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## PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS



*The Rev. Monsignor John J. M. Foster*

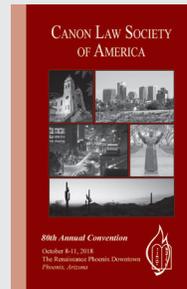
The 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Canon Law Society of America is just a month away; preparations are being finalized to welcome members and guests to Phoenix, Arizona, October 8–11. With this summer’s reports of past actions by bishops and calls from all quarters of the Christian faithful for institutional reform, this year’s convention theme “Canonical Equity: In Practice with a Vision for the Future” in timely indeed. I look forward to the Keynote Address of Monsignor Roch Pagé, the Major Addresses of Archbishop Charles Thompson and Monsignor Pat Lagges, and the interesting seminars. If your schedule permits, please consider participating in one of the pre-convention workshops on the merging of parishes and closing of churches or determining error (c. 1099). Discounted registration ends September 24.

Acting on a motion approved by the Board of Governors at last month’s meeting in Baltimore, I wrote to Bishop Robert Deeley, Bishop of Portland in Maine and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, offering the assistance of the CLSA as his committee and the body of bishops draft and debate proposals to address the aforementioned actions by bishops in the United States. In the letter, I also assured Bishop Deeley of our prayers for him, the committee, and the entire conference.

As this edition of the newsletter goes to press, I have just returned from the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand, held in Adelaide, South Australia September 3-6. Fathers Robert Geisinger, S.J. and Hans Zollner, S.J. gave informative plenary presentations. Sister Maria Casey, R.S.J., concluded her second term as president of the

CLSANZ. She has been succeeded by the Reverend Ken Café, O.F.M.

Finally, as my term as president concludes at the end of next month’s convention, I want to express my gratitude to all the members of the Society for your dedicated ministry as canonists. It has been an honor to serve you in leadership these past two years. ♦



Convention brochures have been sent to the membership of the Canon Law Society of America. If you have not received a hard copy, and you wish to receive a program by mail, please [contact us](#). You may also download the [full, electronic mailer here](#).

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# 2018 CONVENTION UPDATE

## *Canonical Equity: In Practice with a Vision for the Future*

◆ *The Renaissance Phoenix Downtown* ◆

October 8-11, 2018 ◆ Phoenix, AZ

### RESOLUTION PROPOSAL

- ◆ 80th Annual Business Meeting ◆  
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

**PROPOSED BY:** Board of Governors

**TITLE:** *Proposed Reduction of Dues for First-Time Members Who Join the CLSA After January 1*

#### STATEMENT OF RATIONALE:

**WHEREAS,** the annual dues for membership in the Canon Law Society of America runs on a July to June fiscal year,

**AND WHEREAS,** there are some persons who are in a position to join the CLSA in the middle of the Society's fiscal year,

**AND WHEREAS,** the current dues for a student membership are \$125.00 and the current dues for an active or associate membership are \$250.00,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** any person who wishes to join the Society for the first time may join after January 1 of the current fiscal year for half the cost of the membership dues.

**IMPLEMENTATION BY MEANS OF** approval by the majority of active members present and voting at the annual Convention

**ANTICIPATED REVENUE:** \$500

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** All proposed resolutions are subject to review by the Resolutions Committee. 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 and the Annual Business Meeting. The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for 11:00am on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, and it will be preceded by the Resolutions Hearing at 4:30pm on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

Please [click here](#) for additional details on resolution guidelines. ◆



#### SLEEPING ROOM RESERVATIONS:

The room block at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel is nearing capacity, and discounted room reservations (\$169.00/night for single occupancy; \$189.00/night for double occupancy) are on a first-come, first-serve basis through **September 14, 2018**. [Click here to reserve a sleeping room](#) on the Renaissance website, or phone **1 (800) 309-8138**. If you have difficulty making a sleeping room reservation before Friday, September 14, please [contact the administrative office](#).

#### TRANSPORTATION:

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. No self-park options are available through the hotel.

#### CANCELLATIONS:

Sleeping room reservations may only be cancelled by contacting the hotel directly. Please phone (602) 333-0000.

# FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: WEBSITE UPDATES

Colleen Crawford

The staff members in the administrative office thank you for your patience as we, in conjunction with the team at FreshySites, continue to work toward resolution with [canonlawsocietyofamerica.org](http://www.clsa.org) ([www.clsa.org](http://www.clsa.org)). It has been a challenging year since we first unveiled the new CLSA website at the 2017 convention in Indianapolis, and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the hurdles that members have faced, from simple tasks like username/password resets, to larger needs like accessing the member directory and downloading PDF resources. I am grateful for the action of the Board of Governors in June 2018, which secured the professional services of FreshySites, a web development team that is committed to restoring and improving CLSA website functionality, while exercising best practices and securely monitoring our content. It is no small feat to reconstruct a website with rich history and archives like the CLSA's, and we are relying on the professional competence and talents of multiple team members to optimize our content.

I am keenly sensitive to the fact that poor website functionality, as well as staff turnover and transition, have created gaps or questions for members who are accustomed to the previous website model and its well-established timelines and directives for content updates. While delays related to electronic dues statements and online Convention registration were acknowledged in the June 2018 eNewsletter, I wish to revisit the topic now, to assure you that we take these timelines very seriously. It is our goal – as part of the broader website reconstruction – to return to prompt, electronic updates and to exceed the previous standard of member service. A well-functioning website is integral to the educational mission of the Society and the operations of the office, and the office must continue to foster open communication on the subject.

