



PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS

Task Force Reports on Constitution and Bylaws



Msgr. Daniel Hoye

At the April Board of Governors meeting we received a report from the Task Force appointed to study “an equitable means whereby absent members are able to submit official ballots for election of officers”.

Deacon Jerry Jorgensen, Father Edward Malesic and Brother Patrick Shea, OFM, studied the issue and reported that they have serious reservations about the use of absentee ballots. They did not want to present the recommendations to the membership in their name and recommended that the Board not move the matter forward at this time.

The Board studied the matter and accepted the recommendation of the Task Force not to propose a change in the Constitution and Bylaws at this time.

The Task Force did prepare a proposal to effect changes to our Constitution and Bylaws should anyone wish to present it to the membership and speak in favor of the proposal to effect such a change in practice. They also drafted a document outlining how we could have “preferential balloting” that would be needed in a system involving absentee ballots. A copy of the full report of the Task Force will be printed in the October 2006 *Committee Reports Book*.

The Task Force made the following points in its report:

- Recognized sources (*Robert’s Rules, Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*) recommend that organizations not mix absentee ballots with votes of persons attending a meeting. It eliminates the possibility of candidates being nominated

from the floor as well as the chance to discuss candidates and hear presentations that candidates may make.

- The use of absentee ballots could change the nature of our Society to one directed by hitherto rather inactive members. While it is true that a few members cannot attend because of where they live, others simply chose not to come to conventions.
- On a practical side, the tabulation of absentee ballots could place a strain on our limited staff. Membership roles would have to be checked for accuracy and members who are not current in their dues payment would need to be dropped at the first appropriate time.
- Tabulation of the votes at our convention would be seriously delayed since those in attendance would have to follow the same cumbersome procedure of “preferential voting” used in absentee ballots.

Any individual who wants to propose a change to absentee ballots this year or in the future can use the language developed by the Task Force to effect the Constitutional and By-Law changes as well as a proposal for “preferential voting”. That individual or group of individuals could refer the proposal to the Resolutions Committee and speak on behalf of the resolution at the next business meeting. You are reminded that one needs to file a proposal to amend the Constitution and By-Laws with the Secretary three months prior to the Convention and the members need to be informed at least a month before the Convention.

On another matter, after hearing the

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RESOURCES

- CLSA Publications proudly announces its latest publication. *The Consecrated Life: Cases, Commentary, Documents, Readings* by **Sister Rose McDermott, SSJ** with an introduction by Sister Sharon Holland. Alexandria, VA: Canon Law Society of America, 2006. ISBN 1-932208-13-5, 256 pages, index, list price \$35.00, paperback. The new text covers forty-five cases developed over the past twenty-five years by one of the nation's leading canonists for religious law. This text will prove an important resource for not only students but leadership among men and women religious.
- Tribunal Internet Users may find the following of value. **Monsignor Cormac Burke**, retired judge of the Roman Rota, has launched a website. It includes a number of articles as well as decisions which are in English, Latin, and Spanish and cover approximately twenty years of canonical writing. See: <http://www.cormacburke.or.ke/>

• In November 2006 the **Faculty of Canon Law of Saint Paul University** in Ottawa is sponsoring two four-day seminars on chancery practice focussing on the application of canon law in church administration in light of contemporary concerns. The seminars are open to canonists and qualified persons who are working in or preparing for positions in diocesan administration. The aim is not to explain the meaning of the canons but to treat their practical application in chancery work.

Examples of the themes to be treated in the first seminar, November 21-24, are: legal writing and text interpretation; parishes (reduction of churches to profane use, mergers, etc.); associations of the faithful (recognition, statutes, etc.); institutes of consecrated life (acts and role of the local ordinary, vicar for religious, etc.); the discipline of the sacraments (diocesan and parish registers, godparents, loss of clerical state, dispensations, convalidations, the *vetitum*, formal act of defection, etc.).

Examples of the themes of the

second seminar, November 27-30, are: diocesan offices (mandates, habitual faculties, organization of the curia, archives); diocesan councils (statutes, mandates, etc.); the vacant see; administrative acts affecting individual persons (incardination, removal from office, penal decrees, petitions to the Holy See, etc.); financial and civil law issues (contracts, alienation, civil incorporation, relationship with civil attorneys and insurance companies, etc.).

