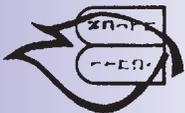


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The Tribunal Handbook Now Available

The *Tribunal Handbook: Procedures for Formal Matrimonial Cases*, edited by Daniel A. Smilanic, Lawrence G. Price and Victoria Vondenberger, RSM. (ISBN:1-932208-07-0, list price \$35.00 plus shipping and handling) became available at CLSA Publications this summer.

This latest volume developed out of a discussion at the April 2001 Board of Governors' meeting in the light of the anticipated publication of what is now known as Pope John Paul II's Instruction: *Dignitas Connubi*. By the October 2001 post convention meeting of the board, a table of contents was considered and further refined before the April 2002 meeting of the board. As the 2002 *CLSA Proceedings* reported, the work of the committee task force was threefold: "refining the table of contents into developed sections that could be committed to various authors, drafting a focus instruction for the authors, and surfacing the names of authors." By October of the following year, the three members of the handbook committee conducted their business by means of conference calls and preparatory and follow-up emails with an occasional meeting for face-to-face consultation. As reported in the 2004 *CLSA Proceedings*, most of the cost for these consultations was born by the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Diocese of Winona and the Religious Sisters of Mercy. From February 2004, the text underwent writing and re-writing as well as peer evaluation, as the committee employed



the services of Fr. Alex Wolf of the Archdiocese of Chicago to format and provide a finished draft of the text to the printers.

The new text joins the CLSA's handbook series along with *Church Finance Handbook*, *Comparative Sacramental Discipline in the CCEO and CIC*, and the *Procedural Handbook for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life*. In thirteen chapters authored by American canonists throughout the United States who are involved in tribunal ministry, readers will find information and sample documents for those involved in annulments that are formal cases. The text contains a glossary and an index. *The Tribunal Handbook: Procedures for Formal Matrimonial Cases* will be available for sale at CLSA Publications by telephone at 301/ 362-8197 or the online bookstore at www.clsa.org. Shipment of purchased texts will begin at the end of August. ▼

Membership Dues

CLSA Membership Dues for the 2005 – 2006 fiscal year were mailed from the Office of the Executive Coordinator on July 1, 2005. Unless your mailing address information is not up to date, you should have received the notice. The Executive Coordinator acknowledges receipt of dues payments by e-mail or by letter if the member does not have an e-mail address listed.

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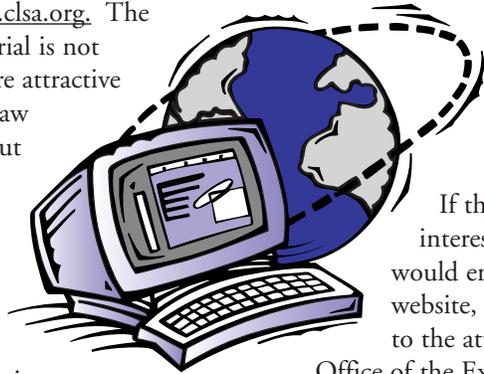
CLSA Website is Upgraded

Over the summer months, the Executive Coordinator's Office worked with our webmaster on a variety of items for our website: www.clsa.org. The goal of our web material is not only to provide a more attractive look for the Canon Law Society of America, but we wish to make the site truly useful to members and friends of the CLSA. For information on the many topics covered at the website simply view the "website index" as the home page.

Among a few of the changes you will encounter are the following:

- An **Electronic Membership Directory** will be available as a *members only* item. Members will be able to enter the directory by a password which they alone know where they will encounter a grid from A to Z and be able to bring up a person's name and information offered by the member. Members will be able to update their address information themselves, or they can contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator to make the changes. Given problems with identify theft, the society is making every effort it can to safeguard the electronic membership directory. For example, no member will be able to download the entire directory to use for personal purposes.
- A **News Brief's** section to the website offers the Society the opportunity to post time sensitive news items. Members who wish to have an item of current information inserted into this section should send their news electronically to the Office of the Executive Coordinator for insertion on to the site.
- Students and those doing research in canon law may find a new **Research**

section on the website of value. One will find, for example, the indices for authors and articles in *CLSA Publications* available in pdf format as well as materials available from other canon law societies.



