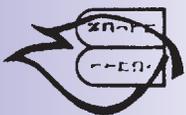


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Back to the Future – CLSA Style

Members and friends of the CLSA learned in the February 2005, CLSA Newsletter that *A Dream Becomes a Reality* with the updated version of www.clsa.org. Nine months later, the society has made great strides to create an information highway that is more accessible, more informative, and more user friendly. Our goal is to make the website one of those “favorite” listings that one checks every day for the latest information from our members.

The **home page** for the society may seem modest with only six entries, but opening any one of them will quickly put one in touch with a variety of topics. The **Site index**, for example, opens one to forty-seven topics. In a sense, one can journey through the CLSA past, present, and into the future selectively and quickly from the comfort of your home computer or your laptop.

Students and those doing canonical research will find a continually developing section entitled **Researching Canonical Topics**. Presently there are six different categories where one can reference the latest published canonical research. One will find CLSA Proceedings as well as those of other societies, such as Great Britain and Ireland, Australia, Canada, and Argentina, along with a link to *Canon Law Abstracts’* Electronic version. This project is still in its infancy, as most materials appear only in PDF format, and the Executive Coordinator’s Office is always looking for volunteers to work on new entry material.

Another item which generates much comment is the **News Briefs** section on the Site index. More and more of the material appears as dated items which can quickly spread the word, for example of a member’s death or information considered important for immediate distribution among the members of the society. We are after all

almost 1800 members spread over 40 nations of the world. The webmaster tells me that each month the we receive more than 5000 “hits” to our website.

Newer members or those who wish to contact the **Board of Governors** will find our recent update attempts provide not only a picture of the individual board members but also their *curriculum vitae* and e-mail addresses. This new venture has the goal of fostering communication and allowing members to raise questions or offer comments to the society’s elected representatives.

Links to **Other Canon Law Societies** as well **Regional Meetings** and **Future Conventions** provide members with information that is frequently updated. The Executive Coordinator’s Office relies on data for these listings from leadership of those preparing for such gatherings.

The largest project over these past few months is the **Electronic Membership Directory**, which is now up and running on the website. This venture was long ago identified by the society’s electronics committee as a major goal for the website. The membership directory is in a members only section that is accessed by one’s e-mail address and a password. The directory is “housed” in a location which provides security to prevent identify theft. When a member first attempts to access the directory, he or she will be directed to the link which asks for a password. A password is automatically sent to his or her e-mail address. You need to copy that password down carefully as it is case sensitive; then one can re-access the membership directory and put in your e-mail address and the new password. (If you click the little icon rather than hit your <ENTER> key, the system works.)

There are improvements in the Electronic
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Four Resolutions Passed at CLSA Convention in Tampa



Msgr. Daniel
Hoye

It was great to see so many of you at the Tampa Convention. The evaluations of the Pre-Convention Workshop and the Convention itself were generally positive. Many thanks to the major speakers

and to those who presented workshops. On behalf of the CLSA I want to express our thanks to those who developed the program, to Rita Joyce, the Convention Chairperson, and to Michael Boccaccio, her assistant, who attended to our many needs at the convention itself. Finally, a word of appreciation to Art Espelage, OFM, our Executive Coordinator, and his staff for all their work.

At the Convention the members passed four resolutions. In a separate article in this Newsletter there is information on the statement I sent on your behalf to the President of the USCCB, Bishop William Skylstad. The resolution acknowledges the “deep pain and lasting negative effects” of sexual abuse by members of the clergy. It also urged that in cases referred to Rome with a request for an *ex officio* penal dismissal from the clerical state should include a defense statement and other relevant defense documentation from the accused.

Bishop Skylstad acknowledged receipt of the letter and said it would be referred to the Canonical Affairs Committee for its study. He also wrote that he hoped that “continued efforts toward collaboration and good relations which have, in a particular way, marked the last several years between the CLSA and

“On behalf of the CLSA I want to express our thanks to those who developed the program, to Rita Joyce, the Convention Chairperson, and to Michael Boccaccio, her assistant, who attended to our many needs at the convention itself.”

the USCCB might continue and bear significant fruits.”

Another resolution called for the CLSA to secure a licensing agreement from the Holy See to publish a document, in parallel text format, having the articles of *Dignitas Connubii* on one

side with the referenced canons of the 1983 CIC on the other.

