Report of the Sixty-sixth International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The sixty-sixth international meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 2–5, 2003, at the University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 2. Frank J. Matera, vice-president of the association, introduced Eugene C. Ulrich, president of the association, who delivered the presidential address, "Our Sharper Focus on the Bible and Theology, Thanks to the Dead Sea Scrolls."

Sessions on Sunday, August 3

Five task forces and six continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "The Historical Jesus and His Earliest Interpreters" (co-conveners: Frederick J. Murphy and Gregory E. Sterling; core group members in attendance: Brigid Curtin Frein; John P. Meier; Séamus O'Connell; Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J.; Fabian Udoh; Benedict T. Viviano, O.P.); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (co-conveners: Carol J. Dempsey, O.P., and Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Mary Rose D'Angelo; Alice L. Laffey; Linda M. Maloney; Barbara Reid, O.P.; Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; Elisabeth M. Tetlow); "Exhortation and Theology in 1 Thessalonians" (convener: Normand Bonneau, O.M.I.; core group members in attendance: Mary Kate Birge, S.S.J.; Scott Brodeur, S.J.; Veronica Koperski, S.F.C.C.; Richard C. Macey; Séan C. Martin; Frank J. Matera; Regina Plunkett-Dowling; Gregory Tatum, O.P.; Ronald L. Tyler); "Hermeneutics: Modernity and Beyond" (convener: Gina Hens-Piazza; core group members in attendance: Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; Claudia Camp; Toni Craven; Linda M. Day; James W. Flanagan; David Penchansky; John E. Petersen); "The Gospel of Mark in the 21st Century" (co-conveners: Timothy R. Carmody and Hugh M. Humphrey; core group members in attendance: Paul Danove; John R. Donahue, S.J.; Sharyn E. Dowd;

Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.; Sean P. Kealy, C.S.Sp.; Marie Noël Keller, R.S.M.; Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B.; Francis J. Moloney, S.D.B.; Michael Patella, O.S.B.).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "Hebrew Poetry: Reading Psalms 94–99" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., and Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.); "Biblical Issues in Jewish–Christian Relations: The Petrine Speeches in Acts" (John J. Clabeaux and Philip A. Cunningham); "The Value of Instructional Technologies in the Teaching of Sacred Scripture" (John Paul Heil and Anne Marie Kitz); "Scripture in Early Jewish and Christian Literature" (Robert A. Kugler and John C. Endres, S.J.); "Historical Criticism and the Spiritual Sense of Scripture" (Francis Martin); "Divinity in Ancient Israel" (Corrine Patton and Mark S. Smith).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Steven L. McKenzie ("The Covenant with David and the Composition of the Deuteronomistic History") and Kathleen E. Corley ("Women and the Jesus Movement").

