

SECRETARY'S REPORT THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its sixty-first annual convention June 8-11 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The theme of the convention was "Theology in Dialogue." Registration took place from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 8th.

The continuing group, Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. The 2006 Ann O'Hara Graff Award was presented to María Pilar Aquino, San Diego University.

At the Opening session, President Mary Catherine Hilbert presided and Bishop Patrick Zurek of the Archdiocese of San Antonio welcomed the convention participants. CTSA member Eilish Ryan led the opening prayer. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception.

CTSA gratefully acknowledges St. Mary's University, the Oblate School of Theology, and Our Lady of the Lake University for subsidizing the event and for their gracious hospitality and generous support throughout the convention.

The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday, June 9th. The president's reception for new and "newer" members followed the business meeting. Receptions were also sponsored by the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Alumni/ae (Peeters Press), The Catholic University of America Alumni/ae, and the Church in the 21st Century Center at Boston College (in cooperation with Herder and Herder/Crossroads Publishing).

The convention's liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 10, at San Fernando Cathedral. CTSA member Virgilio Elizondo presided, and President Mary Catherine Hilbert gave a reflection. A brief memorial tribute was read during the prayer of the faithful for five CTSA members who had died since the time of the last convention: Mary T. Rattigan, William C. Spohn, Monika K. Hellwig, Regis A. Duffy, and John P. Boyle. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Hyatt Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, Elizabeth Farians was given special recognition as the first woman member of the CTSA. President Mary Catherine Hilbert read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to Sandra M. Schneiders.

Morning prayer, facilitated by Dolores Martinez, Mark Banasau, and Theresa Peraliz was held from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings for such groups as the Karl Rahner Society, the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, *Theological Studies* Board of Editorial Consultants, and the conveners of program and research groups.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, June 8, 2006

3:00-5:30 *Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology: Continuing Group.*

Topic: Undomestic Conversations: Women Talking across Borders

Coconveners: Elaine Catherine MacMillan, University of San Diego

Dawn M. Nothwehr, Catholic Theological Union

Moderator: Phyllis H. Kaminski, Saint Mary's College (Indiana)

Panelists: Milagros Peña, University of Florida

Carolyn L. Sharp, Saint Paul University

4:00-5:15 Committee on Underrepresented
Racial and Ethnic Groups Reception

5:15-6:00 Consultation on Mentoring Workshop for the CTSA, June 2007

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

Presiding: Mary Catherine Hilker, President, CTSA

Welcoming Remarks: Bishop Patrick Zurek, Archdiocese of San Antonio

Opening Prayer: Eilish Ryan

Address: Columba Stewart, St. John's University, Minnesota

"The Encounter of the Early Church with the Greek and Roman World:
A View from Monastic Theology"

Respondent: Gary Macy, University of San Diego

9:30 *Reception*

Friday Morning, June 9, 2006

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

8:30-8:45 Morning Prayer

9:00-10:30 *Group Sessions*

1. Theology and Ecology: Developing Group

Conveners: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University

Peter Ellard, Siena College

Moderator: Aurelie Hagstrom, Providence College

Presenter: Connie Lasher, St. Joseph's College of Maine

"Theological Anthropology and Ecological Identity:

The Dialogical Contribution of Hans Urs von Balthasar"

Respondent: Terence Nichols, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota

2. Early Christian Theology: Continuing Group

"Lessons from Ancient Christian Catecheses and Polemics"

Convener and Moderator: Alexis Doval, Saint Mary's

College of California

Presenters: Daniel H. Williams, Baylor University

"A Catechetical Commentary on the Nicene Creed"

- Daniel E. Doyle, Villanova University
 “*Ambitio* and *Superbia* as Impediments
 to Theological Truth in Augustine’s Writings”
3. “U.S. Latino/a Theologies and Christian Jewish Relations”: Selected Session
 Convener: Carol Ann Martinelli, Independent Scholar
 Moderator: Elena G. Procario-Foley, Iona College
 Presenters: Jean-Pierre M. Ruiz, St. John’s University, New York
 Carmen M. Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
 Respondent: Samuel M. Stahl, Temple Beth-El, San Antonio
 4. Moral Theology: Continuing Group
 “Practical Moral Reasoning and Popular Culture”
 Convener: Kristin E. Heyer, Loyola Marymount University
 Moderator: Thomas B. Leininger, Regis University
 Presenter: David Cloutier, College of Saint Benedict/
 Saint John’s University
 “Popular Culture and Moral Agency: How Do We Make the Connection?”
 Respondent: Martha Stortz, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
 5. “Discourse, Dialogue, and Discovery in the Academic Study
 of Christian Spirituality”: Selected Session
 Convener and Moderator: Francis X. McAloon,
 Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
 Panelists: Mary Rose Bumpus, Seattle University
 Francis X. McAloon, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
 Thomas McElligott, St. Mary’s College of California
 Ray Maria McNamara, University of Portland
 6. Mission Theology and Missiology: Continuing Group
 “Christian Mission in Prophetic Dialogue”
 Conveners: Stephen Bevans, Catholic Theological Union
 Colleen Mallon, St. John’s University, New York
 Moderator: Eileen Fagan, College of Mt. St. Vincent
 Presenters: Paul Kollman, University of Notre Dame
 “Mission and the Perils of White Privilege”
 Colleen Mallon, St. John’s University, New York
 “Can We Talk?: Mission and the Dialogue with the Social Sciences”
 7. Trinitarian Theology: Continuing Group
 Discussion of S. Mark Heim’s book:
The Depth of the Riches: A Trinitarian Theology of Religious Ends
 Convener: Anthony Keaty, St. John’s Seminary, Boston
 Moderator: Jane E. Linahan, Saint Francis Seminary, Milwaukee
 Presenters: Cara Anthony, University of St. Thomas
 Anthony Keaty, St. John’s Seminary
 Respondent: S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School

