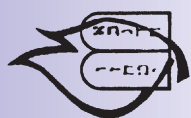


# CLSA Newsletter



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## Search Begins for New Executive Coordinator

Father Arthur J. Espelage, OFM, has formally announced to the Board of Governors his decision not to renew his contract as Executive Coordinator of the Canon Law Society, which will expire on June 30, 2008. The CLSA has begun a search for a new Executive Coordinator, in accord with the established policy of the CLSA. The Executive Coordinator is the chief administrative officer of the Canon Law Society of America, under the direction of the President and the Board of Governors.

The qualifications for this position are (1) degree in canon law; (2) active member of the Canon Law Society of America; (3) ability to carry out the responsibilities listed in the job description (a copy of which be obtained from the CLSA President, Rev. Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone, cf. below); (4) ability to work in a cooperative manner with the Society's officers, the Board of Governors, the various committees, the membership, the office staff, and other persons; (5) ability to communicate well and professionally both orally and in writing; (6) ability to work with or willingness to learn to work with computer systems; (7) ability to undertake accounting responsibilities; (8) freedom to take on a full salaried position; (9) freedom to relocate to office area; (10) able to make a commitment to the position for up to three years. Personal qualities required are: (1) a church person who values the Church, canon law, the Canon Law Society and his/her present vocational state; (2) good physical and emotional health; (3) a person committed to promoting the good of the Canon Law Society of America; (4) a professional person with a sense of responsibility to the membership; (5) an articulate communicator with proven leadership gifts in working with and guiding others and entrusting them with responsibilities; (6) an organized person, good at organizing,

planning and following through, coordinating the activities of the Canon Law Society of America; (7) a person who can appreciate and contain costs within budgetary limits; (8) a person with public relation skills; (9) a kind, creative, sensitive person with a pleasant personal manner.

Those interested in applying for this position must submit a letter of application to the President, Rev. Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609. The letter should contain the applicant's curriculum vitae, history of involvement with the Canon Law Society of America and references. Deadline for applying is August 15, 2007. ▼

## 2007-2008 Membership Dues

As a result of upgrading our CLSA website, membership will find a section for "Billing Address" which each member can update. This billing address will be merged to the 2007-2008 dues invoice to be mailed at the end of July to each member. If you have not yet done so, please check your entry in the CLSA Electronic Directory or telephone our office if you do not have an available computer. The new invoice form will look much like the older one, but our upgrade allow us to maintain better records of dues payments. Realizing that the new system relies heavily upon the information contained, we ask that any member who has not received by July 15th, his or her 2007-2008 dues invoice contact us by telephone, fax, or mail. ▼

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# Office of the Executive Coordinator Restored after "Flood of 2007"

In the February 2007 CLSA Newsletter, the membership received information about the re-location of the Office of the Executive Coordinator to the Hecker Center for Ministry on Fourth Street, N.E. in Washington, DC. During the second week of occupancy, a four inch water pipe in the fire suppression system burst on the third floor in the early morning hours. For about forty-five minutes, the waters flowed downward in what is popularly known here at the "Flood of 07." Water damage to furniture and files as well as the carpets and walls was rather significant. Fortunately, insurance and the fine workers of Whiting Turner Construction Company



remedied the situation in about six weeks. During the whole time, the office remained open "for business" amid vacuums, dryers, blowers, and drying files and boxes. Today, the

furniture is replaced as are the carpets, walls, and the thousand and one little details that became necessary with the move and the flood! Members can truly be proud of our new office space as it reflects well on the professional appearance of the society, and we believe it will serve the needs of the CLSA for years to come.

