



PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS

## Changes Challenge the Church and CLSA



Rev. Smilanic

**T**.S. Eliot began his modernist poem *The Waste Land* with the now famous line ‘April is the cruelest month.’ Perhaps it could be said that for the Canon Law

Society and for the Church, this year February and March are the most challenging months. The last few weeks and the next few weeks will present changes that will challenge us. Indeed, this season of Lent is about change.

To begin with, I want to compliment Dr. Barbara Ann Cusack, Fr. Pat Cogan, and the Convention Planning Committee for finalizing the 2009 Convention Program which is found elsewhere in our *Newsletter*. The list of major speakers has changed due in part to the scheduling issues of those involved, over which they had no control. Please note also that the convention will begin on Monday afternoon and conclude

on Thursday morning.

Two changes in the Church involve two major dioceses in the United States: New York and Milwaukee. In the name of the society, I want to thank Cardinal Egan of New York for his service to the Church as a fellow canonist. Anyone who has worked in a diocesan Tribunal or studied matrimonial jurisprudence is familiar with the phrase ‘coram Egan.’ I also want to congratulate Archbishop Dolan on his appointment as Archbishop of New York. As a bishop he has recognized the need for Canon Law in the life of the Church. As the Archbishop of Milwaukee he encouraged canonists, and sought their skills and their input in diocesan administration. Mindful of his academic degree, one might call to mind the adage: ‘scratch a Canon Lawyer and find a Church Historian.’

There are also changes in the life of our Society as well. With the gradual implementation of the FIP, these changes are not simply alterations but new developments.

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### Call for 2009 Advisory Opinions

Have you been researching an interesting canonical question that could also benefit other canonists in their work of interpreting and applying Church law? Have you been perplexed by a canonical question that you would like another canonist to consider by way of response?

The Canon Law Society of America is accepting submissions for the 2009 edition of *CLSA Advisory Opinions*. The Society also maintains a list of canonists who are eager to respond to canonical

questions, whether they are of a practical or an exclusively academic nature. Consider challenging your peers to a brainstorming session of important questions that are in need of examination!

Opinions and questions should be forwarded to Ms. Siobhan Verbeek, CLSA Advisory Opinions Editor, at [sverbeek@uscclb.org](mailto:sverbeek@uscclb.org). Submission deadline has been extended until March 31, 2009. ▼

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## Past Recipients Reflect on Impact of CLSA Scholarships

As a part of our Scholarship Lenten Appeal, we asked three past CLSA Scholarship Recipients to describe briefly the impact the scholarship had on their canonical studies and practice.



*Sr. Lynn McKenzie,  
OSB, JCL CUA  
1994*

of America. When I found out about the

“Being a member of a small Benedictine monastery in a relatively small diocese...in very Protestant Alabama, I had access to limited funding [for] my canonical education at the Catholic University

CLSA scholarship, I was very pleased to know of a possible source of partial funding for my education and was fortunate to be a recipient. Since graduating from CUA in 1994, I have served in various roles in our diocesan tribunal in Birmingham, Alabama, as a canonical resource in my own small community as well as in the Federation of St. Scholastica..., and as a canonical consultant as well as advocate for many U.S. religious...I am most grateful for having the help of the CLSA scholarship which enabled me to pursue my licentiate.”



*Zabrina Decker  
JCL CUA 2001*

generosity of the members of the Society in supporting the Scholarship fund. It gave me an immediate understanding of the support and importance of Canon Law in the wider Church. Today, I believe that the confidence I have in my practice is of benefit to my Archdiocese and to all whom I teach. I am also keenly

“Receiving the CLSA scholarship enabled my Archdiocese (Milwaukee) to allocate funds to other corporate works while still sponsoring my studies as a lay person in the Church. I have never forgotten the

aware of the support provided to me by the Society as I hopefully provide a response in service when I am asked to serve on a committee or, most recently, to run for office on the Board of Governors.



*Stephen Garbitelli  
JCL CUA 2008*

order to embark on an unknown path was not very encouraging. Yet, because of the generosity of the CLSA, I knew that the financial burden of graduate school would not be as daunting as I had first anticipated. Thanks to the CLSA Scholarship, I was able to enroll in courses during the summers of my first and second years at Catholic University, and thus, I completed the JCL program in two years. Presently, I am grateful to be working full-time for the Church in the Diocese of Portland at such a young age, and I remain indebted to the CLSA for giving me this opportunity.” ▼

“When I decided to attend Catholic University in order to study Canon Law, I knew very little about the subject and knew even less about how I could use my degree. At the time, the thought of assuming more student loans in

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Please encourage individuals interested in studying canon law to apply to this scholarship; applications are available at [www.clsa.org](http://www.clsa.org).