8. "Doing Theology in a Global Perspective": Selected Session
 Convener: James A. Wiseman, Catholic University of America
 Moderator: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College
 Panelists: Richard Gaillardetz, University of Toledo
 Patricia Lamoureux, St. Mary's Seminary and University
 James Wiseman, Catholic University of America
9. "Economics and Theology: Contrast and Complementarity": Selected Session
 Convener: Albino Barrera, Providence College
 Moderator: Jozef Zalot, College of Mount St. Joseph
 Presenters: Mary Hirschfeld, University of Notre Dame
 "I Prefer Not To": Herman Melville's *Bartleby the Scrivener*
 as a Vehicle for Exploring the Tensions in Economic
 and Theological Understandings of Freedom"
 Albino Barrera, Providence College
 "Usufruct and Intellectual Property: An Illustration
 of the Complementarity of Economics and Theology"
 Respondent: Thomas Massaro, Weston Jesuit School of Theology.
10. Theology and Philosophy: Developing Group
 "The 'Linguistic Turn' and Contemporary Theology"
 Convener: James Le Grys, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
 Moderator: Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology
 Presenter: Anselm Ramelow, Dominican School
 of Philosophy and Theology
 "Toward a Nonreductionistic Account of Language"
 Respondent: Bruce Marshall, Southern Methodist University
11. "The Im/Possibility of Dialogue": Selected Session
 Conveners: Susan Abraham, St. Bonaventure University
 Moderator: Linh Hoag, Fordham University
 Presenters: Tom Beaudoin, Santa Clara University
 "The Incitement to Dialogue"
 Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
 "The Necessity of Dialogue Despite its Impossibility"
 Michele Saracino, Manhattan College
 "Dialogue as Violence: Thinking through the Limits of Conversation"
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Second Plenary Session*
 Presiding: Roberto Goizueta, Boston College, past-president CTSA
 Address: María Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego
 "Theology and Indigenous Cultures of the Americas:
 Conditions of Dialogue"
 Response: Carl Starkloff, St. Louis University

Friday Afternoon, June 10, 2006

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

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

2:30- 4:15 *Group Sessions*

1. “Theological Reflections on Dislocated Lives”: Invited Session
Convener and Moderator: Edward Sunshine, Barry University
Panelists: Elisabeth Tetlow, New Orleans Louisiana
“Katrina: Dislocation and Relocation”
Ana Novoa, St. Mary’s University, San Antonio
“Dislocations from Migration along the Border”
Terry Veling, Australian Catholic University
“Theological Reflections on Dislocated Lives”
2. “Between Orthodoxy and Orthopraxis: Contemporary Catholic Liberation Theologies, Intrafaith dialogue and the Enduring Challenge of Pluralism”: Selected Session
Convener: Teresia Hinga, Santa Clara University
Presenters: Teresia Hinga, Santa Clara University
Focus: African/Women’s theologies
Ana María Pineda, Santa Clara University
Focus: Latina/Theologies
Jean Molesky-Poz, Santa Clara University
Focus: Inculturation theology and Indigenous Spiritualities in the Americas
3. North American Contextual Theology: Continuing Group
“On Art as a Source of Theological Insight”
Convener: John Markey, Austin, Texas
Moderator: Alex Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
Panelists: John Markey, Austin, Texas
Alex Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
Jessica Lutz, Artist, New York, New York
4. Medieval Theology: Continuing Group
“Reason, Poetry and Theology: Dante and Aquinas Revisited”
Convener and Moderator: Gregory LaNave,
The Catholic University of America Press
Presenter: Denys Turner, Yale University
“Reason, Poetry, and Theology: Dante and Aquinas Revisited”
Respondent: Peter Casarella, the Catholic University of America
5. White Privilege and Racism: Developing Group
“Theology in Dialogue: The Social Sin of Racism and the Social Sciences”

