The Practice of Episcopate: Being a Bishop in a Global Church”

Coconveners: Stephen Bevans, Catholic Theological Union

Colleen Mary Mallon, St. John’s University, New York

Moderator: Gemma Cruz, St. Ambrose College

Presenter: T. Howland Sanks, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Respondent: John S. Cummins, Bishop Emeritus of Oakland

9. Select Session

“Ecumenical Dialogue Discusses Episcopate/Episcopacy”

Convener: Jeffrey Gros, Memphis Theological Seminary

Presenter: John Erickson, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Seminary

Presenter: David Thompson, Cambridge University (for Disciples of Christ)

10. Sacramental/Liturgical Theology: Continuing Group

“The Bishop as Steward of the Liturgy”

Convener: Bruce Morrill, Boston College

Moderator: Richard McCarron, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: Judith M. Kubicki, Fordham University

“The Second Vatican Council’s Vision of the Bishop’s Role

in the Liturgy: Is There a Prophetic Dimension to Stewardship?”

Thomas F. Burke, Boston College

“What Kind of Stewardship? Serving the Church’s Prayer

within the Shadow of the Cross”

Respondent: Brian Flanagan, Boston College

11. Early Christian Theology: Continuing Group

"On Confirmation, On Sacrifice"

Convener and Moderator: Alexis Doval, Saint Mary's College of California

Presenters: Eugene Finnegan, Calumet College

"The First Pentecostal Homily"

Robert J. Daly, Boston College

"Sacrifice unveiled: Darkness and Light from the Early Church"

10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00a.m.-12:30p.m. *Third Plenary Session*

Presiding: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College,
President-Elect, CTSA

"Bishops and Structures of Accountability"

Speakers: Cynthia Crysdale, Catholic University of America

"Bishops and Structures of Accountability:

An Ethical Perspective"

Susan K. Wood, Marquette University

"Bishops and Structures of Accountability:

An Ecclesiological Perspective"

12:30-2:00p.m. *Theological Studies* Editorial Consultants Luncheon

Saturday Afternoon, June 9, 2007

2:30-4:15 *Group Sessions*

1. Invited Session. "The Selection of Bishops"

Moderator: Mark Yenson, University of St. Michael's College

Presenters: Myriam Wijlens, University of Erfurt, Germany

"A Canonical Perspective on the Selection of Bishops"

Jon Nilson, Loyola University, Chicago

"A Theological Perspective on the Selection of Bishops"

2. Select Session

"Bishops in the Church Across Continents

and Their Responses to HIV/AIDS"

Convener: Maria Cimperman, Oblate School of Theology

Moderator: Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology

Presenter: Maria Cimperman, Oblate School of Theology

3. Ecclesiology Seminar: Continuing Group

"New Forms of Ministry in the Local Church: A Global Perspective"

Conveners: Richard Gaillardetz, University of Toledo

Susan K. Wood, Marquette University

Moderator: Stephen Bevans, Chicago Theological Union

Presenters: Fritz Lobinger, Bishop Emeritus of Aliwal, South Africa

Francisco Claver, Bishop Emeritus of Malaybalay, The Philippines

4. Theology of Karl Rahner: Continuing Group

Moderator: Terrance W. Klein, Fordham University

Presenter: Andreas Battlog, *Stimmen der Zeit*

Presenter: Mary Hines, Emmanuel College

5. Moral Theology: Continuing Group

“Lisa Sowle Cahill’s Theological Bioethics: A Critical Conversation”

Coconveners: Thomas B. Leininger, Regis University

Kristin E. Heyer, Loyola Marymount University

Moderator: Kristin E. Heyer, Loyola Marymount University

Panelists: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

James Walter, Loyola Marymount University

Teresia Mbari Higa, Santa Clara University

Bryan Massingale, Marquette University

6. Select Session

“The Teaching Ministry of Bishops:

Custodians of the Cache or Shepherds of the Search?”

