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CLSA ANNOUNCES THREE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2012 Scholarship Awardees

This year, we are pleased to announce, three scholarship recipients have been selected: Ms. Sarah R. Lauhead, beginning her canon law studies at the Universidad de Navarra; Mr. N. Travis Rankin, for the remaining year needed to complete his JCL at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven; and Mr. Carlos J. Sacasa, for completion of his JCL at The Catholic University of America. All three recipients are lay persons pursuing their licentiates in canon law, with commitments to serve the canonical community within the United States after graduation.



Ms. Lauhead, a 2012 awardee, begins her canonical studies in Spain this fall.

Please join the Society in congratulating these three fine scholars.

Update: 2012 Scholarship Appeal

As you know, the CLSA Scholarship Fund offers award money to students pursuing licentiate degrees in canon law. CLSA members continue to generously support this important effort. One hundred percent of your contribution goes directly into a fund that provides tuition assistance to deserving students. The CLSA Scholarship Fund is a sign of our pledge as a Society to promote the study of canon law and demonstrates our commitment to educate and encourage future generations of canon lawyers.

The 2012 Annual Scholarship Appeal letters were mailed to members during Lent. So far this year, the response has been wonderful with the average donation being over \$100! Thank you for your generosity! Yet, when we look at the data, we see that less than 5% of our 1,447 members have made a contribution this year. A mere seventeen additional donations would push that number over 6%. We understand that many continue to face economic challenges, but please consider donating to the CLSA Scholarship Fund this year. No donation is too small. To donate online, visit www.clsa.org/scholarship.

On behalf of the CLSA and all scholarship recipients, past and present, thank you for your continued support of the Canon Law Society of America and the CLSA Scholarship Fund. ♦

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

Submissions Requested by August 15, 2012

The Resolutions Committee encourages members to submit resolutions by August 15 for consideration at the 2012 Annual Business Meeting.

Visit www.clsa.org/?page=12resolution for guidelines and a resolutions form. You may either download, print, and mail a resolution form, or submit your resolution [online through our website](#).

Congrats To All 2012 JCL Graduates!



CLSA Student members, Rev. John Chrysostom Kozlowski, OP, Rev. Ricardo Martin, Mrs. Susan Mulheron, and Ms. Amy Tadlock smile during their May 12 graduation at The Catholic University of America.



Mr. Sean Doyle, a CLSA Student Member, poses with Cardinal Donald Wuerl following the CUA graduation ceremony.

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PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS



Ordinary Time is an Extraordinary Time

Mrs. Rita F. Joyce

These reflections, according to the publication schedule for our newsletter this year, follow the liturgical calendar. I have written in Advent, Lent, and now as the Easter season concludes it is the celebration of Pentecost. I pray that each one of you receive the gifts and blessings of the Holy Spirit in your daily work.

Whether we teach in a university, serve in the chanceries of our dioceses, work in our church tribunals, or offer consultation and advocacy, we need the gifts of the Spirit to be faithful and effective in our ministries. As we turn back again to ordinary time, a period of new life and grace in the church when through the Gospel stories, Christ walks among us, my wish for all of you is an extraordinary summer with opportunity for relaxation and refreshment.

Hopefully, you will have the gift of some time off to refresh and recharge. Even if our lives do not revolve around the academic calendar, somehow, when September arrives our lives are propelled into a state of activity. If we are able to seize the time to refresh and renew we are better able to handle the demands of our ministries.

While [our convention](#) seems far away, the chairs of our convention committees, as well as those on the local level in Chicago, are hard at work to finalize the details for our [74th annual gathering](#). On behalf of the Board of Governors, I express our gratitude to each of them for their diligent efforts and I urge all of you to consider setting aside the four days in October to join us for our annual convention.

The Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland held its annual convention in Edinburgh, Scotland in early May. Msgr. David Hogan and the CLSGB&I were gracious hosts. The meetings of the Society were all held in plenary session, with all meal functions as a group. This proved to be a delightful experience as I had the opportunity to meet many canonists from England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. Some of our U.S. members attend regularly and it was a good occasion to spend time with them as well. Guests were there from the Australia & New Zealand Society as well as members from our near neighboring society, the Canadian Canon Law Society. CLSA member Archbishop Joseph Tobin, CSsR presented the opening address on religious as members of the diocesan presbyterate. Other topics dealt with aspects of religious law, judicial penal trials, the principle of subsidiary, priest penitent privilege, and procedural requirements in marriage nullity. I am grateful to our Society for the privilege of attending the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The 2012-2013 fiscal year Membership Dues Invoices will be mailed to members on July 1, 2012. Please remember that only those who pay this year's dues will continue to receive the quarterly CLSA eNewsletters and be mailed the 2012 Proceedings. We ask that members pay their dues by October 1, 2012.

