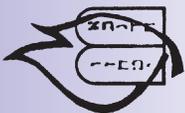


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CLSA Executive Office Move: SUCCESS!

The Executive's Office of the CLSA moved into its new offices on Friday morning, April 23, 2004. The moving company, appropriately named Gullivers', transported the Society's *impedimenta* from the fourth floor of Caldwell Hall at The Catholic University of America to the North Payne Street location of Alexandria, Virginia, in a little less than six hours. When they left, the situation could best be described as "organized chaos." Boxes were stacked higher than Jennifer and Kay's heights. Desks were moved into offices and needed assembly. At the same time the copy machine and the telephone people put in the hardware so that the computer consultant could hook up and activate the computers on Monday morning.

By Tuesday morning, the Executive Coordinator's office was operational even if additional time was required to retrieve items from the files. The new telephone and fax lines, 703/739-2560 and 703/739-2562 began to ring and transmit data. Mail delivery had commenced on Friday and our first UPS delivery was a welcoming gift from a CLSA friend. To those of you who sent cards and notes and gifts, we appreciate your support and concern.

The new executive's offices are located in the historic old town section of Alexandria, Virginia, which is home for an increasing number of not for profit organizations. The neighborhood is one of brick sidewalks and tree lined streets which are home to a variety of office buildings, special shops, and restaurants. While we miss our "walk in traffic" by visitors coming to The Catholic University of America, visitors are most welcome to visit our new location. The easiest way is to take either the yellow or blue lines of the Metrorail to the King St. Station. When

you leave the station, walk four blocks east on King Street to the corner of King and North Payne Streets. Turn left on Payne, and our building is the first one on the left, 108 North Payne Street.

As this newsletter goes to press, the office is already deep into preparation for the October 2004 pre-convention and convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Convention materials were sent out in early June 2004. Production of *Marriage Studies V* also moves forward in the final production. We mailed the pre-publication orders June 16th and 17th. ▼

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Mark Bartchak

It appears that the general operations of the CLSA have not missed a beat since the relocation of the executive offices to Alexandria, VA. The 2004 Convention announcement and registration forms have already gone out from the new office and in a short while the latest volume of *Marriage Studies* will be sent from the new location for those who took advantage of pre-publication sales.

Before looking ahead to our annual Convention, I would like to share a few reflections on the biennial trip that vice-president Sr. Sharon Euart, RSM, executive coordinator Rev. Arthur Espelage, OFM, and I made to the Holy See (Feb. 28-Mar. 13). The trip began with a bit of anxiety as our plane was struck by lightning on the final approach to the Rome airport! While in Rome, we stayed at the Pontifical North American College which is conveniently located near most of the Vatican offices. Rev. Michael Hilbert, SJ (recently appointed Dean of the School of Canon Law at the Gregorian University) served as guide and translator when needed. He was a great help in facilitating many of the local arrangements.

A report on the substance of the meetings we had in Rome will have to be provided elsewhere. For now I want to share just a few highlights and observations about our experience. We consistently encountered a positive reception in all of the dicasteries we visited in the Roman curia. Officials of the Holy See often repeated that they were aware of the work of the CLSA, especially in regard to the clergy sexual abuse cases in the USA. In particular, the CLSA was commended for its stance in regard to the rule of law as the approach to be taken in these cases. The CLSA

and canonists in general were affirmed for the difficult work of providing canonical advocacy and for advising bishops and religious superiors in the proper handling of the sexual abuse cases.

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One of the questions we asked in every meeting was whether the congregation, council, or tribunal had any materials that we could publish in future editions of *Roman Replies* or *Canon Law Digest*. We had a very positive response to this request and already have received materials that will be published soon. We presented copies of various CLSA publications as gifts at these meetings. In addition to their gratitude for these gifts, Vatican officials commended the work of the CLSA in publishing canonical materials. Recognizing the increased use of the English language throughout the world, the CLSA was encouraged to do whatever is possible to promote these publications, especially for the Church in developing countries where resources are limited.

I have received letters of thanks from a number of the Vatican officials with whom we met. The feedback from those officials and others who have contact with the Holy See and know about our

meetings has led me to conclude that this biennial visit to Rome is indeed worthwhile. On a personal note, a highlight of the trip was our audience with Pope John Paul II on Sunday evening, March 7 in his library.

