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## **THE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### *The Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting The Mariological Society of America Oblate Renewal Center, San Antonio, Texas*

#### **Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting**

*Wednesday, May 21, 1997*

Present were the following members of the Board of Directors: Fr. Louis Bonacci, S.J.; Fr. Bert Buby, S.M.; Sr. Jean Frisk; Fr. George F. Kirwin, O.M.I.; Fr. Theodore Koehler, S.M.; Fr. Sam Maranto, C.Ss.R.; Fr. Matthew F. Morry, O. P.; Fr. Johann Roten, S.M.; Bro. John Samaha, S.M.; Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, S.M.

The Schoenstatt Retreat Center, Waukesha, Wisconsin, was chosen as the site for the 1998 meeting; the dates are May 27-29, 1998. The topic will be "The Virgin Mary in Art." The Hospitality and Liturgy Committee for 1998 meeting are Sr. Jean Frisk and Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, S.M.; the planners of the opening evening's activities are Fr. Lou Bonacci, S.J., Sr. Jean Frisk, and Fr. Johann Roten, S.M.

The 1999 meeting will be in Washington, DC, May 26-28, 1999. The theme for the 1999 meeting is "Mary and Contemporary Expectations." The following are the members of the program committee for the 1999 meeting: Sr. Jean Frisk, Frs. Lou Bonacci, Bert Buby, Matthew Morry, Johann Roten, and Thomas A. Thompson (convener). The Committee to plan a significant celebration of the Society's fiftieth anniversary and the Great Jubilee (1999-2000) are Sr. Jean Frisk, Fr. Matthew Morry, and Bro. John Samaha.

#### **Meeting of the Professional Members**

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

At the meeting of the professional members, the following were elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years: Fr. J. Willis Langlinais, S.M. (1997-2000); Virginia Kimball (1997-2000).

#### **Presentation of the Cardinal Wright Mariological Award\***

On May 22, 1997, in a General Session, the 1997 Cardinal Wright Mariological Award was bestowed on Fr. Bertrand Buby, S.M. At the award ceremony, an inscribed plaque and a monetary award were presented. The award was presented for Fr. Buby's

\*Past recipients of the Mariological Award: Juniper B. Carol, O.E.M. (1951); Wenceslaus Sebastian, O.E.M. (1952); Lawrence W. Monheim, S.M. (1953); Stanley Matuzewski, M.S. (1954); Bernard Le Frois, S. V. D. (1955); Dominic J. Unger,

trilogy, *Mary of Galilee* (Alba House, 1994-97), which traces the image of the Virgin Mary in the Scriptures and the early history of the Church. The letters of recommendation to the Award Committee noted Fr. Buby's publications and his activities promoting the scriptural dimension of Marian devotion. The citation included the statement that "Fr. Buby is a serious and committed scholar, with a pastoral and ecumenical sensitivity, who understands that theology must be more than an academic discipline," and that the study of the "marvelous deeds in which the Virgin Mary participated should be both life-giving and life-supporting."

#### Meeting of the Professional Members

*Friday Afternoon, May 23, 1997*

The following eighteen individuals were admitted as professional members to the Society: Fr. Javier Alson, S.M.C.; Chor-Bishop Dominic F. Ashkar; Michael H. Brown; Fr. Arnaldo Cantonetti, S.M.; Fr. Martinus Gibbons Cawley, O.C.S.O.; Shirley Ann Clay; Fr. Eugene Contadino, S.M.; Steven A. Labrozzi; Fr. Antonio de Jesus Larocca, S.M.C.; Sr. Miraille Morin, M.S.I.C.; Fr. John Phalen, C.S.C.; Ann Howell Purvis; Dr. Teresa Rossi; Fr. Thomas A. Stanley, S.M.; Fr. Anton Strukelj; Fr. Marwan E. Tabet; Fr. Abdallah E. Zaidan; Fr. Marian Zalecki, O.S.P.P.E.

The following twenty-five individuals were admitted as associate members: Bro. Ignatius Arulappen, S.M.; Sr. Mary Babcock, L.C.M.; Sr. Breda Conway, L.C.M.; Sr. Elizabeth Farmer, L.C.M.; Karen M. Flynn; Christine Haapala; Sr. Ann Marie Harrison, L.C.M.; Sr. Mary Hassett, L.C.M.; Sr. Veisia Haungatau, L.C.M.; David Lee Hutchins; Sr. Vivien Jones, L.C.M.; Sr. Margaret McAllen, L.C.M.; Mrs. Isabella R. Moyer; Bro. Anthony Mwangi, S.M.; Sr. Elisabetta Notari, L.C.M.; Fr. Oliver O'Connor; Sr. Mary O'Shea, L.C.M.; Michael Perigo; Bro. Anthony Philip Robinson, F.M.S.; Sr. Mary Scanlon, L.C.M.; Philip J. Sheridan; Peter F. Sibley; Sr. Jean Stickney, L.C.M.; Sr. Breeda Treacy, L.C.M.; Sr. Gertrude Youn, L.C.M.

Total membership was 414 (as of May 1997: This total included the 43 persons mentioned above who applied for membership since the last meeting, the 32 members who had not paid dues since 1994, the 31 members who had not paid dues since 1995, and 110 members who had not yet paid dues for 1997). Thirty-five names were withdrawn from the membership list, because of failure to pay membership dues for the last three years. In addition (as of May 1997), there were 148 subscriptions to *Marian Studies*.

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); Nicholas Ayo, C.S.C. (1995).

The Cardinal Wright Mariological Award Committee (1996-2001): Bertrand Buby, S.M.; Eamon R. Carroll, O.Carm.; George F. Kirwin, O.M.I.