Lines From Father Lawler’s Desk

Our first Conference at Kansas City should be a stimulus to work. Our speakers include some of the scholars who have been most generously productive in difficult tasks for the Church over the years. Hopefully, we can all catch some fire from them.

Much creative work needs to be done. In recent weeks several polls (should work be done about polling?) have given painful reports on the moral positions of much of the Catholic population. We want to move the world, and are failing to persuade the faithful. Against the drift of our secular culture excellent creative work needs to be done to make the vision of faith moving for our time.

Much critical work needs to be done. Anglican theologian Eric Mascall’s *Theology and the Gospel of Christ* suggests how bad much religious writing has been in recent years. And most of it fails to get the precise criticism that charity demands. Mascall instructs in the art of being critical without either seeming or being negative – but being a gadfly urging faithfulness to what is precious and deeply needed.

Several journals have noted the existence of the Fellowship. That scholars care about serving the faith is very fine. But what will count is what they do.

New Members of the Fellowship

(In this issue only a partial list of new members can be published. The registered membership as of February 15th was 256.)

*Cardinals* Cooke and Medeiros

*Archbishops* McGucken, Maguire, Sheehan, Whealon


Announcement

A Symposium Commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of the Promulgation of Pope Paul VI’s Encyclical Letter “Humanae Vitae”

SPONSORED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO and the UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO July 18 to July 22, 1978

Speakers:

Malcolm Muggeridge
James Hitchcock
The Most Reverend John R. Quinn
Gerald D. Coleman, S.S.
Hans Urs von Balthasar
Rev. Louis Bouyer
Dr. Evelyn L. Billings
Dr. John J. Billings
Robert Brungs, S.J.
Colin Clark
Elizabeth Anscombe
Mother Teresa of Calcutta

For further information write to Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J. University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California 94117.
# Program

**FIRST CONVENTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP**  
April 28-30, 1978  
Ramade Inn-Airport  Kansas City, Mo.

### Friday, April 28th
- **Arrival time**  
  4:00 p.m.  
  Business meeting  
- **8:00 p.m.**  
  Keynote address  
  THE TEACHING OFFICE OF BISHOPS  
  William Cardinal Baum  
  Archbishop of Washington  
- **10:00 p.m.**  
  Social Hour

### Saturday, April 29th
- **9:00 a.m.**  
  *First Session*  
  THE CHRISTIAN VISION OF MAN  
  **Chairman**  
  Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J.  
  University of San Francisco  
  **Speaker**  
  Fr. James Schall, S.J.  
  Georgetown University

- **11:00 a.m.**  
  *Second Session*  
  THEOLOGY AND THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
  **Chairman**  
  Fr. Frederick M. Jelly, O.P.  
  Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary  
  Emmitsburg, Maryland  
  **Speaker**  
  Fr. Charles Corcoran, O.P.  
  Vice President, Theological and Spiritual Renewal Consultants

- **12:30 p.m.**  
  Lunch

- **2:00 p.m.**  
  *Third Session*  
  CATHOLIC THEOLOGY, CATHOLIC MORALITY, CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE  
  **Chairman**  
  Mr. John Kippley, President  
  Couple to Couple League, Professor Germain Grisez  
  University of Regina, Canada  
  Fr. William Smith  
  St. Joseph’s Seminary, New York

- **5:00 p.m.**  
  LITURGICAL CELEBRATION  
  Most Rev. John J. Sullivan, D.D.  
  Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri  
  **Homilist**  
  Fr. Paul Quay, S.J.  
  University of St. Louis  
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| 6:00 p.m. | Supper                                       | Fourth Session | CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO CATHOLIC DOCTRINE: THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION AND PARENTHOOD
| 8:00 p.m. | Christian Marriage                          | Chairman: Fr. Denis Meade, O.S.B. St. Benedict’s Abbey, Atchinson, Kansas
|         | Speakers: Fr. Joseph Mangan, S.J.            | Loyola University
|         | Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Diamond                  | Stritch School of Medicine and President of Birthright of Chicago, respectively. |
| 10:00 p.m. | Social Hour                                 |                                                          |
| Sunday, April 30th | Private Masses                            |                                                          |
| 7:00 a.m. | Fifth Session                                | MALE AND FEMALE: THE SEXUAL SIGNIFICANCE
| 9:00 a.m. | Speakers: Processor William May              | Catholic University of America
|         | Mrs. Mary Joyce, author of NEW DYNAMICS IN SEXUAL LOVE |
| 11:00 a.m. | Business Meeting for Fellowship             |                                                          |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch                                       |                                                          |
| 1:30 p.m. | Sixth Session                                | HUMANAE VITAE: FOREWORD AND AFTERWORD
|         | Speakers: Msgr. George A. Kelly              | St. John’s University, New York
|         | Professor C. Lincoln Johnson                 | Notre Dame University, Indiana
|         | Dr. William Lynch, President                 | National Federation of Catholic Physician’s Guilds. |

