

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its forty-eighth annual convention June 10–13, 1993, at the Hyatt Regency on the River Walk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The theme of the convention was "Ecumenism, Interreligious Relations, and Cultural Diversity." In the opening session on Thursday evening, June 10, Most Reverend Joseph Galante, Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio, acting as the delegate of Archbishop Patrick F. Flores, welcomed the convention participants to San Antonio. The first plenary session followed. The evening concluded with a reception hosted by Our Lady of the Lake University, St. Mary's University, Incarnate Word College, The Oblate School of Theology, and St. Edward's University.

The convention's Eucharistic Liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 12, in San Fernando Cathedral. Rev. Virgilio Elizondo, the Rector of the Cathedral, presided. Following the liturgy, the convention banquet was held at the hotel. At the end of the banquet President Lisa Sowle Cahill read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and the medal to Kilian McDonnell, O.S.B., of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research in Collegeville, Minnesota.

After lunch on Friday, June 11, the Resolutions Committee held a "hearing" for a discussion of resolutions submitted for consideration and action at the annual business meeting which took place late Friday afternoon.

The new members present at the convention were welcomed at the President's Reception for New Members following the convention banquet on Saturday evening. The Karl Rahner Society Breakfast was held on Saturday morning. On Sunday afternoon there was an Informal Women's Lunch and Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology (open to all CTSA members).

CONVENTION PROGRAM

PLENARY SESSIONS

The convention program included five plenary sessions. The first four featured addresses devoted to the convention theme. In the fifth plenary session President Lisa Cahill delivered her Presidential Address.

1. "Hispanic-American Theology and Piety"
Address: Virgilio P. Elizondo, Rector of San Fernando Cathedral; Founding President of the Mexican American Cultural Center
Response: Justo Gonzalez, Decatur, Georgia
2. "The Present Dialogue among the Churches"
Address: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College
3. "Islamic Theology and Christian Theologians"
Address: G. John Renard, St. Louis University
4. "Christian Theology and Judaic Thought: Similarities and Dissimilarities"
Address: Clemens Thoma, Institute for Jewish Christian Research, Theological Faculty of Luzern
5. "Feminist Ethics and the Challenge of Cultures"
Presidential Address: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
The presidential address was followed by an hour-long plenary discussion by the convention participants moderated by President Cahill and President-Elect Gerard Sloyan. Then at noon on Sunday, June 13, Lisa Cahill handed over the official gavel to the new President, Gerard Sloyan, who spoke a few inaugural words and then declared the annual convention adjourned.

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

On Friday and Saturday mornings twenty different convention workshops were scheduled (ten each day), most of which focused in one way or another on the theme of the convention.

1. Theology of the Eastern Churches
Moderator: Petro B.T. Bilaniuk, University of St. Michael's College
Presenter: Seely Beggiani, Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary and The Catholic University of America
"How Can the Maronite Tradition Remain Relevant in a North American Culture?"
2. Hispanic Theology
Moderator: Orlando O. Espín, University of San Diego
Discussion of *Frontiers of Hispanic Theology in the United States* (edited by Allan Figueroa Deck)
Panelists: Lawrence Cunningham, University of Notre Dame
Mary Ann Donovan, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Elizabeth Johnson, Fordham University
George P. Schnier, Regis College, Toronto
3. The Theology of Karl Rahner
Moderator: Robert L. Masson, Marquette University
Presenter: Jon Nilson, Loyola University of Chicago
"The Unity of the Churches: Actual or Eschatological Possibility?"
4. Theology and the Natural Sciences
Moderator: Christopher F. Mooney, Fairfield University