Moderator: Laura Taylor, Vanderbilt University

Presenter: Terrance W. Klein, Fordham University

Respondent: Robert Masson, Marquette University

7. Select Session

“CELAM V: Pastoral Implications for the Global Church”

Convener: Robert S. Pelton, University of Notre Dame

Moderator: Margaret Pfeil, University of Notre Dame

Presenters: Robert S. Pelton, University of Notre Dame

Carlos Quintana, Executive Director,

Secretariat for Latin America, USCCB

Alvaro Ramazzini, Bishop of San Marcos, Guatemala

Virgilio Elizondo, San Antonio and University of Notre Dame

8. Thought of John Henry Newman: Continuing Group

“Newman and Episcopacy”

Convener: Kevin Godfrey, Alvernia College

Moderator: Kevin Godfrey, Alvernia College

Presenters: Brian Hughes, University of St. Mary, Leavenworth

“Newman’s Theology of Bishops”

Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College

“The Newman-Manning Relationship”

9. Theology and Philosophy: Developing Group

"Evolutionary Cosmology and Metaphysics"

Convener: James LeGrys, Secretariat for Doctrine
and Pastoral Practices, USCCB

Moderator: David Fleischacker, University of St. Francis

Presenter: Michael Hoonhaut, Immaculate Conception Seminary
"What Kind of Metaphysics
Does the God-World Relation Require?"

Respondent: Terence Nichols, University of St. Thomas

10. Special Session

"Church, Academy and Spirituality in Tension"

Moderator: Darren Dias, University of St. Michael's College

Presenter: Kathleen Dolphin, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame

Presenter: Gloria L. Schaab, Barry University, Miami Shores

5:00 *Eucharist, Immaculate Conception Church, Los Angeles*

6:15 *Reception*

7:00 *John Courtney Murray Award Banquet*

Sunday Morning, June 10, 2007

7:15-8:45 *Convener's Breakfast Meeting*

9:00-10:00 *Presidential Address*

Presiding: Terrence Tilley, Fordham University, Vice-President, CTSA

Address: Daniel Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville, President, CTSA
"Power and Public Presence in Catholic Social Thought,
the Church, and the CTSA"

10:00 *Appointment of New President*

Adjournment

Breakfast Reception

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. *Meeting and Luncheon: CTSA Board of Directors*

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JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2007

The person who will receive the John Courtney Murray award tonight [Saturday, 9 June, 7:00 p.m.] embodies many of the contending forces and identities that characterize our world today, and he does so with grace and humor. One commentator has described our honoree as someone committed to the basic message that "God cherishes, esteems, values, respects, treasures, forgives, and loves every one of us." Another has described this person as bringing out the best in others, but our colleague would be more inclined to say that the first

proclamation of the Gospel occurs when we are willing to learn from everyone, even the most inconspicuous of people.

Our honoree has reported that as a child, “the parish was the only institution where we felt fully at home” and yet today seems “at home” in a variety of nations and cultures.

Our colleague has written on topics as diverse as poverty, preaching, modern culture and Christian faith, creativity, ritual, and catechesis. He served twenty years on the editorial board of *Concilium*. Among the places he has taught are UC Santa Barbara, Union Seminary, Boston College, and the Claremont School of Theology.

He studied on three continents, doing his doctoral work at the Institut Catholique in Paris. He has served as faculty member, director of religious education, academic dean, and president. He has received several honorary doctorates and has been honored with awards from various universities, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the National Federation of Priests Councils.

His stature has been recognized beyond academe. He has appeared on the *MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour* and Ted Koppel’s *Nightline*. *Time* magazine recognized him as one of the leading spiritual innovators in the US. In addition, I would venture to guess that he is the only member of the CTSA who has had a city plaza named in his honor.

When our honoree decided to enter the seminary, he didn’t even have to leave his home parish. In fact, although he is an internationally renowned author and speaker, he has lived in the same neighborhood most of his life. Like the Israelites of old, our honoree is no individualist: his theological vision is fundamentally shaped by his belonging to a people, a minority culture in the United States. And of course, it is precisely those who know multiple cultures who can show us how to break down the divisive barriers between peoples.

