

The 65th Annual Convention
of the Catholic Theological Society of America

Pre-Convention Events, Thursday, June 10, 2010

CTSA Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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Registration and Exhibits 1:00-4:30 p.m.
and 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom Assembly

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

Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology

Women and Prophetic Sacramentality

Co-conveners: **Phyllis Kaminski**, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN

Elisabeth Brinkmann, College of New Rochelle

Moderator: **Tisha Rajendra**, University of Saint Thomas

Presenter: **Susan K. Roll**, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

Starting from the principle, "God works through the sacraments, but God is not bound by the sacraments," we will explore new thinking on the dynamic nature of the living presence of God as mediated in the sacramentality of word, rite and the natural world. What should we make of the marginal areas in which "God is not bound by the sacraments?" Are they mere exceptions to the current rules or prophetic foreshadowings? And what criteria for sacramentality will serve theologians in the midst of a burgeoning "ritual market" developed largely by women whose voices traditionally go unheard and unheeded? There will be time for dialogue following the presentation.

Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award Presentation 4:30-5:00 p.m.

*The 2010 Ann O'Hara Graff award will be presented
to Jamie T. Phelps, OP, Xavier University of Louisiana,
Institute for Black Catholic Studies*

Business Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology Steering Committee:

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Thursday evening, June 10, 2010

Opening and First Plenary Session 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom A

Presiding: **Bryan N. Massingale**
Marquette University

President, CTSA

Opening Prayer and Remembrance of Deceased Members

Welcome: **Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon**
Diocese of Cleveland

Address: **Fernando F. Segovia,**
Vanderbilt Divinity School
“A Theological Reading of Scripture? Critical Problematic and Prophetic Vision in the Aftermath of Ideological Biblical Criticism”

Reception 9:00 p.m.
Ambassador Ballroom

Donors: **John Carroll University**
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Friday morning, June 11, 2010

Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University Breakfast 7:15-8:45 a.m.
Shuckers

Von Balthasar Society Breakfast 7:15-8:45 a.m.
Rockefeller

Morning Prayer 8:30-8:45 a.m.
Severance

Exhibits open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Second Plenary Session 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Grand Ballroom A

Presiding: **Terrence W. Tilley**
Fordham University

Past President, CTSA

Address: **Stephen J. Pope**, Boston College
“Restorative Justice as a Prophetic Path to Peace?”

Response: **Kristin E. Heyer**, Santa Clara University

Coffee Break 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Grand Ballroom Assembly

Concurrent Sessions 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

1. Invited Session **Van Aken**
Theology’s Prophetic Commitment to the Urban Church

Moderator: **Margaret Pfeil**, University of Notre Dame

Post-Katrina New Orleans, the "rust belt" cities of Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Youngstown and the murdered women of Ciudad Juarez call us to ask what is theology's commitment to the urban church?

Panelists: **M. Shawn Copeland**, Boston College
Most Rev. George Murry, SJ, Bishop of Youngstown, OH
Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

2. Church/Ecumenism Topic Session **Severance**
The “Patient and Fraternal Dialogue” Toward a Reformed Papacy

Administrative Team:

Edward P. Hahnenberg, Christopher Ruddy,
Catherine E. Clifford

Convener: **Edward P. Hahnenberg**, Xavier University, Cincinnati

Moderator: **Jeffrey Gros, FSC**, Memphis Theological Seminary

Presenters: **Margaret O’Gara**, University of St. Michael’s College, Toronto
John Strykowski, St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn

Respondent: **Mark Powell**, Harding Graduate School, Memphis

This panel will be a Catholic response to a Protestant evaluation of Papal Infallibility, as a contribution to the ecumenical engagement begun in Pope John Paul’s 1995 encyclical, *Ut Unum Sint*. Two Catholic respondents will critique Mark E. Powell’s *Papal Infallibility: A Protestant Evaluation of an Ecumenical Issue*, with reflection by the author. The book treats the epistemological issues raised by the doctrine in the interpretations of Manning, Newman, Dulles and Küng. The book is a challenge to scholars (evangelical, Orthodox, classical Protestant and Roman Catholic) to reassess their epistemological presuppositions in a post-modern culture and theological context.

3. God/Trinity Topic Session **Garfield**

Administrative Team:

Joseph Bracken, Gill K. Goulding, Gloria Schaab

Convener: **Gill K. Goulding**, Regis College, University of Toronto

Moderator: **Gloria Schaab**, Barry University

Presenters: **Christopher Pramuk**, Xavier University
“Merton, Symbolism, and Sophia: The Power of the Name”

This paper explores Thomas Merton’s prophetic critique of the corruption and breakdown of language in an increasingly fragmented, technological, and violent world, and his turn to Wisdom-Sophia as a lyric symbol of divine-human relationality and the “communal eros” that is the very life of God. Drawing from his close study of Russian sophiology, biblical Wisdom literature, and Zen, Sophia emerges in

Merton's writings as a sacrament and revealed Name for the mystery of God's union with the world in Christ, and the invitation for all creation to participate in the unfolding life story of God. The "remembrance of Sophia" gestures toward a mystical-prophetic spirituality of engagement with the world.

Michael H. Crosby, OFM Cap, Independent Scholar, Milwaukee

"Trinity as a Model of Organization in Both Science and Religion"

In *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict XVI noted that Trinitarian relations are key to rightly ordered relationships. The more we know from science about the natural order of things, the more we find revealed the footprints of the Economic Trinity, including the "one and the many." This paper will argue that especially human relationships are ultimately ordered to be modeled on Trinitarian relatedness. The theologian's task is to prophetically challenge the community with the demands of (the Trinitarian) God whose "reign" or "governance" must be worked out in the "economy of salvation" at every level, "on earth as it is in heaven."

4. Historical Studies Topic Session I

Halle

Medieval and Renaissance Prophets of New Things to Come

Administrative Team:

Joan M. Nuth, Daniel Doyle, Franklin T. Harkins

Convener: **Joan M. Nuth**, John Carroll University

Moderator: **Helen Ciernick**, Mt. Marty College

Presenters: **Franklin T. Harkins**, Fordham University

"Slay Them Not": Psalm 58:12 as Prophecy in Medieval Christian Theology and Interreligious Policy"

Shawn Colberg, University of Notre Dame

"Martin Luther on the Difference between Prophet and Enthusiast"

A key component of Augustine's teaching on the Jews is his conviction that Psalm 58:12 (Vulg.), "Slay them not lest my people forget, but scatter them in your might," stands as a divine prophecy intended to provide for the protection of Jews within Christendom. This paper considers how Christian theologians throughout the Middle Ages – Remigius of Auxerre, Rupert of Deutz, Anselm of Laon, Bernard of Clairvaux, Peter Lombard, Alan of Lille, Albert the Great, and Thomas Aquinas – read and understood Psalm 58:12 as a prophecy that demanded Christian protection of Jews. This prophecy served as an important corrective to the anti-Jewish polemic of these same theologians and to the escalating Christian violence against Jews in the High Middle Ages.

