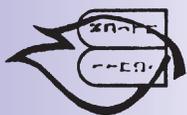


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CLSA Moves to Hecker Center

The move of the Executive Coordinator's Office from Alexandria Virginia to the Hecker Center for Ministry finally took place on January 24, 2007 as last minute building details delayed their move by two weeks. The Society is deeply indebted and appreciative of the activity of Mrs. Kathy Geary, our CLSA Bookkeeper, who supervised the movers in the absence of the Executive Coordinator who was attending the Board of Governors Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Boxes and dismantled office furniture created the atmosphere of the USS Refugee for a week or two, but the office attempted to conduct business and store away the gear. As of this writing, much of the work is completed, and the office routine is getting back to normal.

The new office space is on the first floor in Suite 111 of the Hecker Center for Ministry located at 3025 Fourth Street, NE in Washington, DC 20017-1102. It has parking and is accessible from the Metro Red line. Our new telephone number is 202/832-2350 and fax number is 202/832-2331. The Hecker Center is named for the Father Isaac Hecker, the missionary, author, and founder of the Paulists who was born in New York, 18 December, 1819 and died there, 22 December, 1888.

The Hecker Center occupies two reno-

vated wings of the Paulist College next to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is a five minute walk from the campus of Catholic University of America. The mission for the Hecker Center is to serve as office space for non-profit organizations. Approximately fifty percent of the available space is already allocated.

The new office space should serve the members of the Society well in the years to come. Our computers are networked, and we have added wireless capability for visitors to the office. In addition to a storage room, we have one large workspace with a conference/worktable and a smaller office for the Executive Coordinator. Individual thermostats provide the office the ability to control the levels of heat and coolness as needed.

One very important item about the move with which you can help us is our change of postal address and telephone/fax numbers. If you could ask your business office to update their computers with our new address as well as your own address books, this will facilitate communication between the Executive Coordinator's Office and our members. It is something of a mystery, but some mail continues to be forwarded to the old offices at Catholic University.



CLSA's new office space at Hecker Center will serve the Society for years to come.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As of Friday, December 1, 2006, the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas in Rome announces the appointment as, the **Reverend Bruno Esposito, OP** as the new Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law. The Reverend Francisco J. Ramos, OP completed his term as Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law. Expressions of congratulations and gratitude may be forwarded to both of these outstanding canonists at decdir@pust.urbe.it
- **Sister Elizabeth McDonough, O.P., J.C.D., S.T.L.**, is a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, OH. She holds a J.C.D. from The Catholic University of America, and an S.T.L. from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception. Sr. Elizabeth has been awarded the “*Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*” Cross by Pope Benedict XVI upon the request of Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. She received this distinction in recognition of her outstanding service as a canonist and advisor to Cardinals Hickey and McCarrick of Washington, DC. The Cross was conferred on her Sunday, November 19, 2006 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Our congratulations and best wishes go to Sister Elizabeth. Sister Elizabeth joined the faculty of the Josephinum at Columbus, Ohio, in the Fall 2005; she is the first canonist to hold the Bishop James A. Griffin Chair in Canon Law.
- CLSA President, Monsignor Stephen Pedone met with the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, His Excellency the **Most Reverend Pietro Sambì, S.T.D., J.C.D.**, on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at the Nunciature in Washington. Archbishop Sambì became Apostolic Nuncio to the United States and Permanent Observer to the Organization of the American States on 17 December 2005. The Archbishop expressed his interest in the continued work of members of the Canon Law Society of America, especially in the areas of justice and the rights of clergy.
- The Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas,

announced the appointment of **Ms. Meg E. Romano-Hogan** to assume duties as Director of the Marriage Tribunal as of February 1, 2007. She replaces **Mrs. Sandra Leighton** who retires after more than twenty-five years of tribunal ministry. The new Director is a JCL graduate of The Catholic University of America and a CLSA member since 1989. She and her husband, Dennis, married in 1994 and reside in Frisco, Texas.