His own experience of straddling boundaries has given him great empathy for those who must struggle to live in the present without feeling torn apart (or as he puts it, without feeling “disintegrated”) in their encounters with marginalization and injustice. For him, this very search for meaning is decisive to the experience of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel. And yet, in spite of the injustices, he has also said that “the totality of life is reflected in celebration . . . which is not an escape from the world of problems but a bringing of the whole day into the recognition that life is a gift. Life is to be lived, appreciated, and celebrated.”

Our honoree tonight was born in 1935, was ordained a diocesan priest in 1963, and served as the rector of the Cathedral for twelve years. He has spoken often of the two conquests that the indigenous peoples of the region have endured: the Spanish conquest of a continent and a half and the U.S. conquest of what is now the Southwest. Thus it is out of the experience of this history that he founded a series of liturgical rituals, including the re-enactment at Christmas of the journey of Mary and Joseph, with the couple being turned away at city hall, the courthouse, and hotels, before finding shelter at the cathedral.

Our honoree founded the Mexican American Cultural Center in 1972 and was its first president. He was the executive producer, chief liturgist, and frequent cele-

brant of the only internationally televised live Mass in the Americas. His books include *The Human Quest: A Search for Meaning through Life and Death*; *A God of Incredible Surprises: Jesus of Galilee*; *Galilean Journey: The Mexican-American Promise*; *Guadalupe: Mother of the New Creation*; and *Way of the Cross: The Passion of Christ in the Americas*. He is currently Professor of Pastoral and Hispanic Theology at the University of Notre Dame.

This colleague of ours is widely recognized in the religious and academic world as “the father of U.S. Latino religious thought.” He has not only written extensively in this field but has been a mentor and even a father figure for many of our colleagues in Hispanic, Latino, and Latina theology. In fact, the highest award given by ACHTUS, the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, is named in his honor. But he has also helped innumerable of us Anglos in the North to understand the insights that arise from Hispanic faith and theology in the South.

For all these reasons, the Catholic Theological Society of America tonight presents the John Courtney Murray Award, its highest honor for distinguished achievement in theology, to Fr. Virgilio Elizondo.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Daniel Finn called the annual business meeting [Friday, 8 June, 4:30-6:00 p.m.] to order at 4:38 p.m. Timothy O’Connell served as Parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Raymond Webb, Chair, presented the report of the Admissions Committee. The other members of the committee were Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Susan Abraham, Edward Hahnenberg and Theresa Moser, the secretary of the CTSA, *ex officio*. Susan Abraham and Edward Hahnenberg will continue to serve on the committee next year. From approximately 93 applications returned during the year, the committee in its review determined that 86 qualified for membership, 54 for active membership and 32 for associate membership. Two of the applicants for active membership and one for associate membership were determined not to meet the criteria for membership at this time. Fourteen of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Eight of the applicants for active membership were former members who were reinstated. Twenty-three (27%) of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Nine (10%) are from underrepresented races/ethnicities. Nine (10%) are from outside the United States. The Admissions Committee recommended that the eighty-six 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

Ken Himes, chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Anne Clifford and Peter Casarella. Peter Casarella will continue to serve on the committee next year. The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follows.

For vice president: Bryan N. Massingale, Marquette University
Susan A. Ross, Loyola University, Chicago
For board members: Stephen B. Bevans, Catholic Theological Union
Margaret E. Guider, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College
James A. Wiseman, The Catholic University of America

There were no nominations from the floor.

Bryan N. Massingale was elected vice president. Stephen B. Bevans was elected to the board on the third ballot. Nancy Pineda-Madrid was elected to the Board on the fourth ballot. The usual election by acclamation of secretary Mary Theresa Moser and treasurer Jozef Zalot was inadvertently omitted. Margaret O’Gara becomes president for 2007–2008. Terrence W. Tilley becomes president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Daniel Finn as past president, Mary C. Boys and Richard Gaillardetz.

