

Candidates' Forum Takes Center Stage

With the approval of the BOG, the Nominations Committee will initiate a Candidates' Forum at the Portland Convention this Fall. This will be an opportunity for all the membership to hear the Candidates and to pose some questions to them.

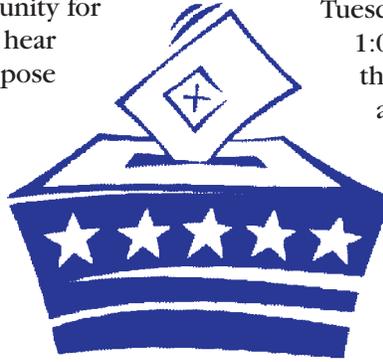
Traditionally the Candidates have attempted to attend various caucuses, but that has sometimes been difficult for the Candidates to schedule, and each caucus included only smaller segments of the Society. The Forum is being provided so that the total attending membership can participate in interchange with the Candidates. Members of the various

caucuses are encouraged to attend this larger session to learn about the qualifications and thoughts of each candidate.

The Forum will be held on Tuesday, 14 October 2003, from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. At this time the Candidates will each give a brief presentation, followed by a time for questions from the floor. After this first experience, the Committee will appreciate your suggestions/evaluation on the regular evaluation form in order to provide a

guide for the future.

To learn more about the Candidates for this year's elections, the Nominations Committee provides the enclosed insert in this edition of the *CLSA Newsletter*. ▼



Portland Convention Packets Mailed

Convention information packets were mailed Friday, May 2, 2003 by first class mail. If you have not received your convention information or have additional questions, please contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator. Make your plans today to join us in Portland, Oregon, October 13-16, 2003.

For Double Tree Hotel reservations, telephone 1-800-996-0510 or 1-503-281-6111.

Accompanying the CLSA Newsletter as inserts

- Candidates Brochure 2003
- Comparative Sacramental Discipline in the *CCEO* and the *CIC* Pre-Publication Offer
- Index of CLSA Membership Directory 2003

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CLSA Dues Increase is First in 12 Years!



Rev. Lawrence
O'Keefe

Perhaps the most onerous responsibility of any CLSA President and Board of Governors, exercised rarely and only with the greatest reluctance, occurs when it is necessary to propose and justify to the constituents of the Society a raise in membership dues. This has not happened for twelve years, since 1991. Unfortunately, time and the state of our finances have caught up with us.

It is essential for the good of the CLSA that we function each year with a balanced budget, especially when it comes to the general (i.e., day-to-day) operations of the Society. When a budget is not balanced, there are just two means of redress: either increase revenue or decrease expenses.

The CLSA administrative officer, the Executive Coordinator, working in conjunction with the Society's executive authority - the elected officers and consultants who comprise the Board of Governors - has carefully monitored expenses and struggled for several years to keep them under control. There are expenses beyond our control (e.g., postage, printing costs, travel expenses) and those driven by requirements of justice (e.g., wages and benefits). While successive Boards have demonstrated a consistent commitment to keep expenses in line, over the past five years they have found it necessary to cover costs by authorizing the transfer of funds from Savings into the general operations or the publications accounts. Since 1998, these

transfers have amounted to \$270,000. Obviously, this cannot continue indefinitely.

The primary source of income for the general operations of the Society is membership dues. As already noted, these have not increased since 1991. Moreover, it is a simple fact that the CLSA currently has the lowest dues of any organization that staffs an office offering membership services. Currently, our \$100 regular

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annual dues (or \$25 student annual dues) provide these benefits to all our members: the Annual *Convention Proceedings*, the Bi-annual *Membership Directory*, the Quarterly *Newsletter*, the semi-annual *Religious Law Bulletin*, membership discounts on CLSA Publications.

By way of comparison, other Catholic professional organizations, roughly comparable to ours in size, assess the following annual dues for their members:

Association of Diocesan
Fiscal Managers \$650.00

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical
Consultants \$900.00

National Association of Catholic
Family Life Ministers . . . \$480.00

National Council of Diocesan
Vocation Directors \$625.00

National Federation of Catholic
Youth Ministers \$400.00

North American Conference
of Separated & Divorced
Ministries \$150.00

Hmong-American National
Catholic Association . . . \$500.00

It is interesting to note that if, since 1991, our dues had been annually increased to keep up with a (rather conservative) 3% annual inflation rate, they would now stand at \$142.57 for the current year. Moreover, if that annual inflation increment had been in place, the additional revenue to the Society since 1991, on the basis of only 1000 full dues-paying members, would have come to \$261,775 - a figure very close to the amount we have had to transfer from Savings

The most visible and valued contribution our Society has made to the Church at-large in recent years has been, of course, through our publications. In the mid-1980's, the sale of the first edition of the CLSA English translation of the 1983 *Codex Iuris Canonici* and the subsequent *CLSA Commentary on the Code*, brought in substantial revenue to the Society. It seemed, at the time, that publications would be the key to a golden future of financial stability for the CLSA.