- Presenters: John Hickey Wright, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 "The Purpose of God in the World"
 Robert John Russell, The Graduate Theological Union
 "The Future of the Cosmos"
5. Patristic Theology
 Moderator: Matthew L. Lamb, Boston College
 Presenter: Kenneth B. Steinhauser, St. Louis University
 Respondent: Joseph T. Lienhard, Fordham University
 "The Ecumenical Implications of Augustine's *De Catechizandis rudibus*"
 6. A Theology of Communications
 Moderator: Bernard R. Bonnot, Unida-USA (Catholic broadcast communicators)
 Panelists: Peter Drilling, Christ the King Seminary
 Richard Liddy, Seton Hall University
 Frances Ford Plude, Syracuse University
 Maria de la Cruz Aymes, San Francisco
 "Communications as Trinitarian Ministry and Theological Specialty"
 7. Comparative Ecclesiology and Global Catholicism
 Moderator: Robert J. Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union at Chicago
 Presenter: Sixto J. Garcia, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
 "Theology and Cultures in Conflict: A Caribbean Perspective"
 8. Catholic Social Teaching
 Moderator: Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
 Presenters: Allan Figueroa Deck, Loyola-Marymount University
 Roberto S. Goizueta, Loyola University of Chicago
 "The Rights of Migrants/The Preferential Option for the Poor: Catholic Social Thought in the New World Order"
 9. A Feminist Theology
 Moderator: Mary E. Hines, Emmanuel College
 Presenter: Maria Pilar Aquino, Mt. St. Mary's College, Los Angeles
 "Feminist Theology for Latin American Women?"
 10. The Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar
 Moderator: David Schindler, John Paul II Institute, Washington, D.C.
 Presenter: Roch Kereszty, University of Dallas
 "Israel and the Church in the Theology of von Balthasar"
 11. Black Catholic Theology
 Moderator: M. Shawn Copeland, Yale University Divinity School
 Presenter: Lamin Sanneh, Yale University Divinity School
 Respondent: Diana L. Hayes, Georgetown University
 "Black Catholic Theology and Dialogue: Islam, the West, and Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*"
 12. The Theology of John Courtney Murray
 Moderator: D. Thomas Hughson, Marquette University

- Presenters: John T. Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union at Chicago
J. Leon Hooper, Woodstock Theological Center, Washington, D.C.
"John Courtney Murray and Possibilities for Ecumenism"
13. Sexual Ethics
Moderator: Susan Ross, Loyola University of Chicago
Panelists: Magdalena Alvarado, Lesbian and Gay Assembly of San Antonio
Graziella Sanchez, Esperanza Peace and Justice Center
Nickie Valdez, Dignity, San Antonio
"Women in the Latino Community"
14. Theology in a Seminary Context
Moderator: Walter J. Woods, St. John's Seminary, Brighton
Presenters: Peter C. Phan, The Catholic University of America
Roger E. McGrath, St. Mary's Seminary and University
"The Challenge of Theological Education in a Multicultural Context"
15. Medieval Theology
Moderator: Joseph Wawrykow, University of Notre Dame
Panelists: John Cavadini, University of Notre Dame
Kathleen Tanner, Yale University
"Christian Belief and Social Renewal: Kathryn Tanner's *The Politics of God: Christian Theologies and Social Justice* and the Study of Medieval Christianity"
16. Hispanic Pastoral Theology
Moderator: David N. Power, The Catholic University of America
Presenter: Zoila L. Diaz, Archdiocese of Miami Office of Lay Ministry
"A Theology of Ministry and Hispanic Popular Religion"
17. U.S. Hispanic and Latin American Theologies: Critical Distinctions
Moderator: Roberto Piña, Mexican American Cultural Center
Panelists: Yolanda Tarango, C.C.V.I.
Arturo Banuelas, Tepayac Institute
Timothy Matovina, Mexican American Cultural Center
18. Social Justice Education and the Hispanic Experience
Moderator: Donald L. Jones, our Lady of the Lake University in exchange
with J. Willis Langlais, St. Mary's University, on the discipline as it
is professed in the undergraduate college.
19. The Theology of John Henry Newman
Moderator: Gerard Magill, St. Louis University
Presenters: Edward J. Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College
Kenneth Parker, St. Louis University
Gerard Magill, St. Louis University
"Newman's Cultural Milieu: His Interaction with Anglicanism and Catholicism"
20. The Diversity of Religions
Moderator: Daniel P. Sheridan, Loyola University, New Orleans
Presenter: Joseph A. DiNoia, Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C.

Respondents: David Burrell, University of Notre Dame
 Stephen Duffy, Loyola University, New Orleans
 Paul Griffiths, University of Chicago

The Diversity of Religions: A Christian Perspective

CONTINUING SEMINARS

On Friday and Saturday afternoons the continuing seminars held their double sessions.

