

Canon Law Society of America

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A Quarterly eNewsletter from the Society

PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS



The Rev. Monsignor John J. M. Foster

With June comes not only the *de facto* end of the pastoral year—when many parish activities and diocesan programs and events slow down or take time off—but also the conclusion of the academic year. As classes of canonists graduate from faculties of canon law around the world, these clerics and lay faithful join our tribunals and chancery staffs to begin their ministry in service to God’s people, applying the art and science of canon law. In helping our colleagues adjust to their new responsibilities, I encourage you to invite those who are not members of the CLSA to join. Membership information can be found on the Society’s website at <http://canonlawsocietyofamerica.org/become-a-member/>.

Speaking of the CLSA website, the Board of Governors has posted an update on the status of the website. Public-facing content and the Online Bookstore are fully functional; however, the Member Directory is still suspended, and Convention registration and electronic dues invoicing have been temporarily delayed. The statement can be found at <https://canonlawsocietyofamerica.org/june-statement-of-the-board-of-governors/>

Many CLSA members gathered at regional meetings this spring. I was privileged to represent the Board of Governors at the Midwest meeting of canonists in Grand Rapids, Michigan in April. In May, I traveled to the annual conference of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland—held this year at the Old Swan Hotel in Harrogate—to represent the CLSA. I am grateful for the warm and gracious hospitality of Monsignor Edward Hankiewicz, Judicial Vicar of Grand Rapids, and the Very Reverend Paul Churchill, President of the CLSGBI, respectively. Both meetings were a welcome opportunity to renew friendships and for ongoing canonical formation.

Finally, I am pleased to welcome a new, full-time employee to the administrative office, Ms. Megan Tucker. Megan is a graduate of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and she began her work with the CLSA in mid-May. I am confident

she will be an asset to the office and to the membership as we transition into a new fiscal year.

With June also comes the start of summer vacations. May you enjoy some time away to rest and refresh. ♦

MEMBER INVOICING UPDATE

Dues invoices have been mailed for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. As a reminder, membership renewal is \$250.00 for active and associate members, and \$125.00 for student members. If you need an additional hard copy of your dues invoice, please contact the administrative office.

Checks, made payable to the Canon Law Society of America, may be remitted to 415 Michigan Avenue NE, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20017-4502.

Online credit card payment will be available only after a web developer has been contracted. Members will be notified via email when electronic dues invoices are generated. In the interim, please contact the administrative office at (202) 832-2350 for secure credit card processing via phone. The CLSA’s relationship with its long-term credit card processor has not been affected by changes to the CLSA website, and accordingly, payment gateways are protected.

As a reminder, if you are a recent graduate of a School of Canon Law, please notify the administrative office. Your membership status will be upgraded to “Active” and your graduation date and degree will be acknowledged on your member profile. This is particularly important if you wish to vote in the 2018 Annual Business Meeting.

Thank you!

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SOCIETY ENGAGES GUIDEBOOK FOR SECOND YEAR

In anticipation of the 2018 Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, the Board of Governors announces the release of the 2018 Guidebook Mobile Application. Visit <http://guidebook.com/g/clsaconvention2018> from a mobile browser and tap the “download” button to get the free app. Then, open Guidebook and look for the guide: CLSA Convention 2018. (The CLSA Convention Guidebook is compatible with iOS and Android operating systems, and the app is also available through the iTunes App Store or Google Play Store.)



www.guidebook.com

The 2017 version of the mobile app proved to be an effective tool for evaluations and attendee engagement. As we begin to plan for Phoenix, please explore the more robust and user-friendly platform we are building:

- Craft your own personal schedule by selecting seminars and functions you wish to attend.
- Preserve electronic copies of speaker handouts in one convenient location.
- Maintain a mobile record of meeting room assignments and important locations.
- Review the Candidate biographies prior to the Candidate Forum and the 80th Annual Business Meeting.
- Receive push notifications from on-site administrators in Phoenix, pending any changes to the program or content (e.g., new resolutions proposed at the Open Hearing, revised handouts from speakers, etc.).
- Evaluate major addresses and seminars in real-time, while the experience is still fresh.

