The 61st Annual Convention
of the Catholic Theological Society of America

Pre-Convention Events, Thursday, June 8, 2006

CTSA Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
*Brazos*

Registration and Exhibits 1:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Foyer*

Pre-Convention Session 3:00-5:30 p.m.

**Women’s Seminar in Constructive Theology—Continuing Group**  
*Regency East 1-3*

“*Undomestic Conversations: Women Talking Across Borders*”

Co-Conveners: **Elaine Catherine MacMillan,** University of San Diego  
**Dawn Nothwehr,** Catholic Theological Union

Moderator: **Phyllis H. Kaminski,** Saint Mary’s College, Indiana

Panelists: **Margaret Farley,** Yale Divinity School

Respondents: **Milagros Peña,** University of Florida  
**Jeanette Rodríguez,** Seattle University  
**Carolyn L. Sharp,** Saint Paul University

*The 2006 Ann O’Hara Graff Award will be presented to María Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego*  

Reception 4:00 p.m.  
*Chula Vista*

Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups  
A gathering for all CTSA members who belong to underrepresented ethnic and racial groups to foster and renew friendships. All CTSA members interested in preliminary planning for a 2007 convention workshop on mentoring theology students in such groups are also invited.
Thursday evening, June 8, 2006

Opening and First Plenary Session  7:30 p.m.  
Regency West

Presiding:  Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame, President, CTSA

Opening Prayer

Welcoming Remarks:
  Bishop Patrick Zurek, Archdiocese of San Antonio

Opening Plenary 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

Opening Reception  9:30 p.m.  
Regency East

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Friday morning, June 9, 2006

Jesuit School of Theology Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.  
Chula Vista

Morning Prayer 8:30-8:45 a.m.  
Regency East-1

Group Sessions 9:00-10:30 a.m.

1. Theology and Ecology: Developing Group  
   “Theological Anthropology and Ecological Identity: The Dialogical Contribution of Hans Urs von Balthasar”

   Conveners: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
              Peter Ellard, Siena College

   Moderator: Aurelie Hagstrom, Providence College

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

2. Early Christian Theology—Continuing Group  
   “Lessons from Ancient Christian Catecheses and Polemics”

   Convener & Moderator: Alexis Doval, Saint Mary’s College of California

   Presenter: Daniel H. Williams, Baylor University
              “A Catechetical Commentary on the Nicene Creed”

   Presenter: 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, TX

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 & Moderator: Francis X. McAloon, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Panelists: Mary Rose Bumpus, Seattle University

Francis X. McAloon, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Thomas McEligott, 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

Presenter: Paul Kollman, University of Notre Dame
“Mission and the Perils of White Privilege”

Presenter: Colleen Mallon, St. John’s University, New York
“Can We Talk?: Mission and the Dialogue with the Social Sciences”

7. Trinitarian Theology: Continuing Group

Convener: Anthony Keaty, St. John’s Seminary, Boston

Moderator: Jane E. Linahan, Saint Francis Seminary, Milwaukee

Panelists: Cara Anthony, University of St. Thomas, California
Anthony Keaty, St. John’s Seminary, Massachusetts

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

Convener: Albino Barrera, Providence College
Moderator: Jozef Zalot, College of Mount St. Joseph
Presenter: Mary Hirschfeld, University of Notre Dame
“I Prefer Not To”: Herman Melville’s Bartleby the Scrivner As a Vehicle for Exploring the Tensions in Economic and Theological Understandings of Freedom

Presenter: 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, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Moderator: Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
Presenter: Anselm Ramelow, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
“Toward a Non-reductionistic Account of Language”

Respondents: Bruce Marshall, Southern Methodist University

11. “The Im/Possibility of Dialogue”: Selected Session

Convener: Susan Abraham, St. Bonaventure University
Moderator: Linh Hoag, Fordham University
Presenter: **Jeannine Hill Fletcher**, Fordham University  
“Inciting Dialogue: Brief Reflections on Theological Production and Power”

