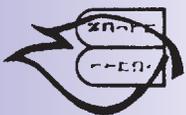


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A Dream Becomes a Reality

One of the long standing dreams of the CLSA Electronic Committee is finally a reality. There was common recognition and agreement among members that the CLSA website was in need of updating and refinement, but as most organizations find, the three "Ts" of time, talent, and treasure could not all be brought together to make it happen. The increased revenue from membership dues and the entry of Mr. James Frenette as our professional webmaster have created a new and exciting look for our www.clsa.org website.



The information highway for the Canon Law Society of America will increase significantly under Jim's management. At the old site, the possibility existed to order books from CLSA Publications with a credit card and some easy to follow instructions which date back to the creation of this part of the website by the Electronic's committee. The renewed site increases our ability. For example, web users may now participate in CLSA Pre-publication special offers as well as research current and past seminar presentations from CLSA Proceedings.

The updated CLSA web site offers members greater opportunities for communication links to other web sites. For example a list of United States Catholic Dioceses by state or a listing of Catholic bishops in the United States is available by linking to <http://www.usccb.org/dioceses.htm>. These links offer more than simply names and addresses. Particular legislation and policies in place in many dioceses become readily available. For example, questions concerning Canon 220 with respect to the right to a good reputation and privacy come to life with items

such as fingerprinting information found at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/admin/perso-fc-fingerprinting.htm>. Our members and those interested in canon law will find the new website a useful and valuable resource for study.

The renewed website contains a number of new categories for members. Information on the next and future conventions sites will be found on the website with information on hotels, maps for travel, and links to attractions in the area.

Likewise, information on the eight regional CLSA meetings held throughout the United States throughout the year will be found at CLSA Regional Meetings. Members will also have ready information available on Other Professional Canon Law Societies and Journals of Canon Law. Visitors to our CLSA website will find

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CLSA Membership Dues for 2004-2005



Those members who still need to pay their membership dues for this fiscal year should send them to the Office of the Executive Coordinator, 108 North Payne Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2906. For those who use computer generated addresses for their checks, please make the correction from the Catholic University of America to avoid confusion and delay.

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Pre Publication Offer

The CLSA is advertising a special *Pre-Publication Offer* for its newest publication, *In Time of Need: Parishes and Canon 517, §2*, authored by Sr. Therese Guerin Sullivan and Rev. Gary D. Yanus. This is a supplemental guide dealing with situations when, due to a shortage of priests, the diocesan bishop deems it necessary to entrust a share of the sacramental pastoral care of a parish to one or more persons who are not priests. It focuses on parishes without a resident pastor, church teachings regarding the role of the priest in parish life, the role of the layperson who directs the pastoral care of the parish, and the use of deacons and other laity in accom-



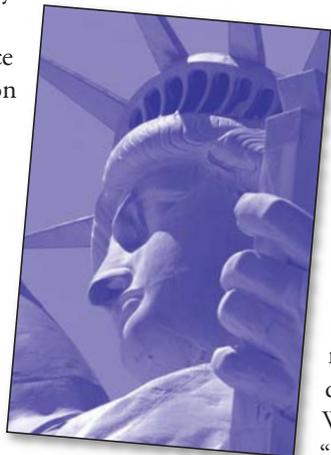
plishing this. It is a handy and useful resource and tool for diocesan and parish councils, and well as clergy and laity involved in parochial life.

Until March 31, 2005, copies of *In Time of Need: Parishes and Canon 517, §2*, are available for US \$12.50 each, prepaid (includes shipping inside the USA) or US \$15.00 each prepaid (international orders). No further membership discounts are allowed on this special offer, which is not yet available from CLSA Publications. Payment must be made in US

funds by check drawn on a US bank, or by Visa or MasterCard, and orders sent to the CLSA Executive Coordinator's Office, 108 N. Payne Street, Ste. C, Alexandria, VA 22314-2906, USA ▼

