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THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday Evening, May 29, 8:00 p.m.

Present were Bishop Austin Vaughan, Bro. John Samaha, S.M. (co-president), Frs. Charles Costello, Eamon R. Carroll, O.Carm., Frederick Jelly, O.P., Theodore Koehler, S.M., James McCurry, O.F.M.Conv., Charles Neumann, S.M., James O'Connor, and Thomas Thompson, S.M. Excused were Frs. Walter Brennan, O.S.M., William Smith, and William Cole, S.M. (co-president). The secretary announced that in the name of the Society he had sent condolences to the family of Rev. William Lahey, S.S.C., member of the Board, who died December 26, 1989.

The program, the site, and the speakers for the 1991 meeting were reviewed. The 1991 meeting—"Mary in the Mysteries of Christ: Lent-Easter-Pentecost"—will be the second of three meetings devoted to Mary's association with Christ in the liturgical year. In addition to the three presentations on the liturgical year, a presentation on the apostolic letter on St. Joseph was suggested. The meeting will take place in Chicago on Wednesday and Thursday, May 29 and 30, 1991, with the Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday evening, May 28, 1991.

Sites mentioned for the 1992 convention were Houston and Dallas. Fr. O'Connor requested that the 1992 meeting be held in a city appropriate for the quincentennial celebration of the discovery of America. Ways to highlight the Marian dimension of the quincentennial observance were discussed.

To honor the memory of the founder of the Mariological Society of America, Fr. Juniper Carol, O.F.M., who died

April 1, 1990, the president was asked to deliver a tribute to him at the 1991 meeting. At the 1992 meeting, a study of the contributions and significance of the work of Fr. Juniper would be presented. Also, at the request of Fr. Cole, members of the Society were asked to offer the Eucharist for Fr. Juniper.

The Board seemed favorable to the proposal for encouraging new texts for Marian hymns. Once all forty-six Masses of the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* become available in English, a competition will be announced requesting metrical texts, based on images and symbols contained in these Masses, which describe Mary's role in the liturgical year. Fr. Costello was given permission to invest \$10,000 of the Society's assets in a certificate of deposit to assist in financing this project and other works of the Society as approved by the Board of Directors.

The revision of the certificate of the Cardinal Wright Mariological Award brought many questions concerning the frequency of the award, the honorarium, and the plaque or certificate which should accompany the award. Some proposed that the name of the award be called the MSA Award, or the Founder's Award of the MSA, or the Paul VI Award. No decision was reached.

MEETINGS OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS

Wednesday Afternoon, May 30, 2:00 p.m.

At a business meeting of all active members, revisions to the Bylaws were discussed (later to be presented to the General Assembly), and the elections occurred. Fr. James McCurry, O.F.M. Conv., was elected president for a two-year term and Fr. Matthew F. Morry, O.P., vice-president. Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, S.M., was elected secretary. (Fr. Charles Costello continues as treasurer.) Fr. Charles Neumann, S.M., and Fr. Eamon R. Carroll, O.Carm., were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Fr. J. Armand Robichaud, S.M., was elected to fill the term of the late Rev. William Lahey, S.S.C.

Thursday Afternoon, May 31, 2:00 p.m.

The suggestions received for the revision of the Bylaws, which had been reviewed at the Board of Directors' meeting and discussed by the active members, were presented in a text prepared by Fr. Charles Neumann, S.M. The revisions were accepted as proposed. The suggestion was made and accepted that the Constitution (i.e., incorporation document) and the revised Bylaws be published, either in *Marian Studies* or separately, and distributed to all members.

The new active and associate members were approved as presented by the Committee on Admissions. Fr. Theodore Koehler, S.M., was named Secretary Emeritus (text of citation printed separately).

Reports from the New England, Houston (Texas), Western, and New Jersey regions were presented.

Resolutions were approved expressing the gratitude of the Society to the following persons:

- a) to the Most Reverend Louis E. Gelineau, Bishop of Providence, for inviting us to his diocese and for celebrating the Eucharist with us on the first day of the convention;
- b) to the Most Reverend George H. Pearce, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, for welcoming us to the diocese and offering the Opening Prayer at our first session;
- c) to the Most Reverend Austin B. Vaughan, the Episcopal Chairman of our Society, whose presence at this convention was most appreciated;
- d) to Mr. Arthur W. Clinton, Jr., to the Reverend Alfred M. Croke, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McGratty, III, to the Very Reverend Stanley Matuszewski, M.S. (editor of *Our Lady's Digest*), and to the Reverend Walter F. Pelczynski, M.I.C., for their generous contributions to our Society—and to the many other benefactors not mentioned here by name to whom we also owe our gratitude, especially to our Supporting Members who are listed in *Marian Studies*;
- e) to the staff of Providence College, especially to the Reverend Matthew F. Morry, O.P., and to the New England Re-

gion of the MSA for the warm, efficient, and abundant hospitality extended to us these past two days;

f) and finally, to the distinguished speakers and discussion leaders, for their scholarly contributions, thought-provoking comments and questions.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the *Salve Regina*.

THOMAS A. THOMPSON, S.M.
Executive Secretary

NOTE: Reports on the 1990 convention program—with photographs—can be found in *Queen of All Hearts* 41 (Sept.-Oct., 1990): 4-7, and in *The Marian Library Newsletter*, No. 21 (Winter 1990-91): 3-4.