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## THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

*The Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting  
The Mariological Society of America  
Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island*

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Wednesday Evening, May 26, 1993*

Present were the following Board members: Bishop Austin B. Vaughan; Fr. Matthew F. Morry, O.P. (president); Fr. Walter T. Brennan, O.S.M.; Bro. John M. Samaha, S.M.; Frs. Eamon R. Carroll, O.Carm.; James Parker; T. William Coyle, C.Ss.R.; Bertrand Buby, S.M.; Johann G. Roten, S.M.; Theodore Koehler, S.M.; and Thomas A. Thompson, S.M. (Fr. Charles W. Neumann, S.M., requested to be excused from attending this meeting.)

Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana, was chosen as the site for the 1994 meeting. The dates for the meeting will be Wednesday, May 25, to Friday, May 27; the Board of Directors' meeting was scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 25, and an opening conference, to which the public will be invited, was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. The theme for the 1994 meeting will be "Mary and Religious Education." Topics and speakers were suggested: "Mary and the Universal Catechism," "The Youth Survey on Mary," "The Teaching of Mariology Today." In addition to the regular presentations and responses, a panel of speakers will respond to the papers on Mary and youth and the teaching of Mariology. A committee composed of Frs. Brennan, Roten, and Thompson was appointed to work out the details of the panel discussions.

The Board discussed the bequest to the Society from the will of Arthur W. Clinton, Jr., a longtime patron of the Society, who died on August 31, 1992. The Board accepted the following proposals: 1) the funds from the Clinton bequest to be kept separate from the MSA operating expenses; 2) the funds to be invested and the yearly return to be used for doctoral scholarships and post-doctoral awards (with the major part of funds going for the support of doctoral scholarships); 3) all scholarships and awards to be named after the donor and designated as the Arthur W. Clinton, Jr., Scholarship or Award; 4) the Clinton fund to be administered by a three- or five-member committee, named by the MSA Board of Directors to serve for a three-year period, with the MSA executive secretary as a member *ex officio*; 5) the specific guidelines for the applications for scholarships or awards (as approved by the Board of Directors) to be published, as well as the deadline for the submission of applications.

Named to administer the Arthur W. Clinton, Jr., Scholarships and Awards for the three-year period 1993-96 were the following: Frs. Brennan, Morry, Parker, Roten, and Thompson (*ex officio*). (Since the estate has not yet been finally settled, it is anticipated that the first time funds will be available is 1994, to serve as financial assistance during the 1994-95 scholastic year.)

The secretary was authorized to sell back issues of *Marian Studies* at a reduction of up to sixty percent of the current price (\$12.00). The president announced his intention of forming subcommittees to deal with membership, public relations, and a possible newsletter.

#### MEETING OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS

##### *Thursday Afternoon, May 27, 1993*

At the meeting of the active members, the following officers were elected to serve a three-year term (1994-1996) on the Board of Directors: Fr. George Kirwin, O.M.I., and Fr. Emmanuel Sullivan, O.C.D. Elected for a three-year term on the Nominating Committee were Fr. Bernard Confer, O.P., and Fr. James McCurry, O.F.M.Conv.; elected for a three-year term to the Admissions Committee were Fr. William Miller and Fr. Alfred Croke.

#### MEETING OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS

##### *Friday Afternoon, May 28, 1993*

The following were admitted as active members to the Society: Fr. Timothy E. Byerly (Diocese of Camden); Fr. Peter K. Choi (Korean Catholic Apostolate, New Brunswick, NJ); Fr. George P. Evans (Archdiocese of Boston); Rev. Mr. Nicholas Louis Gregoris (Seminarist—Archdiocese of Newark); Fr. William Albert Hodge (Diocese of Camden); Mr. Stephen C. Holler, Ph.D. (St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX); Fr. James Plagens (Diocese of San Angelo); Mr. D. Brian Scarnecchia (Youngstown, OH); Fr. Peter M. J. Stravinskis (Diocese of Newark); Mr. James Joseph Tibbetts (Scarborough, ME); Fr. Dominic Joseph Vitaliano (Diocese of Peoria). Admitted as associate members were: Bro. Beda Ahn, S.M. (Marianist—Korea); Fr. Daniel B. Dixon (Diocese of Pittsburgh); Sr. Jean M. Frisk (Schoenstatt Sisters—Wisconsin); Mr. Raymond Francis Frost (San Francisco); Sr. Gloria Gil (Sisters of the Immaculate Conception—San Francisco); Fr. Gregory R. Hite (Diocese of Toledo); Bro. Paul Joseph Komrska, S.M. (Marianist—Peru); Fr. John Gerard Lessard-Thibodeau (Diocese of Springfield, MA); Ms. Elodia Guadalupe Madeksho (Pearland, TX); Dr. Ronald Novotny (Director of Charismatic Renewal Office—Tampa-St. Petersburg).

Resolutions were approved, expressing gratitude to the following individuals:

a) to the Most Reverend Louis E. Gelineau, Bishop of Providence, for inviting us to the diocese; to the Most Reverend George H. Pearce, S.M., and to Most Reverend Austin B. Vaughan for their participation;

b) to Mr. Arthur W. Clinton, Jr.; the Reverend Alfred M. Croke; Reverend Monsignor Albert W. Low; Elodia Guadalupe Madeksho; the Very Reverend Stanley Ma-

tuszewski, M.S. (recently deceased, former editor of *Our Lady's Digest*); the Reverend Walter F. Pelczynski, M.I.C., and the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province of the Congregation of Marians; and to the Reverend Charles W. Stubbs for their generous contributions to the Society—as well as the many other benefactors not mentioned here;

c) to Fr. Matthew Morry, O.P.; the New England Region of the Mariological Society of America; and the staff of Providence College for their preparations for this meeting and their warm hospitality, as well as to the New England Region of the Mariological Society of America for their assistance with transportation and arrangements;

d) and, finally, to our distinguished speakers and discussion leaders, for their scholarly and stimulating contributions.

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

## THE MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

### Arthur W. Clinton, Jr., Scholarships and Awards

#### Scholarship

An Arthur W. Clinton, Jr., Scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing the doctoral degree whose dissertation is in the field of Mariology or Marian Studies. Ordinarily, a scholarship is awarded so the applicant may be free to work for a year on the dissertation. The amount conferred may be from \$3,000 to \$12,000, depending upon need and funds available for distribution. Application must be made for renewal. The following should be submitted in the application:

- a) a transcript of courses;
- b) the prospectus or overview of the dissertation;
- c) two letters of recommendation—one from the thesis director, another from a faculty member or director of the program;
- d) a letter from the applicant containing the following: a detailed plan of the work which will be accomplished during the year; the specific amount requested, together with a budget showing how the money will be used.

#### Award

An Arthur W. Clinton, Jr., Award is granted ordinarily to a post-doctoral applicant working on a specific topic in Marian studies which will result in a publication. Assistance can be given to support the research, writing, and the preparation of the manuscript for publication. The amount conferred may be up to \$1,000. The following should be submitted in the application:

- a) a curriculum vitae;
- b) a description of the project, together with a letter of support from a colleague;
- c) a letter from the applicant giving the specific amount requested and explaining how the money will be used.

Distribution will be based on the amount of funds available and the merit of the proposals.

Applications for the financial assistance during the 1994-95 academic year must be submitted by May 1, 1994. They should be addressed to: Clinton Scholarship Committee; The Mariological Society of America; The Marian Library; University of Dayton; Dayton, OH 45469-1390.