Regional Meeting Updates

The Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists will hold "PUTTING OUT INTO THE DEEP: NAVIGATING CANONICAL WATERS," May 2-4, 2005, in Flushing, New York. The conference will be held at the Sheraton La Guardia East Hotel, 135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing (Queens), New York. The hotel is located a few minutes from La Guardia Airport, and there is a free shuttle service to and from the hotel. For hotel reservations, call 1-718-460-6666. All room reservations must be made by April 10, 2005. Registration for members of the Eastern Regional Conference is \$100 and \$125 for



non-members. To register for the conference contact the Office of the Chancellor, PO Box C, Brooklyn, NY 11202. Presentations this year include "Consultation in the Life of the Church: Structures of Accountability and Revitalization," by Sr. Sharon Euart, RSM; "Rotal Jurisprudence: Some Recent Cases coram Boccafolo advancing the *bonum coniugum*, maturity for marriage and other procedural matters" by Msgr. William A. Varvaro; "Oriental Legislation: Latin Implications," by Msgr. Michael G. Thomas and "Church and State Issues: Convergence and Divergence," by Kevin M. Kearney, Esq. ▼

Regional CLSA Information

The CLSA website maintains a section on information for regional meetings and events which occur throughout the calendar year. The Executive Coordinator's Office serves as a conduit to make sure this information is entered by the webmaster. In order to improve our website and make it as current as possible, each of the regional groups is requested to establish a liaison contact with the Executive's Office. For this year's current listing, please consult www.clsa.org <<http://www.clsa.org>>

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Board Stresses the Need for Strategic Planning



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In late January the Board of Governors met in Orlando, Florida, while much of the Northeast and mid-Atlantic region was digging out from a very substantial snowstorm. As a result of the weather conditions, airport closings and numerous cancellations and delays, Msgr. Daniel Hoye, CLSA Vice-President/President-Elect, was not able to be with us despite his repeated attempts to join us. In addition, following our meeting several members of the board were stranded in different parts of the country as a result of a series of ice storms that blanketed the South. Needless to say, we hope travel to our April board meeting will be less eventful and more comfortable.

The board addressed numerous agenda items during its meeting, many of which support the need for the Society to engage in strategic planning for its future direction and to determine what the Society wishes to accomplish in service to its members and to the Church. Issues, for example, related to the preparation, production and handling of publications, the use of electronic media, collaboration with other national organizations, the canonical needs of Spanish-speaking people, the role of education and advocacy in the work of the Society, and the availability of resources for carrying out the mission of the CLSA all point to the importance of such planning for both the immediate and long-term future. Msgr. Mark Bartchak, Past President, chairs the CLSA Planning Task Force, established in 2002 by Past President Rev. Lawrence O'Keefe and revised in 2004 by the Board of Governors. The Board discussed how best to involve the entire membership in

our planning for the future and will be reporting more about such opportunities later this year.

Another important topic on the Board's agenda concerned the status of the 2005 *Membership Directory*. Following consultation with the Electronic Committee, a decision will be made regarding the possibility of publishing the new directory electroni-

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cally this year. Elsewhere in this *Newsletter* you can read about the new CLSA website and the information that has been added to the site. We are grateful to Father Art Espelage, Executive Coordinator and our Webmaster, Mr. James Frenette of Burke, Virginia, for their work in creating and maintaining the new site.

Despite the fluctuating weather patterns throughout the country we have been able to attend several events involving members of the Society or other Catholic organizations. In November I attended the USCCB meeting as an observer, as Msgr. Mark Bartchak had done in 2003. Just as Mark had experienced last year, the bishops were pleased that the CLSA president was attending as an observer; they were eager to express their grati-

tude for the work their own canonists and the society are doing to assist them particularly in processing the cases of sexual abuse of minors. The level of apprehensive surrounding the application of the canonical procedures was not as high as it had been due, in a significant way, to the help the society has provided over the past two years. In identifying how the society might further assist bishops, several mentioned the tremendous need for advocates, particularly for those accused of sexual misconduct.