I am grateful for the welcome I received at the Northwest Regional Meeting of Canonists in Seattle, WA and at the Midwest Regional Meeting in Evansville, IN, both held in April. All of the regional meetings I have attended this year have had really fine programs. I was in Cardiff, Wales for the annual con-

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Programs in Tribunal Practice at St. Paul University

The Faculty of Canon Law of Saint Paul University in Ottawa announces three programs in matrimonial law and tribunal practice: (1) a one-year baccalaureate in canon law (JCB), September 2004 - May 2005; a one-semester Graduate Certificate in Canon Law, September - December 2004; and a refresher course for canonists in procedures, jurisprudence, and tribunal drafting, May 9 - 20, 2005.

To be offered every other year beginning in 2004-2005, the baccalaureate and graduate certificate are intended for persons preparing for or already working in auxiliary positions in diocesan tribunals as auditors, assessors, notaries, field advocates, etc.

Courses include marriage law, procedural law, jurisprudence, drafting (decrees, sentences, defenders and advocates' briefs), a tribunal practicum, etc. Faculty include Francis Morrissey, Roch Pagé, Augustine Mendonça, and Lynda Robitaille.

For information on prerequisites, fees, etc., contact the Dean's Office:

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- **Legal Resource Center for Religious** announced in their Spring 2004 newsletter that Sister Lynn Jarrell, OSU, a CLSA member and past President will become the new Associate Director in Canon Law for the LRCR at the beginning of January 2005. Congratulations and best wishes in this new service to the Church.
- The **Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand** will hold their 38th

Annual Conference, 13–16 September 2004 at Mercure Resort, Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, Queensland. The Reverend Professor Rik Torfs of Leuven University will speak on *Balance of the Rights of Individuals and the Common Good: Canon 223 and Canon 22: Past, Present, Future*. Other speakers are the Reverend Kevin Matthews on *Difficult Respondents*; Sr. Judith Leydon on the *Role of Vicar for Religious*; Mrs. Margaret Coram on *Psychologist Reports – Confidentiality, etc.* The papers for the conference will be available at a later date.

- The Faculty of Canon Law at the **Pontifical University of Holy Cross** will offer a five day course for legal practitioners in ecclesiastical tribunals. "Revision of the Canonical Process for Marriage Nullity Cases" will be held in Rome, September 13 – 18, 2004. While the presentations will be in Italian, simultaneous translation is available in English and Spanish. For more information contact www.pusc.it/inglese/corscan_eng.pdf.
- The **Province of Atlanta**, comprising the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Dioceses of Charleston; Charlotte; Raleigh; and Savannah, meets annually to discuss canonical topics of interest. Last year Dr. Diane Barr spoke about sexual misconduct. This year's speaker was Reverend Francis G. Morrissey, OMI. He spoke on such topics as the administration of temporal goods in today's context; access to the sacraments; the diocesan chancery and problem priests, deacons, and religious; and the diocesan bishop and the founding of associations of the faithful. Each diocese takes its turn hosting our provincial meetings. The Diocese of Raleigh hosted this year's meeting on May 3-5, 2004. **Next year's annual meeting will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Atlanta on January 23-25, 2005. Contact the Very Reverend Paul J. Hachey, SM at phachey@archat1.com for further information.**

Survey Information

The Board of Governors in their April 2004 meeting decided to poll CLSA members on the use of electronic media as part of future planning. We presently have approximately 1865 members spread out in forty-one nations. For exploration of future possibilities, we would like members to respond to three questions:

1. Do you have regular access to and use e-mail daily?
2. Would you prefer to receive an electronic copy of the *CLSA Newsletter* and no longer receive a printed copy through surface mail?
3. Would you enjoy the ability to have an electronic membership directory on the CLSA website with the ability to update your own personal information?

Please take a few moments to e-mail the Executive Coordinator's Office with your opinion. Our e-mail address is coordinator@cls.org.

