

# Canon Law Society of America

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## PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS



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It's an exciting time for the Canon Law Society of America since we have several major developments occurring! First, we have a new Administrative Assistant, Micaela Advent! Micaela is a graduate of Benedictine College in Kansas with strong administrative experience. We are fortunate to have her join the CLSA office team and she has already made significant contributions to our Society's work. If you call into the office and she answers, please take the time to welcome and thank her for her work on behalf of the Society.

In January, the Board of Governors' finalized the 2020 Convention plans. The Convention will take place in St. Louis, Missouri from October 12-15. This year's theme is *20/20 Evolving Laws and Practices* and the keynote speaker is Rev. Msgr. Paul McPartlan, STL, DPhil from The Catholic University of America (CUA). Msgr. McPartlan will present on the topic *Pope Francis: Teacher, Legislator and Pastor*. The major addresses will be presented by Dr. William L. Daniel, JCD from CUA and Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, JD, JCL from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The Pre-Convention Workshops will be on the practical implementation and use of the *Processus Brevior* and the other will be a workshop proposed by the Committee on Eastern Churches which is being prepared by its members. It will touch on theological, formative and financial issues that married men face when preparing for the ordained ministry, with plans to present a compilation of eparchial and diocesan policies regarding married clergy. More details will be available on these workshops in the coming months.

The Board of Governors also discussed the need to educate more persons in the area of penal law. As a result, an advocate training workshop will be held in March of 2021 at the Bethany Center near Tampa, Florida. In 2014, our Society put on a similar workshop and it was a huge success. Susan Mulheron of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Rev. Alexander Laschuk of the Archdiocese of Toronto and Rev. John Paul Kimes, formerly of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and now a member of the Faculty at the University of Notre Dame, have agreed to be the trainers for this workshop and I know they will do a wonderful job. More details about this workshop and registration will be available in the Summer or Fall of 2020.

We are in the final stages of preparing the Third Printing of the *Code of Canon Law, Latin-English Edition*. The Board considered postponing this Third Printing to include the long-anticipated revision of Book VI. However, without a definitive timeline, the Board is moving forward on the Third Printing with plans in place to provide addendums containing Book VI, if necessary. Regarding the Book VI revision, the Society is prepared with a team of Latin translators so that an English translation may be made available as soon as possible following the promulgation. However, we will need approval from the Vatican and the USCCB to disseminate the translation. Moreover, the Society is not permitted to provide the translation in an electronic format unless this is explicitly permitted by the Vatican and/or the USCCB.

Webinars are back! For several months our Executive Coordinator, Donna Miller, has been working with various members on finalizing plans to offer webinars. Many of these CLSA members are from the Clergy Committee. The committee proposed the idea to create webinars to train canonists about the penal process. The Board of Governors is very excited about renewing the webinars project as it will be a great way to provide periodic canonical education to the membership.

In a few short months, Msgr. Michael Padazinski, Vice-President, and Donna Miller, Executive Coordinator, will accompany me on the CLSA's biannual visit to the Vatican Dicastery Offices. There has been much planning put into this trip and I must express my deepest appreciation to Rev. Robert Geisinger, SJ for his insights and coordinating efforts that will no doubt contribute to the many purposeful meetings that will take place in the Eternal City. In our next newsletter, I will provide at least a preliminary report of our week at the Vatican.

Finally, as we focus on the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during the season of Lent, please consider contributing to the CLSA Scholarship Fund. [Donations may be made online](#) or by mail. If you have already made a donation, I thank you for your generosity. ♦

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# 2020 CONVENTION UPDATE

## *20/20 Evolving Laws and Practices*

The Chase Park Plaza Hotel ♦ October 12-15, 2020 ♦ St. Louis, MO



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### FAST FACTS: THE CHASE PARK PLAZA HOTEL

Sleeping rooms are \$155/night at the CLSA group rate (Cut-Off Date: September 1, 2020). Rates will be honored for three days prior to the beginning of the Pre-Convention Workshops and three days after the scheduled Convention end date based on availability.

The Chase Park Plaza Hotel is eleven miles from St. Louis Lambert International Airport and is easily accessible by taxi, rental car, Uber, Lyft, or commercial shuttle service. Additionally, the hotel is located five miles from the St. Louis Amtrak station (Gateway Station).

### Convention Program

The convention program outlined below is still in development. Brochures with registration information will be mailed in June, and more information regarding this year's convention program and hotel accommodations will be available in upcoming CLSA Newsletters and on the CLSA website.