That dream, unfortunately, has not materialized. Since the mid-1980's we have not seen the extended interest nor the volume of sales which attended the first editions of

the *Code* or the *Commentary* – and that is especially evident with the more recently published second editions of both works. Even though some of our other publications have made a modest profit, we have had to come to the sober realization that the field of interest covered by CLSA publications is very specialized and very narrow. The bottom line of all this is that revenues from our published works have not been able to supplement in a significant way the funding of our general operations on an on-going basis.

The matter of proposing a raise in membership dues has been discussed at Board meetings for at

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least two years. In April, 2002 the BOG unanimously approved a motion from the Treasurer that such a resolution be placed before the Society at the Cincinnati convention. Because of our preoccupation with the clergy sexual abuse issue in Cincinnati, however, the Board subsequently voted to withdraw the resolution, judging that it would be too much of a distraction from the issue at hand. Though it was withdrawn from consideration at last year's convention, the hard financial realities which occasioned it have not

(See **PRESIDENT**, p. 4)

RESOURCES

- *The Pastoral Companion: A Canon Law Handbook for Catholic Ministry*, third edition, revised and updated (Quincy, IL: Franciscan Press, 2002), \$29.95. This popular handbook has been updated through May 2002 with new universal laws and juridical texts of the Holy See and particular laws of the conferences of bishops of the USA and Canada. Many of the commentaries have also been revised and expanded. Among recent juridical texts affecting parish and diocesan ministry, this new edition includes select disciplinary norms from the revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the 2002 *motu proprio* on general absolution, the 1997 interdicasterial instruction on the collaboration of clergy and laity in ministry, and the 2001 CDF instruction for privilege of the faith cases. Orders can be placed by phone: (217) 228-5670; Fax: (217) 228-5672; or Email: service@franciscanpress.com.

- *Ecclesiastical Sanctions and the Penal Process: A Commentary on the Code of Canon Law* by William H. WOESTMAN, O.M.I. (ed.) 2nd rev. and updated ed., Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, 2003, xviii, 381 p., ISBN 0-919261-53-1 C \$53.00; US \$38.00; other countries US \$40.00.

From the Editor: “Some years ago when I was still teaching in the Faculty of Canon Law at Saint Paul University, one of my former students from another continent wrote in a letter to me that in the country where he was working, although there were a number of priests with degrees in canon law, there were no marriage nullity trials. Considering the human condition, it is most unlikely that there were no invalid marriages among the faithful in that country. There were separations, divorces, and second unions because of failed marriages. His conclusion was that since the canonists did not know how to conduct a trial, there were none, and the faithful were deprived of justice.

I wonder if we have not had a similar situation here in North America until recently in regard to

penal trials. Most bishops in the United States have been most conscientious in sending priests to study canon law and most dioceses have well-staffed tribunals with personnel holding degrees in canon law. However, penal trials have been almost non-existent. As we now know only too well, it has not been because canonical offenses have been non-existent.”

“Certainly sanctions are not the favorite subject for canonists. When I told some canonists that I was writing a book on sanctions, two of them spontaneously said: I don't like sanctions. Just as the Lord must not have liked speaking of sin and its punishment, the Church—even though she would prefer not to—must talk about sin and offenses, and legislate penalties and procedures for those offending seriously against the communion of the Church and harming their fellow Christians. Unfortunately, as many have learned in a most painful fashion, offenses and their necessary punishment are a reality of human existence, even for Christians.”

Resolutions Committee Invitation

In recognizing the purpose of the CLSA to approach current issues and practical concerns through research, education and continued growth in the understanding of Canon Law, the Resolutions Committee wishes to invite and encourage members of the Society to reflect on possible resolutions for consideration at the 2003 Convention.

Over the years resolutions have become reality through Convention presentations, the formation and work of committees, and the publication of many works. Most recently, as a partial response to a resolution proposed at the 2002 Convention, members received the *Guide to the Implementation of the U.S. Bishop's - Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons*.

