

**REPORT OF THE THIRTIETH GENERAL MEETING
OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA**

The Thirtieth General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America took place at Loyola College, Montreal, Canada, on August 29-31, 1967. The meeting opened with a concelebrated votive mass of the Holy Spirit, in which the Most Rev. John F. Whealon, Bishop of Erie, was principal celebrant. In his homily he reminded fellow members of their responsibility as exegetes to contribute to the pastoral role of the Church as stated in the Constitution of Vatican II on Revelation, *Dei Verbum*.

Sessions on Tuesday, August 29

Mitchell J. Dahood, S.J., delivered the opening paper on *A New Metrical Pattern in Biblical Poetry*. The communication is published in this issue (cf. pp. 574-9). Charles H. Giblin, S.J., followed with a summary of his detailed study on the phrase *Until the Son of Man Comes* (Mt 10,23). After examining the logion in the context of the entire chapter, he showed the need for a new perspective that avoids the "clock and calendar" interpretation. The paper explained the consequences of the fresh approach both for an understanding of the personal knowledge of Jesus as revealer and for exploiting the ecumenical possibilities of the saying.

The afternoon session began with the study of Richard F. Zehnle, C.M., entitled, *The Role of Acts 1—2: A Structural Analysis*. The paper stressed the artistic and polished nature of the second chapter, which offers an epitome of Lucan theology. Ensuing discussion centered on the problem of Luke's method of using his sources. Francis Martin then read a paper on *Pauline Trinitarian Formulas and Church Unity*. After tracing the complexity of Paul's treatment of the Spirit, he dealt with the texts that link the Church and the Spirit. Paul views the Spirit as transforming believers into Christ by revealing Christ to them. Dr. Wilhelm Wuellner of the Pacific School of Religion next presented *Reflections on the Social Status of the Apostles Prior to Their Call*. He surveyed the development of the literary tradition of the canonical materials dealing with the social condition of the apostles. These can be understood correctly only according to the literary genre of Hellenistic rhetoric. The paper concluded that the failure of ancient and modern commentators to consider this point has led to unjustified assumptions about the milieu from which the apostles came.

In the evening an informal discussion on Pauline literature took place with Edward J. Ciuba as chairman. It began with the remarks of Raymond E. Brown, S.S., about problems that need more serious investigation on the part of Catholic exegetes. Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., pointed out areas of contact between Pauline and Qumrân literature. After Joseph A. Grassi, M.M., called attention to the nature of Paul's apostleship, discussion continued from the floor.

Sessions on Wednesday, August 30

The morning session consisted of two panels. Myles Bourke and Richard Kugelman, C.P., treated questions from Mk 13. The latter summarized the study of Lars Hartmann, *Prophecy Interpreted*, and indicated questions raised by it. Msgr. Bourke dealt with the meaning of the coming of the Son of Man in Mk 13,24-27. The second panel was *A Dialogue on Inspiration*. James C. Turro inaugurated the exchange by evaluating the contributions of P. Benoit and K. Rahner. Prof. Reginald Fuller of Union Theological Seminary offered one Anglican's view in the form of six theses. Inspiration is the community's profession of faith that everlasting life is offered to men in Christ in both the Old and New Testaments. James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C., pointed out weaknesses in Catholic studies on inspiration during the past 150 years. Then he showed the positive gains being achieved in this area.

After the morning session the Rt. Rev. John M. Oesterreicher was principal celebrant at the memorial liturgy for deceased members. At this Mass the Rt. Rev. Patrick W. Skehan delivered a eulogy of Rev. Edward F. Siegman, C.P.P.S., president of the association who died at Notre Dame on Feb. 2, 1967. He spoke about his solid scholarship, loyalty to the Church, priestly qualities, and fruitful apostolate among all classes of people. Msgr. Oesterreicher opened the afternoon session with the annual presidential address, *Deicide as an Exegetical Problem*. He reviewed discussion on this concept by contemporary Catholic, Jewish and Arabic theologians in connection with the statement of Vatican II. Then he offered an interpretation of the NT texts commonly cited in defense of the term, and showed that the charge has no biblical basis. The paper concluded that the idea of deicide is an attack on the reality of the redemption by Christ and on the mystery of God's solidarity with sinners.