Friday Seminars

1. Christology
 Moderator: Michael Slusser, Duquesne University
 Presenters: Roger D. Haight, Weston College
 John Hickey Wright, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 "Spirit Christology and *Logos* Christology"
2. Ecclesiology
 Moderator: Susan Wood, St. John's University, Collegeville
 Presenters: William Rusch, ELCA, Office for Ecumenical Affairs
 John F. Hotchkin, NCCB, Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs
 "Towards *Koinonia* in Faith, Life, and Witness," Draft Document of the Commission on Faith and Order, WCC
3. Trinitarian Theology
 Moderator: Sixto J. Garcia, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
 Presenter: Michel Barnes, Marquette University
 "The Use of Augustine in Contemporary Trinitarian Theology"
4. Comparative Theology and Spirituality
 Moderator: Michael Downey, Bellarmine College
 Presenters: Douglas Burton-Christie, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 Joann Wolski Conn, Neumann College
 Daniel P. Sheridan, Loyola University, New Orleans
5. Liturgical Theology
 Moderator: Julia Upton, St. John's University, New York
 Presenter: James A. Schmeiser, University of Western Ontario
 Respondent: Rosa Maria Icaza, Mexican American Cultural Center
 "Inculturation: A Work of Justice"
6. Moral Theology
 Moderator: Eileen P. Flynn, St. Peter's College
 Presenter: Michael H. Crosby, Milwaukee
 Respondents: Patrick McCormick, St. John's University, New York
 Patricia A. Schoelles, St. Mary's Seminary and University
 "Doing Moral Theology in Light of an Ecclesiology Reflective of Mt. 18 and Mt 16"

7. Historical Theology
 Moderator: Francis Nichols, St. Louis University
 Presenter: Ronald Modras, St. Louis University
 Respondent: Leonard Swidler, Temple University
 "The 'Masonic-Jewish Alliance': Catholic Anti-Liberalism and Anti-Semitism on the Eve of the Holocaust"
8. Theological Anthropology
 Convenor: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross
 Moderator: Ann O'Hara Graff, Loyola University of Chicago
 An authors' session on essays in progress for this seminar's publication project.
9. North American Theology
 Moderator: Stephen C. Rowntree, Loyola University, New Orleans
 Discussion of Cornell West, *The American Evasion of Philosophy* and of Donald Gelpi, "Orthodoxy and Orthopraxis: A Pragmatic Interpretation"
10. Practical Theology
 Moderator: Robert L. Kinast, Center for Theological Reflection of Florida
 Panelists: Eugene King, St. Paul University Seminary
 Thomas Groome, Boston College
 Mary Ellen Sheehan, University of St. Michael's College
 Mark Poorman, University of Notre Dame
 "National Health Care: A Test for Practical Theology"

Saturday Seminars

1. Christology
 Moderator: Michael Slusser, Duquesne University
 Presenter: Barry R. Strong, De Sales School of Theology
 "Spirit Christology: Conceptual Approaches and Ecumenical Importance"
2. Ecclesiology
 Moderator: Susan Wood, St. John's University, Collegeville
 Presenters: Raymond A. Lucker, Bishop of New Ulm
 Francis A. Sullivan, Boston College
 "The Local Church and Communion Ecclesiology—Reflections on the Letter from the CDF on 'Church as Communion'"
3. Trinitarian Theology
 Moderator: Earl C. Muller, Marquette University
 Presenter: Sixto J. Garcia, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
 "The Trinitarian Thought of F. W. J. Schelling: Prophet and Process in History and in God"
5. Spirituality
 Moderators: Elizabeth Carr, Smith College
 Michael Downey, Bellarmine College
 Presenters: Elizabeth Liebert, San Francisco Theological Seminary and Graduate Theological Union

- "The Thinking Heart: Developmental Dynamism in Etty Hillesum's Diaries"
Valerie Lesniak, University of St. Thomas School of Divinity
- "Journey of Reintegration: Raissa Maritain's Last Years"
Marie Eloise Rosenblatt, Santa Clara University
- "St. Paul's Changing Life Pattern: A Spirituality of Reassessment and Reappropriation"
6. Moral Theology
"The Church and Child Sex Abuse"
Moderator: Michael Schuck, Loyola University of Chicago
Presenters: Susan Secker, Seattle University
"A Cry in the Land"
Andre Guindon, St. Paul University
"From 'Private Troubles' to 'Public Issues'"
7. Historical Theology
Moderator: Michael Himes, University of Notre Dame
Presenters: James Nickoloff, College of the Holy Cross
Teresa Maya-Sotomayor, El Colegio de Mexico
"Bartolomé de las Casas and the Native Peoples of the Americas"
9. North American Theology—The Catholic Experience
Moderator: William D. Lindsey, Belmont Abbey College
Presenter: Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University
"Suspicion and Retrieval: The Voices of the Marginal in the American Catholic Experience"
10. Nature and Method of Theology
Moderator: Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University
Presenter: James Pratt, College of the Holy Cross
Respondents: Joseph A. DiNoia, Dominican House of Studies, Washington
Paul Knitter, Xavier University, Cincinnati
"From Anonymous to Analogous Christianity: The Pluralist-Inclusivist Debate"

Sunday Afternoon Seminar

Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology

Convenor: Pamela Kirk, St. John's University, New York

Moderator: Ann O'Hara Graff, Loyola University of Chicago

Presenter: Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, Drew University

Respondent: Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD

The following award citation was read by President Lisa Cahill.