Participants may take either or both seminars. Included in each are optional sessions on the drafting of decrees, rescripts, and other legal instruments necessary for correctly implementing the law.

For further information, contact

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CLSA Website Updates

Hopefully, the members have by now had an opportunity to visit our newly upgraded website which launched on Sunday, March 26, 2006 without any glitches aside from the unforeseen problems with the auto-responding e-mailing system that was the fault of the hosting service provider. The new site has a recent updates page, recent posts menu on the home and other pages, and search features. The membership directory is another improved feature as it is designed to be self serviceable. Members are able to easily change their username, password email address, mailing address and telephone numbers. One feature of the upgraded on line version of the administration data base is email addresses would have to

be entered twice and the syntax would be validated to help eliminate errors. The Executive Coordinator's office realizes that not all members have email addresses. According to the online membership directory, there are 328 members without email addresses in the system. The Executive Coordinator's Office will continue to update these files when notified by the member.

=The Executive Coordinator's Office welcomes and would like to thank members who forward to us information to be posted on the website. Over the past few months, we have been able to apprise members of the sudden death of colleagues as well as inform members of resources available to canonists at a variety of places.

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Archimandrite Msgr. Victor J. Pospishil, an authority on canon law and the Eastern churches, died of natural causes on 16 February in the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge, New Jersey. He was 91 years old. A priest of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, he served in parishes in Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Msgr. Pospishil was a member of the Canon Law Society of America and participated in the publication of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, promulgated by the Holy See in 1990. The society honored him in 1995 with its prestigious Role of Law Award. He was also a charter member of the Society for the Law of the Eastern Churches. A controversial advocate for divorced Catholics, he wrote a book in 1967 in favor of the reform of the laws that prevent them from receiving the sacraments. The work was printed in Great Britain and later translated into French and Spanish.

Victor J. Pospishil was born in Vienna, then the capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, on 4 February 1915. Following studies at the Theological Academy and Seminary in Djakovo, Croatia (then in Yugoslavia), he was ordained a priest on 16 June 1940. During World War II he served in parishes in Yugoslavia and Austria. After the war he studied liturgy and canon law at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, receiving his doctorate from the Pontifical Gregorian University. His doctoral thesis, "The Patriarch in the Serbian Orthodox Church," was published privately in Vienna. After completing studies in Rome, he immigrated to the United States in 1950 where he joined the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Archdiocese in Philadelphia. He was appointed a papal chamberlain, with the title of "monsignor," in 1960 and in 1976 was named an archimandrite of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church by Cardinal Josyf Slipyj.

A prolific writer, Msgr. Pospishil wrote several papers on the decrees of the Second Vatican Council for the John

XXIII Lectures at Fordham University in New York in 1966. That year he joined the faculty at Manhattan College in the Bronx, where he served as a member of the Department of Religious Studies for 10 years. He retired from parish work in 1981, but accepted short-term parish assignments from the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Diocese of Stamford, Connecticut. Retirement allowed him more time for writing. In 1990 he completed "Eastern Catholic Marriage Law" and in 1996, a revised edition of "Eastern Catholic Church Law." Both books were published by St. Maron Publishing Co. of the Eparchy of St. Maron in Brooklyn, New York. In 2001, Msgr. Pospishil privately published an autobiography, "Final Tally: A Report on the Unremarkable Life of a Catholic Priest in the Twentieth Century." The book contains essays on the sacraments, sexuality, ordination of women, priesthood, ecumenism and the status of divorced and remarried Catholics. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Josephine Pospishil, two nieces, Josephine Hartfield of Jensen Beach, Florida, and Maria Johanna "Hanni" Connolly of Old Bridge, New Jersey, three grandnieces and a grandnephew, and great-grand nephews and a great-grand niece. Msgr. Pospishil's funeral was celebrated Friday, 24 February, at 11 a.m. in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. The Most Rev. Walter Paska, auxiliary bishop emeritus of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, will be the homilist. Burial followed at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Greek Catholic Seminary, 201 Taylor St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017.