Frank J. Matera was principal celebrant and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday. Members of the association who died during the previous year were commemorated at the liturgy: Amedeo Barbieri; Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; Margaret M. Loughran; Hilary B. P. Mijoga; Michael Prokurat.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon offered the following papers: James McIlhone, "What's New in Software for Biblical Studies"; Michael L. Barré, S.S., "The Alleged 'Temporal Ambiguity' of harâ in Isa 7:14"; W. H. Bellinger, Jr., "Reading from the Beginning (Again): The Shape of Book I of the Psalter"; Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., "The Prayers of Tobit and Sarah: A Study in Contrasts"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Holy War Texts among the Oumran Scrolls"; Mark J. Goodwin, "Peter's Sonship Confession in Matt 16:16 as Biblical Allusion"; Francis J. Moloney, S.D.B., "The Johannine Son of Man Revisited"; Richard E. DeMaris, "Paul's Omphalos: 1 Corinthians as a Test Case for Pauline Coherence"; Jean-Pierre Ruiz, "What's New on the Web for Biblical Studies?"; Leslie J. Hoppe, O.F.M., "Jerusalem/Zion in Isaiah 56-66: The Triumph in Justice"; Duane L. Christensen, "Psalm 52 and the Principle of Numerical Composition"; Linda Day, "Qoheleth as a New Eve? Creation in the Book of Qoheleth"; Kelley Coblentz Bautch, "Sirens or Blameless Victims? The Book of the Watchers on Women"; Paul Danove, "The Son of Man and Jesus' Disciples in Mark"; Rekha Chennattu, R.A., "'If You Keep My Commandments': Exploring Covenant Motifs in John 13:13-17"; Jeffrey S. Siker, "Perfecting Jesus: Resignifying the Death of Jesus"; Robert Hodgson, "The Bible Technologies Group and the Open Scripture Information Standard"; Paul Niskanen, "The Kingdom of God in Daniel"; William Morrow, "The Demise of Individual Lament: Qualifications to Westermann"; Mark S. Smith, "Counting Calves at Bethel and Dan: New Evidence from Papyrus Amherst 63"; Robert Kugler, "Studying Jews, Christians, and Scripture in Alexandria: A Project Proposal"; Richard J. Cassidy, "The Figure of Peter in Mark and Luke"; Joseph A. Grassi, "The Handwriting on the Cross: 'Jesus the Nazorean (is) King of the Jews' versus 'We Have No King But Caesar' (John 19:15, 19)-An Audience Choice"; Frank J. Matera, "Second Corinthians: One or Many Letters?"; John C. Endres, S.J., "Towards a Spirituality of Worship in Chronicles"; John T. Willis, "Hatred Human and Divine in Psalms, Proverbs, and Prophets"; Stephen Ryan, O.P., "The Ethiopic Text of the Book of Tobit"; Donald H. Wimmer, "In Praise of Polytheism"; Thomas L. Brodie, O.P., "Towards Solving the Synoptic Problem: Septuagint-based Proto-Luke as a Key to the

Development of the Gospels"; Warren Carter, "'... that you may have life' (John 20:31); Got (what kind of) Life?"; Barbara E. Reid, O.P., "Way of the Cross, Way of Life."

The evening general session featured a paper by Kathleen M. O'Connor, "The Book of Jeremiah: Reconstructing Community after Disaster."

Sessions on Monday, August 4

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work in the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then offered presentations by Jean-Pierre Ruiz ("An Exile's Baggage: Toward a Postcolonial Reading of Ezekiel") and Randall D. Chestnutt ("The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha and the New Testament in the New Century").

Sheila E. McGinn presided at our midday prayer.

In the general session of the afternoon, members listened to a panel discussion on "The Bible and Spirituality." The moderator was Pauline A. Viviano, and the panelists were Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M., Barbara Green, O.P., and Craig R. Koester.

CBA president Eugene C. Ulrich called the annual business meeting to order at 4:05 P.M. Richard J. Sklba gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees on the healthy financial situation of the association. 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. The Executive Board approved or reaffirmed the following grants: (a) \$30,000 for ten memorial stipends; (b) \$40,000 for two CBA fellowships; (c) \$17,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Qarqur; (d) \$18,000 for the dig at Tell Mozan/Urkesh; (e) \$40,000 plus travel expenses for the Visiting Professorships at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Ecole Biblique; (f)9,000 for three archaeological research stipends; (g) 2,500 for the Japanese translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum; (h) a tithe of membership dues for famine relief (\$5,327); (i) \$10,000 to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem toward the renovation of the library; (i) \$5,000 to the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation; (k) four CBA scholarships at institutions with doctoral programs in biblical studies, including one newly established scholarship at Fordham University in honor of the late Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm. The Board also voted to continue to subscribe to Religious Studies Review for members of the association. The Board elected John J. Clabeaux to the Board of Trustees and nominated Michael Barré, S.S., for the Committee on Nominations. Jensen informed the members that the NAB Old Testament revision, completed in May 2002, will probably be considered for approval by the bishops at their meeting in March, 2004. The membership directory of the association will continue to be produced in printed copy as well as maintained online through the association's executive office. Jensen urged members to send in updated information as appropriate, including telephone numbers and e-mail addresses; these will not be posted publicly, however, without the member's permission. Next year's meeting will be held at St. Mary's University, Halifax, N.S., August 7-10, 2004. The venue for the 2005 meeting will be St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, and the dates will be August 6-9. In 2006, we will meet at Loyola University, Chicago, August 5-8.