- **Pope Benedict XVI** has changed the leadership of the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts, accepting the resignation of its president, Cardinal Julián Herranz, and naming the Spanish prelate's successor. Cardinal Herranz, 76, was named pres-

ident of the council in 1994 and was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 2003. A priest of *Opus Dei*, he was the first member of the personal prelature to lead a Roman dicastery. Replacing him will be Auxiliary Bishop Francesco Coccopalmerio of Milan, who turns 69 in early March. A canon and civil lawyer who also picked up two degrees in theology along the way, Archbishop Coccopalmerio was elevated to the episcopacy in 1993 and has since served as the Italian episcopate's lead voice on legal issues and a national spokes person on ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue. Since 2000, the new archbishop served as a member of the Apostolic Signatura, the church's highest court.

CLSA Website Adds Features

The CLSA website now has a **Calendar of Events** where conventions, regional meetings, OEC closings, etc. are posted. The calendar can be viewed as a standard monthly calendar or in a weekly, daily, table or list view. The Executive Coordinator's Office attempts to provide up-to-date information on upcoming events as information is provided by the various regions. **Please e-mail the OEC with meeting or conference information you would like posted on the calendar.**

CLSA Password: Your password is your CLSA ID number. This number appears on your annual dues billing. You can **change you username and/or password** after you sign-in by selecting “My Account” from the menu.

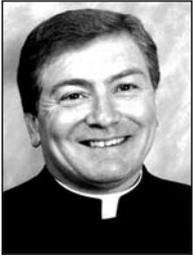
Directory Search: To use the Directory Search box, locate the text box at the top right of the Membership Directory page to lookup other CLSA Members. You can enter any search text (i.e., entering MD in the search box will return a list of CLSA members located in Maryland).

Misplaced your CLSA.org username and/or password? No problem. You can

have your password e-mailed to you automatically. To do this, click the link titled “Request new password” just below the username and password sign-in form at the lower left corner of the CLSA.org website. Enter your username or your e-mail address and a new password will be e-mailed to you at that time.

Change of address? It is important to keep your e-mail address current at the CLSA.org website so you can automatically retrieve your username and/or password. Your e-mail address, username and password can be viewed by selecting “My Account” from the upper left menu of the CLSA.org website. Select the “edit” tab to access the account settings form to make changes to your username, e-mail address, mailing address, phone numbers, etc. While on the edit screen, select “user profile.” Select the “Submit” button at the bottom of the page when you are done to save your changes. **It is important that you keep your account information current as this is the information used to generate society mailings to members.**

Society Loses Two Gifted Servants



Msgr. F. Stephen
Pedone

As I write these reflections we have commemorated Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent has begun. I have to confess that Lent was never my favorite liturgical season but this year seems different. Perhaps I need more than I care to admit that “desert time” where we push the world aside temporarily to be alone with the Lord who seeks our company and who yearns to give us the grace and strength we need for another day of min-

istry and service to the Church.

As many of you know our Society recently lost two wonderful and gifted servants of the Church and law in the untimely deaths of Msgr. William Sullivan, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, and Msgr. William A. Varvaro, former President of the Canon Law Society of America, both in January. Bill Sullivan died as a result of pulmonary fibrosis. He hosted the Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists’ meeting last May. Bill Sullivan was a warm, hospitable, friendly guy who always made you feel comfortable in his presence. Bill Varvaro suffered a massive stroke while vacationing in Aruba. He was brought back to the United States for treatment but died never regaining consciousness. We had been on retreat together in December at St. Joseph’s Abbey, in Spencer, Massachusetts, and he seemed well. But life can change so quickly, *in the twinkling of an eye*. I will miss seeing both of them at our national conventions and at our Eastern Regional gatherings. You could always depend on Bill Varvaro striding to the closest microphone during a business meeting or question and answer session following a presentation or seminar, with that familiar and anticipated announcement preceding a probing question or insightful comment: “*Bill Varvaro, Brooklyn*” Bill served as CLSA president from October 1984 to October 1985, and received the Role of Law award in 1996. For years he served as convener of the Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists and was its treasurer at the time of his death. To Msgr. William V. Sullivan and Msgr. William A. Varvaro – priests, Church lawyers, colleagues, mentors, and friends – *Requiem aeternam dona ei Domine. Et lux perpetua luceat ei, Requiescant in pace. Amen.*

