

**REPORT OF THE THIRTY-SECOND GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION  
OF AMERICA**

At the invitation of Most Rev. James J. McNulty, Bishop of Buffalo, the CBA held its 32d General Meeting at St. John Vianney Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y. from Monday, August 25 to Thursday, August 28, 1969. On Monday evening, after declaring the Meeting open and calling it to order, Rev. Louis F. Hartman, C.Ss.R., Executive Secretary, called upon the President, Rev. Roland E. Murphy, O. Carm., to deliver his Presidential Address, *Form Criticism and Wisdom Literature*. This talk, which reviewed some aspects of form-criticism and raised some questions about the usage of this method in understanding the OT wisdom literature, is published in this issue of the *CBQ*.

**Sessions on Tuesday, August 26**

The continuing seminars, which had been introduced as a new program feature at the 1968 General Meeting, ran Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 10:45, with an intermission from 9:45 to 10:00. Seminar leaders and their respective topics were: Mitchell Dahood: *Resurrection and Immortality in Prov and Pss*; Joseph Fitzmyer: *Luke, Chapters I-II*; Joseph Cahill: *Postures in Biblical Interpretation*; Msgr. Myles Bourke: *The Apostolic Church and Mosaic Law*; Marcian Strange: *The Recurring Problem of Biblical Inerrancy*; Christian Ceroke: *The Question of the Resurrection of Christ*; Addison Wright: *The Structure of the Book of Qoheleth*; Quentin Quesnell: *Marcan Style and Marcan Redaction*; Antonio Gaboury: *Strukturgeschichte of the Synoptics*.

The reaction of the participants to the continuing seminars was generally favorable. Constructive criticisms centered on two points: a) there should be more prior preparation, especially in the form of material sent in advance to pre-registered participants, and b) there should be more participation by the members in the actual discussions.

The morning's general session consisted of a paper by Dr. John H. Elliott on *Ministry and Order in the NT; A Traditio-Historical Analysis*. He investigated principally 1 Pt 5,1-5. Examining also Mk 10,35-45; Mt 20,20-28; Lk 22,24-27 and Jn 21, along with several sections of the Pastorals, he suggested the hypothesis that some of these texts express Petrine traditions, still fairly flexible in form, which coalesced with certain traditions of church order in a *Sitz im Leben* of baptismal catechesis (a setting supported by the general context of 1 Pt and by Jn 13). Although the *neoteroi* of 1 Pt 5,5 remain an obscure category, they are most likely the recently baptized, the "younger" in faith perhaps alluded to in Jn 21,18.

The principal concelebrant of the midday Mass of the Holy Spirit was Rev. George Montague, S.M. Rev. Francis Martin preached the homily on the text of Jn 14,23-31.

The afternoon program consisted of brief research reports. Three or four twenty-minute sessions were held simultaneously from 2:45 to 5:19 p.m. Speakers and their report topics were: Mauro Rodriguez: *1 Cor 7 and the Defense of Celibacy*; Marcian Strange: *The Question of Moderation in Eccl 7, 15-18*; Charles Henkey: *Yahweh and Jesus: Personal Identity*; Daniel J. Harrington: *Text and Biblical Text in Pseudo-Philo's "Biblical Antiquities"*; Edward L. Bode: *A Liturgical Sitz im Leben for the Tradition of the Empty Tomb?*; Roger Lapointe: *The Semitic Etymology of "Syria"*; William Thompson: *Following Christ in the Christian Community (Mt 17,22-18,35)*; *A Study in Matthean Composition*; Keith F. Nickle: *If the Apostolic Council Happened, When?*; Bernardin V. Schneider: *Peter's Faith That Did Not Fail (Lk 22,32)*; Thomas C. Schaub: *Righteousness and Truth in IQH*; James M. Reese: *Literary Influences and Procedures in the Book of Wisdom*; Robert J. Karris: *Form-Criticism and Pauline Paraenesis*; Joseph Grassi: *Jn 2,2-12: A Pentecostal Meditation?*; Mitchell Dahood: *The Independent Personal Pronoun in the Oblique Case in Hebrew*; Francis Martin: *Juergen Moltmann's "Theology of Hope" and Transcendental Subjectivity*; Joseph Zalotay: *The Question of the Historicity of the Temple Cleansing*; Jerome Murphy-O'Connor: *The Literary Composition of IQS*; Eugene H. Maly: *Instances of Secularizing Tendencies in the OT*; Ernest Lussier: *Some Reflections on the Narratives of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist*; Josephine M. Ford: *Some Observations on Ap*; Kent H. Richards: *The OT Form-Critical Project, 1967-1969*.