Richard J. Dillon gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. The increase in the number of issues of the journal published during the past twelve months has almost exhausted the backlog of accepted articles. As a result, current issues are down to five main articles each, instead of the six or seven that had been recent policy. Should the backlog increase, the

size of the journal could also increase to accommodate the flow. During 2003, seventy-five articles were received, of which 22 were accepted, 33 rejected, and 20 remain in process. By the October issue in 2003, *CBQ* will have published approximately 203 book reviews. In preparation for the replacement of the current editor in January 2005, a committee has been appointed with the mandate to refine the editor's job description and to suggest candidates for the position. This committee is chaired by Francis J. Moloney, S.D.B., and includes the following associate editors of the journal: Linda Day, Gina Hens-Piazza, Leslie J. Hoppe, O.F.M., Robert A. Kugler, and Jerome T. Walsh.

In the absence of Christopher T. Begg, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. Both the February and July issues of 2003 have appeared, and the October issue is in process. The first two issues of the year have published 1,244 article abstracts and 259 book abstracts. Jensen reminded the members that, through a joint project of ATLA and the CBA, ATLA produces a CD-ROM each year that contains a cumulation of all issues of *OTA*. In addition, negotiations involving ATLA, CBA, and Ebsco are aimed at making this information available online in the near future.

Mark S. Smith gave the report of the editor of CBQMS. Volume 35 has appeared, volume 36 is in press, and volume 37 is in preparation. One manuscript was submitted but not accepted. Two queries have been received concerning completed manuscripts, and two others about works in progress. Smith urged the members to submit manuscripts for consideration, particularly in New Testament studies.

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

For Active Membership:

Robert A. Bryant; Mary Rose Bumpus, R.S.M.; Alexander J. Burke, Jr.; Michael J. Byrnes; Jaime A. Clark-Soles; Cornelia I. R. Cyss-Wittenstein; Paul E. Fitzpatrick, S.M.; Gregory Y. Glazov; Susan L. Graham; Jin H. Han; Peter J. Judge; Henry Ansgar Kelly; Pamela E. Kinlaw; Jennifer W. Knust; David B. Levenson; Jody Vaccaro Lewis; John D. Lierman; Michael K. Magee; Edward M. Mazich, O.S.B.; Krzysztof W. Mielcarek; Scott K. Nikaido; Jean-François Racine; Selva Rathinam, S.J.; Marianne Sawicki; Susanne Scholz; Mark A. Scott, O.C.S.O.; James P. Scullion, O.F.M.; Carolyn J. Sharp; Milan Sova; Peter Spitaler; Kenneth G. Stenstrup; Jaroslav E. Sýkora; Darko Tomašević; Bernard G. Ukwuegbu; Kevin A. Wilson; Michael Winger; Géza G. Xeravits.

For Associate Membership:

