

## **REPORT OF THE FORTIETH GENERAL MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

The 40th General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association took place at the University of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, from Tuesday, Aug. 16, to Friday, Aug. 19, 1977. The Presidential Address, entitled, "Ethics and Wisdom," was delivered by James A. Fischer, C.M., on Tuesday evening.

### **Sessions on Wednesday, August 17**

Five Task Forces and five Continuing Seminars met simultaneously on each day from 9:00-10:45 A.M. The first Task Force, "Early Pentateuchal Sources," was moderated by John A. Grindel, C.M. Other core group members present were John Craghan, C.S.S.R., Alan W. Jenks, Helen A. Kenik, O.P., Dennis J. McCarthy, S.J., Michael Mulhall, O.Carm., Emil A. Wcela, and Walter R. Wifall, Jr. The group discussed papers by Grindel on the Abimelech traditions in Genesis 21 and 26; by Wifall and Jenks on the wife-sister stories of Genesis 12, 20, and 26; by Mulhall on the source analysis of Exodus 1-3; by Craghan on the Hagar stories of Genesis 16 and 21; and by Wcela on criteria for identifying E-source material. The second Task Force, "Healing in the New Testament," discussed a paper by Bruce J. Malina on sociological theories of Parson, Douglas, and Polanyi as they are helpful for understanding early Christianity, especially in view of the phenomenon of healing. Other members of the core group present were Dennis Hamm, S.J., and John J. Pilch. The Task Force on "Hebrew Poetry" was moderated by Conrad E. L'Heureux, with core group members Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., Richard J. Clifford, S.J., Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., and Harold Forshey presenting papers on passages from Isaiah 1-12. The Task Force on "Luke-Acts" was moderated by Robert O'Toole, S.J., with core group members Luke J. Johnson, John J. Kilgallen, S.J., and William S. Kurz, S.J. in attendance. They discussed the following papers: Johnson, "Some Notes on the Literary Analysis of Luke-Acts"; Kurz, "Acts 3:19-26 as a Test of the Role of Eschatology in the Lucan Christology"; Karris, "Luke the Pastoral Theologian and the Occasions of Luke-Acts"; Kilgallen, "The Son of Man in Acts"; and R. O'Toole, "Acts 13:13-52, A Unit?" The fifth Task Force was "New Testament Ethics: Method and Content," moderated by Robert J. Daly, S.J. The following core group members were present: Thomas Aquinas Collins, O.P., Cassian Corcoran, O.F.M., James A. Fischer, C.M., Paul

M. Jurkowitz, Terence J. Keegan, O.P., Neil J. McEleney, C.S.P., Stanley M. Polan, Patrick Henry Reardon, and Anthony J. Tambasco, S.M.M. They discussed the presidential address of Tuesday evening as well as contributions by Keegan, McEleney, and Tambasco.

The Continuing Seminars with their respective leaders were as follows: Schuyler Brown, S.J., "Community and Gentile Mission in Matthew's Gospel"; Mitchell J. Dahood, S.J., "Eblaite, Canaanite, and Hebrew"; Maurya P. Horgan, "The Pesharim of Qumran"; Jerome D. Quinn, "Problems in the Pastorals—Part III"; Joseph Blenkinsopp, "The Redaction of the Latter Prophets."

The morning's activities concluded with two simultaneous sessions, at which the following papers were presented: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., "Weal and Woe in Isaiah: Consistency and Continuity"; and John R. Donahue, S.J., "The Follower Becomes the Followed: Two Decades of Marcan Research."

The Eucharistic Liturgy was celebrated in the Student Chapel with Most Reverend Walter J. Schoenherr, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, as principal celebrant and homilist.

