

Report of the Fifty-Fourth General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The fifty-fourth meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 10-13, 1991, at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 10. Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., executive secretary of the association, introduced the president, John P. Meier, who delivered the presidential address, "The Brothers and Sisters of Jesus in Ecumenical Perspective."

Sessions on Sunday, August 11

Eight task forces and five continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation" (convener: Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; core group members in attendance: David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; K. C. Hanson; Stuart L. Love); "Narrative Study of the New Testament" (co-conveners: Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., and Frank J. Matera; core group members in attendance: John R. Donahue, S.J.; Richard A. Edwards; James A. Fischer, C.M.; Dennis Hamm, S.J.; John P. Heil; J. Warren Holleran; R. Francis Martin; Marie-Eloise Rosenblatt, R.S.M.; Augustine R. Stock, O.S.B.); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (co-conveners: Kathleen M. O'Connor and Damian L. Dietlein, O.S.B.; core group members in attendance: Mark C. Kiley; Alice L. Laffey; Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J.); "Theology of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament" (convener: Richard J. Clifford, S.J.; core group members in attendance: Bernard F. Batto; Joan E. Cook, S.C.; James L. Crenshaw; Michael F. Kolarcik, S.J.; David Penchan-

sky; Bernard B. Scott; Thomas H. Tobin, S.J.; Gale A. Yee); "The Wisdom Tradition in the Old and New Testaments" (convener: Betty Jane Lillie, S.C.; core group members in attendance: Thomas A. Brummel, C.M.F.; Hugh M. Humphrey; Bernard A. Lazor, O.S.A.; James P. McIlhorne; Justin A. Pierce, S.D.S.); "Synoptic Gospels" (co-conveners: Robert F. O'Toole, S.J., and Benedict T. Viviano, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Thomas L. Brodie, O.P.; Thomas W. Buckley; Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B.; Enrique Nardoni; Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J.; Otto Reimherr); "Old Testament and Ecology" (convener: Lawrence E. Frizzell; core group members in attendance: Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; Benedict F. Janecko, O.S.B.; Donald B. Sharp, S.J.; Richard J. Sklba; Charles H. Talbert); "Biblical Perspectives on the Socio-political Dimensions of Suffering" (co-conveners: Richard J. Cassidy and Anthony J. Tambasco; core group members in attendance: Robert J. Daly, S.J.; Patricia McDonald, S.H.C.J.; Susan F. Mathews; Marilyn Schaub; David Whitten Smith; Dennis M. Sweetland).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "Teaching an Introductory Course in Old Testament: Texts and Tactics" (Don C. Benjamin); "The Poetry and Message of Isaiah 28-30" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., and Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.); "Biblical Issues in Christian-Jewish Relations" (David P. Efrogmson and Richard C. Lux); "Paul as Exegete" (Carol Kern Stockhausen); "Leadership in the Deuteronomistic History" (Pauline A. Viviano).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Michael L. Barré, S.S., "The Prayer of Hezekiah in the Context of Isaiah 36-39," and Anthony J. Saldarini, "Fidelity to the Law in Matthew."

His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahoney, Archbishop of Los Angeles, was principal celebrant and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Mark C. Kiley, "Ahab, Jezebel, and James"; Joseph A. Grassi, "Luke's Redaction of the Feeding of the Five Thousand (9:10-17)"; David Carr, "The Tradition History of the Primeval History (Genesis 1-11)"; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm., "Wanting or Wanted: A Critical Biblical Theology"; Fernando F. Segovia, "The Final Farewell of Jesus: A Reading of John 20:20-21:25"; Florence Morgan Gillman, "Pilate's Message from His Wife (Matt 27:19)"; John G. Lodge, "The Enemy May Be Us: The Use of Scripture in Romans 9-11"; John Topel, S.J., "The Parallel Between Jesus and John the Baptist in Luke 3-6"; Bernard F. Batto, "The Institution of Marriage in Genesis 2 and Atrahasis"; Mark Sheridan, O.S.B., "Making the Camel Pass Through the Eye of the Needle: A Patristic View of the Old Testament"; David Penchansky, "COMMENTARIES 'R' US: An Ideological Analysis of Some Recent Interpretations of Job"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "The Rich Young Man in Matt 19:16-22: Another Way to God for Jews?"; Earl J. Richard, "Paul's Early Theology, Christology, and Pneumatology: A Study of 1 Thessalonians"; S. Scott Bartchy, "Community of Goods in Acts: Idealization or Social Reality?"; Ghislain R. Labonté, "Abraham in History: New Questions, New Methods"; Markus N. A. Bockmuehl, "Universal Law in the First Three Centuries"; Thomas Brummel, C.M.F., "Origen on the Pharisees' Accusation that Jesus Worked Miracles by the Power of Beelzebul: An Instance of Non-allegorical Interpretation"; Harry P. Nasuti, "The Poetics of Biblical