Claudia D. Bergmann; David L. Caretti, F.S.C.; Craig B. Carpenter; Daniel C. Claire; Amy M. Donaldson; Patric J. Doyle; John David Duke, Jr.; Stephen M. Finlan; Kyle R. Greenwood; Mary Calvin Hill; Jeremy R. Holmes; Daniel C. Leavins; Sebastian P. Mahfood; Alexis A. Martin; Michael D. Matlock; Caroline N. Mbonu, H.H.C.J.; John T. McGregor; Barbara A. Murphy; Sieu C. Nguyen, S.J.; Brent Nongbri; Jeremy S. Penner; Michael L. Peppard; Valerie F. Pettys; Patrick J. Riopelle; Ian W. Scott; Pamela A. Shellberg; Mary E. Sperry; Kathleen A. Troost; Wilbur J. Votraw; Leo R. Zanchettin.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., reported for the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President:* Frank J. Matera; *Vice President:* Aelred Cody, O.S.B.; *Executive Secretary:* Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer:* Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; *Consultors,* 2003–2005: Barbara Bowe, R.S.C.J., and Mark Allan Powell; *Editor of the CBQMS:* Mark S. Smith; *Associate Editors of CBQ,* 2004–2007: for a first term: Craig R. Koester, John Kloppenborg, Frederick Murphy, and Toni Craven; for a second term: Jon L. Berquist; Brendan Byrne, S.J.; Linda Day; and Robert A. Kugler; *Committee on Nominations,* 2000–2004: Michael Barré, S.S. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the Committee on Resolutions, James A. Fischer, C.M., proposed a resolution thanking the University of San Francisco for its invitation to hold this year's meeting on the University's Golden Gate campus and for the hospitality extended to the members in attendance. The membership approved the resolution by unanimous voice vote and with applause.

Jeremy Corley informed the membership of the establishment of a new scholarly society, the International Society for the Study of the Deuterocanonical Literature (ISDCL), based in Salzburg. Further information is available from renate.eggersbg.ac.at.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

At the general session in the evening, members heard L. John Topel, S.J., deliver the paper "Faith, Exegesis, and Theology."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 5

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Joan E. Cook, S.C., "The New PBC Document: Continuity, Discontinuity, and Progression Revisited" and Benedict T. Viviano, O.P., "Unity and Symphonic Diversity in the Church: The Dialectic between John 17:20-23 (Matt 16:17-19) and Matt 18:18-20."

Dennis Hamm, 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:

Ahearne-Kroll, Patricia D.	Bossman, David M., O.F.M.
Ahearne-Kroll, Stephen P.	Brien, Mary T., P.B.V.M.
Albl, Martin C.	Brodeur, Scott N., S.J.
Barram, Michael D.	Brodie, Thomas L., O.P.
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Brown, Teresa R.
Barteaux, Bev	Broz, Jaroslav
Bauer, David R.	Burnett, Joel S.
Bautch, Richard J.	Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.
Beck, Astrid B.	Camp, Claudia V.
Bellinger, William H.	Caretti, David L., F.S.C.
Benjamin, Don C.	Carmody, Timothy R.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Carter, Warren
Berquist, Jon L.	Cassidy, Richard J.
Birge, Mary Kate, S.S.J.	Castles, Patrick J.
Boadt, Lawrence E., C.S.P.	Chennattu, Rekha M., R.A.
Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.	Cheon, Samuel

Chesnutt, Randall D. Christensen, Duane L. Clabeaux, John J. Clapham, Buddy Clapham, Sandra R. Clifford, Richard J., S.J. Coblentz Bautch, Kellev Cody, Aelred, O.S.B. Collins, John J. Conroy, Jr., John T. Cook, Joan E., S.C. Corley, Kathleen E. Corley, T. Jeremy Corv. Catherine A. Craven. Toni Cronauer, Patrick T., O.S.B. Cunningham, Philip A. Cvss-Wittenstein, Cornelia Daigle-Williamson, Marsha D'Angelo, Mary Rose D'Angelo, Thomas Danove, Paul L. Day, Linda M. Deakle, David W. Decker-Lucke, Shirley A. DeMaris, Richard E. Dempsey, Carol J., O.P. Dempsey. Deirdre A. DesCamp. Therese Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B. Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M. Dillon. Richard J. Dobrovolny, Mary Kay, R.S.M. Donahue, John R., S.J. Dowd, Sharyn E. Dozeman, Thomas B. Dubrovsky, Peter, S.J. Dugan, Therese M., S.N.D. Duggan, Michael W. Duke, John D., Jr. Early, Robert J. Eilya, Emmanuel W., A.C.E. Elliott, John H. Endres, John C., S.J. Ernest, James