More Guidebook information will be available in the 2018 Summer Mailer. The CLSA Convention Guidebook will be updated through Summer and Fall 2018, to include all available seminar handouts, finalized meeting spaces, housekeeping announcements, a list of Convention attendees, and other pertinent resources. ♦

**Do you need password reset assistance?
Contact the administrative office now.**

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

*Submissions Requested by
August 17, 2018*

The Resolutions Committee encourages members to submit resolutions by August 17 for consideration at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting. Review the guidelines and resolution form, [available for download now](#) on the CLSA website. Members may either print and mail a resolution form, or submit their formatted resolution via email to ccrawford@clsa.org.

All proposed resolutions are subject to review by the Resolutions Committee, chaired by the Reverend Jaroslaw Skrzypek of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Clarifications, modifications, and amendments may also be made to the resolution by CLSA members, with the approval of the author(s), at the Resolutions Hearing (October 9, 2018) and the Annual Business Meeting (October 10, 2018). ♦

TRAVELING TO THE 2018 CONVENTION?

[CLICK NOW!](#)

Book a Room at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown
(Cut-Off Date: September 14, 2018)

- Singles/Doubles: \$169.00
- Triples: \$189.00
- Quads: \$209.00

Rates will be available from October 4, 2018 through October 14, 2018.

Transportation Options

The Renaissance Phoenix Downtown is located four miles northwest of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX). The hotel does not provide shuttle service; however, the city does offer flat-rate taxi transportation (\$17) from the airport to downtown Phoenix. The dropoff radius for the \$17 rate includes the Renaissance hotel, and at rush hour, this is often the cheapest (non-shared) car service.

Local bus service is \$2.00, and Uber and Lyft do pick up from the airport. SuperShuttle is also available from PHX (\$8.00 shared ride; \$20.00 non-stop ride).

The hotel offers **only** valet parking for \$32.00/day. ♦

2018 CONVENTION PRESENTATIONS

Canonical Equity: In Practice with a Vision for the Future

◆ *The Renaissance Phoenix Downtown* ◆

October 8-11, 2018 ◆ Phoenix, AZ

Please note: Members will receive an email when online registration for the 80th Annual Convention has opened. Should you wish to register for the Convention ahead of the second week of July, please contact the administrative office at (202) 832-2350.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Canon Law and Equity, Ekonomia, and Epikeia

The Reverend Monsignor Roch Pagé, P.H.

The notions of equity, ekonomia and epikeia will be discussed first to determine if and how these concepts are inherent in the law or above the law. In a second part, each notion will be applied to the different levels of Church law: universal law (the Code), particular law (the Essential Norms of the USCCB), and the teaching of *Amoris laetitia* of Pope Francis. Although an apostolic exhortation is not a legislative text, this particular exhortation is closely connected with c. 915, especially in its Chapter 8.

MAJOR ADDRESSES

Standing in the Breach of the Divide: Employing Equity in Practice

The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, D.D.

Employing equity in practice is more than a popular notion of fairness. It does require that we not lose sight of the person(s) we are called to serve amid policies, programs, and structures. Truth and charity, justice and mercy, are not opposing forces. Rather, they are all essential to the Church's mission of evangelization, proclamation, and reconciliation.

Finding Equitable Solutions to Ministerial Issues

The Reverend Monsignor Patrick Lagges, JCD

Equity is a concept that cuts two ways. When faced with issues of malfeasance on the part of her ministers, the Church must find a solution which is equitable, not just for the minister but for the community as well, which has a right to be pastored well. This talk will present equity from the perspectives of the minister and the community, so that the Church can ensure that those who are called to ministry are well-chosen, well-prepared, and well-accompanied throughout the personal and ministerial life.

SEMINARS

The Bishop as Legislator: Crafting Particular Law

The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, JCD

Anointing of the Sick: Canonical and Pastoral Questions

The Reverend James J. Conn, SJ, JCD

Issues Regarding Canonical Form

The Reverend Paul D. Counce, JCL

Recognizing the Gifts While Assuring Access to the Sacraments by Persons with Disabilities

Marie T. Hilliard, Ms, MA, JCL, PhD, RN

Erection as an Institute of Consecrated Life or a Society of Apostolic Life: The Nuts and Bolts

Eileen C. Jaramillo, D.Min, JCL

The Relationship Between a Bishop and an Institute of Consecrated Life

Lynn M. Jarrell, OSU, JCD

How Many Bites of the Apple? A Look at Recourse in Penal Administrative Processes Authorized by the CDF

The Reverend John Paul Kimes, JCD

Harmonizing Two Codes: Intersections, Limitations, and Indications for the Future

The Reverend John Paul Kimes, JCD

A Good Developmental History: The Key to Assessing a Person's Capacity for Marital Consent

Lee B. Kneipp, PhD.