Wendy M. Wright, Creighton University

"Francis de Sales: Making Old Things New"

Recent historical research identifies Francis de Sales (1567-1622) as a "hinge person," placing him at the center of an emerging Early Modern Catholicism. Several of de Sales' teachings were, for their time, "prophetic," e.g., the universal call to holiness, the church as "*university*" (unity in diversity), and marriage as a school of mutual spiritual growth. This paper looks at the complex ways in which this Savoyard bishop's prophetic vision, rooted in an eschatological (not apocalyptic) reading of the Gospel, emerged out of and was firmly rooted in an otherwise deeply traditional vision. Thus the organic process of a tradition being true to its heritage yet digging more deeply into it to unearth newness may be illuminated.

5. Moral Theology Topic Session

Ambassador

Judging Torture: Prophetic Approaches in Moral Theology

Administrative Team:

William C. Mattison III, Kari-Shane Davis Zimmermann,

David Cloutier

Convener: **William C. Mattison III**, The Catholic University of America

Moderator: **Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman**, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

Presenters: **Joseph Capizzi**, The Catholic University of America

"The Condemnation of Torture and Recent Catholic Teaching"

Kenneth Himes, Boston College

"Why is Torture More Wrong Than Killing?"

William Cavanaugh, University of St. Thomas (MN)

"Torture and Social Imagination"

There are many questions raised but often avoided by contemporary sweeping condemnations of torture. The purpose of this panel presentation is to raise and discuss some of those questions by looking at torture as a problem for moral theology and for discrete

communities. In particular, the panelists will investigate the nature of torture as distinct from legitimate interrogation (Capizzi and Himes) and the social effects and symbolic importance of practices like torture in creating a particular social imaginary (Cavanaugh). These more focused inquiries will enable us to understand more precisely both what torture is and why torture is wrong.

6. Theology and Natural Sciences Topic Session

Holden

Administrative Team:

Vincent Pizzuto, Ilia Delio, Richard Kropf

Convener: **Vincent Pizzuto**, University of San Francisco

Moderator: **Ilia Delio**, Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University

Presenter: **James A. Wiseman**, The Catholic University of America

“Is Richard Dawkins a Prophetic Voice?”

Many published responses to Richard Dawkins' book *The God Delusion* have pointed to various deficiencies in his understanding of Christian theology. These deficiencies certainly exist, but this presentation will inquire into what could be some more positive aspects of Dawkins' work, especially with regard to the topics of miracles, divine simplicity, and the often deleterious effects of religious controversies upon human society. Dawkins would, of course, never want to be called a prophet in the sense of "one who speaks for God," but may he not be offering us theologians an opportunity to refine or clarify our teaching?

Respondent: **Michael Barnes**, University of Dayton

7. Hispanic/Latin@ Consultation

Blossom

Alimento para la lucha: Retrieving a Prophetic Voice from Latina América

Convener & Moderator:

Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union

Presenter: **Neomi DeAnda**, Loyola University, Chicago

“Transgendered Images of Breast Milk: Recovering the Voice of María Anna Águeda de San Ignacio”

Leaders of religious orders of men and women throughout church history have used the image of breast milk. This presentation will retrieve the specific contribution of María Ana Águeda de San Ignacio's (1695-1756), a Mexican Dominican nun. Her development of this image set in the backdrop of Latin American Catholicism expands the canon of creative and prophetic perspectives emerging from Latina América.

Respondent: **Pamela Kirk Rappaport**, St. John's University, New York

8. Catholic Theology and Global Warming Interest Group

Superior

Prophets of Ecological Responsibility Inspired by Teilhard, Lonergan, and Berry

Convener: **Jame Schaefer**, Marquette University

Moderator: **Annemarie S. Kidder**, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit

Presenters: **Richard Kropf**, Diocese of Lansing

“Teilhard's Evolutionary Dynamic Toward ‘Ultra-Humanity’”

Richard Liddy, Seton Hall University

“Climate Change Arguments: A Lonerganian Perspective”

Peter Ellard, Siena College

“Thomas Berry's Groundwork for a Dark Green Catholic Theology”

Theologians who have been laboring within the Catholic theological tradition to alert us to the moral imperative of thinking about and acting responsibly toward other species and ecological systems deserve the title “prophet.” Among the sources of inspiration for these prophetic alerts are Teilhard de Chardin, Bernard Lonergan and Thomas Berry. During this session, three scholars will share their findings in the works of these theologians and stimulate our consideration of their contributions to addressing human-forced climate change.

9. Rahner Consultation

Bush

Convener/Moderator:

James Voiss, St. Louis University

Presenters: **Kathleen O'Neill**, Boston College

“Rahner’s Pneumatology: Source of Prophetic Hope for the World, Appealing to Reason”

A recent article in *The Economist* indicates that Protestant charismatic movements in the United States continue to grow especially among Latinos. These movements are popular because they build hope while providing a sense of belonging. The article claims many Latino Catholics are concerned about this movement because of its tendency to offend reason. Speaking in tongues, miraculous healing, etc., offend the traditional Catholic engagement with reason. What are the theological resources available to Catholics to address this question? Karl Rahner’s Pneumatology addresses the needs these charismatic movements meet by providing prophetic hope in a manner that remains appealing to reason.

Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University

“Karl Rahner on the Shape of the Church to Come”

In his book, *The Shape of the Church to Come*, Rahner concerns himself with basic structural changes that the church must make in the future in order to be credible. Office-holders in the church must be humble enough to reverse bad decisions, tossing concern for prestige to the winds. In sum, Rahner argues that the church of the future must be a de-clericalized church. The paper concludes with some reflections on the Church thirty-eight years after Rahner first published his book in 1972.

Shannon Craigo-Snell, Yale University

“*Kairos* in the *Chronos*: Prophetic Calls in Contemporary Culture”

In contemporary American life, traditional forms of prophetic calls to action for social justice fall flat. The distinction between *chronos* and *kairos*, used to make prophetic claims about the need for bold action, fails in our 24 hour news-cycle global awareness of suffering, injustice, and danger. Yet Rahner's descriptions of what it is to say "yes" to God imply a significantly different theological view of time and opportunity. We say "yes" in decisions small and large throughout our lives. *Kairos* is not a special moment, but rather a quality within all moments, an aspect of *chronos*.

10. Theology of Migration Interest Group

Hopkins

Convener: **Linh Hoang**, Siena College

Moderator: **Kathryn Cox**, College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University, Collegeville

Presenters: **James Helmer**, University of Notre Dame

“On Respect for Minority Cultures: Two Views from Theological Ethics”

Linh Hoang, Siena College

“Crossing and Dwelling: Hospitality in a Theology of Migration”

There is a prophetic call of all people to recognize the challenges of migration. The multicultural policies in host countries are examined in order to gauge their ability to both respect distinct cultural identities and also to promote social cohesion. This is achieved by drawing on sources in contemporary theological ethics such as those of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and John Howard Yoder. Their biblically-informed theology of cultural pluralism adds to the discussion of the inter-related issues of nationality, migration and political borders. The ability to cross borders and find new dwellings challenges both the immigrant population and their host countries. It is imperative that an attitude of Christian hospitality be adapted in order to understand a theology of migration.

