

SECRETARY'S REPORT THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its fifty-eighth annual convention June 5-8, 2003 at the Westin Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. The theme of the convention was "The Vocation of the Theologian." Registration took place from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 5. The program group, Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

At the opening session, Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk welcomed the convention participants to Cincinnati and offered the opening prayer. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges the Athenaeum of Ohio, Thomas More College, the University of Dayton, Xavier University and Ohio Dominican University for subsidizing this event and for their gracious hospitality and generous support throughout the convention.

On Friday, June 6, two resolutions were accepted at the Hearing of the Resolutions Committee session to be presented to the membership at the annual business meeting. The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday. The president's reception for new and "newer" members followed the business meeting. Receptions were also sponsored by the Catholic University of America Alumni/ae, Continuum Publishing, Georgetown University Press, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Alumni/ae, and the Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology.

The convention's eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday June 7, at St. Francis the Seraph Church. CTSA Treasurer Roger McGrath presided and CTSA President Jon Nilson gave the homily. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Westin Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President Nilson read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to Michael A. Fahey, S.J. President Nilson also presented Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M., the outgoing secretary of the CTSA, with a gift certificate and a plaque and expressed the Society's gratitude for her seven years of service in this office. Following dessert, President-elect M. Shawn Copeland introduced Cincinnati's Peace and Serenity Choir who provided the members with an opportunity to participate in an exuberant program of song of praise and petition for racial harmony.

Morning prayer, facilitated by Florence Bourg and Marguerite Kloos, S.C., 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, the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, the International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology (INSeCT), and the conveners of program and research groups. A tour of historic religious sites in Cincinnati and northern Kentucky was held following the convention on Sunday afternoon, June 8.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, June 5

3:30–6:30 *Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology*. Program Group.

Topic: "Sexual Ethics: Here and Now"

Conveners: Gaile Pohlhaus, Villanova University,

Jane Carol Redmont, Graduate Theological Union

Moderator: Jane Russell, O.S.F., Belmont Abbey College

Presenter: Christine Gudorf, Florida International University

7:30–9:30 *Opening and First Plenary Session*

Presiding: Jon Nilson, Loyola University Chicago, president, CTSA

Welcome & Prayer: Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk,
Archbishop of Cincinnati

Address: Francis Xavier Clooney, S.J., Boston College

"Learning to See: Comparative Practice
and the Widening of Theological Vision"

Response: Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Loyola University Chicago

9:30 *Reception*

Friday Morning, June 6

9:00–10:30 *Group Sessions*

1. Black Catholic Theology. Program Group.

The Vocation of the Black Scholar and the Struggle of the Black
Catholic Community

Convener: Bryan Massingale, St Francis Seminary

Moderator: Stephanie Mitchem, University of Detroit-Mercy

Presenter: Bryan Massingale, St Francis Seminary

2. *Vocation and Modern Science*. Selected Session.

The Vocation of the Theologian and the Encounter with Modern Science

Convener: James R. Pambrun, Saint Paul University (Ottawa)

Moderator: Carolyn Sharp, Saint Paul University (Ottawa)

Presenters: Paul Allen, Concordia University (Montréal)

Christine Jamieson, Concordia University (Montréal)

James R. Pambrun, Saint Paul University (Ottawa)