Presenter: **Michele Saracino**, Manhattan College  
“Dialogue as Violence: Thinking through the Limits of Conversation”

**Coffee Break**  
10:30-11:00 a.m.  
*Foyer*

**Second Plenary Session**  
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
*Regency West*

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

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**Friday afternoon, June 9, 2006**

**Hearing of the Resolutions Committee**  
1:15-2:15 p.m.  
*Regency West*

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

**Group Sessions**  
2:30-4:15 p.m.

1. “Theological Reflections on Dislocated Lives”: Invited Session  
*Regency East-1*

Convener & Moderator:  
**Edward Sunshine**, Barry University  
Panelists: **Gerald Boodoo**, Duquesne University  
“Katrina: Dislocation and Relocation”
Panelists: Ana Novoa, St. Mary’s University, San Antonio
(continued) “Dislocations from Migration along the Border”

Terry Veling, Australian Catholic University
“Theological Reflections on Dislocated Lives”

2. “Between Orthodoxy and Ortho-praxis: Rio Grande Center
Contemporary Catholic Liberation Theologies, Intra-faith
dialogue and the Enduring Challenge of Pluralism”:
Selected Session

Convener: Teresa Hinga, Santa Clara University

Panelists: Teresa Hinga, Santa Clara University
Focus: African/Women’s theologies

Ana Maria Pineda, Santa Clara University
Focus: Latina/Theologies

Jean Molesky-Poz, Santa Clara University
Focus: Inculturation theology and Indigenous
Spiritualities in the Americas


“On Art as a Source of Theological Insight”

Convener: John Markey

Moderator: Alex Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Panel: Thomas Shergi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Terry Dempsey, St. Louis University

4. Medieval Theology: Continuing Group Pecan

“Reason, Poetry and Theology: Dante and Aquinas Revisited”

Convener: Gregory LaNave, The Catholic University of America Press
Moderator: Peter Casarella, The Catholic University of America

Presenter: Denys Turner, Yale University
“Reason, Poetry, and Theology: Dante and Aquinas Revisited”

Respondent: Kevin L. Hughes, Villanova University

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

Presenter: Barbara Andolsen, Monmouth University
“The Necessity of Social Scientific Research for Understanding White Privilege and Racism”

Presenter: Susan Abraham, St. Bonaventure University
“Against Race?: Theology in Dialogue with Postcolonial Theory”

Presenter: James W. Perkinson, Marygrove College & 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 & 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**

*Chula Vista*

Conveners:  **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. **“Christian Commentaries on the Bhagavad Gita”**

*Regency East-3*

Convener & Moderator:  **Leo Lefebure**, Georgetown University

Panelists:  **Francis X. Clooney**, Harvard University
**Maria Clara Bingemer**, Pontifical University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
**John Sheveland**, Mount St Mary’s College

Respondent:  **Catherine Cornille**, Boston College

9. **Practical Theology: Continuing Group**

*Blanco*

“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

Moderator: Kathleen A. Cahalan, Saint John’s University, Minnesota

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

Presenter: John D. Dadosky, Regis College/Toronto School of Theology

“The Navajo (Dine) Religious World View”

Presenter: Reid B. Locklin, University of Toronto

“Jewish and Christian Monotheistic Claims”

Presenter: Michael T. McLaughlin, Saint Leo University

“Hindu Non-Dualism”
CTSA Business Meeting 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
*Regency West*

Presiding: **Mary Catherine Hilkert**, University of Notre Dame  
President, CTSA

Parliamentarian: **Timothy O’Connell**, Loyola University Chicago

Receptions 6:15 p.m.

