SECRETARY'S REPORT
THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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

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

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

The convention's eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday June 8, at Immaculate Conception ("Jesuit") Church. CTSA President Peter Phan presided and gave the homily. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Toward the end of the meal President Phan read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M. Following dessert, Dr. Michael White, professor of Spanish and Afro-American music at Xavier University of Louisiana and renowned jazz clarinetist, together with his ensemble, performed and explicated the heritage of New Orleans style jazz to the delight of everyone.
Morning prayer was held from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings, for such groups as the Karl Rahner Society, Theological Studies Board of Editorial Consultants, alumni of the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and the Catholic University of America, the CTSA Underrepresented Constituencies, the Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology and the conveners of program and research groups. A tour of historic Black Catholic sites in New Orleans was held following the convention on Sunday afternoon, June 9.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, June 6

Topic: “Feminism and Catholicism: Reading the Signs of the Times”
Conveners: Elena G. Procario-Foley, Iona College
Jane Carol Redmont, Graduate Theological Union
Moderator: Michelle Gonzalez, Loyola Marymount University
Presenter: Nancy A. Dallavalle, Fairfield University
“Gospel Feminism, Papal Feminism, Catholic Feminism”
Respondents: Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne University
Phyllis Zagano, New York

7:30–9:30 Opening and First Plenary Session
Presiding: Peter Phan, Catholic University of America, President, CTSA
Welcome & Prayer: Most Rev. Alfred C. Hughes, Archbishop of New Orleans
Address: Michael J. Himes, Boston College
“Reading the Signs of the Times: Theological Reflections”
Response: Cynthia Crysdale, The Catholic University of America

9:30 Reception

Friday Morning, June 7

9:00 – 10:30 Group Sessions
1. The Role of the Church. Selected Session.
The Role of the Church in Reading the Signs of the Times
Convener: Thomas Kopfensteiner, Fordham University
Presenter: Robert E. Lampert, CHRISTUS Health
“What are the ‘Signs of the Times’ and Who Reads Them?”
Respondent: Christophe Potworowski, Newman College, Edmonton, Alberta

2. Trinitarian Theology. Program Group.
New Directions for Trinitarian Theology
Convener: Nancy A. Dallavalle, Fairfield University
Moderator: Miguel Diaz, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
Presenters: M. John Farrelly, O.S.B., St. Anselm's Abbey
“Time and the Trinity’s Saving Presence”
Ralph Del Colle, Marquette University

“Trinity and Temporality: Issues and Questions”

Globalization as a Sign of the Times
Convener: Margaret R. Pfeil, St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia
Moderator: Brian D. Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Presenters: Thomas Massaro, S.J., Weston Jesuit School of Theology
“Judging the Juggernaut: Toward an Ethical Evaluation of Globalization”
Mark Allman, Loyola University Chicago
“Participation as a Constitutive Element for Global Social Justice”

Seeking Buddhist Gold:
A Theological Response to Santideva’s Bodhicaryavatara
Convener: Paul J. Griffiths, University of Illinois at Chicago
Moderator: Thomas Forsthoefel, Mercyhurst College
Presenter: Terrence W. Tilley, University of Dayton
“A Theological Response to Santideva’s Bodhicaryavatara”
Respondent: Paul J. Griffiths, University of Illinois at Chicago

5. Contemporary Western Theology. Solicited Session.
Contemporary Western Theology: Contexts and Methods
Convener: Vincent Miller, Georgetown University
Presenter: Lieven Boeve, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
“Postmodern Theology between Secularity and Plurality: Some Methodological Considerations”
Respondents: Gerald Boodoo, Xavier University of Louisiana
Bradford Hinze, Marquette University

Contemporary Theory, the Signs of the Times, and Practical Theology
Convener: Raymond J. Webb,
University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary
Kathleen A. Cahalan, St. John’s University, Collegeville MN
Moderator: Raymond J. Webb,
University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminar
Presenter: Kathleen A. Cahalan, St. John’s University, Collegeville MN
“Beyond ‘Reading the Signs of the Times’:
The Challenge to Contemporary Practical Theology”
Respondent: Stephan Bevans, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union

Convener: Margaret E. Guider, Weston School of Theology
Moderator: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College
Presenters: Mary E. Hobgood, College of the Holy Cross
William R. O’Neill, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
"Coming to Terms with White Privilege and Racism: An Imperative for White Theologians"