The 2009 Scholarship Lenten Appeal letters have been sent from the OEC this past month; please look for this letter in your mailbox and consider contributing to the Fund.

If you would like to make a contribution to the CLSA Scholarship fund please send a check to the Office of the Executive Coordinator, 3025 4th Street, Washington, DC 20017, or call our office (202) 832-2350 for other payment options.

If you would like to make your donation in memory of a specific person, please indicate the memorial on the check and we will make note of these memorials in the annual report.

For more information regarding the CLSA Scholarship, please visit our website ([www.clsa.org](http://www.clsa.org)); or call Katie Richards at (202) 832-2350.

### Member Center Updates

If you have a change of address, email address, phone number, etc. please change your membership account by logging into the Member Center at [www.clsa.org](http://www.clsa.org). To do this, select “Member Log in” from the upper right hand corner of the homepage. Once logged in, you are brought into the Member Center with member’s only news and information, including select publications available

for download. While logged in, you may make changes to your profile by clicking “My Account” located in the left hand menu.

*It is important to keep your account information current, since this is the information used by the Society for membership mailings.* If you have trouble logging in, please contact Katie Richards at (202) 832-2350 or [krichards@clsa.org](mailto:krichards@clsa.org).

## Board of Governors, Resource and Asset Management Committee Meet



Sr. Sharon Euart,  
RSM

January and February have been busy months at the Office of the Executive Coordinator. Meetings of the Board of Governors and the Resource and Asset Management Committee (RAM) brought several members of the Society to the Hecker Center and the CLSA offices. The Board of Governors arrived on January 26 and met through January 28. The RAM Committee met February 18 and 19. We were delighted to host these meetings. Despite an ice storm during the BOG meeting and snow showers during the RAM meeting, all managed to stay comfortable and safe in the Hecker Center!

Here are a few updates since our last Newsletter.

- *Publications.* *CLSA Proceedings 2008* and *Canon Law Digest 13* are now available from CLSA Publications! Information regarding cost is available on the CLSA website. The second printing of *Dignitas Connubii* is also



Rev. Phillip Brown and Rev. Patrick Brennan discuss matters during break from the Board of Governors meeting in January.

available at this time from CLSA Publications. The Marriage Research Committee's publication on *Rotal Jurisprudence* is progressing well and will be available possibly in late Spring of 2009 as will the English edition of *Inter-Ecclesial Relations Between Eastern and Latin Catholics: A Canonical-Pastoral Handbook* by George Gallaro. With the assistance of the Publications Advisory Board, we continue to monitor our inventory and identify those publications that may need to be reprinted. The new 2009 CLSA *Publications Catalogue* is available and will be included in future orders from BrightKey. It includes the latest publication listings and those expected in the near future.

- *CLSA Website.* Once again we can update you on recent changes on our website. The application form for the Advocacy Workshop is on line and can be downloaded for completion and mailing to Msgr. Ricardo Bass. The New Member application form can now be completed on line and submitted directly by e-mail with credit card payment of dues to Katie Richards for processing. It is this format that we are hoping to have developed for convention registration as well as for payment of annual dues. We have also obtained a link on the website Publication page to Paulist Press for easy purchase of the *CLSA New Commentary*.
- *Profile Information Update.* Again we encourage you to update your profile on the website membership directory. It is an easy process to change your address and it will provide the most current contact information for mailing purposes. If you would like assistance in this process, please contact Katie in the EC office at [krichards@clsa.org](mailto:krichards@clsa.org).
- *Regional Meetings.* Please see the box in this Newsletter listing the dates for the



Board of Governor members Sr. Lynn McKenzie, OSB and Rev. Manuel Viera, OFM hard at work during the January Board meeting.

2009 Regional meetings. We ask the contact persons for Regional Meetings to notify the OEC of the dates of the 2009-2010 Regional Meetings and the name of the contact person. We will post the information on the website under "regional meetings." We also ask the contact person for each Regional Meeting to be in touch with the CLSA President regarding representation from the Board of Governors at the Regional Meeting. The Board of Governors wishes to have a representative at each Regional Meeting.