We regret any delay in addressing your needs and requests. The Executive Coordinator is presently the only full-time staff at the office with both the administrative assistant and bookkeeper as part-time. While it is not always possible to have someone physically in the office, we do answer telephone messages and e-mails as quickly as possible. ▼

## Spring Meeting of the BOG

The CLSA Board of Governors met April 25 and 26, 2007 at the Hecker Center for Ministry in Washington, DC. The main work of the board consisted in reviewing the reports of the various CLSA committees and also approval of the 2007-2008 CLSA budget as well as consideration of the upcoming pre-convention and convention in Costa Mesa, California. The board extends its gratitude to the members who so generously volunteer their time and talent to carry out CLSA activities. ▼



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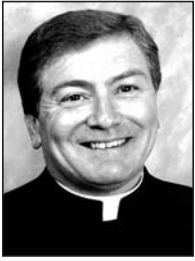
## Accessing the List Serve

Members report that they are not able to access the canon law List Serve from the CLSA website. The List Serve is not connected to the CLSA website. One must contact the Very Reverend Paul Hartmann in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. It is through Paul's generous gift of time and energy that the List Serve is administered and updated. To inquire about List Serve membership contact Paul at hartmannp@archmil.org. ▼

## Housing for Student Priests

Priest-students attending The Catholic University of America summer sessions may wish to consider Paulist College on Fourth Street, N. E. as a possible residence. Space is limited so it would be best to contact the Paulist community about availability. ▼

# CLSA Has Been Enriched by Father Arthur Espelage



*Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone*

**A**s I sit down to write these reflections I'm glancing out of the window looking upon a cloudy sky. The day is cool and raw and I so much want it, or better

still need it, to be summer or at least feel like it. The saying in New England, however, is "if you don't like the weather here, wait a minute!"

As I'm expecting changes in the weather, the Canon Law Society of America will be experiencing changes as it prepares to say goodbye to a good and faithful priest, Father Arthur Espelage, OFM, who has served as Executive Coordinator of the CLSA since 1999. ▼

Father Art has decided to move on after his term expires on June 30, 2008, to pursue new vistas and embrace fresh challenges as he takes on new duties with his religious community. He has been a good friend and mentor to me and to the other presidents he served as well. I appreciate his hospitality, kindness, patience, and willingness to assist in any way he felt he could. I guess it happens to all of us at sometime when we feel we've done our best and have given what we could, and the time has come to say goodbye. We, as a Society, are grateful to you, Father Art, for your hard work for and dedication to the Canon Law Society. We have been enriched by your gifts which you so generously shared with us.

The CLSA has begun a search to surface the names of possible candidates for the Office of Executive Coordinator. I have established a Hiring Committee consisting of me, our Vice President Father Paul Counce, and Father Michael Joyce, a senior consultant on the Board of Governors. This Committee is charged with reviewing applications and interviewing possible candidates for this position and then making recommendations to the Board of Governors to appoint a new Executive Coordinator.

Persons interested in applying for this position are asked to submit a letter of application to me. The letter must contain the individual's curriculum vitae, history of involvement with the Canon Law Society, and references. The list of qualifications and desired personal qualities is provided in the article that appears in this newsletter and on the Society's website. Please send the letter to Rev. Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone, c/o 49 Elm Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01609. Letters must be received no later than August 15, 2007.

The BOG had its first meeting at our new headquarters in the Hecker Center at the Paulist House, in Washington, DC, from April 26-27, 2007. It is a

wonderful facility and should serve our needs quite well. At the meeting I announced the slate of candidates submitted by the Nominations Committee for the 2007 Convention in Costa Mesa, California. Candidates for Vice President/President-elect are: Reverend Daniel A. Smilanic, of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Sister Victoria Vondenberger, R.S.M., of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. For the office of treasurer: Reverend Thomas C. Anslow, CM, of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and J. Michael Ritty, of Fuera Bush, New York. For the office of consultant: Reverend Patrick S. Brennan, of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon; Reverend Philip J. Brown, S.S., Washington, DC; Ms. Zabrina R. Decker, of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee; Ms. Patricia M. Dugan, of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Mr. Lawrence G. Price, of the Diocese of Winona; and Reverend Langes J. Silva, of the Diocese of Salt Lake City. Congratulations and good luck to the candidates and many thanks to Rev.