Gnostic Return in Modernity
Conveners: David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute for Studies of Marriage and the Family
Peter Casarella, Catholic University of America
Moderator: David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute for Studies of Marriage and the Family
Presenter: Cyril O'Regan, University of Notre Dame
"Gnostic Return in Modernity: A Balthasarian Genealogy"

9. Theology and Suffering. Selected Session.
Constructing Theology with Narratives of Suffering
Convenor: Bruce T. Morrill, Boston College
Moderator: Thomas Ryan, St. Thomas University
Presenter: Bruce T. Morrill, Boston College
"Reading Texts of Terror: Narrative Redemptions of Suffering"
Respondent: Terry Veling, St. Thomas University

Spirituality and Critique of Culture
Convenor: Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union
Moderator: Diana Villegas, Acton, MA
Presenters: Michael Warren, St. John’s University, New York
"Spirituality and Wealth"
Lee F. Cormie, St. Michael’s College, Toronto
"Movements of the Spirit in History: Globalization from Below"
Respondent: Patricia Cooney Hathaway, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit

11:00-12:00 Second Plenary Session
Presiding: Kenneth Himes, O.F.M., Washington Theological Union, Past President, CTSA
Address: Barbara Hilkert Andolsen, Monmouth University
"The Vision Still Has Its Time": A Social Ethical Cryptanalysis of the Signs of the Times
Response: Robert Imbelli, Boston College

Friday Afternoon, June 7
1:15-2:15 Hearing of the Resolutions Committee
Discussion of "The ‘Crisis in the Church': A CTSA Proposal for Reflection and Reform"
Presiding: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University, Vice-President, CTSA

2:30-4:15 Group Sessions
   Contemporary Theory and Constructive Theology
Convener: Bradford Hinze, Marquette University
Presenters: Vincent Miller, Georgetown University
“Consuming the Signs of the Times”
Michele Saracino, Regis College
“Conflict, Suffering, and Peace: Issues in Being-for-the-Other”

2. World Church Theology. Developing Group (3rd and Final Year).
World Church Theology Today
Convener: Gerald Boodoo, Xavier University of Louisiana
Moderator: Philip Linden, Xavier University of Louisiana
Presenter: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
“World Church Theological Trends”
Respondent: Monya Stubbs, Vanderbilt University

3. The Church and Homosexuality. Selected Session.
The Church’s Theology of Homosexuality
Convener: James B. Nickoloff, College of the Holy Cross
Presenters: Mary E. Hines, Emmanuel College
Leo O’Donovan, S.J., President Emeritus, Georgetown University
Thomas McElligott, St. Mary’s College of California
“Theological Implications of the Church’s Teaching on Homosexuality”

The Theological Method of Ignacio Ellacuria
Conveners: Richard M. Liddy, Seton Hall University
J. Michael Stebbins, Gonzaga University
Moderator: Donna Teevan, Seattle University
Presenter: Kevin Burke, Weston School of Theology
“Toward a Theology of the Signs of the Times:
The Achievement of Ignacio Ellacuria”
Respondent: Cephas Lerewonu, Marquette University

5. The Church and Other Religious Traditions. Selected Session.
The Catholic Church and Other Religious Traditions
Convener: James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University
Presenters: David B. Burrell, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame
Marianne Farina, Boston College
“Interreligious Friendships with Muslims as a Sign of the Times”
Respondent: Giv Nassiri, University of California, Berkeley

6. Globalization and the Concerns of Women Selected Session.
Theology, Globalization, and the Concerns of Women
Conveners: the presenters
Presenters: Kathleen McManus, O.P., University of Portland
Patricia Benson, O.P., Adrian Dominican Sisters
Colleen Mary Mallon, O.P., Queen of the Holy Rosary College
“Theology for the Preaching: Crossing Boundaries, Transforming Methods”
   Congar on Discerning the Mission of the Spirit in the Signs of the Times
   Convener: Mark E. Ginter, St. Meinrad School of Theology
   Moderator: Richard K. Eckley, Houghton College
   Presenter: Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
   “A Catholic Perspective”
   Respondents: R. William Franklin, Episcopal Diocese of New York
   “An Anglican Response”
   Michael Prokurat, University of St. Thomas School of Theology
   “An Orthodox Response”

