

The 2009 Convention: A Call to Service

Rev. Daniel Smilanic

The theme of our annual convention this year centered on an important feature of the vocation of a canonist: our cooperative service in the Vineyard of Lord. Just as service can take many forms, so also did our conversations and our presentations deal with many different areas of service.

When thinking of service, we often think of individuals, and this year we thought of two members of our society: Sr. Sharon Holland, IHM, and Rev. Lawrence DiNardo. Sharon was recognized with an honorary membership for her service to our Society, to the Roman curia and to the whole Church. Her investment of her faith and her life has helped vowed religious and all members of the people of God. Larry received the Role of Law award for his work not just as a canonist in his own diocese but also across the nation. The energy that he brings to his life, he also brings to leadership and to his responsibilities.

The major addresses all approached the theme of service from different disciplines. The first address by a theologian and woman religious, Dr. Susan Wood, SCL, reminded us all of our common Baptism; the sacrament

that all receive involves all in service in the church. The second address, also by a vowed religious, Br. Loughlan Sofield, ST, brought together faith and human dynamics; he reminded us that canonical norms involve human situations and not just abstract categories. The final address, by Rev. Lawrence DiNardo, faced a situation that we all face today; the canonical staffing of a tribunal has to recognize the diversity of individuals and resources in each portion of the people of God.

The other formal presentations developed our shared call to service; they discussed collaboration, encountering differences, and understanding our past as we move into the future. Both of the pre-Convention Workshops dealt with collaboration, new realities and a future learning from the past. As we deal with the increasing number of penal trials, it is our experience of matrimonial jurisprudence that we rely on as we begin. No matter what the question presented to the tribunal in the formal petition, all have to work together in facing the current

(See CONVENTION, p. 10)



Three hundred participants gathered in Louisville for the 2009 CLSA Convention.

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Sr. Sharon Ewart,
RSM

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Louisville convention an enjoyable experience for all. I join my voice to those of others who have expressed our deep

gratitude to the organizers, presenters, exhibitors, participants and especially the local volunteers for their many contributions to the details and arrangements.

What's been happening since our last *Newsletter*?

- *Convention Follow-up:* Upon our return from Louisville, we began the process of following up on what the Board of Governors and the membership decided at the convention. First, the evaluations of the convention were overall quite positive. Members cited the convention program, local hospitality, registration procedures, the banquet, and breaks as especially good experiences. Second, we are collecting the various presentations for compilation in the *2009 CLSA Proceedings* which we anticipate having available early in 2010. The Role of Law Award response by Rev. Lawrence DiNardo and Sr. Sharon Holland's response to her Honorary Membership Award are posted on the CLSA website with their pictures.
- *Staff Change:* At the end of August Susan Mulheron joined our staff as the new student intern. Susan is beginning her JCL studies at CUA and will be working with us on a part-time basis. She is married and recently completed a degree in Theology from the University of St. Thomas and an internship in the tribunal in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis. We are happy to have her in the office and know you will benefit from her many skills.



The Board of Governors met both before and after the convention.

- *Publications:* As we announced in September the Compact Disc (CD) that accompanied *Jurisprudence: A Collection of U.S. Tribunal Decisions*, edited by Alesandro, Cuneo, Varvaro, and Vondenberger is now available, as is the CD for *Canon Law Digest, Volumes I-XII*. Many of you took advantage of the opportunity to purchase or order the CDs at the convention. For those who wish to order copies, please see the details about their availability and how to purchase them elsewhere in this *Newsletter*.
- *CLSA Website:* As Fr. Larry Jurcak mentioned in his President's Reflection, the CLSA Website continues to be a valuable source of information for CLSA members as well as for others interested in the Society and canon law. Please browse its many features and let us know if there is something your committee or another group would like to have available to you. Just call (202-832-2350) or e-mail Katie Richards (krichards@clsa.org) and she will help you. We will feature a regular article by Katie in each issue of the *Newsletter* highlighting its various features and offering suggestions on how to navigate the website.
- *Regional Meetings:* We encourage the contact persons for Regional Meetings to notify the OEC of the dates of the 2010-2011-2012 Regional Meetings and the name of the contact person. We will post the information on the website under "regional meetings." Please check the website for the latest updates on Regional Meetings.
- *Canonical Consultation/Advocacy:* Thanks again to those who added their names to the list we keep of canonists willing to be a contact for individuals who request the name of a canonist to assist them with a situation involving matters such as annulment procedures, parish closings, allegations 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 or by telephone at 202-832-2350.
- *Hecker Center:* Please know you are welcome at the Hecker Center – for a visit, a meeting, or overnight accommodations! We look forward to having the Convention Planning Committee here in early January, the Board of Governors later in January, and the Resource and Asset Management Committee in February. If you want to schedule a committee meeting or just drop in when you are in the area, just give us a call! You are most welcome! ▼

