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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

*Friday, May 28, 1999, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Theological College, Washington, DC.*

and

*Saturday, October 30, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Marian Library, University of Dayton*

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Present were the following members of the Board of Directors: Fr. Louis Bonacci, S.J.*; Fr. Bertrand Buby, S.M.* (President); Dr. Deyanira Flores (1999-2002); Sr. Jean Frisk*; Mrs. Virginia Kimball*; Fr. J. Willis Langlinais, S.M.; Fr. Sam Maranto, C.Ss.R.*; Fr. Matthew F. Morry, O.P.; Fr. Myles P. Murphy (1999-2002)*; Fr. Johann Roten, S.M.*; Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, S.M.* (* indicates those present also at the Dayton meeting).

The board accepted the proposal to transfer \$10,000 from the Clinton Scholarship Account to current operating expenses to cover the costs of the Marian Art Exhibits.

The board accepted the suggestion to include, along with the dues notice and the brochure on the annual meeting, a reminder to submit nominations for any elections which will occur at that next meeting.

The board accepted the suggestion that, once the theme for a meeting has been formulated, a "call-for-papers" be issued and circulated.

With two abstentions, the board agreed to provide a letter of endorsement for the title, "Mary Beloved of the Trinity," as submitted by Sister Ann Marie Harrison, I.H.M.

The board decided to hold an "interim" meeting of the Board of Directors on Saturday, October 30, 1999, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the University of Dayton (The Marian Library). The meeting would continue through Saturday and, if needed, on Sunday morning.

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The title of the 2000 meeting, to be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, in Belleville, Illinois (May 24-26), was amended to read: "With the Mother of the Lord, on Pilgrimage to the New Millennium." The "call for papers" was to indicate that topics on the significance of pilgrimage in Marian devotion, Marian shrines, and Marian devotion in the new millennium would all be appropriate. All proposals for papers for the meeting in May of 2000 were to be submitted to the MSA Secretariat by January 30, 2000.

The following were the proposed sites for future meetings: Burlingame, California (2001); New York City (2002); Dayton, Ohio (2003). A two-year program on Marian

spirituality was proposed. Regarding the presentations at the annual meetings, the adoption of a participative style was suggested for at least some of the presentations.

Along with the mailing containing the dues notice and the Meeting 2000 information, it was decided that members of the Society should be sent a reminder of the need to make known to the Nominating Committee their willingness to be nominated and serve in one of the offices or on the Board of Directors. Such information should be communicated to the Nominating Committee by April 15 (as had been decided previously at the Board of Directors' meeting in 1994); a form will be provided to encourage this kind of participation. At the beginning of the annual meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates for offices, based on the responses of the members and the consultation of the Board of Directors.

Fr. Myles Murphy volunteered to be the prayer and liturgy coordinator for the 2000 and 2001 meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Thompson, S.M.
Secretary