Finally, our CLSA offices have moved to the Hecker Center on the Paulist campus in Washington. I am very grateful to our Executive Coordinator, Father Arthur Espelage, OFM, for his patience,

diligence, and hard work in coordinating the move from Alexandria, VA. There were a number of delays but Art saw it through along with Mrs. Kathye Geary of the Executive Coordinator’s office who provided invaluable assistance to make sure CLSA operations continued throughout the transition. Thank you Art and Kathye!

I am happy to report that Msgr. Ricardo Bass has agreed to chair a committee implementing the resolution passed at our Fort Worth Convention in October 2006 on developing regional workshops for advocates in penal cases. In response to another resolution, I appointed the senior consultants, Father Michael Joyce, Father Ricardo Garcia, and Lori Brower Albanese to serve as the Task Force to review and make recommendations to the BOG on revising our Code of Professional Responsibility.

The BOG had a very productive series of meetings in Orlando, Florida, in January. We reviewed plans for the 2007 Convention to be held in Costa Mesa, California, October 8-12. The theme of the convention is: *Ecclesia Docens, Ecclesia Discerns: The Learning Church, The Teaching Church*. We’re gathering an excellent slate of speakers and presenters and we’re hoping that many attend. Please mark your calendars!

The BOG met with Msgr. John Alesandro, chair of the Publications Task Force (PTF), and Sr. Sharon Euart, chair of the Future Initiatives Project (FIP), who made a presentation relative to the
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For ordering CLSA Publications by telephone the existing number remains: 301/362-8197; by fax 301/206-9789; by e-mail there is a change: clsa@brightkey.net

CLSA Convention Set for Southern Cal

The 69th Annual CLSA Convention will be held in Costa Mesa, California.

The **Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa** hotel is centrally located to all major points of interest in Orange County and Southern California. Tel: 1-714-540-7000 Fax: 1-714-540-9176. To gather more information about the hotel and near by attractions including nearby restaurants consult www.costamesa.hilton.com

The Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa offers convenient access to all

major freeways, Orange County / John Wayne Airport and the world renown South Coast Plaza shopping resort. The Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa hotel features the highly acclaimed Bristol Palms Restaurant and Bar set amidst towering palm trees in the hotel's naturally lit 7-story atrium. The Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa hotel is 100% smoke free. The Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa hotel features 48,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting and function space.

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November 2006 PTF report to the BOG. The PTF was established by the BOG to review the work and scope of publications for the CLSA. One of the recommendations made by the PTF and passed by the BOG was to suppress the Publications Review Committee and replace it with a more comprehensive and encompassing Publications Advisory Board (PAB). I

asked Msgr. Alesandro to chair the PAB and he agreed. This will provide continuity between the recommendations of the PTF and the work of the PAB. I also appointed Rev. Kevin McKenna, Very Rev. Lawrence DiNardo, Rev. Paul Hartmann, and Sr. Rose McDermott to serve on the PAB. All appointments are for five years.

This year promises to be a very busy and productive time and the BOG is

excited about and committed to the work that lies ahead. Membership on committees and several committee chairs have changed. You can view these changes on the "Committee Chart" that can be found by logging into our Web site at www.clsa.org.

To all of you I wish a holy Lenten season as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter, a joyful time of resurrection and new life!

Executive Coordinator's Office learned of the passing on November 26, 2006 of the **Reverend Roman Galiardi, OSB.** Born on May 22, 1930 and professed on June 24, 1951, he was ordained on June 1, 1957. A long time CLSA member, Father Galiardi earned his JCL at the Catholic University of America in 1959 and his JCD from the Angelicum in 1983. Abbot Dismas Kalcic and the Community of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois have posted a pictorial and biographical announcement on the life and career of this beloved member of their community. You may view this entry at <http://www.procopius.org>.