All meetings unless otherwise indicated will take place in the International Area on the lobby floor. Meals will be served in the Barnstormer Room on the 11th floor.
Items of Interest

- Scholars who are doing research in the area of Irish history, Irish ecclesiastical history or the part played by the Irish in American history will find important material at the library maintained by the American Irish Historical Society located at 991 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10028.

- Sr. Miriam Paul (Hanna) Klaus, M.D., reporting the misuse of Catholic moral theological principles by the secular press, suggests the Fellowship members be available on such occasions for clarification. A nationally syndicated article in the Knight-Ridder News Service appeared in the Wichita Eagle-Beacon (January 15, 1978) concerning the separation of twin girls conjoined at birth with one heart. The headline read: "The Ultimate Sacrifice: One Twin Must Die to Give Life." Fr. Francis X. Meehan, professor of Moral Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia has an article on the principles involved and their application to this particular case in a forthcoming issue of the Linacre Quarterly. (The basic fact: Baby A who died in the operation was living off the functioning heart of Baby B.)

- Symposium on Natural Family Planning
  On May 23-24, 1978, the U.S. Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities and Human Life and Natural Family Planning Foundation will hold a symposium at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City on progress in natural family planning since 1968. This symposium will be held in observance of the 10th anniversary of Humane Vitae. For information write to Msgr. James McHugh at USCC, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. Prior to the meeting Msgr. McHugh will hold a workshop for pro-life coordinators.

- The American Catholic Philosophical Association will meet at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, March 31-April 2, 1978. The theme of the Congress is "Immateriality." Fernand Louvain, will be the recipient of the Association's Aquinas Medal. Copies of the program may be obtained from the Secretary, American Catholic Philosophical Association, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

- Fr. Raymond V. Schoder, S.J., wishes to advise membership that the Cardinal Newman College, recently opened near St. Louis, is offering Catholic education based on a broad liberal study of all major areas of human culture and achievement. Write to: 7701 Florissant Rd, Normandy, Mo. 63121.

- The Roman Theological Forum, Via del Casaletto 540, Rome, Italy, 00151, is an informally organized theological group having the purpose of promoting sound Catholic theology and defending Catholic truth. The president of the R.T.F. is Msgr. John F. McCarthy. The Roman Theological Forum is currently sponsoring the publication of the doctoral thesis in theology of the Rev. William A. Sutton. The publication of an extract of the thesis is due to come out in February 1978. The title is: THE TEACHINGS OF ST. ALPHONSUS MARY LIGUORI ON ORDINARY SPIRITUAL DIRECTION.

- Members of the Fellowship in Washington, D.C. area have established a local chapter of the Fellowship. The next meeting for the group will be on Saturday, March 4, at Capuchin College.

- The Joint Committee of Catholic Learned Societies (JCCLS) will hold a colloquium concerning the relationship between magisterium and scholarship in the Fall of 1978! This meeting is totally funded by the U.S. Bishops. Cardinal Baum, Bishop W. Curtis, and Msgr. R. Malone of U.S.C.C. will take part. JCCLS will also conduct studies for the bishops on ministry.

- Fr. Joseph Hogan, C.M., is on a professional leave of absence from St. John's University, functioning as a post-doctoral senior fellow in residence in the area of bio-medical ethics at the Institute of Religion and Human Development, Texas Medical Center, Houston.

- Fr. H. Brian Highfill, Director of Radio and Television for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, needs fifteen minute radio interviews with Catholic scholars to feature on a new radio series which airs prime time in New Orleans. He would greatly appreciate interviewing you concerning your field of study and will be with us in Kansas City this April. Please lend your insights. Write 7887 Walmsley Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70125.
Research to Know About

- In April of 1977 the American Catholic Philosophical Association established a committee on research to undertake studies of special interest to the American Catholic community. Two projects have been assigned to subcommittee; one is a study of “The Secularization of Catholic Institutions,” and the other a study of “The Role of Women in Society.” Professor Kenneth Schmitz, current President of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, is chairman of the Committee on Research.

