Canon Law Society of America

78th Annual Convention
October 10-13, 2016
The Houston Marriott Westchase
Houston, Texas
Collegiality and Synodality

On the day of his election, Jorge Bergoglio – Pope Francis – did as Pope Saint John Paul II had done on the day of his election thirty-five years before: he did not refer to himself as the Successor Peter, but rather as Bishop of Rome. Pope Francis’ point of departure, however, was that he did so in starkly relational terms: “And now, we take up this journey: Bishop and People. This journey of the Church of Rome which presides in charity over all the Churches. A journey of fraternity, of love, of trust among us.”

A tone was set that evening in March, one that would be repeated over and again, becoming somewhat programmatic when the Holy Father addressed a celebration commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops on the 17th of October, 2015. He said:

From the beginning of my ministry as Bishop of Rome, I sought to enhance the Synod, which is one of the most precious legacies of the Second Vatican Council … It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church in the third millennium.

For Pope Francis, the very name “synod” means a “journeying together.” A synodal Church is one “which listens … a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other.”

Synodality is a “constitutive element of the Church … the most appropriate interpretive framework for understanding the hierarchal ministry itself.” Indeed, “Church and Synod are synonymous.”

In that presentation Pope Francis indicated how synodality occurs on three levels. The first “is had in the particular Churches,” in the Diocesan Synod and “organs of communion” including the presbyteral council, college of consultors, chapters of canons, and pastoral councils. The second level is that of “Ecclesiastical Provinces and Ecclesiastical Regions, Particular Councils and, in a special way, Conferences of Bishops.” The third and final level is that of the universal Church, where the Synod of Bishops “becomes an expression of episcopal collegiality within an entirely synodal Church.” Here, he makes reference to the “conversion of the papacy” he called for in para. 30 of his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium.

We can say that “collegiality refers to the Pope governing the Church in collaboration with the bishops of the local Churches, respecting their proper autonomy. Synodality is the practical expression of the participation of the local Church in the governance of the universal Church, through deliberative bodies” (“Synodality, collegiality: two keys to the coming Francis reform.” See https://cvcomment.org/2013/08/28/synodality-collegiality-two-keys-to-the-coming-francis-reform/).

The Holy Father declared himself “committed to build a synodal Church.” It is, he declared, “a mission to which we are all called, each with the role entrusted [him/her] by the Lord.” The implications for canonists are enormous!

The Seventy-eighth Convention picks up where the Seventy-seventh ended: by delving deeper into the structures borne of communio with the twin “keys” of collegiality and synodality.
Welcome to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston!

The history of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is intertwined with the history of the Church in Texas, beginning with the arrival of Spanish explorers and missionaries in the 16th Century. Franciscan friars established missions throughout Texas and the Southwest to care for native peoples and new settlers. Following the Texas War of Independence in 1836, Catholics found themselves cut off from Church authorities in Mexico and appealed to Rome for assistance. In response to these appeals, Pope Gregory XVI designated the Republic of Texas as an Apostolic Prefecture in 1839.

In 1841, Pope Gregory XVI raised the Prefecture of Texas to an Apostolic Vicariate, and six years later, Pope Pius IX created the Diocese of Galveston with Bishop Jean Marie Odin, C.M., as the first bishop. St. Mary’s Church in Galveston was named the Cathedral of the new diocese. Acknowledging the growth of the Houston area, the diocese was re-designated “Galveston-Houston” in 1959, and Bishop Wendelin Nold, the first native Texas bishop of the diocese, named Sacred Heart Church in Houston as the Co-Cathedral. Forty-five years later, in 2004, the diocese would be elevated to an Archdiocese.

Daniel N. DiNardo became the eighth Ordinary of the Archdiocese in 2006, and on October 17, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop DiNardo to the College of Cardinals, creating the first Cardinal for Texas and for the Southwest. This appointment honored not only the Cardinal himself, but also the centuries of Catholic mission and ministry in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the Church in Texas.