Msgr. William V. Sullivan was born on February 4, 1941, in Richmond, Virginia, to William V. Sullivan, Sr., and Alice Rooney Sullivan. He was educated at St. Paul Elementary School and Cathedral High School in Richmond; St. Charles College in Catonsville, Maryland, and St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. After studying at the Pontifical North American College and the Gregorian University in Rome, Msgr. Sullivan was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on December 17, 1966.

Msgr. Sullivan studied canon law for the Diocese of Richmond at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he received both a Licentiate in Canon Law and a Masters Degree in Church Administration. He served his diocese on the Diocesan Tribunal for 37 years. During that time, he served as Secretary and Judicial Vicar. He was named Monsignor with the rank of Prelate of Honor, by His Holiness Pope John Paul II, on February 16, 1997.

A faithful priest of the Diocese of Richmond for 40 years, Msgr. Sullivan served as pastor in the following parishes: St. Peter, Richmond (1973); St. Bridget, Richmond (1983); Star of the Sea, Virginia Beach (1995); St. Ann, Ashland (1996) along with St. Mary of the Annunciation, Caroline County (2004); and as rector of the Cathedral

of the Sacred Heart, Richmond (2005).

Msgr. Sullivan also served the Diocese of Richmond as an advisor to Bishop Francis DiLorenzo on the Bishop's Administrative Advisory Council, as a member of the Council of Priests, the Diocesan Planning Commission, and the Pastoral Center Planning Committee. He served four years as a member of the Administrative Advisory Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and served a term as Chairman of the Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists.

Msgr. Sullivan was widely known as a "southern gentleman," whose genteel manner sprung from a deep Christian compassion. In his work with the Diocesan Tribunal, he never lost sight of the ministry of service that characterizes such work at its best. His leadership and expertise among canonists have extended the Church's healing mission locally and nationally. He will be missed by his colleagues and the people of the diocese who were his primary concern for so much of his life. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

The Reverend Joseph L. Waters S.S.J., 86, died January 5, 2007 at St Joseph Manor, Baltimore, MD. St. Joseph Manor is the retirement and recuperation facility for St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, the Josephite Fathers and Brothers. The Josephites are a Roman Catholic Society of Catholic Service for Evangelization to African American Communities throughout the United States founded in 1893.

Father Waters, born May 24, 1920 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania of Charles E. Waters and Mary E. Ryan Waters, was the middle of five children. Father Waters was an outstanding scholar. He was educated at Our Lady of Lourdes School and West Philadelphia Catholic High School before beginning studies for the priesthood. He completed college at Epiphany Apostolic College, Newburgh, New York and St. Joseph Seminary in Washington D.C. This major seminary is the Josephite center for studies in Philosophy and Theology. Joseph Waters was ordained to the priesthood on February 3, 1944 at the National Shrine in

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RESOURCES

- The CLSA Website offers a number of new features to visitors and members of the society. The website has added a section on **Faculties of Canon Law** throughout the world, listing contact information and where possible a link to that particular school of canon law. Members will also find a **Chart of CLSA Committees** and a link to contact a particular committee.
- CLSA Members may wish to consult the **Proceedings of the Fortieth Annual conference of the CLANZ** held in Canberra, Australia, September 18-21, 2006 for information regarding *Gravivora delicta* cases. Monsignor Charles Scicluna of the CDF provided four presentations: "The Procedure and Praxis of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the

Faith concerning *Gravivora delicta*," "Sexual Abuse of Children and Young People by Catholic Priests and Religious;" "the Bishop and Priests with Problems;" and "Recourse against Singular or Particular Administrative Acts of the Diocesan Bishops concerning *Gravivora Delicta* cases." For personal copies, of the *CLANZ Proceedings*, contact Sr. Elizabeth Delaney, sgs, Publications Editor, P.O. Box 368, Canberra, ACT 2601, AUSTRALIA

- **Mr. John Matthew Huggins** wishes to offer his set of *The Jurist* for the price of \$400.00 US. Anyone who is interested should contact him at P.O. Box 4226 Steubenville, OH 43952 or telephone him at 1-740/424-1844.