In early December, I traveled to Lake Charles, Louisiana for the 53rd Annual Convention of the Conference of Chancery and Tribunal Officials of the Provinces of New Orleans and Mobile. The gracious hospitality of Msgr. Jace Eskind, president of the conference, and the excellent program afforded me the opportunity to experience first hand the exceptional work of our members in this area of the country, and the service they provide to our mission dioceses. Sr. Marilyn Vassalo, CSJ led one tract of the conference in Advocate Training while Bishop Thomas Paprocki led the second tract on "Obedience: Virtuous or Virtual Reality?" I was invited to address the membership during the business meeting for an update on CLSA activities and responded to questions raised by the members.

Two other gatherings to which I was invited each dealt with collaboration and consultation in the Church, a theme that is generating increased interest in various sectors of the Church today. Collaboration of the Society with other national organizations (for example, the Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development, National Association of Church Personnel Administrators, National Association for Lay Ministry, National Pastoral Life Center) around issues of

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In Memoriam

The Executive Coordinator's Office received notification of the passing of the **Reverend Edmund Francis Carroll, TOR.**

An associate member of the CLSA since 2001, Father Carroll served as a collegiate judge in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia before moving to the provincial residence in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and then to Basyne, Virginia. No further details are available.

The **Reverend James Bonaventure Zusy, OP**, passed away July 3, 2004 at age 71. He was a member of the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Albert the Great. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 8, 1932 he was ordained May 23, 1959. Over the years he served at parishes in the United States and also the Nigerian African Missions at Yelwa, Sokoto, Guisau and Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa from 1960 to 1968. He completed his canon law studies at St. Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario between 1976-1980. Many CLSA members will remember his thesis topic: Immaturity for Marriage from a Psychological and Canonical Viewpoint as a basis for LDD. As a canonist, Fr. Zusy served as adjutant or judicial vicar in a number of tribunals: The Military Ordinariate from 1980-1982; Fort Worth, Texas 1982-1986; St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1986-1995; and Lexington, Kentucky 1995-2004. Over the years, he attended the CLSA national and regional conventions and also conducted numerous update workshops. His funeral service took place at St. Pius V Catholic Church, Chicago on July 7, 2004.

Graduates of the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, will be saddened to learn of the passing of **Mrs. Priscilla Marquez** who died January 7, 2005. For thirteen years, she was the administrative assistant in the 1974 Department of Canon Law at The Catholic University of America (1974 to 1987). Priscilla will be remembered as a calming and encouraging individual for both faculty, staff, and students. As a

widow, she raised two children, one of whom is a patent attorney in Alexandria, Virginia. As administrative assistant, she helped further the canonical education of so many students in so many little but important ways.

A returned mailing alerted the Executive Coordinator's office of the death of the **Reverend Kenneth R. Morvant** of the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana. A Judicial Vicar of the diocese, Father Morvant earned a BS degree from St. John Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957 after earning a BA from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1954. He earned his JCL degree from The Catholic University of America in 1991. No further details are known.

The **Reverend John T. Finnegan, Jr.** passed away on February 9, 2005 at *Regina Cleri* Retirement Home in Boston at age 76. Older members will recall that Father Finnegan served as CLSA Vice President being elected at the convention in Boston Massachusetts in October 1968 and then elected at St. Paul, Minnesota as CLSA President in October of 1974. His career was truly memorable. A high school drop out, he became a meter reader for the Boston Gas Company and then attended Holy Cross College before entering the Navy. In 1955 he entered St. John Seminary and was ordained a priest in 1960. After a brief assignment as parish priest, he began his studies of canon law at the Lateran University in Rome and received his JCD. For fifteen years he served as professor of church history and canon law at Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts. During his teaching years, he also held positions at Boston College, Georgetown, Notre Dame and the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He is survived by four brothers and many other family members. His funeral mass was celebrated at St. Theresa of Avila Church in West Roxbury with burial at Mount Benedict Cemetery in Roxbury, Massachusetts. ▼

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leadership in the Church and the involvement of lay men and women in the promoting excellence in church management, finances and human resources, was the focus of one gathering in Washington, DC. A second gathering was the FADICA (Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities) annual membership meeting whose theme on "Women of Faith" was structured around the 2004 Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on "The Collaboration of Men and Women." In both these gatherings the participants expressed gratitude for participation by the Canon Law Society of America.