If there are items of interest which you believe would enhance the CLSA website, please bring these to the attention of the

Office of the Executive Coordinator at www.coordinator@clsa.org or the chair of the CLSA Electronics Committee at www.hartmannp@archmil.org. ▼

Introducing Our New CLSA Bookkeeper



Meghan Lau joined the CLSA Executive Coordinator's office in December 2004 as a part-time bookkeeper. Her background includes mathematics, cost analysis, and five years accounting experience. She has been married for 17 years and has two daughters who keep her very busy outside the office. Over the past months, she has worked closely with our CLSA treasurer, Father William King, and our accountant, Joseph Godbout, to further refine and keep CLSA bookkeeping current and up to date. If you need to reach her about payments or reimbursements, she can be reached at bookkeeper@clsa.org. ▼

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Tampa Convention Has Much to Offer



Sr. Sbaron
Euart, RSM

It seems like just last week that I was preparing my reflections for the June Newsletter and now, as I address you for the last Newsletter of my year as CLSA president, I am very aware of time

passing and the close proximity of the annual convention in Tampa. Preparations continue to be underway by our convention staff and the staff and volunteers from the Diocese of Tampa-St. Petersburg. As of publication of this Newsletter, we are very pleased with the registration for the upcoming convention in Tampa, Florida: *Sacrae Disciplinas Leges: Forty Years After the Council*. Registration for the two pre-convention workshops continues to come into the office: one on “Formal Marriage Nullity Trials: Today and Tomorrow” and the other on “Canonizing Civil Law and Civilizing Canon Law.” If you are planning to attend one of the pre-convention workshops, please forward your registration to the Office of the Executive Coordinator as soon as possible. There is still room for additional participants in both workshops.

This summer I had the opportunity to teach in the School of Canon Law at The Catholic University of America. It was a most enriching experience for me. The students in my class on Supra-diocesan Structures represented the wonderful diversity of the Church in this country and Canada. They were lay women, permanent deacons, monks, and priests from the Northwest to the Southeast, from the Southwest to the Mid-Atlantic, from Biloxi to Brooklyn and from Fort Worth to Great Falls. I found their interest in canon law and dedication to their studies both refreshing and signs of hope for the future of our Society. As you might

expect, I have invited them to become members and participants in the mission and work of the CLSA.

While I was teaching in Washington, DC, Msgr. Mark Bartchak represented the Society at the annual conference of the Asociacion Mexicana de Canonistas (ASOMEXCAN) in Mexico. Mark gave a presentation on “The Role of Laypersons in Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils According to the 1983 Code of Canon Law.” The address will be published in the next volume of ASOMEXCAN *Memorias*.

“It has been an honor to represent you and a joy to witness the outstanding service you provide to the Church throughout this country and in many parts of the world. I am especially grateful for your generous support and your prayers.”

I want to bring to your attention some important information regarding competency in the Holy See for dispensations for priests and deacons. In mid-July Bishop William Skylstad, President of the USCCB, wrote to the U.S. bishops conveying to them information he received from the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo. In his letter Bishop Skylstad quoted the Nuncio:

“The Holy Father has decided that competency for dispensing from priestly obligations for Presbyters and Deacons passes now from the Con-

gregation for the Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments to the Congregation for the Clergy.

This change has been made in order to unify the treatment of issues concerning the life and discipline of the clergy, as the Apostolic Constitution “Pastor Bonus” (art. 96) indicated. This decision of the Holy Father will be in force August 1, 2005 and will affect all cases addressed to the Holy See after that date.”

At the conclusion of his letter Bishop Skylstad noted the importance of the Holy See’s decision and suggested that bishops inform their canonical advisors to ensure that any communications involving these issues might be appropriately prepared and addressed. If you are not aware of the change in competency, you might mention it to your bishop in order to make the necessary adjustments in your procedures.

This year was a very good year for applications to the CLSA scholarship

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

CLSA Resolutions

Number three of the society’s by-laws calls for possible resolutions to be sent to the chair of the resolutions committee at least six weeks before the opening of the convention so that the proposed resolutions may be sent to the members of the society for their consideration. You may review the criteria for the resolutions on pages 235-236 of the *CLSA Membership Directory*. If you wish to make a resolution, please e-mail Catherine Gilligan, Savannah, Georgia at cagilligan@tribunal.diosav.org.

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fund. Five lay men and women applied for the 2005 scholarship. Rev. Langes Silva, chair of the Scholarship Fund Committee, noted that all the excellent quality of all the candidates and reiterated the need to promote the scholarship with our membership. If you have not already made a contribution to the fund this year or if you would like to do so once again, please use the enclosed envelope for your contribution.

Our webmaster and the staff of the Office of the Executive Coordinator are working diligently to complete work on an electronic version of the CLSA membership directory that can go on-line shortly. As the project nears completion, you can read more about it on the Society's website.