8. CTSA Underrepresented Groups. Solicited Session.
   Recent Developments in Under-represented Theologies
   Convener: Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
   Presenters: Anthea Butler, Loyola Marymount University
               Michelle Gonzalez, Loyola Marymount University
               Jonathan Tan, The Catholic University of America
   “There are many rooms . . . Recent Developments in Underrepresented Theologies and Their Relationship to the CTSA”

   Early Christian Response to the Signs of the Times
   Convener: Alexis Doval, St. Mary’s College of California
   Presenters: Michael Foley, University of Notre Dame
   “The Art of Reading in Augustine’s Confessions”
   Maureen Tilley, University of Dayton
   “Algiers, Annaba, and Augustine in the 21st Century”

    Theology of the Laity and the Ministry of the Word
    Convener: Mark Wedig, O.P., Barry University
    Moderator: Pat Walter, O.P., Aquinas Institute of Theology
    Presenter: Sara Fairbanks, O.P., Barry University
    “Dei Verbum 2002: A Look at a Theology of the Laity and Ministry of the Word in Our Times”
    Respondent: Mary Catherine Hilkert, O.P., University of Notre Dame

    Current Signs in Bioengineering
    Convener: Regina Wolfe, St. John’s University, Minnesota
    Moderator: David F. Kelly, Duquesne University
    Presenter: James J. Walter, Loyola Marymount University
    “The Bioengineering of Planet Earth: Some Scientific, Moral, and Theological Considerations”

4:30–6:00 Business Meeting
6:15 President’s Reception for New Members
8:30–10:00 Special Session. Christology Program Group.
"Jesus Symbol of God: A Discussion with Roger Haight"
Moderator: Tatha Wiley, St. Olaf College
Presenter: Roger Haight, S.J., Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Saturday Morning, June 8

7:15–8:45 Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society
Convener: Melvin Michalski, Saint Francis Seminary, Milwaukee
Presenter: Craig A. Baron, Duquesne University
"The Linguistic Other in Transcendental Thomism"

9:00–10:30 Third Plenary Session
Presiding: Jon Nilson, Loyola University Chicago, President-Elect, CTSA
Address: David C. Robinson, S.J., University of San Francisco
"Beyond the Gutenberg Hologram: The Gamble of a Lifetime"
Respondent: Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M., Boston College

11:00–12:30 Group Sessions
1. Black Catholic Theology Program Group.
   Contemporary Black/Womanist and Hispanic/Latino/a Theologies in America:
   A Dialogue. Session I
   Convener: Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Loyola University Chicago
   Presenter: Stephanie Mitchell, University of Detroit Mercy
   "Tangle Roots—African Diaspora and Mestizaje"
   Respondent: Orlando Espin, University of San Diego

2. The Unity of the Churches. Selected Session.
   The Unity of the Churches
   Convener: Jeffrey Gros, F.S.C., U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
   Presenters: Ann K. Riggs, National Council of Churches
   John Ford, C.S.C., Catholic University of America
   "The Catholic Contribution to the Faith and Order Movement"

   Historical Criticism
   Convener: William McConville, Raleigh, NC
   Moderator: John Thiel, Fairfield University
   Presenter: David G. Schultenover, S.J., Marquette University
   "Historical Criticism and Luis Martin, the Black Pope of the Modernist Crisis"

   Liturgical Signs of the Times
   Convener: Bruce Morrill, Boston College
   Moderator: David Fagerberg, The Liturgical Institute, University of St. Mary of the Lake
   Presenter: David Stosur, Saint Francis Seminary, Milwaukee
   "Reading the Signifier/ified/S of the Times: A Narrative Response to Guardini’s Challenge"
Respondent: Bruce Morrill

   Karl Rahner and Religious Language
   Convener: Melvin Michalski, Saint Francis Seminary, Milwaukee
   Moderator: Craig A. Barron, Duquesne University
   Presenters: Stephen Fields, Georgetown University
   “Rahner and the Symbolism of Language”
   Ann R. Riggs, Rivier College
   “Rahner and Wittgenstein: An Attempt at Conversation”
   Terrance Klein, St. John’s University
   “Symbol and Religious Language”

6. Communication Theology. Research Group (first of three years)
   Publishing Project in Communication Theology
   Convener: Frances Forde Plude, Notre Dame College
   Moderator: Bernard (Bob) Bonnot, Hallmark Channel
   Presenter: Paul A. Soukup, S.J., Santa Clara University
   “A Communication Theology Research and Publishing Project”
   Respondent: Stephen Hrycyniak, Sheed and Ward Publishers