Business Meeting

The business meeting occupied the remainder of the afternoon session. It opened with the presentation to the executive secretary by Francis S. Rossiter of the *Hartman Festschrift*, the special July, 1967, issue of the *CBQ*. The volume is inscribed "Studies in Honor of Louis F. Hartman, C.S.S.R., on the occasion of his fortieth year of Catholic priesthood and twenty years as executive secretary of the Catholic Biblical Association of America." Msgr. Rossiter stated that the articles reflect the "height and depth and breadth" of Fr. Hartman's own scholarly interests and the affection of the CBA membership for him. The copy will be bound for Fr. Hartman, who expressed his thanks to all who contributed to this project.

The association's treasurer, Joseph E. Fallon, O.P., read the current financial statement. He also gave a summary of the complete financial report submitted to the Board of Trustees in the absence of its chairman, Rt. Rev. John E. Steinmueller. Both reports were accepted unanimously.

In the absence of F. Bruce Vawter, C.M., who is on sabbatical leave, the acting editor of *CBQ*, Msgr. Rossiter, reported on the status of articles and book reviews for the journal. He invited members to contribute both longer

articles and studies for the *Miscellanea Biblica*. Each MS is evaluated by the editor and three members of the editorial board. Subscriptions have passed 3,500 and are increasing. He announced that Greek and Hebrew type faces will soon be available; details will be published later in the section on biblical news.

In his report as Executive Secretary, Father Hartman announced that the Executive Board had voted to increase the subscription rate of *CBQ* to \$6.00 for all, and membership dues to \$7.00, beginning in 1968. This will enable the association to decrease its annual subsidy to the journal. At the same time the board voted to inaugurate and subsidize a monograph series. The incoming president will appoint the editor and editorial board, which will work out plans for the manner of publication and the extent of subsidy. The board voted three grants of \$500.00 each, namely, to Bernadin Schneider, O.F.M., of the Studium Biblicum of Tokyo to support a student preparing to help on the Japanese translation of the Bible; to the Pontifical Biblical Institute toward the first volume of the independent publication of *Elenchus bibliographicus biblicus* in 1968; and to L'École Biblique of Jerusalem for repairs on their building damaged during the recent war.

The Executive Board voted to use the standard English spelling for the coming volume of the CCD translation of the OT. Because the St. Anthony Guild Press had already set the type for part of this volume and had to repeat the process, the association is negotiating about sharing some of this added cost. Fr. Hartman said that future editions of the Supplement to *CBQ* listing the names of members will be published in briefer form and in a more inexpensive manner, possibly every year. Copies of the 1964 Supplement are available to new members. The next general meeting of the CBA will be held at the University of St. Louis in conjunction with the celebration of its 150th anniversary. At the invitation of the Most Rev. James McNulty, Bishop of Buffalo, the 1969 general meeting will take place at the St. John Vianney Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y.

Speaking on behalf of the editorial boards of both Testaments, Stephen J. Hartdegen, O.F.M., gave a progress report on the CCD translation. The final OT volume, containing the remaining historical books, will be completely edited before the end of 1967 and should appear during 1968. It will be followed by a revision of the Book of Genesis. Of the NT books, only Heb is not in the hands of the editorial board. The translation is a true ecumenical project of both Catholic and Protestant scholars working from the original texts and producing a Bible in up-to-date English. At this point Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., offered the following resolution that was approved by all present:

Whereas: Not a few members of the Catholic Biblical Association of America have over the years manifested a truly admirable spirit of disinterested generosity in giving freely of their time, labor and talent to the preparation and dissemination of the CCD Version of the Bible, be it

Resolved: That the members of the association gathered in the city of Montreal for their thirtieth general meeting, in the name of the whole association, express their heartfelt gratitude to these generous colleagues, both living and dead, for their munificent service to the people of God; and pray that He, the Giver

of every good gift, abundantly reward their efforts for the wider and more effective dissemination of his Word.

Raymond E. Brown, S.S., then made an announcement about the Jerome Commentary, now nearing completion. This is not a project of the CBA as such, but a private undertaking under the joint editorship of three members of the association, Fathers Joseph Fitzmyer, Roland Murphy and himself. All MSS are in the hands of copy editors, and publication of the two-volume introduction and commentary on the entire Bible by Prentice-Hall is projected for 1968.