The Executive Coordinator is working on securing the agreement from the Holy See to implement this resolution.

A third resolution called for the BOG to study and recommend to the CLSA membership at next year’s convention an equitable means whereby absentee members are able to submit official ballots for the election of officers.

I have appointed a committee of three to work on this matter. Jerry Jorgensen will chair the committee. Patrick Shea and Ed Malesic will work with him.

The final resolution called for the establishment of a committee to prepare materials outlining procedures for advocates in order to protect the rights of victims, the accuser, and the accused. Francine Quillin, PBVN has agreed to chair this committee. Paul Golden and a third person to be appointed will work with Francine.

This is the year the President, Vice President and the Executive Coordinator travel to Rome to meet with officials of several dicasteries. If you have suggestions for us to consider as we begin the remote preparations for our May trip, please e-mail me at dhoye@naiimail.net. ▼

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Membership Directory scheduled for the near future. For example, it is not yet possible for a member to update his or her own entries in the electronic membership directory, but this will become a possibility in the near future. Since the electronic directory became operational, we have had three members who were told they were not members of the CLSA! In each case, the e-mail

address which we have in the membership directory was not accurate, and a simple correction by the webmaster rectified their ability to access.

Future Developments for www.clsa.org will come as the membership directs. We hope, for example, to have the **Position Openings** found in each CLSA Newsletter onto the Site Index and functioning. Keeping this item current will require that those who post a position will have to inform the

Executive Coordinator’s Office that the position is filled so that the material can be removed. Other future developments depend upon the creativity and recommendations of the membership of the CLSA. This website belongs to the members and should meet your needs. Please contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator at coordinator@clsa.org with your suggestions. ▼

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sometimes, important events “slip past” us. Members of the CLSA should be pleased to note that the **Very Reverend Robert J. Carlson** was installed as the 5th Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, on 24 February 2005. A long-time member of the CLSA, Bishop Carlson earned his JCL degree from The Catholic University of America in 1979 before being ordained a bishop on January 11, 1984 for the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul. Before coming to Saginaw, Bishop Carlson also served as coadjutor and then bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls from 1994. Established in 1938, the Diocese of Saginaw consists of eleven counties in the east central part of the civil state of Michigan and serves approximately 131,937 Catholics.
- The **Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas**, announces the appointment of Sister Virginia Bartolac, SCL, JCD, as the Administrator of the Tribunal Office of the Archdiocese, effective October 1, 2005. Official correspondence may be addressed: Sister Virginia Bartolac, SCL, JCD, Tribunal Office Administrator, 12615 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109.
- Columbus Ohio – October 2, 2005: The Pontifical College Josephinum announced the inauguration and first holder of the James A. Griffin Chair in Canon Law to be **Sister Elizabeth McDonough, O.P., J.C.D.** Named for **Bishop James A. Griffin, J.C.D.**, the now-retired Bishop of Columbus, Ohio for his diocesan leadership and support for the Josephinum. The inauguration lecture held on September 21, 2005 addressed the topic of “Parish Ministry from the Perspective of Church Law. Sister Elizabeth earned her J.C.D. from The Catholic University of America and an S.T.L. from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception. Long-time members of the CLSA, Bishop Griffin lives in Columbus and Sister Elizabeth is a member of the St.

Mary of the Springs Dominicans in Columbus.

- CLSA Members who do not have access to the new **Electronic Membership Directory** may request a hard copy of the directory. A limited number of directories were duplicated in 8 ½” x 11” format. For more information contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator by mail or telephone us at 703/739-2560.
- CLSA members may wish to know that as of October 21, 2005 **Mrs. Jennifer H. Miller** left her position as Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Executive Coordinator. Our best wishes and prayers go with her. In leaving, Jennifer remarked, “I have enjoyed my sixteen years with the Society. The challenges and what I have learned about Catholicism and Canon Law made this a most rewarding job. I have enjoyed working with all of you in different capacities throughout the years. I have taken a position closer to home. The new position is only twenty minutes away compared to two hours.

I wish the members of the Society and the new Board members good luck with the new year. I hope to follow the activities of the Society on the CLSA website. For those members who wish to keep in touch please contact me through the Office of the Executive Coordinator.”