- *Regional Meeting Presentations.* We would like to experiment with placing some of the presentations made at the Regional Meetings on the CLSA website so members who do not attend the meetings can have access to the content. We invite presenters who wish to submit their talks/presentations to the Office of the Executive Coordinator for posting on the website. We will determine an appropriate length of time to keep them active on the site.
- *Canonical Consultation/Advocacy.* We continue to receive requests for canonical assistance from priests, reli-

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That is, rather than simply doing the same things differently, the changes will enable us to be more organized and more creative in our efforts to respond to canonical needs in our Church. The new Clergy Committee has been established, assuming, along with its mandate, the functions of the Regional Workshops for Advocates in Penal Cases and Advocacy Procedures Task Forces and Canonical Questions Regarding the Sexual Abuse of Minors Committee. The new committee provides the opportunity for a more focused, and efficient response to clergy issues. Msgr. Craig Cox has accepted the appointment as chair, with a membership of Rev. Greg Bittner, Msgr. Steven Callahan, Msgr. Nevin Klinger, Rev. Daniel Ward, OSB and Rev. Gary Yanus.

The new Committee on Research and Development has also been established. Its mandate includes initiating and coop-

erating in research and study of proposals, development of convention themes, communication with CLSA committees, and the design of Think Tanks. Dr. Barbara Ann Cusack has accepted the appointment as chair of this committee, which has a membership of the Rev. John Beal, the Rev. Patrick Lagges and the Rev. Robert Oliver. As Vice-President, the Rev. Larry Jurcak is an ex officio member. The Board of Governors at its January meeting has also asked the committee to pursue inter-societal cooperation and the resolution regarding a Tribunal of 3rd Instance for Marriage cases.

Most of our members have at one time or another held a position in a diocesan tribunal. Additionally, the area of law that most of us have had to answer a question about is sacramental law. The Committee on Sacramental Law has been established to assist us in these areas. In addition to its mandate it will include the functions of the Marriage Research Committee and issues involving the marriage of undocumented persons. Sr. Victoria Vondenberger, RSM has accepted the appointment as chair of the committee, with a membership of Rev. John Foster, Ms. Margaret Gilette, Rev. Bruce Miller, Rev. Mark Plewka and Rev. Michael Vigil.

The Board of Governors will continue to have a representative at each regional meeting. Representation and communication has been divided among the various members of the BOG so that each of us attends at least one of these meetings. Usually, the representative will be a member, or a close neighbor, of the region whose meeting is taking place. We all look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Regional Meetings. As President, I was invited to deliver a lecture to the faculty and students of the Canon Law faculty at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada. On February 6, 2009, I shared some of my thoughts and experiences concerning the right of defense and the role of an Advocate for clerics accused of a grave delict. It was an experience not just of ideas, but also of future canonists.

Changes in our nation, our culture and our world will create changes in our

professional Society. The recent economic contraction means that the budgets of some dioceses and religious communities may contract. Those reductions may involve travel budgets, funding of educational programs and institutional responsibility for fees. The changing demographics in the priesthood and religious life will impact our membership. Also changing are the issues about which we are asked to resource our leadership. We have to face these changes with imagination and flexibility. Rather than being dismayed or discouraged by these changes, they will challenge us to assess the needs of our Church, our professional needs and the resources that we are as canonists. Although a leader in the modernist movement, T. S. Eliot's poem used rather despairing metaphors; as the people of God, we see change as an opportunity to be creative and productive in new ways. ▼

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gious and lay persons. We are grateful to those who indicated their willingness to be a contact for individuals who request the name of a canonist to assist them with a situation involving matters such as the closing of a parish, an allegation of misconduct or other issues for which they need to consult with a canonist. If you are available to serve in this capacity, please let me know either by e-mail at [seuart@clsa.org](mailto:seuart@clsa.org) or by telephone at 202-832-2350.

- *CLSA Scholarship Appeal*: The scholarship appeal will take place during Lent 2009. The appeal letters have been mailed and we encourage your participation again this year. There is one correction we would like to make in the letter: the \$28,000 collected during the 2008 Appeal *includes* the \$22,000 donated from several bishops. We would like to exceed the amount of the 2008 donations. Thanks for your generosity in this important effort on behalf of future canonists! Information and an application form can be downloaded from the CLSA website on the right hand side of the home page. ▼

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# 2009 Convention Update

## Louisville, KY • October 12 – 15, 2009

### ***Preparing the Harvest: Service in the Lord's Vineyard***

The CLSA 2009 Convention will explore, among other things, some of the canonical implications of the collaboration of ordained ministry with other ministries in the Church.