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Washington, DC.

Following ordination, Father Waters was associate pastor at Holy Redeemer parish in Washington, D.C., as well as a student at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He received his Bachelor's Degree, the Licentiate and his Doctorate in Canon Law in 1951. He continued in this field as a member of the Canon Law Society of America, was also member of the Catholic Theological Society of America, was professor of Canon Law at St. Joseph Seminary, teaching Moral Theology as well. He was secretary to the Seminary's committee for accreditation for Josephite institutions. He wrote many articles for the Josephite Harvest, the Society's magazine.

After 1968, Joseph L. Waters served as pastor in New Orleans, Louisiana, at Corpus Christi and Blessed Sacrament parishes, and in Washington, D.C. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. For a short time he was rector of Saint Augustine High School in New Orleans, and then pastor in Holy Rosary Church in Galveston, and Holy Family Church in McNair, Texas. Hip surgery in 1993 sent him to St. Joseph Manor in Baltimore, Maryland for recuperation. This marked the beginning of a long and difficult series of health issues which gradually worsened. He returned to the major seminary as Rector.

After his term ended, he took responsibility for preaching and fund raising at various parishes throughout the United

States, aiding immeasurably the useful work of the Josephites. But continuing difficulties with his hip and other ailments slowly reduced his range of activities. He was always a joyful, positive man, with a lively sense of humor, strong opinions, and not shy about sharing his stories with anyone around him.

A Funeral Mass for **Msgr. William A. Varvaro**, pastor of St. Margaret's Church, Middle Village, since 1993 and a prominent canon lawyer, was offered at the church, 66-05 79th Pl., Tuesday, Jan. 30. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio was the presiding celebrant and Msgr. Nicholas Sivillo preached the homily with 150 priests and nine bishops concelebrating with him. The latter included Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan of Santa Fe, N.M., Bishop Paul S. Loverde of Arlington, VA., Bishop John F. Kinney of St. Cloud, MN; retired Auxiliary Bishop James J. Daly of Rockville Centre; retired Bishop Thomas V. Daily; retired Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan; and Auxiliary Bishops Ignatius A. Catanello and Frank J. Caggiano and Octavio Cisneros.

Msgr. Varvaro, 68, died Jan. 25 at NYU Medical Center from a brain aneurysm suffered several days earlier while on vacation in Aruba.

In his homily, Msgr. Sivillo recalled his 54-year friendship with Msgr. Varvaro with affection and humor. He remembered how his brilliant friend helped him in his studies at Cathedral Prep in Brooklyn, especially with courses like Greek and other languages, which he said were a challenge to him. "If it were not

for him," he said, "I would not have become a priest."

In return for the course help, he said, "I told Bill there would be a tradeoff. I would teach him basketball and tennis. But that didn't work."

Msgr. Sivillo noted that while he and Msgr. Varvaro were on vacation in Aruba when the latter was stricken, Bishop DiMarzio was also vacationing nearby. He said the Bishop gave him fraternal comfort and support and immediately visited Msgr. Varvaro at the hospital. "I will never forget what you did for us," he said.

At his death, Msgr. Varvaro also held the position of Promoter of Justice in the Diocese of Brooklyn and was the director of the National Italian Apostolate Conference.

The late priest earned a doctorate in canon law from the Gregorian University in Rome in 1986 and served as president of the Canon Law Society of America in 1984. The society honored him with its Role of Law Award in 1996 as "a true artisan of canon law."

For 12 years before becoming pastor of St. Margaret's, Msgr. Varvaro headed the Diocesan Tribunal as Officialis/Judicial Vicar. Before that he served first as Assistant Chancellor and then as Vice Chancellor of the Diocese.

Pope John Paul II granted him the title of Protonotary Apostolic in 1993 for having served the Church with distinction. He received the rank of Prelate of Honor with the title Reverend Monsignor in 1981.

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