3. Method in Theology. Program Group.

The Foundations of the Theologian's Vocation

Conveners: Richard M. Liddy, Seton Hall University

- J. Michael Stebbins, Gonzaga University
 Moderator: Catherine T. Nerney, S.S.J., Chestnut Hill College
 Presenter: John C. Haughey, S.J., Loyola University Chicago
 "Loneragan's Transcendental Notions as Callings"
4. Theological Interpretation of Scripture. Selected Session.
 Faith and Historicity: The Theological Interpretation of Scripture
 Convener: Michael T. McLaughlin, Saint Leo University
 Presenters: Michael T. McLaughlin, Saint Leo University
 James Keating, Providence College
 Respondent: Gary Culpepper, Providence College
5. The Changing Vocations of Theologians. Selected Session
 From Cleric to Laity: Redefining the Vocation to Theology
 Convener: Thomas M. Kelly, Creighton University
 Presenters: Anna Bonta Moreland, Boston College
 "Theology in the Contemporary University:
 Contextualized Theology in the 21st Century"
 Florence Bourg, Mount St. Joseph
 "Family Economics and the Lay Theologian"
 Thomas M. Kelly, Creighton University
 "The Unique Contribution of the Lay Theologian"
 Respondents: Michael J. Himes, Boston College
 Thomas Rausch, Loyola Marymount University
6. Medieval Theology. Program Group.
 Vocation and Theology
 Convener: Michael Gorman, The Catholic University of America
 Moderator: David Williams, Belmont Abbey College
 Presenters: Joan Mueller, Creighton University
 "Vocation as Ultimate Authority: Clare of Assisi and Gregory IX"
 Ralph Norman, Canterbury Christ Church University College
 "Abelard's Legacy: Disputation and Negative Theology"
7. Early Christian Theology. Program Group.
 The Theologian in the Early Church
 Convener: Alexis Doval, Saint Mary's College of California
 Moderator: Lee Bacchi, Saints Mary and Joseph Church (Illinois)
 Presenters: Mary Ann Donovan, Graduate Theological Union
 "From Deed Through Word to Reflection: Early Patristic Theology"
 Daniel Van Slyke, The Liturgical Institute of St. Mary of the Lake
 "Patristic Theology as Liturgical Theology:
 The Fifth Century Bishop and His Theological Context"
8. John Henry Newman. Program Group.
 Newman as Theologian
 Conveners: Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College
 Kevin Godfrey, Alvernia College
 Presenters: John T. Ford, Catholic University of America

"Newman as a Contextual Theologian"

James Keating, Pontifical College Josephinum

"Newman as a Theologian of Prayer"

Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd-Mercy College

"Newman's Portrayal in the Beatification Inquiry"

Robert C. Christie, DeVry Institute

"Brief Report on Avery Dulles's book on Newman"

9. Constructive Theology and Contemporary Theory.

Developing Group (Year 1 of 3).

Theology, Postmodernity and Particularity

Conveners: Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University

Michele Saracino, Manhattan College

Moderator: Michele Saracino, Manhattan College

Presenters: Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University

"Incarnation, Theory, and Catholic Bodies:

What Should Post-Postmodern Theology Look Like?"

Laurence Paul Hemming, Heythrop College, University of London

"Why Catholic Theologians Have Much to Learn from Radical Orthodoxy:

Why Radical Orthodoxy Has Much to Learn from Catholicism"

Respondent: Lieven Boeve, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

10. Vocation of University Theologians—Selected Session

The Vocation of University Theologians

Convener: Terrence W. Tilley, University of Dayton

Moderator: Terrence W. Tilley, University of Dayton

Presenters: Susan A. Ross, Loyola University Chicago

Barbara Hilkert Andolsen, Monmouth University

Margaret A. Farley, Yale University

11. Communication Theology. Research Group (Year 2 of 3).

Publishing Project in Communication Theology

Convener: Bernard Bonnot, Hallmark Channel and Deeper Dimensions

Moderator: Fran Plude, Notre Dame College

Presenters: David Robinson, University of San Francisco

"Moving Theology Beyond the 'Gutenberg Hologram' "

Thomas Hughson, Marquette University

"*Communio* in the Context of Lonergan's

Functional Specialty Communication"

11:00–12:00 *Second Plenary Session*

Presiding: Peter Phan, Georgetown University, Past President, CTSA

Address: Jill Raitt, University of Missouri-Columbia

"The Vocation of the Theologian: Crossing Boundaries"

Response: Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University

Friday Afternoon, June 6

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

Presiding: Roberto S. Goizueta, Boston College, Vice President, CTSA

2:30-4:15 *Group Sessions*

1. Theology and Ecology. Developing Group (Year 2 of 3).
The Vocation of Theologians in Response to Ecological Degradation
Convener: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
Presenters: William French, Loyola University of Chicago
Elizabeth Johnson, Fordham University
Kevin Irwin, Catholic University of America
2. Congar Ecumenical Colloquium. Program Group.
Congar on the Vocation of the Theologian
Convener: Mark E. Ginter, Saint Meinrad School of Theology
Moderator: Richard K. Eckley, Houghton College
Presenters: Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University
Sarah Melcher, Xavier University
Steven Kostoff, Xavier University
3. Teaching Undergraduates. Selected Session
Teaching Undergraduates: What is the Theologian Doing?
Convener: Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University
Moderator: Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University
Presenters: Mary Gerhart, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Michelle Gonzalez, Loyola Marymount University
Mary Hines, Emmanuel College
Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University
4. Trinitarian Theology. Program Group.
Trinitarian Theology and the Communion of Persons
Convener: Anthony Keaty, St. John's Seminary (Brighton, Massachusetts)
Moderator: Nancy Hawkins, I.H.M.,
St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry
Presenters: Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University
" 'Person' and the Grammar of Divine-Human Communion"
Robert Imbelli, Boston College
"The Holy Spirit as Communion 'Person' of the Trinity"
5. Religious Pluralism and the Vocation of The Theologian. Selected Session.
Dialogue and Doctrine
Convener: Catherine Cornille, Jesuit Institute, Boston College
Presenters: Paul J. Griffiths, University of Illinois at Chicago
David B. Burrell, University of Notre Dame
John Keenan, Middlebury College
Monika K. Hellwig, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities
6. Moral Theology. Program Group.
The Vocation of the Moral Theologian: A Critical Analysis of
Charles E. Curran's Writings
Conveners: Thomas B. Leininger, University of San Diego
James Incardona, College of St. Elizabeth