- Fr. Joseph Farraher, S.J., of Santa Clara University, has submitted articles on “Morality” and “Moral Theology, Contemporary Trends” to the New Catholic Encyclopedia, for volume 17.

- James V. Schall’s The Sixth Paul (Alba Books, Canfield, Ohio, 1977) is worth reading and having publicized.


- Philip S. Keane, S.S. recently published a book called, Sexual Morality: A Catholic Perspective (Paulist Press, 1977) that needs to be noted and challenged. His work systematically applies the moral theory emergent in recent Catholic theologians (Fuchs ans Schuller, etc.) to sexual morality and reaches conclusions similar to those of the CTSA report.

- James A. Mohler, S.J. of John Carroll University is doing a cross-cultural study of Sexual Sublimation and the Sacred, covering primitive archetypes of ritual continence and Eastern and Western developments in chastity and virginity. Refer to his volume: SEXUAL SUBLIMATION AND THE SACRED.


- Germain Grisez is beginning to work on a volume, tentatively entitled “Principles of Catholic Moral Theology,” which he plans to spend several years completing. At this time he has the first, very tentative outline of the volume ready for anyone who would be willing to criticize it and offer suggestions. Help is needed from specialists in all areas of theology, scripture, church history, canon law, and other relevant fields. If you would be willing to examine the outline and contribute your reactions, write Grisez for a copy at Campion College, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4SJA1, Canada.

New Problems for Collaborative Research

- In the recent publication put out by the Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences THE HASTINGS CENTER REPORT, Volume 7, Number 6, December 1977 a special supplement is broad, covering areas of medicine, public policy, law, social sciences, business, politics engineering and the environment. The bibliography is one of the most important contributions of the supplement.

The question that concerns anyone involved in the teaching of moral theology or ethics is the proposals offered in a number of the above topics. Since the authors refer to the Catholic role in these areas, it seems imperative that we respond to their request on page seventeen for course syllabi, descriptions, etc. Only through this means will we be able to assure that a valid picture of our present state of concern and involvement is presented. They have also agreed to put respondents names on a special mailing list to be developed as the project progresses.

Since the HASTINGS CENTER is influential in the formation of Governmental policies, by the information they provide, our response and contribution should be a part of their findings.
Convention Information in General

The Ramada Inn-KCI Airport is a four-year old eleven story motel situated at 7301 N.W. Tiffany Springs Road, five miles south (ten minutes) from the International Airport on Interstate 29.

The motel is fifteen miles north of Kansas City, Missouri.

A courtesy car will be available at the airport to transport convention guests. The motel has a lounge, entertainment and food service until 10:00 p.m.

The banquet manager in charge of Fellowship convention arrangements is Lynn Moore, whose telephone number (for emergency purposes) is (816) 741-9500.

Specific Suggestions

1. Prior to April 15th register for the motel with Msgr. George Kelly. The single rooms are $18, doubles are $24.

If you are pairing with someone else, indicate that on your registration card.

After April 15th register directly with Miss Moore but notify Msgr. Kelly.

2. The Registration fee for the convention itself will be $15.00.

Do not pay this in advance. At registration time this can be paid in cash or by a check made out to the Fellowship.

3. Meals will be arranged for the convenience of the delegates.

The formal dinner for the convention is scheduled for Saturday evening, April 29th, at 6:00 p.m.

Presumably all delegates will attend. The cost of four meals and three social hours, and occasional coffee will come to around $20 per delegate.

4. Priests who intend to concelebrate are advised (at this time and unless otherwise informed) to bring alb and stole.

Editorial

There is a great deal of interest in the newly formed Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. Letters of inquiry have come from Canada, Ireland, England, Italy, Australia, and India. These requests for information are usually simple expressions of interest or sympathy.

It is in private discussions more than in formal communications that one question keeps recurring. What are the commitments of the Fellowship?

Perhaps this is an inevitable question at a time when polarization within the Church is acute and confrontation politics the normal course of contemporary secular life.

What are the commitments of the Fellowship?
First to scholarship. Finally to the Magisterium of the Church. Nothing more or less than these.