The 1993 John Courtney Murray Award of the Catholic Theological Society of America goes to an individual whose life has been distinguished by service to both the Church and the Academy.

Born in 1921 in Great Falls, Montana, the recipient of this year's award became a professed member of the Church's oldest religious order in 1946. After graduate study at the University of Notre Dame and the Catholic University of America he was ordained a priest in 1951. He served in parishes for several years and then studied theology at the University of Ottawa in preparation for advanced work with the Protestant theological faculty at Trier, an unusual plan for an American Catholic in the late 1950s. He also studied at Tübingen, Münster, Paderborn, and Heidelberg, and in 1964 was awarded the STD from Trier, *magna cum laude*.

He came back home with a nagging question. If the churches of the United States had long since progressed past the missionary stage, why were American scholars in theology so dependent on translations of European research? As he put it, "Certainly we would always be reading the books of European scholars, but we have our own national history. We need to write out of the American experience."

Along with a career as an outstanding teacher of students preparing for lay and ordained ministry, this year's recipient has authored half a dozen books including *John Calvin, the Church, and the Eucharist*, and *The Holy Spirit and Power: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal*. He has edited the justly acclaimed three-volume collection, *Presence, Power, Praise: Documents on the Charismatic Renewal* and coauthored a number of books including, most recently with George Montague, *Christian Initiation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit*, now published in seven languages. He has also contributed well over fifty articles or book chapters in the areas of ecclesiology, pneumatology, Trinity, Reformation theology, and ecumenism.

This life of scholarship is all the more distinguished by an equally busy life of ecumenical service. Our recipient has been secretary of the national Presbyterian/Roman Catholic Consultation, and a member of the national dialogues between Lutherans and Roman Catholics as well as Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics. For twenty years he has been a consultant to the NCCB on charismatic renewal. He has likewise been deeply involved in international ecumenical activity, serving as cochair of the international consultation between the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Roman Catholic Church as well as cochair of the international dialogue between the Pentecostal churches and the Vatican. He has been a member of the International Disciples/Roman Catholic dialogue since 1973 and consultor to the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity for the past decade.

Our recipient has served both the churches and the academic study of theology in yet another, more concrete way. A monk of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, he moved to foster that ongoing American theological conversation he had envisioned as a student by founding and continuing to serve

as the President of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research at Saint John's. Since its beginning in 1967, the Ecumenical Institute has welcomed some 270 scholars from the U.S., Canada and abroad as residents for a semester or a year, including many members of the CTSA. Almost every former resident scholar has a story to tell in appreciation of our recipient's scholarly interchange, personal support and Irish humor. As he once put it, "No ecumenism is possible without real human relationships of trust and friendship, and those you do not build in a day." Many others—scholars, teachers, church leaders and others—have been involved in the Institute's numerous summer programs. Just one example of more than a dozen multiyear consultations is the four-year "Inquiry on African-American Biblical Interpretation" that culminated in the 1991 publication of *Stony The Road We Trod*, edited by Cain Hope Felder.

Most importantly, this year's recipient has exemplified that balanced commitment in both worship and work which Benedict of Nursia called for fifteen centuries ago. Throughout this life of scholarship and service, the person we honor has been known for his loyalty to the Church and its traditions. In 1983 he received from Pope John Paul II the *Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia* award for his work in ecumenism. Yet that same ecclesial commitment and knowledge of our earliest traditions have led him to press for renewal in a Church whose self-understanding requires an ongoing reformation—*semper reformanda*—under the call of Christ. His own life has been characterized by a personal integration of liturgy, service, and scholarly work, with a quiet sense of humility.

Please join me in congratulating him as the Catholic Theological Society of America presents to Kilian McDonnell the 1993 John Courtney Murray award.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Lisa Cahill called the annual business meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. on Friday, June 11. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

The members of the Committee on Admissions this year were Susan Wood (chair), Bradford Hinze, Cathleen Kaveny, Russell Connors, and the CTSA Secretary. Susan Wood presented the committee's report.