Joseph Grassi, M.M., reported for the Audio-Visual Aids Committee. Over 15,000 tapes and records in the successful "Pathways through Scripture" series have been sold, and the committee has contributed \$5,000 to the association. At present demand for this type of material seems to be on a more popular level, and other groups now engage in this type of production. For this reason, no new items are being planned, but distribution of the original series continues. From the floor came the suggestion that the CCD office has tapes available that the committee might be interested in distributing.

The membership unanimously accepted the recommendations of the chairman of the Committee on Credentials, Neil J. McEleney, C.S.P., to admit the following to the association:

To *active* membership: Rev. Bertrand A. Buby, S.M., Dayton, Ohio; Bro. Constantine Clifton, C.F.X., Rome; Rev. Raymond F. Collins, Weston, Mass.; Rev. Louis F. Cooper, O.C.S.O., Dubuque, Iowa; Rev. Daniel A. Csanyi, S.O. Cist., Irving, Texas; Rev. William J. Dalton, S.J., Pymble, N.S.W., Australia; Rev. Richard J. Dillon, New York, N.Y.; Rev. Dr. John Hall Elliott, San Francisco, Calif.; Bro. Glenn A. Freitas, F.S.C., St. Mary's, Calif.; Rev. Sean Freyne, Dalgan Park, Navan, Ireland; Rev. Daniel H. Gerwing, O.S.B., Muenster, Saskatchewan, Canada; Rev. David Jones, Little Rock, Arkansas; Rev. John R. Keating, S.J., Bronx, N.Y.; Rev. James C. Kelly, O.S.B., Pine City, N.Y.; Rev. Leo Laberge, O.M.I., Ottawa, Canada; Sister Michael Michels, O.L.V.M., Huntington, Ind.; Rev. Ulysse Paré, C.S.B., Fribourg, Switzerland; Rev. Normand J. Paulhus, A.A., Worcester, Mass.; Rev. Bonaventura Rinaldi, C.P., Caravate, Italy; Rev. Daniel J. Sullivan, C.S.C., Washington, D.C.; Rev. William G. Thompson, S.J., N. Aurora, Illinois; Rev. Donald W. Trautman, East Aurora, N.Y.; Rev. André Viard, O.P., Dubuque, Iowa; Rev. Richard F. Zehnle, S.M., Baltimore, Md.

To *associate* membership: Sister Augustine Battaglia, R.S.H.M., New York, N.Y.; Rev. John P. Comiskey, Staten Island, N.Y.; Rev. Mr. Michael Coogan, S.J., Boston, Mass.; Rev. Theodore M. Crone, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. Walter A. Debold, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.; Rev. Damon M. Guinan, O.F.M., Santa Barbara, Calif.; Rev. John S. Kselman, S.S., Baltimore, Md.; Bro. Martin A. Lang, F.M.S., Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Sister Mary Gertrude McLaughlin, (Sister M. Joanne of Christ, S.N.J.M.), Montreal, Canada; Rev. John J. Pilch, O.F.M., Milwaukee, Wisc.; Rev. Donald E. Rau, St. Louis, Missouri; Rev. William R. Sladek, M.M., Maryknoll, N.Y.; Prof. Dorothy I. Thompson, Detroit, Mich.; Prof. Thomas L. Thompson, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Mr. Eugene C. Ulrich, S.J., Wilmette, Illinois; Mr. Kenneth R. Weeks, San Francisco, Calif.; Sister Mary

St. Rose Wilker, S.N.D., Milwaukee, Wisc.; Sister M. Dorothy E. Woods, O.P., College Point, N.Y.; Mr. Donald A. Youngblood, Detroit, Mich.

Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, Martin W. Schoenberg, O.S.C., proposed the following slate of candidates, which was unopposed: *Pres.*, Rt. Rev. Myles M. Bourke; *Vice-Pres.*, Christian P. Ceroke, O. Carm.; *Exec. Sec.*, Louis F. Hartman, C.S.S.R.; *Treasurer*, Joseph E. Fallon, O.P.; *Editor of CBQ*, F. Bruce Vawter, C.M.; *Consultor '67-'69*, Thomas W. Leahy, S.J.; *Consultor for CCD '67-'69*, Daniel F. Ford, O.F.M.; *Member of Committee on Nominations '67-'71*, Leonard A. Bushinski, C.S.Sp.; *Members of Program Committee*, Quentin Quesnell, S.J., '67-'70; James C. Plastaras, C.M., for one year to complete the term of Edward P. Joyce, C.P.P.S., who asked to be excused.