Moderator: James J. Walter, Loyola Marymount University
 Presenters: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
 Kevin T. Kelly, St. Basil and All Saints Church (Widnes, England)
 Respondent: Charles E. Curran, Southern Methodist University

7. Experience and Theological Vocation. Selected Session.

Eastern European Catholicism Emerging from Silence:
 The Role of Memory and Narrative

Convener: Sally Ann McReynolds, Saint Mary College
 Moderator: Sally Ann McReynolds, Saint Mary College
 Presenters: Margot Patterson, The National Catholic Reporter
 Margaret Nacke, St. Louis Parish (Kansas)
 Mary Savoie, St. Louis Parish (Kansas)

8. Hans Urs von Balthasar. Program Group.

Adrienne Von Speyr as Theologian
 Conveners: David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute
 for Studies of Marriage and the Family
 Peter Casarella, The Catholic University of America
 Moderator: Peter Casarella, The Catholic University of America
 Presenter: Johann G. Roten, S.M., International Marian Research Institute
 "The Theology of Adrienne von Speyr"

9. World Church Theology. Research Group (Year 1 of 3).

Theologians and the World Church:
 Research Plans of World Church Theology Group
 Convener: Gerald M. Boodoo, Xavier University of Louisiana
 Presenters: Gideon Goosen, Australian Catholic University
 Phillip Linden, Xavier University of Louisiana

10. Theologians in the Order of Preachers. Selected Session.

Theologians in the Order of Preachers:
 The Dominican Vocations of Chenu, Congar, and Schillebeeckx
 Convener: Kathleen McManus, O.P., University of Portland
 Moderator: Patricia Benson, O.P., Marygrove College
 Presenters: Colleen Mary Mallon, O.P., St. John's University,
 Jamaica, New York
 Kathleen McManus, O.P., University of Portland
 John Markey, O.P., Barry University

4:30-6:00 *CTSA Business Meeting*

6:15 President's Reception for New and "Newer" Members

8:30-10:00 *Special Session*

"The Current Crisis in the Church: How Can Theologians Help?"

Moderator: Daniel R. Finn, Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota
 Presenters:

Ecclesiology: Robert Imbelli, Boston College

Moral Theology: Richard M. Gula, Franciscan School of Theology

Christian Anthropology: Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame
Spirituality: Cynthia Crysdale, Catholic University of America
Pastoral Theology: Gary Riebe-Estrella, Catholic Theological Union
A Bishop's Perspective: Most Rev. Richard Sklba,
 Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Saturday Morning, June 7

7:15 – 8:45

Convener: Howard Ebert, Saint Norbert College

Presenter: Terrence W. Klein, St. John's University, Jamaica, New York
 "Vocation of the Theologian Proposal"

9:00–10:30 *Third Plenary Session*

Presiding: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University, president-elect, CTSA

Address: Kenneth Melchin, St Paul's University (Ottawa)

"Stretching Towards Democracy:

Theology and Theory when Talk Becomes War"

Respondent: Maura Ryan, University of Notre Dame

11:00–12:30 *Group Sessions*

1. Missiology and Mission Theology. Program Group.

Theology and the "Missiological Imagination"

Conveners: Stephen Bevans, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union

Lou McNeil, Georgian Court College

Moderator: Jeanne Evans, Marymount Manhattan College

Presenters: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University

Roger Haight, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

2. Analyzing White Privilege. Selected Session.

Theological Vocation and the Dismantling of White Privilege

Convener: Laurie Cassidy, Loyola University Chicago

Moderator: Alex Mikulich, St. Joseph College (Hartford, Connecticut)

Presenters: Laurie Cassidy, Loyola University Chicago

Margaret Pfeil, St. Joseph's University (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