Once logged into www.clsa.org (using your existing username and password), click on 'Membership Info' to easily make your payment online.

When making your dues payment, please review and verify all your information we have in our database. ♦

Our committees continue to work under the guidance of Vice President, Rev. John Vaughan. The Committee on Church Governance will soon be posting notices of important civil legal decisions that affect church life. The Publications Advisory Board continues to work on an electronic database for canonical resources as well as envision the future for CLSA publications. Additionally, in June, the second printing of the *Code of Canon Law, Latin- English Edition*, with the *Omnium in mentem* changes included, is available in flex-cover format. Other publications such as *Canon Law Digest 14* and an English translation of *Latin Pastor and Oriental Faithful* will be available in the fall. The Research and Development Committee has been hard at work selecting a theme for our 2014 convention. Thank you to the Sacramental Law, Nominations, Laity, Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, and Clergy Committees, and the special Work Group on the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Symposium grant, for your continued efforts to advance the Canon Law Society of America.

Prayerful best wishes to two of our members, Msgr. Robert McGuckin, past president of CLANZ, on being named the Bishop of Toowoomba, Queensland, and to Msgr. Wayne Kirkpatrick, current president of the Canadian Canon Law Society, on being named the auxiliary bishop of Toronto, Ontario. Please keep them in prayer as they bring their many gifts to the People of God in a new way. ♦

Farewell to Katie: We Will Miss You

In early July, Katie will be leaving the CLSA for a position as Director of Advancement at St. Joseph's Parish School in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

In the almost four years that Katie has been with us, she has contributed greatly to the office reorganization, website development, and technology upgrades in service to our members. Her friendly manner and generous spirit will be missed by all who have come to know her. I know you join me in wishing her much happiness in her new position. - Sr. Sharon Euart, RSM ♦

TURNING EAST IN THE EASTERN REGION

Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists Held in Philadelphia

Rev. Msgr. Peter D. Waslo

During the days of May 8–10, the Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists (ERCC), met in Philadelphia for its annual spring conference with approximately forty canonists attending. The Archeparchy of Philadelphia of the Ukrainian Church *sui iuris* hosted the three-day conference at the Marriott Downtown Hotel in Philadelphia.

The first presentation was given by Most Rev. David Motiuk of the Eparchy of Edmonton. His talk focused on *Eastern Catholics in a Western World: Challenges and Opportunities*. It was an overview of Eastern Catholics in the world outside of their territories and the challenges faced by them today. Specific attention was given to the Christians of the Middle East and the migration from their homelands. He also pointed out the differences between sacramental and liturgical celebrations of the faith, their impact in the local communities and in families.

The second presenter was Msgr. Thomas Green, professor of

canon law at The Catholic University of America. His talk, *Penal Law: An Eastern Perspective*, gave an overview of penal law dealing with crimes and offenses perpetuated in the church. Msgr. Green stressed the pastoral nature of the Eastern Code and its simplicity of structure. According to Green, this is because the CCEO was written for the twenty-one Eastern Catholic Churches *sui iuris*, while the CIC was written only for the Latin Church *sui iuris*.



Approximately forty canonists gathered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the 2012 ERCC Meeting this past May.

The third presenter was Rev. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv., professor of canon law at St. Paul University in Ottawa. His presentation, *Canonical Studies: Making the Case for a Course on Conflict of Laws*, looked at the two codes of the Church and how they are written for each specific Church, and not for the other. He examined inter-ecclesial conflicts or problems that arise. In particular, Fr. Abbass talked of his own experience being raised in the Latin Church, entering the Conventional Franciscans, and discovering that he was a member of the Maronite Church *sui iuris*. He proposed that just as civil law examines “conflict of laws”, canon law should do the same.