#### Keynote Address Topic

*Pope Francis: Teacher, Legislator & Pastor*

Rev. Msgr. Paul McPartlan, STL, DPhil

#### Major Address Topics

*Historical Look of Where We're Going with Francis as Legislator*

William L. Daniel, JCD

*The Discipline of Bishops*

Most. Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, JD, JCL

#### Seminar Topics

*Challenges to the Seal of Confession*

Rev. Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk, JCD

*Professional Responsibilities: Cooperation and Civility Among the Roles in a Penal Trial*

Dr. J. Michael Ritty, JCL, PhD

Rev. Alex Laschuk, JCD

*Consecrated Virgins & CICLSALS's New Instruction*

Christina Hip-Flores MPP, JCD

*Professional Development of Lay Canonists: A Panel*

Anne Bryant, JCL, MEd, MA

Mary Santi, JCL, MDiv

*Tips for Collecting Proofs for Auditors, Judges & Other Investigators*

The Honorable Susan L. Malone

*Marriage Issues and the RCIA*

Barbara A. Bettwy, JCL

*Personality Disorders and the Impact on Marital Consent*

Dcn. Gerald Jorgensen, PhD, JCL

*Seminary Formation and Education*

Rev. Pius Pietrzyk, OP, STL, JD, JCD

*Motu Proprio Communis Vita and Changes to Canons 694 and 729*

Rev. Michael Joyce, CM, JCD

*Reform of the Roman Curia*

Kurt Martens, JCD

*Boundary Issues: Morality vs. Criminality*

Susan Mulheron, JCL

*Parishes Entrusted to a Religious Institute: Canonical Considerations*

Rev. John Chrysostom Kozlowski, OP, JCD

*When Eastern Catholics Marry*

Chorbishop John Faris, JCOD

*Data Driven Canon Law: Trends Since the Promulgation of the Code*

Dr. Diane Barr, JD, JCD, PhD

# FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR



Donna Miller, JCL, JD

In recent years the release of our quarterly CLSA newsletters has coincided with the changing of the four seasons. When writing my columns for the last two newsletters, the correlative seasonal changes prompted reflection on several levels. In September the change from hazy summer into the briskness of fall was front and center. In early December, as winter eased its way in, lightweight sweaters gave way to coats and hats. As I write this column, I reflect on spring's efforts to shove winter aside; but I am also mindful of the more meaningful seasonal change—that is, the change in the liturgical season. As we slip into Lent and allow the time for inner reflection and penitence to envelop us, we have the opportunity to make small adjustments to our daily schedules—some of which intentionally cause discomfort—in order to remind us of the suffering that our Lord endured for us many seasons ago.

For me, the temporal seasons are a reminder that the only way to grow—in maturity, in knowledge, in faith, in relationships—is to be open to change. We in administrative office have experienced and welcomed an important change recently. In January we added Micaela Advent to our staff as our new Administrative Assistant. Micaela officially started her duties on Thursday, January 23, 2020, so she has several weeks at CLSA under her belt now that March has arrived. Her email is [madvent@clsa.org](mailto:madvent@clsa.org) should you wish to welcome her. I want to publicly applaud Micaela and thank her for all her efforts in these early weeks on the job at CLSA. We look forward to getting to know her better as she helps us carry out our mission.

I am happy to report that the publication of 81st Annual CLSA Proceedings is in the final stages of preparation and soon will go to the printer. You may be aware that we decided to put the texts of the major talks and seminar presentations from the convention on our website for our members to access during the time that we are preparing the Proceedings for distribution. Many of you have availed yourselves of these manuscripts over the last few weeks. Once printed, the publication will be mailed to all of our current members, and the online texts will be removed. If your mailing address has changed in the past 6 months, [please notify the administrative office](#) to ensure proper delivery. When mailing is complete, we will make extra copies of Proceedings available for purchase by non-members through our online store.

In other developments related to publications, we have taken a leap forward and have our first two books posted as print-on-demand. First, we have the revised English edition of *Eastern Catholics and Latin Pastors* (by Lorenzo

Lorusso, O.P., translated by Chorbishop John Faris) posted on Amazon. Second, you also will find on Amazon our publication *Parish Councils: Pastoral and Financial*, by James Coriden and Mark Fischer. Links to both of these publications are available on our website's online store. As time goes on, we plan to convert more and more of our past publications to the print-on-demand format and/or e-book format in order to alleviate the need to maintain an inventory.