- The Archdiocese of Boston received notification on the 16th of September 2005 of the following appointment. “With this letter I write to inform you that **Rev. Mons. Robert P. DEELEY**, a priest of your Archdiocese, has been definitively assumed into service to the Holy See as an Official of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.” Monsignor Deeley joined the CLSA in 1978 and has served in a number of capacities in the Canon Law Society of America, most recently as President in 2000. He is a 1986 graduate of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he earned his JCD. Our congratulations and best wishes go with him as he assumes new duties for our Catholic Church. His residence will be at the Villa Stritch in Rome. ▼

Pre-Publication Offers

The Office of the Executive Coordinator is presently conducting two pre-publication offers to members and friends of the Canon Law Society of America.

- **Until December 31st, 2005, *CLD Index* is being offered at \$20.00 (domestic) and \$25.00 (international).** This pricing includes shipping and handling. Orders will be mailed out to participants in January 2006. After the pre-publication offer ends, the text will be available at CLSA Publications with a list price yet to be determined. *(No further membership discounts are allowed on this special offer.)*
- **Until February 28th, 2006, *CLSA Advisory Opinions: 2001 – 2005* is**

being offered at \$30.00 (domestic) and (35.00 international). This pre-publication pricing includes shipping and handling. Orders will be mailed out in March of 2006. After the pre-publication offer ends, the text will be available at CLSA Publications with a list price yet to be determined. *(No further membership discounts are allowed on this special offer.)*

To participate and order your copies of *CLD Index* or *CLSA Advisory Opinions: 2001–2005*, download an order form from our website www.clsa.org or contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator at 703/739-2560.

Have You Heard of “Phishing”?

Over the last six weeks, the CLSA website and e-mail for the Executive Coordinator has attracted a significant number of *phishing scams*, some of which can be quite sophisticated. While there have been no breaches of our security, members who are not aware of this problem need to be informed.

Phishing works in the following ways. First, a scammer creates an e-mail that looks like an official e-mail from a company – usually eBay, PayPal or a bank. The e-mail asks a recipient to verify his or her account information or credit card number by clicking on a link to the company’s site. *Do not do this!* Recipients who click on the link are actually redirected to a site that is also made to look like an official site – complete with logo and signed by someone claiming to be with the company’s security or fraud team. If the recipient sends credit card or personal information, it goes to the scammer when a recipient “updates” his or her personal information. The scammer now has the recipient’s information, subjecting him or her to identity theft and credit card fraud.

A new form of Phishing is “**spear phishing**,” targets members of a particular organization and claims to be its e-mail provider. The link will prompt you to download special software, which could install spyware or adware that records personal information later. Phishing attacks grew 28% from May 2004 to May 2005, and about 73 million adult e-mail users reported more than 50 phishing e-mails during a 12 month period. Since May 2003, nearly 11 million recipients of phishing e-mail clicked on the links and lost personal information. [Source: *The Washington Post*, October 22, 2005].

CLSA Convention – Tampa, Florida

TAMPA – Members of the Canon Law Society of America approved a resolution October 5 in which they acknowledge the pain caused by clergy sexual abuse, but caution bishops not to ignore the rights of the accused, especially in cases that can result in an *ex officio*, or *administrative*, penal dismissal.

Canonists voted on the resolution during the annual CLSA convention held in Tampa October 3-6. About 415 members of the society attended the gathering.

The resolution begins by noting that victims of clergy sexual abuse have suffered deep pain, and that their natural rights have been violated.

Then the canonists express their concern that an accused cleric’s right to defense can easily be bypassed in the procedures leading to an *ex officio* penal dismissal. An *ex officio* dismissal is usually set in motion when a diocesan bishop forwards documentation regarding an allegation to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, along with a request that the cleric be laicized.

The resolution was introduced by a canonist who said he had served as an advocate for an accused priest who did not know his case had been submitted to the Vatican until he received notification of dismissal. “It’s an unjust procedure that really must stop,” the canonist said.

According to the resolution, “An accused cleric has a natural right to be informed of an *ex officio* penal dismissal request, together with the reasons for this request, before it is submitted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in order that the cleric may protect his canonical right to defense.”

“When a case is forwarded to Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,” the resolution continues, “the accused cleric should have an opportunity to include a statement of defense, along with other defense documentation.”

In discussing the resolution,

canonists noted that administrative dismissals are sometimes warranted, but that the process should always include an opportunity for the accused to defend himself.