President’s Reception for New and Newer Members  
*Garden Terrace*

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Alumni/ae Reception  
(sponsored by Peeters Press)  
*Chula Vista*

The Catholic University of America Reception for Alumni/ae  
*Live Oak*

The Church in the 21st Century Center at Boston College  
*Pecan*  
(sponsored in cooperation with Herder and Herder/Crossroad Publishing)
Saturday morning, June 10, 2006

**Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society**  
7:15-8:45 a.m.  
*Pecos*

**Morning Prayer**  
8:30-8:45 a.m.  
*Regency East-1*

**Third Plenary Session**  
9:00-10:30 a.m.  
*Regency West*

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”

Respondent:  **Christine Gudorf**, Florida International University

**Coffee Break**  
10:30-11:00 a.m.  
*Foyer*

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

1. **Theology, Publishing, and the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian**  
*Rio Grande Center*

Convener:  **Paul Crowley**, Santa Clara University

Moderator:  **Michael Fahey**, Marquette University

**Thomas Reese**, Santa Clara University  
**Robert Schreiter**, Catholic Theological Union
2. **Balthasar Society & Rahner Society: Continuing Groups (Joint Session)**

“Theology in Dialogue: von Balthasar and Rahner”

**Convener:** Peter Casarella, The Catholic University of America

**Moderator:** Howard Ebert, St. Norbert College

**Presenter:** Barbara Sain, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota


**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:** Edward T. Oakes, University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary

3. **“Post Modern World: African Theologies in Dialogue”**

**Convener & 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
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, 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
Presenter: Mary Doak, University of Notre Dame
“Fatalism or Fanaticism? There Must Be Another Option!”
Presenter: Timothy P. Muldoon, Boston College
“Young Adult Catholics in Dialogue with Older Catholics”
Presenter: **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**
   *Regency East-3*

   **Convener:** **William McConville**, Raleigh, NC
   **Moderator:** **Joseph Devlin**, LaSalle University
   **Presenter:** **Julia Fleming**, Creighton University
   “Dialogue with the Proscribed? Juan Caramuel and the Ethics of Access to Forbidden Books”

   **Presenter:** **Anthony Sciglitano**, 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**
   *Regency East-2*

   **Convener:** **Natalie Kertes Weaver**, Ursuline College
   **Moderator:** **Alison Benders**, Ursuline College
   **Respondents:** **Natalie Kertes Weaver**, Ursuline College
   **John Shields**, Calumet College of St. Joseph

9. **Thought of John Henry Newman: Continuing Group**
   *Frio*

   “*John Henry Newman in Dialogue*”

   **Convener:** **Kevin Godfrey**, Alvernia College
   **Moderator:** **Edward Jeremy Miller**, Gwynedd Mercy College
   **Presenter:** **John T. Ford**, The Catholic University of America
   “Newman’s Theological Dialogue with the World of Science”
Presenter: 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

Convener: Thomas Ryan, St. Thomas University, Florida
Alex Mikulich, Saint Joseph College, Connecticut
Moderator: Thomas Ryan, St. Thomas University, Florida
Panelists: Mary C. Boys, Union Theological Seminary
Lynn Bridgers, St. Thomas University, Florida
Bradford Hinze, Fordham University
Respondent: Terrence Tilley, University of Dayton

Women’s Seminar Luncheon 12:30-2:00 p.m. Blanco/Ilano
Theological Studies Board Luncheon 12:30-2:00 p.m. Chula Vista
Group Sessions

   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
   - Richard M. Gula, Franciscan School of Theology
     “Where to Go from Here?”

2. Theological Anthropology: Developing Group
   Regency East-1
   
   “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**

*Rio Grande West*

Convener & 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**

*Regency East-2*

Convener: **Francis X. Clooney**, Harvard University

Moderator: **Paul J. Griffiths**, University of Illinois

Presenter: **J. Patrick Olivelle**, University of Texas

Respondents: **Francis X. Clooney**, Harvard University
**Edward Ulrich**, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
**Tracy Tiemeier**, Boston College
6. Hispanic Theology Group: Continuing Group

**Regency East-3**

“Sources for Latino/a Theologies: Dialogues with the Practices of Afro-Iberian Popular Religions”

Convener & 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: Pecan

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

**Live Oak**

“The Creative Suffering of the Triune God in the Evolutionary Theology of Arthur Peacocke”

Convener & 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, 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
Presenter: Lieven Boeve, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
“Christianity in Europe: Dialogue or Confrontation?”
Presenter: 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
Kei Kato, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
Jerry Farmer, Xavier University, Louisiana
Conveners’ Breakfast Meeting
7:15-8:45 a.m.
Live Oak

Conveners (or their delegates) of Program and Developing Groups meet with Daniel Finn, President-Elect, CTSA, and Margaret O’Gara, Vice-President, CTSA, for evaluation and preliminary planning of the 2007 convention.