- Conveners: Laurie Cassidy, Trinity College, Connecticut
Alex Mikulich, Saint Joseph College, Connecticut
- Presenters: Barbara Andolsen, Monmouth University
“The Necessity of Social Scientific Research
for Understanding White Privilege and Racism”
Susan Abraham, St. Bonaventure University
“Against Race?: Theology in Dialogue with Postcolonial Theory”
James W. Perkinson, Marygrove College
and Ecumenical Seminary of Detroit
“Transforming Theology and Theologians: A Future Trajectory
of Theology in Dialogue with Critical Race Studies”
6. Bioethics and Healthcare: Continuing Group
“Moral Perspectives on the Mind in Healthcare”
Convener: Mark Miller, St. Paul’s Hospital
and St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon
Moderator: Regina Wolfe, Dominican University, Illinois
Presenter: James Swan Tuite, Brown University
“Roman Catholic Contributions to Psychiatric Ethics:
The Case of Addiction”
Respondent: Ana Maria Catanzaro, LaSalle University
7. “Theology and Canon Law in Dialogue:
The Local Church and Its Bishop”: Selected Session
Convener: James A. Coriden, Washington Theological Union
Moderator: Margaret O’Gara, University of St. Michael’s College
Panelists: Catherine Clifford, Saint Paul University
Eugene Duffy, Western Theological Institute
Thomas J. Green, The Catholic University of America
Myriam Wijlens, University of Erfurt, Germany
8. Comparative Theology: Continuing Group
“Christian Commentaries on the Bhagavad Gita”
Convener and Moderator: Leo Lefebure, Georgetown University
Panelists: Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Maria Clara Bingemer, Pontifical University of Rio de Janeiro
John Sheveland, Mount St. Mary’s College
Respondent: Catherine Cornille, Boston College
9. Practical Theology: Continuing Group
“Social Science and Practical Theology: Theory, Method, and Substance”
Conveners: Kathleen A. Cahalan, Saint John’s University, Minnesota
Raymond J. Webb, University of St. Mary of the Lake
Presenter: Bryan Froehle, Dominican University
Respondents: Kathleen Dolphin, Saint Mary’s College, Indiana
Thomas Groome, Boston College

10. Congar Ecumenical Colloquium: Continuing Group
 “Congar: Church, World and Christian Peacemaking.”
 Convener: Jaroslav Z. Skira, Regis College
 Moderator: Darren Dias, University of St. Michael’s College
 Presenter: Laurie Johnston, Boston College
 Respondent: Mark E. Ginter, Saint Meinrad School of Theology
11. Method in Theology: Continuing Group
 “Method, Dialogue and Comparative Religions:
 Testing Lonergan’s ‘Upper Blade’ ”
 Conveners: J. Michael Stebbins, Gonzaga University
 Richard M. Liddy, Seton Hall University
 Moderator: Maryann P. Hobbie, Drew University
 Presenters: Reid B. Locklin, University of Toronto
 “Introduction”
 Michael T. McLaughlin
 “Problematising ‘Religion’ in Lonergan’s Method in Theology”
 Reid B. Locklin
 “ ‘Religious Conversion’ and Hindu Nondualism”

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

- Presiding: Mary Catherine Hilker, University of Notre Dame,
 President, CTSA
 Parliamentarian: Timothy O’Connell, Loyola University, Chicago

6:15 p.m. *Receptions*

- President’s Reception for New and Newer Members
 Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Alumni/ae Reception
 (sponsored by Peeters Press)
 The Catholic University of America Reception for Alumni/ae
 The Church in the 21st Century Center at Boston College
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Saturday Morning, June 11, 2006

- 7:15-8:45 Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society
 8:30-8:45 Morning Prayer
 9:00-10:30 *Third Plenary Session*
 Presiding: Daniel Finn, St. John’s University, Minnesota,
 president-elect, CTSA
 Address: Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University
 “Dangers and Promise in the Encounter of Theology
 and the Secular Intellectual World”
 Response: Christine Gudorf, Florida International University
 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Group Sessions*

1. Theology, Publishing, and the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian
 Convener: Paul Crowley, Santa Clara University
 Moderator: Michael Fahey, Marquette University
 Panelists: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
 Frank Oveis, Continuum International Publishing Company,
 New York
 Thomas Reese, Santa Clara University

2. Balthasar Society & Rahner Society: Continuing Groups (Joint Session)
 "Theology in Dialogue: von Balthasar and Rahner"
 Conveners: Peter Casarella, The Catholic University of America
 David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute
 for Studies of Marriage and the Family
 Moderator: Howard Ebert, St. Norbert College
 Presenter: Barbara Sain, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
 "Expression in the *Theo-Logic*: Hans Urs von Balthasar
 on the Manifestation of Divine Truth in the World"
 Respondent: James K. Voiss, St. Louis University
 Presenter: Theodore Kepes, Jr., Providence College
 "Toward a Unified Vision: The Integration of Christian Theology
 and Evolution in Karl Rahner's Understanding of Matter and Spirit"
 Respondent: Larry Chapp, DeSales University

3. Black Catholic Theology: Continuing Group
 "Post Modern World: African Theologies in Dialogue"
 Convener and Moderator: Jamie T. Phelps, Xavier University, Louisiana
 Presenter: M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
 "What Did I Do to Be So Black and Blue"
 Respondent: Elochukwu (Eugene) Uzuku, Milltown Institute, Dublin, Ireland
 Presenter: Paulinus Odozor, University of Notre Dame
 "Postmodernity and the Subject in African Christian Theology"
 Respondent: Jessica Wormley Murdock, University of Notre Dame

