# Report of the Sixty-first General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The Sixty-first General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 8-11, 1998, at the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 8. Michael L. Barré, S.S., vice-president of the association, introduced Joseph M. McShane, S.J., president of the University, who warmly welcomed the members of the association. Donald P. Senior, C.P., president of the association, then delivered the presidential address, "Between Two Worlds: Gentiles and Jewish Christians in Matthew's Gospel."

# Sessions on Sunday, August 9

Five task forces and nine continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "Narrative and History in the Hebrew Bible" (convener: Pauline A. Viviano; core group members in attendance: John J. McDermott, Barbara E: Organ, Gerard F. Rafferty, Jerome T. Walsh, Timothy M. Willis); "The Social Sciences and Biblical Interpretation: Religious Institutions in the World of the Bible" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: David M. Bossman, O.F.M., Richard J. Cassidy, Dennis C. Duling, K. C. Hanson, Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., John J. Pilch, Walter F. Taylor, Jr.); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (co-conveners: Carol J. Dempsey, O.P., and Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Jim J. Bridges, Joan E. Cook, S.C., Mary Rose D'Angelo, Mark C. Kiley, Linda M. Maloney, Mary Timothy McHatten, O.P., Barbara E. Reid, O.P.); "Contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics" (convener: David T. Landry; core group members in attendance: A. K. M. Adam, James W. Flanagan, David Penchansky, Jean-Pierre Ruiz); "The Historical Jesus and His Earliest Interpreters" (convener: Gregory E. Sterling; core group members in attendance: Harold W. Attridge, Jr.,

Kathleen E. Corley, Timothy A. Friedrichsen, William R. G. Loader, John P. Meier, Seamus O'Connell, Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Timothy McHugh Scott, C.S.B., Charles H. Talbert, Benedict T. Viviano, O.P., James E. West, Seung Ai Yang).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied "Hebrew Poetry and the Structure of Isaiah 63-66" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., and Joseph F. Wimmer); "Exhortation in 1 Thessalonians" (Normand R. Bonneau, O.M.I.); "The History of Exegesis: Its Role in Exegesis Today" (Michael J. Cahill); "The Gospel of Mark at the End of the Century" (Timothy R. Carmody and Hugh M. Humphrey); "Narrative Exegesis of the New Testament" (Warren Carter and John P. Heil); "Biblical Issues in Jewish-Christian Relations: Recent Perspectives on Romans and Galatians" (John J. Clabeaux and Philip A. Cunningham); "Divinity in Israel and Its World" (Corrine Patton and Mark S. Smith); "Promoting Adult Biblical Study Programs" (Barbara Shanahan); "Writing Grant Proposals and Funding of Faculty Research" (Sze-Kar Wan and Larry McEnerney).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Mark S. Smith, "The Present State of Ugaritic Studies and the Hebrew Bible," and Francis Moloney, S.D.B., "Adventure with Nicodemus: An Exercise in Hermeneutics." Most Reverend James C. Timlin, Bishop of Scranton, was principal celebrant and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Samuel Cheon, "Rethinking the Story of Lot's Wife (Gen 19:1-29)"; Joan E. Cook, S.C., "Hannah's Promise and Fulfillment: Human Initiative, Divine Response"; Charles H. Talbert, "The Christology of the Apocalypse: Pattern and Ontology"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Matthew's Gospel, Recent Scholarship, and Pastoral Theology"; Robert Hodgson, Jr., and Jean-Pierre Ruiz, "Translating the Parable of the Good Samaritan into New Media"; Martin Kessler, "Genesis: A Fresh Approach"; Alice L. Laffey, "Lions and Lambs in the Deuteronomistic History"; Kathleen Weber, "Gospel Authors: Reckoning with Resistant Readers"; Warren Carter, "Paying the Tax to Rome as Subversive Praxis: Matt 17:24-27"; David Landry, "Honor Restored: New Light on the Parable of the Prudent Steward (Luke 16:1-8a)": Kathleen Nash and Deirdre Dempsey, "The Excavations at Tell Qarqur"; Michael Patrick O'Connor, "The Armies of the Dead: Military Imagery in Psalm 88"; Earl Muller, S.J., "Jesus as Bridegroom: The Historical-critical Case for an Early Tradition"; Robert L. Mowery, "Imperfect Verbs and the Synoptic Problem"; Leonard Maluf, "The Least among You All Is the Great One': Luke 9:46-48 in the Light of the Two-Gospel Hypothesis"; James W. Flanagan, "Virtual Nimrin: Eternal Life for Tell Nimrin"; John T. Willis, "The Thunderstorm in Old Testament Cultic Texts"; John Kaltner, "Describing the Deluge: The Flood Story in the Hebrew Bible and the Qur'an"; Frank J. Matera, "Narrative Christology and the Speeches of Acts."