The resolution corresponds to CLSA’s ongoing concern that canonical rights are sometimes violated in the effort to respond to the sexual abuse crisis. Msgr. Stephen Pedone, who became vice president/president elect at the convention, said the society is trying to promote a balance of rights of the accused and accusers. “Children have a natural right not to be harmed,” he said, “and accused clerics have a natural right to defense.” ▼

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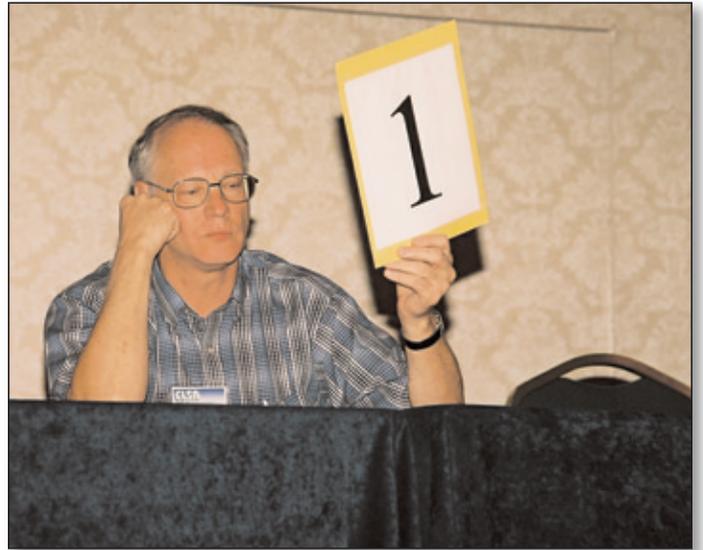
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Scenes from the Tampa Convention



POSITION OPENINGS

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR IN CIVIL LAW

The Legal Resource Center for Religious, Silver Spring, MD, is seeking an attorney for the position of Associate Director in Civil Law. LRCR, a Catholic non-profit organization, provides research, advice, consultations, publications, and educational programs on both civil and canon law issues to religious leaders and treasurers. Duties include providing legal assistance to institutes and overseeing publications and legal projects. The position requires a licensed attorney, a religious or experience working with religious institutes. Submit letters of application and resumé to: Executive Director, LRCR, 8812 Cameron St., Silver Spring, MD 20910. www.lrcr.org

JUDGE – CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The CCCB is presently searching for an in-house judge for the Canadian Appeal Tribunal. Those interested may send their resumé with a presentation letter to the attention of the Judicial Vicar, Msgr. Alan McCormack, at: The Canadian Appeal Tribunal, 2500 Don Reid Drive, Ottawa, ON K1H 2J2 Fax: (613) 241-8117 E-mail: officialis@cccb.ca

Job Description

Position: In-house Judge
Canadian Appeal Tribunal
Date : October 2005

Summary

The incumbent is appointed as a minister of the Canadian Appeal Tribunal in the capacity of ecclesiastical judge full-time.

Under the direction of the Judicial Vicar, the incumbent is responsible for organizing and directing the examination and management of causes of nullity of marriage in accord with the norms of Canon Law received by the Canadian Appeal Tribunal.

To this end, the in-house Judge is expected to work closely with the office

staff to ensure that the acts of the tribunal are properly drawn up and sent at the mandate of either the incumbent or the *praeses* in a particular case, or the Judicial Vicar.

In addition, the incumbent is to participate from time to time in meetings with the Judicial Vicar regarding matters which the Judicial Vicar seeks assistance and counsel.

Responsibilities

1. The in-house Judge is responsible for causes treated according to the *processus brevior* and for causes admitted to *ordinary examination*. In each case, the incumbent is to act either as the *ponens* or to coordinate the responsibilities of the *ponens* named in the cause.
2. According to procedures set by the Canadian Appeal Tribunal, the incumbent reviews those causes unopposed by the defender of the bond of the same court of appeal. If he or she does not consider that a decree to confirm the sentence by an abbreviated procedure can be granted, the case is referred to the Judicial Vicar.
3. In those causes opposed by the defender of the bond of the same court of appeal, the Judicial Vicar may request the incumbent to review such causes or to circulate the cause to members of the constituted tribunal, to collate their observations regarding the use of the *processus brevior* or admission to *ordinary examination*.
4. It is the responsibility of the incumbent to arrange and carry out the instruction of causes submitted to ordinary examination; to place procedural acts, to correspond with the parties, to ensure that the evidence is completed if necessary, to circulate the cause once concluded to the collegial judges, and in certain causes to participate as one of the collegial judges.