From ninety-four initial inquiries about membership seventy-six applications were received and reviewed by the committee. The committee recommended all seventy-six for admission: sixty for active membership, and sixteen for associate membership. The committee's recommendation was approved by a unanimous show of hands. President Cahill then asked the twenty new members in attendance at the convention to stand to be recognized. She also invited the new members to the President's Reception for New Members scheduled for Saturday evening after the convention banquet.

Thirty of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Eleven of the new active members had previously been associate members. Brief biographical entries for the new active members and the names and addresses of

the new associate members are included in the directory-update appendix of this year's *Proceedings*.

Committee on Nominations

The members of the Committee on Nominations this year were William Spohn (chair), Mary Ann Hinsdale, and Daniel Finn. William Spohn presented the slate of nominees, whose biographical resumes had been available for convention participants at registration time:

- for Vice President: John Galvin, Catholic University of America
Elizabeth Johnson, Fordham University
- for Secretary: Edward Konerman, Loyola University, Chicago
- for Treasurer: Mary Hines, Emmanuel College
- for Board Members: Allan Figueroa Deck, Loyola-Marymount
Jon Nilson, Loyola University, Chicago
Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
Mary Ellen Sheehan, University of St. Michael's College

There were no nominations from the floor. Elizabeth Johnson was elected Vice President. Jon Nilson and Robert Schreiter were elected Board Members on the second and the third ballots respectively. Edward Konerman and Mary Hines were reelected by applause.

Gerard Sloyan becomes the new President for 1993-1994. Roger Haight becomes the President-Elect. The others who will continue on the Board of Directors are Lisa Cahill as Past-President, and Kenneth Himes and Ellen Leonard as Board Members.

Executive Secretary's Report

Thanks. The Executive Secretary expressed his thanks to the local arrangements committee and to the chair of the committee, Dr. Donald Jones, for the very fine job they did in handling all the preparations for the convention.

1994 and 1995 Conventions: Sites and Local Arrangements. The 1994 convention will be held at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, June 9th to 12th (Thursday to Sunday). Rev. Roger McGrath, of St. Mary's University and Seminary, has agreed to chair the local arrangements committee. Volunteers for this committee would be appreciated and should contact either Roger McGrath or Michael McGinniss.

The 1995 convention will be held at the Hyatt Grand Central in New York City, June 8 to 11, Thursday to Sunday. The Hyatt Grand Central stands on the same location as the former Hotel Commodore, site of the Society's first meeting—making it a particularly fitting site for the Society's 50th convention. The Board will be appointing an Anniversary Committee to coordinate plans for the Society's celebration of its anniversary. Volunteers for the local arrangements committee and/or the anniversary planning committee should contact Michael McGinniss.

Financial Report. The complete financial report is printed elsewhere in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Business Matters. Keep in mind that the Executive Office has been relocated to La Salle University since the summer of 1991. Correspondence should be sent there, not to the former office in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The bank with which the CTSA has its accounts imposes check return charges on the Society for checks not depositable for any reason. These costs are passed along to the members involved by charging \$10.00 for returned checks. When members request refunds from the Society, a \$2.00 processing fee is deducted from the refund.

Members are reminded of the special rates for retired members and for associate members who are still writing their dissertations and are without full-time employment. Members qualifying for those rates should so indicate on the invoices for their yearly dues and then pay only the \$25.00 special rate.

Past-President's Report

CTSA/CLSA/CTS Committee on Profession of Faith. The CTSA was invited to dialogue with the NCCB's Committee on Doctrine about the Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity. The chair of the COD, Bishop Alfred Hughes, invited the CTSA and the CLSA to work jointly with the COD to identify an ordered way of placing the issues for discussion on a dialogue agenda.

In response, President Lisa Cahill asked Past-President Michael Buckley to serve on the joint committee with members of the CLSA. Professor Keith Egan later joined the committee to represent the CTS, and the Executive Director of the COD, Michael Walsh, attended the meetings and took part in the discussion.

An initial, exploratory meeting was held in Boston on October 11, 1992, and a full meeting on November 14, 1992, at Catholic University. Three major factors for discussion with the bishops were identified: the context in which the Profession and Oath can be understood; ambiguities about issues that both documents raise; and questions about implementation. The joint committee met again on February 27, 1993, to establish some priorities among the issues. But unfortunately, Michael Walsh had resigned from the COD and was unable to attend the meeting. The joint committee felt that this absence inhibited their work and decided not to call further meetings until a new Executive Director was appointed.

Rev. John A. DiNoia, O.P., has now been appointed Executive Director. The joint committee should now be able to wrap up its business and then meet with representatives of the COD.

At the present time, as far as Buckley knows, theologians in the U.S. and Canada have not been asked to take either the Profession or the Oath.