A scan of the membership roster of the Fellowship indicates that there are academic persons registered of differing theological and social science persuasions. The plural disciplines represented and the plural approaches to Catholic events are reasonably normal for a group such as this.

Does fidelity to the Magisterium restrict scholarship or membership? We hope not. It is likely, however, that those whose theological persuasion cannot accept the binding power of Magisterium or which defines pluralism to include public position-taking antithetical, contradictory of, or hostile to Magisterium, would not be inclined to apply for membership.

Hopefully, their numbers are small.

The Statement of Purpose, published in the December 1977 issue of the Newsletter, while committing the Fellowship to the “ordinary and universal Magisterium”, also offered service “to the Church in answering contemporary questions” and an association “open to the work of the Holy Spirit within the Church.”

We are inclined to believe this includes most members of the Catholic academic community, whatever other personal commitments they have beyond fidelity to the Magisterium.
Books to Know About

- Books in the science-technology-theology area: Biological Revolution/Theological Impact, 1974 — ($4.00); The Citizen and the City, 1973 — ($1.00); Brain Research-Human Consciousness, 1975 — ($4.00); Freedom in a Highly Technologized Society, 1976 — ($4.00); Human Sexuality, 1976 — ($4.00); Religion of fabricated Man & The Limitation of Science in the Solution of Social Issues, 1976-77 — ($4.00).

They can be obtained from Institute for Theological Encounter With Science and Technology, 221 North Grand Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63103.


Although neither is written from a Catholic viewpoint, both provide material and insights which are likely to be of use to Catholic scholars.

- Three books by Protestant authors in support of Humanae Vitae:


Ingrid Trobisch is the United States born wife of Walter Trobisch, an Austrian Lutheran minister.

- Siegfried Ernst, M.S., Man, the Greatest of Miracles: An Answer to the Sexual Counter-Evolution (Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press) 1976, paperback ($3.85)

Christopher Derrick, Escape from Skepticism. (La Salle, Illinois: Sherwood Sugden & Co., 1977) with the sub-title, Liberal Education as If Truth Mattered is a short book defending the objectivity of truth as the presupposition for truly liberal education.

- Willard Gaylin, M.C. Caring, New York: Alfred A. Knopf 1976 ($7.95)

Discusses in great detail the importance of other-centered mothers to the proper development of children and to the survival of the human race.


Publisher and Papers Wanted


- Papers on the methods of teaching ethics as a part of the business school curriculum at a state university. Send papers to: Edward J. O'Boyle, Editor, Louisiana Economy, College of Administration and Business, Louisiana Tech University, P.O. Box 5796, Ruston, Louisiana 71271.

NOTICE OF OPENING 1978 or 1979 ACADEMIC YEARS

Visiting Professor of Theology at University Scranton, Pennsylvania, 18510, under grant from National Endowment for the Humanities. Generous salary with full time secretary. Two courses and faculty consultations. Write Theology Department.
The Bishops of India on Humanae Vitae

Msgr. Eustace D’Lima secretary to the Catholic Bishops Conference of India forwarded to the Fellowship the statement of that hierarchy issued January 17, 1978 marking the tenth anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* one paragraph reads as follows:

“We remind in particular preachers, confessors, and theologians to acquaint themselves better agonizing circumstances of our people and to remember that in the exercise their ministry, they are to show that understanding and compassion which the Holy Father urges and the model for which is the patience and goodness of Christ himself who ‘was indeed intransigent with evil but merciful towards individuals’ (H.V. 19). Moreover, ‘to diminish in no way the saving teaching of Christ constitutes an eminent form of charity for souls’ (H.V. 29). Hence they should refrain from proclaiming their individual views which conflict with the clear and unambiguous teaching of the Church.”

Members Recent Publications

- Dr. William May and Fr. Harvey have published their booklet *On Understanding Human Sexuality* (Franciscan Herald Press) an overview which begins with CTSA’s treatment of this subject last year.
- Dr. May also has from the same publisher a new book entitled *Human Existence, Medicine and Ethics*, a treatment of the moral questions raised by bio-medical technology and practices.
- Fr. Harvey has two valuable chapters in Dr. John Cavanagh’s book *Counselling the Homosexual* (Our Sunday Visitor Press), one on the significance of the change in nomenclature by the American Psychiatric Association to describe homosexuality, the other a theological evaluation of the views of John McNeil, Charles Curran, and Gregory Baum.