11. Selected Session

Case

Interreligious Learning and Prophetic Witness

Convener: **Francis X. Clooney, SJ**, Harvard Divinity School

Moderator: **Karen Enriquez**, Boston College

Presenter: **Deepak Sarma**, Case Western Reserve University

“Interreligious Perspectives on Prophetic Witness”

Prophetic witness is a deeply Biblical and Christian ideal, but its power and effects may also play out through interreligious learning and witness. Interreligious dialogue itself can be countercultural, challenging our received views, and it can also bring forward new insights. Dialogue enriches and complicates our understanding of prophetic witness, introducing different religious and theological perspectives regarding what counts as world-challenging and world-changing wisdom, and how witness changes the world. Since such possibilities are best explored by way of particular cases, this panel is dedicated to a very interesting example of interreligious learning on prophetic witness. Deepak Sarma, a distinguished Hindu scholar at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, has agreed to join us for this session. Drawing on scholarly and personal knowledge of the classical and contemporary (Madhva) Vedanta tradition of Hinduism, he will reflect on prophecy/prophetic witness from that tradition’s viewpoint. We will thus reflect on the convention theme from a Hindu perspective that has differently imagined time and history, right social order, religious challenges to the status quo, and consequently the meaning of religious witness. Our conversation, initiated by two respondents, will help us to explore how religious responsibility and prophetic change look amidst today’s pluralism, through the eyes of another religious tradition.

Respondents: **Alison Benders**, Lake Erie College

Francis X. Clooney, SJ, Harvard Divinity School

Friday afternoon, June 11, 2010

Women's Seminar Luncheon

1:00-2:15 p.m.

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Hearing of the Resolutions Committee

1:15-2:15 p.m.

Grand Ballroom A

Presiding: **John Thiel**
Fairfield University
Vice-President, CTSA

Concurrent Sessions

2:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

1. Bioethics/Healthcare Topic Session

Hopkins

Prophetic Healthcare Ethics: A Panel Discussion on *Catholic Women Theologians on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic*

Administrative Team:

John Berkman, Teresia Hinga, Ron Mercier

Convener: **Teresia Hinga**, Santa Clara University
Moderator: **John Berkman**, Regis College, University of Toronto
Panelists: **Rachel Bundang**, Marymount School, New York
Gemma Cruz, DePaul University
Paulinus Odozor, University of Notre Dame

This year the Bioethics/Healthcare Topic Session will focus on a newly published volume it considers to be representative of the 2010 CTSA's conference theme of the prophetic dimension of theology. Our session will focus on a critical and constructive review of Mary Jo Iozzio et. al., eds., *Calling for Justice Throughout the World: Catholic Women Theologians on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic* (New York: Continuum, 2009).

2. Selected Session

Blossom

Forming Prophetic Lay Leaders for Catholic Institutions: What does tradition have to do with it?

Convener: **Colleen Mary Mallon, OP**, Aquinas Institute of Theology
Moderator: **Jean De Blois**, Aquinas Institute of Theology
Presenters: **Christopher Vogt**, St. John's University, New York
"Resisting False Gods and False Hope: On the Formation of Disciples and Fellow Laborers"
Colleen Mary Mallon, OP, Aquinas Institute of Theology
"Formation for Mission or the Mission of Formation? An Ecclesiological Reflection on Lay Leadership in Catholic Healthcare"

What constitutes effective, even prophetic, formation of lay leaders of ecclesial ministries? The question calls for a reconsideration of our understanding of those categories. While our current imagination centers on parish and diocesan settings, little of the recent work exploring leadership in Catholic healthcare as an institutional ministry of the church has made its way into the broader discussion of formation for lay ecclesial leadership. (Hehir's "Institution and Identity"; Fox and Bechtel's *Called and Chosen*) From differing points of reference, the presenters analyze the state of lay formation being worked out *in medio ecclesiae* by Catholic healthcare institutions. Vogt critically explores Joel Shuman and Keith Meador's *Heal Thyself* and asks, whether a proper understanding of Christian hope can be shared beyond the church, especially with those called to be agents of resistance in our institutional ministries. Building on Susan Wood's recent article in *Health Progress*, Mallon reflects on the narratives of ecclesial mission and identity emerging from senior leaders in Catholic healthcare who are participating in formation program

Respondent: **David Cloutier**, Mount St. Mary's University

3. Christ Topic Session

Bush

Administrative Team:

Convener/Moderator:

Michael E. Lee, Fordham University

Presenters: **Robert Lassalle-Klein**, Holy Names University

“New Horizon for Global Contextual Christologies: Ignacio Ellacuría and Jon Sobrino on the ‘Historical Reality’ of Jesus”

This session will show that by focusing on the “historical reality” of Jesus, Ignacio Ellacuría and Jon Sobrino have radically changed the terms of the debate about the significance for Christology of historical research on Jesus, and have established a new, as yet unrecognized horizon for contextual Christologies. In defending this new thesis I will show that Ellacuría’s Christian historical realism and Jon Sobrino’s “saving history” Christology (Rahner’s term) from a Latin American contextual theology unified by two fundamental claims: i.) the historical reality of Jesus of Galilee is the real sign of the Word made flesh, and ii.) the *analogatum princeps* of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is to be found today among the crucified peoples victimized by various forms of oppression around the globe. The presentation will locate the work of Ellacuría and Sobrino on this Christological issue as aspects of a fundamental theological reflection on the epoch-changing prophetic discernment at Medellín in 1968 that God was calling the Latin American church to a “preferential option for the poor.”

Christopher Collins, SJ, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

“The Christological Grounding of Social Solidarity in *Caritas in veritate*”

This paper will explore the contours of Benedict XVI’s christology insofar as it shapes his vision for social development. I will examine one theme of *Caritas in veritate* wherein he develops the notion of “fraternity” that flows from the encounter with Christ. I will then examine how the liturgy is the privileged place for this encounter with Christ in Benedict’s theology. This liturgical hermeneutic then makes possible a vision not for a privatized devotional faith, but for an outward looking, sending into the world of the people of God, to work for peace, justice and the development of all peoples.

4. Liturgy/Sacraments Topic Session

Holden

Administrative Team:

Bruce T. Morrill, Timothy Brunk, Lizette Larson-Miller

Convener: **Bruce T. Morrill**, Boston College

Moderator: **Timothy Brunk**, Villanova University

Presenters: **Rhodora E. Beaton**, Saint Catherine University

“Prophetic and Sacramental: The Word of God in Liturgical Proclamation”

Joel Z. Schmidt, University of Notre Dame

“Schematism and Sublimation: Two Functions of the Productive Imagination at Work in Christian Preaching and/as Prophecy”

Danielle Nussberger, Marquette University

“The Prophetic Witness of Christian Discipleship: Balthasar’s Theology of Eucharistic Conformity”

Enlisting Chauvet’s and Aquinas’s fundamental theologies, Beaton will compare characteristics of the proclaimed Scriptures and eucharistic prayers to argue for the embodied qualities of the prophetic word and the transformative qualities of the sacramental word. Schmidt will explore how Ricoeur’s philosophy of imagination affords insights into preaching as a form of prophecy, including the revelatory nature of situated (re)interpretations of Scripture and the role of “nothing” in Christ’s sacramental presence in preaching. Nussberger will examine how for Balthasar every Christian is called to be the saint who is eucharistically transformed through the grace of Christ’s sacramental self-offering so as to witness to Christ prophetically in the world.