During the afternoon, four sessions of Research Reports were held. The following papers were presented: Lawrence Frizzell, "The Twelve Tribes of Israel in the War Scroll (1 QM)"; Richard J. Clifford, S.J., "Isa 41:1-42:4: The Choosing of Israel"; Mitchell J. Dahood, S.J., "New Readings in Lamentations Based Mainly on *scriptio defectiva*"; James J. Cunningham, O.P., "*Meta treis hēmeras* and Mark's Passion Chronology"; Martin H. Scharlemann, "Stephen's Speech: A Lucan Creation?"; Anthony J. Saldarini, "Eschatological and Apocalyptic Themes in the Midrash"; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm., "Repetitions and Catchwords in the Song of Songs"; Walter R. Wifall, Jr., "The End of Thiele's 'Inconsequent Accession-Year' Dating in Kings"; J. Massyngberde Ford, "The Jewish Nationalists and St. Luke's Account of the Passion"; Paul E. Dinter, "The Interpretation of the Scriptures in Romans 10"; Francis T. Fallon, "The Gnostics: The Undominated Race"; Philip J. King, "Field Archaeology: 1977 Season"; Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., "Of L's and N's and R's"; Urban von Wahlde, "Beyond the Signs Source: New Light on the Literary History of the Fourth Gospel?" Jerome J. Murphy-O'Connor, O.P., "Works without Faith in 1 Cor 7:14"; Paulinus Bellet, O.S.B., "The Bohairic Translation of the Gospel of John (P. Bodmer III) and Gnosticism"; Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., "Ezekiel 25-32 and the Use of Rhetorical Patterns of Structuralization"; John F. O'Grady, "The Community of John and the Role of the Beloved Disciple"; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., "The Polemic in 2 Peter: A Fresh Inquiry."

In the evening, the General Session featured a paper by Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., entitled "Crucifixion in Ancient Palestine, Qumran Literature, and the New Testament."

#### Sessions on Thursday, August 18

In the first part of the morning, the Task Forces and Continuing Seminars met as on Wednesday. This was followed by two simultaneous sessions: Dennis J. McCar-

thy, S.J., "Exod 3:13-15: Philology, History, or Theology?"; and Robert J. Karris, O.F.M., "Luke the Pastoral Theologian and the Occasion of Luke-Acts."

George T. Montague, S.M., was principle concelebrant and homilist at the mid-day liturgy.

At a general afternoon session, a panel discussion on "The Composition of the Gospel of Matthew" was presented by Joseph A. Comber, C.F.X., Jack Dean Kingsbury, and John P. Meier. William G. Thompson, S.J., was moderator.

The annual business meeting of the CBA was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by CBA President James A. Fischer, C.M. Myles M. Bourke presented his report as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Treasurer's report in the absence of James P. Clifton, C.F.X. Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the Executive Secretary's report.

After offering personal thanks to the local arrangements committee for their extremely good work, Jensen announced the following grants voted by the Executive Board: \$1,000.00 for the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum translation project; a tithe of membership dues (\$1,215.00) for famine relief; \$3,000.00 for a Syrian archaeological survey administered by ASOR (see the Biblical News item which follows the Meeting Report for details of this project and a call for participants). He further announced that the Executive Board had: (1) accepted the resignation of Richard J. Sklba as Chairman of the Projects and Priorities Committee and had suggested John P. Meier as his replacement (subsequently confirmed), though Sklba remains convener of the Task Force on "The Role of Women in Early Christianity" authorized by the Executive Board last year; (2) voted to send a letter to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to express disappointment at the inadequacies of the use of Scripture in its document on the ordination of women and the neglect of the scholarly report produced by the Pontifical Biblical Commission, and also to express the hope for improvement in this matter as the Congregation continues to study the question—a task in which we are also engaged; (3) named Richard Kugelman, C.P., to replace Joseph J. DeVault (deceased) as member of the Board of Trustees. Jensen also reported that the NCCB and the Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies have appointed a committee to lay plans for a colloquium between bishops and scholars on the topic of scholarship in the Church. After discussion of other options, the membership voted to accept an invitation from the University of San Francisco to hold the 1978 meeting at San Francisco on August 22-25.