How is each of us called to work together in service in the Lord's vineyard? How can canonists collaborate with others in preparing the harvest of the Lord?

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## Program

### **Keynote Address:**

*Baptism: Common Call to Service*  
Sister Susan Wood, SCL

*Sacrosanctum concilium /Canon Law/GIRM: Continuity or Conflict*  
Msgr. James P. Moroney

### **Major Addresses:**

*Collaboration: What seeds are we planting? What crops do we want to harvest?*  
Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST

*Embracing Creative Collaboration: Responding to Changing Times in Religious Institutes*  
Panel: Sister Rosemary Smith, SC,  
Rev. Warren Brown, OMI

*Contemporary Challenges in Tribunal Staffing*  
Rev. Lawrence A. DiNardo

*Rights and Obligations to Remuneration or Sustainance*  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges

### **Seminars:**

*Psychological Evaluation for Seminaries/Admission to Orders*  
Msgr. Craix Cox

*Canonical supports for collaboration in sacramental ministry*  
Sister Therese G. Sullivan, SP

*Juridical Structure of Marriage in Catholicism and Mormonism*  
Rev. Langes J. Silva

*Jurisprudence (topic TBA)*  
Rev. John P. Beal

*Jurisprudence: Procedural Law: Suggested Revisions after 25 Years*  
Rev. Ian Waters

*Records Retention: Interprofessional Dialogue*

Panel: Brother Patrick T. Shea, OFM, John Treanor, Rev. Manuel Viera, OFM, Ms. Christine Taylor

*To protect and To Serve: The Relationship Between the Victim Assistance Coordinator and Canonical Personnel*  
Ms. Amy Jill Strickland

*Role of Laity in the Eastern Code*  
Rev. Jobe J. Abbass

*Promoter of Justice: Traditional Office / Contemporary Challenges*  
Rev. James I. Donlon

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The 2009 Convention program will include two pre-convention workshops: one addressing various marriage tribunal issues; the other for judges in penal trials. Look for details in the Convention Information Mailing and on the CLSA website.

## ***Convention Schedule***

The Board of Governors, at its recent board meeting in Washington, DC, has decided not to change the schedule for the 2009 Convention in Louisville and to retain the usual schedule. The convention will begin at **4:00 PM on Monday, October 12** and conclude at **11:00 AM on Thursday, October 15** following the major address.

The Office of the Executive Coordinator is in the process of assembling materials for the 2009 Convention Information Mailing. We are hoping to have these materials to the membership in May. This year, Convention Registration will be available online at [www.clsa.org](http://www.clsa.org), and we are working on developing a system for online payment.

## **Help the OEC Keep an Accurate Record!**

Since last fall, the Office of the Executive Coordinator has been in transition. To better serve you we are updating our membership records to ensure we have the correct information for our members. All CLSA members receive copies of the CLSA Newsletter, the annual CLSA Proceedings and discounts on all CLSA publications, along with other membership benefits. In the future we will be sending these publications only to those members who have paid the annual dues.

Please help the Office of the Executive Coordinator maintain an accurate record of our membership by paying your 2008-2009 dues (if you have not already done so). If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Katie Richards at (202) 832-2350  
[krichards@clsa.org](mailto:krichards@clsa.org).

## CLSA Workshop Offering

This Seminar, being offered for a second time, is designed for degreed canonists who are interested in becoming advocates or who have some initial experience of being an advocate in penal cases. Each participant must have broad Tribunal experience. The number of participants will be limited to 25.

The presenters for this Seminar:

Rick Bass, JCL  
Fred Easton, JCL  
Paul Golden, C.M., JCD  
Jerry Jorgensen, JCL  
Pat Lagges, JCD

The role of the advocate will be discussed in the context of a case study. Participants will have ample time for questions, will work in small groups and will write various advocate's briefs.

The Seminar will take place from 3:00pm on Monday, May 25 – 1:00pm on Thursday, May 28, 2009

at the Mundelein Conference Center in Chicago, Illinois.

The cost is \$475 USD and is all-inclusive (meals, private rooms, evening socials and all materials).

Application forms are available on the CLSA website ([www.clsa.org](http://www.clsa.org)) on the right hand menu (the link is titled "Advocacy Workshop Application"). If you have trouble with the file, or for any reason would like to request a hard copy of the application, please contact Katie in the EC office ([krichards@clsa.org](mailto:krichards@clsa.org) or 202-832-2350).