*(See PRESIDENT, p. 4)*

## IN MEMORIAM

**M**embers are requested to remember in their prayers the following members who have passed away:

Msgr. Wayne Hayes, Diocese of Fresno

Rev. Joseph L. Waters, SSJ

Sr. Anna Walter Mossdorf, OSF

Rev. Michael Ginter, JCL, Diocese of Joliet

Most. Rev. John J. Fitzpatrick, Diocese of Brownsville

Msgr. William Sullivan, Diocese of Richmond

Msgr. William Varvaro, Diocese of Brooklyn ▼

## Honorary Degree Awarded

**M**embers of the CLSA Society and graduates of the Gregorian University in Rome and The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC will be pleased to learn the following. At the 2007 Georgetown Law Center Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 20th, 2007, the civil law faculty awarded an honorary degree to the **Reverend Ladislav Orsy, S.J.**, visiting professor at Georgetown. The society congratulates and salutes Father Orsy on this wonderful recognition by the civil law faculty of Georgetown to one of our renowned canonists and CLSA members. ▼

(PRESIDENT, from p. 3)

Msgr. Craig Cox, Chair, and to the other members of the Nominations Committee for their hard work.

In keeping with a resolution passed during the 2006 convention in Fort Worth, changing the term for consultants and for treasurer from two to three years to provide greater continuity on the BOG, and to allow for a smooth transition to this new term of office, it is necessary to stagger the terms of consultants elected in 2007. Accordingly, the BOG has approved the following: Concerning candidates for consultant, the one receiving the highest number of votes this year will be elected for a three year term; the other two will be elected for a two year term. Starting this year, the person elected to the office of treasurer will be elected for a three year term.

I was invited, along with Father Art Espelage, to attend a reception at the Apostolic Nunciature this past April on the occasion of the second anniversary of Pope Benedict's election. It was a wonderful affair and we were happy to have represented the CLSA. We also attended the annual convention of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland in Gateshead, U.K., just outside of Newcastle, May 7th to

11th. I was well received and made to feel most welcome by the members of our sister society.

Preparations are well underway for our 2007 convention in Costa Mesa, California, October 8th through 11th, at the Hilton Costa Mesa. You should have received your convention packet in the mail. Please make your reservations early at the hotel and send your registration form to the Office of the Executive Coordinator as soon as possible. This convention and location will prove to be very popular, I'm sure. The Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will deliver the keynote address on Monday afternoon, the title of which is the same as the theme of the convention: "Ecclesia Docens, Ecclesia Discerns: The Teaching Church, the Learning Church. There are many seminars planned which promise to be very timely and informative. We have scheduled only one pre-convention workshop which will be on Chancery Issues and presented by Barbara Anne Cusak, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Adequate room will be available to accommodate the attendees.

I'm hoping to see many of you in beautiful Costa Mesa for learning, refreshment and to renew old friendships. I wish you a restful summer! ▼

## Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland Elects Officers

**A**t their annual general meeting, Thursday, May 10, 2007, the Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland elected new officers.

President: Rev. Msgr. David Hogan, of Middlesborough, England

General Secretary: Rev. James O'Kane of Glasgow, Scotland

Treasurer: Rev. Brian McLean of Gallowshade, Scotland

Committee: Rev. Gerard Tartaglia of Glasgow, Scotland

Mr. Paul Barber of London, England

Rev. Luc de Fleurquin of Edegem, Belgium

The new officers will hold their offices for three years. The CLSA congratulates our sister society's new officers and looks forward to continued cooperation with the CLSGB & I. Members attending the Costa Mesa CLSA convention will have the opportunity to meet the English Society's President, Monsignor David Hogan. ▼

## CLSA Scholarship Appeal Results

Due to the relocation of the Executive Coordinator's Office, the annual CLSA Scholarship appeal was delayed from Advent to Lent this year. Thanks to the hard work of the Scholarship Committee, the appeal this year brought in a total of \$11,430.00 with \$7,560 going to the domestic scholarship and \$3,870 going to the international fund. The society is especially grateful to two donors who contributed \$5000.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively. ▼

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All orders for books should be addressed to CLSA Publications at the Maryland address and not the Office of the Executive Coordinator in Washington, DC. ▼

## Reverend Koury's New E-mail

The Editor of Roman Replies, the Reverend Joseph Koury, wishes the membership to receive his new e-mail address: [jjkoury622@adelphia.net](mailto:jjkoury622@adelphia.net). If you have electronic copies of documents for consideration in the 2007 issue of *Roman Replies & CLSA Advisory Opinions*, please send them to Joseph at this new address. Hard copies may be mailed to him at the address listed in the electronic membership directory or to the Office of the Executive Coordinator for re-mailing to Joseph. ▼