RESOURCES

- R. Karl Hanson, Friedemann Pfäfflin, Manfred Lütz. *Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church Scientific and Legal Perspectives: Proceedings of the Conference "Abuse of Children and Young People by Catholic Priests and Religious"* [Vatican City, April 2-5, 2003]. (Città del Vaticano: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2004) 223 pp. ISBN:88-209-7547-5 paperback, € 11,00.
- The CLSA's latest publication, *Marriage Studies V* should be released by the printer during the second week of June 2004. Preparations are underway to mail the pre-publication orders as soon as the copies are received at the Executive Coordinator's Office.

POSITION OPENINGS

- **The Diocese of Columbus, Ohio** seeks to fill a canonist position (JCL or JCD) for work in Tribunal Ministry as either Judge or Defender of the Bond. This is a full-time position with benefits. Salary negotiable. Starting date is also negotiable, but we hope to fill the vacancy soon. Please send cover letter and resume to: Very Reverend Joseph Bay, Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Columbus, 197 East Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215
- **The Diocese of San Angelo, Texas** is looking to fill a canonist position (JCL or JCD) for work in Tribunal ministry. This is a full-time position with benefits. Primary responsibility consists of case instruction. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful, not required. Starting date is July 1, 2004. Please send cover letter and resume to Mr. Les Maiman, Chancellor, Diocese of San Angelo, P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, TX 76902.
- **The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Missouri** Marriage Tribunal seeks a full-time judge. Minimum qualifications include a licentiate in canon law. The position is open to clerics, religious or laity. Knowledge of Spanish is desirable, but not necessary. Salary, excellent health benefits, and retirement based on diocesan guidelines. Send cover letter and resume to Reverend Thomas E. Reidy, Judicial Vicar, Catholic Center, 601 S. Jefferson Avenue, Springfield, MO 65806-3143. For more information telephone 417/866-0841.
- **The Diocese of Peoria, Illinois** seeks a *full-time* lay judge to work in its first instance court. Minimum requirement is a JCL degree. The position is open to religious and laity. Competitive salary and benefits. Send resume or contact for more information: Sr. Marianne Burkhard OSB JCL.

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vention of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland in May. Rev. John Conneely was a gracious host. He was re-elected as president of the CLSGB&I.

The April meeting of the Board of Governors held in Chicago had a rather full agenda. We spent considerable time reviewing committee reports and the CLSA budget. The BOG was pleased to learn that based on the anticipated revenues from the increase in dues, we are able to cover the expenses of the lease for our new offices and increase the funding for committees and projects.

As I mentioned above, you should have received the information for the 2004 CLSA Convention in Pittsburgh. I would like to encourage everyone to make an effort to attend. We anticipate a sellout for the Pre-Convention workshops and the BOG has authorized that the workshops be repeated at a future date if necessary.

While in Rome, we were constantly asked about the clergy sexual abuse cases, even if we did not raise that issue. We shared that among the difficulties in dealing with these cases is the amount of time and attention they require. We were also asked if there were other issues or concerns that canonists should be examining. I don't know about you, but just in the past few months I have had to

In Memoriam

Mary L. Webb of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, informed the Executive's Office of the death of the **Reverend Monsignor Julius G. Walle** on March 28, 2004. A priest of the Diocese of Alexandria, Monsignor was retired but still ministering as a priest at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Cheneyville, LA. A member of the CLSA since April of 1983, he served the Diocese of Alexandria-Shreveport as Chancellor and Rector of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

New Look for CLSA Website

In mid June 2004, the CLSA Electronics Committee completed its work on the revitalized website. Through the efforts of Fr. Pat Cooney OSB and other members of the committee, we will have a new and more flexible site. Like many items with computers, the transition from the old system to the new one has caused the site to go down for a few days which inconvenienced those wishing to shop at CLSA Publications or those seeking CLSA information. You will still be able to reach us at www.clsa.org. We thank you for your patience.

examine or respond to a number of other issues or concerns, including same-sex unions, politicians and their position on abortion, the reception or denial of Holy Communion to certain persons, the recent instruction *Redemptionis sacramentum* on certain matters to be observed or to be avoided regarding the Most Holy Eucharist, and consultation with bishops in preparation for the *ad limina* visits, not to mention the everyday concerns of diocesan governance.