President’s Report

President Finn reported on the development of the new convention structure, which will take effect in June 2008. The new structure has been developed to resolve the recurring problem of not enough space for sessions at the hotels where CTSA holds its conventions. It is hoped that the new structure will encourage the engagement of members, include a broad range of theological styles, and support the quality of interaction at CTSA sessions. There will be 16 topic areas, seven consultations, and 3 interest groups in June, 2008. Topic areas and consultations will be ongoing. Interest groups will have three-year terms with no possibility of renewal. There will be three members on the administrative teams for topic areas. Each will have its own web page, where they can post Calls for Papers and other relevant information. Each year one of the three members of the administrative team will rotate off, and a new member, chosen by the administrative team, will come on. The rotating membership on the administrative teams will contribute to diversity of theological perspectives in the topic areas. President Finn offered special thanks to John Thiel for his hard work in developing the outline of the new structure.

President Finn then announced the appointments to CTSA committees that he has made:

Coordinator for Relations between Bishops and Theologians:

Roget McGrath

International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology (INSeCT):

Catherine Clifford

President Finn thanked Executive Director Christie, her secretary Mary Jane Ponyik, and the volunteers who helped with the registration process and hotel events. He acknowledged the fine work of the Local Arrangements Committee (Mark Fischer, chair, and Marie Egan, Darlene Kawulok, Nadine McGuinness, Alexis Navarro, Thomas Rausch, and Tracey Sharp) and expressed his appreciation for the liturgical planners and musicians (Carol Browning, John Flaherty, Paul F. Ford, Mara Kelly-Zukowski, Mary McKay, and Kevin O'Neil). He thanked CTSA secretary Theresa Moser, treasurer Jozef Zalot, Proceedings editor Jonathan Tan, and parliamentarian Timothy O'Connell for their contributions to the CTSA convention.

President-elect's Report

President-elect Margaret O'Gara reported on the preparations for the convention. She acknowledged that it had been a very challenging year. She especially thanked Executive Director Christie for her practical and experienced help, Mark Fischer, chair of the local arrangements committee, and the conveners and CTSA members who proposed papers and sessions for the creative ways they had implemented the theme of "Bishops in the Church."

O'Gara noted that there were guests from six continents attending the convention. This past year she has made a special effort to build relationships with bishops. At the Fall dinner with the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, she, with Terry Tilley, Dan Finn and Bill Loewe (representing CTS) gave those present a list of theological topics addressed in sessions at recent CTSA meetings. This contributed to a very amicable discussion at the dinner. She hopes that this practice will continue. In addition, while it has been the usual practice for the CTSA to invite bishops from the regions where the convention is held, this time she wrote letters to all the bishops in North America, with a cover letter from Bishop Sklba, to draw their attention to the theme and invite them to attend. She also wrote a personal letter to all the Canadian bishops and received very positive responses. She shared two of the responses from North American bishops, one from Bishop Flores of Detroit and another from Bishop Hunt of Regina, Saskatchewan.

Vice-president's Report

Vice-president Terrence Tilley announced that the theme of the 2008 convention in Miami will be "Generations". Tom Ryan will head the local arrangements committee. He reminded the leaders of the topic sessions for the new structure that they must attend the breakfast on Sunday morning, June 10th, to discuss the preparations for the convention. Leaders of interest groups and consultations are also welcome to attend.

Tilley called attention to five important dates in the preparation for the 2008 convention. By July 1st, the Call for Papers must be published on the area's website. The material should be sent to him. Proposals for papers are due around September 1st (Labor Day weekend). By September 17th, leaders of topic areas must notify those who have submitted proposals whether they have been accepted or not. Those whose papers have not been accepted still have the opportunity to submit proposals for invited sessions. The deadline for invited sessions is October 8th. On October 27th, the Board meets to decide which of the proposals for sessions will be accepted. The Board makes the decision about selected sessions. Terry is open to suggestions for invited sessions. The plenary sessions have already been confirmed and the information is on the CTSA website.

President-elect Tilley announced that he is tentatively planning to have a session at the convention to discuss the theology and Christology of Jon Sobrino, and possibly a session on the ecclesiological issues raised by the notification from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith concerning Jon Sobrino's work. Terry concluded by saying he is open to other ideas for the convention.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Theresa Moser noted that last June there were about 300 more CTSA members listed in the online directory than were in the database of dues-paying members. Over the past year, the Executive Director's office and the Secretary have been in the process of weeding the web directory and making it consistent with the office's database. The goal is to have a reliable membership directory on the web site. As of May 15th, 2007, there were 1,434 members listed on the web site, just 10 more than are in the dues database. So there has been considerable progress in developing a reliable directory of CTSA members.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jozef Zalot referred members to the financial report and balance sheet that was included in the convention folders. In response to a question from Jim Coriden, he clarified that the increased cost for the Fall Board meeting was due to the fact that the Board needed to meet a longer time to discuss the implementation of the new convention structure.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Dolores Christie gave special thanks to the members of the registration team. She announced that 379 members preregistered for the meeting and 51 have registered on site, for a total of 430.