Reactions to the research reports as a program feature were favorable, with divergent views evident among the members regarding the length and number of the reports.

The evening session consisted of a NT Panel Discussion on *Church Order in the NT*, by John L. McKenzie, Msgr. Myles M. Bourke, and Eugene H. Maly. Questions treated were the eschatological consciousness of Jesus with regard to his intention to found a specific church order; the relationship of eucharistic celebration and the ordained ministry in the NT; and the purpose of church order. A question from the floor provoked a protracted discussion on the relationship of Church and Bible, and the extent to which the NT witnesses early church order as normative.

#### Sessions on Wednesday, August 27

The seminars continued. At the morning general session George MacRae delivered a paper on "The Fourth Gospel and *Religionsgeschichte*."

Bishop James A. McNulty was principal concelebrant of the midday Mass of Wednesday, which was offered for deceased members of the CBA. Bishop McNulty preached and in his homily complimented the members of the CBA for their work.

Dr. Frank M. Cross's paper on *The Priestly Houses of Ancient Israel* was the offering for the general session of Wednesday afternoon. In it he maintained that analysis of the early epic traditions of Israel provides new data suggesting the existence of two contending priestly families in premonarchical Israel: a Mushite and an Aaronid house. David's appointment of Abiathar of the Mushite house of Shiloh and of Zadok of the Aaronid house of Hebron is to be understood against this background, as is Jeroboam I's designation of the shrines of Dan (Mushite) and Bethel (Aaronid). The common view that Zadok was a priest of the old Canaanite shrine in Jerusalem is, thus, based on a now obsolete understanding of patriarchal religion.

### Business Meeting

At the beginning of the business meeting on Wednesday afternoon Joseph Fallon, O.P., gave the Treasurer's Report. Msgr. John Steinmueller then gave the statement of the Board of Trustees regarding the association's assets. Fr. Louis F. Hartman, C.Ss.R. then gave the report of the Executive Secretary. He explained that a favorable financial balance exists deriving especially from royalties on the *CCD* version and from some invested funds. Royalties from sales of the forthcoming new *CCD* version are expected to be quite large, so that as a tax-exempt organization, the CBA will have to use a substantial part of its income on grants, subsidies, etc. On the *CBQ*, he explained that financial losses deriving from its publication can be subsidized by royalties received from the *CCD* version. Grants have been given to Msgr. Patrick Skehan as a visiting professor at the P.B.I. (\$2000); to the American Bible Society for promoting National Bible Week among Catholics (\$3000); in 1970 a grant of \$1500 will be made to the next visiting professor at the P.B.I.; \$500 will go to the *Studium Biblicum Franciscanum* of Tokyo for the education of a young Japanese Franciscan priest in biblical studies. Two grants totaling \$600 have been given to Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Witte to aid them in producing a Bible translation in the language of an Indian tribe in Colombia. *Honoraria* of \$1000 apiece annually have been approved for the Editor of the *CBQ*, the Book-Review Editor of the *CBQ*, and the Executive Secretary. *Honoraria* of \$100 per year have been approved for each Associate Editor of the *CBQ*.

On the question of cooperation of the CBA with the American Bible Society in promoting National Bible Week, Fr. Hartman's suggestion that the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine should be the proper Catholic organ in this matter has been approved by the Executive Board.

The CBA will be a founding member of the *Council on the Study of Religion*. Delegates of the CBA are Joseph Fitzmyer, elected for 1969-1970 and Raymond Brown, elected for 1969-1971.

The *World Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate* has been established, and its Executive Committee will meet September 26-27 at Klosterneuburg, Austria. The Executive Secretary of the CBA will attend. The Executive Board has approved a grant of \$1000 to the Executive Secretary for this purpose.

The Executive Board has agreed to hold the 1972 General Meeting of the CBA in Los Angeles, in concert with the *International Biblical Congress* now being planned. A grant of \$3000 has been approved to help Catholic biblical scholars of Europe to attend this forthcoming international congress.

The 1970 General Meeting has been scheduled tentatively for Our Lady of Angels Seminary, Albany, N.Y., but further negotiations are necessary before this can be decided finally.

As his last announcement, Fr. Hartman announced that his own condition of health necessitates his retirement as Executive Secretary of the CBA. He has requested the appointment of Fr. Joseph Jensen, O.S.B. as temporary "Assistant Executive Secretary," with the presumption that in a year Fr. Jensen will succeed him as Executive Secretary.