3. Christology. Program Group.

Thinking About Christ: Theologians Talk about Their Work

Convener: Tatha Wiley, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Moderator: Elena Procaro-Foley, Iona College

Presenters: Contributors to *Thinking of Christ* (Continuum, 2004)

Roundtable Discussion—How Their Thinking about Christology Has Changed

4. Comparative Theology. Program Group.

Seeking Buddhist Gold: A Theological Response to Santideva's

Bodhicaryavatara (Part Two)

Convener: Paul J. Griffiths, University of Illinois at Chicago

Moderator: Paul J. Griffiths, University of Illinois at Chicago

Presenter: Terrence W. Tilley, University of Dayton

"A Theological Response to Santideva's *Bodhicaryavatara* (Part Two)"

- Respondent: Daniel Arnold, University of Chicago
5. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology. Program Group.
 Practicing Liturgical Scholarship: Liturgical Theology as Vocation
 Convener: Bruce Morrill, Boston College
 Presenters: Martin Connell, Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota
 Judith M. Kubicki, Fordham University
 Richard McCarron, Catholic Theological Union
 Susan K. Roll, Christ the King Seminary
6. Theology and the Natural Sciences. Program Group.
 Theology and the Natural Sciences
 Convener: William R. Stoeger, University of Arizona
 Moderator: William R. Stoeger, University of Arizona
 Presenter: Stephen J. Duffy, Loyola University of New Orleans
 "Genes, Original Sin, and the Human Proclivity to Evil"
 Jame Schaefer, Marquette University.
 "A Method for Reformulating Catholic Doctrine"
7. Karl Rahner Program Group.
 A Discussion of Miguel Diaz's *On Being Human: U.S. Hispanic and Rahnerian Perspectives*
 Convener: Howard Ebert, St. Norbert College
 Presenters: Susan Abraham, St. Bonaventure University
 "The Caress of the Doer of the Word: A Postcolonial Critique"
 Michael H. Barnes, University of Dayton
 "A Critical Evaluation"
 Conrad Gromada, Ursuline College
 "An Appreciation and a Critique"
 Respondent: Miguel H. Diaz, St. Vincent De Paul Regional Seminary
8. Catholic Social Teaching. Program Group.
 Social Transformation and the Vocation of the Theologian:
 Learning from Personal Experience
 Convener: Brian D. Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
 Moderator: Brian D. Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
 Presenters: Drew Christiansen, S.J., *America, a Jesuit Magazine*
 "Once Born?: Reflections on War and Nonviolence" (paper read)
 Lee Cormie, St. Michael's College/Toronto School of Theology
 "Witnessing to Hope in Global Justice Movements"
 Daniel R. Finn, Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota
 "So Do You Want More Power?"
 Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University
 "A Different Kind of Hope"
9. Theology and Philosophy. Developing Group (Year 2 of 3).
 Philosophical Wisdom and the Wisdom of the Theologian
 Convener: James Le Grys, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
 Moderator: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: Mark Johnson, Marquette University

"Aquinas and the Theologian's Vision"

Gregory La Nave, Catholic University of America Press

"Bonaventure and the Possibility of Philosophical Wisdom"

Respondent: Robert Barron, University of Saint Mary of the Lake

10. A Catholic Response to Faith and Order's

The Nature and Purpose of Church. Research Group (Year 1 of 3)

Catholic Ecclesiology and *The Nature and Purpose of Church*

Convener: Michael Fahey, S.J., Marquette University

Moderator: Ann K. Riggs, National Council of Churches, Faith and Order

Presenters: Catherine Clifford, St. Paul University (Ottawa)

Francis Sullivan, S. J., Boston College

Saturday Afternoon, June 7

2:30-4:15 *Group Sessions*

1. Listening to the Struggle of Cincinnati. Solicited Session.

Convener: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University

Moderator: Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Loyola University Chicago

Panelists: Angela Leisure, Cincinnati, Ohio

Monica McGloin, O.P., Intercommunity Center

for Justice and Peace, Cincinnati, Ohio

Respondents: Christine Firer Hinze, Marquette University

Bryan N. Massingale, St. Francis Seminary

2. North American Contextual Theologies. Program Group.

Autobiography as Theology

Convener: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, St. Mary's College of California

Moderator: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, St. Mary's College of California

Presenter: Donald L. Gelpi, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

"Autobiography as Theology"