7. Theology and Philosophy Selected Session.
   Theology and Philosophy
   Convener: James Le Grys, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
   Moderator: Robert Masson, Marquette University
   Presenter: Oliva Blanchette, Boston College
   “Is Metaphysics Relevant for Contemporary Theology?”
   Respondents: Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University
   David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute
   for Studies on Marriage and the Family

   The Firstborn of Many; Works in Progress
   Convener: Tatha Wiley, St. Olaf’s College
   Moderator: Lou McNeil, Georgian Court College
   Presenter: Donald L. Gelpi, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
   “The Firstborn of Many: Elements of the Argument”
   Respondents: Alexander Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
   Open forum: Discussion of participants’ current Christological research and writing

9. Contemporary Theology—INSeCT. Solicited Session.
   Contemporary Theology—INSeCT
   (International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology)
   Convener: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College
   Presenters: Peter Hünemann, University of Tübingen
   Marcio Fabri dos Anjos, Sociedade de Teologia e Ciências da Religião,
   Sao Paulo
“The Agenda of Catholic Theology Outside North America”

10. Theology and the Natural Sciences. Program Group.
Religion and Genetics
Conveners: Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory, University of Arizona
Moderator: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory, University of Arizona
Presenters: Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Zachary Hayes, O.F.M., Catholic Theological Union
“Adam and Eve, Modern Genetics and Original Sin”

Casuistry, Imagination, and Terror
Conveners: William A. Barbieri, Jr., Catholic University of America
Thomas B. Leininger, University of San Diego
Presenters: Richard B. Miller, Indiana University
“Casuistry, Imagination, and Terror”
William Barbieri, Jr.,
“Method in Casuistic Imagination”

Saturday Afternoon, June 8
2:30–4:15 Group Sessions
Contemporary Black/Womanist and Hispanic/Latino/a Theologies in America: A Dialogue. Session II
Convener: Gary Riebe Estrella, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union
Moderator: Orlando Espin
Presenter: Theresa Torres, Catholic University of America
“Voices from the Margin: Towards a Theology of Reconciliation: Theological Insights from Latino/a and African American Perspectives”
Respondent: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University

Contemporary Theology on Marriage and Family Issues
Convener: Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University
Presenters: William P. Roberts, University of Dayton
“Can Domestic Violence Break the Sacramental Marriage Bond?”
Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University
“Christian Parents and the Moral Development of Children”
Respondent: Florence Bourg, College of Mt. St. Joseph

Issues in Post-Thomistic Theology
Convener: Michael Gorman, Catholic University of America
Presenters: Stephen Brown, Boston College
“The Debate over the Character of Theology in the Early Fourteenth Century”
Michael Miller, Mt. St. Mary’s College
“Molina’s Misleading Use of Aquinas in Defense of his Doctrine of Middle Knowledge”

4. Theological Education. Solicited Session.
Theological Education in a Post-Christian Context
Convener: Jerry Farmer, Xavier University of Louisiana
Presenters: Mark Gstohl, Xavier University of Louisiana
“Culture and Christ: The Role of Historical Theology in a Post-Christian Context”
Phillip J. Linden, Xavier University of Louisiana
“Method in Religion and Theology in the North American Context”
Rudley Miland, Xavier University of Louisiana
“The Contemporary Problem of Theodicy, Social Suffering and Theology”
Mary Ann Stachow, Xavier University of Louisiana
“Undergraduate Biblical Studies in a Post-Christian Context”

5. Theology and Ecology. Developing Group (first of three Years).
Theology and Ecology Convener: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
Presenter: Denis Edwards, Flinders University
“Ecology and the Creator Spirit”
Respondents: Dawn Nothwehr, Catholic Theological Union
Kevin Irwin, Catholic University of America

The New American Religious Pluralism as a Sign of the Times
Convener: Francis X. Clooney, S.J., Boston College
Moderator: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
Presenters: Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
Jonathan Tan, The Catholic University of America
Edward Ulrich, University of St. Thomas
“The New American Religious Pluralism as a Sign of the Times”