CLSA bylaws allow for resolutions to be proposed during the hearing session and the Annual Meeting. The Resolutions Committee would like to encourage individuals, groups or

other committees to consider formulating resolutions early so they may be included with the September Newsletter. This allows for members to study the resolution and to reflect on its advisability with regard to the needs of the Society, to focus proposed amendments, and to fully participate in the direction and work of the Society. All members are strongly encouraged to attend

the hearing session to become familiar with the resolutions and to be a part of the discussion that assists in bringing about a greater clarification of the issue and the need.

The Resolutions Committee is willing to assist in the formulation of resolutions both prior to and during the Convention. The Guidelines for Resolutions and a resolution proposal form are located in this *Newsletter*.

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Rev. Kelly Vandehey

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gone away.

The Board of Governors took up the question once again at its January, 2003 meeting. It was decided unanimously that the Board present a resolution at the 2003 convention in Portland calling for a \$25 increase in the annual dues for all members, beginning in fiscal year 2004. This would raise the annual dues for active and associate members to \$125 per year, and for

student members to \$50 per year. While the increase for students is proportionally greater, it was the consensus that the services provided to all members - students, as well as active and associate - were the same, and that providing these services for only \$25 a year had become financially untenable for the Society.

In ancient Egypt it was customary for the Pharaoh to slay any messenger who brought him bad news. I hope that our Society will not follow that practice in this instance!

The various BOGs on which I have served have all had one thing in common: the elected officials of the Society have been conscientious and diligent in trying to plan and do what is best for the CLSA, for our members and for our future. The current Board deliberated long and hard (and I might say, reluctantly) on this resolution, but in the end took the hard decision that presenting a resolution on the raising of dues was necessary for the good of the Society. ▼

CANON LAW SOCIETY OF AMERICA
CINCINNATI 2003 ANNUAL CONVENTION
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL

PROPOSED BY _____

DATE _____

TITLE

STATEMENT OF RATIONALE

(Indicate simply, precisely and directly the reasons for the resolution)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

IMPLEMENTATION BY MEANS OF

(Committee assignment, task force, report/study)

ANTICIPATED COST _____

COST SUPPLIED BY _____

GUIDELINES FOR RESOLUTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

GUIDELINES FOR RESOLUTIONS

- A. Use this form on the reverse side to propose resolutions for the Resolutions Committee for the Annual Meeting. CLSA By-Law No. 3b specifies the following for resolutions:
1. **“They shall be positive in nature, and in keeping with the scope, purpose and resources of the Society.”** In practice,
 - a. Resolutions should avoid direct criticism of persons and be worded where possible to accent, for example, how to improve existing structures;
 - b. Resolutions should be framed so that the connection with the overall purpose of the Society is clear;
 - c. The “anticipated costs” item should be realistic and definite (avoiding such phrases as “costs - minimal”);
 - d. If any costs are anticipated, it is requested that the author contact the Office of Executive Coordinator for guidelines;
 - e. The resolution should be clear about how much human resource will be needed to achieve the resolution’s intended outcome.
 2. **“Their content shall be simple, precise, direct and in language befitting a professional society; vague or ambiguous phrases should be avoided, and “whereas” clauses should be kept at a minimum.”** In practice,
 - a. The resolution should be worded so as to be clear and specific regarding the intended outcome of the resolution;
 - b. Resolutions normally call for the Society to take some action and, if so, the following terms should be used for the sake of clarity of expectation: **“receive”** - if the Society is simply to be asked to recognize that the group or committee has completed its work; **“accept”** - if CLSA is being asked to agree with the work of the committee and acknowledge that the work of the designated group has been completed; **“endorse”** - if CLSA is being asked to recognize that the designated group has completed its task, to agree with the work produced and desires to make the work its own (which is the fullest commitment available to CLSA).
- B. In preparing resolutions for the CLSA Annual Meeting, each author:
1. Shall write a brief STATEMENT OF RATIONALE (or “whereas” clause) to give the background and foundation for the resolution;
 2. Shall write the heart of the resolution in which is contained the clear statement of the proposed outcome the author wants to accomplish including a clear statement of the time line, the anticipated costs and number of persons required to fulfill the resolution as well as the source of fiscal and human resources.
 3. Submit the resolution(s) to the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee:
Rev. Kelley M. Vandehey
5310 N E 42nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97218
Office: 503-281-6461
Fax:

Resolutions received **before August 1** will be included in the September CLSA *Newsletter*.