The highlight of the three days was an excursion to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and a luncheon afterwards. In his homily to the attendees, Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka stated, “it is your passionate living out of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which will in turn provide for the miracles of faith which so often are searched for by you and your peers, and the Holy Church in the valued work you do.” He continued, “canonists become known and valued for their expertise in response to challenges facing the Church.” To further the work of canon law, the Archbishop encouraged attendees to utilize social media to better educate the faithful.

Having concluded this year’s conference, it was announced that next year’s conference will be held in the Diocese of Savannah, Georgia. ♦

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AN ‘OLDIE BUT GOODIE’

Sponsorship in the United States Context: Theory and Praxis

Edited by Rosemary Smith, SC, Warren Brown, OMI, and Nancy Reynolds, SP

What does it mean for a diocese or religious congregation to “sponsor” a school, hospital, or social service organization? This important and timely book addresses topics such as: Catholic identity, governance, administration of ecclesiastical goods, charisma, collaboration, juridic personality, and civil incorporation. The result of a CLSA sponsored symposium, it includes chapters written by John Beal, Patricia Dugan, Francis Morrissey, OMI, Paul Golden, CM, and Patricia Smith, OSF. This book is a valuable canon law resource for canon lawyers, civil lawyers, and those involved in ecclesial ministries of health care, education, and social services. CLSA member price is \$31.00; non-member price is \$35.00. Softcover. 175 pages.

[Order online today!](#) ♦

UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR



Office Assists with Increased Student Membership

Sr. Sharon A. Euart, RSM

Although only slightly more than two months have passed since the last issue of the *eNewsletter*, the Office of the Executive Coordinator has been involved in a variety of activities. We hosted the Board of Governors in April at the TownePlace Suites BWI and the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Work Group in late May. We look forward to hosting the Research and Development Committee and the Publications Advisory Board in late June and early July respectively.

Our OEC staff, Katie Richards and Amy Tadlock, serve the Society and its members in a variety of ways, from editing changes in the text of the *Code of Canon Law: Latin-English Edition* for the second printing, assisting in preparations for an Open House for CUA canon law students, and preparing the initial draft of the 2012-2013 CLSA budget. We are very fortunate to have Amy and Katie and the gifts they bring.

The collection of 2011-2012 dues continues to go beyond expectations. As of May 31, 2012, we have received 104.79% of the total budgeted dues income. This very positive response is due in large part to an overwhelming number of new members.

Speaking of new members, we continue to experience an increase of JCL students joining the CLSA. Our office hosted a Spring Open House for canon law students at CUA, at which we shared the benefits of membership, offered discounts on publications, and provided free materials and some out-of-print publications. Similarly, each February, the CLSA president meets with JCL students at St. Paul's. Additionally, during the biennial visit of the president, vice-president, and executive coordinator to Rome, a meeting with canon law students of the Roman universities is a highlight of the schedule.

Currently, we have seventy-seven student members: forty-nine from The Catholic University of America, eleven from St. Paul's, and seventeen from other pontifical universities throughout the world. This is a wonderful experience for the Society and a hopeful sign for the future. We continue to look for opportunities to assist canon law students in their studies and in their early experience of canonical ministry. Many of our members serve

as mentors to new canonists, a relationship that often benefits both the new canonist and the experienced one!

We are moving forward with planning for CLSA webinars. We have consulted other groups who have experience with this type of web-based meeting. We have identified potential topics for which we often receive requests for materials: for example, Book Six revisions, parish closings, marriage/tribunal topics which would enable entire tribunal staffs to view the webinar as a continuing education opportunity, and clergy issues. The financial arrangements depend on the type of service used – annual fee or fee per computer used. CLSA webinars will not be completely free; we intend to charge a nominal fee to generate some revenue. I hope to have the program initiated by the fall. At least initially, we plan to have the presenter with us in the OEC for the broadcast. Look for more on these developments in the September issue of the *eNewsletter*.



The Board of Governors convened in April.

In early May we sent an e-mail to our membership updating you on the recent publication activity. As you can see, much has happened in this area over the past several months. The reprint of the [Code of Canon Law: Latin-English Translation](#) is now available. Also, the Society has partnered with the biblical software company [LOGOS](#) to include both codes within their already established electronic library. And finally, the OEC, with much of the work being completed by Amy, has finalized an [online index of all published Advisory Opinions](#); grouped by canon number. The index will aide those looking for canonical opinions by providing a direct link to the originally published volume in the [CLSA online store](#), either in print or electronic format (as a downloadable .pdf file). CLSA members may download these files for free and receive discounts on printed volumes.