In 1840, Texas encompassed only five parishes, serving 12,000 Catholics. Today the Archdiocese serves 1.652 million Catholics, from all backgrounds, in 147 parishes and seven missions. Cardinal DiNardo is assisted by Auxiliary Bishop George A. Sheltz, with Auxiliary Emeritus Vincent Rizzotto (retired) and Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza. Previous auxiliaries have included Bishops John McCarthy; Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., James Tamayo, Joe Vasquez, and the late Enrique San Pedro, S.J.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is one of fifteen dioceses in Texas, making the Texas province the largest in the world. The Canon Law Society is pleased to celebrate this Seventy-Eighth Convention in the Lone Star State, and we are grateful for the assistance and planning of our host archdiocese and tribunal.

Welcome to Houston!

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Pre-Convention Workshops

Two pre-convention workshops are offered this year in conjunction with our annual convention. An additional registration fee of $275 per person is required for participation in a workshop. (Please select only one.) Workshops begin Sunday, October 9, 2016. The full pre-convention schedule may be found on page 5.

Workshop 1. Practical Responses to Same-Sex Attraction and Gender Dysphoria: Ethical, Canonical, and Pastoral Considerations

*Dr. Diane L. Barr, JD, JCD*
*John A. Di Camillo, Ph.D., Be.L.*

Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (“LGBTQ”) issues have become increasingly prominent in media, culture, politics, law, education, and health care, presenting ministries of the Catholic Church with profound questions. This workshop will encourage reflection and discussion through an examination of the various ethical, canonical, and practical pastoral challenges that arise in ministering to persons experiencing same-sex attraction (gay, lesbian, bisexual), gender dysphoria (transgender), or uncertainty of sexual orientation or identity (questioning). The workshop will address theological, anthropological, and scientific aspects of human sexuality as they relate to same-sex attraction and gender dysphoria. This will help inform responses to a variety of questions facing diocesan and pastoral leaders, including proper treatment of adults and children, health care access, assistance through Catholic Charities, Catholic education, admission to marriage, orders, or religious life, and sacramental assistance in our parishes. Participants will use an active problem-based format to consider the application of the Church’s current teachings on this subject in a variety of Catholic environments.

Workshop 2. An Abbreviated Rotal Matrimonial Processes Course in Light of Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus; and Mitis et Misericors Iesus

*Most Rev. Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto, accompanied by Rotal Auditor(s)*

Offered by Most Rev. Msgr. Pio Vinto Pinto, Dean of the Roman Rota, with the assistance of Rotal Auditor(s), this workshop will explore various tenets of M.P. Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus and M.P. Mitis et Misericors Iesus. The workshop will feature a series of lectures on such topics as:

- Ecclesiological Foundation of the New Matrimonial Process
- Fundamental Criteria of the Reform of Pope Frances in Matrimonial Process
- The Ordinary Process, The Competent Fora, and The Right to Impugn a Marriage
- Introduction and Instruction of a Case
- The Sentence: Its Challenge and Effectiveness
- The Processus Brevior before the Bishop: I. Historical Roots. II. Presuppositions. III. Structure. IV. Dynamics. V. The Appeal.
- Practical Considerations and Examination of a Case

In addition to group discussion, there will be time devoted to questions on Monday.
Pre-Convention Schedule

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**
- 5:00pm  Registration begins

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**
- 7:30am  Eucharist
- 8:00am  Continental Breakfast; Registration continues
- 9:00am  Workshops begin
- 10:30am  Coffee and Tea Break
- 10:45am  Workshops resume
- 12:00pm  Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30pm  Workshops resume
- 3:00pm  Coffee and Tea Break
- 3:15pm  Workshops resume
- 5:00pm  Reception

**Monday, October 10, 2016**
- 7:30am  Eucharist
- 8:00am  Continental Breakfast
- 9:00am  Workshops resume
- 10:30am  Coffee and Tea Break
- 10:45am  Workshops resume
- 12:00pm  Workshops conclude

Convention Schedule

**Please note:** Unless otherwise noted, all meal/beverage offerings listed are provided with your registration fee, including lunch on Tuesday.

**Monday, October 10, 2016**
- 12pm  2016-2017 Committee Chair Luncheon *(by invitation)*
- 1pm  Registration Begins and Exhibits Open
- 4pm  Opening Prayer and Welcome
- 4:30pm  Keynote Address
  - **Pope Francis: Fresh Perspectives on Synodality**
    - His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington

Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has focused on the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, particularly in *Lumen Gentium*, on the role of the bishops in communion with Peter in the overall responsibility for the life and mission of the Church. This emphasis on collegiality finds expression in the post-conciliar life of the Church in the Synods. Our Holy Father engages the Synod as it has been structured since the days of Pope Paul VI as the instrument to bring to fuller maturation the level of collegiality that the Council Fathers envisioned. Having as reference points the experience of the last two Synods and the post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Amoris*
Laetitia, this presentation intends to reflect on the value and achievements of the emphasis on Synodality.