The Executive Coordinator's Office learned on March 17, 2003 of the death of the **Reverend Monsignor George A. Cocuzzi, JCD**, a retired priest of the Diocese of Rochester, New York. Monsignor Cocuzzi earned his doctorate in 1954 at the Gregorian University in Rome. Born June 14, 1924, he was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1949. In his years as a priest, he served in a variety of offices as pastor, Vicar for the Diaconate Training Program, Vicar for Urban Ministry and as Chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester. He was elevated to the rank of Monsignor on June 18, 1966. He passed away on August 27, 2002 at the infirmary in Rochester.

Reverend Monsignor Gerald Sheehy of the Dublin Regional Marriage Tribunal passed away on March 19, 2003 at Bon Secours Hospital, (Glasnevin) Dublin, Ireland. Born in Dublin on 16 October 1923, he was ordained for the archdiocese in 1948. Monsignor Sheehy did his canonical studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University where he earned his JCD in 1951 with his dissertation: *The Proprietary Church in pre-Norman Ireland*. Appointed Vice-chancellor for the Archdiocese of Dublin in 1952, he held the

position until 1965 when he became Chancellor, a post that he would hold until 1975. He also served as Professor of Canon Law at Holy Cross Seminary, Cloniffe, Dublin from 1952-1965 and as Lecturer in Canon Law at the National University of Ireland, 1958-1964. From 1975, he was Barrister-at-Law at the Supreme Court of Ireland. Until 2002, Monsignor served as Judicial Vicar of the Dublin Regional Marriage Tribunal. He was President of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland for six years and was made an Honorary Life Member of the Canon Law Society of America at the Joint CLSA - Canadian Canon Law Society meeting at Chicago, Illinois in 1981. In the 1980s and 1990s, Monsignor served as a guest lecturer at the Gregorian University in Rome for the specialization in jurisprudence course. In recent years, Monsignor Sheehy served as general editor of *The Canon Law: Letter and Spirit* (1995) and was the 2001 recipient of the Jean Thorn Award of Merit of the Canadian Canon Law Society. His funeral took place on 22 March 2003 at Corpus Christi Parish in Dublin the presence of His Eminence, Desmond Cardinal Connell. Condolences may be expressed through the Reverend John Conneeley, President of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Rev. S. C. Wellens, M. Afr., retired Judicial Vicar and Advisor to the Episcopal Conference of Zambia passed away in the Netherlands. He earned a doctorate in canon law at the Catholic University of Louvain between 1945 - 1949. A member of the White Fathers of Africa, Father Wellens served the diocese of Chipata, Zambia as Bishop's Secretary, Judicial Vicar, Part-time Professor of Canon law at the major seminary (1949-1955 and 1957-1971) as well as Officialis from 1957- until his retirement. No further details are available about his passing. ▼

Errata

On page 292 of the *CLSA Membership Directory*, please correct the entry accordingly: Patrick Cogan, S.A. is Assistant Editor.

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Future CLSA Convention Sites

Portland, OR - October 13-16, 2003
 Pittsburgh, PA - October 11-14, 2004
 Tampa, FL, - October, 2005
 Fort Worth, TX - (2006)
 To be determined - (2007)
 Philadelphia, PA - (2008)
 Indianapolis, IN - (2009)

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Rev. Michael R. Schneider
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Rev. Charles J. Sikorsky
 Legion of Christ, ITALY

POSITION OPENINGS

- The Diocese of Charleston is looking to fill a canonist position (JCL or JCD) for work in Tribunal ministry. This is a full-time position with benefits. Primary responsibility consists of case instruction. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful, not required. Starting date of August 1, 2003, anticipated. Please send cover letter and resume to Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Rowland, Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Charleston, P.O. Box 818, Charleston, South Carolina 29402.