Monsignor Edward B. Scharfenberger, of St. Matthias Church, Ridgewood, New York, advised the Executive Coordinator's Office of the passing of **Msgr. Joseph Konrad, J.C.D.** on March 6, 2006. Born in 1916, he was ordained in 1943. Monsignor Konrad joined the Canon Law Society of America and served as Secretary of the Society in 1959. He earned his BA from Manhattan College in 1939 and a JCD degree from The Catholic

University of America in 1949. Over the years, Monsignor served as pastor **pmbo**. A priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Father Jarumbo received his BA in 1963 from St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee before going on to earn his JCL degree from The Catholic University of America in 1973. Over the years, he served his archdiocese as an associate pastor (1966-1971); in the Office of Due Process (1980-1982); the Tribunal (1973-1980) and as an appellate court judge. At the time of his death, he served as pastor, St. Dominic Catholic Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Monsignor James McGrath, age 89, a priest for over sixty-three years and a former member of the CLSA who served as Secretary for the society in 1962, died in Bradenton, Florida on 18 April 2006. As a canonist, his main duties were as Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Philadelphia for over twenty years, as well as serving as Postulator of the cause of Bishop Saint John Neumann of Philadelphia before the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and then before his retirement as Vice-Postulator of the Cause for now Saint Katharine Drexel, foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. In later years he was Pastor Emeritus of Sacred Heart Parish, Manoa, Pennsylvania. Cardinal Justin Rigali celebrated his Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday April 26, 2306. His many professional friends note that throughout his years of canonical work, Monsignor McGrath became for many bishops the private consultant who could carefully and precisely weave the strands of intricate legal theory. As one of his colleagues remarked, "He was respected and loved in this work because he strove to balance the law with the love and God for each individual." A renowned linguist, Monsignor was at home with French, German, Spanish, and Italian.

The Archdiocese of Military Services informed the Executive Coordinator's Office of the death on May 16, 2006 of the **Reverend Joseph Howarth** of the Diocese of Providence, who for the last

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five years served as Judicial Vicar of the Tribunal as well as serving as canonical advisor to Archbishop O'Brien. Father Howarth received his BA in Philosophy from St. Patrick's College in Mt. View, California in 1969 and his JCL from St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario in 1983. A noted linguist, he was fluent in Latin, French, Portuguese and German, and his language skills greatly facilitated the translation of documents coming from chaplains throughout the world. As one of his staff remarked, Father Howarth was "teacher, boss, friend, and mentor. I wish him eternal happiness."

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Oakland informed the Executive Coordinator's office of the sudden death of **Mr. David T. McCarthy**. A member of the CLSA since July of 2001, David was a 1993 graduate of The Catholic University of America where he earned his JCL degree. Since 1989 he worked in the tribunal as defender of the bond and a judge. The diocese supplied the following: David T. McCarthy died peacefully, on April 29, 2006. A native of Oakland, raised in Castro Valley, 54 years of age. A graduate of St. Joseph College High School, Class of 1969, and St. Patrick's College, Class of 1973, both in Los Altos. He attended St. Patrick's

Seminary, Menlo Park, and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Oakland in 1977, a recipient of a Master of Divinity degree. He resigned from active ministry in 1996. He was the recipient of a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1993, and a Master's degree in History from California State University, East Bay, in 2005. For many years, a judge on the Tribunal of the Canon Law Department of the Diocese of Oakland. A member of Most Holy Redeemer Parish, San Francisco; and an Associate of the Sisters of the Holy Names.

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- **Midwest Theological Publications** is offering special pricing on two items: Members can save \$35.00 off of the regular retail price of the new 2004 edition of *Code of Canon Law Annotated*. Also Midwest is offering new payment options for eight volume set, *The Exegetical Commentary on the Code of Canon Law*. Option 1 is \$200 a month for six months and includes free shipping; Option 2 is a onetime payment of \$1,000 and free shipping. More information on both can be found on the CLSA's website or telephone 630.739.9750 for more information.
- Production moves forward on two items: *Dignitas Connubii: Norms and Commentary* by **Monsignor Ronny E. Jenkins and Professor Klaus Luedicke** is an approximately five hundred page plus commentary on the instruction of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, on the procedures to be followed by diocesan and inter diocesan tribunals in handling causes of nullity of marriage. With the permission of the Holy See, the new text includes the official Latin and English translations

of the instruction as well as the articles of *Dignitas Connubii*. The commentary is a translation and reworking of a German Commentary published by the University of Munster, Germany. The second new publication will be on sponsorship in the Church. This publication, an outgrowth of the Society's Committee on Consecrated Life was edited by **Sister Rosemary Smith, SC, Reverend Warren Brown, OMI, and Sister Nancy Reynolds, SP**. Both

texts are projected to be completed in September/October 2006. Watch for more information at www.clsa.org.