Convention a Great Success; New Board Has Full Plate



Lawrence Jurcak

It was great to be with so many of you in Louisville last month for our 71st Convention. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz warmly welcomed us to the church in central Kentucky; the first inland diocese in the United States. To him, and to the members of his Archdiocesan staff, especially Father J. Mark Spalding, Judicial Vicar, and his office staff, many thanks for your hospitality and kindness. A special thank-you goes to Sister Sharon Euart, RSM, our Executive Coordinator, Mrs. Katie Richards, her Administrative Assistant, and Father Michael Boccaccio for all their work. You might want to go



Rev. Michael Joyce, CM was elected Vice-President/President-Elect during the Annual Business Meeting.

to our website, www.clsa.org, and check out Katie's convention blog and the slide show. It's a great recap of our time together in Louisville! I would also like to say thanks to the presenters of our two Pre-Convention workshops, our major speakers and all of our seminar presenters. The collaboration of so many individuals made this year's convention another success!

In Louisville our Society unanimously accepted a resolution honoring Sister Sharon Holland, IHM, who is a role model of extraordinary proportions for all canonists, but for women canonists especially, with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the CLSA. Congratulations to Sister Sharon Holland, who has led canonists by example with her wisdom and her generosity in sharing it. A second resolution that calls for a "think-tank" to recommend changes to the *1983 Code of Canon Law* was accepted at the convention. That resolution will be given to an appropriate Committee for implementation in a timely manner, with updates to the membership as it moves forward. At our banquet, our Society honored Father Lawrence A. DiNardo with the 2009 Role of Law Award. In his response, which can be found in its entirety on our website, www.clsa.org, Father DiNardo challenged us to remember that our ministry as canonists requires competency, conviction and service. He also called upon all of us to remember that "service in and to the Canon Law Society of America is as important to our ministry as the competency and conviction we all desire." What a great challenge for all of our membership as we anticipate the full implementation during the coming year of our Future Initiatives Project (FIP) that was affirmed at our 2008 Convention.

I welcome our newly elected Vice-President/President-Elect, Father Michael Joyce, and our newly elected Consultors, Father Mark O'Connell and Meg Romano-Hogan. I look forward working with them and the other members of the Board of Governors in the coming year. I value their insights, expertise and hard work, as well as that of the various Constitutional and Ongoing Committees of our Society.

Immediately after our convention, in light of our discussion session on the Apostolic Visitation of Institutes of Women Religious in the United States,

I wrote to Mother Mary Quentin Sheridan, RSM, Chairperson of the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious, Sister Marlene Weisenbeck, FSPA, President of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, and Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Chairman of the Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance of the USCCB. In the respective letters, I indicated that our Society and its members are available to assist them on the canonical aspects of

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Sr. Sharon Holland, IHM Receives Honorary Membership



Sr. Sharon Holland, IHM was awarded Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Canon Law Society of America by acclamation of the membership during the 71st Annual Business Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. The resolution for this award was submitted by Patricia Dugan, Sr. Victoria Vondenberger, RSM and Msgr. Ricardo Bass in recognition of Sr. Holland's service to the Society, canon law, the Church and especially women religious. To read Sr. Holland's acceptance remarks, visit www.clsa.org.



Rev. Lawrence Jurcack, President, Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Past President and Sr. Sharon Euart, Executive Coordinator gather during the Wednesday night reception.

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the Apostolic Visitation should the need arise.