Respondent: Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

3. Bioethics and Healthcare. Program Group.

The Vocation of the Moral Theologian: Theory and Practice

Convener: Mark Miller, C.Ss.R., Redemptorist Bioethics Consultancy

for Western Canada

Presenter: Thomas Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

4. Spirituality. Program Group.

The Virtue of Humility and the Spirituality of the Theologian

Convener: Diana L. Villegas, Acton, Massachusetts

Presenter: Lisa Fullam, Quincy University

"The Humble Theologian: Retrieving Aquinas' View of Humility

for Contemporary Theologians"

Respondent: Angela Senander, Boston College

5. Practical Theology. Program Group.

Roman Catholic Approaches to Practical Theology

- Conveners: Kathleen A. Cahalan, Saint John's University,
School of Theology•Seminary
Raymond J. Webb, University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary
Presenters: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
"Catholic Practical Theology: A Contextual Perspective"
Raymond J. Webb, University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary
"Catholic Practical Theology: Challenge and Opportunity"
Respondent: Mary Carter Waren, St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida
6. Latino/a Theology. Program Group.
The Vocation of the Latino/a Theologian:
Speaking for Whom? Speaking To Whom?
Convener: Gary Riebe-Estrella, Catholic Theological Union
Presenters: Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University (Jamaica, New York)
"The Bible Tells Us So? Biblical Scholars and *Telogia de Conjunto*"
Carmen Nanko, Trinity College (Washington, D.C.)
"A Marginalized Majority? Hispanic Theologians
and the Latino/a Presence in the U. S. Catholic Church?"
7. The Vocation of the Interreligious Theologian. Selected Session.
Paul Knitter's Retrospective on 40 Years in Dialogue
Convener: Francis Xavier Clooney, S.J., Boston College
Moderator: Francis Xavier Clooney, S.J., Boston College
Presenter: Paul Knitter, Xavier University
Respondents: Leo Lefebure, Fordham University
Pham T. Van, Xavier University
8. Theological Anthropology. Developing Group (Year 1 of 3).
Responses to Kathryn Tanner's *Jesus, Humanity, and the Trinity*
Convener: Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne University
Moderator: Jean Donovan, Duquesne University
Presenters: Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame
John R. Sachs, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
Phyllis H. Kaminski, Saint Mary's College
9. Ecclesiology. Program Group
What Does the Scandal in the Church Teach Us?
Convener: Susan K. Wood, Saint John's University, Collegetown, Minnesota
Moderator: Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
Presenter: Susan K. Wood, Saint John's University, Collegetown, Minnesota
"What Does Scandal in the Church Teach Us?"
Respondents: Nicholas Healy, St. John's University, Jamaica, New York
James Coriden, Washington Theological Union
10. Teaching and Learning Moral Theology. Selected Session.
Teaching and Learning Moral Theology in a Cross-Cultural
Context—the Philippines and the USA
Convener: James T. Bretzke, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Moderator: William C. Spohn, Santa Clara University

Presenters: James T. Bretzke, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 "Doing Moral Theology in the Philippines and America:
 Paradigms, Principles, and Cross-Cultural Challenges"

Respondent: James Keenan, S.J., Weston Jesuit School of Theology

5:15 *Eucharist*

6:30 *Reception*

7:30 *John Courtney Murray Award Banquet*

Sunday Morning, June 8

9:00–10:30 *Follow-up Seminars*

1. Discussion of Francis Xavier Clooney's Address

Moderator: Donna McKenzie, Fordham University

2. Discussion of Jill Raitt's Address

Moderator: Paul Wadell, Saint Norbert College

3. Discussion of Kenneth Melchin's Address

Moderator: Brian Stiltner, Sacred Heart University

11:00–12:00 *Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address*

Presiding: Roberto S. Goizueta, Boston College, vice-president, CTSA

Address: Jon Nilson, Loyola University Chicago, president, CTSA

12:00 *Appointment of the New President*

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JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD, 2003

The theologian we honor tonight is not only a significant and enduring voice and presence within North American Catholic theology but also within the Society, having served as our president in 1983–1984 and having missed only two conventions since he first began coming in 1971.

His clear and elegant prose reflects his broad educational background: degrees in Classics from Boston College, philosophy from Louvain, Romance languages and literature from Fordham, and theology from Weston. He received his doctorate in theology from Tübingen, where he studied under both Joseph Ratzinger and Hans Küng. This may go far to explain his concern over divisions within the Church and his enduring commitment to the cause of its unity. Not only was he active in the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism in Montreal but he has also served as Executive Secretary of the Orthodox-Roman Catholic Consultation in the United States for over twenty-five years.