The evening general session featured a paper by Norbert Lohfink, S.J., "How the Deuteronomists Wrestled with the Wrath of God."

#### Sessions on Monday, August 10

The morning began with a memorial Mass for members of the association who have died during the past year, including Raymond E. Brown, S.S., former president of the association, who died suddenly in California on Saturday, August 8.

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work after the memorial Mass. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Michael P. Dick, "Apologia Babylonica: An Iconodule's Defense of the Making of the Cult Image Against Deutero-Isaiah (the Mīs Pî Ritual)"; and John R. Donahue, S.J., "Mark 7 and the Setting of the Gospel."

Joan E. Cook, S.C., presided at our midday Service of the Word.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "Recently Published Texts of the Dead Sea Scrolls." The moderator was Wendy J. Cotter, C.S.J., and the panelists were Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., Anthony J. Saldarini, and Harold W. Attridge, Jr.

Donald P. Senior, C.P., president of the CBA, called the annual business meeting to order at 4:05 P.M. Emil Weela gave the report of the chair of the board of trustees on the healthy financial situation of the association. In accord with a policy announced in the past, the board has begun the process of placing up to ten percent of our investments in special projects that promote economic justice and positive social change. Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., treasurer of the association, then presented the treasurer's report, the substance of which had been previously distributed to the members present.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the executive secretary. He thanked those who had contributed to the success of this year's meeting, in particular the local arrangements committee and its chair for the smooth running of the meeting. The executive board approved or reaffirmed the following grants: (a) \$30,000 for ten memorial stipends; (b) \$20,000 for two young scholars' fellowships; (c) \$20,000 plus travel expenses for the visiting professorships at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Ecole Biblique; (d) \$6,000 for three archaeological research stipends; (e) \$17,500 for the archaeological project at Tell Qarqur; (f) \$17,000 for the dig at Tell Mozan; (g) \$2,000 for the Japanese translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum; (h) a tithe of membership dues for famine relief; (i) \$10,000 to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem toward the renovation of their library; (j) \$5,000 to the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation; (k) \$3,000 in travel grants for third world scholars to attend the CBA meeting; (1) \$5,000 to the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem toward the renovation of their museum.

The board also voted to continue to supply the Religious Studies Review to members of the association because of the advantageous price the association can get by buying the subscriptions in bulk. Jensen also reminded the association that the program committee has the authority to invite a scholar from the developing world to present a major paper at the annual meeting and to cover that scholar's expenses if necessary. Any member who would like to recommend someone for this grant should contact the chair of the program committee. In view of the healthy financial situation of the association, the executive board has begun developing a program of CBA scholarships. In principle, the association will fund one scholarship to each of three Catholic institutions; monies will be given to the institutions, which will award them to the individuals. A committee has been appointed to determine the institutions at which these scholarships will be established. The institution must offer a doctorate in biblical studies, with language and course requirements similar to those

of the S.S.L. at the Pontifical Biblical Institute (since the S.S.L. or equivalent is the requirement for active membership in the CBA). The institution should not already enjoy generous financial endowments, but its resources should be adequate to the biblical studies program it offers. Details of the scholarship grant itself have not been fully worked out, but it will be renewable, perhaps for up to five years. The board elected Brigid Curtin Frein to the board of trustees, appointed Donald H. Wimmer to the archaeology committee, and proposed Richard J. Clifford, S.J., for the committee on nominations.