4. "Asian Churches in Dialogue: Liberation, Inculturation,
 and Interfaith Dialogue": Selected Session
 Convener: Edmund Kee-Fook Chia, Catholic Theological Union
 Moderator: Jonathan Y. Tan, Xavier University, Ohio
 Presenters: Edmund K.-F. Chia, Catholic Theological Union
 Gemma T. Cruz, Radboud University, Nijmegen
 Respondent: Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University

5. Catholic Social Thought: Continuing Group
 "Christian and Islamic Ethics in Dialogue"
 Convener: Margaret R. Pfeil, University of Notre Dame
 Moderator: Brian Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland

- Presenter: John Kelsay, Florida State University
 Respondents: Joan Crist, Calumet College
 Kristin Heyer, Loyola Marymount University
 William O'Neill, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
6. The Church in the United States: Developing Group
 "Dialogues, Tensions, and 'Seeds of Hope' in the U.S. Church"
 Convener: William Clark, College of the Holy Cross
 Moderator: Joseph Hartzler, Franciscan School of Theology
 Presenters: Mary Doak, University of Notre Dame
 "Fatalism or Fanaticism? There Must Be Another Option!"
 Timothy P. Muldoon, Boston College
 "Young Adult Catholics in Dialogue with Older Catholics"
 Maureen R. O'Brien, Duquesne University
 "Lay Ecclesial Ministry in the U.S. Church Today:
 Dialogues, Ambiguities and Opportunities"
7. Renaissance and Modern Theology: Continuing Group
 Convener: William McConville, Raleigh NC
 Moderator: Joseph Devlin, LaSalle University
 Presenters: Julia Fleming, Creighton University
 "Dialogue with the Proscribed? Juan Caramuel
 and the Ethics of Access to Forbidden Books"
 Anthony Scigliano, Seton Hall University
 "Immanuel Kant's Proto-Promethean Philosophy of Religion"
8. "Terror And The End of Time:
 The Search for a Responsible Eschatology": Selected Session
 Convener: Natalie Kertes Weaver, Ursuline College
 Moderator: Alison Benders, Ursuline College
 Presenters: Natalie Kertes Weaver, Ursuline College
 John Shields, Calumet College of St. Joseph
9. Thought of John Henry Newman: Continuing Group
 "John Henry Newman in Dialogue"
 Convener: Kevin Godfrey, Alvernia College
 Moderator: Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd Mercy College
 Presenters: John T. Ford, The Catholic University of America
 "Newman's Theological Dialogue with the World of Science"
 Edward J. Ondrako, The Catholic University of America
 "Competing Views of Liberty:
 John Stuart Mill and John Henry Newman"
10. "Ritualized Readings:
 How do liturgies shape biblical interpretation?": Selected Session
 Convener: W. T. Dickens, Siena College
 Moderator: James P. Bailey, Duquesne University

Presenter: W. T. Dickens, Siena College
 Respondent: Richard McCarron, Catholic Theological Union

11. "The Complexity of Dialogue: Panel Discussion of Terrence W. Tilley's *History, Theology, and Faith: Dissolving the Modern Problematic*":
 Selected Session
 Convener and Moderator: Thomas Ryan, St. Thomas University, Florida
 Panelists: Mary C. Boys, Union Theological Seminary
 Lynn Bridgers, St. Thomas University, Florida
 Bradford Hinze, Fordham University, New York
 Respondent: Terrence Tilley, University of Dayton

12:30-2:00 Women's Seminar Luncheon

12:30-2:00 *Theological Studies* Board Luncheon

Saturday Afternoon, June 11, 2006

2:30-4:15 *Group Sessions*

1. "A Conversation with Scripture and Tradition:
 The Moral Theology of William C. Spohn": Invited Session
 Convener: Thomas B. Leininger, Regis University
 Moderator: Michael Buckley, Santa Clara University
 Panelists: James T. Bretzke, University of San Francisco
 "Reasons of the Mind and Heart:
 Spohn's Contributions to Moral Theology."
 John R. Donahue, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
 "Hearers and Doers of the Word:
 The Challenge of William C. Spohn to Scripture and Ethics."
 Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College
 "Jesus and the Moral Life: Edwards, H.R. Niebuhr, and Spohn."
 Richard M. Gula, Franciscan School of Theology
 "Where to Go from Here?"
2. Theological Anthropology: Developing Group
 "Theological Anthropology in Dialogue with Racial and National Identity"
 Convener: Anne Clifford, Duquesne University
 Moderator: Phyllis H. Kaminski, Saint Mary's College, Indiana
 Presenter: Karen Teel, Boston College
 "Racism and the Image of God"
 Respondent: Diana Hayes, Georgetown University
 Presenter: Dorian Llywelyn, Loyola-Marymount University
 "Nationality in Vatican II and in the Teaching of John Paul II"
 Respondent: Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University
3. Christology: Continuing Group
 "Dialogue: After Auschwitz, After John Paul II"
 Convener: Tatha Wiley, Metropolitan State University