He is truly a North American theologian, since roughly two-thirds of his career has been spent in Montreal and Toronto. In addition to his teaching, he has shaped our field by his administrative work, most notably as Dean of the Faculty of the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto. He has published over 200 reviews, articles, and books since completing his doctorate, including

Catholic Perspectives on Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry and Orthodox and Catholic Sister Churches.

In 1997, he returned to the United States to become the first Emmett Doerr Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Marquette University and settle into his new responsibilities as Editor in Chief of *Theological Studies*. Under his leadership, *Theological Studies* has solidified its reputation as the premier English-language journal of Roman Catholic systematic theology. Its readers look forward to his columns, "From the Editor's Desk," which invariably provide reliable interpretations on trends and developments in our field.

To detail the rest of his accomplishments—such as the presidency of the American Theological Society; trusteeships at John Carroll, Boston College, and the Graduate Theological Union; his work in the International Congresses of Jesuit Ecumenists—would keep us here for many more hours and delay the joy of expressing our warmest congratulations to a beloved colleague, who has been a calm, learned and supportive presence among us for many years and, we hope, for many more years to come.

In your name, therefore, I am privileged and delighted to confer our highest honor, the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology, to Michael A. Fahey of the Society of Jesus.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Jon Nilson called the annual business meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2003. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Kathleen McManus, O.P., chair, presented the report from the Committee on Admissions. The other members of the committee were Matthew Ashley, David Stagaman, S.J., Margaret Pfeil and Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, the secretary of the CTSA, ex officio. David Stagaman and Margaret Pfeil will continue to serve on the committee next year.

From approximately one hundred initial inquiries during the year, eighty applications were returned. In its review the committee found that seventy-seven applications qualified for membership; forty-eight for active membership and twenty-nine for associate membership. Fourteen of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Twenty-seven (35%) of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Eight (9.6%) are from underrepresented groups. Twelve (15%) are from outside the United States.

The committee recommended that these seventy-seven applicants 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 and others who had been admitted to membership during the past several years

to a reception to be held immediately following the business meeting. Brief biographical entrees and addresses of the new members are found in the addenda to the CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Committee on Nominations

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

- for vice president: Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame
Sandra M. Schneiders, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
- for secretary: M. Theresa Moser, University of San Francisco
- for treasurer: Roger McGrath, Our Lady of Grace Parish
- for board members: Mary Hines, Emmanuel College
Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University
Leo Lefebure, Fordham University
Kenneth Weare, Parochial Vicar,
All Souls Catholic Church, San Francisco

There were no nominations from the floor.

Mary Catherine Hilkert was elected vice-president. Mary Hines was elected to the board on the first ballot. Leo Lefebure was elected to the board on the second ballot. M. Theresa Moser was elected secretary by acclamation. Roger McGrath was reelected treasurer by acclamation.

M. Shawn Copeland becomes the new president for 2003–2004. Roberto Goizueta becomes president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Jon Nilson as past president, Mariá Pilar Aquino, and Daniel Rush Finn.

President's Report

1. President Jon Nilson introduced Michelle Gonzales of the Committee for Underrepresented Groups. On behalf of the committee (Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, chair; Kenneth Himes, Peter Phan, Kathleen Cahalan, and Jonathan Tan), Gonzales welcomed three guest speakers who had been invited to address the membership: Melissa Wigginton of the Fund for Theological Education, Joann Rodrigues of the Hispanic Theological Initiative, and James Lewis of the Louisville Institute. Each of the speakers described the work of their respective organizations and encouraged CTSA members to make known the funding opportunities available to students and colleagues.

2. President Nilson requested that in their convention paper proposals members request any special equipment needed for presentations on the "call for papers" form. Since AV costs are extremely high, justification for such equipment is expected.

3. The board of directors has begun a conversation on lengthening the term of office for directors or increasing the number of directors on the board, with some having staggered terms. An increase in board members would allow for more reflection on issues of importance to the Society. One issue, for example, which the board intends to reflect on in greater depth, concerns the range and understanding of Catholic tradition that new Ph.D.s teaching in Catholic colleges and universities possess.

4. President Nilson invited John Thiel of Fairfield University to report on the meeting of bishops and theologians held March 21-22, 2003 at Loyola University in New Orleans.

Thiel reported that Monsignor John Strykowski had invited the presidents of theological societies to have dinner with him and Bishop Donald Trautman, chair of the Bishops' Committee on Doctrine. The resulting conversation surfaced seventeen topics of mutual interest. The topic which seemed to attract the greatest interest concerned the formation of a national theological commission. Other topics included: Catholic identity; the role of the laity in the world; and consultation with the faithful in ecclesial decision making. Thiel expects that regional discussions will surface further topics. President Nilson thanked John for serving as liaison on this important collaboration.