6pm Opening Reception

**Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

7:30am Liturgy for the Deceased Members of the CLSA

8am Continental Breakfast

9am Seminars

A1. **Partings: Separation of Members from Religious Institutes or Societies of Apostolic Life**  
*Rev. Michael Joyce, CM, JCD*

This seminar examines the various forms of separation of members from religious institutes or societies of apostolic life. The procedures differ according to the kind of commitment that has been made. The seminar will be attentive to the praxis curiae when appropriate in granting the rescript of separation.

A2. **Responding to a New Allegation of Sexual Abuse of Minors After Resolution of Previous Allegations**  
*Rev. Msgr. Frederick Easton, JCL*

It has been about fourteen years since the approval of the *Charter* and *Essential Norms*, and since that time, very many allegations of sex abuse of minors by clergy have been addressed in a variety of ways. However, reports of additional allegations against a cleric who has already been punished may arise. The purpose of this seminar is to explore the possible scenarios which may arise, including reports of other types of ecclesiastical delicts, and suggest possible procedural approaches to addressing them.

A3. **Is It Time to Rewrite the Code’s Canons Pertaining to Diocesan Archives?**  
*John J. Treanor, MA, CA, CRM*

Diocesan archives are mandated by the *Code of Canon Law*. How that mandate is applied varies widely from diocese to diocese, due to interpretation and application of the law. Since the last rewrite of the Code in the early 1980s, the world has undergone a revolution in the way records are created, stored, and managed. During that time, the Catholic Church has been challenged by an international misconduct scandal that has, at its core, serious record-keeping challenges and issues. The nation’s most experienced Diocesan Archivist and Records Manager examines the pertinent canons that apply to diocesan archives, and offers a rational critique of what works and what needs to be readdressed by canonists.
In causes of nullity of marriage, there are typically not two parties, but three: the spouses and the Defender of the Bond. As equal parties, they all enjoy the right to challenge the sentence. In what ways can the Defender of the Bond do this? Has this changed in any way because of Mitis iudex? This presentation will propose answers to these and related questions.

10:30am  Coffee and Tea Break
11am   Seminars

B1. Reflections on the 2015 Synod of the Family
    Rev. Msgr. Patrick Lagges, JCD
This seminar will reflect upon the concept of synodality as it is developing in the West. It will also show the synods as a reflection of the sensus fidelium, and show how that influenced the preparation of the final document.

B2. Psychological Assessment and Therapy for Accused Clerics: Canonical and Moral Issues
    Rev. Paul Golden, CM, JCD
After being accused of a delict, the cleric is often invited to go to a therapy center for assessment and possible residential therapy. This seminar will explore the canonical and moral issues associated with this process, including voluntary consent, reasons for an assessment, signing the release form, assessment tools, use of the psychological report, future in-patient versus out-patient therapy, and other associated questions.

B3. Employment in the Church: Canon and Civil Law Issues
    Rita F. Joyce, JCL, JD and Mary E. Santi, JCL
Catholic Church employers encounter challenges in remaining true to the Church’s mission and complying with the complex range of civil regulatory requirements. This session will explore the interrelationship between canon law and civil law as it relates to human resources policies. Participants will learn practical ways in which canon law applies to church employment issues.

B4. Collaboration in Adjudication
    Zabrina Decker, JCD
As Declarations of Nullity become more complex, many specializations are needed to assist judges in bringing cases to decision. This presentation will focus on the varied expertise needed in the adjudication of marriage cases found in advocates, auditors, experts, notaries and those indulted to assist who do not possess the JCL. Suggestions for training and successful collaboration as well as challenges will be shared.
C1. **Canon 1055 Revisited: Have We Been Missing Something?**  
*Rev. Roger H. Keeler, JCD*  
*Lori Peery, JCL-Candidate*

By exegeting this foundational canon in Title VII, the presenters will explore some of the canonical implications raised, particularly in light of recent conversation around the importance of faith for marital consent, and the emphasis on marriage preparation found in *Amoris Laetitia*.