- Moderator: Thomas West, College of St. Catherine
 Presenters: Tobie Tondi, Rosemont College
 John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union
4. "Theology in Dialogue with the Arts": Selected Session
 Convener and Moderator: Susan A. Ross, Loyola University, Chicago
 Panelists: Russell Connors, College of St. Catherine
 Colleen Carpenter Cullinan, Independent Scholar
 Leo J. O'Donovan, Georgetown University
5. "Indology and the Theology of Religions:
 A Conversation with J. Patrick Olivelle": Selected Session
 Convener: Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
 Moderator: Paul J. Griffiths, Professor, University of Illinois
 Presenter: J. Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas
 Respondents: Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
 Edward Ulrich, St. Thomas University, Minnesota
 Tracy Tiemeier, Boston College
6. Hispanic Theology Group: Continuing Group
 "Sources for Latino/a Theologies:
 Dialogues with the Practices of Afro-Iberian Popular Religions"
 Convener and Moderator: Carmen Nanko-Fernández,
 Catholic Theological Union
 Presenters: Orlando Espín, University of San Diego
 Raúl Gómez Ruiz, Sacred Heart School of Theology
7. Ecclesiology and Sacramental/Liturgical Theology:
 Continuing Groups (Joint)
 "Challenges to Eucharistic and Ecclesial Communion"
 Convener: Susan K. Wood, Marquette University
 Moderator: Judith K. Kubicki, Fordham University
 Presenters: Bruce Morrill, Boston College
 "Eucharist and Public Life"
 Myriam Wijlens, University of Erfurt, Germany
 "Eucharist, Ecclesial Communion and Church Law."
8. Theology and Natural Sciences: Continuing Group
 "The Creative Suffering of the Triune God
 in the Evolutionary Theology of Arthur Peacocke"
 Convener and Moderator: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory Group,
 Steward Observatory
 Presenter: Gloria L. Schaab, Barry University
 Respondents: David A. Bosworth, Barry University
 Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University
 Edward R. Sunshine, Barry University

9. Spirituality: Continuing Group
 "The Discipline of Christian Spirituality and Catholic Theology"
 Convener: Diana L. Villegas, Acton MA
 Moderator: Anita Houck, Saint Mary's College, Indiana
 Presenter: Sandra M. Schneiders, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 Respondent: Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union
10. Constructive Theology and Contemporary Theory: Developing Group
 "The Church in a Globalized World: Dialogue or Disengagement?"
 Conveners: Michele Saracino, Manhattan College
 Vincent Miller, Georgetown University
 Moderator: Gerard Jacobitz, St. Joseph's University
 Presenters: Lieven Boeve, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
 "Christianity in Europe: Dialogue or Confrontation?"
 Vincent Miller, Georgetown University
 "A Purer Church: Standing against the Erosions of Globalization,
 or Swimming with the Tide of Cultural Heterogenization?"
 Respondent: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
11. Rahner Society: Continuing Group
 "Encounters between Rahner and the Religious Other"
 Convener: Howard Ebert, St. Norbert College
 Moderator: Ann Riggs, Rivier College
 Panelists: Miguel Diaz, St. John's University, Minnesota
 Paul Crowley, Santa Clara University
 Jerry Farmer, Xavier University, Louisiana
- 5:30 *Eucharist: San Fernando Cathedral*
- 6:45 *Reception*
- 7:30 *John Courtney Murray Award Banquet*
- Sunday Morning June 12, 2006*
- 7:15-8:45 *Conveners' Breakfast Meeting*
- 8:30-8:45 *Morning Prayer*
- 9:00-10:00 *Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address*
 Presiding: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College,
 Vice President, CTSA
 Address: Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame,
 President, CTSA
 "Dialogue, Proclamation, and the Sacramental Imagination"
- 10:00 *Appointment of the New President*
 Adjournment
 Breakfast Reception
- 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Meeting and Luncheon: CTSA Board of Directors

JOHN COURTNEY AWARD 2006

The element of surprise may be missing in tonight's tribute because the contributions of the colleague whom we honor are unparalleled in the Society. In these days of specialization to the point of fragmentation among the theological disciplines, this scholar can claim the remarkable achievement of having made original contributions to at least three distinct disciplines—biblical studies, spirituality, and theology. She has worked at the intersection of those three areas—and argued persuasively for their interrelationship—since the time of her doctoral studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University where she was awarded the S.T.D. *summa cum laude* in 1975.

Three decades later she continues to explore the topic of her dissertation—the Johannine resurrection narrative—with exegetical skill, hermeneutical sophistication, theological depth, spiritual wisdom, and pastoral insight. Prior to her doctoral studies in Rome, our colleague earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Social Sciences from Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan, a Master's degree in philosophy from the University of Detroit, and the licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Institut Catholique in Paris. She also has been the recipient of four honorary doctorates.

This versatile scholar has been elected to positions of leadership in three of the six major professional societies in which she is an active member. She has served as President of the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality, President of the Western Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, and a member of the Board of Directors of our Society.

Her publications include nine books, four of which have merited national awards. In addition, our award winner has penned over eighty articles in academic and pastoral journals, more than fifty book chapters and major entries in encyclopedias and dictionaries, and more than thirty taped lectures. She has lectured around the globe on New Testament scholarship, the Gospel of John, methodology in the study of spirituality, the theology and spirituality of religious life, feminist hermeneutics, the Christian mystical tradition, patristic spirituality, the theology and spirituality of ministry, and spiritual direction.