5. Finally, President Nilson expressed the Society's thanks to all those who stood for elected office.

President-elect's Report

President-elect M. Shawn Copeland thanked the local arrangements committee: William Madges, Elizabeth Groppe and Jonathan Tan. She also expressed gratitude to the Michael J. Graham, S.J., president of Xavier University and his executive staff who have been most helpful to the CTSA.

Copeland explained the history of the Cincinnati boycott and the decision of the CTSA board to take advantage of this "teaching moment." Thus, today a brown-bag luncheon was held at Christ Church Cathedral at which Rev. Calvin Harper and Attorney Paul De Marco presented a history of the events leading up to the boycott. On Saturday, June 7th, a workshop on "Listening to the Struggles of Cincinnati" will have a panel that will include Angela Lesure, mother of Timothy Thomas, and Monica McGloin, O.P. Christine Firer Hinze and Bryan Massingale will be respondents. Christ Church Cathedral was chosen as a "neutral" place, outside of the downtown boycott area.

Vice-president's Report

1. Vice-president Roberto Goizueta announced that the 2004 convention will be held June 10-14, 2004 at the Hyatt Hotel in Reston, Virginia. The theme of the convention is "Reconciliation: Gift and Challenge." The plenary speakers for the meeting will be Denise Ackermann, University of the West Cape (South Africa), Michael Baxter, University of Notre Dame, and Miroslav Volf, Yale Divinity School.

2. Two resolutions were submitted to the Resolutions Committee prior to the deadline specified in the bylaws:

(a) RESOLVED: that the CTSA endorses the "Ephratha—Be Opened! An Invitation to a Culture of Conversation" statement and subsidizes its dissemination in the amount of \$250.00.

The statement reads as follows:

AN INVITATION TO A CULTURE OF CONVERSATION

"Ephphatha—Be Opened!"

Silence will not rebuild trust or contribute to the effective proclamation of the Gospel. . . . Let us work together to create a culture of conversation, consultation, and collaboration among ourselves, within our organizations, and with the official structures of our Church.

One day, the Gospel of Mark tells us, Jesus encounters a person unable to hear and speak. Our Lord responds with compassion. He says, "Ephphatha—be opened!" and the sufferer's hearing and speech are restored. This is the healing that our Church urgently needs today.

Together with the whole Church, we are deeply troubled by the revelations of sexual abuse and its cover-up by some priests and bishops. We grieve at the scope and depth of the injury to victims and their loved ones. While this crisis is unprecedented, one of its main causes is not. That cause is silence, an impediment greatly in need of healing.

The Second Vatican Council (1962–1965) sought to renew the Church so that it might proclaim the gospel more effectively in the contemporary world. A sign of and a means to that renewal were to be the active participation of every member of the Church, each according to her or his own gifts and competencies, in the Church's life and work. Embracing the vision of Blessed John XXIII, the Council laid the foundations for a Church marked by conversation, consultation, and collaboration. The Council summoned every member of the People of God to new responsibilities in accord with their God-given dignity, talents and baptismal call. No longer were they to be silent subjects but active partners in every aspect of the Church's life.

This part of the renewal has not taken root. Procedures and structures for meaningful conversation, consultation, and collaboration were never sufficiently developed. Terrible as it is, the sexual abuse crisis is not the only consequence of silence in our Church. When leaders make decisions without consulting those affected, they do not necessarily make bad decisions, but neither can we be confident that they are the best ones. Even a good decision will lack the support and credibility that consultation provides. Issues that affect the Church's mission and credibility, such as the availability of the Eucharist, qualifications for ordained ministry, financial accountability, and sexuality have not been open for discussion. Only official procedures and teachings are acceptable. Other views

are dismissed or even repressed. There is a growing fear of speaking out. A culture of silence too often prevails.

This silence must end. Our life together must mirror our belief that the Holy Spirit "distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts the Spirit makes them fit and ready to undertake the various tasks or offices advantageous for the renewal and upbuilding of the Church" (Vatican II, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 12).

This is a difficult time in our Church. Silence will not rebuild trust or contribute to the effective proclamation of the gospel. We believe something else is needed. Therefore, we have invited each other as persons ministering within the Church to break this silence.

We now invite the rest of our sisters and brothers to join us. Let us work together to create a culture of conversation, consultation, and collaboration among ourselves, within our organizations, and with the official structures of our Church.