In closing I want to take this occasion to express my gratitude to you for the opportunity to have served as your President during the past year. It

has been an honor to represent you and a joy to witness the outstanding service you provide to the Church throughout this country and in many parts of the world. I am especially grateful for your generous support and your prayers. In my personal reflections on the experience of the past year, I am reminded of the mystery of the Transfiguration and the meaning of contemplation and

action that Jesus taught to Peter, James and John. I pray that we might renew our resolve to seek greater balance in our lives so that our times of prayer may give us grace and animation for ministry and that our experiences in ministry may draw us back to God in prayer. I pray that God will continue to bless each of you abundantly in your service of the law of the Church. ▼

Introducing Our New CLSA Webmaster



Jim Frenette our webmaster is married to Lisa Frenette for nineteen years; the couple have three children. His

interest in computers is long standing and extensive. "My first PC was a 486 DX2/50 with 4 megs of RAM and a 340 meg hard drive. I remember the computer guy telling me that I would never fill up that huge 340 meg hard drive. — Right. I installed MS-DOS 6 and Windows 3.1. Back then you installed DOS first, then Windows. Windows 3.1 was not a true operating system since it needed MS-DOS to operate."

Jim's work experience is also significant. "In the early 1990s, installed a computerized energy management system made by Johnson Controls at 1330 Connecticut Avenue in Washington DC. This project was done completely in-house to maximize efficiency and tenant comfort in the 10 story high office building that takes up half a city block. This project taught me a great deal about networking, analog to digital interfaces, and databases. I learned to program in MS Access 2 and Visual Basic 4 and created a few small applications in the process. I started messing with HTML in 1994. Created a few web sites using plain text editors and image editing software. In 1997, I developed a preventive maintenance and mechanical equipment inventory

database application in MS Access while employed as an engineer for the brand new MCI Center Arena in Washington, DC. I also began to learn JavaScript in order to make my web sites more dynamic. In 1998, I developed two more Visual Basic database applications while employed as a Communications Systems Administrator and Energy Management Systems Engineer for the International Union of Operating Engineers in Washington, DC. These applications included context sensitive help documentation and reporting capabilities. Also wrote several scripts to automate data backups on the Energy Management System server and assisted the Network Administrator in installing and configuring LINUX for a network file server."

Since 1999, Jim serves as a Webmaster for the Communities In Schools National office where he is responsible for all programming and administration of internet and intranet applications used by the organization. Primary languages and technologies used are ASP, VBscript, and SQL Server. In 2003, began coding in open source PHP and MySQL. As he will tell people, "these are my favorite languages to use for web site design. Some of the websites I have created include <http://www.burkepreschurch.org>; <http://www.cisnet.org>; <http://www.brijo.com>; <http://www.ecostewardsalliance.org>; <http://www.cisnova.org>; <http://www.cisgla.org>." ▼

Special Offer for CLSA Members

CLSA Members should be aware of a special offer from Midwest Theological Forum. They are offering the *Exegetical Commentary on the Code of Canon Law*, and eight volume set, for \$200.00 per month for six months. Order before the October CLSA Conference and TPS will waive the shipping and handling fees. The new commentary offers over 8,000 pages of text with a side-by-side Latin-English translation of the 1983 Code of Canon Law. The new text contains an analytical index as well as cross reference information. For more information telephone 630/739-9570, ext. 25 or visit www.theologicalforum.org.

Convention Resolutions

As of the printing of the August CLSA Newsletter, only one resolution has been submitted for the October 2005 CLSA Convention.

Resolution 1 CLSA Meeting 2005

Whereas, The Catholic Church in the United States is suffering terribly from the Crime of Sexual Molestation, and will probably continue to do so for years to come,

Be it resolved that the Canon Law Society of America importune the Bishops of the United States to declare Lent of 2006 a Special Time of Prayer and Penance, that Public Religious Services be suspended during that time (in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the desert), and that Clergy, Religious, and Laity meet in small groups to Pray, offer Personal Sacrifices, and ask God's Mercy and Pardon.

Implementation: BOG
Proposed by: Msgr. John G. Campbell, J.C.L.
Cost: none ▼

Mailing Note

Members who pay their membership dues or rely on computerized addresses for mailings to the CLSA should ask their business offices, or correct their own address books, to reflect that the CLSA's Executive Offices are at 108 N. Payne Street, Suite C, Alexandria, Virginia 223143-2906 and not at THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA.