President's Report

Program Revision. In response to many suggestions from convention participants over the past few years, President Cahill appointed a Program Review Committee at the end of last year's convention. The chair of the

committee was Kenneth Himes; other members were Mary Catherine Hilkert and Michael Fahey. All have been active in the Society and have held elective office. Fahey is a Past President, while Himes is a current Board Member; Hilkert is a past Board Member. The committee was joined by Vice President Roger Haight.

The purposes of the review include the following: to establish more "democratic" processes allowing more members to participate in the convention; to relieve the President-Elect of some of the responsibility for planning the convention; to establish a greater variety of formal categories within which members may contribute to the convention program; to ensure that the number of sessions meeting simultaneously at the convention will not exceed the number of rooms available.

The committee developed a new program format for the "breakout" sessions. This proposed revision was submitted to the Board for review and comments at its October meeting. The committee then continued to work on the new program and again submitted it to the Board for its meeting yesterday before the start of the convention. The Board has approved the revised program format. The Society will begin implementing this new format in the planning of next year's convention. And the format should be fully in effect by the 1995 convention. This new format will be reviewed over the next three years.

[Copies of the new program and its provisions were available at the registration desk throughout the convention. Kenneth Himes explained the revision and answered questions later in the business meeting (see below).]

According to the new program format, the four Board Members who are not Officers will be on the "Program Committee" along with the President-Elect. This might be kept in mind in the election of these Board Members. Also, the convenors or moderators of the continuing seminars and of those workshops that have been continuing from year to year should inform Roger Haight (about to become President-Elect) as to what is the name of their group and who will be the contact person or convenor for next year.

Guindon Group of Scholars. In response to a resolution passed at the business meeting in 1992, the President set up a "group of scholars" to prepare a document for the use of André Guindon in responding to a "Nota" he had received from the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith criticizing his book *The Sexual Creators*. Committee members were Norbert Rigali (chair), Richard McCormick, Susan Ross, and Walter Conn. The charge of the committee was to offer an evaluation of the accuracy of the CDF's presentation of the arguments of the book. The evaluation was not to be approved by the Board, nor to represent an official position of the CTSA, but simply to be sent to Guindon by December 1st. The evaluation was completed and sent by the President to Guindon in November, 1992. It was not made public.

Committee on the Recruitment of African American Theologians. At its postconvention meeting in June, 1992, the Board mandated the President to establish a Committee on the Recruitment of African American Theologians. This title is provisional since the committee is also devoting attention to other

underrepresented constituencies. The chairs of the committee are Jamie Phelps and Ann O'Hara Graff. Members are John Coleman and Patricia Wismer. The committee has done some preliminary research and is involved in preparing a grant proposal. At its meeting before this convention the Board discussed the work of this committee and endorsed the ongoing process. When the grant proposal is completed the Board will consider sponsoring it.

Implementation of "Ex Corde Ecclesiae." The NCCB's Committee to Implement the Apostolic Constitution *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* has sent a set of draft ordinances to all the bishops, to the presidents of the Catholic colleges and universities in the U.S., and to the scholarly societies in the U.S., inviting them to submit comments. The NCCB committee includes eight college presidents besides the bishop members, but the draft is put forward by the bishops alone. Copies of the draft ordinances have been available at the registration desk.

The CTSA Board has decided to set up a committee to prepare a formal reply to this set of draft ordinances. The Board hopes to have this response ready by the time of its October, 1993, meeting so that it can then be sent to the NCCB committee by December. CTSA members are urged to consider the ordinances and to send their comments to the Executive Secretary, Michael McGinniss.

Research Project on "Ecclesia Domestica." Cardinal Bernardin, the chair of the NCCB's Committee on Marriage and the Family, has requested that the CTSA undertake a serious study of the "*ecclesia domestica*" as a help to the bishops. Following the guidelines of the CTSA for research projects (*Proceedings* 42 [1987] 202-205), the Board will set up a Research Team to undertake this study. CTSA members are encouraged to send to the new President, Gerard Sloyan, their suggestions as to persons who might well serve on this research team.

Treasurer. The Treasurer, Mary Hines, has informed the Board that she will resign her office at the time of next year's convention. A search for a new Treasurer will be conducted during the coming year so that next year's nominating committee can propose a successor to Hines. CTSA members are invited to volunteer or to suggest candidates for this office.