Richard J. Clifford, S.J., presented his report as Editor of *CBQ*. He announced that after 25 years of generous and distinguished service, Msgr. Francis S. Rossiter was resigning as Publishing Editor of *CBQ*. The membership gave Msgr. Rossiter a standing ovation. The position will be taken over by Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P. The positions of OT and NT Book Review Editors will continue to be filled by John Kselman, S.S., and Robert J. Karris, O.F.M., respectively.

Bruce Vawter reported as Chairman of the *CBQMS* Editorial Board and Editor of *OTA*. He indicated that the Monograph Series is progressing in healthy fashion and that prospects for *OTA* are very promising.

Alexander A. DiLella, O.F.M., reported for the Committee on Credentials. He recommended the acceptance of the following candidates:

*For Active Membership:*

Prof. Gilbert L. Bartholomew, Dr. Francis W. Boelter, Rev. Louis Brodie, O.P., Rev. Peter Corbellini, C.S., Rev. Gerard J. Diamond, Rev. Stephen G. Dunn, Dr. Shozo Fujita, Rev. Michel Gourgues, O.P., Rev. Wilfrid Harrington, O.P., Prof. Christian E. Hauer, Jr., Rev. John P. Heil, Dr. Maurya P. Horgan, Prof. Benjamin J. Hubbard, Dr. Hugh Humphrey, Dr. Luke T. Johnson, Dr. Carl R. Kazmier-ski, Dr. Werner H. Kelber, Rev. Martin F. Kirby, Dr. John Kenneth Kuntz, Rev. William S. Kurz, S.J., Dr. Conrad E. L'Heureux, Dr. Richard C. Lux, Sister Rea McDonnell, S.S.N.D., Dr. Walter L. Michel, Rev. Donald L. Murphy, S.J., Rev. Otto Reimherr, Dr. Earl Richard, Prof. D. Moody Smith, Jr., Dr. Charles H. Talbert, Dr. Eugene C. Ulrich, Dr. James C. VanderKam, Dr. Ann Vater, Dr. E. Jane Via, Rev. Benedict T. Viviano, O.P., Dr. Urban C. von Wahlde.

*For Associate Membership:*

Miss Isabelle M. Astorino, Ms. Karen E. Barta, Rev. Alice Ogden Bellis, Sister Elsie Benney, S.S.J., Rev. Ignatius A. Catanello, Sister Marion Cotty, S.N.D., Ms. Toni Craven, Rev. Stephen J. Denig, C.M., Rev. John C. Endres, S.J., Rev. John R. Flynn, O.S.A., Sister Helene Foley, S.C.C., Prof. Robert W. Heubsch, Rev. Donald H. Little, Sister Mary T. Meegan, O.P., Rev. Leonard S. Misesy, Dr. John McCully, Mr. Charles B. Puskas, Rev. Steven J. Scherrer, Rev. Meryl E. Schmit, Mr. E. Springs Steele, Mr. Eugene F. Trester, Miss Pauline A. Viviano, Ms. Mary Elizabeth Waldron, Ms. Gale Ann Yee, Rev. Victor S. Yoon. These candidates were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Josephine Massyngberde Ford reported for the Committee on Nominations, recommending the following slate of candidates: *President*: George T. Montague, S.M.; *Vice-President*: Carroll Stuhlmuehler, C.P.; *Executive Secretary*: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer*: James P. Clifton, C.F.X.; *Chairman, Board of Trustees, '77-'80*: Myles M. Bourke; *Consultors, '77-'79*: Frederick W. Danker and John F. Craghan; *Committee on Nominations, '77-81*: PHEME PERKINS; *Associate Editors of CBQ*: Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., Adela Yarbro Collins, Conrad E. L'Heureux, and Joseph Blenkinsopp. The slate was elected unanimously.

Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., on behalf of the Committee on Resolutions, proposed resolutions to thank the President and staff of the University of Detroit, Edmund J. Hartmann, S.J., and his local arrangements committee, Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., and his program committee, for all that had been done to contribute to a fine meeting; to thank Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr for joining our liturgy as principal concelebrant and for his gracious homily; to assure His Eminence, John Cardinal Deardon, of our prayers for his recovery; and, in particular, "that public and grateful recognition be accorded to the Reverend Monsignor Francis Stephen Rossiter, former Vice-President and President of the Association, for his faithful service to the Association and the cause to which it is dedicated through twenty-five years as Publishing Editor of *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*." These resolutions were unanimously passed.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

In a general session in the evening, Mitchell J. Dahood, S.J., presented a paper entitled "Ebla, Ugarit, and the Old Testament."

### Sessions on Friday, August 19

In the first part of the morning, the Task Forces and Continuing Seminars met as on the two preceding days. This was followed by two simultaneous sessions: Jack Dean Kingsbury, "Observations on the Theology of Matthew"; and Joseph Blenkinsopp, "The Land of Israel: A Problem for Old Testament Theology."

Thomas C. Petronek was principal concelebrant and homilist for the midday liturgy.

The following CBA members and invited guests were in attendance at the meeting:

Bailey, Joseph G.	Fallon, Francis T.
Bellet, Paulinus, O.S.B.	Farrell, Hobert K.
Benjamin, Don C., O.Carm.	Fischer, James A., C.M.
Benjamin, Harry S.	Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Fitzmyer, Joseph A., S.J.
Blenkinsopp, Joseph	Ford, J. Massyngberde
Boadt, Lawrence, C.S.P.	Frizzell, Lawrence
Bossman, David, O.F.M.	Forshey, Harold O.
Boucher, Madeleine	Gallagher, Patrick, O.F.M.Conv.
Bourke, Myles M.	Gareau, Edward T.
Bowes, Paula J.	Giblin, Charles H., S.J.
Brodie, Louis, O.P.	Gignac, Francis T., S.J.
Brown, Schuyler, S.J.	Grindel, John A., C.M.
Brummel, Thomas R., C.M.F.	Halligan, John M.
Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.	Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
Buckley, Thomas W.	Hartdegen, Stephen, O.F.M.
Bushinski, Leonard A., C.S.Sp.	Hartmann, Edmund J., S.J.
Campbell, Antony F., S.J.	Hayes, Bonaventure F., O.F.M.
Ceresko, Anthony R., O.S.F.S.	Heemrood, Johannes, O.M.I.
Clifford, Richard J., S.J.	Heil, John P.
Collins, Thomas A., O.P.	Held, M. Leontine, S.S.N.D.
Comber, Joseph A., C.F.X.	Hendricks, Nathaniel, S.J.
Cordano, Virgil, O.F.M.	Heupler, Charles, O.F.M.Cap.
Craghan, John R., C.S.S.R.	Hoffman, Thomas A., S.J.
Crim, Keith R.	Hollar, John A.
Cullom, Barbara A.	Horgan, Maurya P.
Cunningham, James J., O.P.	Humphrey, Hugh M.
Dahood, Mitchell, S.J.	Hunt, Joseph I.
Daly, Robert J., S.J.	Irwin, William H., C.S.B.
Danker, Frederick W.	Jenks, Alan W.
Devine, J. Frank, S.J.	Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.	Johnson, Luke T.
Dinter, Paul E.	Jurkowitz, Paul M.
Donahue, John R., S.J.	Karban, Roger R.

