

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

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, hosted the 34th General Meeting of the CBA, in session from Monday, August 23, to Thursday, August 26, 1971. On Monday evening the convention was formally opened with words of welcome from Rev. John P. Raynor, S.J., President of Marquette. Rev. Jerome D. Quinn of St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, delivered the Presidential Address, "Apostolic Ministry and Apostolic Prayer." The full text of Quinn's presentation is published in this issue of *CBQ*. A social hour followed the presidential address.

Sessions on Tuesday, August 24

A new feature of the convention program was the designation of the homilist for each concelebrated Eucharist.

Eleven Continuing Seminars were offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M., with time out for a coffee break. The format of Continuing Seminars was once again enthusiastically received. Seminar leaders and their respective topics were the following: Schuyler Brown: "The Marcan Parable Chapter (Mk 4)"; Eugene Maly: "The Problem of Transcendence: Some Biblical Perspectives"; John MacCandless: "*Leben-Jesu Forschung*"; Quentin Quesnell: "New Testament Images of Salvation"; David Stanley: "The Prayer and 'Hour' of Jesus in Gethsemane"; Roland Murphy: "Wisdom Literature: Some Basic Themes"; Joseph Zalotay: "Authenticity of the Texts Attributed to Jesus in the Synoptic Material"; Patrick Skehan: "The Later Chapters of Sirach in the Light of Qumrân and Masada"; J. Coert Rylaarsdam: "Themes and Motifs in the Book of Genesis"; Philip King: "Biblical Archeology and Biblical Theology"; Robert Karris: "Pauline Parenthesis: Selected Texts."

The morning's General Session consisted of a paper by Peter Kearney on "The Role of the Gibeonites in the Deuteronomic History." He examined Dt 29 (covenant at Moab) and Jos 9 (Gibeonite covenant), demonstrating that the former has several allusions to the latter. The paper illustrated the striking similarities of Dt 29:1-8 to Dt 8:1-6, with special adaptations to the Gibeonite story. The Deuteronomist is responsible for both Dt 29 and Jos 9; even the deception motif in Jos 9 is his work, since it is based on the law of warfare in Dt 20:10-18, which was edited by the Deuteronomist.

Most Rev. William Cousins, Archbishop of Milwaukee, was principal concelebrant and homilist at midday Eucharist.

The afternoon session was devoted to a program of half-hour Research Reports. Presentations were provocative and audience response was active. Speakers and their research topics were the following: Richard Clifford: "The Word of God in the Ugaritic Texts and in the Patriarchal Stories"; James Reese: "The Literary Structure of Jn 13:31-14:31 and 16:16-33"; Donald Senior: "The

Passion According to St. Matthew"; Thomas Crane: "Teaching OT in Theologates: a Discussion on Pedagogy"; Aloysius Fitzgerald: "The Canaanite Origin of Jerusalem as Bride of Yahweh in the OT"; Charles Miller: "The Use of OT References in the Vatican II Documents"; William Most: "The Problem of the Roots of the Involuntary Sin Theme"; James Mohler: "There is a Time to Embrace and a Time to Cease from Embracing (Eccl 3:5)"; James Clifton: "Acts: the Speeches of Kerygma Reconsidered"; Edwin Cabey: "The Revolutionary World-View of Genesis 1"; Edward Gaffney: "The Denial of Peter Pericope in the Synoptics"; Charles Henkey: "Some Observations Concerning the Christology of the Apocalypse"; Daniel Harrington: "Ernst Käsemann on the Church in the NT."

Tuesday evening's session consisted of a panel discussion on the "Bloch-Moltmann Interpretation of the OT." Roland Murphy was moderator of the discussion. Panelists were Kevin O'Connell, Byron Shafer, and Leo Laberge. O'Connell presented a précis of Bloch's philosophy. Shafer offered a précis of Moltmann's interpretation. Panelists noted the absence of an ontological principle in Bloch; a negative reaction was registered by the panel on Moltmann's use of scripture. Questions and comments from the floor led to a stimulating discussion from the panelists.

Sessions on Wednesday, August 25

The seminars continued. At the morning General Session Francis Martin presented a paper on "The Summary Statements in Acts and Early Christian Communities." Two particular themes were emphasized: the unity of the community (e.g., sharing of material goods) and the power of the Resurrection (cf. Acts 2:43). The speaker examined Qumrân influence and the Greek ideal of friendship. The paper also studied common life as reflected in Patristic Texts. Questions and discussion followed.

The midday liturgy was a memorial for deceased members of the CBA. Rev. George Montague was homilist.

In the afternoon Josephine M. Ford presented a research report on "The Element of Judgment in the Pauline Epistles." Carroll Stuhlmüller delivered a research report on "From the Book of Consolation to the Servant Songs: Some Considerations."