We are very pleased with the returns from the 2012 Scholarship appeal. Letters were mailed at the beginning of Lent and we continue to receive contributions with several being made in memory of individuals, especially former members of the Society who are deceased. We are grateful to the Regional Conferences who have made contributions to the fund: the Midwest Regional and the Eastern Regional. We are pleased to announce that three scholarships have been awarded for 2012, see [page 1](#) for more on the recipients.

If you have not already received it, you will be receiving the [2012 Convention Brochure](#) which contains information about the program, registration procedures, details about the site, and nominations for office. It promises to be an excellent convention at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago. See [page 5](#) of this *eNewsletter* for more information.

We wish you a wonderful summer with time for relaxation and reflection. ♦

JOIN US IN CHICAGO!

October 8-11, 2012

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Convention program has been completed, and the brochure was mailed to members following Memorial Day. We hope to see you there!

Pre-Convention Workshops

Two pre-convention workshops will be offered this year in conjunction with the annual convention:

- *Mine, Yours, and Ours: Canonically Altering Parishes and Churches in the 21st Century*

Presented by: Very Rev. Lawrence A. DiNardo, Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Rev. Edward M. Lohse, Congregation for Clergy

- *Making for a Better Fit: More on U.S. Tribunals and the Roman Rota*

Presented by: Most Rev. Msgr. David-Maria A. Jaeger, OFM, Roman Rota

Convention Registration Fees

This year, your registration fees includes: entrance to presentations, convention materials, cocktail reception on Monday, continental breakfast Tuesday through Thursday, buffet lunch Tuesday and Wednesday, and a banquet dinner Wednesday night.

For More Information:

www.clsa.org/2012convention

Archdiocesan Sponsored Outing

The Department of Canonical Services and the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago are offering a tour of Holy Name Cathedral in downtown Chicago on Tuesday, October 9. This outing is free to those who wish to participate.



For more information, visit www.clsa.org/2012convention.

Register Today!

Visit www.clsa.org/2012convention to register for the convention. Early Bird Registration ends September 6.

Discounted room rates at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare are secured through September 6, and may be made online (www.clsa.org/2012convention) or by phone (847-696-1234). ♦

PUBLICATION UPDATES

Code of Canon Law: Latin-English Edition Second Printing

The second printing of the *Code of Canon Law: Latin-English Edition* is a soft, flex-cover book, slightly smaller, lighter, and easier to carry than the 1999 edition. With the permission of the Holy See, it also includes the changes in the five canons promulgated in the 2009 apostolic letter *Omnium in mentem*. Purchase your copies today for \$25 (for members) or \$30.00 (for non-members) in the online bookstore: www.clsa.org/bookstore.

LOGOS Partnership

The *Code of Canon Law: Latin-English Edition* (second printing) and the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* are under development to be included within LOGOS's electronic library, accessible via your smart phone, eReader, and/or your computer. The [codes are available as a separate purchase](#) for \$39.95, and will soon be included within the larger Catholic packages. For more information about LOGOS and their Catholic library, visit www.logos.com/catholiclibrary. ♦

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new members who have joined the Society since March 2012.

Rev. Paul J. Appel
Davenport, IA

Mr. Joseph Avanzato
Providence, RI

Rev. Jesus Del Angel Leon
Fresno, CA

Rev. Albert A. Dello Russo
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Mr. Adam Dickerson
Pennsylvania, PA

Mr. Blake Dominguez
Austin, TX

Dcn. Jay C. Frantz
Covington, LA

Mr. Thomas J. Giblin
Ridgewood, NJ

Mr. Matthew Glover
Little Rock, AR

Rev. Luis Luna
Cromwell, CT

Mr. Philip Maloney
Sydney, New South Wales

Rev. C. Thomas Miles
Charleston, SC

Mr. Timothy M. Olson
Fargo, ND

Ms. Michelle C. O'Rourke
Woburn, MA

Rev. Ernesto Reynoso
Tempe, AZ

Ms. Susan Rivett
Adelaide, South Australia

Ms. Maria M. Van der Ree
Lima, Peru

Rev. Balappa Selvaraj
Smyrna, GA