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THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting The Mariological Society of America University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday Afternoon, May 24, 1995

Present were the following members of the Board of Directors: Fr. Walter T. Brennan, O.S.M.; Bro. John Samaha, S.M.; Fr. Theodore Koehler, S.M.; Fr. Bertrand Buby, S.M.; Fr. Sam Maranto, C.Ss.R.; Sr. Mary Catherine Nolan, O.P.; Fr. Johann Roten, S.M.; Fr. George F. Kirwin, O.M.I.; Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, S.M.

Locations and topics for future meetings (1996 through 1999) were discussed. Villanova University (Philadelphia, Pa.) was chosen as the site for the 1996 meeting. The following sites were also chosen: San Antonio, Texas (1997); Milwaukee, Wisconsin, or Adrian, Michigan (1998); and Washington, D.C. (1999). Fr. Sam Maranto and Sr. Mary Catherine Nolan were appointed to assist the secretary in making the final arrangements at these locations.

The following were proposed as themes for the next two meetings: a two-year program on "Mary and Ecumenism," with one year devoted to Mary and the Interreligious Dialogue (1996) and a second year to Mary and the Ecumenical Dialogue (1997). Other future themes established were Mary in Dialogue with the Arts (1998) and Mary in Dialogue with the Social Sciences (1999). Frs. George Kirwin and Johann Roten were appointed to assist the secretary in making the final arrangements for these programs. Fr. Roten suggested that the Wednesday evening "opening lecture" at each of the next four MSA meetings be devoted to developing the themes outlined in *Tertio millennio adveniente*.

The possibility of holding additional meetings of the Board of Directors was discussed; the opinion was that, at this time, additional meetings were not deemed necessary.

Fr. Sam Maranto was encouraged to continuing exploring the possibility of an on-line interest group dealing with Marian topics. Mrs. Virginia Kimball was commended for her publication of the "MSA Newsletter."

A representative from the Arthur J. Clinton Scholarship Committee reported that, during the past year, financial assistance had been given to one person who was completing the dissertation for the doctorate on a topic related to the Virgin Mary.

The secretary announced that the Marian Hymn Contest (discussed at previous meetings of MSA Board of Directors) would be officially inaugurated at the 1995 meeting. The deadline for entries was set for April 10, 1996, with awards to be announced at the 1996 MSA meeting.

The possibility of offering a life membership in the MSA for a one-time fee was favorably received, but, before making an official announcement, it was felt that possible disadvantages and liabilities should be investigated.

PRESENTATION OF THE CARDINAL WRIGHT MARIOLOGICAL AWARD*

At the opening conference of the 1995 meeting, the Cardinal Wright Mariological Award was presented to the Reverend Nicholas Ayo, C.S.C., for his book *The Hail Mary: A Verbal Icon* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1994).

The following is from the citation read at the presentation: "Father Ayo's *The Hail Mary: A Verbal Icon* is a commentary on Catholicism's basic Marian prayer. It combines doctrine and Scripture, spirituality and personal witness. It is a guide to Marian prayer and spirituality and a window to the Virgin Mary's role in the saving mystery of Christ."

MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL-ACTIVE MEMBERS

Thursday Afternoon, May 25, 1995

The following members were re-elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term (1995-1998): Fr. Bertrand Buby, S.M. and Fr. Johann Roten, S.M.

MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL-ACTIVE MEMBERS

Friday Afternoon, May 27, 1995

The following were admitted as professional-active members to the Society: the Rev. Nicholas Ayo, C.S.C., S.T.L., Ph.D.; the Rev. J. Donald Cahill, S.M.; the Most Rev. Alex J. Brunett, Bishop of Helena, Mont.; the Rev. Joseph M. Doyle, S.S.J., D.Min.; Rose Mary Femino, M.A.; Deyanira Flores, S.T.D. (Marianum); the Rev. James F. Kovarik, O.S. Cam., M.Div.; the Rev. Msgr. M. Francis Mannion, Ph.D.; the Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello, M.Div.; Eileen Moorman, M.A.; Mary Patricia Mulligan, M.A., Ph.D. Cand.; the Rev. Eleuterio Castillo Ramos, S.T.L.; the Rev. Antoine Nacheff; the Rev. Paul Rodriguez; the Rev. Canon David Rhys; the Rev. Charles Sellars, O.M.I.; Bro. Robert M. Sentman, O.C.D.; Steven G. Wagner, M.A.; Frederick B. Zollman, M.A.

*Past Recipients of the Mariological Award: Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M. (1951); Wenceslaus Sebastian, O.F.M. (1952); Lawrence W. Monheim, S.M. (1953); Stanley Matuszewski, M.S. (1954); Bernard Le Frois, S.V.D. (1955); Dominic J. Unger, O.F.M. Cap. (1956); Cyril Vollert, S.J. (1957); Walter J. Burghardt, S.J. (1958); Eamon R. Carroll, O. Carm. (1959); William G. Most (1960); George W. Shea (1961); Edward D. O'Connor, C.S.C. (1962); Kenneth F. Dougherty, S.A. (1963); Ovidio Casado Fuente (1966); Charles W. Neumann, S.M. (1967); Cletus J. Wessels, O.P. (1968); John F. Craghan, C.Ss.R. (1971); Theodore A. Koehler, S.M. (1973); Manuel Miguens, O.F.M. (1975); William H. Marshner (1979); Roger M. Charest, S.M.M. (1983); James T. O'Connor (1986); Alfred Boeddeker, O.F.M. (1989).

The Cardinal Wright Mariological Award Committee (1991-1996): Eamon R. Carroll, O. Carm.; Bertrand A. Buby, S.M.; James T. O'Connor.

Admitted as associate members were: Constance F. Breen; Judith Mary Davis, Ph.D.; Felipe Jesus Garcia Santana; the Rev. Edmund Gomez; Sister Gisele Menos (Sister of St. Joseph of Cluny); Kay R. and Hubert P. Mule; Catherine M. Perrotti; Thomas J. and Ruth M. Wanasek; Sr. Elizabeth A. West, L.C.M.

This year, nineteen individuals were admitted as professional-active members, and nine as associate members. A number of persons have been withdrawn from the MSA roster because of failure to pay membership dues for the last two years. Total membership (June 1995) was three hundred ninety-two.

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 financial assistance for an academic year (beginning with the fall semester) must be submitted by the preceding May 1st. They should be addressed to: Clinton Scholarship Committee; The Mariological Society of America; The Marian Library; University of Dayton; Dayton, OH 45469-1390.