Jensen reminded the members that the 1999 meeting will be at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana; the dates will be August 7-10. The meeting in the year 2000 will be at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, August 5-8. The board has decided to change the name of the annual meeting to the "International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America" to reflect the growing participation of scholars from across the globe. The OT revision of the NAB is continuing satisfactorily; the revisions of the majority of the OT books have been received, many have been reviewed in full by the committee, others are in the process of review. Jensen also reported that the cycle A lectionary is scheduled to be available from several publishers this fall. Finally, Jensen mentioned that the CBA website has a new address: http://www.cua.edu/students/org/cbib.

Aelred Cody, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of the CBQ. By the end of the current volume, CBQ will have published approximately 26 articles. Sixty-two articles were received in twelve months. Of these, 14 have been accepted, 31 rejected, 15 are in process, and 2 have been withdrawn. By the end of the current volume, CBQ will have published approximately 252 reviews covering 259 books.

In the absence of Christopher T. Begg, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of OTA. Both the February and June issues of 1998 have appeared, and the October issue is at the printer's. In the first two issues of the year 990 article abstracts and 201 book abstracts by approximately 120 abstracters have been published. In 1998 fourteen new journals were added, bringing the total number of journals abstracted to about 350. The American Theological Library Association has announced that it will have all issues of OTA, beginning from issue 1, on CD-ROM by April 1999. The collection will use MARC coding of diacriticals for the time being, but eventually this will be changed to Unicode.

Michael L. Barré, S.S., gave the report of the editor of CBQMS. In the last year, one manuscript has appeared in print, another is in press, two have been accepted pending revisions, and others are in various stages of preparation.

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:

Charles T. Brown, S.C.J., Teresa R. Brown, Giorgio Buccellati, Camilla Burns, S.N.D. de N., John A. Cabrido, S.D.B., Patrick T. Cronauer, O.S.B., Margaret M. Daly-Denton, Henryk Drawnel, S.D.B., Susan M. Elliott, Craig A. Evans, Mark J.

Goodwin, Sidney H. Griffith, S.T., Scott Hahn, Jay M. Harrington, O.P., Robert C. Helmer, Anne Hennessy, C.S.J., Luke E. Ijezie, Richard G. Jaworski, C.C., Felix Just, S.J., John F. Kutsko, Thomas L. Leclerc, Francisco Lozada, Jr., Larry L. Lyke, James S. McLaren, Christopher R. Matthews, Robert J. Miller, Joseph A. Morris, C.M., Catherine M. Murphy, A. Robert Nusca, David Odell, Andre Pierre, Joseph G. Prior, Justin Taylor, S.M., Sze-Kar Wan, John D. W. Watts, Virginia Wiles, Ziony Zevit.

## For Associate Membership:

Amy E. Agnew, Patricia D. Ahearne-Kroll, Stephen P. Ahearne-Kroll, Julye Bidmead, Steven C. Boguslawski, O.P., Robert G. Brindle, Thomas P. Capparelli, David Charnon, Walter W. Chura, John J. Dennehy, Lawrence DiPaolo, Bryan D. Estelle, John Fei, Renata C. Furst, Nicholas S. Gengaro, Richard G. Henning, Jessica Redford Hoelle, J. Angeline Hubert, Christopher E. Kujawski, Gerard P. Lair, O.S.B., Jonathan D. Lawrence, Christopher McMahon, Raúl Maraví, O.Carm., Olu Jerome Megbelayin, Robert P. Miller, Michael J. Mohan, Christian (Mary) Morris, O.S.B., Joseph Njoroge wa Ngugi, George L. Parsenios, Tom E. Phillips, Anthony T. Prete, William E. Reiser, S.J., Lance B. Richey, Timothy B. Sailors, Colleen A. Shantz, Timothy F. Simpson, Weston M. Sitotombe, Randy Soto, Kevin P. Sullivan, Bernard Ukwuegbu, Theodore A. Watson, Jr., James L. Weaver, Paul M. Weckert, O.S.B., Stephen Wiest, Peter S. Williamson.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