Prophecy: Reading the Prophetic Books as Books"; Jerome T. Walsh, "The Sermon on the Mount (Matt 4:25-8:1)"; Paul F. Aspan, "Epaphroditus: The Epitome of a Philippian"; Robert K. Moriarty, S.M., "The Treatment of the Lord's Prophet: A Matter of Life and Death (3 Kgdms 17:17-24 as Hermeneutic Key to 3 Kgdms 17-18)"; Jeffrey S. Siker, "Bernard Häring and the Use of Scripture in Moral Theology"; Thomas L. Brodie, O.P., "One Hundred Years of the Theory of Proto-Luke (1891-1991): Retrospect and Prospect"; D. Moody Smith, "Historical Issues and the Question of John and the Synoptics"; Joseph Sievers, "Identifying the Pharisees: A Prosopographical Approach to the Problem."

The evening general session featured a paper by Raymond E. Brown, S.S., "Problems of Interpretation in Commenting on the Gospel Passion Accounts."

Sessions on Monday, August 12

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Mark S. Smith, "Myth and Myth-Making in Ancient Israel," and by Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J., "The New Testament and the Social Sciences."

Marie-Eloise Rosenblatt, R.S.M., was presider at the midday Service of the Word.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "The Challenge to Biblical Studies of the New Literary Criticism." The moderator was John R. Donahue, S.J., and the panelists were Alice L. Laffey, Terence J. Keegan, O.P., and Fernando F. Segovia.

CBA President John P. Meier called the annual business meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. In the absence of Msgr. Myles Bourke, CBA executive secretary Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees on the healthy financial situation of the Association. Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., then presented the treasurer's report, the substance of which had been previously distributed to the members present. (Among the income items this year was a contribution in memory of a recently deceased charter member of the association, C. Fred Devine.)

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the executive secretary. He began by thanking those who had contributed to the success of this year's meeting, in particular the local arrangements committee and the members who supplied the music for our liturgical celebrations. He then announced the grants that had been approved or reaffirmed by the Executive Board: (a) \$10,000 plus travel for the Visiting Professorship at the Ecole Biblique (there was no appointment to the Pontifical Biblical Institute this year); this figure represents an increase approved by the Executive Board from the previous stipend of \$8,000 plus travel; (b) \$30,000 for ten stipends in the Memorial Stipends program; (c) \$20,000 plus travel for two fellowships in the Young Scholars' Fellowship program; (d) \$6,000 for three archaeological research stipends; (e) \$5,000 for the *Elenchus* of *Biblica*; (f) \$2,000 for the translation project of the *Studium Biblicum Franciscanum*; (g) \$2,612 (a tithe of membership dues) for famine relief; (h) \$10,000 for phase 2 of the archaeological dig at Tell Nimrin. The Executive Board also voted to continue to supply the *Religious Studies Review* to members of the association who live in the U.S.A., because of the advantageous price the association can get by buying the subscriptions in bulk. In other actions, the Board voted to change the deadline for application for Visiting Professorships from December 1 to November 1 and to approve the bylaws presented to the Board by the Archaeology

Committee. Those bylaws concern the size of the committee, the election of its chair, and the term of service. They provide that new members are proposed by the committee and appointed by the Executive Board. They further specify that approved projects are funded only on a year-to-year basis, that those applying should have approved CBA connections, that digs should have at least tangential connection to biblical studies, and that proposals should be submitted to the Executive Board by March 15. The Board elected Irene Nowell, O.S.B., to the Board of Trustees, Adela Yarbro Collins to the Committee on Memorial Stipends and Young Scholars' Fellowships, Leslie J. Hoppe, O.F.M., to the Committee on Visiting Professorships, and Donald H. Wimmer to the Archaeology Committee. It also voted to nominate Michael Glazier, David Stanley, S.J., and Roderick A. F. MacKenzie, S.J., as honorary life members of the CBA. Jensen reminded the members that the 1992 meeting will be held at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, from August 15-18. The membership voted to hold the 1993 meeting at Mount Community Center in Atchison, Kansas; the dates will be August 14-17.