5. Spirituality Topic Session

Halle

Administrative Team:

Thomas McElligott, Ray Maria McNamara, Peter Feldmeier

Convener: **Thomas McElligott**, St. Mary’s College of California

Moderator: **Ray Maria McNamara**, University of Portland

Presenters: **Annemarie S. Kidder**, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit

“Etty Hillesum and Ignatian Spirituality”

The writings in form of diaries and letters of the Dutch Jewish woman Etty Hillesum (1914-43), who died at Auschwitz at age 29, only span a two-year period, but they have come to be considered a landmark document to the process of spiritual transformation. The purpose

of this paper is to view this transformation through the lens of Ignatian spirituality and its three successive stages: examining one's self in relation to God and before God, reflecting on self in relation to the world and other people, and discerning the unity of God, self, and the world, thereby making oneself available to becoming an instrument of God in the world and finding God in all things.

Edward P. Hahnenberg, Xavier University, Cincinnati
"Prophetic Discernment: Barth and Rahner on Vocation"

Over the course of the modern period, the theological category of vocation has been drained of its prophetic demands. Recognizing this diminishment, two twentieth-century giants sought to recover a more robust theology of call. Karl Barth does so by confronting Martin Luther. Karl Rahner engages Ignatius of Loyola. With very different dialogue partners and working out of very different systems, Barth and Rahner come together in their emphasis on the particularity of the person. It is this theological commitment to the concrete and contextualized individual that gives impetus to a spirituality of prophetic discernment.

6. Asian Theology Consultation

Van Aken

Administrative Team:

Michael McLaughlin, Joseph Cheah, Edmund Chia

Convener/Moderator:

Michael McLaughlin, Saint Leo University

Presenter: **Peter Phan**, Georgetown University

"Doing Theology in Asia as a Prophetic Function"

If one of the functions of a prophet is to speak "for" (advocacy) and to speak "forward" (eschatological orientation), theology as practiced in Asia can be called prophetic. My paper will examine how these two functions, speaking truth to power in the name of God and for God, and speaking with hope in the eschatological future is part of the Asian theological method, how they have been carried out by some representative Asian theologians, both Catholic and Protestant, and finally will suggest areas and ways in which they can be effectively carried forward.

Edmund Chia, Catholic Theological Union
"Contemporary Minor Prophets of Asia"

Like the Hebrew Scriptures, the term "minor" in the topic does not refer to the significance or importance of the scholars to be explored, but to the length of their writings and their recognizability particularly in the Western world. The first part of the session will provide a cursory look at select Asian Christian theologians and their prophetic stances. Next, because theology is done interreligiously in Asia, the session will also look at some prophetic voices from religions other than Christianity whose influence and views shape society, from whom Christians can certainly benefit.

Julius-Kei Kato, King's University College, University of Western Ontario
"The Prophetic Call of Narrative Forms of Theology"

This paper will describe first this conundrum of people having hybridized religious consciousness mainly by illustrating it with vignettes from the Japanese Catholic novelist Endo Shusaku's novel *Deep River* which aptly describes real-life problems for many Asians. Next, it will proceed to ask how theology can play a prophetic role in order to make Catholic Christianity more intelligible and relevant for such people. It will suggest a way forward by remembering directions pointed out by two theologians: C.S. Song and Hans Küng. Both propose prioritizing a narrative style of theology over a dogmatic and propositional one in order to make the Christian message more relevant for the contemporary world.

7. "When the Magisterium Intervenes..." Interest Group

Ambassador

Convener: **Richard Gaillardetz**, University of Toledo

Moderator: **Amanda Osheim**, Boston College

Presenters: **James Coriden**, Washington Theological Union

"Canonical Perspectives on the Ecclesiastical Processes for Investigating Theologians"

Ormond Rush, Australian Catholic University

"Theology and the Prophetic Office in the Church: Pneumatological Perspectives on the *Sensus Fidelium*-Theology-Magisterium Relationship"

John Strykowski, St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn (former staff theologian to the USCCB Doctrine Committee)
"Magisterium and Theologians: Lessons from Service in Rome and Washington"

This special interest group is in the second year of its three year term. The group is exploring the relationship between the magisterium and theologians. Although this relationship has been the subject of numerous studies in the post-conciliar period, there is ample reason to believe that this ecclesial relationship has to be reconsidered in the light of our emerging postmodern context and new developments in

contemporary ecclesiology.

8. Reconciliation and Restorative Justice Interest Group

Severance

Convener/Moderator:

William O'Neill, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Presenter: **Robert Schreiter, CPPS**, Catholic Theological Union

“Prophecy in Processes of Reconciliation: The Role of Testimony and Truth-Telling”

The patterns of testimony or witness that have arisen in reconciliation processes are similar to the tropes found among the Hebrew Prophets: witness as pointing to absence, witness as lament, witness as acknowledging the incompleteness of the world, and the co-presence of the seen and the unseen. Truth-telling moves beyond forensic criteria of objectivity to embrace more complex realities of meaning, repair, and hope—not unlike the understanding of the Hebrew concept of truth, *emet*. This presentation looks at the roots of some of these practices of contemporary reconciliation in biblical prophecy, and explores the implications of this for reconciliation and peacebuilding today.

Respondent: **Lisa Fullam**, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

9. Selected Session INSeCT (International Network for Societies of Catholic Theology) **Case**

Theology, Church and Society: Present and Future Challenges

Convener: **Catherine E. Clifford**, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

Moderator: **Brian P. Flanagan**, Marymount University

Panelists: **Catherine E. Clifford**, President of INSeCT (CTSA)

Jan Jans, Vice-President of INSeCT (ET: European Society for Catholic Theology) University of Tilburg, Netherlands

Alfonso M. L. Soares, Vice-President (SOTER: Sociedade de Teologia e Ciências da Reli o), Pontificia Universidade Cat lica de S o Paulo, Brazil

The customary INSeCT Steering Committee meeting in alternate years at CTSA affords the opportunity to communicate to our membership the work of the network. We welcome the chance to dialogue with CTSA members regarding the trends and challenges in Catholic theology today and reflect with you on the ways and means that INSeCT might further strengthen ties with Catholic theologians around the globe. This conversation is of particular significance as we begin planning for the next Network Council meeting in June 2011. Please visit our new website: <http://theo.kuleuven.be/insect/page/1/>

10. Selected Session

Garfield

Birthing a Future: Motherhood, Mourning, Method

Convener/Moderator:

Karen Trimble Alliaume, Lewis University

Panelists: **Susie Babka**, University of San Diego

Janice A. Thompson, King’s College

Rita George-Tvrtkovic, Benedictine University

As more women—particularly mothers—choose theology as a vocation, is there anything peculiarly prophetic, not only about theological content, but about the method through which mother-theologians engage this vocation? Rita George-Tvrtkovic examines the methodologies of two historical “mother-theologians,” Angela of Foligno and Dorothy Day. Motherhood can be described as immediate intimacy with a stranger who demands our total dedication and care. Susie Babka explores the dynamic between otherness and intimacy (Levinas) and the prophetic discipline of openness to the stranger (Nouwen) in the context of maternal experience as providing “that free space where the stranger can enter.” Theological reflection on motherhood often focuses on the creative power of birth-giving. Janice Thompson begins instead with the experiences of a loss of a child, using Johann Baptist Metz and Mercy Amba Oduyoye to examine the eschatological hope of mothers in mourning and to move from a first-world perspective to perspectives from developing countries where infant and child death is common.