During this period of reconstruction, workflow that was once automated from computer servers will require manual intervention, record-keeping, and acknowledgment by staff. We are making every effort to keep up with the volume of processing, and in the interim, we have established a “[Frequently Asked Questions](#)” page on the website to tackle the most common questions from members. During website reconstruction, if you have questions about the availability of member resources, the content of the member directory, or about the status of your membership, I would encourage you to contact [ccrawford@clsa.org](mailto:ccrawford@clsa.org) or [mtucker@clsa.org](mailto:mtucker@clsa.org) directly.

Response time is much improved when writing to a personal email, as opposed to a general mailbox.

I remain grateful to those members who have raised questions, phoned the office with requests, or otherwise alerted staff to errors or gaps on the website. It is through this contact that we identify areas that need attention and make improvements that will benefit the membership at large. Thank you!

I will end this brief reflection by affirming the office's commitment to dialogue with the membership. We recognize the patience you have exhibited, particularly in these last few months, and it is our goal to make the remainder of the website transition as seamless as possible. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to visit our [FAQ page](#) or to contact [ccrawford@clsa.org](mailto:ccrawford@clsa.org). ♦

## IN MEMORIAM

### *Scholarship Donations*

Sr. Dominica Brennan, O.P.  
The Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Green  
Archbishop Thomas Kelly, O.P.  
Julio and Barbara Pedone  
Dr. Jim Provost  
Rev. Nathaniel Reeves OSB

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE

## 2018 VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Active Members who wish to vote in the Board of Governors election at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, should remit annual dues no later than October 1, 2018. If you are unsure about your current dues status, or if you need to make a payment immediately, please phone the administrative office at (202) 832-2350 or visit <https://canonlawsocietyofamerica.org/invoice/> and enter payment via MasterCard or Visa credit card.

As a reminder, if you are a recent graduate of a School of Canon Law, please contact the administrative office. If you have remitted dues at a rate of \$125.00 and registered for the Convention with similar student credentials, you will not be recognized by the administrative backend as “eligible” to vote. However, following the 2018 convention, your membership status will be upgraded to “Active” and your graduation date and degree will be acknowledged on your member profile. Thank you!

# NEW PUBLICATION RELEASES ANNOUNCED

The Publications Advisory Board is pleased to announce the October 2018 release of a new book from CLSA Member Aaron Nord, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri. Entitled “Apostolic and Diocesan Administrators of a Vacant See: A Canonical Resource,” this book is the latest in the CLSA Pastoral Resource series and offers an in-depth look at the questions facing a diocese when it becomes vacant.

From the author’s introduction:

This book is written for diocesan administrators as well as for the canonists who guide them. Each chapter answers questions a diocesan administrator might have; chapter 18 is for apostolic administrators specifically. Each chapter gives suggestions for further reading in case something in the chapter seems interesting or surprising. While this book has been written for diocesan administrators in the Latin Church *sui iuris*, the law for Eastern Catholic Churches is similar (see Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches canons 228-229).

[Sign up to be notified](#) when the book is available through the CLSA Online Bookstore!

## Other Publication updates:

- *Proceedings of the 79th Annual Convention* (2017) has been released from the printer and mailed at the non-profit rate via USPS. Please allow up to three weeks for delivery.
- Chorbishop John Faris has revised the English translation of the Lorenzo Lorusso book, *Eastern Catholics and Latin Pastors*. The updated translation will be available through the bookstore next month.
- *Roman Replies and CLSA Advisory Opinions 2018* will be distributed on-site to all 2018 Convention attendees, and following the conclusion of the Convention, the volume will be available for purchase from the online bookstore.
- Announcements regarding any future printing of the *Code of Canon Law* (incorporating *Mitis Iudex* and *De Concordia* changes, among other modifications) will be supplied to the membership as revision plans continue to develop. We thank you for your patience! ♦

# NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new members who have joined the Society since June 2018. If you wish to join the Society, or know someone who would be interested in becoming a member, please visit the ‘Become a Member’ page on our website (<https://canonlawsocietyofamerica.org/become-a-member/>).

Dcn. Nathan Allen Saint Paul, MN	Ellen Mady Cheswick, PA
Mr. Michael Andrews Lansing, MI	Mr. Valère Nkouaya Mbandji Ottawa, Canada
Rev. Nazario Atukunda Portland, OR	Dr. Sara Paglialunga Fort Worth, TX
Dcn. Brad Berhorst Jefferson City, MO	Rev. Vincent Parsons Scottsbluff, NE
Angie Cagle Anchorage, AK	Laura Prejean Washington, DC
Rev. Nicholas Callaghan New York, NY	Rev. Jayaraj Putti New York, NY
Emily Danchisin Owensboro, KY	Rev. Carmine Rizzi Newark, NJ
Rev. Aloysius Enemali Hollis, NY	Mr. Daniel Ross Indianapolis, IN
Rev. Paul Gargaro Glasgow, Scotland	Rev. Christopher Seibt Washington, DC
Very Rev. John Hammond Nashville, TN	Rev. Andrew Szymakowski Redmond, OR
Rev. Robert Hospodar New York, NY	Msgr. Romulo Vergara San Francisco, CA
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