The week after our convention I had the privilege of representing our Society at the Canadian Canon Law Society in Edmonton, Alberta. A number of members of our Society were present for that convention, as were the representatives of our sister societies who joined us in Louisville. The CCLS program was excellent and it was a good opportunity to interact with our Canadian colleagues who will be gathered with us for our “Joint Conventions” next year in Buffalo, New York. Throughout the coming year the members of the Board of Governors will assist me in representing our Society at the Regional Meetings. I will be in touch with the various contacts of the Regions to let you know who will be representing our Society at your Regional Meeting.

Since our convention I have been contacting people to serve on our Constitutional and On-going Committees. I am grateful to those who have agreed to serve on committees and those who are considering that invitation. As we have been reminded by Father DiNardo, “there is nothing to better assist us in being competent canonists than our participation in this Society.” I anticipate a report to you on these committee

appointments in our next newsletter.

I encourage you to continue to regularly check our website, www.clsa.org, to access a tremendous amount of information about the activities of our Society, how to obtain publications of our Society and the “Members Only” section which is constantly being updated. If you need assistance with our website, Katie Richards is available to assist you at the Executive Coordinator’s Office.

I want to thank Father Daniel A. Smilanic for his service as President of the Canon Law Society for the last year.

He served our Society well, and I look forward to his collaboration during this year as I serve our Society as President. I trust that the membership of our Society joins me in expressing thanks to Sister Sharon Euart for her guidance, wisdom and generosity in her service to our Society as its Executive Coordinator. I would be remiss if I failed to express gratitude to the outgoing members of the Board of Governors, Father Paul Counce, Past-President, Father Patrick Brennan and Ms. Zabrina Decker, Consultants, for their service to our Society.

This is the year when the President, Vice-President and Executive Coordinator of our Society travel to Rome to meet with officials of several dicasteries. Planning is already underway for this trip. If you have suggestions for us to consider as we continue our preparations for our March trip, please e-mail me at ljurcak@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Finally, in this season of giving thanks, allow me to thank you for all that you do in service to God’s people and the work of our Society. Gratitude is the memory of the heart. We might do well to fashion for ourselves, an autobiography of thanks – to look on our lives, to look on ourselves, to look on our Society with its rich history of service to God and God’s people, as recipients of gifts. We are gift receivers, who must constantly foster an attitude of gratitude! ▼



Meg Romano-Hogan, Sr. Carlotta Bartone, SHCJ, Fr. David Klein and Sr. Cathy Darcy, RSM enjoy conversation at the convention’s opening reception.

Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum coetibus* Providing for Personal Ordinariates for Anglicans Entering into Full Communion with the Catholic Church: Some Initial Observations¹

Msgr. Thomas J. Green

Introduction

On November 4, 2009 Pope Benedict XVI promulgated the aforementioned apostolic constitution containing thirteen norms along with fourteen complementary norms. An introductory section notes that the divisions among Christians contradict the Church's fundamental call to be a sign and instrument of unity of human beings with God and with one another. The Spirit-based communion of believers is invisible but also needs visible expression in a common faith, sacraments, and governance. While the Church of Christ subsists in the Catholic Church, elements of sanctification and truth are found in other Christian communions. And such elements have led certain Anglicans to seek full communion in a corporate fashion.

The apostolic constitution and the complementary norms establishing a basic structure for personal Anglican ordinariates represent the pope's response to these requests. Subsequently the basic principles articulated in the two documents will need to be concretized in more specific statutes responding to local conditions. Such a flexible canonical structure under the supervision of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) is somewhat comparable to military ordinariates.² Both are personal (not primarily territorial) structures designed to foster pastoral care; they are equivalent to dioceses; and they are types of particular churches. However, the Anglican ordinariates differ from the military ordinariates since they constitute an exceptional response to a special pastoral situation.

The basic rationale for these relatively new juridical structures is to maintain the richness of the Anglican liturgical,

spiritual, and pastoral tradition while integrating it within the Catholic communion for our mutual enrichment. Such a tradition is viewed as a particular reality within the Latin Church; hence these new structures are not considered comparable to Eastern *sui iuris* churches. The present norms differ from the June 20, 1980 CDF Pastoral Provision addressing the same pastoral issue since that text integrated Anglicans coming into full Catholic communion into existing dioceses under the pastoral care

of the diocesan bishop whereas the present norms envision a new structure to meet the same pastoral objectives.