In mid-February, I visited St. Paul's University in Ottawa, Canada to speak with the canon law students and to deliver the annual Glasmacher Lecture at the university. It was heartening to witness the enthusiasm of the students for their canonical studies and to discuss with them the many challenges facing canonists and our Church today. While in Ottawa I had the opportunity to visit with Professors Lynda Robataille, a current BOG member and Rev. Patrick Cogan, a member of the previous BOG. I am grateful to Dean Roland Jacques, OMI for his gracious hospitality and to Msgr. Roch Page, President of the Canadian Canon Law Society, for hosting a dinner following the lecture.

In the days immediately following the publication of the new Instruction *Dignitas Connubii* many of us have been eagerly trying to obtain copies of the new guidelines on marriage annulments. Once we have had the opportunity to review the text, we will decide whether or not a pre-convention workshop or a convention seminar on the Instruction would be helpful to our members.

During this Lenten season, may we be ever mindful of the abiding presence of God in our lives - in those moments of rejection and suffering and the life-giving moments of resurrection. My prayer for each of us is that in opening our hearts to God's mercy and forgiveness we may bring new life to one another and hope to our world. ▼

RESOURCES

- Reprint Available: Since requests keep coming in for Father Elio Gambari's Book, *The Canonical Establishment of a Religious Institute: Process and Procedures*, the Dominican Sisters have decided to have it reprinted. The text is now available by writing Sister Maria Michele, O.P., 265 Augusta Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879. *The Canonical Establishment of a Religious Institute: Process and Procedures* is a treatise which deals with the problems and questions peculiar to associations of the faithful formed with the intention of one day becoming institutes of consecrated life, problems and questions not dealt with in the general treatment of associations of the faithful. The text is 234 pages at a cost of \$30.00 (plus \$3.00 shipping and handling for each book).
 - The September 2004 *CLSGB & Newsletter* (No. 139 – September 2004) arrived at the Executive's Office in late December 2004. An examination of the table of contents reveals a number of items which may be of interest to canonists and CLSA members. The issue contains two articles by Msgr. Charles Scicluna of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: "Procedure and praxis of the CDF Concerning *Graviora Delicta*" and "Sexual Abuse of Children and Young People by Catholic Priests and Religious." One will also find the apostolic letter, *Spiritus et Sponsa* as well as the instruction, *Redemptionis Sacramentum* as well as *Apostolorum Successores* translated by Bishop John Jukes, OFM Conv. Tribunal personnel may wish to view the tribunal statistics for Britain and Ireland for 2003. For membership information on the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland, contact Mrs. Clare Pearce, CLS Administration Department, 2 Hemmerley Drive, Whittlesey, Petersborough, Cambs, PE7 1NE, Great Britain.
 - Reverend Robert Ombres, OP published an article, "National Churches and the Roman Catholic Church," in *Law and Justice: The Christian Law Review* (No. 149 Trinity/Michaelmas 2002). The article focuses on bishops' conferences and Eastern Catholic Churches.
 - The Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth of the USCCB recently published *Directory of Lay Movements, Organizations & Professional Associations*. Copies are available at \$5.00 each from Secretariate for Family, Laity, Women and Youth, 3211 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 2001-1194. Contact Rosemary DuVinage at 202/541-3042 or rduvinage@uscceb.org.
 - The Legal Resource Center for Religious will hold its annual legal seminar, April 21-24, 2005 in Atlanta, Georgia. Entitled "Law in Changing Times Within Religious Life," there will be a number of topics of possible interest to CLSA members: "2005 Medicare Update;" "New Members & Problems;" "Professional Licenses: Blessing or Burden?;" "How to Deal with Your Insurance Company;" "What's New in Taxation;" "Lay Managers & Officers Within a Religious Community;" "Crisis Hotline for Religious: Its Liabilities & Legal Ethical Issues;" "I'll Sue You!: How Sweet the Sound;" "Background Screening – Nuts & Bolts;" "Use of Generalate/Provincial Property: Legal Issues;" "The Novitiate: Ins & Outs;" and "Employee Handbooks: Creation, Updating & Use." For more information contact: LRRCR, 8812 Cameron Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or telephone 301-589-8143 or e-mail at lrcr@lrcr.org.
 - A new marriage preparation program, **Catholic Marriage Preparation, Inc.** administered by Christian and Christine Meert is available. This is a four night program which is available on line. The Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. writes, "I have found the Meerts to be excellent leaders in building strong Catholic families. They now offer their classes online. This allows couples with difficult schedules or living in different states to have quality marriage preparation as well. Their classes –both online and in person– are deeply rooted in the guidance of the Church and John Paul II's teaching on sexuality, marriage and family life." For more information contact info@CatholicMarriagePrepOnline.com.
 - Elizabeth Makowski. *A Pernicious Sort of Woman: Quasi-Religious Women and Canon Lawyers in the Later Middle Ages*. Washington: CUA Press, 2005. 208 pages ISBN: 0-8132-1392-4, at \$44.95. The writer also authored *Canon Law and Cloistered Women: Periculoso and Its Commentators, 1298-1545*, Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Canon Law, 5. Washington: CUA Press, 1997. 156 pages ISBN 0-8132-0949-8 at \$14.95.
 - The Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts has issued the Instruction, *Dignitas Connubii*, through the Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 00120 Città del Vaticano. ISBN 88-209-7681-1. The price of the 223 page hardback edition is 15,00 Euros. The volume contains the official Latin text with an English translation. For more information contact www.libreriaeditricevaticana.com or telephone them at 06.698.85003 or fax at 06.698.84716. (Some members prefer to use www.pasbook.com for
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NEWS BRIEFS