11. Invited Session

Superior

Apostolic Religious Life: A Prophetic Charism in the Church?

Moderator: **Margaret Eletta Guider, OSF**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Presenters: **Susan Maloney, SNJM**, University of Redlands

“Witness to Integrity: Learnings from the Immaculate Heart Community of California”

Susan Rakoczy, IHM, St. Joseph's Theological Institute, South Africa
"Discerning the Spirit: An Analysis of the Apostolic Visitation"

Respondent: **Mary Ellen Sheehan, IHM**, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

The session will address the theological issues underlying the Apostolic Visitation of U.S. apostolic women religious and consider the place of apostolic religious life in the church today.

Friday evening, June 11, 2010

CTSA Business Meeting

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Grand Ballroom A

Presiding: **Bryan N. Massingale**,
Marquette University
President, CTSA

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

Receptions

6:15-7:45 p.m.

President's Reception for New/Newer Members

Humphrey

Catholic University of America Reception

Superior

Saturday morning, June 12, 2010

Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society

7:15 - 8:45 a.m.

Shuckers

A Breakfast Conversation: Special Session (pre-registration required)

7:15 - 8:45 a.m.

Superior

"Our Crisis in Book Publishing: Facing the Pressures on Publishers, Libraries and (Would-be) Authors"

Moderator: **Francis X. Clooney, SJ**, Harvard Divinity School

Panelists: **John Jones**, Editorial Director, The Crossroad Publishing Co., Herder and Herder
Richard Brown, Director, Georgetown University Press
Robert Ellsberg, Publisher, Orbis Books
Jean Somers, Director, Grasselli Library and Breen Learning Center, John Carroll University
Brian Robinette, St. Louis University

Morning Prayer

8:30-8:45 a.m.

Severance

Exhibit Hall open

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Third Plenary Session

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Grand Ballroom A

Presiding: **Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM**
Boston College
President-Elect, CTSA

Address: **Catherine E. Clifford**, Saint Paul University, Ottawa
Richard Gaillardetz, University of Toledo
“*Beyond Presumption: Reimagining the Ecclesial-Prophetic Vocation of the Theologian*”

Coffee Break 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Grand Ballroom Assembly

Concurrent Sessions 11:00a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

1. Invited Session **Ambassador**
Theology’s Prophetic Commitments: Insights from Experience

Moderator: **James B. Nickoloff**, College of the Holy Cross (Emeritus)

Panelists: **Gregory G. Baum**, McGill University (Emeritus) and former CTSA President
Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit
Anne E. Patrick, SNJM, Carleton College (Emerita) and former CTSA President

2. Anthropology Topic Session **Bush**
Laying it Bare: Biopolitics, Gender and Sexuality

Administrative Team:
Rosemary P. Carbine, Michele Saracino, Colleen Griffith

Convener: **Rosemary P. Carbine**, Whittier College
Moderator: **Colleen Griffith**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
Presenters: **Natalie Kertes Weaver**, Ursuline College

“Made in the Image of God: Intersexuality and the Revisioning of Theological Anthropology”

This paper will explore how sexual ambiguity as presented in the physical body challenges normative, sexually dimorphic, Christian theological anthropology. The reality of intersex conditions and sexual development disorders suggests the need for a fundamental revisioning of the *imago dei* in human persons and all sex-based teleological understandings (and subsequent moral directives) of human personhood. This paper will explore the prophetic implications of such revisioning not only for theological anthropology and moral theology but also for the whole theological enterprise, arguing that *ambiguity* is itself an expression of the divine.

Colby Dickinson, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

“Biopolitics and the Theological Body: Examining Giorgio Agamben’s Anthropological Claims”

Theorist Giorgio Agamben has created a bridge between philosophy and theology in order to evoke the political consequences of competing anthropologies today. By addressing the themes of the sacred in relation to 'bare life' (the biopolitical reality of our world) but from a theological perspective (Agamben's reading of St. Paul and the theological legacy of his work), this essay intends to move toward the implications of these thoughts in understanding how we perceive sexuality, gender and the body (our 'creaturely life') in relation to theology today.

Respondent: **Patricia Beattie Jung**, Saint Paul School of Theology

3. Catholic Social Thought Topic Session **Van Aken**
Critical Responses to *Caritatis in Veritate*

Administrative Team:
Charles Curran, Christopher Vogt, Judith Merkle

Convener: **Charles Curran**, Southern Methodist University

Moderator: **Judith Merkle**, Niagara University

Presenters: **James E. Helmer**, University of Notre Dame

“A Christian Cosmopolitanism? Benedict XVI on the Moral Status of Peoples”

A developing theme in Catholic Social Thought from Paul VI’s *Populorum Progressio* to the present has been that of the rights of peoples or cultures. In his most recent encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, Benedict XVI revisits many of the central themes of Paul’s encyclical. This paper proposes, first, to unpack the conception of nationality implicit in Benedict’s treatment of the theme of integral human development, and then, to critically engage that conception through a contrastive treatment with John Paul II’s account as presented in his 1995 address to the United Nations. I shall maintain that although important similarities obtain between the two accounts, Benedict’s political Augustinianism nevertheless appears to leave less space for a positive appraisal of cultural difference, and accordingly, the positive moral significance of peoples. The difference bears importantly on one’s normative conception of the international political order.

Thomas O’Brien, DePaul University

“An Analysis of the Use of *Caritas* as a Theme of Catholic Social Theory”

The encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* uses *love* as its guiding theological theme, and this innovation exposes the encyclical to critical reflections from some of the greatest theological minds of the mid-20th century. This paper attempts to revive these critiques in order to analyze Benedict XVI’s use of *caritas*. Does Benedict’s use of *love* differ in from his predecessors, and is it in any way more adequate? Are the critiques leveled against a social ethic of *love* merely the product of a hopelessly cynical age, or is *love* merely a species of interpersonal amity – inapplicable to broader social contexts?

4. Comparative Theology Topic Session

Case

Administrative Team:

Francis X. Clooney, SJ, Pim Valkenburg, David Clairmont

Convener/Moderator:

Francis X. Clooney, SJ, Harvard Divinity School

Presenter: **Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier**, Loyola Marymount University

“Liberating Interreligious/Comparative Theologies: Asian and Asian American Perspectives”

A prophetic theology must respond to “the present kairos,” and the realities of religious plurality in dialogue and conflict present theologians with important opportunities for promoting interreligious understanding as contributing to the ending of oppression. But we must ask, “Do interreligious and comparative theologies prophetically respond to this kairos? Do they repeat past sins by focusing unduly on theological debates, ignoring the socio-political implications of their conversations?” This session argues that comparative theology’s prophetic role must be tested by attention to the power and privilege operative in the comparative process. Tracy Tiemeier

develops a comparative orthopraxis from Asian and Asian American feminist dialogues of life.