At this point the following resolution, proposed by Fr. Brendan McGrath, was adopted by a voice vote:

Whereas: It has pleased God to call the Rev. Edward F. Siegman, C.P.P.S., President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, to himself, and

Whereas: Fr. Siegman long since earned the respect and admiration of all who knew him, especially his colleagues in biblical scholarship, by his dedication to the work of biblical scholarship and his fidelity to his vocation as a loyal son of the Church and as a priest of Jesus Christ; be it

Resolved: That the members of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, gathered for their thirtieth general meeting in the city of Montreal, express their profound regret at the loss of so beloved a colleague, and promise their prayers for the repose of his priestly soul; and be it further

Resolved: That the Executive Secretary of the Association be directed to convey copies of this resolution to the late Fr. Siegman's family and to his religious superiors.

Under the title of new business, Msgr. Rossiter informed members of a communication he had received from University Travel Service, Cambridge, Mass., to inform members of the CBA that they are looking for chaplains for future biblical tours. Fr. Raymond Brown proposed that in addition to the short lists of members, complete supplements still be published periodically. This resolution was adopted by the membership. The president then adjourned the business meeting.

The evening was devoted to another informal panel discussion on teaching the OT. It began with two short presentations. Eugene Maly spoke on the necessity of knowing the OT in general and especially the historical books for an adequate appreciation of the biblical mentality that permeates the NT. Frederick L. Moriarty, S.J., reviewed literature available as teaching tools; then he opened discussion to members present.

Session on Thursday, August 31

The session began with the communication of Raymond E. Brown, S.S., entitled, *Ernst Kaesemann's Challenging Interpretation of the Fourth Gospel*. It explained the conclusions that Kaesemann drew from his study of Jn 17 with regard to John's portrait of Jesus, his ecclesiology, and his concept of the Christian's unity with God. The paper pointed out significant contributions of

this study. The Johannine portrait of Jesus is personal with him and frankly dogmatic. He demands belief in Jesus as the Son of God and the presence of God among men. The final paper was delivered by Walter M. Abbott, S.J., from the Secretariat of Christian Unity. He spoke on *The Common Bible and the Work of Ecumenism*. After outlining relations between his Secretariat and the United Bible Societies, he explained the need of "common language" translations of the Bible, especially into those languages that still lack a vernacular version. He informed members that the American Bible Society is interested in securing Catholic participation in its common language English version of the OT. Carl Martini, S.J., is going to serve on the editorial board of the Greek NT that was recently produced for the United Bible Societies.

After the session Francis Cardinal Koenig acted as the main concelebrant at the eucharistic celebration. Fr. Eugene Maly preached the homily on the significance of the phrase "pilgrim Church." An informal reception for the cardinal closed the general meeting. Very Rev. Patrick G. Malone, S.J., president, Loyola College, welcomed Cardinal Koenig and members of the CBA to Loyola's campus. Many delegates took advantage of the arrangements of Fr. Charles Henkey to visit Expo '67 during the rest of the day.

The following members of the CBA attended the meeting:

Abbott, Walter M., S.J.	Crone, Rev. Theodore M.
Arkin, Dr. Irvin M.	Crossan, Dominic M., O.S.M.
Balducelli, Roger, O.S.F.S.	Cunningham, James J., O.P.
Bellet, Paulinus, O.S.B.	Dagher, Joseph A., B.S.
Bourke, Rt. Rev. Myles M.	Dahood, Mitchell, S.J.
Brennan, Rev. Joseph	Davis, James, O.P.
Brown, Raymond E., S.S.	DeVault, Joseph J., S.J.
Brown, Schuyler, S.J.	Dicharry, Warren, C.M.
Bryant, Thomas J., C.J.	Dietlein, Damian, O.S.B.
Buby, Bertrand, S.M.	DiLella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
Buckley, Rev. Thomas W.	Dillon, Rev. Edward J.
Burtchaell, James T., C.S.C.	Dion, Hyacinth M., O.P.
Bushinski, Leonard A., C.S.Sp.	Dumm, Demetrius, O.S.B.
Cahill, P. Joseph, S.J.	Ellis, Peter F., C.S.S.R.
Caldwell, Thomas A., S.J.	Fallon, Joseph E., O.P.
Ceroke, Christian, O. Carm.	Fitzmyer, Joseph A., S.J.
Ciuba, Rev. Edward	Ford, Daniel F., O.F.M.
Clifford, Richard J., S.J.	Frank, Dr. Richard McD.
Collins, Rev. Raymond F.	Freyne, Rev. Sean
Cooper, Louis F., O.C.S.O.	Giblin, Charles H., S.J.
Corcoran, Cassian, O.F.M.	Glimm, Rev. Francis
Cordano, Virgil, O.F.M.	Gomes, Mr. Gabriel J.
Cortelyou, William T., C.M.	Gorski, Rev. Isidore H.
Cousins, Dr. Ewert H.	Grassi, Joseph, M.M.
Couturier, Guy, C.S.C.	Grispino, Joseph A., S.M.
Crane, Rev. Thomas E.	Hartdegen, Stephen J., O.F.M.