President-Elect's Report

President-Elect Gerard Sloyan expressed his thanks to the convenors and moderators of all the continuing seminars and the workshops. Their labors and ingenuity made the program-making easier. He also thanked all those who were on the convention program. Lastly, he thanked Michael Buckley and Lisa Cahill, his predecessors in office and mentors in program planning; and Michael McGinniss and Edward Konerman who handled so many of the convention details.

Vice President's Report

1994 Convention. The 1994 convention of the CTSA will be held in Baltimore at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel from June 9th to 12th. The theme

of the convention will be "Jesus: The Concrete Foundation of Christianity." Three speakers have accepted an invitation to address the Society in plenary sessions. Elizabeth Johnson will speak on "Jesus and Salvation"; Bernard Cooke will speak on "Jesus and the Church"; and William Spohn will speak on "Jesus and Ethics."

A preliminary stage of reorganizing the manner in which group sessions are organized will be introduced for this convention with a call for papers immediately following this 1993 convention. There are approximately ten open slots for such papers.

The Committee on Research and Publication. The chair of this committee, James Walter, was invited to give a report from the committee.

A. The purpose of the R. and P. Committee is to promote and encourage research and publication by CTSA members (see *Proceedings* 42 [1987] 202-205). There are basically two kinds of projects:

- *Team Projects.* The R. and P. Committee and the CTSA can aid the beginning of the research through research seminars in the convention program and perhaps also with some funding. If the results of the research are publishable, the Board of the CTSA has the right of first refusal. Short reports may be published by the CTSA or included as an appendix in the *Proceedings*.

- *Individual Projects.* the individual should have the research completed in the form of a manuscript. The R. and P. Committee and the CTSA may be able to help with a subvention toward outside publication. The individual needs to contact a press and show the need or reason for CTSA subvention.

B. Recent Action by the R. and P. Committee: A research team was set up two years ago with Robert Schreiter as chair to produce a book edited by Schreiter. The research team is now ready to have its project approved and moved toward publication.

Treasurer's Report

With the Executive Secretary's office now in place, the task of the Treasurer is to review with the Executive Secretary the annual financial report prepared by the Executive Secretary. Treasurer Mary Hines reported that she had indeed reviewed the financial report which was posted on the convention bulletin board and will be found below in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Proposal to Change Election Procedures

The Committee on Resolutions put on the agenda of the business meeting a proposal submitted by Matthew Lamb that the business meeting mandate the Board to prepare a constitutional amendment that would provide that the CTSA officers be elected through mail ballots. The wording of this proposal was as follows:

Whereas the present Constitution limits the election of officers of the Society to those active members present at the annual business meeting; and

Whereas the said annual business meetings in the past decades, due in part to the increase in membership, have never had more than fifteen percent (15%) of the active members of the Society present, with the result that the said officers of the Society are elected by a simple majority of the 15%; and

Whereas this means that the said officers have been elected with less than ten percent (10%) of the active members of the Society actually voting for them; and

Whereas the vast majority of the membership cannot afford attending the annual meetings each year and are thereby deprived of participating in the election of directors; and

Whereas there is a growing concern and interest to encourage greater participation and wider representative legitimacy within the Society; and finally

Whereas the means exist for easily sending out and tabulating a mail ballot to all active members of the Society, as other scholarly organizations do,

Be it resolved that the CTSA mandate the Board of Directors to prepare a resolution to be submitted to the entire membership proposing that election of officers be conducted by mail ballots.

There had been some discussion of this proposal earlier in the Resolution Committee's "Hearing" session. Matthew Lamb now spoke first to explain the reasons for his proposal. Some discussion followed with other CTSA members addressing the reasons adduced in the "Whereas" clauses and the issues involved in this proposed constitutional amendment. The question was called and the proposal was defeated by a very clear show of hands.

Discussion of the Program Revision

Kenneth Himes, Board Member and chair of the Program Review Committee, now explained the principal points of the new convention program format that his committee had developed and the Board had adopted.

New Program Format. For purposes of the report, "breakout groups" will refer to all those gatherings other than plenary sessions listed on the convention program. The committee worked with the assumption that there will be forty such groups at future conventions—ten groups at four different slots on the program.

1. The committee proposes a change in the number and kind of breakout groups. The arrangement is as follows:

- *interest groups:* Designated by field, e.g., moral theology, ecclesiology, Christology, these groups are self-governing through election by their membership and continue from convention to convention. The group meets once per convention. The method of self-governance ought to entail a limited term of office for leader(s) with a limit set on reelection opportunities. The specific details of the election procedure are to be determined by the group.