Respondents: **Jonathan Tan**, Xavier University, Cincinnati

Tisha Rajendra, University of St. Thomas (MN)

5. Catholicity and Mission Topic Session

Halle

The Prophetic Imperatives of Dialogue: Mission in Nigeria, Romania, and India

Administrative Team:

Gerald Boodoo, Mary McGlone, Gemma Cruz

Convener: **Gerald Boodoo**, Duquesne University

Moderator: **Elochukwu Uzukwu**, Duquesne University

Presenters: **Marinus Iwuchukwu**, Duquesne University

Radu Bordeianu, Duquesne University

Sebastian Madathummuriyil, Duquesne University

This panel will propose the redefinition of mission both *ad extra* and *ad intra* to intrinsically include dialogue with the other. Dialogue is prophetic as well as challenged by different cultures and contexts. There is a dire need for effective interreligious dialogue in Nigeria, especially northern Nigeria. The Church needs to embrace the prophetic imperatives of interreligious dialogue and appropriately adjust her approach to mission toward a more peaceful and dynamic Nigerian society. As Romanian post-communist society is gradually replaced by a capitalist culture, churches are increasingly concerned with materialism, secularization, and fear of loss of identity because of integration into European Union. However, open to a new global context, they should define their identity as dialogical and respond jointly to social challenges such as poverty. The mission of the Church in India is explored in the context of increasing tensions between Muslims and Hindus. For the Church, being a minority religion, which remains estranged from both religions for various reasons, it is imperatively

prophetic to mediate between the two religions as well as engage in dialogue with them.

6. Historical Studies Topic Session II

Severance

Twentieth Century Prophets of Reform

Administrative Team:

Joan M. Nuth, Daniel Doyle, Franklin T. Harkins

Convener: **Joan M. Nuth**, John Carroll University

Moderator: **Phyllis Zagano**, Hofstra University

Presenters: **Christopher Ruddy**, The Catholic University of America
"Yves Congar: Prophetic, Patient Reformer"

No theologian contributed more to Vatican II than did Yves Congar, and few theologians suffered as much to bring about its reform. His magisterial *Vraie et fausse réforme dans l'Église* (1950), prompted the future John XXIII to wonder, "Reform of the Church, is it possible?" This theology was incarnated in Congar's own life, filled with suffering, exile, and vindication. This intersection of thought and life offers a privileged window into twentieth-century Catholicism. In my paper I first examine Congar's principles for true reform in the Church. Second, I draw upon his recently-published diaries to explore the suffering that Congar endured for the sake of his prophetic vocation in service to truth, and his involvement in Vatican II's reforms. Third, I conclude with questions about Congar's theology of reform and questions he might pose concerning church reform today.

Jürgen Mettepenningen, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

"Piet Schoonenberg S.J. and Edward Schillebeeckx O.P.: Inheritors of the *Nouvelle Théologie*, Pioneers of a Theological *Aggiornamento*"

After the promulgation of the encyclical *Humani generis* (1950) and the disciplinary measures against so-called 'new theologians', the *nouvelle théologie* of the 1930's and 1940's entered a period of paralysis in France. However, these events attracted an international response which led to the spread of the movement throughout the world. This paper focuses on the prophetic role of two theologians from the Low Countries: Piet Schoonenberg and Edward Schillebeeckx. Taking their education and early works into consideration, I demonstrate how they are inheritors of the *nouvelle théologie* and important forerunners of a theological *aggiornamento* (Vatican II). Despite opposition, both showed the prophetic courage to engage in reforming the nature, method and task of theology.

7. Intercultural/Transnational Pedagogies Interest Group

Blossom

The Differences that Difference Makes: Mapping Intercultural and Transnational Pedagogies

Convener: **Jean-Pierre Ruiz**, St. John's University, New York

Moderator: **La Reine-Marie Mosely, SND**, Loyola University, Chicago

Panelists: **Amir Hussain**, Loyola Marymount University
Gary Riebe-Estrella, Catholic Theological Union
Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University, New York

The panel will focus attention on the implications for theological education of the shifting demographics in our classrooms, of the globalization of theological discourse, and of the growing body of scholarship from constituencies previously underrepresented in theological study in the United States. Panelists will map key considerations in intercultural, intercontextual and transnational pedagogies and will work to identify key resources and best practices.

8. Judaism and Post-Conciliar Catholic Identity Interest Group

Garfield

The Mystery of Eschatological Fulfillment: Post-Conciliar Catholic Identity Reflecting Prophetic Commitment to and with the Jewish People in Covenant with God

Convener/Moderator:

Carol Ann Martinelli, Independent Scholar, Detroit

Presenter: **Philip Cunningham**, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia

Debate during the Second Vatican Council made a futurist eschatology an integral part of the new relationship with Jews called for by *Nostra Aetate*. This eschatological orientation influenced the approaches to "fulfillment" and "salvation" found in relevant post-conciliar ecclesial texts. In this session these developments will be explored, together with the proposal that the theological category of "mystery" must apply to the eschaton, with clear implications for the Catholic relationship with the Jewish people. Post-Conciliar Catholic identity, acknowledging the mystery of the eschaton, calls for a prophetic commitment to and with the Jewish People, a people in covenant with God.

9. Creation/Eschatology Topic Session

Holden

Mentor and Student, Rahner and Metz: Two Views on Eschatology Analyzed, the Prophetic and the Apocalyptic

Administrative Team:

John M. Shields, Natalie Weaver, Colleen Carpenter

Convener/Moderator:

Eugene Finnegan, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Presenters: **Peter Joseph Fritz**, University of Notre Dame

“I am, of course, no prophet’: Rahner’s Modest Eschatological Remark”

If we in Catholic theology wish to enact our prophetic commitments by critiquing the present, a retrieval of K. Rahner’s *docta ignorantia futuri* proves imperative, especially against the ever-strengthening voice of fundamentalist apocalyptic. The paper substantiates this thesis in three parts. First, it defends Rahner’s distinction between eschatology and apocalyptic against critiques by J.B. Metz and P. Phan. Second, it characterizes this distinction as representative of Rahner’s conviction of a need for ignorance of the future, a corollary of hope in Mystery. Third, it discusses Rahner’s eschatological ignorance—crystallized in the remark, “I am no prophet”—as a motivator toward prophetic praxis.

Steven Rodenborn, St. Edward’s University

“A Negative Theology of Creation within an Apocalyptic Framework”

If an apocalyptic eschatology disorders the relationship between creation and the eschaton, it can degenerate hope into despair by ascribing discipleship fleeting significance. Despite this risk, J.B. Metz has advocated the practical-critical character of apocalypticism. This claim requires the re-adjudication of the relationship between creation and the eschaton, resulting in what Metz has described as a negative theology of creation. Does this strategy allow Metz to address the potential for apocalypticism to degenerate into despair? After initially contending that he is unsuccessful, this paper concludes with an attempt to develop more adequately a theology of creation in an apocalyptic framework.