We realize that this is not the work of months but of years. Yet we must begin now. Faithful Catholics are forbidden to meet in parishes and diocesan facilities to discuss the issues facing us. Rather than remain silent, we can address this injustice. If those who work for reform in the Church are accused of disloyalty or prevented from speaking under official auspices, we can affirm that different perspectives can strengthen our faith rather than threaten it. If leadership does not encourage wide involvement of the faithful in a parish or diocese, we can claim our baptismal right and responsibility to participate fully in the life of the Church. Rather than self-censoring, we can explore the issues, bring them to prayer, and engage in conversation with others about them.

There are risks and hardships involved in creating a culture of conversation, consultation and collaboration. We cannot do this without faith. That is why we turn to Jesus' own Spirit present in us and in our sisters and brothers, who also belong to the Body of Christ, for the courage to speak, the humility to listen, and the willingness to change. Nor can we do this by ourselves. That is why we have joined together to issue this invitation to one another and to others who might join us. "*Ephphatha*—be opened!"

Action: Carried.

(b) RESOLVED: that the Society expresses its appreciation to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for their efforts on behalf of peace. We also ask the Conference to intensify their leadership for peace and to facilitate the work of moral formation of the faithful on issues of nonviolence and peace within the broader framework of Catholic Social Teaching. The Society offers its support to the Bishops' Conference in the exercise of this mission of peacemaking in any way that we can be of service. The following are some concrete ways in which this collaboration could be exercised: (1) the institution of educational programs on nonviolence and peace in Catholic parishes and schools; (2) the use of Catholic communica-

tions to promoted education and discussion of nonviolence and peace; (3) the development of programs that would provide Catholics with opportunities for training in nonviolence and participation in peacemaking initiatives; (4) efforts to establish conversation with Roman Catholic members of the military, and the provision of support for acts of conscience; (5) outreach to Roman Catholic members of Congress; (6) the preparation of special liturgies for peace and reconciliation.

Action: Carried.

Secretary's Report

1. Secretary Mary Ann Hinsdale reported that the printed version of the CTSA directory should now be in the hands of the membership. The necessity of database conversion caused the printing to be delayed. The printer has apologized for the errors in the table of contents. The secretary is conscious that there are other errors in the directory. Some of these are due to changed area codes and the neglect of members to update their entries. She noted that the online directory continues to be the most accurate directory, but it, too, depends upon members notifying the secretary of changes of address, updating of publications, etc. The board has decided that this will be the last hard-copy directory for the foreseeable future, since the number of changes that take place make a printed directory obsolete the minute it is printed.

2. The secretary has recommended to the board that a new website design be undertaken since the current design was produced in 1999. A new design should make it possible for members to update their own entries in the online directory. Beginning this fall, administration of the website will become a duty of the executive director. Maintenance of the CTSA listserv will remain part of the secretary's duties.

3. The secretary thanked the members of the Society for their cooperation during the seven years she has served the CTSA. She expects that the transition to the new secretary's office will be completed by the end of the summer.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roger McGrath referred members to the financial report and balance sheet that was included in their convention folders and indicated that we are in good financial shape, given the variables of the market.

The board had asked Executive Director Dolores Christie, Daniel Finn, and the treasurer to research a graded-dues proposal. The rationale for the proposal was based upon Catholic Social Teaching. Accordingly, they devised a survey which they distributed to the members attending the business meeting. The overwhelming response to the survey was that members would prefer some type of dues gradation according to salary. A proposal will be made on this issue at the next CTSA Board meeting.

Executive Director's Report

1. Executive Director Dolores L. Christie reiterated President Nilson's concern regarding the escalation of AV requests and explained the financial costs to the Society. She explained that convention sites are chosen on the basis of the cost of hotel rooms and the provision of free meeting space. We are charged separately for the rental of audiovisual equipment.

2. The 2005 convention will be held in St. Louis and the 2006 convention will be in San Antonio. She urged members not to book other hotel rooms even if they are told by the hotel that there are no more rooms at the convention rate. Rather, members should notify her, since the hotel usually is able to give the convention rate up until two days before the convention.

3. Four hundred thirty persons are registered for the convention.

With no other business to be addressed, President Nilson thanked his colleagues for their reports, expressed gratitude to Timothy O'Connell for serving as parliamentarian, and recognized Richard Sparks, *CTSA Proceedings* editor, who reminded conveners and plenary speakers of the July 1 *Proceedings* deadline. If all deadlines are observed, members should receive their copies of the *Proceedings* close to the end of November. The business meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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