Application deadline is May 1, 2009; we encourage all interested parties to apply in advance of this deadline to ensure a spot. If the Workshop does not produce 25 participants by the application cut off date, accepted participants will be notified of the Workshop's cancellation and the registration fee will be refunded in full.

## Regional Canon Law Meetings

The following is a list of Regional Meetings for 2009, as reported to the Executive Coordinator's Office:

**March 2-4, 2009:** Western Regional; Reno, Nevada

**March 10-11, 2009:** Texas Regional; San Antonio, Texas

**March/April (date unknown):** Northwest Regional; place unknown

**April 20-22, 2009:** Midwest Regional; Columbus, Ohio

**May 5-7, 2009:** Eastern Regional; Rockville Centre, New York

**August 2009:** Oklahoma/Arkansas Regional; place unknown

Please visit us online ([www.clsa.org](http://www.clsa.org)) for information on speakers, topics, accommodations and other information regarding these and other canon law regional meetings.

## National Kenya Tribunal Request

Fr. Dominic Kimengich has been appointed by the Bishops' Conference of Kenya to start a National Tribunal for Second Instance and the four metropolitan sees in the country will establish tribunals of First Instance. There are no operating tribunals in Kenya at the moment. Therefore, the diocese is in the process of establishing a resource library for the national tribunal, and if possible for resource libraries for the four metropolitan tribunals.

Fr. Ken Schmidt of the Diocese of Kalamazoo is currently accepting donations of canonical resources to establish these canonical libraries, especially resources concerning marriage. There is an organization that will ship the materials to Kenya free of charge.

Fr. Schmidt has received contributions from the CLSA as well as an almost complete set of *The Jurist*, a major portion of *Studia Canonica*, and a set of published doctoral theses from the Catholic University of America.

If you would like to donate resources, please contact Fr. Ken Schmidt (see contact information below) in order to avoid unnecessary duplications of donations. The donor is asked to cover the cost of shipping to Michigan, Fr. Schmidt will forward the materials to Kenya. For more information and/or donations, contact Fr. Ken Schmidt, JCD, St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish, 421 Monroe St., Kalamazoo, MI 49006, (269) 381-8917 ext. 264, [kenneth.schmidt@wmich.edu](mailto:kenneth.schmidt@wmich.edu)



### NEW MEMBERS

The CLSA extends a warm welcome to the following NEW MEMBERS who have joined the Society since January 2009.

Fr. Brian J. Clarke  
Pittston, PA  
Mr. Geoffrey N. Courtney  
San Antonio, TX  
Rev. Anthony Diguglielmo  
Washington, DC  
Rev. Simonn G. Mwangi  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Rev. Christopher Singer  
Washington, DC  
Sr. M. Maximilia Um  
Springfield, IL  
Rev. David Williams  
Austin, TX

# Observations from Monsignor Charles Scicluna

Following the USCCB Officers' Visit to the dicasteries of the Holy See in October 2008, Cardinal Francis George, OMI, President of the USCCB, reported to the bishops on two observations from Monsignor Charles Scicluna, Promoter of Justice of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, regarding the canonical process used in adjudicating offenses against the Sixth Commandment committed by deacons or priests with a minor.

The items are reported here with permission of the USCCB. First, there is a desire on the part of the CDF that once a canonical penal process has been authorized it be concluded in a timely and just manner. The USCCB maintains a list of canonists who participated in the 2002 training sessions conducted by Msgr. Scicluna in Washington, DC. Bishops may write to the USCCB General Secretary to request names of canonists to assist in conducting a penal process.

Second, Msgr. Scicluna reiterated that a penal trial does not concern the *status personarum*, as do marriage nullity cases. This is so even if the penal trial concludes in the dismissal of the cleric from the clerical state. Because of this, the final decision resulting from a penal trial may become a *res iudicata*. With regard to clerical sexual abuse trials, there is a very specific time for appeal by a convicted priest. The priest needs to be informed that he has 30 days from the time he receives a copy of the decision to file his appeal or the case becomes an adjudicated matter and his rights in the matter are extinguished. After the time established for an appeal expires, the matter cannot be overturned except by a judgment of *restitutio in integrum* which establishes gross injustice or corruption of the judge or witness. Msgr. Scicluna further indicated that the local Bishop should wait to hear from the CDF regarding whether and when the matter has become *res iudicata* before acting defini-

tively on the provisions of the decision resulting from the trial process.