- Hartman, Louis F., C.S.S.R.
 Heidt, William, O.S.B.
 Henkey, Rev. Charles H.
 Hopkins, Martin, O.P.
 Huesman, John E., S.J.
 Irwin, William H., C.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Jones, Rev. David
 Joyce, Edward J., C.P.P.S.
 Karris, Robert, O.F.M.
 Kearney, Rev. Peter
 Keating, John R., S.J.
 Kelly, James C., O.S.B.
 King, Rev. Philip J.
 Kselman, Rev. John
 Kugelman, Richard, C.P.
 Laberge, Leo, O.M.I.
 Lachowski, Joseph, C.M.
 Lane, Sr. John Mary, S.N.J.M.
 Lang, Bro. Martin, F.M.S.
 Langerholz, Callistus, O.F.M.
 Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A.
 Leahy, Thomas W., S.J.
 Lussier, Ernest, S.S.S.
 Lynch, William E., C.M.
 MacRae, George, S.J.
 Mallon, Vincent P., M.M.
 Maly, Rev. Eugene H.
 Martin, Edward, C.M.
 Martin, Rev. Francis
 Mattingly, John F., S.S.
 McAlee, Eugene, C.S.S.R.
 McCaffrey, Rev. John J.
 McDonnell, John F., O.P.
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.
 McGovern, John J., M.M.
 McGrath, Brendan, O.S.B.
 McGrath, Rev. Richard H.
 McLaughlin, Sr. Gertrude, S.N.J.M.
 McNamara, Sr. Marie Aquinas, O.P.
 Megivern, James, C.M.
 Moore, C. Thomas, O.P.
 Moriarty, Frederick L., S.J.
 Mulka, Author L., S.S.
- Murray, John P., C.M.
 Musholt, Silas, O.F.M.
 Nienaltowski, Rev. Henry R.
 O'Connell, Kevin G., S.J.
 Oesterreicher, Rt. Rev. John M.
 O'Rourke, Rev. John J.
 O'Rourke, William J., S.J.
 Panella, Rev. Donald A.
 Paulhus, Normand J., A.A.
 Pierce, Justin A., S.D.S.
 Plastaras, James C., C.M.
 Poirier, Léandre, O.F.M.
 Polan, Stanley M., SS.CC.
 Quesnell, Quentin, S.J.
 Quinn, Rev. Jerome D.
 Randall, Rev. John
 Rausch, Jerome W., O.S.C.
 Reese, James M., O.S.F.S.
 Rossiter, Rt. Rev. Francis S.
 Rubsys, Rev. Anthony L.
 Saladna, Rev. George E.
 Schoenberg, Martin W., O.S.C.
 Skehan, Rt. Rev. Patrick W.
 Smith, Alan, O.P.
 Sorensen, Howard J., O.M.I.
 Steiner, Luke, O.S.B.
 Sullivan, D. James, C.S.C.
 Thompson, William G., S.J.
 Tkacik, Arnold J., O.S.B.
 Trautman, Rev. Donald
 Turner, Rev. Wayne A.
 Turro, Rev. James C.
 Vancik, Rev. Vladimir
 Viard, André, O.P.
 Weber, Rev. Thomas H.
 Weis, Earl A., S.J.
 †Whealon, Most Rev. John F.
 Woods, Sr. M. Dorothy, O.P.
 Wright, Addison G., S.S.
 Wuellner, Rev. Prof. Wilhelm
 Zabala, Albert J., S.J.
 Zalotay, Rev. Joseph
 Zehnle, Richard, S.M.

JAMES M. REESE, O.S.F.S.
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