Tonight's awardee is widely known for her original scholarship that has helped to define the field of spirituality as an academic discipline. A pioneer in the field, she was a founding member of the doctoral program in Christian Spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She also has served as Executive Coordinator of the Institute of Spirituality and Worship at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley where she has been Professor of New Testament and Christian Spirituality since 1976. Her intellectual acumen always remains grounded in the concrete life experience of the countless women and men for whom she has served as professional mentor, master teacher, or spiritual director. Her classroom extends to the large pastoral following who seek out her lectures, workshops, and summer courses as well as her books and articles. Her teaching skill, which we have

witnessed firsthand in two of her CTSA plenary addresses, was honed in her early years in elementary and secondary classrooms.

Like Catherine of Siena, one of the mystics whose insights she has probed, tonight's award winner is firmly rooted in the tradition, unflinching in her pursuit of truth and passionately committed to the reform of the Church and the pursuit of justice—especially justice for women—in both Church and world. Her writings, courses, and lectures on biblical hermeneutics and feminist theology and spirituality have opened the eyes of many to the need to engage feminist critique and hermeneutical strategies as integral to the claim that the Bible can be proclaimed as living Word of God in our day. Many have been tempted to dismiss the Bible as hopelessly patriarchal. This scholar has faced that problem squarely and articulated clearly what is at stake while offering hermeneutical strategies that have yielded an alternative reading of the Bible as revelatory text.

Celebrating her own Golden Jubilee as a vowed woman religious this year, our colleague remains passionately convinced that there is a future for both active and contemplative religious life. Her lived experience as well as her theological conviction about the value of the charism of religious life in the postmodern world are reflected in the title of the first volume of her award-winning trilogy on religious life in a new millennium—*Finding the Treasure*. Clearly this woman of the Word, this indefatigable and creative scholar, is never without oil in her lamp.

In recognition of her extraordinary gifts and accomplishments, the Catholic Theological Society of America presents its highest honor for distinguished achievement in theology, the John Courtney Murray Award, to Sandra Schneiders of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Michigan.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Mary Catherine Hilbert called the annual business meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Timothy O'Connell served as Parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Regina Wenzel Wolfe, Chair, presented the report of the Admissions Committee. The other members of the committee were Kathleen McManus, Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Raymond Webb and Theresa Moser, the secretary of the CTSA, *ex officio*. Jeannine Hill Fletcher and Raymond Webb will continue to serve on the committee next year.

From 100 applications returned during the year, the committee in its review determined that 91 qualified for membership, 64 for active membership and 27 for associate membership. Two of the applicants for active membership and one for associate membership were determined not to meet the criteria for membership. Six of the applicants for associate membership will defer their admission until next year. Twelve of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Eight of the applicants for active membership were former members who were reinstated. Thirty-six (40%) of the new members, both active and associate,

are women. Twelve (8%) are from underrepresented races/ethnicities. Fourteen (15%) are from outside the United States. The Admissions Committee recommended that the ninety-one applicants whose names had been posted on the bulletin board outside the meeting be admitted to the Society.

The CTSA members present at the meeting approved the committee's recommendation by a voice vote. The president asked the new members who were present at the convention to stand and be recognized. They were greeted with a round of applause. The president then invited the new members and others who had been admitted to membership recently to a reception to be held immediately following the business meeting. Brief biographical entries and addresses of the new members are found in the addenda to the CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Report of the Nominating Committee

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

For vice president: Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Terrence W. Tilley, Fordham University
For secretary: M. Theresa Moser, University of San Francisco
For treasurer: Jozef Zalot, College of Mount Saint Joseph
For board members: Peter J. Casarella, The Catholic University of America
Mary C. Boys, Union Theological Seminary
Richard R. Gaillardetz, University of Toledo
Nancy A. Dallavalle, Fairfield University

There were no nominations from the floor.

Terrence W. Tilley was elected vice president. Mary Boys was elected to the board on the third ballot. Richard R. Gaillardetz was elected to the Board on the fourth ballot. Mary Theresa Moser was elected secretary by acclamation. Jozef Zalot was elected treasurer by acclamation.

Daniel Finn becomes president for 2006–2007. Margaret O'Gara becomes president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Mary Catherine Hilkert as past president, Paul G. Crowley, and Patricia Beattie Jung.

President's Report

President Hilkert announced the appointments to CTSA committees that she has made:

Nominations Committee: Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne University, 2005–2008;

Admissions Committee: Raymond Webb, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary, 2005–2007; and Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University, 2005–2007;

Resolutions Committee: Vincent Miller, Georgetown University, 2005–2007;

Best Article Award Committee: Mary C. Boys, Union Theological Seminary, 2005–2007;

Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Constituencies Committee: Jessica Wormley Murdoch, University of Notre Dame.

On the recommendation of the Search Committee and the Board, she also appointed Jonathan Y. Tan as editor of the *Proceedings* in October for a five-year term (through the 2010 convention).

President Hilkert then thanked the membership for their assistance to CTSA members affected by Hurricane Katrina. The CTSA had offered to waive the annual dues, registration and banquet fees for those affected and to assist with housing and transportation to the convention if needed. The CTSA members from the Gulf region were most grateful.