John Meier reported for the committee on nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: President: Michael L. Barré, S.S.; Vice President: Charles Talbert; Executive Secretary: Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; Treasurer: Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; Consultors, 1998-2000: Brigid Curtin Frein and Gregory E. Sterling; Associate Editors of the CBQ, 1998-2002: for a first term: Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Gina J. Hens-Piazza, Peter Machinist, and Paula McNutt; for a second term: Chris Franke, Amy-Jill Levine, Gregory E. Sterling, and Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; Committee on Nominations, 1998-2002: Richard J. Clifford, S.J. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the committee on resolutions, James A. Fischer, C.M., proposed a resolution thanking Rev. Joseph McShane, S.J., president of the University of Scranton, and his staff for their hospitality and thanking the local arrangements committee, the program committee, and all whose efforts made this year's meeting such a success. The committee also proposed that the CBA commemorate in a suitable way the late Raymond E. Brown, S.S., former president of the association, who died in California during this year's meeting. The resolutions were approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

The general session in the evening heard Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm., deliver the paper "What is Catholic about Catholic Biblical Scholarship? Revisited."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 11

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Corrine Patton, "A Dragon in the Seas: Egypt in the Book of Ezekiel," and Mark C. Kiley, "Hellenistic Hymnody and the Fourth Gospel."

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Benedict T. Viviano, O.P., 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. Adam, Andrew K. M. Alexander, Patrick H. Attridge, Harold W., Jr. Bailey, Wilma A.

Barré, Michael L., S.S.

Barrett, Laura

Bechard, Dean P., S.J.

Beck, Astrid

Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.

Berquist, Jon L.

Bevans, Stephen B., S.V.D.

Binz, Steven J.

Birge, Mary Kate, S.S.J. Bishop, Jonathan P.

Boadt, Lawrence E., C.S.P. Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.

Bossman, David, O.F.M.

Bridges, Jim J. Brodeur, Scott, S.J. Brown, Teresa R.

Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.

Buckley, Thomas W.
Cahill, Michael J.
Carmody, Timothy R.
Carpinelli, Francis G.
Carroll, John T.

Carter, Warren
Casey, Daniel W., Jr.
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Castles, Patrick J.
Chance, Glenna

Cheon, Samuel
Cholakis, Arthur P.
Clabeaux, John J.
Clifford, Richard J., S.J.

Cook, Joan E., S.C. Cope, Lamar Corley, Kathleen E.

Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.

Corley, T. J. Jeremy

Cotter, Wendy J., C.S.J. Couture, Paul E., S.S.E. Culkin, Harry M.

Cotter, David W., O.S.B.

Culkin, Harry M.
Cunningham, Philip A.
D'Angelo, Mary Rose
D'Angelo, Thomas P.
Danove, Paul L.

Day, Linda M. Dempsey, Carol J., O.P.

Dempsey, Deirdre A. Dennehy, John J.

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Dillon, Richard J.
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Erazmus, Lisa-Judene, O.S.B.

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Hamm, Dennis, S.J. Hanson, Kenneth C. Harrington, Daniel J., S.J. Harrington, Wilfrid J., O.P.

Harris, Scott L.

Heemrood, Johannes A., O.M.I.

Heil, John P.

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Hummer, Lawrence L.

Humphrey, Hugh

Irwin, William H., C.S.B. Janecko, Benedict F., O.S.B.

Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B. Jensen, Joseph E. Johnson, Glen A. P. Jolivet, Ira J. Jordan, Richard A.

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Karwowski, Margaret Christi, O.S.F.

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