Qualifications

- Judges are to be of unimpaired reputation and to have a doctorate or at least a licentiate in canon law. It is also recommended that no one be named a

judge who has not already been a minister of the Appeal Tribunal or another Tribunal for a suitable period of time.

- Ability to function in both official languages, oral and written.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Good computers skills.
- Aptitude for teamwork and initiative to deal with the flow of cases in an efficient manner.
- Excellent managerial skills in order to deal effectively with people, to take responsibility for the supervision of cases and to ensure that they are properly concluded and conveyed to the judges. ▼

NEW MEMBERS

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St. Petersburg, FL

- The **Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland** has added a new feature to its website, which will be an important contribution to canonists who are researching periodical literature. "Canon Law Abstracts" articles listings from 2000 contains extensive links to publications reviewed. You can reach the site at www.abstracts.clsghi.org. The site is easy to use and continues the fine work which has made Canon Law Abstracts an important tool for canonists.
- **Announcing the Publication of a new Journal in Canon Law:** St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore, India proudly announces the publication of its new journal *Studies in Church Law* to begin annual publication in October 2005 under the guidance and direction of its Centre of Canon Law, a premier institution of postgraduate studies in canon law in India aggregated with the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome. The new journal will serve as a pastoral and academic tool for canonists and students of canon law and theology. Its goal is to be a scientific journal of international quality containing studies, jurisprudence, counsel, documentation and book reviews.

Subscription rates are available for one to three years by airmail at \$20 – 40 – 55 US dollars. To place a subscription address your correspondence and check to: The Editor, *Studies in Church Law*, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Malleswaram, West P.O. Bangalore – 560 055 INDIA.
- **THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA** will hold two events for those who may wish to schedule them into their calendars.
 - The **JAMES H. PROVOST MEMORIAL LECTURE** will be delivered by the **Rt. Rev. Msgr. V. DePaolis**, Secretary of the Apostolic Signatura on March 23,

2006 at 4:00 p.m. The topic of his presentation will be "*The Church's Power to Coerce: Penal Law in Theory and Practice.*"

- The School of Canon Law at CUA will also sponsor its spring canonical Seminar: **The Parish as Juridic Person: Current Issues in Canon Law.** The seminar will be held March 24 -25 at Jurys Washington Hotel, in Washington, D.C. The seminar will take place in four sessions: Dr. Kurt Martens will speak at the first session on "*Parishes in the Code and Their Erection,*" and the Reverend John Beal will address the second session on "*Suppression, Merger, and Goods of the Parish in Canon Law.*" Session three will be conducted by Mr. Mark Chopko of the USCCB who will address "*Civil Law and the Parish.*" The fourth session will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. V. DePaolis who will speak on "*Parishes and Appeals to the Apostolic Signatura: Procedures at the Apostolic Signatura.*"



The workshop fee is \$325.00 U.S. and must accompany the application. For applications or more information, please telephone the School of Canon Law at 202/319-5492 or e-mail them at cua-canonlaw@cua.edu. Participants must make their own hotel reservations with Jurys Hotel by February 27, 2006 to obtain the CUA seminar rate. For reservations, please call 1-866-534-6835. ▼

- Reverend Paul Counce of the Diocese of Baton Rouge announced with sadness that **Father Thomas Kinney** of the Archdiocese of New Orleans died at St. Clare Manor in Baton Rouge on Saturday evening, September 3, 2005. A member of the CLSA since 1989, he had been diagnosed with cancer some years ago. He had been placed in hospice care rather recently, but according to Archbishop Alfred Hughes of New Orleans, who visited him earlier in the week and administered the Anointing of the Sick to him at that time, the tumult of his emergency evacuation just in advance of Hurricane Katrina surely hastened his passing.