Structure of Documents

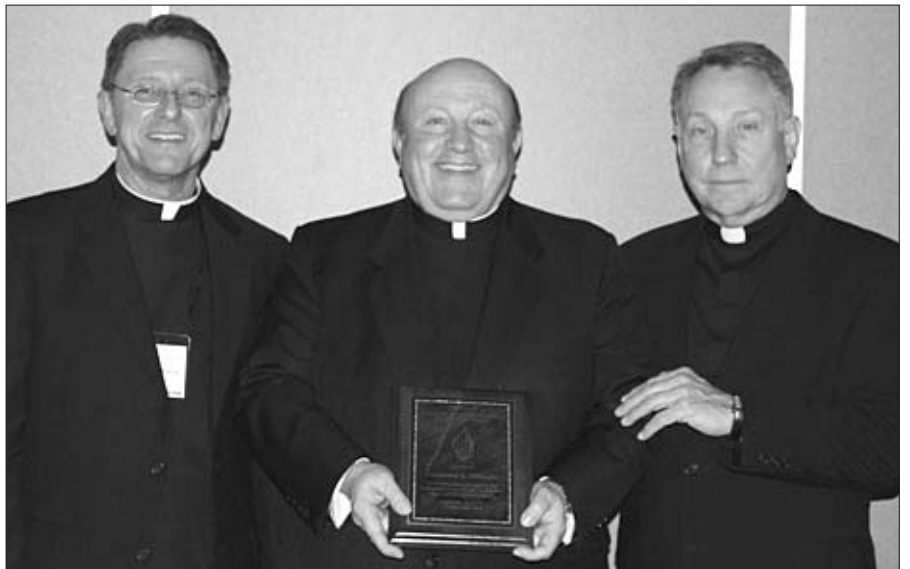
The thirteen norm *apostolic constitution* may be divided into four general headings for systematic purposes:

(1) General background issues:

- (a) Establishment of ordinariates; location and principal church;

(See **OBSERVATIONS**, p. 6)

Role of Law Awarded



Congratulations to Very Rev. Lawrence A. DiNardo, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, who was selected by the Board of Governors as the 2009 Role of Law Award recipient. The honoree has served the Society as President and Treasurer, served on the Board of Governors and on several committees and task forces; and as the editor of a handbook. The honoree

was enthusiastic and grateful in accepting the Society's prestigious honor. He reminded those present "whatever our individual ministry, the goal of the work is the same, to bring into the community of believers a just and equitable Church, in which all are welcome." Readers may access Fr. DiNardo's acceptance address on the CLSA website at www.clsa.org.

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- juridic personality (I, 1-3; XIII)
- (b) Governing norms: apostolic constitution; complementary norms; specific ordinariate norms drawn up in light of aforementioned documents (II)
- (2) Ordinary: papal appointment and power (IV-V)
- (3) Members: laity, clergy, and religious (I, 4); clergy (VI)³; religious (VII)⁴; request for full communion by laity and religious (IX)
- (4) Exercise of triple *munera* within ordinariate:
- (a) *Munus docendi*: Catechism as authoritative expression of faith (I, 5)
- (b) *Munus sanctificandi*: Liturgical options: Roman rite and approved Anglican liturgical books (III)
- (c) *Munus regendi*:
1. Establishment of personal parishes by ordinary and role of pastors in ordinariate and with pastors of local diocese (VIII)
 2. Activity of councils: governing, financial, and pastoral (X)
 3. Quinquennial report and *ad limina* visit (XI)
 4. Resolution of judicial cases (XII)

The fourteen *Complementary Norms* may likewise be divided into four general headings:

- (1) Holy See jurisdiction: CDF especially but other dicasteries (art.1)
- (2) Role of ordinary:
- (a) Relationship to Episcopal conference and local diocesan bishop (art. 2-3)
- (b) Eligibility for office; incardination of clerics; establishment of deaneries (art. 4, 1-3)
- (3) Laity and religious (presumably non-clerical): admission to ordinariate and pastoral or charitable collaboration within local diocese (art. 5, 1-2)
- (4) Clergy:
- (a) Other than bishops: eligibility for orders/faculties (art. 6, 1-3); remuneration/support/possible secular employment (art.7, 1-3);

eligibility for membership on presbyteral/pastoral councils of local diocese (art. 8, 1-2); pastoral collaboration in local diocese (art. 9, 1-3); formation: seminary with diocesan seminarians and continuing education with diocesan clerics (art. 10, 1-5)

- (b) Former Anglican bishops (art. 11, 1-4): eligibility of married former Anglican bishop to be Ordinary after presbyteral ordination; role of former Anglican bishops in assisting Ordinary, participating in Episcopal conference, and using insignia of Episcopal office.
- (5) Exercise of *munus regendi*: the governing council (art. 12, 1-5); the pastoral council (art. 13, 1-2); the establishment of personal parishes (art. 14, 1-3).

Some notable features of the documents

Apostolic constitution

1. Those belonging to the Ordinariate are those originally Anglican laity, clerics, and religious who are now in full communion and those receiving the sacraments of initiation within the Ordinariate (I, 4).
2. Those belonging to the Ordinariate may celebrate, besides the Roman Rite, the various liturgical rites according to the Anglican liturgical books approved by the Holy See (III).
3. The Anglican Ordinary, unlike the Military Ordinary,⁵ exercises vicarious not proper power in the name of the pope (V, b).
4. The Ordinary may admit to orders in the Church Anglican clerics meeting canonical specifications. Married Anglican clerics must observe *Sacerdotalis coelibatus*, n. 42 affirming the principle of celibacy for Catholic presbyters but admitting the possibility of exceptions for ministers from other traditions entering into full communion. Unmarried Anglican ministers must observe celibacy (c. 277, 1) (VI, 1).
5. In principle only celibate men may be admitted to the presbyterate; but

the Ordinary may petition the pope for a dispensation from canon 277, 1 so married men may be ordained presbyters according to objective criteria and the needs of the Ordinariate. The Ordinary determines such criteria in consultation with the Episcopal Conference; they must also be approved by the Holy See (VI, 2; Complementary Norms, art. 6, 1).

6. Generally candidates for orders in the Ordinariate should be formed theologically along with other seminarians; yet with the consent of the Governing Council, the Ordinary may establish special houses and programs of formation to nurture future clerics in aspects of the Anglican patrimony in harmony with the Catholic tradition (VI, 5; Complementary Norms, art.10, 2).
7. The Ordinary needs to consult the local bishop and obtain the consent of the Holy See before establishing personal parishes (VIII, 1).
8. A key institute of Ordinariate governance is the Governing Council whose statutes are approved by the Ordinary and confirmed by the Holy See (X, 1). This body of at least six priests assumes the role of the presbyteral council (cc. 495-501) and the college of consultors (c. 502) and exercises other significant functions mentioned in the Complementary Norms.
9. The Ordinary must establish a pastoral council to consult the faithful (X, 4).
10. For judicial cases the competent tribunal is that of the diocese of the domicile of one of the parties unless the Ordinariate constitutes its own tribunal; if so, the Ordinariate designates its appellate tribunal with Holy See approval (XII).

Complementary Norms

1. The Ordinary may be a bishop or presbyter appointed by the pope *ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* based on a terna presented by the Governing Council (art 4, 1).
2. The Ordinary may incardinate former Anglican ministers now in full com-