IN MEMORIAM

The Executive Coordinator's Office received notification of the June 27th, 2005 passing of the **Reverend Frederick D. Sackett, OMI**, the retired Judicial Vicar of the Appellate Court for the Dioceses of Texas. A member of the CLSA since 1972, Father Sackett is well known to the members of the CLSA, especially those involved in tribunal ministry and religious law. He earned his JCD degree from the Faculty of Canon Law, University of Ottawa in 1945 before earning a MA in Education from The Catholic University of America in 1952. During his years of ministry, Father Sackett served as a professor at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas from 1945 to 1990. During that same time period, he labored in the Tribunal of San Antonio from 1945 to 1982 and Austin from 1975 to 1982. From 1983 to 1990, he served as Judicial Vicar for the Appellate Court. Funeral services were held at the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas, on Friday July 1, 2005.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart announced the death of the **Reverend John A. Nitzki, SCJ**. Born in 1929 and ordained in 1956, Father Nitzki earned an STL from the Gregorian in Rome in 1957 and a JCD from the Lateran University in 1961. A native of Chicago, he professed his vows as a member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart in 1948 and was ordained in 1956. Proficient in several languages, including Spanish, German, Italian, Greek, French, Dutch and Latin, he was at home in the halls of academia as well as parishes in Elmhurst, IL and East Chicago and Eagle Butte on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. As his general superior writes: We must acknowledge three of his gifts: "his pastoral sense which dominated his interpretation of the Code, his ever clear defense of the truth even when it did not accommodate the congregation or other special interests, and his profound dedication to the person for whom he was

working. He helped me to remember that 'the person supercedes even the Sabbath.'"

The **Most Reverend Joseph P. Delaney**, Bishop of Fort Worth, Texas, a long time member of the CLSA passed away on July 12, 2005. Bishop Delaney joined the CLSA in 1975 while Chancellor of the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas. He earned his BA and MA from The Catholic University of America in 1956 and 1957 before going on to earn a STB and STL from the Gregorian University in Rome between 1959 and 1961. He later earned a M. Ed from Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island in 1964. Bishop Delaney had suffered for a number of years with medical problems and was recently appointed a Coadjutor, the Most Reverend Kevin Vann. ▼

CLSA Publications

A physical inventory was performed at PMDS for CLSA Publications on June 13th, 2005 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Overseen by the Executive Coordinator and our CLSA Accountant, Mr. Joseph Godbout, the inventory resulted in a variance of less than 1%. Records indicate that CLSA Publications processed 945 orders during this past fiscal year. Orders per month average in the mid 80s to mid 90s with August being the lowest month for orders. Improvements to the website now allow options to customers and calculate all charges for the customer at the time they are ordering. When asked to describe the new system, the telephone receptionist at CLSA Publications described the new setup as "Fantastic!" CLSA tabulation of items sold for the fiscal year reveal that 5776 items passed out of CLSA Publications with the largest selling item being the *Code of Canon Law* followed by the *Invalid Marriage* and *Marriage Studies V*. ▼

Looking at Future Projects

Members and friends of the CLSA can look in the near future to some new CLSA Publications now in preparation. Compilation and revision of entries for **CLSA Advisory Opinions (2001- 2005)** is currently underway. Like the previous volumes, it will contain a cumulative index of canons cited and topics considered. Our projected publication date is the first quarter of 2006. Work is also underway for an English text by Klaus Lüdicke and Ronny Jenkins, **Dignitas Connubii: Norms and Commentary** projected for publication in first or second quarter of 2006. The new text consists of a translation of the German text, *Die Eheprozessordnung der katholischen Kirche* with some modifications to the original text, and additional commentary unique to the English version. The Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life Committee is in the writing stages of a new

text which will be most welcomed by many on **Sponsorship in the Catholic Church**. Projected for publication in 2006, the material should provide a wealth of information to canonists in this vital area of church life. A similar project is the work of the **Task Force on Issues Related to Marriage and Undocumented**

Persons which should also be completed in 2006. Finally, the Executive Coordinator's Office through the services of the Visitation Monastery *Mont Deux Coeurs* in Tyringham, Massachusetts, recently completed a chronological and general index for volumes seven through twelve of **Canon Law Digest**. ▼

Spirit and Law Convention

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles sponsors **SPIRIT AND LAW CONVENTION**, September 26th – October 2, 2005. This year's convention will have a number of tracks to meet the varied needs of participants. There will be a four day workshop with both English and Spanish tracts for clergy and parish ministers who submit marriage cases. There will also be a two day workshop, September 26th and 27th for Parish Advocates: the Canonical Representative for the Petitioner. Finally, there will be one-day seminars offered as continuing education for the people of God on such topics as:

- Religious life and Contemporary Canonical Issues – Part I
- Religious life and Contemporary Canonical Issues – Part II
- Liturgical Law
- Canonical Issues Related to RCIA
- Canon Law Issues for parish and finance councils
- Marriage Nullity Process in Vietnamese
- Civil Lawyers – Ethics, Substance Abuse and Gender Bias
- Issues related to Eastern Catholic Churches and the Sacraments.