10. Selected Session

Superior

Hope: The Church’s Prophetic Challenge

Convener: **Richard Lennan**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Moderator: **James McEvoy**, Woodstock Theological Center

Presenters: **Richard Lennan**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

“The Church as a Sacrament of Hope”

Kristin Colberg, University of Notre Dame

“Conciliar Reception and Authority: Hearing the Hopeful Voice of the Church Today”

Dominic Doyle, Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry

“Lived Hope in a Secular Age: The Ecclesial Dimension”

Hope is a much-needed quality today. This session examines how this prophetic virtue might shape both the church’s engagement with the world and its self-understanding. The presentations underscore that hope is an ongoing project for the church. The first paper seeks to establish, via a dialogue with contemporary theologies, that ‘hope’ is a constitutive aspect of the church, that the church is ‘a sacrament of hope’. The second presentation examines the reception of Vatican II as an example of the church’s *ad intra* challenge to hope. The paper explores the prophetic dimensions of conciliar reception and the way in which the reception of magisterial teachings can orient the Christian community to the future with hope. The third paper tests the church’s *ad extra* application of hope. It applies the theology of hope by offering concrete examples of how the church embodies a lived hope in a secular age, how the church seeks to give local expression to its universal faith.

Saturday afternoon, June 12, 2010

Theological Studies Editorial Consultants Luncheon

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Carnegie

CUERG Luncheon (pre-registration required)

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Humphrey

Concurrent Sessions

2:30 pm – 4:15 pm

1. Invited Session

Ambassador

Ecclesial Dialogue and Prophetic Mission

Moderator: **Mary E. Hines**, Emmanuel College

Presenters: **Stephen Bevans, SVD**, Catholic Theological Union

“The Church’s Mission as Prophetic Dialogue”

This presentation will reflect on how the church's basic stance in its mission needs to be one of "prophetic dialogue." On the one hand, the church engages the world with a basic attitude of dialogue--appreciation of cultures, movements, other religious ways. On the other hand, the church needs to witness prophetically to the new, often countercultural lifestyle the gospel demands. It needs to find ways to speak forth the good news that "God is like Jesus," offer a vision of the already but not yet inbreaking Reign of God, and confront and denounce any and all sin and injustice.

Bradford Hinze, Fordham University

“Where is the Prophetic in Contemporary Catholic Ecclesiology?”

There has been an eclipse of the prophetic character of the people of God with the ascendancy of the official Catholic ecclesiology of communion. Yet this prophetic dimension of the church provides the impetus for (1) synodal forms of ecclesial discernment, (2) the multi-pronged approach to mission advanced by Stephen Bevans, and (3) the prophetic quality of religious life delineated by Sandra Schneiders as analogous to the basic life form of all the faithful. All these arguments are ultimately sanctioned by prophetic obedience to the voice of the Spirit perceived in the aspirations and laments of the people of God understood within the framework provided by the *sensus fidelium* (See LG #12).

2. Joint Moral Theology and Practical Theology Topic Session

Superior

Moral Theology and Practical Theology:

Opening up the Conversation

Moral Theology Administrative Team:

William C. Mattison III, Kari-Shane Davis Zimmermann,

David Cloutier

Practical Theology Administrative Team:

Tom Beaudoin, Lynn Bridgers, Susan Abraham

Convener: **Lynn Bridgers**, St. Norbert College

Moderator: **David Cloutier**, Mount St. Mary’s University

Presenters: **David M. McCarthy**, Mount St. Mary’s University

“Moral Theology and Practical Theology”

Claire Wolfteich, Boston University School of Theology

“Practical Theology and Moral Theology”

Moral theology and practical theology, as two approaches to making theological sense of concrete situations, seem to have much in common. Yet dialogue between Catholic moral theologians and Catholic practical theologians has not yet developed substantially. This session will feature such a conversation around three questions: (1) What do moral theology and practical theology share? (2) Where do they differ? (3) What are the prospects for their future relationship? Each of the presenters will discuss these questions in light of reading a significant text from the other's field. Sparking a conversation between moral and practical theologians will be the fundamental point of the session.

3. Selected Session

Bush

Feminist Theologies, Catholicity and Mission in a Global Context

Co-Conveners: **Susan A. Ross**, Loyola University Chicago

Elisabeth T. Vasko, Duquesne University

Moderator/Respondent

Anne Nasimiyu-Wasike, Kenyatta University

“In Search of Global Solidarity: The Future of Catholic Scholarship in the Context of Gender Justice”

Panelists:

Jeanine Viau, Loyola University Chicago

Susan A. Ross, Loyola University Chicago

Elisabeth T. Vasko, Duquesne University

In the context of global socio-economic and gender injustice, the prophetic vision of the church cannot be an autonomous vision. Prophetic vision must arise out of a posture of global solidarity. Concretely, this means creating spaces for cross-cultural dialogue within the church and the academy that seek to bridge the divide between the global south and north. Yet, it is one thing to speak of global solidarity in theory; it is quite another to attempt to do so in practice. This panel will reflect upon the successes and limitations of a collaborative research project among American and Kenyan women theologians that took place in Nairobi in July of 2009. Drawing upon her experiences in Kenya and scholarship produced by the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, each panelist will attend to the significance of cross-cultural dialogue in shaping the commitments and practices of Catholic scholarship and pedagogy in the West.

4. Economic Justice for All 25 Years Later Interest Group

Severance

Convener/Moderator:

Mark J. Allman, Merrimack College

Presenters: **Daniel Finn**, St. John’s University and Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

“Catholic Social Thought as an Empirical Claim”

David Hollenbach, Boston College

“Economic Justice and the New Challenges of Globalization”

In anticipation of the silver anniversary of *Economic Justice for All* in 2011, Daniel Finn and David Hollenbach will reflect on economic justice in terms of how Catholic social thought (CST) engages (theoretically and practically) the disciplines of Economics and Political Science. Finn will present some of the findings of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies' True Wealth of Nations project as they relate to EJA and argue that the conversation with social scientists can be improved by beginning with an empirical claim of CST: that implementing the recommendations of CST would put the nation on a path to sustainable prosperity for all. Hollenbach will address how promoting economic justice for the poor today requires creating institutions that promote political justice, accountable government, the rule of law, and peace.

Respondent: **Jaime Vidaurrazaga**, Emmanuel College

5. God, Animals and Humankind Interest Group

Hopkins

The School of Compassion: A Roman Catholic Theology of Animals

Convener: **Elizabeth Farians**, Xavier University, Cincinnati

Moderator: **Jane Smiley, DVM**, Regis College, University of Toronto

Presenter: **Deborah Jones**, Editor, *The Ark*, Journal of Catholic Concern for Animals

The program will discuss Deborah Jones' newly released book, *The School of Compassion: A Roman Catholic Theology of Animals* (Gracewing, 2009).

Respondent: **Elizabeth Groppe**, Xavier University, Cincinnati

6. Muslim/Christian Dialogue Interest Group

Blossom

Can Christians Accept Muhammad as a Genuine Prophet and the Qur’an as God’s Word?

Convener/Moderator:

Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University

Panelists: **Marianne Farina**, Dominican School at Graduate Theological Union

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Robert D. Crane, Association of Muslim Social Scientists

The Muslim-Christian Dialogue Interest Group will have a dialogue among the three panelists on the question: Is Muhammad a genuine prophet and can the Qur’an, then, be understood as divine revelation on a par with the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament? The Muslim panelists will examine categories of prophethood and revelation in both traditions and answer the question in the affirmative. The Christian panelist will have her doubts since the Roman Catholic Church, for one, believes that revelation ended with the death of St. John the Apostle.