It was encouraging to be so well received in Rome and to hear the work of canonists being affirmed in such an explicit way. Even if you don't hear that affirmation too often, I hope that you are encouraged by the reminder given by one Vatican official that our encouragement should come from the essential purpose of our work as canonists: "it's for the good of the Church, the people of God." And as one of our colleagues often tells me, "I have never been part of an organization that challenges me to do well what I do in the Church as does the CLSA." It is an honor to be president of that organization and to be involved in a work that is challenging and affirming. Have a great summer! I hope to see you in Pittsburgh.

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. Kelly Vandehey
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Portland, OR 97214-1895 Fax: 503-281-6828

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

RESOLUTION PROPOSAL ON REVERSE SIDE

CANON LAW SOCIETY OF AMERICA
PITTSBURGH, PA CONVENTION RESOLUTION PROPOSAL

PROPOSED BY _____

DATE _____

TITLE

STATEMENT OF RATIONALE
(Indicate simply, precisely and directly the reasons for the resolution)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

IMPLEMENTATION BY MEANS OF
(Committee assignment, task force, report/study)

ANTICIPATED COST _____

COST SUPPLIED BY _____

GUIDELINES FOR RESOLUTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

CLSA Officers' 2004 Trip to Rome – Part I

February 27th, 2004 to March 15th, 2004 served as the dates for the Officers' trip to the Holy See. We wish to acknowledge and thank the Rector, Faculty, and Students at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and especially our faculty contact, the Reverend John D. Murphy, S.J., Spiritual Director at the North American, for housing us and their most gracious hospitality. Again, we wish to acknowledge and thank the Reverend Michael Hilbert, S.J. of the Gregorian University in Rome for providing local arrangements and expert translation during many sessions. In addition to the many dicasteries of the Holy See, we were able to visit a number of universities, the Angelicum, the Gregorian, the Antonianum, Santa Croce, and the Laternan University as well the Union of Superiors General of both men and women and the Ambassador of the United States to the Holy See.

On Tuesday, March 2, 2004 we visited the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura. After a brief welcome by Cardinal Pompedda, the CLSA officers met with Archbishop Velasio DePaolis, CS, the newly appointed Secretary and Msgr. Joseph Punderson. Archbishop DePaolis clarified that with respect to administrative acts and number 9 of *Essential Norms*, the code's provisions for administrative acts are still valid so hierarchical recourse is possible. The CDF is the place of recourse for new requests while prior requests still pertain to Clergy with recourse then to the Signatura. The 2003 CDF special norms made recourse of the decisions of the CDF to the *feria quarta*. In those cases where the bishop does not refer a case to the CDF and then proceeds to remove faculties or to remove a priest from an office, the recourse would be first to the bishop, then to Clergy or Eastern Churches and then to the Signatura for further recourse. In cases of c. 1395, §2 that are not under the heading of *graviora delicta*, appeals would be made

to the Signatura.

In regard to recourse, the archbishop stated that people have a right to recourse even if they are not certain which congregation is competent. If a decree is not given in writing, one is still able to have recourse, first to the bishop and then to the Congregation of Clergy and then to the Signatura according to c. 58, §2. For example, if a bishop orally gives a precept and then the bishop is transferred, the precept ends. Letters are not necessarily canonical decrees if the letter does not indicate at least generically "for the reasons, I am making this decree." A letter which says a decision was made, but no reasons are given is not a valid decree.

As information which might be helpful to canonists who assist bishops in the administration of justice in the local church, Archbishop DePaolis and Msgr. Punderson offered the following suggestions. First, proper observance of procedural law, i.e. matrimonial law is to be followed. Especially in contentious cases, a judge must acknowledge rights of the parties but also set limits so that the process is not disrupted by contentiousness. For example, judges should indicate, especially to respondents that "we will do this now, if not, then move on to the following." Second, attention to substantial jurisprudence, especially a general knowledge of the jurisprudence of the Roman Rota is encouraged. Some courts seem to rely on jurisprudence that goes back for twenty-five years. A third issue would be the prorogation of competence. (1) A petitioner, for example, may wish prorogation with the other party in another country. It is important to give the respondent a chance to be heard. Use the same thinking as one would for one's own country. Respondent should give reasons as to why they are opposed, i.e. language, access to counsel, difficulty of participation. Also the petitioner's bishop should make a pastoral recommendation. Requests for prorogation