Tom was an ever-smiling student at St. Paul University in Ottawa in 1987-1989. After receiving his JCL degree he served with the Metropolitan Tribunal of New Orleans, as well as helping out with parish ministry. Even after his cancer was diagnosed and in the midst of years of debilitating chemotherapy, he maintained his characteristic good humor and a helpful tribunal workload. He frequently said that it was one way he could help others to have happiness, even if his own illness made happiness for him rather elusive. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

- The Reverend Ronald Krisman informed the Executive Coordinator's Office that the **Reverend Martin Lavin, JCD**, a priest of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia died on the evening of Sunday, October 9, 2005. At the time of his passing, Marty had transferred from the ICU unit at Southampton Memorial Hospital in Franklin, VA, to Woodbine Rehabilitation Center in Alexandria, Virginia, an acute care facility. Those CLSA members who attended The Catholic University of America in the 1970s and early 1980s will remember Father Lavin as a professor of canon law.

Legal Opinions about Life Issues in Today's Catholic Community

CLSA *Advisory Opinions: 2001–2005* represents the third volume in a series from the Canon Law Society of America offering 231 items of canonical advice on a variety of pastoral canonical subjects. Composed by national and international members of the Canon Law Society of America, *CLSA Advisory Opinions: 2001–2005* offers insightful views on issues arising in the interpretation of the *Code of Canon Law* and the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*. The new text has 546 pages of practical canonical advice on questions posed to canonists by laity, clergy, and religious. All entries for this volume were recently reviewed by the authors and edited where necessary.

Lay people and clergy, whether Catholic or not, as well as libraries and continuing education programs will find this book a useful reference and educational tool to discover Catholic legal opinions about life issues in today's Catholic community. An old maxim exists in the Catholic Church that one does not make a law unless there is a problem. Likewise, no law is able to completely address each and every nuance or aspect of questions arising in life. One must look to past life experiences and the practices of canon lawyers and judges to interpret and apply the law to current situations. This is one reason why every active member in the Catholic Church should have this reference item on his

or her shelf of important books to consult!

CLSA Advisory Opinions: 2001–2005 continues the style and format established in the previous two volumes. Entries are arranged by the five books of the Latin *Code of Canon Law* and the thirty titles of the Eastern code. Particularly useful are two cumulative indexes which connect this volume to *CLSA Advisory Opinions: 1984–1993* and *1994–2000*. The first index covers the canons addressed in volumes I, II, and III; the second is a topical index. Both indexes make *CLSA Advisory Opinions: 2001–2005* user friendly and a quick reference to over twenty years of canonical expertise.



One student recently found that the references in the end-

notes of entries gave good guidance in researching her own studies on a particular topic. Another writer, a busy chancery official, recently commented that *CLSA Advisory Opinions* is the first book consulted when questions come from the bishop's office. "Entries let me know if others have faced similar problems and how they approached solutions." A Continuing Education Director wrote that she finds entries in the code's Book IV, the Office of Sanctifying in the Church, useful to explain questions which arise in *Rite of Christian Initiation* sessions, as well as with groups dealing with issues of marriage, children, divorce, and re-marriage. A pastor of a large suburban parish regularly uses *CLSA Advisory Opinions* for questions arising about baptism and marriage. Tribunal judges and

other court personnel find the matters treated in *CLSA Advisory Opinions* dealing with procedure as pastoral, informative and helpful in their often complex and difficult work. Finally, many Latin rite priests find that *CLSA Advisory Opinions* most helpful in sorting out questions which arise with men and women determining their proper rite of ascription.

Publication of CLSA Advisory Opinions 2001–2005 is scheduled for February 2006 and will be available at CLSA Publications for a list price of \$40.00 plus shipping and handling. Until publication is complete, the Executive Coordinator's Office offers a pre-publication price of \$30.00 (domestic) and \$35.00 (international) which includes shipping and handling. This special offer will end February 28, 2006!

Use the brochure enclosed with this newsletter to order today!

Some topics addressed in *AO III*:

- Child of Catholic Parents Baptized Protestant
- Cruise Ship Passengers and Mass Attendance Obligation
- Baptismal Certificate for Child Adopted by Two Same Sex Individuals
- Background Checks of Diocesan/Eparchial Personnel
- Chairperson of the Parish Finance Council
- Removal of Pastors
- Catechumen and Marriage Prior to Baptism
- Marriage of First Cousins and Nullity of Marriage
- Burial in Catholic Cemetery
- Forgiveness of Parish Debt by Diocese
- Ascription by Law in Church of Fathers ▼

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