Those CLSA members who plan to attend the Canadian Canon Law Society Convention in Saskatoon, Canada, this year should modify their calendars. The meeting dates have been changed to September 26 to the 29th, 2005.

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their orders.) The new instruction contains fifteen titles or chapters and sets forth 308 articles. This Instruction, prepared by the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts by mandate of the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, granted *pro hac vice* on the 4th of February 2003, with the close cooperation of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura and the Tribunal of the Roman Rota was approved by the same Roman Pontiff on the 8th of November 2004, who ordered that it

be observed by those to whom it pertains immediately from the day of its publication, the 25th day of January 2005, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

- The **Proceedings of the Canadian Canon Law Society** held in Charlottetown, PEI, Canada are available for purchase for the modest price of \$15.00 U.S. This year's proceedings contain a number of excellent articles on Rights and Responsibilities in the Catholic Church. To order your copy, contact The Canadian Canon Law Society, 223 Main Street, Ottawa, ON K1S 1C4. Please allow two to four weeks for processing your order.

- The **Faculty of Canon Law, St. Paul University** in Ottawa, Ontario will offer two refresher courses, May 16th to the 20th, 2005 and May 23rd to May 27th, 2005 for canonists in tribunal practice. The first session will focus on the collection and evaluation of proofs by those involved in the process. The second session will focus on cases of incapacity, defects of knowledge and defects of the will. For more information, contact Beverly Kavanaugh, Administrative Assistant, Faculty of Canon Law, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario at 613/ 751-4018.
- The **School of Canon Law, Catholic University of America** will host "Procedural Puzzles: Problems and Solutions in Tribunal Practice," at the Jurys Washington Hotel, Washington, DC on March 11, 2005 and March 12, 2005. For more information contact the School of Canon Law, at 202/319-5492. ▼

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Faculty of Canon Law as the *Pontificio Ateneo Antonianum* is pleased to announce the appointment of the **Rev. Nikolaus Schöch, O.F.M.** by His Holiness Pope John Paul II as Second Defender of the Bond at the Apostolic Signatura. Father Schöch is the former Dean and Vice-Rector at the *Antonianum* in Rome, Italy.
- His Holiness Pope John Paul II elevated the **Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Cunningham**, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Buffalo to be the bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York. A member of the CLSA since April of 1981, Bishop Cunningham received his Master of Divinity at St. John Vianney Seminary, East Aurora, NY in 1973 and his JCL degree from The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC in 1978.
- **Bishop Geoffrey Robinson**, Auxiliary bishop of Sydney, Australia and long time member of the CLSA, submitted his resignation due to ill health. Ordained

in 1960, Bishop Robinson was consecrated on 8 March 1984. He is recognized as a pioneer and leader of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand. He was a guiding hand in the English translation of the Code of Canon for Great Britain, Ireland, and the Commonwealth nations. His plans in retirement are to continue canonical study and writing.