- munion or candidates in the Ordinariate promoted by him (art. 4, 2).
3. The Ordinary may establish deaneries after consulting the Episcopal conference and receiving the consent of the Governing Council and the Holy See (art. 4, 3).
 4. Those previously baptized as Catholics outside the Ordinariate are not ordinarily eligible for membership unless their family belongs to it (art. 5, 1).
 5. Ordained Catholic ministers who have become Anglicans are not eligible for ministry in the Ordinariate; this is likewise true for Anglican clergy in irregular marriage situations (art. 6, 2).
 6. When necessary, the Ordinary may permit his priests to engage in secular employment compatible with their ministerial obligations (art. 7, 3).
 7. A married former Anglican bishop may be appointed Ordinary after being ordained a Catholic presbyter; he subsequently exercises pastoral and sacramental ministry within the Ordinariate with full jurisdictional authority (art. 11, 1).
 8. Former Anglican bishops belonging to the Ordinariate may assist the Ordinary and participate in Episcopal conference meetings like retired bishops (art. 11, 2-3); former Anglican bishops not ordained Catholic bishops may wear Episcopal insignia (art. 11, 4).
 9. The Ordinary also needs the Governing Council's approval to admit a candidate for orders or erect or suppress a personal parish (art. 12, 2a-b). It has a deliberative vote in proposing to the Holy See changes in the Complementary Norms of the Ordinariate and in formulating its own statutes, those of the Pastoral Council, and the Rule for houses of formation (art. 12, 4, b-c).

¹ For an English text of the apostolic constitution, see Benedict XVI, *"Anglicanorum Coetibus: Apostolic Constitution on New Structures for Welcoming Former Anglicans into Catholic Church," Origins* 39/24 (November 19, 2009) 387-390; for an English text of the accompanying

NEW MEMBERS

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

Rev. Agustin Mateo Ayala
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complementary norms, see Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Complementary Norms for the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus*," *ibid.*, 390-392; for a canonical commentary of the two texts by the rector of the Gregorian University, see Father (Gianfranco) Ghirlanda, S.J., "The Significance of the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus*," *ibid.*, 392-395.

For an earlier official CDF announcement regarding the constitution see "Structure Established for Anglicans Seeking to Become Catholics," *Origins* 39/21 (October 29, 2009) 336-338. For some thoughtful reflections on various attempts by Anglicans/Episcopalians to seek corporate reunion with the Holy

See since the Elizabethan Settlement in 1570, see Daniel Hamilton, "Anglicans/Episcopalians Looking to Rome; 1570-Present," *Ecumenical Trends* 38/9 (October 2009) 10-15.

² See apostolic constitution of John Paul II *Spirituali militum curae*, (SMC), April 21, 1986 : AAS 78 (1986) 481-486; Eng. Trans. *CLD* 12:312-317.

³ This lengthy text deals with the eligibility of Anglican clerics to serve as Catholic clergy, admission to the clergy, incardination, collaboration with Catholic clergy, and doctrinal and pastoral formation.

⁴ This refers to members of institutes of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life.

⁵ See SMC IV, 3. ▼

REGIONAL MEETINGS

If you have any information regarding an upcoming Regional Meeting, please contact the Office of the Executive Coordinator at (202) 832-2350 or krichards@clsa.org.

For more information on any of these Regional Meetings, visit the CLSA Online Calendar at www.clsa.org.

2009 New Orleans and Mobile Regional Meeting

December 1-3, 2009 - Holiday Inn, Houma, LA

- Very Rev. Anthony Bawyn, JCD will on the theme "The Law and Pastoral Practice: An Amicable Relationship"

For more information, contact the Very Rev. Vincent N. DeLa Cruz, JV at (985) 850-3126

2010 Western Regional Meeting

March 1-3, 2010 - Wyndham Hotel, San José, CA

- Most Rev. Randolph R. Calvo, DD, JCD and Rev. Msgr. Craig A. Cox, JCD will present on "Faculties recently granted to the Congregation for the Clergy for Some Cases of Laicization"
- Rev. Msgr. Roch Pagé, JCD will present "Dignitas Connubii: Selected Issues"

For more information, contact the San José Tribunal at (408) 983-0219, (408)983-0221, or www.dsj.org/ministries/tribunal

2010 Midwest Regional Meeting

April 12-14, 2010 - Marriott Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky

- Siobhan Verbeek will be the key presenter

For more information, contact the Archdiocese of Louisville Metropolitan Tribunal at (502) 585-3291