Msgr. Francis S. Rossiter, Editor of the *CBQ*, reported an encouraging increase of communications in 1969, due in part to scholars outside the CBA. He announced that during the coming year a staff committee would prepare an updated by-law for the election of editors, while another staff committee would update the style sheet currently in use (cf. *CBQ* 31 [1959] 259-260). He explained that the *CBQ* printer, Heffernan of Worcester, Mass., is able to handle unpointed Hebrew with ease, provided the authors employ a list of alphabetical symbols that match the linotype keyboard. Copies of the list were made available to members. Articles with pointed Hebrew must use the *CBQ* method of transliterations. Regarding Greek texts cited, authors must generally use transliterations also, because the Greek is initially hand-set and this precluded extensive use of Greek characters due to the expense. He encouraged junior members to submit contributions, and asked all members to send to the Editor personal items of professional interest for publication as "Biblical News."

Fr. Stephen Hartdegen, O.F.M. reported for the *CCD* version. The long-awaited volume of Sm-Mc appeared this past spring. Some revisions have been made in the previously published volumes. Fr. Hartdegen requested written statements of opinion on the market feasibility of publishing a two-volume edition of the revised volumes (I, III and IV). The new NT text is scheduled for publication before the end of 1969. About twelve publishers have signed contracts to publish the *CCD* text in various editions. The typescript of the new *Ordo Lectionum*, containing 1800 readings with the *CCD* texts, is in an advanced stage of preparation, and may be ready for use about next Easter.

The members offered Fr. Hartdegen a generous round of applause in recognition of his success in the tedious and lengthy labor of bringing the new *CCD* version to publication.

Fr. Joseph Fitzmyer spoke briefly on the new *CBQ* Monograph Series, which will be both published and distributed by the CBA. Further details on this series will be forthcoming. He also spoke briefly about the new *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, giving some statistics on the circulation and the wide favor with which it has met.

In the absence of Joseph Grassi, Fr. Hartman read the report of the Audio-Visual Aids Committee. The CBA's original loan of \$1000 has been repaid and

a profit of \$4000 given to the CBA. However, production of biblical tapes and records by commercial companies has increased so that it may not be feasible for the CBA to continue this project.

All the aforementioned reports were approved as given.

Fr. Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., speaking for the Committee on Credentials, recommended the following applicants;

*For active membership:* Rev. Francis Agnew, C.M., St. Louis, Mo.; Madeleine Boucher, Concord, N.H.; Kevin Cathcart, Ottawa, Ont.; Rev. Francis Cleary, S.J., St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. John Donahue, S.J., Chicago, Ill.; Prof. Eldon Epp, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Daniel Fraikin, O.P., Cambridge, Mass.; Prof. Albert Glock, River Forest, Ill.; Dr. Horace Hummel, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Edward Kayserlingk, Montreal, Que.; Dr. Ralph Klein, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Rolf P. Knierim, Claremont, Calif.; Dr. Robert Funk, Missoula, Mont.; Prof. Edgar Krentz, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Eugene LaVerdiere, Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. Noël Lazure, Milwaukee, Wis.; Rev. Norbert Lohfink, S.J., Rome, Italy; Rev. Donald Magnetti, S.J., Woodstock, Md.; Dr. Bruce Malina, Omaha, Neb.; Prof. James Martyn, New York, N.Y.; Rev. Angel Marzal, Chicago, Ill.; Prof. Bruce Metzger, Princeton, N.J.; Rev. Imre Mihalik, Highland Park, Mich.; Rev. Patrick Reardon, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Cecilio Rios, O.M.I., Mexico, D.F.; Rev. Noel Roy, O.M.I., Natick, Mass.; Bro. Thomas Ryan, F.S.C., Washington, D.C.; Rev. John Rybolt, C.M., Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. David Scholer, Beverly, Mass.; Rev. Robert Schwarz, S.J., Chicago, Ill.; Prof. R. B. Y. Scott, Princeton, N.J.; Rev. Simon Smith, S.J., Cambridge, Mass.; Rev. Jon Taylor, Lansing, Mich.; Rev. Louis Topel, S.J., Milwaukee, Wis.; Prof. Gene Tucker, Durham, N.C.; Prof. James Ward, Dallas, Tex.; Rev. Harold Wilhelm, S.M., Washington, D.C.