- Canonists may find an offering by the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, on the campus of Loyola University, Chicago, IL, July 17 — 20, 2006 a valuable resource. *Can You Tell Me What a Parish is?: A Colloquium*. For information consult Rev. Daniel J. Barnett at conference@dspt.edu. ▼

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recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, I set the fees for the 2006 Convention at \$275 for active and associate members and \$300 for non-members. The fees for the pre-convention workshop will be \$225. While the Society does not try to make money on the Convention, it is our policy not to lose money either. Last year we "lost" approximately \$25,000 on the Convention. While no one wants to see increases, it would be irresponsible not to make adjustments to address the deficit spending.

On a more positive note, I am very hopeful that two initiatives underway will prove very helpful to the Society. Msgr. John Alesandro is chairing a Task

Force on Publications that will make recommendations on the future of the Society's publication efforts. This is such an important service of the Society. We need to be sure we have the best policies and procedures in place.

The Futures Initiative Project is the successor to the Strategic Planning efforts of the Board of Governors. Immediate Past President, Sister Sharon Euart, RSM is leading this effort to identify ways we can revitalize ways to fulfill the seven stated purposes of CLSA cited in Article II of our Constitution.

As I am writing these reflections, Msgr Steven Pedone, Father Art Espelage, OFM and I are preparing to leave to visit various offices of the Holy See. I will report on the visit in the next Newsletter. ▼

CLSA RESOLUTION FORM
2006

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

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:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Executive Board of the **Canadian Canon Law Society** has set October 2 - 5, 2006 for the dates of its annual convention. The hosting city will be Montreal, Quebec. Participants will house at the Delta Hotel Montreal, 475 President Kennedy Avenue, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1J7. Look for more information on this event at the Canadian Canon Law website. (www.ccls-scdc.ca/en/index.htm)
- His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI has appointed the **Most Reverend Richard Gerard Lennon**, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston, as the tenth bishop of Cleveland, Ohio, effective May 15, 2006. Bishop Lennon was born on March 26, 1947 in Arlington, Massachusetts. He studied at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, obtaining masters degrees in theology and church history. Ordained for the Archdiocese of Boston in 1973, Bishop Lennon served parishes in Scituate and West Quincy, Massachusetts, from 1973-1988, at which time he was named the assistant for canonical affairs for the Archdiocese. The following year, Bishop Lennon was named Rector of Saint John's Seminary. In 2001, he was named an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston, and in 2002, he served for several months as apostolic administrator after the resignation of Bernard Cardinal Law. In 2003, Bishop Lennon was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. A member of the Canon Law Society of America since 1988, Bishop Lennon has taught canon law at Saint John's Seminary for a number of years. The members of the Canon Law Society of America offer Bishop Lennon and the people of God in the Diocese of Cleveland our congratulations and best wishes.
- **Where is Jennifer Miller?**
In response to a number of inquires at the Executive Coordinator's Office, we asked our former administrative

assistant for an update. Jennifer currently works for Ben Dyer Associates, Inc., a civil engineering group in Mitchellville, Maryland. She has been working for them for six months, and within that time, she has received a promotion with a pay increase. Travel time from home to work has been cut down to 30 minutes each way. The work is very different and the office has approximately 110 people.

Jennifer continues with her schooling. She currently is working on her BS in Accounting. Hopefully, by the end of the Winter quarter 2006, she will have her Associates Degree. She is enjoying all of her classes very much.

Her family is doing well. Ashley will be twelve in June and Erin will be five in October. Both girls were in a wedding in October. They were very pretty and looked quite grownup in their "party" dresses. Ashley has made the principle honor roll three times. This is her first year in Middle School. Chris and Jennifer are very proud along with Jim and Muriel of Key Printing. Erin gets another year of playing with her friends at day care, because she misses the cut off date for starting school by one month. Erin will be in camp at the day care center for the summer. She will be going on many field trips and having fun activities within the center. Ashley will be going to her aunt's house and having camp. Chris, Jennifer and the girls are very active with the Central Maryland Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Chris is a Hunting Safety Instructor and Ashley is a junior Hunting Safety Instructor. Jennifer has taken and passed the hunting safety course and will be going after her instructors card as well. Chris and Jennifer are hoping that Erin will follow in everyone's footsteps to become a Hunting Safety Instructor. The girls will be attending a Jakes (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) weekend in July. Please feel free to contact Jennifer or Chris at thec525@aol.com.