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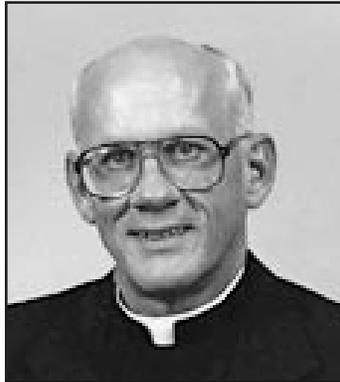
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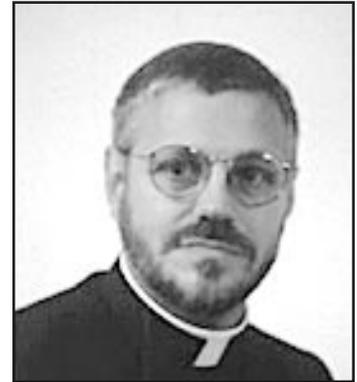
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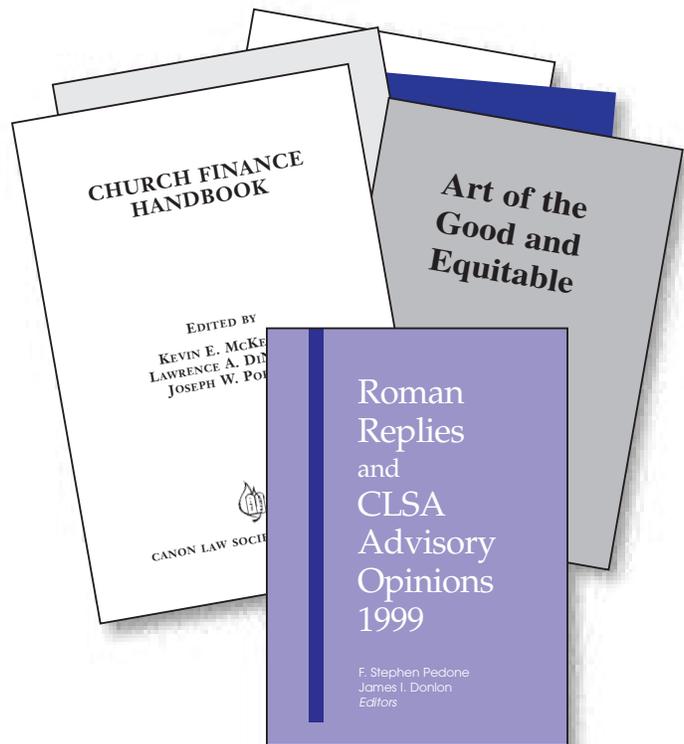
CLSA Inventory Reduction Sale

In an effort to reduce inventory at CLSA Publications, the Board of Governors authorized an inventory reduction sale on the following items.



- CLSA Proceedings (1990 to 2001) @ \$5.00 each
- Roman Replies & Advisory Opinions (1990 to 2001) @ 5.00 each
- CLSA Advisory Opinions (1984-1993) @ \$15.00 each
- Art of the Good and Equitable @ \$20.00 each
- Code Community & Ministry @ \$2.00 each
- Selected Issues in Religious Law @ 9.00 each
- Church Finance Handbook @ \$11.00 each
- Set Price for CIC & CCEO @ \$40.00 each set

For orders over \$125.00 CLSA Publications will assume the cost of shipping and handling within the United States or will pay 50% of the shipping and handling costs for orders outside of the United States. If you have been looking for a “good buy” to add to your personal or professional library, now is the time to act! *(No additional discounts allowed and no returns)* To place your order contact CLSA Publications and indicate that you wish to place an order for the “BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ SPECIAL.”



Corrections to the Membership Directory

The following changes came into the Office of the Executive Director after the CLSA Membership Directory 2003 was completed.

Schultz, p. 8: JCL Catholic University of Leuven

Diamond, p. 85: Dominican Convent, Convent Road, Dunlaoghaire Dublin, IRELAND

Useldinger, p. 28, 133, 175 & 217: Diocese of Colorado Springs, 228 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903; JCL; Office 719-636-2345; Fax 719-636-1216; karl@diocs.org

J. M. O'Connor, p. 41 & 123: Diocese of Rockford, 555 Colman Center Drive, P.O. Box 7044, Rockford, IL 61125; Office 815-399-4300, ext. 314

Parker, p. 209: sparker@woodburnandwedge.com

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McGreevy, p. 45: Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie, PA 16511

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Convention Opportunity

Looking for something to do before or after the CLSA Convention? Those visiting Portland Oregon may wish to visit THE GROTTO - the internationally renowned Catholic sanctuary that welcomes more than 150,000 guests each year. THE GROTTO is a 62 acre retreat near the center of the city filled with green fir trees, colorful rhododendron and other native Pacific Northwest flora. The upper level of THE GROTTO offers magnificent panoramic vistas of the Columbia River Valley, the Cascade Mountain Range, and famous Mount St. Helens. For more information stop by the Information Booth at the CLSA Convention!

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