**CLSA Resolution Form  
Costa Mesa, CA 2007**

PROPOSED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE

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STATEMENT OF RATIONALE

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

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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IMPLEMENTATION BY MEANS OF

*(Committee assignment, task force, report/study)*

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ANTICIPATED COST \_\_\_\_\_

COST SUPPLIED BY \_\_\_\_\_

GUIDELINES FOR RESOLUTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

# GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTING RESOLUTIONS

*Resolutions are central to the functioning of the Canon Law Society of America. A majority of the research activities and special publications of the Society are a result of proposals to the Annual Meeting of the CLSA in the form of resolutions. (Revised 1 May 2004)*

## Criteria for Submitting Resolutions (CLSA By-Law No. 3b)

1. Their content shall be simple, precise, direct and in language befitting a professional society; vague or ambiguous phrases should be avoided, and “whereas” clauses should be kept at a minimum.
  - Resolution wording is to be clear and specific concerning its intended outcome;
  - Resolutions generally call for some action to be taken on the part of the Society. Therefore, the following terms serve to clarify the resolution:
    - receive** – if the CLSA is asked to recognize the completed work of the group or committee;
    - accept** – if the CLSA is asked to recognize the completed work of the group or committee and to agree with the work produced;
    - endorse** – if the CLSA is asked recognize the completed work of the group or committee, to agree with the work produced and to make the work its own (*fullest commitment available*).
2. They shall be positive in nature, and in keeping with the scope, purpose and resources of the Society.
  - Resolutions should avoid criticism of persons and be worded so as to improve existing structures and serve to build and encourage the work of the CLSA;
  - Resolutions should fit within the context of the overall purpose of the Society and may not be contra legem;
  - Anticipated costs for implementation of the resolution should be realistic and definite (avoiding such phrases as “costs minimal”);
  - If costs are anticipated, it is requested that the author(s) contact the Office of Executive Coordinator for guidelines;
  - Resolutions should be clear about how much human resource will be needed to achieve the resolution’s intended outcome.

## The Contents of the Written Resolution

1. **Proposed by** – The name(s) of the author(s) proposing the resolution;
2. **Title** – The title should focus the membership on the point of the resolution;
3. **Statement of Rationale** – (The “Whereas” clause) Should be a brief statement presenting the background and foundation for the resolution;
4. **Be It Resolved That** – This is the heart of the resolution whereby a simple, precise and direct statement proposes the intended outcome;
5. **Implementation By Means Of** – A clear statement presenting the timeline for completion, human resources required and anticipated costs.

Once the resolution has been written, it may be submitted directly to the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee will then review the resolution. If changes are necessary, the Chairperson will contact the author for further discussion. Clarifications, modifications and amendments, may also be made to the resolution by CLSA members, with the concurrence of the author(s), at the Resolutions Hearing and the Annual Business Meeting. Resolutions may also be presented at the time of the Resolutions Hearing or the Business Meeting. Should this be the case the “member shall read the resolution and explain it briefly and submit one copy of the resolution in writing.” Submit the resolution(s) to the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee:

Rev. John R. Vaughn  
610 Locust Street  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Office: 270-683-6525  
Fax: 270-683-3621

Resolutions received **before August 4** will be included in the CLSA *Newsletter*.

# CLSA Convention Set for October 8-11 in California

The 69th Annual Canon Law Society of America Convention will take place at the Hilton Costa Mesa Hotel, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 from Monday, October 8th 2007 to Thursday, October 11th 2007. Convention programs and Registration Forms were mailed out in mid May as there was a delay with the printer. Our thanks to the members who alerted us

to the numerical discrepancies of days and dates, lest anyone foul up their airline and hotel reservations. These dates were noticed in the preparation, but escaped correction at the printer and subsequent proof reading. Fees for this year's convention are \$275.00 for Active and Associate Members; 225.00 for Student members; and \$300.00 for a non member. Increases this year arose to meet the constitutional mandate that

CLSA conventions be self-supporting. As of Memorial Day a dozen members have registered for this year's convention.