*For associate membership:* David Aune, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. David Bossman, O.F.M., St. Louis, Mo.; Bro. Terence Collins, F.S.C., Washington, D.C.; Rev. Mark DiNardo, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Edward Gaffney, San Mateo, Calif.; Rev. Sidney Griffith, S.T., Silver Spring, Md.; Rev. Mr. Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., Cambridge, Mass.; Mr. Carl Kazmierski, Ottawa, Ont.; Rev. David McCarthy, Chicago, Ill.; Sister Marion D. McLinden, O.P., West Islip, N.Y.; Rev. Joseph Plevnik, S.J., Würzburg, Germany; Rev. Michael Reaume, S.M., Waukegan, Ill.; Leo Stanford, Milwaukee, Wis.; Rev. William Walsh, S.J., Wernersville, Pa.; Sister Maria A. Werner, Notre Dame, Ind. All these candidates were approved and elected to membership in the CBA.

As Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, Fr. Philip King proposed the following candidates: *President:* Joseph Fitzmyer, S.J.; *Vice-President:* Jerome Quinn; *Executive Secretary:* Louis F. Hartman, C.S.S.R.; *Treasurer:* Joseph E. Fallon, O.P.; *Editor:* Msgr. Francis S. Rossiter; *Consultors:* Sr. Marilyn McNamara, O.P. and Mitchell Dahood, S.J., 1969-1971; Member of the Nominations Committee, 1969-1973: George T. Montague, S.M.; Program Committee: Peter J. Kearney, Francis Martin, Richard J. Sklba, and Thomas E. Crane; Book-Review Editor of *CBQ*: Neil McEleney, C.S.P.; Associate Editors

of *CBQ*: Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., F. Bruce Vawter, C.M., and Kevin O'Connell, S.J. No further nominations were made from the floor, and the membership elected the nominees.

Quentin Quesnell, S.J. moved adoption of the following resolution: *Whereas the Catholic Biblical Association exists to promote sound biblical scholarship in the American Church; and whereas this end cannot be attained unless Catholic theologians have guaranteed freedom to do research and to make public the results of their research; and whereas the Catholic Biblical Association, having itself experienced in the past the lack of such freedom [cf. the resolutions of the 24th General Meeting (CBQ xxiii [1961], p. 470) and of the 26th General Meeting (CBQ xxv [1963], p. 434)], is especially conscious that in the Body of Christ all the members suffer together when one member suffers (1 Cor 12,26); therefore be it resolved, on the occasion of this thirty-second annual meeting, held in St. John Vianney Seminary, East Aurora, New York:*

1. *The Catholic Biblical Association joins the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Canon Law Society in their 1969 resolutions urging the bishops of the United States to adopt equitable procedures for due process and to implement these procedures in all cases of theological disputes, both those now pending and those which may develop in the future.*

2. *The CBA considers due process for biblical scholars, as for all theologians, to include: (a) the right to be judged by one's colleagues according to the principles of one's own science; (b) freedom from punishment or threat of punishment for holding or teaching what is commonly and publicly taught by other Catholic theologians.*

3. *This resolution shall be communicated to John Cardinal Dearden in his capacity as President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and, subsequently, to the news media.*

The motion was carried. There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting.

Wednesday evening's Panel Discussion (OT) on *The Prophet and His Community* featured Dennis McCarthy, S.J., Carroll Stuhlmüller, C.P., Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, O.P., and Edward Ciuba. Discussion centered on criteria for the discernment of authentic prophecy as a continuing phenomenon. Prior to the discussion, the President took occasion to express formally the Association's gratitude to the Rector of St. John Vianney Seminary, Very Rev. John F. Rowan, O.F.M., and the Committee on Arrangements (Daniel J. Ford, O.F.M., Thomas E. Crane, and Donald Trautman) for the splendid hospitality and multiple services rendered, often with the cooperation of a large corps of seminarians.

#### **Thursday, August 28**

After the third and final sessions of the continuing seminars, Norbert Lohfink, S.J. of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, an invited guest of the association,

addressed the general session. The title of his paper was *Sin in the Priestly History*. Father Lohfink was also principal concelebrant for the midday Mass. The homily was omitted in order to allow time for members to arrange departure transportation.