A Guide Through the Canonical Issues of the RCIA

The Reverend Monsignor Edward Lohse, JCD

Recent Development in Jurisprudence

The Reverend Mario Medina-Balam, JCD

Canonical Considerations in Response to Scandal in the Church

Susan Mulheron, JCL

Fulfilling Pastoral Needs: The Story of Restructuring

The Reverend Nikolaus Schöch, OFM

Equity and the University

The Reverend Sean O. Sheridan, TOR, JD, JCD

The Development of the Tribunal: The Phoenix Experience

Panel Presentation, Diocese of Phoenix

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT:



PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Revised Code of Professional Responsibility and You

Marie T. Hilliard, MS, MA, JCL, PhD, RN

The Canon Law Society of America is an ever-evolving Society of professionals committed to the faithful application of Canon Law for the salvation of souls. With the changing profile of canon lawyers through the increasing number of lay canonists and canonists practicing outside of ecclesiastical governance, and with the more recent changes in matrimonial and penal law, and even with the advancing application of technology, it was fully expected that the *Code of Professional Responsibility* would also have to continue to evolve. The Society has a history of responding to such realities for the professional enhancement of its members and for the protection of the rights of the persons they serve.

The Society first adopted a *Code of Professional Responsibility* at its Annual Meeting in October of 1983, for an experimental period of three years. A revised version was adopted at the Annual Meeting in October of 1987. The Society adopted a *Statement Concerning Professional Courtesies* for another experimental period of three years at its Annual Meeting in October 1993. A revised version of this *Statement* was adopted at the Annual Meeting of 1996. The current revised version of the [Society's Code of Professional Responsibility](#) was approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Society in Houston in October of 2016. It contains fifty-nine (59) canons, or ethical guidelines, which delineate boundaries of ethical and professional conduct that extend beyond minimal standards. These ethical guidelines are both educational and practical, to enable canonists to grow in ethical sensitivity and professionalism as they protect the rights of the persons they serve. It is hoped that the Society's *Code of Professional Conduct* also will help canonists who engage in all forms of canonical ministry, whether involving Church governance and administration or direct service to the People of God, to reflect more deeply on the meaning and demands of ethical and professional conduct in the roles they play in Church ministry. It is a document in service to the Society's members, as they protect the rights of the People of God for the salvation of their souls, the very purpose of the *Code of Canon Law*.

These ethical guidelines provide standards to judge the professional conduct of canonists. They also are

companied by [Guidelines for Implementing the Code of Professional Responsibility](#). These *Guidelines* contain standard procedures and principles of due process to protect the rights of the canonist. They include rights of response and time-limits, from preliminary investigation of an allegation of a violation of the *Code of Professional Responsibility* by a member of the Society followed by the designation of a hearing officer by the Committee on Professional Responsibility, to the promulgation of the final decision. The Society has highly knowledgeable canonist-hearing officers who have volunteered their time for the good of all involved, from the People of God, the canonists who serve them, and the integrity of the Canon Law Society of America. These processes are available to all whose goal is to promote adherence to professional standards, while at the same time protecting the due process rights, of the members of the Society. ♦

BOG ANNOUNCES 2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Subcommittee on Scholarship, in conjunction with the Board of Governors at large, is pleased to announce the 2018-2019 recipient of the Doctoral Scholarship Award, **Mrs. Susan Mulheron**.

The Subcommittee on Scholarship has bestowed three additional licentiate awards for fiscal year 2018-2019.

- **Ms. Michelle A. Charmante**, Licentiate Candidate, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- **The Reverend Daniel C. Gill**, Licentiate Candidate, University to be finalized
- **Mr. Michael J. Mazza**, Licentiate Candidate, The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross

Sincere thanks to all CLSA members who have donated to the scholarship funds in the last calendar year. Your generous contributions make these awards possible!

Congratulations to all awardees! ♦

REGIONAL MEETINGS 2018

Aug 22-23 **Oklahoma City Province Meeting**
Oklahoma City, OK

Planning a regional meeting?
Email ccrawford@clsa.org to advertise your event.