SECRETARY'S REPORT

The twenty-eighth annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held 18-21 June, 1973 at the Commodore Hotel in New York City. The theme of the convention was American Theologians in the Service of the American Church.

CTSA CONVENTION PROGRAM

John H. Wright, S.J., President, called the assembly to order and led the opening prayer. The convention program included addresses, papers and discussion seminars.

III. “Pluralism in Moral Theology,” Roderick Hindery, Temple University.
2:30 P.M. Discussion Seminars I

4. "Theology of the Local Church," Robert Kress, School of Divinity, St. Louis University.
5. "Ethics of the Life Sciences," Warren Reich, Kennedy Center for Bioethics, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

4:00 P.M. Discussion Seminars II

1. "Theology as Interpretation of Tradition: The Role of Historical Theology in Serving Today's Church in America," David L. Balas, O. Cist., Chairman, Department of Theology, University of Dallas.
3. "Varieties of Priestly Identity," John T. Fagan, Former Board Member, National Federation of Priests' Councils, Executive Vice-President, Little Flower Children's Services, Wading River, N.Y.

5:45 P.M. Reception
6:45 P.M. Buffet Dinner

Wednesday, 20 June, 7:30 A.M. – Convention Mass

2:30 P.M. Discussion Seminars III

1. “Christian Theology: God or Man; God and Man; God in Man,” John F. O’Grady, Executive Secretary, Liturgical Commission, Diocese of Albany.
3. “Polarization in the Church: Phenomenology and Therapy,” John Nijenhuis, O. Carm., Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, N.J.
5. “The American Church: Community of Reconciliation?” Dennis M. Regan, Dean of Theology, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N.Y.

4:00 P.M. Discussion Seminars IV

2. “Christology: Current Developments,” Julian J. Miller, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N.Y.

8:00 P.M. Forums for Discussion of CTSA Committee Reports Completed, Published in CTSA Proceedings, 1972:

3. “Catholic Hospital Ethics,” Warren Reich, Kennedy Center for Bioethics, Georgetown University.

Reports still in preparation:

4. “Renewal of the Sacrament of Penance,” Kenan Osborne, O.F.M., Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, California.

Thursday, 21 June, 7:30 A.M. — Convention Mass
BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the CTSA was held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 20 June, 1973. John H. Wright, S.J., President, called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report

Agnes Cunningham, S.S.C.M. reported briefly on the secretary's activities of the past year. It has not been found feasible to plan a new membership directory, at this time. The question, however, is still under discussion. Updated membership printouts are distributed to CTSA officers on a bi-monthly basis as one of the services available through membership in CSR. Change of address notices should be sent promptly to the Treasurer or to the Secretary to insure continued contact with CTSA.


During the past year, an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to study the question of requirements for associate membership in CTSA. This committee was chaired by Edward H. Konerman, S.J. of Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois. The study was occasioned by requests from members and applicants for membership, because of the trend in American theological schools to confer a degree other than the S.T.L., even when retaining a program allegedly equivalent to the licentiate program.

At this time, the committee finds insufficient evidence to warrant an evaluation of existing equivalencies of degree and/or of program. The need still exists to address the question of requirement for associate membership. During the coming year, continued research and consultation will be pursued in view of suggested amendments to the CTSA Constitution. Announcements and information regarding this topic will
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appear in the CSR Bulletin.

Associate members who receive the doctoral degree in theological or related studies are requested to submit their application for active membership in CTSA to the Secretary.

Application for membership in CTSA is to be submitted prior to 1 May of the year membership is requested.

Manuscripts of papers presented at each annual convention are to be submitted to the Editor of Proceedings no later than 15 July for inclusion in the annual issue of that publication.

The report from the Admissions Committee included the following recommendations: (1) the election to active membership of forty-eight candidates, including one approved as an exceptional case, according to the Constitution, Article II, 1, a; and (2) the election to associate membership of thirty-three candidates. On the vote of the members present, the following applicants were admitted to active membership:

Mary Barbara Agnew
James Biechler
Walter Bildstein
Anne Brennan
William Brown
Mary Buckley
Carnegie S. Calian
John Civile
John Cox
Robert Daly
George Devine
Anne Dunn
James Dunning
Piet Fransen
Charles Froehle
Joseph Gibbons

Ph.D. Catholic University of America
Ph.D. Temple University, 1973
S.T.D. Angelicum, 1972
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Th.D. Basel, 1963
S.T.D. Alfonisiana, 1972
Ph.D. Claremont Graduate School, 1972
Th.D. University of Würzburg, 1972
M.A. Marquette University, 1964
Ph.D. Marquette University, 1967
Ph.D. Catholic University of America, 1973
S.T.D. Gregorian, 1950
S.T.D. Angelicum, 1968
Ph.D. Yale University, 1972
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Rodger Van Allen  Ph.D. Temple University, 1972
Roman Vanasse  S.T.D. Gregorian University, 1964
Mary Catherine Vukmanic  Th.D. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1972

The following applicants were elected to associate membership:

Francis Barszozewski  Robert Lampert
Regina Bechtle, S.C.  James Lothamer, S.S.
Jerome W. Bracken  John Maksymowicx
Alden Brown  Henry Mansell
Donald Burgo  Eugene Merlin
Francine Cardman  Melvin Michalski
Mary Corbett, S.C.  John Morris
George Donaldson  Michael Proterra, S.J.
Edward Francis  Richard Roach, S.J.
Martin Foley  Paul Sanchez
John Grega  Wilfrid Scanlon
J. Jefferson Gros  Thomas Shanahan, S.J.
Henry Hall  William Thompson
James Healy  Thomas R. Ulshafer
Martin Hopkins, O.P.  Michael Walsh

Report of the Nominating Committee

In response to the President's request for suggested candidates for nomination to offices in CTSA, twenty returns with eighteen names were counted. In its work, the nomination committee made use, according to Austin Vaughan, chairman of the committee, of nine suggestions for Vice-President and of seventeen for Board members. The following candidates were presented in nomination to the members at

*Treasurer's Report*

The summary of the complete financial report for 1972 will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Members will note that CTSA revenues are down this year. This can be accounted for, in part, by failure on the part of some members to pay dues and, again, by the fact that the Dreyfus Fund, Inc. is also down. Another factor was the failure of the Los Angeles Congress to net any income for participating societies.

The 1974 Convention will be held 10-13 June in Chicago. The convention site will be the O'Hare Inn, Des Plaines, Illinois.

The 1975 Convention is to be held in New Orleans.

*President's Report*

The efforts of the President during this past year have been primarily aimed at the development of communication both within the society and in its relations with individuals and bodies outside it.

Within the society itself, communication has been fostered through frequent and direct correspondence with individual members, through consultation, requests for membership services and nominations, and in the establishment of research committees.

Outside the society, communication has been encouraged and promoted within the Church, with the bishops at several levels. One mode of maintaining communication with the bishops was the request for donations to support theological research through CTSA committees which address critical theological questions. Thirty-two bishops responded generously to this request. Individual invitations were also sent to all the bishops for attendance at the 1973 convention. The
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presence at this convention of several bishops and letters of regret because of prior commitments witness to an encouraging interest in the theological enterprise.

The continued advantages of CTSA membership in CSR are recognized by officers and board members. Advances in CSR projects and programs are regularly reported to the Board by CTSA delegates to CSR, Warren Reich and Gerald Van Ackeren, S.J., to whom the gratitude of the society is due for their services. The presence of Norman E. Wagner, Executive Director of the CSR Office in Waterloo, Ontario, was acknowledged with an expression of appreciation for his interest and collaboration.

The successful termination of the 1972 research committees is an encouragement to continue this mode of theological reflection and investigation. At the present time, committees have been established for the study of the Sacrament of Penance and of Human Sexuality. The latter committee will be continued and another on the question of the use of wealth will be established. Suggestions regarding a committee on communication with the news media and on the continuing problem of racism were made from the floor during a brief discussion period entertained by the President.

At 1:15 P.M. a motion for adjournment was entertained and carried.

Final Business

On Thursday, 21 June, members of CTSA assembled for the closing session of the society’s convention. Richard P. McBrien called the meeting to order and introduced John H. Wright, who delivered his Presidential Address, developing the theme: “The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”

Richard P. McBrien expressed the thanks of the society to the out-going President and then introduced Carl Peter, past President of CTSA, who brought the convention to a close by reading the citation in honor of the 1973 recipient of the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology: Bernard J. F. Lonergan, S.J.
Citation for the John Courtney Murray Award, 1973

Few Catholic theologians of our day have influenced the development of their discipline as much as the scholar we wish to honor this year. A pioneer in grasping the need for a more adequate cognitional theory as the basis of theologizing, he called attention to crucial questions of methodology when these were regarded by many as at most a peripheral concern. Honored years ago by this society for his painstaking study of *gratia operans* in Thomas Aquinas, he has for a quarter of a century sought to challenge his colleagues and critics to discover the recurring pattern operative in human consciousness and, therefore, in the theological enterprise. We honor him because of the prestige he has attained for himself and for the respect he has won for Catholic theology.

In an era of exegesis and historical analysis, he has had the courage to seek an overview and has reminded his colleagues that ours is likewise an age of field-theories. In his writings and through his students he has left a mark on religious studies in North America as have few others. Despite poor health for a decade, he has worked on seeking to show the importance of viewing theology as one discipline rather than isolated functional specializations. In a word, the challenge to understanding that he has generated has lasting importance as an effort to keep theology from being crushed under the weight of the ever more numerous and unassimilated data of research.

Many do not accept his cognitional theory as adequate for theological method. But none can fail to recognize the achievement of a man who has had the genius to attempt once more to express the fundamental characteristics of faith seeking understanding.

For these reasons, the Catholic Theological Society of America is proud to recognize one of the continent's most distinguished theologians and to present the John Courtney Murray Award to Bernard J. F. Lonergan.

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