Each interest group is approved for an indefinite period subject to the following: a) the group may be discontinued upon the vote of a majority of the enrolled membership of the group attending a convention; or b) each year the interest group with the lowest average attendance over the most recent three year

period *may* be discontinued by the program committee for the next year's convention *if* a request for a new interest group has been approved and needs to be accommodated on the program.

- *Research Seminars*. This refers only to those groups which are planning or engaged in a joint research and writing project. Each research seminar is approved for a three year period and after review may be extended for an additional two years but no longer. A seminar meets once per convention.

- *Presentations*. This group is convened for the sake of hearing a paper given by an individual or individuals. The paper must either be solicited by the President-Elect or approved by the program committee. A presentation meets once during a convention and does not continue on to the next convention.

- *Workshops*. Refers to those meetings which will stress interactive participation by those attending. It must be approved by the program committee or solicited by the President-Elect, and meets but once at a convention. Its defining characteristic is not topic but method of activity, i.e., discussion or some other form of interactive participation.

The program committee should make every effort to have at least one meeting of each of the above four categories held during the breakout sessions; that is, there should be at least one workshop per convention and one research seminar meeting at a convention. (This is to avoid having the convention become simply a gathering of interest groups and presentations, undoubtedly what will be the two most common formats.)

2. The program committee shall consist of the four members of the Board who are not officers and the President-Elect who is the ex-officio chair of the committee.

3. The President-Elect will have six slots to be used at her/his discretion for presentations or workshops. For these six slots the President-Elect will select presenters, facilitators, respondents, or convenors as she/he so determines. It will remain the responsibility of the Vice President to set the theme of the convention for which he/she will serve as President-Elect.

4. There will be a maximum of thirty slots available on the program for research seminars and interest groups. With the addition of six slots available at the discretion of the President-Elect that means there are at least four slots (one for each of the four periods on the program for breakout sessions) available for those who submit proposals to the program committee.

5. In reserving a minimum of four slots on the program the purpose is to accommodate a call for papers from the general membership. If there are more than four slots available at the convention due to the number of research seminars and interest groups totaling less than thirty, then the additional slots will be used to expand the number of slots allotted to the respondents to a call for papers. The program committee shall serve as judge of which papers are chosen for inclusion in the program.

6. Applications for a new interest group must be supported by the signature of at least 15 members of the CTSA who indicate their willingness to participate in the interest group. Only then will the program committee consider the request for such an interest group. (This requirement applies to all applications beginning with the 1995 convention.) A signature on the petition indicates a commitment to participate in the interest group.

7. The program committee will be responsible for keeping records of attendance at interest groups. All attendees at sessions will be required to sign an attendance record which will be kept on file by the program committee.

8. Workshops shall be subject to the same conditions as presentations, either approved by the program committee upon submission by an individual or solicited by the President-Elect as one of her or his designated six slots.

9. The work of the program committee is subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors. For good and demonstrable reasons the Board may change the program as it was recommended by the program committee.

10. *Transition Plan.* Every existing group shall be given one slot at the 1994 convention. At that meeting each group should allot one hour for a substantive matter related to its agenda and one half-hour to discuss its future and formulate a proposal to the program committee for review by the committee for the 1995 convention. Each proposal must indicate under which heading the group wishes to be considered: a research seminar or interest group.

11. Given the forty slots available and the number of existing groups which meet annually under the heading of continuing seminar or workshop (to use the old terms), and add in the President-Elect's six slots for the 1994 convention, there still should be a number of slots, likely more than six, open for presentations or workshops at that 1994 convention. Proposals for these can be submitted according to the "call for papers" which was part of the Spring 1993 mailing.

12. Once approved by the program committee for the 1995 convention all research seminars and interest groups will continue on the basis outlined above in points 1, 4, and 6.

Since the entire text of the new program format had been available since the start of the convention and since there had already been some discussion of the revision earlier in the day, after Himes' clear explanation there were no questions from the assembled members.

*Proposed Ordinances
for the Implementation of "Ex Corde Ecclesiae"*

President Lisa Cahill now initiated an open discussion of the draft ordinances for the implementation of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. Earlier in her President's Report she had indicated that the CTSA would set up a committee to develop a formal CTSA response to be sent to the NCCB committee by December, and that the Board urged all CTSA members to send their own comments to Michael McGinniss who will be serving on this committee. A number of members present

at the business meeting rose to offer comments and criticisms of the draft ordinances.

When there were no other members seeking to offer comments, with no further business to be addressed, the President entertained a motion to adjourn. The business meeting of this forty-eighth annual convention was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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