should include some information about the case, i.e. place of marriage, ages of parties, number of children, and a general opinion on the nullity of the marriage in question. Fourth, in cases where prorogation is requested for reasons of the public good, i.e. one party is an employee of the bishop, or to observe impartiality. In such a case, it is sufficient that the judicial vicar writes and gives reasons. If prorogation is granted, either person has the right to object once the case begins and then the case would be referred back to the Signatura. One should remember that it is not necessary to ask for prorogation of both the first and second instances as second instance follows first instance as it is normally organized. Finally, the judge does not have to accept a *libellus* even if the Signatura has given competence through prorogation.

Our visit to the Signatura was most enjoyable and the officers were greatly appreciative that the officials of the dicastery were able to speak with and advise us. Later that morning, we visited the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

The new prefect Archbishop Franc Rodé had not yet assumed the responsibilities of his new position at the congregation. Archbishop Piergiorgio Nesti, CP, Secretary, welcomed the CLSA officers on behalf of the prefect. A major portion of our meeting focused on concerns identified by the Congregation with respect to the application of the *Essential Norms* of the USCCB to members of religious institutes and societies of apostolic life in the United States. At the time of our meeting the congregation was in dialogue with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on a number of theoretical and practical issues.

The congregation pointed out that the USCCB did not consult with CICSAL regarding the addition of religious priests and deacons to *Essential* (See **TRIP**, p. 8)

Pittsburgh Convention Shaping Up

Convention brochures and information for the annual CLSA Convention, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, went out in the mail in early June, 2004. The week of canon law festivities will begin on Sunday and Monday with a pre-convention program. This year's pre-convention is devoted to penal procedures. Two tracks are being offered: *Penal Procedures & Select Elements of Jurisprudence for those Engaged in Advocacy in Cases of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests and Deacons* and *Penal Procedures & Select Elements of Jurisprudence for Those Engaged in Adjudication in Cases of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests and Deacons*. Please consult your pre-convention brochure for specific information. Registration is limited to 50 persons for each of the tracks, and the CLSA reserves the right to give priority to active members of the CLSA.

For those arriving in Pittsburgh by air, there is a shuttle that runs from the airport to the Hilton downtown. Advance reservations are not required. The price is around \$16.00 one way. For more information check out the Pittsburgh website.

The annual convention will open at

4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2004, with the business meeting and elections taking place on Wednesday, October 13, 2004. This year's convention theme is *VITA SACRAMENTORUM: WORSHIP AND SANCTIFICATION*. The convention will be held at the Pittsburgh Hilton, Gateway Center, at the confluence of the Monongahela, Allegheny forming the Ohio river. Sometimes called the "City of Bridges," Pittsburgh enjoys fine dining on Mount Washington and throughout the metropolitan area. While Italian restaurants abound in the city, the rich ethnic background of Pittsburgh is reflected in a multitude of ethnic cuisines scattered through the various neighborhoods. Hopefully mother earth will don her Fall raiment of gold, orange, and red colors on Mount Washington to fill

hearts with joy in this historic and vibrant city with its pleasant October temperatures ranging from the mid 70s during the day to the mid 50s in the evening.

Once again this year, the CLSA is honored to have nine or ten exhibitors who will join us in Pittsburgh to inform members of a variety of services and products. As of May 10th, the following exhibitors will be present: AT Merhaut Church Restoration & Supply; CM Almy; CLSA Publications; Digital Innovations; Granada Liturgical Arts, Inc.; Guest House; Midwest Theological Publications; The Jurist; St. John Vianney Center; and Tribunal Systems, Inc.

For more specifics on the Pittsburgh convention program consult the CLSA website at www.clsa.org.

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Norms. The Conference of Major Superiors of Men informed CICSAL that they had not been involved with the bishops in the creation of these norms. Norm 12 of the USCCB document is particularly problematic. The

footnote to the preamble of the USCCB material is another problem as the USCCB does not have legislative power over religious. If a religious is denied residence by a bishop, recourse is to the CICSAL

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