The following members of the CBA were registered in attendance:

Barrosse, Thomas, C.S.C.	Frank, Dr. Richard
Bernas, Casimir, O.C.S.O.	Frizzell, Rev. Lawrence
Bode, Rev. Edward L.	Gaboury, Antonio, O.M.I.
Bourke, Msgr. Myles	Grassi, Joseph
Buby, Bertrand, S.M.	Graycar, Rev. Paul
Buckley, Rev. Thomas	Grindel, John, C.M.
Burtchaell, James, C.S.C.	Hartman, Louis F., C.S.S.R.
Cabey, Edwin, S.V.D.	Hartdegen, Stephen, O.F.M.
Casey, William, S.J.	Henkey, Rev. Charles
Cevetello, Rev. Joseph	Humphrey, Mr. Hugh
Ceroke, Christian, O. Carm.	Irwin, William, C.S.B.
Ciuba, Rev. Edward	Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
Clifton, Brother James, C.F.X.	Jones, Rev. David
Collins, Thomas A., O.P.	Karris, Robert, O.F.M.
Coogan, Michael, S.J.	Kearney, Rev. Peter
Cordano, Virgil, O.F.M.	Kelly, James, O.S.B.
Comiskey, Rev. John	Kistner, Hilarion, O.F.M.
Couture, Paul, S.S.E.	King, Rev. Philip
Craghan, John F., C.S.S.R.	Kraus, Damien, O.S.B.
Crane, Rev. Thomas E.	Laberge, Leo, O.M.I.
Cunningham, James, O.P.	Lapointe, Roger, O.M.I.
Davis, James J., O.P.	Lazor, Bernard, O.S.A.
Dahood, Mitchell, S.J.	Lazur, Joseph, C.P.P.S.
Debold, Rev. Walter	Lussier, Ernest, S.S.S.
Devine, J. Frank, S.J.	MacDonald, Rev. Burton
Donahue, Joseph, S.J.	MacFarlane, Sister M. J., S.H.F.
Di Lella, Alexander, O.F.M.	MacRae, George, S.J.
Draina, Cyril, M.S.Ss.T.	Maly, Rev. Eugene H.
Dreese, Rev. John	Martin, Rev. Francis
Dumm, Demetrius, O.S.B.	McAlee, Eugene, C.S.S.R.
Elliott, Dr. John H.	McCaffrey, Rev. John
Ellis, Peter, C.S.S.R.	McCarthy, Dennis, S.J.
Fallon, Joseph, O.P.	McEleney, Neil, C.S.P.
Finan, Arthur, C.S.S.R.	McGovern, John, M.M.
Fitzmyer, Joseph, S.J.	McGrath, Brendan, O.S.B.
Ford, Daniel J., O.F.M.	McKenzie, John L., S.J.
Ford, J. Massingberd	McNamara, Sr. Marilyn, O.P.
Fournelle, Geron, O.F.M.	Miles, Andrew, O.S.B.

Montague, George, S.M.  
 Montalbano, Frank, O.M.I.  
 Moriarty, Frederick, S.J.  
 Murphy, Roland, O. Carm.  
 Murphy-O'Connor, Jerome, O.P.  
 Nickle, Keith F.  
 Oatis, Stephen, O.P.  
 O'Connell, Kevin, S.J.  
 O'Grady, John, C.M.  
 O'Loughlin, Raphael, C.S.B.  
 Panella, Rev. Donald  
 Paré, Ulysse, C.S.B.  
 Petru, Francis, S.J.  
 Pilch, John, O.F.M.  
 Poirier, Leandre, O.F.M.  
 Polan, Stanley, S.S.C.C.  
 Quesnell, Quentin, S.J.  
 Quinn, Rev. Jerome  
 Reese, James, O.S.F.S.  
 Richards, Dr. Kent  
 Rodriguez, Mauro, S.D.B.  
 Rossiter, Msgr. Francis  
 Rowe, Stephen, O.F.M. Cap.  
 Rubsys, Rev. Anthony

Saladna, Rev. George  
 Saldarini, Anthony A., S.J.  
 Schaub, Thomas C.  
 Schneider, Bernardin, O.F.M.  
 Shafer, Byron  
 Sklba, Rev. Richard  
 Skehan, Msgr. Patrick  
 Smith, Alan, O.P.  
 Sorensen, Howard, O.M.I.  
 Steinmueller, Msgr. John  
 Suriano, Rev. Thomas  
 Thompson, William, S.J.  
 Trautman, Rev. Donald  
 Turner, Rev. Wayne  
 Ulrich, Eugene, S.J.  
 Viard, André, O.P.  
 Watson, Theodore  
 Wcela, Rev. Emile  
 Weeks, Kenneth  
 Wahl, Thomas, O.S.B.  
 Weber, Rev. Thomas  
 ☩ Whealon, Most Rev. John  
 Wright, Addison, S.S.  
 Zalotay, Rev. Joseph

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