Business Meeting

Jerome D. Quinn, President, presided at the annual Business Meeting. First item on the agenda was the Financial Report by Joseph Fallon. The statement of the Board of Trustees regarding the CBA assets was then presented by its Chairman, John Steinmueller.

Francis S. Rossiter, Editor of *CBQ*, reported that the number and quality of articles submitted for publication were good. Of fifty-five articles submitted, sixteen were accepted. Twenty of the fifty-five articles were written by CBA members. Msgr. Rossiter would welcome more NT articles. He then gave the report of the Book Review Editor, Neil J. McEleney. Approximately two

hundred reviews were carried by the *CBQ*, the majority by CBA members. Reviewers were cautioned to stay within the assigned wordage. Rossiter announced that McEleney would be on Sabbatical leave next year and that James D. Reese had been nominated to take over as Book Review Editor. President Quinn thanked the Editor for his work in behalf of the membership.

The Chairman of the Monograph Series, Joseph A. Fitzmyer, then reported that the first volume of this series, a collection of essays of Patrick W. Skehan, has appeared. The second is in process. Members were advised that manuscripts of 300 typed pages are more acceptable than longer ones.

The Report of the Delegates to the Council on Study of Religion was presented by the senior delegate, George W. MacRae. He reported that the CSR has designated a task force to investigate modes of scholarly communication and related matters in the field of religion and to report to the constituent societies at the 1972 meeting. The task force is funded by a grant from the ACLS. MacRae also reported that a proposal has been made to establish a common national business office for the constituent societies. The CBA Executive Board and Executive Secretary have not considered it advantageous to participate in such an enterprise and consequently recommend no action on this proposal.

At the May meeting one of the CBA delegates (MacRae) was re-elected as Vice-Chairman and our Executive Secretary was re-elected as Treasurer.

MacRae then reported on the plans for the 1972 Congress in Los Angeles, September 1 to September 5:

1) Residence possibilities are the Congress Hotels (the Century Plaza, the Beverly Hilton, the Beverly Wilshire) and Loyola University, with busing to the Century Plaza meeting rooms. No single rooms will be available at reduced rates at the Century Plaza.

2) The Congress is an opportunity for each participating society not only to engage in its own program but to enter into close contact with other learned societies in the religious field. The general theme is "Religion and the Humanizing of Man." Besides the general sessions open to all those in attendance, each society will have a substantial period each morning and all afternoon for its own activities. Members of the Congress will be free to attend the public meetings of any of the societies. The Congress Committee is currently in the process of inviting some twelve general speakers.

3) The CBA Program Committee is planning an interesting CBA contribution to the total program. Suggestions are welcomed. Effort will be made to invite some of our European colleagues to participate.

4) There will be a single printed program for the entire Congress, listing the full information on each society's individual program.

Father MacRae concluded his report with a request for cooperation on the part of the CBA in this unique enterprise.

The report of the Executive Secretary, Joseph Jensen, then followed. After commenting on the Treasurer's Report, he spoke of grants approved by the Executive Board for this fiscal year: a grant of \$1,500.00 to Jerome Quinn as Visiting Professor at the PBI; the sum of \$500.00 for Bernardin Schneider's translation project, by way of support toward the education of a young Japanese

Franciscan priest. The Executive Board also approved modest financial help for officially established local CBA chapters; the Secretary requested that officers of local CBA chapters send news of regional meetings to the *CBQ* Editor, Msgr. Rossiter, for publication in the *CSR* Bulletin. An amount of \$1,800.00 annually was approved by the Executive Board for a Visiting Professor at the École Biblique in Jerusalem. Applications for this position and for the PBI are now being accepted (see below).

Speaking in behalf of the CBA, the Secretary paid a warm tribute to the retiring Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Msgr. John Steinmueller. Steinmueller expressed his gratitude to the association for the confidence and trust placed in him and received a standing ovation.

George Montague, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, proposed the following candidates: *President*: Raymond Brown; *Vice-President*: Quentin Quesnell; *Executive Secretary*: Joseph Jensen; *Treasurer*: James Clifton; *CBQ Editor*: Francis Rossiter; *Chairman of Board of Trustees*: Myles Bourke; *Consultors, '71-'73*: Daniel Harrington and John Elliott; *Associate Editor of CBQ*: James Reese; *Delegate to CSR, '72-'73*: George MacRae; *Member of Program Committee, '71-'75*: Simon Smith; *Member of Nominations Committee, '71-'75*: Carroll Stuhlmuller. No further nominations were made from the floor. Nominations were closed, and the entire slate of candidates were elected by the membership. The new President, Raymond E. Brown, is Professor of Biblical Studies at Union Theological Seminary and Woodstock College, New York City. He was recently designated as the recipient of the Cardinal Spellman Award for 1971 by the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Speaking for the Committee on Credentials, Alexander Di Lella proposed the following names:

For Active Membership:

Prof. Florence Mary Anderson, Rev. Robert C. Antonelli, C.S.C., Rev. Benjamin Baran, O.F.M., Rev. Vittorio P. Bosca, Rev. Antony F. Campbell, S.J., Rev. José P. Cárdenas, Rev. Richard J. Clifford, S.J., Rev. Dr. Karl P. Donfried, Rev. Otis Carl Edwards, Jr., Rev. Michael A. Fahey, S.J., Dr. Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Rev. William J. Fulco, S.J., Rev. Edward T. Gareau, Rev. Edward Glynn, S.J., Dr. Carl Graesser, Jr., Rev. John A. Grindel, C.M., Rev. Johannes A. Heemrood, O.M.I., Rev. Dr. David L. Himmler, Prof. Martin Kessler, Rev. John P. Meier, Dom Bernard Orchard, O.S.B., Rev. Robert F. O'Toole, S.J., Rev. Joseph Plevnik, S.J., Rev. Anthony R. Ranola, Rev. David P. Reid, S.S.C.C., Prof. Bernard B. Scott, Rev. Thomas E. Shea, S.S.C., Rev. James Mark Sheridan, O.S.B., Rev. Anthony J. Tambasco, S.M.M., Rev. Cronan R. Tyms, O.S.B., Rev. Peter E. Wang, and Dr. Walter R. Wifall.

For Associate Membership:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Bailey, Rev. Raymond H. Bailey, Rev. Michael L. Barré, S.S., Brother James D. Biernat, S.M., Rev. John P. Burchill, O.P., Miss Marilyn F. Collins, Rev. Marcellus Fernandez, O.F.M., Rev. Joseph E. Finch, Miss

Jennifer J. Frost, Rev. M. Dennis Hamm, S.J., Rev. Joseph P. Healey, M.S., Rev. Gene M. Hensell, Rev. Thomas A. Hoffman, S.J., Rev. Ernest J. Jacques, S.J., Sister Ruth M. Karnitz, S.S.N.D., Prof. Richard C. Lux, Sister Miriam F. Perlewitz, M.M., Rev. Lawrence A. Plutko, Rev. Ronald G. Rank, Sister Claudia Riehl, O.S.B., Rev. John A. Sherlock, Rev. Joseph D. Slater, Rev. David W. Smith, Rev. Henry F. Smolinski, Rev. Leo J. Tibesar, and Mrs. Ann M. Vater. Acceptance of these candidates was approved unanimously.

The next order of business was consideration of certain previously proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws:

Art. IV, Sect. 2: For "an Editor," read "the Editor of *CBQ*."

Art. V to read as follows:

Sect. 5: The duties of the Editor of *CBQ* shall be:

- (a) To serve as chairman of the *CBQ* Editorial Board;
- (b) To prepare *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly (CBQ)* for publication as the official organ of the association;
- (c) To accept . . . the *CBQ* Editorial Board . . .

Art. VI. Editorial Boards.

Sect. 1: The Editor of *CBQ* shall be assisted by an Editorial Board whose membership shall be duly elected as specified in the By-laws.

By-law 1.—II,1: (renumber and relocate as V,5) read: "*The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* shall be a periodical devoted to scholarly articles on subjects connected with the scientific study of the Bible."

By-law 10.—IV,2: (b) omit "Editor"

(e) The Editor of *CBQ* shall be elected by the Editorial Board for a stated term.

By-law 16.—VI,1: At the annual general meeting four Associate Editors shall be elected for a term of four years. Associate Editors may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

After a brief discussion, these amendments to the Constitution and By-laws were unanimously approved.

The Committee on Resolutions, headed by Rev. Brendan McGrath, offered resolutions thanking Archbishop Cousins, V. Rev. John Raynor, Quentin Quesnell, Thomas Caldwell, and the Program Committee, and concluded with the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the CBA, gather for its 34th General Meeting at Marquette University: that the association acknowledge with pleasure and profound gratitude its manifold debt to the generous and untiring interest in all its works from its very beginning on the part of the retiring Chairman of Board of Trustees, Charter Member and sometime President, the Reverend Monsignor John Steinmueller. These resolutions passed unanimously. All business having been completed, the President adjourned the meeting.