- The Sisters of the Congregation of Divine Providence, Melbourne, Kentucky, are pleased to announce the appointment of **Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P.**, as the 13th President of Saint Thomas More College. Sister Margaret is a long time member of the Canon Law Society of America and known to members for her many contributions to the society as a member and as CLSA Treasurer. We congratulate her and offer our prayerful support for this new venture in the world of higher education. An Inauguration Mass will be celebrated on April 28, 2005 with an inauguration ceremony held the next day, April 29, 2005.

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reference links to schools of canon law in North America, Europe, Rome, Spain, Mexico, and Argentina. For example, information on courses at the Gregorian University in Rome or the ability to contact someone there requires only that one click on www.unigre.it.

Plans are underway at this time to make our *CLSA Membership Directory* available on line so that members can have easier access to other members and be able to update their own information to keep their personal data current. Other future developments will come with the advice and recommendations of members. If you have a suggestion for improving our site, please contact the Executive's Office at coordinator@clsa.org.

The renewed CLSA website moves the society into the twenty-first century, and will clearly help us to maintain contact with our approximately 1800 members who live in over forty nations throughout the world. ▼

Position Openings

- The **Diocese of Rockford** in Illinois needs of a full time judge in First Instance. This position consists of processing a case from the time of the acceptance of the Petition to the final decision. The position would include canonical advice to parishes when such is requested. If the individual is willing and capable, it could include some teaching of canon law to permanent deacons, seminarians and young priests. Benefits are provided. Please send your resume or contact to: Sr. Audrey Straub, SSND, JCL, Diocesan Tribunal, 555 Coleman Center Drive, P.O. Box 7044, Rockford, IL 61125.

Your Resume on File

Periodically, the Office of the Executive Coordinator receives requests from dioceses throughout the country on the availability of canonists for work in tribunals, chanceries and educational facilities. If you wish to have your resume on file with the CLSA, please contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator. We will inform you if your information is forwarded as part of a request.

- The **Catholic Bishops of Alaska** (Archbishop of Anchorage, Bishops of Juneau and Fairbanks) are in the process, with the approval of the Apostolic Signatura, of establishing an inter diocesan tribunal having competence for judicial cases arising in all three dioceses.
The Bishops are soliciting expressions of interest from degreed canonists who would be qualified to direct the new tribunal on a full-time basis for an initial period of two years, beginning in early 2005. Secular or religious priests would be considered for appointment to the office of judicial vicar. Such appointment would, of course, require the approval

of a priest's ecclesiastical superior.

Deacons and consecrated or secular lay persons would be considered for appointment as tribunal director. It is anticipated that the main office of the new tribunal will be in Anchorage, Alaska, with branch offices in Fairbanks and Southeast Alaska.

In addition to canonical expertise, a successful applicant would require sufficient administrative, communication, and interpersonal skills to oversee the establishment and functioning of a new inter diocesan organization. Sensitivity to the special circumstances of the Catholic Church in Alaska and to the significant differences among the three dioceses would be very important.

Compensation, housing, and other benefits for a priest would be the same as for other secular and religious priests serving in the Archdiocese of Anchorage. Annual salary for a deacon or consecrated or secular layperson would be about \$45,000. Health insurance would also be provided, as would limited assistance with moving expenses. While the initial employment period would be two years, this could be renewed by mutual agreement.

To express interest in ministry with the new tribunal, please send a resume to:

Rev. Patrick J. Travers
Judicial Vicar
Diocese of Juneau
433 Jackson Street
Ketchikan AK 99901-5715

Phone 907-225-2570
Fax 907-225-2571
Email pjtravers@att.net.