Morning Prayer
8:30-8:45 a.m.
Regency East-1

Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Regency East

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

Presidential Address:
Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame
“Dialogue, Proclamation, and the Sacramental Imagination”

Appointment of the New President
10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Breakfast Reception

Meeting and Luncheon: CTSA Board of Directors
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Brazos
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The Seal of the Catholic Theological Society of America

The first and fourth quarters of the shield are tinctured red, the color of the Humanity of the Lord, and the cross is gold, the color of his Divinity. The cross of our salvation is an appropriate charge with which to quarter the arms of the Catholic Theological Society of America. The open book refers, of course, to the Sacred Scriptures.

To represent Tradition, the four Doctors of the Church who support the Cathedral Petri, enclosed in a casing of bronze above the apsidal altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, are represented by their symbols in the four quarters of the shield. Two are of the Latin and two of the Eastern Church.

The beehive in the first quarter represents St. Ambrose, on whose lips as a young child a swarm of bees is said to have rested as a portent of his eloquence.

The symbol of the cross with the two rings in the second quarter represents St. Athanasius. Since “Athanasius” is from the Greek meaning “without death” or “immortality,” a black field has been chosen to symbolize death and the cross is silver (white) to carry out the meaning of his name. Silver is the color of light and it is accentuated by being placed on a black background. The two circles, or rings, interlaced to symbolize unity in one person, represent the two natures in Christ, substantially joined, which Athanasius defended. They encircle the cross, the symbol of faith and of Jesus Christ, to bring to mind the Athanasian Creed which derives its title from this great Confessor and Doctor of the Church. The form of the cross used is Eastern, commonly known as the Greek cross.

The third quarter indicates St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople. His name means “golden mouthed.” It is said that a snow-white dove flew into the church at his ordination. The beak of the dove has been tinctured in gold to symbolize his name. The black field was chosen to artistically balance the second quarter.

The fourth quarter bears the flaming heart with the two arrows to represent St. Augustine. This is the well-known symbol of the Bishop of Hippo.

The cross itself is the background for charges representing two recently declared Doctors of the Church. Passing behind the open book on the vertical arm of the cross is a red arrow. This represents St. Teresa of Avila, who described one of her spiritual experiences through the image of an angel wounding her heart with a dart. This transverberation, partly because of Bernini’s depiction, became a common symbol of Teresa and her writings. A red quill pen, on the horizontal arm of the cross, represents St. Catherine of Siena. It calls to mind her writings and her authority. Its red color symbolizes Christ’s redeeming us through the shedding of his blood, which is a theme prominent in her writings, as well as the gift of the stigmata which she received.

The chief, or the upper third of the shield, bears a golden sun on a white background. This is the symbol of St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church and author of the Summa Theologiae. He is the patron of Catholic students, schools and universities. The stars represent Mary, the Mother of God, as “Stella Duce” and “Stella Maris,” the guiding light of theological wisdom, and the “extirpator of all heresies.”

Above the shield the lamp of learning and wisdom rests on a wreath to symbolize “Reason.”

The order of the quarters follows chronologically the dates of birth of the four early Doctors. The first Latin Doctor, Ambrose AD 340, is in the first quarter; the second quarter portrays the symbols for Athanasius AD 296, the first Greek Doctor; in the third quarter Chrysostom AD 346, the second Greek Doctor; and in the last quarter Augustine AD 354, the second Latin Doctor. The Greek Doctors are placed between the Latin Doctors in the first and fourth quarters.
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