Estelle, Brvan D. Faucher, Alain Fischer, James A., C.M. Flanagan, James W. Freedman, David N. Frein, Brigid Curtin Fry. Anne-Marie Gilchrist, John J. Girard, Marc Gloer. William H. Goodwin. Mark J. Graham, Susan L. Grassi, Joseph A. Green, Barbara, O.P. Griffin, Patrick J., C.M. Guinan, Michael D., O.F.M. Hahn, Scott W. Halton. Violet E. Hamm. M. Dennis, S.J. Harrell, Dawn C. Harrington, Daniel J., S.J. Hearon, Holly E. Heemrood, Johannes A., O.M.I. Heil. John P. Hennessy, Anne, C.S.J. Hens-Piazza, Gina Hodgson, Robert, Jr. Holleran, J. Warren Holt. David Hoppe, Leslie J., O.F.M. Hrebik. Josef Humphrey, Hugh M. Hurst, Thomas R., S.S. Irwin, William H., C.S.B. Janecko, Benedict F., O.S.B. Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B. Jensen, Joseph E. Jolivet. Ira J., Jr. Jones, Janice, C.H.S. Kaltner, John Kapuscinski, B. Phyllis, N.D.S. Karris, Robert J., O.F.M. Kealy, Sean P., C.SS.P. Keller, Marie Noel, R.S.M. Kelly, H. Ansgar

Kendall, Daniel, S.J. Kinlaw, Pamela E., S.F.O. Kinney, James R. Kitz. Anne Marie Koester, Craig R. Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J. Kolasny, Judette M. Koperski, Veronica, S.F.C.C. Kugler, Robert A. Kutsko, John F. Laffey, Alice L. Latkovich, Sallie J., C.S.J. Launderville, Dale F., O.S.B. Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A. Levine, Amy-Jill Lewis, Scott M., S.J. Longstreet, C. Shaun Lux, Mary E. Lux. Richard C. Macey, Richard C. Madden, Patrick J. Mahfood, Sebastian P. Malas, William H., Jr. Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B. Malonev, Linda M. Maluf. Leonard J. Marcus, Joel Marrs, Rick R. Martin, George A. Martin, Francis Robert Martin, Seán Charles Mason, Eric F. Matera, Frank J. Matson, Mark A. Mazich, Edward M., O.S.B. McDowell, Markus McGill, James B. McGill, Mary A. McGinn, Sheila E. McIlhone, James P. McKenzie, Steven L. McLaughlin, John L. Meier, John P. Miller, William T., S.J. Milunski, Brad A., O.F.M.Conv.

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Schmitt, John J. Schmitt, Roberta O. Schneck, Richard J., S.J. Schneiders, Sandra M., I.H.M. Schuchard, Bruce G. Schweitzer, John F. Schweitzer, Steven J. Scullion, James P., O.F.M. Seow, Choon-Leong Sharp, Donald B., S.J. Shellberg, Pamela A. Siker, Jeffrey S. Sklba, Richard J. Slovan, Gerard S. Smith, Mark S. Sterling, Gregory E. Sweetland, Dennis M. Svkora, Jaroslav E. Sperry, Mary E. Tassone, Salvatore A., S.J. Tatum, Gregory T., O.P. Tetlow, Elisabeth M. Thomas, M. Carolyn, S.C.N. Tickle, Gretchen Topel, John L., S.J. Twomey, Mark J.

Tyler, Ronald L. Udoh, Fabian E. Ulrich, Eugene C. Van Leeuwen, Raymond C. Vega, Josephine R. Vega, Santos C. Viviano, Benedict T., O.P. Viviano, Pauline A. Walsh, Jerome T. Wcela, Emil A. Wensing, Michael G. West, James E. Williamson, Peter S. Willis, John T. Willis, Timothy M. Wimmer, Donald H. Wimmer, Joseph F. Winger, Michael Witherup, Ronald D., S.S. Wright, William M., IV Yang, Seung A. Yarchin, William S. Zanchettin, Leo R. Zell, Robert L. Zevit, Ziony Zilonka, Paul P., C.P.

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