John S. Kselman, S.S., gave the report of the editor of *CBQ*. In 1991, approximately 24 articles will have been published, covering 385 pages. Since last year, 89 MSS were received, of which 1 has been published, 13 have been accepted, 35 were rejected, and 40 are still under consideration.

Thomas P. McCreesh, O.P., gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. *OTA* normally abstracts around 330-340 articles and 50 books per issue; the October, 1991 issue may be larger. Christopher Begg, co-editor for the journal, is responsible for a significant rise in the number of book abstracts being published. The number of abstractors has been greatly increased, and four associate editors have been added. *OTA* has added a new section of abstracts on computer products relevant to our field.

In the absence of Robert J. Karris, O.F.M., Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., gave the report of the editor of *CBQMS*. Because of his new appointment to Rome, Karris has had to resign as editor of the *CBQMS*; the *CBQMS* editorial board proposed the name of a new editor to the Nominating Committee for the vote of the membership. During this year, 9 MSS were examined, of which 1 has been published, 2 are in process, 3 were rejected, and 3 were returned because they were revised dissertations.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., reported on the *NAB* Psalter revision. The editorial committee continued to meet one weekend per month through 1990. At the meeting of the administrative committee of the NCCB to consider the Psalter, there was some discussion of the issue of vertically inclusive language for God. This has led to some revisions in the proposals. Other revisions, extensive though touching only details, have been made on the basis of experimental liturgical use of the Psalter by selected large and small communities. The Psalter will again go before the administrative committee of the NCCB at their meeting in September, 1991. Richard J. Clifford, S.J., has completed the exegetical notes to the Psalter, and Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., has completed the textual notes. There are plans forming to undertake some revision of the remainder of the OT, but further development of these plans awaits the approval of the Psalter. He thanked Bishops Emil Wcela and Richard Sklba for their support.

Proposed additions to bylaw 9 of the association had been circulated in advance, and were now presented, with one small change, to the membership for action. The additions are:

(f) The general editor of *OTA* shall be elected by the membership for a term of four years.

(g) The general editor of *CBQMS* shall be elected by the membership for a term of four years.

The additions to bylaw 9 were approved unanimously by voice vote.

The list of candidates for membership in the association was not read, since it had been available to the members throughout the meeting. In the name of the committee on credentials, Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., recommended the following candidates:

For Active Membership:

Marie-Therese Archambault, O.S.F.; Gregory A. Banazak; Carlo Bazzi; Paul Carmona; Gordon F. Davies; Martinus C. de Boer; Brian Roderick Doyle, C.F.C.; Joanne Dupont, F.S.P.A.; Neil Elliott; Mark R. Fairchild; Mark D. Futato; Ronald L. Giese, Jr.; Miguel Gómez, S.D.B.; Thomas J. Gorsuch; David B. Gowler; Jeffries M. Hamilton; Aelred M. Kavanagh, O.S.B.; Robert A. Kraft; Carol Schersten LaHurd; Pierre Létourneau; Lester V. Meyer; William R. Millar; Julia M. O'Brien; Tina Pippin; James C. Polich; Mark Allan Powell; Cecilia A. Ranger, S.N.J.M.; Keith H. Reeves; Thomas M. Rosica, C.S.B.; Frederick W. Schmidt, Jr.; Philip C. Schmitz; Ronald A. Simkins; Jairo Orlando Soto Moreno; F. Scott Spencer; Gregory E. Sterling, O.A.R.; Charles A. Wanamaker; John T. Willis; Vincent L. Wimbush.

For Associate Membership:

John L. Allen, Jr.; Daniel P. Bailey; Kenneth J. Banner; Judith Bloxham, O.S.B.; Adèle Bolduc; Thomas M. Bolin; Thérèse H. Carmona; Patrick T. Cronauer, O.S.B.; Robert P. Dolan; Ihsan I. Handal; David A. Handy; Peter M. Head; Philip A. Homan; Pamela E. Kinlaw; Stuart Lasine; Javier Lopez, S.J.; Gerald C. Matatics; Claire R. Mathews; Daniel H. Mueggenborg; Georgia M. Nicolas; Mary Reaburn, N.D.S.; David B. Sedor; Norman J. Shanahan; George R. Sullivan; Paul B. Sumner; Joel F. Williams; Lucretia B. Yaghjian.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote. Neil J. McEleney, C.S.P., reported for the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President:* Richard J. Clifford, S.J.; *Vice President:* Robert J. Karris, O.F.M.; *Executive Secretary:* Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer:* Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; *Consultors, 1991-93:* Pauline A. Viviano and R. Francis Martin; *Committee on Nominations, 1991-95:* Emil A. Wcela; *Editor of OTA, 1991-92:* Thomas P. McCreesh, O.P.; *Editor of CBQMS:* Michael L. Barré, S.S.; *Associate Editors of CBQ:* Charles Homer Giblin, S.J.; Paul G. Mosca; Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J.; Patrick D. Miller; Urban C. von Wahlde; Richard J. Dillon; William J. Fulco, S.J.; and Eileen M. Schuller, O.S.U. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the Committee on Resolutions, James A. Fischer, C.M., proposed a resolution thanking the officials of Loyola Marymount University, the committees on local arrangements, on the program, and on the liturgies, Cardinal Roger Mahoney, and all the participants in this year's program for their respective contributions to making this meeting of the Association successful. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under new business, the membership considered two proposals from the Executive Board. The first was to confer honorary life membership on Michael Glazier; the second was to confer honorary life membership on David M. Stanley, S.J., and

on Roderick A. F. MacKenzie, S.J. The membership approved both proposals by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

The general session in the evening heard James L. Crenshaw deliver the paper "The Acquisition of Knowledge in Ancient Israel."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 13

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: J. Cheryl Exum, "Abner and Ishbosheth: Interrogating Minor Characters," and Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., "What's Wrong with this Picture: John 4, the Samaritan Woman, and Cultural Stereotypes of Women in the Ancient World."

Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

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

Achtemeier, Paul J.	Caron, Gerald, M.Afr.
Alexander, Patrick	Carr, David M.
Aspan, Paul F.	Carzo, Eileen
Attridge, Harold W.	Cassidy, Richard J.
Baima, John	Clark, Michael, O.M.I.
Banazak, Gregory A.	Clabeaux, John J.
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
Bartchy, S. Scott	Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.
Bartelt, Andrew H.	Cook, Joan E., S.C.
Batto, Bernard F.	Cordano, Virgil, O.F.M.
Benjamin, Don C.	Cotter, David W., O.S.B.
Berard, Marie	Crenshaw, James L.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Cronauer, Patrick T., O.S.B.
Bishop, Jonathan P.	Daly, Robert J., S.J.
Blenkinsopp, Joseph	Danker, Frederick W.
Bloxham, Judith S.	Davies, Gordon F.
Boadt, Lawrence E., C.S.P.	Deakle, David W.
Bockmuehl, Markus N.A.	Deehan, John
Bossman, David M., O.F.M.	Dewey, Joanna
Bozak, Barbara A., C.S.J.	Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
Brenner, Martin L.	Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
Brodie, Thomas L., O.P.	Dinter, Paul E.
Brooks, Oscar S.	Donahue, John R., S.J.
Brown, Raymond E., S.S.	Doyle, B. Rod, C.F.C.
Brummel, Thomas A., C.M.F.	Dumm, Demetrius R., O.S.B.
Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.	Edelman, Diana
Buckel, John	Edwards, Richard A. and June
Buckley, Thomas W.	Efroymsen, David P.
Cahill, P. Joseph	Endres, John C., S.J.
Carmona, Paul	Exum, J. Cheryl
Carmona, Thérèse H.	Fischer, James A., C.M.