C2. **Welcome Mats and Open Doors: Welcoming New Religious Communities into a Diocese**  
*Barbara Anne Cusack, JCD*

“It would be a serious mistake to make the two realities – religious life and ecclesial structures – independent one of the other, or to oppose one to the other as if they could subsist as two distant entities, one charismatic, the other institutional. Both elements, namely the spiritual gifts and the ecclesial structures form one, even though complex reality (MR n. 34).” Almost forty years after the issuance of *Mutuae Relationes* these words still ring true. This seminar will explore the rights and responsibilities of a diocesan bishop in inviting new religious communities into his diocese. Issues such as coordination of apostolic activity, financial support, immigration challenges and other practical matters will be discussed within the context of ecclesiological foundations for promotion of new religious communities coming to a diocese.

C3. **Canon 903 and Other Restrictions on Ministerial Mobility**  
*Rev. James J. Conn, SJ, JCD, JD*

This seminar will examine the question of faculties and permissions needed for priests to exercise ministry outside the territory where they ordinarily serve. Special attention will be given to the universal norm of canon 903 and the broader scope of “letters of suitability” currently in widespread use in the USA. Consideration will be given to issues of particular law and other possible means of ensuring suitability and safeguarding the faithful.

C4. **REPEAT, TBD**  
*This seminar will be a repeated offering.*
Wednesday, October 12, 2016

7:30am  Past Presidents’ Breakfast (*by invitation*)

8am    Continental Breakfast

9am    Major Address

**Marriage, the Synods of Bishops, and *Amoris Laetitia***

Rev. Msgr. John A. Alesandro, JCD, JD

The ministry of canon lawyers affects not only those who are divorced and seek remarriage, but also those preparing for marriage in the Church and married couples in need of support as they strive to fulfill all that Christ asks of them. This address will examine the deliberations of the two assemblies of the Synod of Bishops (2014-2015), their summary documents, and the ensuing Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, from the perspective of this special ministry of canon lawyers and their facilitation of pastoral care at every level.

10:30am  Coffee and Tea Break

11am    Seventy-Eighth Annual Business Meeting

12:30pm  Lunch (*on your own*)

1:30pm  Second Instance Judicial Vicars’ Meeting; Chancellors’ Meeting (*Locations TBD*)

2:30pm  Seminars

**D1. Are There Canonical Implications in the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*?**

_Eileen C. Jaramillo, JCL, D.Min._

Some people describe this document as a radical departure from the teaching and practice of the Church about marriage. Others praise it because it deals with the complexities of life. Using a canonical lens, this seminar provides insightful ways of presenting the document in a way that fosters the doctrine and discipline of the Church as well as Pope Francis’s love and concern for families in crisis.

**D2. What Do You See? A Glance at Ecclesial Families of Consecrated Life**

_Karla Felix-Rivera, VDMF, JCL_

The presence of ecclesial movements in our Church is both a gift and a “headache.” Why? Because their identity is not easily defined by existing canonical categories. What happens when an ecclesial movement evolves and desires to become an institute of consecrated life? In the past years, a few ecclesial movements ceased to exist as associations of the Christian faithful and obtained diocesan and pontifical recognition as institutes of consecrated
life composed of consecrated clerics, women, and married couples. This seminar will address institutes of consecrated life which are often called “Ecclesial Families of Consecrated Life.” Special attention will be paid to their evolution, struggles, and challenges.

**D3. Clients are Many, but the Advocates are Few**  
*Rev. Msgr. Ricardo Bass, JCL, and Patricia Dugan, JCL, JD*

The need for willing and qualified advocates is as great now as it was fifteen years ago. This seminar is meant to provide a forum of discussion for what approaches to advocacy are essential and those which have proven to be less valuable.

**D4. Synods, Councils, and Assemblies: Hierarchical Structures as Expressions of Synodal Governance**  
*Chorbishop John D. Faris, JOD, JCL*

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Synod of Bishops on 17 October 2015, Pope Francis called for the Church to be “synodal” at every level. While synodal governance is viewed as a novelty in the Latin Church, the Eastern Churches – Catholic and non-Catholic alike – regard synodal governance as ancient and “normal.” The presentation will offer practical reflections on synodal institutions as articulated in the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*, with a critical analysis of their strengths and weaknesses.