The evening period consisted of a panel discussion, "Early Catholicism in the New Testament," moderated by Simon Smith. Panelists were Raymond Brown, George MacRae, and John Elliott. For many this was the highlight of the con-

vention. The interaction of the panelists, the clarity of their presentation, and the depth of their insights made this a memorable event. Elliott and MacRae presented prepared comments while Brown responded directly to their expositions. The discussion was lively and the audience entered into it with a vigor equal to that of the panelists.

Sessions of Thursday, August 26

The Continuing Seminars held concluding dialogues. The convention formally closed with the midday liturgy, at which Thomas Suriano was homilist.

The following were registered in attendance:

Ambrozic, Aloysius	Fitzmyer, Joseph, S.J.
Allen, Thomas	Flanagan, James
Bailey, Joseph	Ford, J. M.
Baran, Benjamin, O.F.M.	Fournelle, Geron, O.F.M.
Barbieri, A.	Gaboury, Antonio
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Graycar, Paul M.
Bedard, Walter	Grindel, John A., C.M.
Bergant, Sr. Dianne, C.S.A.	Guyot, G. H., C.M.
Bosca, Vittorio	Halligan, Raymond, O.P.
Brown, Raymond E., S.S.	Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
Brown, Schuyler, S.J.	Harrington, Daniel, S.J.
Brummel, Thomas, C.M.F.	Heemrood, J. A., O.M.I.
Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.	Henkey, Charles H.
Buckley, Thomas	Hensell, Gene
Cabey, Edwin, S.V.D.	Heupler, Charles, O.F.M.Cap.
Caldwell, Thomas, S.J.	Hoffman, Thomas, S.J.
Ciuba, Edward	Hopkins, Martin, O.P.
Collins, Marilyn F.	Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
Cleary, Francis X., S.J.	Karnitz, Ruth, S.S.N.D.
Clifford, Richard, S.J.	Karris, Robert, O.F.M.
Clifton, James, C.F.X.	Kearney, Peter
Comber, Joseph A., C.F.X.	Keating, John, S.J.
Cordano, Virgil, O.F.M.	King, Philip
Craghan, John, C.S.S.R.	Kurz, William, S.J.
Crane, Thomas E.	Laberge, Leo, O.M.I.
Csanyi, Daniel, S.O.Cist.	Lazor, Bernard, O.S.A.
DeVault, Joseph, S.J.	Lazure, Noel
Dietlein, Damian, O.S.B.	Leahy, Thomas, S.J.
Di Lella, Alexander, O.F.M.	Lussier, E., S.S.S.
Draina, Cyril, S.T.	Lux, Richard
Dumm, Demetrius R., O.S.B.	MacCandless, John
Elliott, John H.	MacRae, George, S.J.
Edwards, Otis Carl	McEleney, Neil, C.S.P.
Fahey, Michael, S.J.	McFarlane, Mary
Finn, Edward, S.J.	McGovern, John, M.M.
Fischer, James A., C.M.	McGrath, Brendan, O.S.B.
Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.	McKenna, Margaret

Malina, Bruce	Schaub, Marilyn
Maly, Eugene	Schoenberg, Martin, O.S.C.
Marrow, Stanley, S.J.	Schrodt, Paul
Martin, Francis	Senior, Donald
Martinez, Ernest, S.J.	Shafer, Byron
Miles, Andrew, O.S.B.	Skehan, Patrick
Miller, Charles, S.M.	Skiba, Richard
Mohler, James, S.J.	Smith, Alan, O.P.
Montague, George, S. M.	Smith, David
Moore, John, S.M.	Smith, Simon, S.J.
Moriarity, Robert	Sorensen, Howard, O.M.I.
Most, William	Stanley, David, S.J.
Murphy, Roland, O.Carm.	Steinmueller, John
Nickels, Peter, O.F.M.Conv.	Stuhlmueller, Carroll, C.P.
O'Connell, Kevin, S.J.	Suriano, Thomas
Panella, Donald	Tambasco, Anthony, S.M.M.
Perlewitz, Miriam, M.M.	Tibesar, Leo
Petronek, Thomas	Topel, John, S.J.
Pilch, John, O.F.M.	Trautman, Donald
Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.	Turner, Wayne
Quesnell, Quentin, S.J.	Tyms, Cronan, O.S.B.
Quinn, Jerome	Vater, Ann
Rank, Ronald	Vawter, Bruce, C.M.
Rausch, Jerome, O.S.C.	Wcela, Emil
Reaume, Michael, S.M.	Wells, John
Reese, James, O.S.F.S.	White, Betty Curtis, N.D.S.
Reid, David, SS.CC.	Wilhelm, H. Joseph, S.M.
Riehl, Claudia, O.S.B.	Wilker, Rose, S.N.D.
Rossiter, Francis	Witczak, Ralph
Rylaarsdam, J. Coert	Zalotay, Joseph
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