President Hilkert then announced that the Board has decided not to pursue the written CTSA history project at this time and is considering how best to proceed with this ongoing project. She thanked John Thiel for his service as the CTSA Coordinator for Relations between Bishops and Theologians from 2002 to 2006. Dan Finn, as new president, will appoint his successor.

The process for the five-year review of the implementation of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* involved private meetings between the bishop of each diocese and the presidents of colleges and universities within that diocese. Those meetings were to be completed by April 30, 2006. At their June meeting, the Bishops and Presidents Subcommittee will meet to discuss and write a review report. CTSA member Bishop Richard Sklba reports that the meetings between bishops and presidents went very well.

President Hilkert noted that a Resolution on the issue of immigration would be discussed later in the business meeting. She had earlier sent, with the approval of the Board, a letter to Bishop Gerald R. Barnes, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Refugees and Migrants, a letter expressing our gratitude for the Bishops' Pastoral letter *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope* (2003). The letter also offered the theological assistance of the CTSA to the USCCB in their ongoing efforts to educate the public about Church teaching on migrants and immigrants. Bishop Barnes sent a gracious letter of thanks.

President Hilkert noted that the ongoing internal work of the Board this year had been the development of the process and proposal for restructuring the annual convention. She concluded by thanking the members for electing her to leadership in the CTSA.

President-elect's Report

President-elect Dan Finn reported on the preparations for the convention. Four plenary sessions and 44 concurrent sessions make up the program for June 2006. There are 28 sessions organized by ongoing groups, 13 selected sessions and three invited sessions. Finn expressed his gratitude for the the work of the conveners who make the convention possible. He said that he has encouraged the conveners to set time limits for the speakers in advance of the sessions so as to allow for conversation among participants. He thanked the members of the local arrangements committee: John Markey, Dan Thompson, James Empereur, Bernard Lee, John Kemper and Eilish Ryan. Their dedicated work, along with that of Executive Director Christie's registration staff—Florence Bourg, Helen Ciernick, Peregrine Rinderknecht, and Mary Jane Ponyik—has made for a very smooth convention.

One innovation in the convention schedule this year has been the "Breakfast with a New Member." President-elect Finn noted that 14 new members signed up for the breakfasts and twice as many CTSA members. He will review the convention evaluations to see if there is interest in continuing this event.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Margaret O'Gara announced that the Resolutions Committee had received a resolution on the topic of immigration. She and the members of the Resolutions Committee, Nancy Hawkins and Vincent Miller, agreed unanimously that it should be aired. The Resolution was discussed at the Hearing of the Resolutions Committee and will be presented for discussion and vote during the Business meeting.

O'Gara then announced that the 2007 convention will be June 7- 10 in Los Angeles. The theme will be "Bishops in the Church." She is hoping for a variety of approaches to this theme. Some approaches might address centralization of authority in the church, bishops and structures for accountability, the process of selection of bishops, models for decision-making, ecumenical relations and developments in Anglican and Protestant churches, lay participation, theologians and bishops, and other matters related to the theme.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Theresa Moser noted that all of the applications for membership this year were submitted electronically. The fact that a number of applications for admission came from outside the United States is an indication that the use of the web page is growing. The web page greatly facilitates both the application process for new members and the opportunity for continuing member to update their online information conveniently. There are currently 1,418 members on the CTSA listserv. There are about 1,700 CTSA members listed in the online directory, more than are listed in the Executive Director's database of dues-paying members. The Executive Director's office and the Secretary are in the process of weeding the web directory

and making it consistent with the office's database. The goal is to have a reliable membership directory on the web site.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roger McGrath referred members to the financial report and balance sheet that was included in the convention folders. He noted that dues collection has declined by about \$6,000 this past year. This may be an effect of adopting the graduated dues approach. It may take two or three years to get an accurate picture, but the apparent shortfall is within the range of the acceptable. On the Comparative Balance Sheet, he pointed to a restricted funds item of about \$16,000. These restricted funds are due to an appeal some years ago to the bishops to support the research of the CTSA. These funds will be expended next year for the convention on the theme "Bishops in the Church. Noting that the CTSA has an overall fund balance of \$451,117.03 as of December 31, 2005, he explained that these funds basically function as an endowment for CTSA activities. The interest enables the CTSA to cover shortfalls resulting from unexpected expenses or loss of revenue. The funds are also available for special projects so the CTSA doesn't have to make a special appeal or raise dues.

On a personal note, Treasurer McGrath noted that he has been treasurer and board member for 12 years, during three complete cycles of officers. He said that he can personally testify to the quality of the CTSA board members, to their hard work, dedication to the Society, and their care and love for the Church. He extended his thanks to the members for the opportunity to serve as the CTSA Treasurer.

President Hilkert then expressed appreciation for Roger's service to the CTSA since 1994, service that goes beyond the financial. His prudent judgment as a board member has been especially appreciated. She pointed out that in addition to his CTSA work these past two years, Treasurer McGrath has been full-time pastor at Our Lady of Grace in Somerville, New Jersey, Vicar of Administration in the diocese, Moderator of the Curia, and Director of Seminarians. He has recently received the title of Monsignor. The members signified their appreciation with a prolonged ovation.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Dolores Christie gave special thanks to the members of the registration team. She announced that 432 have registered for the convention and that 22 publishers are present for the book display. Thanks to the generous contributions of members of the society, 20 students can attend the banquet free of charge, and some members affected by hurricane Katrina are able to participate in the convention. She expressed appreciation for one bishop who has donated a significant amount of money to the CTSA this year.