- Karris, Robert J., O.F.M.  
 Keating, John R., S.J.  
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.  
 Kendall, R. Daniel, S.J.  
 Kenik, Helen Ann, O.P.  
 Kessler, Martin  
 Kilgallen, John J., S.J.  
 King, Philip J.  
 Kingsbury, Jack Dean  
 Kirby, Martin F.  
 Kraus, Damien, O.S.B.  
 Kristensen, Ansgar, O.S.B.  
 Kselman, John S., S.S.  
 Kurz, William S., S.J.  
 Laberge, Leo, O.M.I.  
 Laffey, Alice L., R.S.M.  
 Lane, M. Kathleen  
 LaVerdiere, Eugene A., S.S.S.  
 Lay, John  
 L'Heureux, Conrad E.  
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.  
 McCarthy, Dennis J., S.J.  
 McCollough, Thomas  
 McCrabb, Donald  
 McCreesh, Thomas P., O.P.  
 MacDonald, Burton  
 McDonnell, Rea, S.S.N.D.  
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.  
 McEvenue, Sean E.  
 McGrath, Brendan, O.S.B.  
 Mackowski, Richard M., S.J.  
 Malina, Bruce J.  
 Malone, Richard K.  
 Maly, Eugene H.  
 Mancuso, John J.  
 Martin, Edward J., C.M.  
 Michel, Walter L.  
 Miller, Charles H., S.M.  
 Montague, George T., S.M.  
 Morris, Gerald R.  
 Mulhall, Michael, O.Carm.  
 Murphy, Donald J., S.J.  
 Murphy, John P., S.J.  
 Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.  
 Murphy-O'Connor, Jerome, O.P.  
 Navarre, Nanette, O.S.U.  
 Neyrey, Jerome, S.J.  
 Nicholson, Godfrey C.  
 Nickels, Peter, O.F.M.Conv.  
 O'Grady, John F.  
 O'Neill, Helen, O.P.  
 Osiek, Carolyn A., R.S.C.J.  
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.  
 Parr, Charles J.  
 Paul, Leonard, C.S.C.  
 Peters, Eric  
 Petronek, Thomas C.  
 Pierce, Justin, S.D.S.  
 Pilch, John J.  
 Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.  
 Polan, Stanley M.  
 Prendergast, Terrence, S.J.  
 Quinn, Jerome D.  
 Reardon, Patrick Henry  
 Reaume, Michael, S.M.  
 Reese, James M., O.S.F.S.  
 Reges, Mary Stephen, O.P.  
 Reid, David P., SS.CC.  
 Richardson, H. Neil  
 Riehl, Claudia, O.S.B.  
 Rossiter, Francis S.  
 Rothman, Joan T. K.  
 Rubsys, Anthony L.  
 Rybolt, John E., C.M.  
 Saldarini, Anthony J.  
 Schaberg, Jane, R.S.C.J.  
 Scharlemann, Martin H.  
 Scherrer, Steven J., M.M.  
 Schneiders, Sandra M., I.H.M.  
 Schoenberg, Martin W., O.S.C.  
 Schuele, Frederick E.  
 Sena, Patrick J., C.PP.S.  
 Sharp, Donald B., S.J.  
 Shaver, Jud  
 Skehan, Patrick W.  
 Sklba, Richard J.  
 Smith, David W.  
 Sorensen, Howard J., O.M.I.  
 Steiner, Luke, O.S.B.  
 Stockhausen, Carol

Stuhlmüller, Carroll, C.P.  
Suriano, Thomas  
Tambasco, Anthony, S.M.M.  
Thompson, William G., S.J.  
Tosco, Lorenzo A., C.S.J.  
Turner, Wayne A.  
Ulrich, Eugene C.  
Vancik, Vladimir G.  
Van Linden, Philip, C.M.  
Vater, Ann  
Vawter, Bruce, C.M.

Viviano, Pauline  
von Wahlde, Urban C.  
Wahl, Thomas, O.S.B.  
Walsh, Jerome T.  
Walsh, John E.  
Walsh, Michael F., C.M.  
Wcela, Emil A.  
Wifall, Walter R.  
Woods, Dorothy Eileen, O.P.  
Wright, Addison, S.S.  
Zilonka, Paul, C.P.