- The **Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**, seeks a full-time canon lawyer to assist in a varied practice of canon law, beginning July 1, 2005. JCL or JCD required. This person will work on a team of four in-house canonists to assist in general legal

issues of diocesan and parish life and governance, including Tribunal, Chancery, Mediation/ADR, Youth Protection, Continuing Education, Clergy and Consecrated Life, Liturgical Law, and canonical counsel to diocesan and parish staff and ministries. Teamwork, basic computer abilities, organization, confidentiality, and excellent communication skills are all pre-requisites. Salary commensurate with education and experience, within diocesan salary scale. The Diocese of Harrisburg comprises 15 counties in South Central Pennsylvania; Harrisburg, capital of the Commonwealth, is on the banks of the scenic Susquehanna River and has been named one of the "Top Ten Places to Live in the Northeast."

Enjoy the seasons, a reasonable cost of living, and proximity to Washington DC (2 hrs.), Philadelphia (1½ hr.), Baltimore (1 hr.), and New York City (3 hrs.). Please send a letter of interest, along with résumé and references, to: Very Rev. William J. King, JCD Judicial Vicar/Secretary for Canonical Services PO BOX 2557 Harrisburg PA 17105-2557

- The Office of the Executive Coordinator was contacted by **Dr. Jesús Hernández** of Maracaibo, VENEZUELA, who seeks a position as a tribunal judge or teacher in canon law. Dr. Hernández holds a doctorate from the Pontifical University Gregorianum in Rome as well as "Specialist" from the Scuola di Politica Internazionale of Rome. He is thirty-five years of age, married, with a child. He is fluent in written and spoken Spanish and Italian and able to lecture in English, French, and Portuguese. He and his family are willing to relocate to the United States. For his curriculum vitae please contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator or contact Dr. Hernández directly at anekhernandez@yahoo.com. ▼

Conventions

- It is time to mark your calendars for the **2005 CLSA Convention** which will be held in Tampa, Florida. This year's convention will house at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina which is located in the heart of downtown Tampa just 15 minutes from Tampa International Airport or 60 minutes more or less from Orlando International Airport. For information on the hotel contact <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/TPAMC>. The theme for this year's convention is *Sacrae Disciplinae Leges: Forty Years after the Council*. The dates for the convention are October 3rd to 6, 2005.
- The Canon Law Society of America will hold its **2006 CLSA Convention** in Fort Worth, Texas at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel Fort Worth October 9-12, 2006. Located at 200 Main Street in Fort Worth, information on the hotel is available at <http://marriott.com>.
- At its January 2005 meeting, the Board of Governors chose the Hilton Costa Mesa as the site of the **2007 CLSA Convention**. The dates for the pre-convention are scheduled for October 7 & 8, 2007 with the convention to follow from October 8th to 11th, 2007. This particular site

will offer CLSA members traveling to California access through John Wayne Airport. For information on the hotel itself, consult www.costamesa.hilton.com.

Canadian Canon Law Convention

The Canadian Canon Law Society invites members to their 40th annual convention to be held September 26-29, 2005 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Please note this change in dates as normally the Canadian meeting takes place after the October meeting of the CLSA. This year's meeting is earlier. For more information on this meeting contact Robert Larivière, CCLS Secretary-Treasurer and consult www.tourismsaskatoon.com

- The annual meeting of ASOMEXCAN or the Asociacion Mexicana de Canonistas will be held at the Centro Pastoral Juan Pablo II in San Juan de los Lagos, Jalisco, Mexico from July 11 to July 15, 2005. For more information on this meeting contact the Mexican society at tribunal@riogrande.net.mx. ▼

CLSA Referral List

The Executive Coordinator's Office continues to receive requests for canonists to assist clergy, religious, and laity with a variety of difficulties and in need of canonical advice. Our list of possible canonists was last updated in June 2001.

If you wish to add your name and/or update a present listing on the CLSA Referral List, please forward the following information to coordinator@cls.org.

Name:

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