Christie announced that the 2008 CTSA convention will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Miami, Florida, June 5-8, during which time ACHTUS will celebrate its 20th anniversary. The 2009 convention will be at the Marriott Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 4-7. She cautioned the membership to keep in mind that the hotel rates in Miami and Halifax would be higher than the rates for 2007 in Los Angeles.

Committee on Underrepresented Groups

Barbara Andolsen called the attention of CTSA members to the table in the book display area. The committee has developed a brochure for distribution to students, which includes information about sources for funding for theological education. She encouraged CTSA members to make these resources available to members of underrepresented groups who may be interested in pursuing theological education. She also mentioned that the committee is developing a website with similar information.

During this year's convention, CUERG hosted a luncheon attended by about 35 people, including students and recently graduated African, African-American, Hispanic, and Asian Pacific scholars. Speakers included Shawn Copeland, Peter Phan, and Virgilio Elizondo. Andolsen thanked Mary Jo Iozzio, who obtained money from the Fund for Theological Education, and the CTSA Board for covering the cost of the lunch. She then announced that Jon Nilson, who has been chairing the committee, will be stepping down as chair. A new chair will be chosen later.

Two Hispanic members of the CTSA, Carmen Nanko-Fernandez and Orlando Espin, then raised questions about CTSA procedures in dealing with underrepresented groups, especially about having more members of underrepresented groups as members of CUERG. President Finn responded that this was the first time that he had been made aware that there was a concern about the membership of CUERG, but that he would take action to investigate the apparent dissatisfaction.

INSeCT Report

Brad Hinze presented the report of the International Network of Societies of Catholic Theology. Dr. Catherine Clifford, on the faculty at the Université Saint Paul, Ontario, will replace him as the new representative from CTSA. The next INSeCT Steering Committee Meeting will take place in conjunction with the Triennial European Society of Catholic Theology Congress in Leuven, Belgium, September 13-16. Brad Hinze and Catherine Clifford will both attend this meeting. Officers at this 2007 meeting will prepare for the Network Council Assembly to be held in the summer of 2008 and the election of new officers.

*Presentation of Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award
for Best Essay by a New Scholar*

President Finn announced that the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for Best Academic Essay by a new Scholar had been awarded to Dr. Laura Grimes. He presented her with a plaque honoring her for the prize-winning essay, "The Influence of Augustine on Medieval Women's Theology: Gertrud of Helfta's *Herald of God's Loving-Kindness*." Dr. Grimes received a warm ovation in recognition of her achievement. Following is the abstract.

Though the works of medieval women writers have become increasingly popular in recent years, a sharp distinction is still often drawn between male "theologians" and female "mystics." This article challenges such a dichotomy by

analyzing Gertrud of Helfta's spiritual autobiography in book II of her *Herald of God's Loving-Kindness*. She uses the prayerful style of *Confessions*, as well as many of Augustine's key images, to weave together experience and intellectual reflection. And she recounts a similar story of transformation through grace from proud and spiritually empty scholar to passionate preacher of the Gospel. Gertrud focuses on Augustine's image of the pierced heart as a "book" in which to read God's merciful love, created through conversational narratives connecting personal and communal salvation history. Reclaiming her work, and that of other medieval women theologians, can make a contribution to the neglected history of women's contributions to the discipline; it also offers an alternative to the Enlightenment divorce between spiritual praxis and theological reflection.

With no other business to be addressed, President Finn thanked those who had submitted reports, expressed gratitude to Timothy O'Connell for his service as parliamentarian, and invited new and newer members and new topic area leaders to the President's reception after the business meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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