Msgr. Scicluna also responded to the difficulty many bishops face in supervising priests who have offended, been convicted, but who have not been dismissed from the clerical state. The CDF recommends the use of penal precepts in such cases. The convicted priest should be advised that a failure to observe the precepts could lead to the

case being referred back to CDF for stronger measures, perhaps including dismissal from the clerical state. He also urged that close attention be given to other cases of clerical misconduct that at first glance do not seem to involve a *delictum gravius*, such as misconduct with another adult. Such conduct might have begun by solicitation in confession, which would then give the CDF competence in the matter. ▼

## Institute on Matrimonial Tribunal Practice: Toward a Ministry of Reconciliation

The School of Canon Law at The Catholic University of America announces an institute on tribunal practice in matrimonial cases, to be held on the university campus June 8-19, 2009. The program is designed for clergy, religious and laypersons who have not had formal training in tribunal practices and procedures. The Institute will provide an introduction to the terms and concepts of diocesan tribunal practice and an overview of the procedures and jurisprudence that apply to marriage cases processed in church courts today.

Case study session will add a practical dimension.

The institute continues a tradition begun in 1967. Institute participants have included those involved in parish ministry and various types of tribunal work, as well as others interested in the subject matter. Space is limited. Applications are accepted on a first-come basis until all positions have been filled. For further information, please contact The School of Canon Law, The Catholic University of America, (202)319-5492, or <http://canonlaw.cua.edu>. ▼

## Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Canon Law Series Continued

Published through The Catholic University of America Press, *A Sip from the "Well of Grace: Medieval Texts from the Apostolic Penitentiary* includes full texts and photographs from the Apostolic Penitentiary, and is groundbreaking in its analysis of one of the most important papal offices of the Middle Ages. With access to archival records long sealed by the Vatican, Kirsi Salonen and Ludwig Schmutge offer historians and canonists many new insights for interpreting an important structure of medieval life. This is the seventh volume in the

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## POSITION OPENINGS

### Assistant Professor – Tenure Track

The Catholic University of America  
School of Canon Law

The School of Canon Law at The Catholic University of America is seeking to hire an Assistant Professor (tenure track) beginning in March 2009. Responsibilities include teaching courses in canon law; particularly book three of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, directing licentiate theses and doctoral dissertations, continuing research and publication, and service to the University and the Church through appropriate campus activities and consultations.

Qualifications include a doctorate in canon law (J.C.D.), demonstrated research ability (usually through publications), teaching experience and experience in the practice of canon law. Competence in civil law is helpful. Fields of study to be taught are negotiable. Salary is negotiable based on professional experience and qualifications.

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activities reflect this foundation and relationship and are conducted in accordance with its stated mission. Regardless of their religious or denominational affiliations, all employees are expected to respect and support the University's mission in the fulfillment of their responsibilities and obligations appropriate to their appointments.

Interested applicants should submit a curriculum vitae to the Dean of the School of Canon Law. Applications received by August 2009 will receive preference. For further information, contact: Rev. Robert Kaslyn, S.J., Dean of the School of Canon Law, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064 Tel. 202-319-5492 Fax 202-319-4187 Email: [kaslyn@cua.edu](mailto:kaslyn@cua.edu)

### Tribunal Opening

Diocese of Columbus, Ohio

The Diocese of Columbus, in Central Ohio, seeks a degreed person for full time work in the Tribunal, with primary duties as Defender of the Bond in first instance cases.

Applicant must possess at least a licentiate in canon law (JCL) from a recognized faculty of canon law. Expe-

rience in tribunal work, especially in marriage cases a plus.

Applicant must be a Catholic in good standing and have the endorsement of his/her Ordinary, Religious Superior, or former employer. Computer proficiency (AS400) and excellent written and oral communication skills required.

The Diocese of Columbus offers good benefits and competitive compensation based on education, skills and experience. Anticipated start date, Summer 2009.

Applicants should send resumes to Very Reverend Msgr. James L.T. Ruef, JD, JCL, Judicial Vicar, Office of the Tribunal, Diocese of Columbus, 197 East Gay Street, Suite 500, Columbus, OH 43215

For more open positions, please visit [www.clsa.org](http://www.clsa.org) and click on the "Employment" link. If you would like to advertise a position opening, please contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator ([krichards@clsa.org](mailto:krichards@clsa.org) or 202-832-2350). We publish Position Openings and Wanted Positions on our website and periodically in the Newsletter as requested.

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