7. Hans Urs Von Balthasar Society Consultation

Case

Von Balthasar's Prophetic Commitments

Convener: **Barbara Sain**, University of St. Thomas
Moderator: **Nicholas Healy**, John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family
Presenter: **Francesca A. Murphy**, University of Aberdeen
"Von Balthasar and *Gaudium et Spes*"

The theme of prophecy in the theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar can be approached from numerous vantage points. One could, for example, examine Balthasar's engagement with figures such as Charles Péguy, George Bernanos, Reinhold Schneider, Madeleine Delbrêl, and Simone Weil. One could also look at what he says in *The Glory of the Lord*, 6 and elsewhere about the prophets in the Old Covenant. This presentation will focus on von Balthasar's own evaluation of prophecy and, in particular, his reading of *Gaudium et Spes*.

Respondent: **Peter Casarella**, DePaul University

8. Christianity and Judaism Consultation

Van Aken

Perspectives on "A Note on Ambiguities Contained in 'Reflections on Covenant and Mission'"

Convener/Moderator:

Elena Procaro-Foley, Iona College

Panelists: **Paul Knitter**, Union Theological Seminary
Mary Rose D'Angelo, University of Notre Dame
Mary Boys, Union Theological Seminary

The Consultation on Christianity and Judaism/Interreligious Dialogue will reflect on the June 24, 2009 document issued jointly by two committees of the USCCB - Doctrine and Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. The document, "A Note on Ambiguities in 'Reflections on Covenant and Mission,'" seeks to clarify aspects of a 2002 document. "Reflections on Covenant and Mission" was a joint project of a subcommittee designated by the National Council of Synagogues and the USCCB Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. The "Note" seeks to address concerns about the presentation of "mission" and "evangelization" with regard to the relationship between the church and the Jewish people in the 2002 document. The "Note" caused much consternation in Jewish and Catholic dialogues. In October 2009 the bishops also issued "Principles for Catholic-Jewish Dialogue." Paul Knitter, Mary Rose D'Angelo, and Mary Boys will discuss the documents from the perspectives of: interreligious dialogue in general, the role of biblical texts in contemporary documents, and the theologies of the documents.

9. Black Catholic Theology Consultation

Holden

Black Catholic Movements and Institutions as Prophetic Commitments

Convener: **La Reine-Marie Mosely, SND**, Loyola University, Chicago
Moderator: **Shawnee Marie Daniel-Sykes, SSND**, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee
Presenters: **C. Vanessa White**, Catholic Theological Union
"The Prophetic Voices of Black Catholic Lay Ecclesial Scholars"
Jamie T. Phelps, OP, Xavier University of Louisiana
"Prophetic Movements: U.S. Black Catholics' Struggle for Ecclesial Justice"

In the years since Vatican II and the Civil Rights movement in the U.S., organized groups of Black Catholics came together to discern God's will for the black community, church and nation. Referred to as the Black Catholic Movement, members of the National Black Clergy Caucus, the National Black Sisters Conference collaborated to challenge the marginalization and exclusion of Black Catholics. Spurred on by the goal of providing theologically educated and culturally aware clerical and lay ministers for the Catholic Church, these two organizations established the *Institute for Black Catholic Studies* at Xavier University of Louisiana and the *Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program* at Catholic Theological Union. The presenters will focus on the context, development, and prophetic commitments of these two programs and their attention to the mission of the church and the standards for lay ministry set by local dioceses and the USCCB Commission on Accreditation and Certification.

10. Fundamental Theology/Method Topic Session

Garfield

Administrative Team:

Vincent Miller, Jim Keating, Karen Trimble Alliaume

Convener: **Vincent Miller**, University of Dayton

Moderator: **James Keating**, Providence College
Presenter: **Holly Taylor Coolman**, Providence College
“Theology’s Prophetic Commitments and the Idols of the Academy”

Although theologians have in recent decades come to new awareness of their own social location in terms of race, gender, socio-economic status, global location, etc., they have not always considered their relationship to one firmly entrenched structure of power: the academy itself. The tendency to adopt broader academic standards uncritically has prevented theologians from recognizing the way in which these standards mimic those of the free market, and are marked by competition, an ever-increasing rate of production, and a drive for novelty. Theology must consider anew what a prophetic stance in this arena might mean.

John Friday, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

“Holy Prophets: The Prophet’s Desire for Holiness and the Challenge of Lonergan’s Notion of Conversation”

With respect to the theologian’s ministerial role as prophet and teacher, both John Henry Newman and Bernard Lonergan noted the challenge incurred by them in their drive for holiness. Subsequent to identifying and describing the nature of the challenge, this paper will lay out Lonergan’s proposed solution through an appeal to the threefold notion of intellectual, moral, and religious conversion. It will then focus on the inherent communal context of conversion and argue for its necessity if theologians are indeed to become holy and render religion intelligible by their words and their acts.

11. Selected Session

Halle

Avery Dulles on the Engagement of Catholicism with American Culture

Convener: **Robert C. Christie**, DeVry University
Moderator: **John R. Connolly**, Loyola Marymount University
Presenters: **Anne-Marie Kirmse, OP**, Fordham University
“Avery Cardinal Dulles-- Unwitting Prophet”
Robert C. Christie, DeVry University
“An Assessment of Avery Dulles’ Advisement for the Engagement of Catholicism with American Culture”

Two papers address the thought of Avery Dulles regarding Catholicism’s engagement with American culture. In “Avery Cardinal Dulles – Unwitting Prophet,” Anne-Marie Kirmse claims that in reviewing the vast corpus of Dulles’s writings, a prophetic voice rings out. Several examples will illustrate this thesis. Robert C. Christie then provides “An Assessment of Avery Dulles’s Advisement for the Engagement of Catholicism with American Culture,” which examines the four “strategies” identified by Dulles for Catholicism’s engagement with American culture. This presentation also reviews the unpublished 2006 Dulles lecture, “The Dechristianization of Europe: Is America Next?”

Saturday evening, June 12, 2010

Eucharist 5:15 p.m.
St. Malachi Church

Reception 6:30 p.m.
Gold Assembly

John Courtney Murray Award Banquet 7:30 p.m.
Gold Ballroom

Sunday morning, June 13, 2010

Conveners’ Breakfast Meeting 7:15 - 8:45 a.m.
Ambassador

Conveners (or their delegates) of Topic Sessions, Interest Groups and Consultations meet with John Thiel, Vice President, CTSA, Mary Ann Hinsdale, President-Elect, CTSA, and Jonathan Tan, Editor of Proceedings, for evaluation and preliminary planning of the 2011 convention.

Morning Prayer 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.
Severance

Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address

Grand Ballroom A

Presiding: **John Thiel**
Vice-President, CTSA

Address: **Bryan N. Massingale**
Marquette University
President, CTSA

“Vox Victimarum Vox Dei: Malcolm X as a Neglected ‘Classic’ for North American Liberationist Reflection”

Appointment of the New President

10:00 a.m.

Breakfast Reception/Coffee

Grand Ballroom Assembly

Meeting and Luncheon: CTSA Board of Directors

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Wade

Local Arrangements Committee, Cleveland, 2010

Chair: Joan M. Nuth, John Carroll University
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