Christie announced that the 2007 CTSA convention in Los Angeles will be at the Sheraton, formerly a Hyatt Hotel, and that the Sheraton has honored the fee agreement arranged with the Hyatt of \$99 per night. The 2008 convention will be

at the Hyatt hotel in Miami, Florida, June 5-8, during which time ACHTUS will celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Committee on Underrepresented Groups

Mary Jo Iozzio called the attention of CTSA members to the table in the book display area which includes examples of the scholarly work of members of underrepresented groups. The committee has developed a new brochure for distribution to students, which includes information about sources for funding for theological education. She encouraged CTSA members to make these resources available to members of underrepresented groups who may be interested in pursuing theological education.

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

President Hilkert announced that the Best Essay Award had been renamed the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award in honor of a promising new scholar whose recent and premature death affected many. She then introduced Laura M. Taylor (Vanderbilt University) as the second winner of the award and presented her with a plaque honoring her for the prize-winning essay, "*La Frontera: Boundaries, Identities and Difference in Theological Thought.*" Ms. Taylor received a warm ovation in recognition of her achievement. Following is the abstract.

Stretching over two-thousand miles, *La Frontera*, or the Borderland, constitutes the national boundary between the United States and Mexico. In this essay, I explore both the physical and metaphorical constructions of the border culture, illustrating the facility with which its inhabitants live in the ambiguity of opposing cultures and races, often embracing their shifting and multiple identities. Locating my work at the crossroads of Latina theology, cultural theory, and postcolonial studies, I illustrate the way in which Western-European Christian theology and, in particular, postliberal theology, have uncritically offered a monocultural approach to religious discourse and, in so doing, have overlooked the heterogeneity of Christian identities. Upon examining what the spaces in-between might mean for theological understandings of identity and difference, this paper proposes that the border communities and the (re)conceptualizations of identity which they occasion, offer important redemptive resources for the conception of a more adequate and global Christianity.

President Hilkert then presented a second plaque, revised to include the new title of the award, to last year's winner, Gemma Tulud Cruz, who was also warmly applauded.

Resolutions Committee

Miguel Diaz presented the Resolution on Immigration:

We, the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA) stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are undocumented immigrants. In faithfulness to the

Gospel of Christ and the social teachings of the Catholic Church, we affirm the dignity of all human beings, regardless of national origin, and we call for just, comprehensive, and humane immigration reform.

After a brief discussion, the question was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

*Discussion of Board Proposal for Restructuring
of Convention Sessions and Consultative Vote*

President Hilkert opened the discussion by recalling the reasons for proposing a new structure for the annual convention. The problem arose initially due to the lack of enough hotel rooms for the number of convention sessions proposed. But additionally, there was the perceived need to provide more opportunities for new members to get on the program, as well as a procedure to allow new leaders to be chosen.

To prepare the proposal, the Board formed a committee initially composed of Dan Finn, John Thiel, and Shawn Copeland. At the June 2005 meeting this proposal was discussed, and the decision was made to prepare a second proposal which would retain the present structure and simply discontinue some groups. An e-mail was sent in September 2005 to the membership to ask for feedback on the two proposals. The response was 2 to 1 in favor of the proposal for a new structure. Based on feedback received from CTSA members, the committee, which now included Cathy Hilkert and Patricia Beattie Jung, presented a somewhat modified proposal for discussion at the October 2005 meeting. A single, modified proposal was then sent to all CTSA members in the Spring 2006 mailing.

President Hilkert then opened the floor for discussion of the proposal for restructuring, a summary of which had been placed in the convention folders. One question concerned whether the CTSA could meet in larger hotels. In response it was pointed out that it is difficult to find a hotel which would meet the CTSA's space needs at a price the CTSA is willing to pay. Another concerned the convention schedule, whether the women's seminar could retain its pre-convention slot so as not to be in competition with other groups. The answer was affirmative. Concerns were raised regarding the status of some groups which didn't seem to fit into the topic categories, such as theology and science, theology and ecology, missiology, and practical theology. Some wondered how the new leaders of topic sessions would be chosen.

President Hilkert reminded the members that next year's convention will follow the present structure. An implementation committee will address the question of how the leadership teams for the topic sessions will be formed. Probably there will be staggered three-year terms of office. The groups will be self-governing.

President Hilkert then called for a consultative vote on the proposal for a new structure. The first vote, a voice vote, did not seem to indicate clear support for the proposal. Mary Ann Donovan then suggested from the floor that the question be

rephrased to include approval in principle, but that the Board would seriously consider the concerns raised during the meeting before its final decision. President Hilkert then asked for a show of hands on the question of approval in principle, and the consultative vote was overwhelmingly positive.

With no other business to be addressed, President Hilkert thanked those who had submitted reports, expressed gratitude to Timothy O'Connell for his service as parliamentarian, and invited new and recent members to the President's reception after the business meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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