2010 Northwest Regional Meeting

April 12-15, 2010 - Red Lion Hotel, Yakima, Washington

- Rev. Francis G. Morrissey, OMI will present: "Respect and Protection of Rights in the Church"
- Ms. Bertha Ortega, Professor of Heritage University, will present: "Multicultural Influences on Marriage"

For more information, please contact the Very Rev. Michael J. Ibach, JCL, JV at (509) 965-7123 or mibach@yakimadiocese.org

2010 Eastern Regional Meeting

May 3-5, 2010 - Sheraton Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ

Theme: "The 'Bumping' of Two Perfect Societies: Where Canon Law and

Society Meet"

- Ms. Zabrina R. Decker, MRE, JCL will present "The Laity"
- Dr. Diane L. Barr, JD, JCD will present "Civil Law"
- Mr. J. Michael Ritty, JCL, Ph.D. will present "Penal Trials"
- Dcn. Thomas Rich, D.Min., JCL will present "Marriage Issues"

For more information, contact Msgr. Victor Finelli at vfinelli@allentowndiocese.org. ▼

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Call for 2010 Advisory Opinions

Is there an interesting canonical question that you have been studying that could also benefit other canonists in their canonical ministry? Or is there a puzzling 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 2010 edition of *CLSA Advisory Opinions*. If you would like to be included on a list of canonists who are eager to respond to canonical questions, whether they are of a prac-

tical or an exclusively academic nature, please let us know. Consider challenging your peers to a brainstorming session of important questions that are in need of examination!

Opinions and questions should be forwarded to Advisory Opinions Editor, c/o Publications Advisory Board, 3025 Fourth St., NE, Suite 111, Washington, DC, 20017. Submissions will be accepted through March 31, 2010. ▼

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Frequently Asked Questions

With the launching of the new CLSA website (www.clsa.org) the Office of the Executive Coordinator has received several repeated questions and comments. These questions have enabled us to formulate a Frequently Asked Questions page on the website (called the 'Help Desk', located at the bottom of the left-hand menu) where website users can hopefully find answers. If you do not see the answer to your question listed, please contact Katie Richards in the Office of the Executive Coordinator at (202) 832-2350 for more assistance.

How to Login

All CLSA members can login the new website by using their Username and Password. *Please do not 'Register' if you are already a CLSA member; login using the appropriate login information.* The login box is located on the right-hand side of the website.

The default username is firstname-lastname (i.e. KatieRichards – **with no spaces**) and the default password is your CLSA ID number. You can locate your CLSA ID number above the address label on this CLSA Newsletter. Members can change this information after logging in by clicking on the 'Manage Profile' link located in the right-hand 'My Profile' menu.

If you are still having trouble logging in please call (202) 832-2350.

Group Pages

During the convention in Louisville there were several questions regarding the online 'Groups' and 'Group Pages.' Each committee has a 'Group Page' where committee members can share documents, discuss topics on a blog, mass email all committee members and easily access committee members' contact information. The Pre-Convention Workshop on Tribunal Administration took advantage of this new media and had a group page created in order to share documents prior to and after the workshop. Any regional or provincial group, sub-

committee or any other group that might be interested in creating a 'Group Page' please contact Katie Richards in the Office of the Executive Coordinator at krichards@clsa.org for more information. We encourage all our members to take advantage of and explore the possibilities now available on the CLSA website.

Have Pictures?

If you have any pictures of canon law activities (i.e. regional or providence meetings, seminars, lectures, etc.) and would like to see them up on our website please email them to Katie Richards at krichards@clsa.org.

Upcoming Events

If you know of any upcoming canon law activities (regional meetings, lectures, seminars, etc.) please let the Office of the Executive Coordinator know! We can promote these events in our online calendar. Please email event details (along with a contact person and email or phone number) to Katie Richards at krichards@clsa.org.

Employment Opportunities

Listed on the website are current canonical job openings throughout the United States. If you would like to submit an opening for posting, please email the job details, requirements and application procedures along with a contact person and email or phone number Katie Richards at krichards@clsa.org. Employment listings are posted for three months unless notified by the postee. We ask that we are notified once the position is filled.