For members who wish to propose a resolution for the October business meeting, a resolution form is included with this newsletter. Please mail the completed resolution form to the chair of the Resolutions committee as indicated on the form. ▼

*Registration Form*

## 69TH ANNUAL CLSA CONVENTION COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 8 – 12, 2007

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ RI \_\_\_\_\_

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PERSON TO CONTACT IN EMERGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form and registration fee to:** OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR, The Hecker Center, Suite 111, 3025 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017-1102.

**Make checks payable to:** CANON LAW SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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OFFICE USE: Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ CC# Approval \_\_\_\_\_

- Active Member \$275.00
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- Non-Member \$300.00

Please circle appropriate response  
**Banquet --Wednesday** YES NO

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SEMINARS YOU WISH TO ATTEND.

THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE USED FOR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AT THE CONVENTION.

### Tuesday, October 10, 2006

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

- Zavala: Right to Hear the Word of God
- Martens: Nature of Authority of Roman Documents
- Quirk: Cohabitation
- Smilanic: Clergy Personnel Files in Allegations

11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

- Decker: Marriage Preparation Programs
- Smith: A Catholic School for Every Parish
- Vondenberger: Anorexia and Bulimia
- Vigil: Evangelizing the Latino Community

1:45 – 2:30

- Candidates Forum

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

- Quirk: Repeat
- Smith: Repeat
- Free for Caucus Meetings
- Free for Caucus Meetings

### Wednesday, October 11, 2006

- Vigil: Repeat
- Decker: Repeat
- Martens: Repeat
- Laverone: Repeat

# CLSA Website Upgrades and Developments

The webmaster upgraded the CLSA website over the Memorial Day weekend. Some noticeable enhancements can be viewed as a result of the upgrade.

- A billing address section is now available which each member can update. This will be useful in situations where a member receives his CLSA mail at a home location but his or her dues are paid from another location, as for example, a tribunal office.
- In both a member's profile and the billing address areas, the "country" field is now a select /drop down so that there is consistency in entries
- The Calendar of Events icon on the home page now has a "year" view.

Within the Year view you can move to next and previous years. Also days that have events are now highlighted in yellow squares.

- The website now has increased security and performance items.
- Autocomplete features were added to data entry fields where applicable for the members profile and billing address forms.
- A new entry, *Group des Canonistes Francophones de Belgique (GFC)* recently listed their canon law society on our website.

The Executive Coordinator's Office wishes to thank members who have suggested possible improvements for our website. ▼

## Advocacy List

Over the last five years, a number of CLSA members have made themselves available as volunteer canonical counsel and advocate in a variety of cases: church and school closings, alienation of temporal goods, religious law, and as advocates for clergy accused of abuse of minors. The Executive Coordinator does not maintain a written list of names of canonists since their availability varies. Nonetheless, the Executive Coordinator

attempts to respond to requests of individuals by providing two or three names as possible referrals based on geography and individual needs. Individuals are free to contact these or other individuals for canonical information. This particular method seems to function well for the information available. If you are a canon lawyer with a specialized field of expertise and wish to bring this information to the Executive Coordinator, please contact the office at your convenience. ▼

## Edward Cardinal Egan Chair in Canon Law

Catholic New York, (www.cny.org), the Archdiocese of New York's newspaper, recently announced that the Rev. Michael Martine, JCL, a 2006 graduate of The Catholic University of America, recently has been named as the first holder of the Edward Cardinal Egan Chair in Canon Law at St. Joseph's Seminary in New York. Since his graduation, Father Martine serves as professor and chairman of the canon law department at St. Joseph's. He has also served as the seminary's procurator. This is quite an honor for Fr. Martine who was ordained in 1997. ▼

### NEW MEMBERS

- Ms. Valerie Deschenes-Gilbert  
Grand Rapids, MI.
- Ms. Dorota Majcher  
Owensboro, KY.
- Ms. Mary F. Tarver  
Ottawa, Ontario
- Mr. James A. Hayes, Jr.  
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- Rev. Jesu Pudumai Doss, SDB  
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