Another exciting recent development is the re-instatement of the CLSA webinar series. To date we have two webinars scheduled. Sister Victoria Vondenberger and Dr. Eileen Jaramillo have graciously agreed to update the webinars that they originally presented in 2014. (The earlier recordings were lost during changes to the website and to the online webinar hosting platform.)

- ◆ Sr. Vicki's webinar, "The Defender of the Bond," is set for Thursday, March 12, and an email invitation has been sent to all CLSA members;

- ◆ Eileen's webinar, "Fundamental Elements of Establishing an Institute of Consecrated Life or a Society of Apostolic Life," will be set for early April.

An email invitation with complete details for registering will be sent 10-14 days before each respective broadcast. They will also be advertised on our website under the Webinars tab in the Members Only section (<https://clsa.org/members-only/webinars/>), so check frequently for all of the latest updates. All of our webinars will be free to CLSA members to participate in the live broadcast and to view when they are linked through our website. We are working on offering them to non-members for a fee. Watch for emails advertising the dates and times for the broadcasts of these and future webinars. And, as always, if you wish to present a webinar or have a topic that you would like to see addressed in a webinar, please contact me with your suggestions.

Preparations are ongoing for the Spring trip to Rome in mid-May for our BOG President, Vice-President and Executive Coordinator. Letters have been prepared and sent to the various dicasteries and canon law faculties requesting meetings. (We are aware at this writing that the CDC has assigned a warning of Level 3 requesting Americans avoid non-essential travel to Italy due to the rising number of cases of COVID-19, so we will monitor that situation closely.) You can still submit issues that you think might be worth presenting to a specific dicastery in the event we have time to address them. Send your suggestions to Jay Conzemius ([president@clsa.org](mailto:president@clsa.org)), Msgr. Michael Padazinski ([vicepresident@clsa.org](mailto:vicepresident@clsa.org)) or Donna Miller ([dmiller@clsa.org](mailto:dmiller@clsa.org)). We are excited for the opportunities that this visit will afford us and for the chance to represent our esteemed organization to the officials in the various dicasteries and to the staff and students at the various canon law faculties.

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR, CONTINUED

We continue to await permission from the USCCB to publish the Third Printing of the *Code of Canon Law, Latin-English Edition*. The prospect of electronic publication requires more intensive discussion involving the Holy See in order to make sure that the methods employed will maintain the integrity of the text.

If details can be worked out now, this should facilitate future revisions to the Code, particularly when revised Book VI and the new *Pastor Bonus* eventually are released.

Turning back to the liturgical season of Lent, what better time to search your memory (and your emails) for times over the last year when you have offered a canonical opinion to someone? We currently are gathering advisory opinions (and Roman relies) for this year's edition of *Roman Replies and CLSA Advisory Opinions*, as you will see mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. The independent canon law list serve has yielded several prospects that are ripe for sharing with our membership. If you spot a question and response that would be beneficial, please encourage the authors to share their expertise with us. (Note that any replies from dicasteries of the Holy See will have to be approved before we can publish them, so we will need time to secure that approval.) If you have questions about content that you wish to submit or if you have a question to which you would like someone to formulate an answer based on canon law, please contact me at [dmiller@clsa.org](mailto:dmiller@clsa.org).

During these hope-filled seasons of Spring and Lent, we in the administrative office want to wish each of you many blessings as you weather the changes in these challenging times. May your Lent be fruit-bearing, your Holy Week be blessed, and your celebration of our risen Lord at Easter be glorious! ♦

## ADVERTISE TRIBUNAL/CANONICAL SERVICES POSITIONS

Does your (arch)diocese/eparchy have a job opening in a canonical field? Advertise on the [Employment Opportunities page](#) on the CLSA website by contacting [mboland@clsa.org](mailto:mboland@clsa.org).

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## NEW MEMBERS

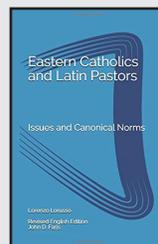
Please join us in welcoming the following new members who have joined the Society since December 2019. If you wish to join the Society, or know someone who would be interested in becoming a member, please apply on our website.