Electronic Publications

The Office of the Executive Coordinator is currently working on 'digitizing' all *Proceedings of the Annual Convention* from the years 1983-2000. We hope to have these publications available for downloading (free to members and for a fee for non-members) from our website by the beginning of the next calendar year. Look for announcements regarding the availability of these publications on our website.

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CLSA Workshop Offering

THE ADVOCATE'S JOURNEY: NAVIGATING THE MINEFIELD OF ADVOCACY, RIGHTS AND THE LAW

April 20-23, 2010
Tampa, Florida

Look for information on this third Workshop on the CLSA website (www.clsa.org) and in the next CLSA Newsletter.

We are also planning on making out-of-print *Roman Replies & CLSA Advisory Opinions* available in this media form, including the second edition of the *CLSA Advisory Opinions* series (years 1994-2000). Look for updates on availability at www.clsa.org.

The *Canon Law Digest Volumes 1-12: Compact Disc* and *Jurisprudence: A Collection of U.S. Tribunal Decisions – Compact Disc* are both now available for purchase through our online store. For more details about these products please call the Office of the Executive Coordinator at (202) 832-2350.

Feedback Welcome!

If there is anything you do not see on our website and would like to, please let us know! We are continually trying to improve the website, make it more user-friendly and provide valuable resources to members. Even if you would not consider yourself a 'tech-savvy' person, please join us online and send us your comments, ideas, complaints and questions to krichards@clsa.org. The more input we receive the better we can design a resourceful website our members value and utilize. Login today at www.clsa.org! ▼

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situation.

In her seminar on the relationship of victim assistance personnel and canonical personnel in a diocese, Amy Jill Strickland noted that these two areas of responsibility are not in competition with each other. In discussing the obligation of a diocese to a cleric who has been removed, Rev. Patrick Laggés observed that while the issue of money may be very emotional, the cleric and the diocese are not rivals. Sr. Therese Guerin Sullivan, SP,

dealt with collaboration directly in a seminar that discussed it as an essential feature of the sacramental life of the church, as did the seminar on the theory and practice of working together in sponsorship that was conducted by Rev. Warren Brown, OMI, and Sr. Rosemary Smith, SC.

As our world becomes increasingly heterogeneous, it creates interactions that we must deal with as canonists. In the seminar on the Mormon structure of marriage, Rev. Langes Silva discussed the encounter of our Church with a different understanding of what can be an essential part of the lives of the faithful. In any discussion of Catholic laity in the United States, the increasing presence of non-Latins has to be considered; Rev. Jobe Abbass, OFM, conv., presented that in the seminar on the Eastern canons. Even Australian Rev. Ian Waters' discussion of suggested revisions of procedural law after twenty-five years took into account the different circumstances that the Church encounters today.

As we move into the future, we have to understand our past. In preparation and formation for ministry, admitting to our past is an important part of building the future; that was the sense of Msgr. Craig Cox's seminar. Similarly, Rev. John Beal's seminar on error discussed whether this traditional ground in matrimonial jurisprudence might be more contemporary than we would imagine as we encounter our present-day culture. The



Dr. Barbara Ann Cusack, chair of the Committee on Research and Development, contributed to the discussion on resolutions during the Annual Business Meeting.

past is often a resource for the future, which is why Rev. James Donlon used the contrasting words of 'traditional' and 'contemporary' in titling his seminar on the Promoter of Justice. Even how we archive the paper what we have already created is significant; that is way the work of Br. Patrick Shea, OFM, Christine Taylor, Jac Treanor and Rev. Manuel Viera, OFM is so important.

Our annual convention is not just a time to gather; it is a time to learn, to assess and to renew – not just ideas, but ourselves as canonists in service to the Church, in the Vineyard of the Lord. ▼

Future Conventions

October 11 – 14, 2010:
Buffalo, NY

(Hyatt Regency Buffalo)
'Simultaneous' Convention with
Canadian Canon Law Society
Theme: Renewal of Law

October 10 – 13, 2011: Jackson-
ville, FL (Hyatt Regency
Jacksonville-Riverfront)
Theme: Safeguarding the Rights of
the Christian Faithful in the Church
Today

October 8 – 11, 2012:
Rosemont, IL
(Hyatt Regency O'Hare)