5pm  Liturgy and Installation of Board of Governors  
*Please note: The Eucharist will be celebrated in the Houston Marriott Westchase with Cardinal DiNardo as the presider.*

6:30pm  Reception (cash bar)

7:30pm  Banquet Dinner

**Thursday, October 13, 2016**

7:30am  Liturgy

8am  Continental Breakfast

9am  Major Address  
*The Indispensable Role of the Laity in the Life of the Church*  
*Most Rev. Gerald M. Kicanas, D.D.*

In November 2005, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved, not without opposition, the document: *Coworkers in the Vineyard*. That document articulated a theology of the laity meant to guide the development of lay leadership in the structures of the Church in the United States. Now eleven years later, we will look back and look forward to how lay ecclesial ministers, working alongside the clergy, have and will enliven the mission of the Church. We cannot view clergy and laity as opposed to
one another but as collaborators with shared responsibility for the pastoral work of the Church. As Pope Francis said in Philadelphia, “We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a much more active engagement on the part of the laity.”

10:30am Closing

Registration & Fees

All amounts listed below are USD.

Please note: Day-only registration is available by contacting the Office of the Executive Coordinator. Registration rates vary by day. For more information, please email Colleen at ccrawford@clsa.org.

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10:30am Closing
Candidates for Office

Office of the Vice-President/President-Elect

**Rev. Msgr. John J. M. Foster**

**Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA**

**Education:**
- JCD, The Catholic University of America, 2007 (JCL, 1996)
- M.A. & M.Div., St. Patrick’s Seminary & University

**Ministerial Experience:**
- Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Stockton, 2000–2007
- Director, Office for Worship, Diocese of Stockton, 1999–2005
- Adjunct Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Stockton, 1996–2000
- Judge, Diocese of Stockton
- Defender of the Bond, Diocese of Stockton
- Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, 2013–present

**Service to the Society:**
- Member since 1995
- Member, Marriage Research Committee
- Member, Sacramental Law Committee
- Member, Committee on Convention Planning, 2010–2013
- Consultant, Board of Governors, 2012–2015
- Seminar Presenter, CLSA Conventions, 2008 and 2011
- Presenter, Midwest Canon Law Society meeting, 2008

**Other Relevant Experience/Information:**
- Presbyter, Diocese of Stockton, ordained in 1991
- Adjunct Faculty, Santa Clara University, 2003
- School of Canon Law, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC: Assistant Professor 2007–2013; Adjunct Professor, 2013–present

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**Lynda Robitaille**

**Dean of Theology, St. Mark’s College (Vancouver, BC); Canonical Consultant**

**Education:**
- JCD, Gregorian University, 1990 (JCL, 1988)
- Diploma, Specialization in Jurisprudence, Gregorian University, Rome, 1992
- Certificate, conflict resolution, Justice Institute of British Columbia, 2001

**Ministerial Experience:**
- Dean of Theology, St. Mark’s College, Vancouver, BC, 2013–present
- Canonical consultant: judge, advocate, presenter at conferences, 2000–present
- Judge, Instructor in Advocate training, Archdiocese of Seattle, WA, 2000–present
- Professor of Canon Law: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium (2015–present); Mark’s College, Vancouver, BC (bi-annually, 2010–present); Seattle University, Seattle, WA (2002–present); Saint Paul University, Ottawa (1993-2010)
- Judge, Various Dioceses, 1998–2013
- President/past-president, Canadian Canon Law Society, 1997–2002
- Defender of the Bond, advocate, notary, Archdiocese of Vancouver, 1984–1993

**Service to the Society:**
- Member of CLSA, 1992–present
- Presenter, national and regional conventions, preconvention workshops, 1992–present
- Chair, Work Group for the Collegeville Symposium Grant (lay ministry), 2012–2013
- Member, Committee on Laity, 2010–2013
- Member, Committee for the Publication of CLSA Advisory Opinions, 2006–2009
- Consultant, Board of Governors, 2003–2005
Candidates for Office

Office of the Treasurer

REV. MSGR. STEVEN F. CALLAHAN
VICAR GENERAL AND JUDICIAL VICAR, DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Ordained:
• Priest of the Diocese of San Diego, 1987

Education:
• JCL, The Catholic University of America, 1994
• MMSc, 1987, and STB, 1986, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium

Ministerial Experience:
• Pastor, Saint Brigid Parish
• Vicar General, Diocese of San Diego, 2015-present; 2003-2014
• Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of San Diego, 2014-2015
• Judicial Vicar, Diocese of San Diego, 2010-present; 2001-2005
• Adjutant Judicial Vicar, Diocese of San Diego, 2005-2010; 2001
• Rector, Saint Francis Seminary, 1995-2003
• Chancellor, Diocese of San Diego, 1998-2002
• Defender of the Bond, Diocese of San Diego, 1997-2001
• Tribunal Judge, Diocese of San Diego, 1994-1995
• Vice-Chancellor, Diocese of San Diego, 1992-1995 Associate Pastor, Immaculata Church, 1992-1994
• Faculty Member, Saint Francis Seminary, 1990-1992
• Assistant to Bishop Brom, 1990-1995
• Associate Pastor, Guardian Angels Church 1987-1990

Service to the Society:
• Member since 2000
• Member, Committee on the Laity, 2012-2014

NANCY REYNOLDS, SP
CANONICAL CONSULTANT TO RELIGIOUS INSTITUTES

Education:
• JCL, The Catholic University of America, 1984
• MA in Math, University of Nebraska, 1972

Ministerial Experience:
• Canonical Consultant to Religious Institutes, (full-time, 2013-present; part-time, 1984-2013)
• Lecturer in Canon Law in Pastoral Programs: University of Dayton, Boston College, Loyola University (Chicago), St. Mary of the Woods College
• Adjunct Professor of Canon Law: Saint Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, California; The Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, California
• Member, Leadership Team of Sisters of Providence, 2001-2011
• Treasurer, Sisters of Providence, 2001-2013
• Judge and Defender of the Bond, Archdiocese of San Francisco, 1987-2001; Diocese of Evansville, 1984-1987
• Director of the Tribunal, Archdiocese of San Francisco, 1987-2001
• Lecturer in Tribunal practicum, St. Meinrad Seminary, 1984-1987
• Secretary of Tribunal, Diocese of Evansville, 1978-1981
• Teacher of High School and College Math, 1965-1978

Service to the Society:
• Member since 1979
• Consultant, Board of Governors, 1997-2000
• Committee Member/Chair: Religious Life, Nominations, Church Governance
• Editor and/or Contributor: Procedural Handbook for Institutes on Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life; Sponsorship in the United States Context Theory and Praxis
Candidates for Office

Office of Consultor

**Anna Marie ChambLee**

**Judge/Assessor, Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas**

**Education:**
- JCL, The Catholic University of America, 2006

**Ministerial Experience:**
- Judge/Assessor, Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
- Canon Law Instructor, St. John Paul II Institute, School of Lay Ministry, Diocese of Fort Worth
- Tribunal Advocate trainer, Diocese of Fort Worth
- Numerous presentations on Tribunal Processes, Diocese of Fort Worth
- Elementary school teacher, Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, 2006-2007
- Elementary school teacher, Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, 1998-2002
- High school teacher, Ursuline Academy of Dallas, 1997-1998
- High school teacher, Catholic Diocese of Dallas, 1996-1997
- High school teacher, Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, 1986-1994
- Youth Minister, Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, 1983-1985
- Member, Fort Worth Red Mass Committee
- Member, Discipleship Committee, St. Andrew Parish
- Member, Texas Catholic Conference, 2006-present
- Catechist, Diocese of Fort Worth, 1983-present

**Service to the Society:**
- Member since 2006
- Member, Committee on the Laity, 2012-2014

**Rev. John Donovan**

**Pastor, St. James Church, Johnson City, New York**

**Ordained:**
- Priest of the Diocese of Syracuse, 1986

**Education:**
- JCL, The Catholic University of America, 1998
- M.Div., St. Mary’s Seminary & University, 1986

**Ministerial Experience:**
- Pastor, St. James Church, Johnson City, NY, 2005-present
- Moderator, Church of the Holy Trinity and SS. Cyril & Methodius, Binghamton, NY, 2015-present
- Administrator, Church of the Holy Trinity, 2014-2015
- Judge, *Graviora Delicta* Cases, various Dioceses, 2005-present
- Office of Vocation Promotion, Diocese of Syracuse, Syracuse, NY, 2003-2005
- Various Positions, Tribunal of the Diocese of Syracuse, Syracuse NY: Notary, Disciplinary Cases (2003-present); Adjutant Judicial Vicar (2002-present); Judge (1999-present); Auditor (1996-1999)
- Pastor and Parochial Vicar, Various Parishes, Diocese of Syracuse, NY