Mr. Lawrence Faulkenberry Little Neck, NY	Rev. Kenneth O'Brien Glasgow, United Kingdom
Dr. Waldery Hilgeman Rome, Italy	Ms. Ester Rita Rome, Italy
Ms. Elizabeth Kabacinski Chicago, IL	Mr. Benjamin Roodhouse Alexandria, VA
Rev. Thomas Kiefer Springfield, MO	Rev. Gregory Smith West Vancouver, BC
Rev. Adam Laski Superior, WI	Sr. Maximilia Um, FSGM Springfield, IL

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

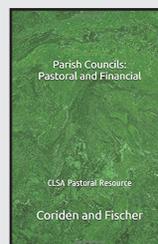
available on the online bookstore

The administrative office, in conjunction with the Executive Coordinator and Publications Advisory Board, is pleased to announce the release of the following print-on-demand publications:



### Eastern Catholics and Latin Pastors, Revised English Edition

There are eighteen Eastern Catholic jurisdictions in the United States with approximately 600,000 registered faithful. Pastors and canonists are often confronted with questions when Eastern Catholic faithful approach them for sacraments. Lorusso's book is a valuable resource regarding membership in a Church sui iuris, marriage, baptism, confirmation (chrismation), and the other sacraments. (Price: \$45.00)



### Parish Councils: Pastoral and Finance

This publication examines consultation through parish councils in the wake of Vatican II, as a result of the Council's emphasis on active participation of the laity in the life of the Church. It offers an in-depth vision of the origins and development of these councils, including the theological and canonical reasoning behind them, as well as a detailed look at their functions, operations, and relationships to other elements of the parish. (Price: \$15.00)

# SPOTLIGHT ON CLSA SCHOLARSHIPS

The annual CLSA scholarship award is open to prospective students of canon law and those individuals enrolled in a licentiate or doctoral program. Please visit <https://clsa.org/scholarships/> for the full list of scholarship terms. The application, as well as a list of supplementary requirements, are available for download from the website.

Applications are due by April 15, 2020. The name(s) of the 2020 recipient(s) will be announced in the June 2020 eNewsletter.

It is through the generosity of members and donors that the Society is able to furnish these academic scholarships. Thank you for your important contribution!

If you have not yet contributed to this year's scholarship appeal and you wish to do so, you may send a check made payable to "CLSA Scholarship Fund" to the Administrative Office:

**Canon Law Society of America**  
415 Michigan Avenue, NE  
Suite 101  
Washington, DC 20017

Members may also donate online at <https://clsa.org/scholarships/>. All donations will be acknowledged with a receipt for tax purposes.

## REGIONAL MEETINGS 2020

*More information regarding planned Regional Meetings may be found on the [CLSA website](#).*

Mar 10-11	<b>Texas Catholic Conference - Department of Judicial Vicars</b> San Antonio, TX
Mar 17-19	<b>Western Regional Conference</b> Las Vegas, NV
April 28-30	<b>Northwest Regional Meeting</b> Seattle, WA
May 11-13	<b>Midwest Region Canon Law Convention (Joint Conference)</b> Richmond, VA
May 11-13	<b>Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists (Joint Conference)</b> Richmond, VA
Aug 4-5	<b>Oklahoma City Province Meeting</b> Tulsa, OK

## CALL TO ALL MEMBERS

### *Now Accepting Submissions for Roman Replies and CLSA Advisory Opinions 2020*

This annual publication continues to be a great service to the Society's membership because of the practical insights and direction it provides. Consider being a part of this year's edition!

If you are a CLSA member who has been researching an interesting canonical question that might benefit other canonists in interpreting and applying canon law, please consider composing an *Advisory Opinion* for this year's edition. Or, if you have come across a canonical question to which you would like another canonist's response, submit the question and we will find a member to formulate an *Opinion*.

Have you received a reply from Rome that could be of interest, or do you have correspondence from the Roman Curia which could benefit other canonists? Submit these replies for publication in the *Roman Replies* section of this year's edition.

Submissions are sanitized, edited, and formatted to conform to the CLSA style-guide.

*Opinions* (or questions) and *Replies* should be sent to the Executive Coordinator at [dmiller@clsa.org](mailto:dmiller@clsa.org); **please submit by June 1, 2020.** ♦

## WEBINARS

Have you visited the Webinars tab in the Members Only section of the CLSA website? Login and [visit the Webinars page today](#) for access to all previous webinar offerings and future scheduled webinars!

Interested in being a webinar presenter or suggesting a topic/presenter for a future webinar? Contact the CLSA Executive Coordinator, Donna Miller, at [dmiller@clsa.org](mailto:dmiller@clsa.org).

As a reminder, our first webinar of 2020, "The Defender of the Bond," is scheduled for this Thursday, March 12, at 1:00 Eastern time. If you want to register, please [click here](#). Registration will close at 5:00 pm (Eastern) on Wednesday, March 11.