Fischer, Mark
 Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.
 Fitzmyer, Joseph A., S.J.
 Flanagan, James W.
 Ford, J. Massyngbaerde
 Franke, Chris A. and Michael
 Freedman, David Noel
 Frizzell, Lawrence E.
 Fulco, William J., S.J.
 Gelinas, Margaret M.
 Giblin, Charles Homer, S.J.
 Gilchrist, John J.
 Gillman, Florence Morgan
 Gillman, John
 Glazier, Joan
 Glazier, Michael
 Goldstein, Marie, R.S.H.M.
 Gomez, Margarita
 Gomez, Miguel
 Gorsuch, Thomas J.
 Gourgues, Michel, O.P.
 Grassi, Joseph A. and Carolyn
 Griffin, Patrick J., C.M.
 Guinan, Michael D., O.F.M.
 Hagan, Harry, O.S.B.
 Hamilton, Gordon J.
 Hamilton, Jeffries M.
 Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
 Hanson, K. C.
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Hart, Thomas M., O.S.B.
 Hayes, Katherine and Thomas
 Heemrood, Johannes A., O.M.I.
 Heil, Christoph
 Heil, John P.
 Hodgson, Robert, Jr.
 Holladay, William L.
 Holleran, J. Warren
 Howell, Maribeth, O.P.
 Huesman, John E., S.J.
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Jackson, Glenna S.
 Janecko, Benedict F., O.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Johnson, Marshall D.
 Just, Felix, S.J.
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.
 Kiley, Mark C.
 King, Philip J.
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kolenkow, Anitra Bingham
 Kreimes, Paul A.
 Kselman, John S., S.S.
 Labonté, Ghislain R., O.P.
 Laffey, Alice L.
 Lasine, Stuart
 Launderville, Dale F., O.S.B.
 Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A.
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Lodge, John G.
 Love, Stuart L.
 Lux, Richard C.
 Maloney, Elliot C., O.S.B.
 Martin, George A.
 Martin, R. Francis
 Matera, Frank J.
 Mathews, Susan F.
 Matthews, Victor H.
 McCarthy, Jean V., O.P.
 McCreesh, Thomas P., O.P.
 McDonald, Patricia M., S.H.C.J.
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.
 McGovern, John, M.M.
 McHatten, Mary Timothy, O.P.
 McIlhone, James P.
 Meier, John P.
 Millar, William R. and Donna
 Milligan, Mary, R.S.H.M.
 Mindling, Joseph A., O.F.M.Cap.
 Mitchell, Alan C., S.J.
 Montague, George T., S.M.
 Moore, Brian R.
 Moore, Thomas C., O.P.
 Moriarty, Robert K., S.M.
 Morman, Kenneth G.
 Mosca, Paul G.
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 Murphy, Frederick J.
 Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.
 Nardoni, Enrique
 Nash, Kathleen S., S.S.N.D.

- Nasuti, Harry P.
 Naughton, Michael, O.S.B.
 Nelson, William B., Jr.
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 Nickle, Keith F.
 Nicolas, Maria Georgia
 Nowell, Irene, O.S.B.
 O'Connor, Kathleen M.
 Osiek, Carolyn A., R.S.C.J.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Owens, Edward J.
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 Pascuzzi, Maria, C.S.J.
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 Penchansky, David
 Pierce, Justin A., S.D.S.
 Powell, Mark Allan
 Prendergast, Terrence, S.J.
 Puskas, Charles B., Jr.
 Raabe, Paul R.
 Rask, Phillip J.
 Reaburn, Mary, N.D.S.
 Reimherr, Otto
 Reyes Ceja, Luis
 Richard, Earl J. and Mary Ann
 Romero, C. Gilbert
 Rosenblatt, Marie-Eloise, R.S.M.
 Rubsys, Anthony L.
 Ruiz, Jean-Pierre
 Rupert, Christopher T.
 Ryan, Rose Marie
 Saldarini, Anthony J.
 Schaub, Marilyn M.
 Schneck, Richard, S.J.
 Schoenstene, Robert
 Scott, Bernard B.
 Scullion, James P., O.F.M.
 Segovia, Fernando F.
 Sharp, Donald B., S.J.
 Sheridan, Mark, O.S.B.
 Sherwood, Stephen K., C.M.F.
- Sievers, Joseph
 Siker, Jeffrey S.
 Simkins, Ronald A.
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 Sloyan, Gerard S.
 Smiga, George M.
 Smith, David W.
 Smith, D. Moody
 Smith, Mark S.
 Soll, William M.
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 Staley, Jeffrey
 Steiner, Luke J., O.S.B.
 Sterling, Gregory E.
 Stock, Augustine R., O.S.B.
 Stockhausen, Carol Kern
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 Sweetland, Dennis M.
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 Tobin, Thomas H., S.J.
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 Tosco, Lawrence, C.S.J.
 Tyler, Ronald L.
 Viviano, Benedict, O.P.
 Viviano, Pauline A.
 Vogels, Walter A., W.F.
 von Herrmann, Jeanette, O.S.B.
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 Wahl, Thomas P., O.S.B.
 Walker, William O., Jr.
 Walsh, Jerome T.
 Walsh, Michael F., C.M.
 Wang, Peter E.
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