New Canon Law Society of Southern Africa Founded

Canon lawyers and tribunal personnel from several countries of Southern Africa, gathered for a canon law colloquium at St. Augustine College in Johannesburg May 8-11, founded a new Roman Catholic association of the faithful, the Canon Law Society of Southern Africa. The purpose of the Society is principally to promote the continuing education of its members and of others attending the Society's annual convention. The first official convention of the new society will take place June 4-7, 2007 in Mari-anhill, near Durban, South Africa, with Francis M. Morrissey as principal speaker on matters of procedural law.

Membership in the Society is open to qualified Catholics from any part of the world who have an interest in canon law and its practice. Full members of the Society must have an academic degree in canon law or theology, or equivalent studies. Associate membership is open to students preparing for a degree in canon law or theology as well as to persons who have experience in tribunal practice or church administration. Annual dues is \$20 US. Inquiries about membership application should be directed to the Secretary-Treasurer, Msgr. Marc DeMuelenaere (msgrmarc@mweb.co.za).

POSITION OPENINGS

Position Openings are normally brought to the attention of the membership in the printed CLSA Newsletter. The printed information, however, is often dated. For a current listing of possible job openings, please consult the clsa website at www.clsa.org.

CLSA Convention, Fort Worth, Texas

October 8th and 9th and October 9th to the 12th, 2006

Convention materials were mailed out in late May, 2006, for the CLSA's annual convention. This year's theme is CONSULTATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH: IN SERVICE OF COMMUNIO.

Once again, the CLSA will host two pre-convention workshops. Monsignor Kenneth Boccafolo, Judge of the Roman Rota and Monsignor William A. Varvaro of the Diocese of Brooklyn will present a workshop on *Rota Jurisprudence and Formal Marriage Cases*; Sister Rose McDermott, SSJ and the Reverend Robert J. Kaslyn, SJ, will present a workshop on *Practical Issues in Living Consecrated Life*. Attendance is limited at both workshops to 50 participants each. Registration forms for the hotel and the workshop were included in the mailed materials.

The annual CLSA conference will begin at 4:00 p.m. Monday, October 9th with a keynote by His Eminence Oscar Andrés Rodríguez, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. A variety of seminar presentations are prepared for participants along with two major

addresses. The Reverend John Beal, of The Catholic University of America will speak on Consultation in Church Governance: *Taking Care of Business by Taking After Business* while Monsignor John Strykowski, of the Diocese of Brooklyn will speak on *Consultation in the Documents and Practice of the Holy See since Vatican II*. The Society's eighty-sixth business meeting will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11th. The CLSA convention will close at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 12th, 2006.

In accord with article X of the CLSA Constitution, the membership is again reminded that proposed resolutions from the members for the 2006 convention need to be forwarded to the Resolutions Committee. A sample resolution form and guidelines for presenting resolutions are printed in the June 2006 Newsletter. The Chair of the Resolution's Committee for 2006 is *Msgr. Michael Souckar, Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd, Miami Shores, FL 33134. Tel: 305-762-1232 or Fax: 305-757-3947*

The functions of the Committee on Resolutions shall be:

- a. To solicit, develop, and draft proposed resolutions which will express the concerns of the Canon Law Society of America;
- b. To consult with the membership at large and, in particular, with the Board of Governors, the standing and *ad hoc* committees of the Society and the organizers of the convention;
- c. To formulate proposed resolutions on given points in response to requests of the members of the Society;
- d. To compose differences in the formulation of similar proposals and to revise all proposals so that the meaning of each is clear;
- e. To encourage resolutions which authentically express in a positive way the activities and concerns of the Society.

The Newsletter of the Canon Law Society is published as a service to members four times a year by the Office of the Executive Coordinator, Canon Law Society of America, 108 North Payne Street, Suite C, Alexandria, VA 22314-2906. Membership in the Society is open to interested persons as active or associate members, depending on specific qualifications of training and experience in canon law. The annual membership fee is \$200.00. Application forms are available from the Office of the Executive Coordinator.

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