Deadlines for registrations are Friday, September 9, 2005. For further information, contact the Tribunal Office, 3424 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010. For questions and the convention brochure telephone 213/637-7245. ▼

**Candidates Forum will be held
Tuesday, October 4, 2005
1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
in Tampa, Florida**

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- An Interfaith and Ecumenical View of Law and Ethics
- Cultural Issues Related to Marriage Cases

CLSA Pre-Convention Workshops

Limited space still remains for the two CLSA pre convention workshops, October 2nd and 3rd, 2005. As of August 1st, the civil and canon law workshop has fifteen members enrolled while the marriage law workshop stands at fifty with ten remaining openings before a waiting list is created. The civil-canon law workshop will explore the implications of the interaction of canon law, especially in light these obligations of administrators of Church goods, with 51 different legal systems with their own particular laws in the United States. Select problems of compliance with civil

laws and the correlation of canon with civil law will be highlighted. The marriage workshop will offer a very strong task-oriented flavor to those who need a guide to conduct formal marriage nullity trials in a diocesan tribunal. The new text should be useful to users who may not have a formal degree in canon law, but be a valuable resource to anyone needing a guide to conducting canonical marriage trials. If you wish to register for either pre convention workshop, telephone the Executive Coordinator's office at 703/ 739-2560 or fax your reservation to 703/ 739-2562. ▼

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bishop Joseph A. Galante of Camden, New Jersey said Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, the papal nuncio to the United States, “requested a priest who was an outstanding canonist and a priest who knows and proclaims the teaching of the church.” **Monsignor Joseph W. Pokusa**, a 60-year-old priest of the Diocese of Camden, NJ, has been appointed to the staff of the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington. Msgr. Pokusa, who had been chancellor of the Camden Diocese and pastor of Christ the King Church in Haddonfield, NJ, began his work at the nunciature this past spring.
- **Dr. Peter Platen**, a CLSA member, from Limburg, Germany, recently became the personal secretary of the Vicar General of the Diocese of Limburgh/Lahn, Germany and a Diocesan Judge in the Tribunal of Limburg. He also serves as “Privatdozent” of the faculty of Catholic Theology of the University of Münster/Westfalen, Germany since receiving his “*Venia legendi*” in Canon Law and the History of Canon Law.
- The *ASOCIACION MEXICAN DE CANONISTAS* held its 29th convention for canon law updating, July 11th to the 15th, 2005. The meeting of 120 canonists from Mexico, the United States and Europe took place at the Pope John Paul II Pastoral Center located in the city of San Juan de los

Lagos in the province of Jalisco, Mexico near Guadalajara. San Juan is a city of over 40,000 inhabitants in an agricultural area of Jalisco, and its Cathedral is a focal point for the people’s devotion to Our Lady of San Juan since 1623. During the convention, the delegates elected a new president, the **Reverend Juan Manuel Ramirez**, the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of San Juan de los Lagos in Jalisco. The 2004 proceedings from last year’s convention are available for purchase by contacting tribunal@riogrande.net.mx or contact Father Luis Garcia of the Diocese of Brownsville at lgarcia@cdob.org. Next year’s meeting will be held July 10th to the 14th, 2006.

- The **Canadian Canon Law Society** will hold their 40th Annual Convention September 25th to the 29th in the host city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada at the Radisson Hotel. Their meeting this year will be held prior to the CLSA Convention in Tampa, Florida. For more information on the Canadian meeting, consult their website: www.ccls-scdc.ca.