**Service to the Society:**
- Member since 2000
- Member, Marriage Research Committee, 2001-2003
- Secretary, Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists, 2015-Present
- President, Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists, 2014-2015 (Host, 2015 Conference)
Candidates for Office

Office of Consultor

SUSAN MULHERON
CHANCELLOR FOR CANONICAL AFFAIRS, ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

CARLOS VENEGAS
JUDGE, ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

Education:
• JCL, The Catholic University of America, 2011
• MA in Theology, University of St. Thomas, 2009

Ministerial Experience:
• Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, 2013-present
• Judge, Promoter of Justice, and Advocate, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, 2011-2013
• Defender of the Bond, Tribunal of the Diocese of Stockton, 2012-2013
• Instructor: General Principles of Church Law, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity, Fall 2012
• Guest Lecturer: Marriage and Family; Eucharist; Christian Marriage at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity
• Regular Presenter, Priestly Formation Program (Various Topics) at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity
• Advisory Services: Minnesota Catholic Conference, and Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis: Center for Mission Board of Directors and Ministerial Review Board

Service to the Society:
• Member since 2006
• Member, Publications Advisory Board, 2016-present
• Member, Resolutions Committee, 2011-2015
• Member, LEM Workgroup, 2012-2014
• Translation and Editorial Services for CLSA Publications, 2011-2014
• Contributor, “Lay Ecclesial Ministry: Survey and Canonical Recommendations,” in CLSA Proceedings 75

Education:
• JCL, Angelicum, 1999

Ministerial Experience:
• Metropolitan Judge, Archdiocese of Denver, 2007-Present
• Defender of the Bond and Canonical Consultant, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, 2014-present
• Defender of the Bond and Assessor, Appellate State Court of the Dioceses of Texas, 2006-present
• Tribunal Director, Archdiocese of Denver, 2007-2009
• Associate Judge, Diocese of Dallas, 2005-2006
• Associate Judge, Diocese of Lubbock, 2005-2006
• Staff Canonist, Diocese of Boise, 2003-2007
• Judge/Canonist, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, 1991-2002
• Auditor and Advocate, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, 1991-1997

Service to the Society:
• Member since 1992
• Assisted with the development of Law Sections
• Member of the Asociación Mexicana de Canonistas
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Registration fees include access to convention materials, as well as entrance to all presentations, the cocktail reception on Monday, the continental breakfast Tuesday through Thursday, the buffet lunch Tuesday, and a banquet dinner on Wednesday night. Please note: Early Bird Registration and pricing ends **September 8, 2016**.

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Registration Form

Early Bird Registration ends September 8, 2016

Participant Information: all fields are required

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Pre-Convention Workshops: October 9-10 ($275 fee per person)

For a full description of each workshop, see page 4 of this booklet. There is a $275 fee for attendance. Please select one workshop:

□ W1. Practical Responses to Same-Sex Attraction and Gender Dysphoria: Ethical, Canonical, and Pastoral Considerations, Presented by Dr. Diane Barr and Dr. John Di Camillo

□ W2. Abbreviated Rotal Matrimonial Processes Course, Presented by Most Rev. Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto and Rotal Judge(s)

Convention Banquet: Wednesday, October 12 (no add. fee)

Do you plan on attending the banquet (no additional fee)? □ YES □ NO

Will you be bringing a guest to the banquet ($60/guest)? □ YES □ NO

Seminars: Tuesday, October 11 and Wednesday, October 12

Select the seminars you plan to attend; this helps with assigning appropriate room sizes for each session. See pages 5-11 for titles and descriptions.

Tuesday, October 11, 9:00am: □ A1 □ A2 □ A3 □ A4

Tuesday, October 11, 2:30pm: □ C1 □ C2 □ C3 □ C4

Tuesday, October 11, 11:00am: □ B1 □ B2 □ B3 □ B4

Wednesday, October 12, 2:30pm: □ D1 □ D2 □ D3 □ D4
**Payment Summary:**

See page 16 for information regarding fees, payment, and cancellation policies.

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Most Rev. Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto, Dean of the Roman Rota

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