Radical Individualism and Ecclesial Responses
Convener: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Graduate Theological Union
Moderator: Donald L. Gelpi, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Presenter: John Markey, O.P. Barry University
“The Recovery of the Communal Dimension of Individual Spirituality”
Respondent: Mary Johnson, S.N.D., Emmanuel College

8. “Radical Orthodoxy” and Catholic Theology. Selected Session.
The Significance of “Radical Orthodoxy” for Catholic Theology
Convener: Philip Rossi, S.J., Marquette University
Presenters: David B. Burrell, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame
Anthony Godzieba, Villanova University
John Montag, Creighton University
Philip Rossi, S.J., Marquette University
“Radical Orthodoxy: Reading the Signs of Pre/Post and Modern Times”

   Syncretism and Indigenous Leadership and Traditions
   Conveners: Stephan Bevans, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union
   Lou McNeil, Georgian Court College
   Moderator: Jeanne Evans, Marymount Manhattan College
   Presenters: Carl F. Starkloff, S.J., Institute of Jesuit Resources
   “Religious Syncretism as a Response to Alien Pressures”
   Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union
   “Indigenous Leadership in the Church: the Chiapas Experience”

   Signs of the Times in Newman’s Thought and Strategies
   Conveners: Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College
   Kevin Godfrey, Alvernia College
   Presenters: Thomas R. Potvin, Dominican College of Theology, Ottawa
   “Times and Events: An Integral Part of Development of Doctrine”
   Gerald H. McCarren, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University
   “Signs of the Times in Newman’s Present Position of Catholics in England apropos of the Signs of the Times Today”
   Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College
   “Would Ex Corde have been a Sign of the Times for Newman?”

   Generational Shifts in Ecclesiology:
   Differing Constructions of the Church/World Relationship
   Conveners: Susan K. Wood, St. John’s University, Collegeville MN
   Moderator: Bradford Hinze, Marquette University
   Presenters: Thomas Rausch, Loyola Marymount University
   Christopher Ruddy, St. John’s University, Collegeville MN
   “Generational Perspectives on Ecclesiology: Main Issues and Tasks”

5:00 Eucharist: Immaculate Conception ("Jesuit") Parish
6:15 Reception
7:00 John Courtney Murray Award Banquet

Sunday Morning, June 9
9:00–10:30 Follow-up Seminars
1. Discussion of Michael Himes’s Address
   Moderator: Judith Kubicki, Fordham University
2. Discussion of Barbara Hilkert Andolsen’s Address
   Moderator: Patricia Jung, Loyola University Chicago
3. Discussion of David C. Robinson’s Address
   Moderator: Francis J. Buckley, S.J., University of San Francisco
11:00–12:00 Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address
Presiding: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University, Vice-President, CTSA
Address: Peter Phan, Catholic University of America, President, CTSA
“Theology on the Other Side of the Borders”

12:00 Appointment of the New President

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JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD, 2002

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee on Admissions

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

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

The committee recommended that these seventy-four applications be admitted to the Society. The CTSA members present at the business meeting approved the committee's recommendation by a voice vote. The president asked the new members who were present at the convention to stand and be recognized. They were greeted with a round of applause. The president then invited the new members to a reception to be held immediately following the business meeting. Brief biographical entries and addresses of the new members are found in the addenda to the directory contained in this volume of the Proceedings.

Committee on Nominations

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

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

There were no nominations from the floor.
Roberto Goizueta was elected vice-president. Daniel Rush Finn was elected to the board on the second ballot. Maria Pilar Aquino was elected on the fourth ballot. Mary Ann Hinsdale was reelected secretary by acclamation. Roger McGrath was reelected treasurer by acclamation.

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

President’s Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President-Elect's Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secretary's Report

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

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Executive Director's Report

1. Executive Director Dolores Christie announced that beginning next year there will be a different mailing cycle. Hotel reservation and convention information will come in the same mailing.
2. Four hundred twenty persons are registered for the convention.
3. Rooms for next year’s convention at the Westin hotel will be priced at $115. In 2004 we will be meeting June 10-14 on the east coast. The room rate at the Hyatt in Reston, Virginia will be $119. A free shuttle to the hotel will be available from Dulles airport.
With no other business to be addressed, President Phan thanked his colleagues for their reports and those who stood for election. He also expressed gratitude to Timothy O’Connell for serving as parliamentarian. A final reminder to the membership was to actively recruit and involve underrepresented groups in the work of the CTSA. The business meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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