- **The Jurist** from The Catholic University of America mailed volume 64, number two for 2004 in early July 2005. Readers may find both issues of volume 64 useful in research. The articles come from the Peter and Paul Seminar on Collegiality held at Georgetown in April 2004.
- **CLSA Publications Catalog** for society books is now available. If you wish a copy, please contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator.
- The Diocese of Rochester, New York announced that **Emmett G. Wells, JD, JCL** recently became the Director of the Tribunal. Emmet will handle the day to day operations of the Tribunal as well as serve as a judge. He will also assist the Director of Legal Services in canonical matters. The Reverend Lou Sirianni remains judicial vicar of the Tribunal.
- The March 2005 edition of the *Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland Newsletter* (No. 141) contains on pages 50 to 56, *Global Tribunal Statistics from the Annuario Statisticum*

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POSITION OPENING

The **Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity**, a Roman Catholic seminary and graduate school of theology of the University of St. Thomas, invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position in Canon Law. Applicants must have a commitment to formation of students for ordained and lay ministry, a demonstrated ability to teach courses in canon law and related pastoral areas, and the ability to work collaboratively within the Master of Divinity and M.A. in Pastoral Ministry programs. Responsibilities include courses in canon law, pastoral ministry, church administration, and related electives. Candidates must have a doctorate in canon law, three to five years of pas-

toral experience, and a commitment to quality teaching, advising, and ministerial formation for priesthood and lay ministry candidates. Applicants should be actively engaged with their discipline and able to contribute to the community life of the seminary and the University. The appointment is effective August 15, 2006.

Send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, graduate school transcripts, and three current letters of reference to: Human Resources, Mail # AQU 217, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105-1078. Refer to job # 200471. Review of applications will begin October 15, 2005 until the position is filled. More information: www.hr.stthomas.edu ▼

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ticum Ecclesiae for 2002, published the Holy See. The figures were assembled, examined and processed by the Reverend Peter Kravos. Among the items mentioned is the fact that “the number of cases introduced worldwide continues to gently decrease (there were 1688 fewer cases than in 2001).” In North America, for example, there were 3252 fewer cases introduced in 2002 compared to 2001. Nonetheless, the USA for 2002 led the world in completed cases at 56.8%. “The statistics detail how many of all the cases are heard *gratuitum patrocinium* (with no payment), with partial payment, and with full payment by the parties. Altogether, this category shows that there 96,407 nullity cases throughout the world in 2002, which compares to 104,893 in 2001 and 111,723 in 2000. 31% of all cases are without any payment (a 10% increase on the previous year), 21% with partial payment (a 10% reduction) and 48% with full payment.” For information on newsletter, contact the Society’s Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Clare Pearce, 2 Hemmerley Drive, Whittlesey, Peterborough, Cambs, PE7 1QN, GREAT BRITAIN. ▼

Are You Coming to Tampa?

Interest in the 2005 CLSA Convention, SACRAE DISCIPLINAE LEGES: FORTY YEARS AFTER THE COUNCIL seems high! Already by the first week of August, over 220 CLSA members and friends had registered for the October 3 – 6, 2005 event at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina. Registration interest was also high for the two pre-convention workshops: *Formal Marriage Nullity Trials: Today and Tomorrow* and *51 to 1: Canonizing Civil Law and Civilizing Canon Law The Interaction of Canon and Civil Law in the USA*. While there are a limited number of openings for the pre-conventions, you should make your reservation today as only a waiting list seems to develop by late August.

If you have not yet reserved a hotel room, you need to do so by September 1, 2005 to be assured of the convention rate of \$130.00 for a standard room (single or double). You can download a registration form on the clsa website at www.clsa.org or telephone the hotel directly at 813/221-4900.

For more information on Tampa, especially travel possibilities, consult the convention brochure or the CLSA website. Misplaced your convention or

pre-convention registration forms? Copies are available at the CLSA website. If all else fails, you can telephone the Office of the Executive Coordinator at 703/739-2560 and register using a Visa or Master Credit Card.

Tampa 2005 will be a memorable CLSA Convention! As the Most Reverend Robert Lynch, Bishop of St. Petersburg remarked “The central west coast of Florida is known for a variety of naturally beautiful places, beaches and other attractions. Most of all, however, it is known for a vibrant multi-cultural ecclesial life.” ▼

Call for Papers

Members of the Canon Law Society of America who wish to suggest topics and speakers for future CLSA Conventions should send their suggestions to the Office of the Executive Coordinator for collation and distribution to the CLSA Convention Planning Committee and the Board of Governors. Please send your contributions by mail, fax, or e-mail.

The Newsletter of the Canon Law Society is published as a service to members four times a year by the Office of the Executive Coordinator, Canon Law Society of America, 108 North Payne Street, Suite C, Alexandria, VA 22314-2906. Membership in the Society is open to interested persons as active or associate members, depending on specific qualifications of training and experience in canon law. The annual membership fee is \$200.00. Application forms are available from the Office of the Executive Coordinator.

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