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An international symposium on canon law has been held in the Paulaner Monastery in Vranov u Brna

On 17th – 20th September 2023, the Vth international symposium on canon law was held in the Spiritual Centre of St. Francis of Paola in Vranov u Brna, attended by more than 150 canonists, mainly judges, lawyers, notaries and other employees of ecclesiastical courts and diocesan and religious curia, and teachers of church law from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. They listened to the world's leading canonists who work in the dicasteries and judicial bodies of the Apostolic See or in the curias of Italian dioceses or as teachers of canon law. The symposium was particularly devoted to ecclesiastical procedural and substantive criminal law.

The magnificent symposium was organised by the Academy of Canon Law in Brno led by its president, Mons. ICDr. Karel Orlita, judicial vicar of the Diocese of Brno, in the beautifully renovated spiritual centre in Vranov, which is owned and managed by the Order of Minims (Paulaner Order). In the same building is the working convent of this order, so far the only one of this order in the Czech lands, which was established recently.

In the early evening of Sunday, 17th September, Archbishop Filippo Iannone, O.Carm., Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts from Rome, spoke. He presented the principles of the new criminal law of the Latin Catholic Church according to the revised Book VI of the Code of Canon Law, promulgated by Pope Francis in 2021.



Mons. Filippo Iannone, O.Carm., lectures on the new criminal canon law.

Photo Záboj Horák

The morning session on Monday, 18th September was opened by Mons. Pavel Konzbul, Diocesan Bishop of Brno. After that, the assembly was greeted by Assoc. Prof. JUDr. ICLic. Zábój Horák, LL.M., Ph.D., vice-president of the Church Law Society, on behalf of its president, Rev. Prof. JUDr. Jiří Rajmund Tretera OP and the more than 550 members of this society in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, other European countries and overseas. He was pleased to note that the majority of the audience in the hall and the members of the conference executive were members of the society, including the Diocesan Bishop of Brno, or at least were readers of the *Church Law Review* periodical and the *Church Mirror* and *Church Reporter* online monthly magazines. Several dozen more people interested in the Church Law Society's online periodicals wrote their email addresses on the forms that were circulated.



Zábój Horák greets the symposium in Vranov u Brna. On his left are Mons. Karel Orlita, Mons. Pavel Konzbul and Rev. Josef Jančář, O.Carm.

Photo Martina Vintrová

He was followed by Mons. ICDr. Tibor Hajdu, vice-president of the Slovak Canon Law Society and vice-official of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bratislava (see the picture on page 4). In his greeting, he shared some excellent news: from next year, *the regular symposia on canon law will be resumed in the bishop's seat in Spišská Kapitula in eastern Slovakia.*

Every year we looked forward to the week at this symposium from its inception in 1991 until it was interrupted by the Covid pandemic. The symposium always focused on the practice of the judicial tribunals in the six dioceses of the Latin Church in Slovakia, the eight dioceses of

the Latin Church in the Czech lands, the three eparchies of the Greek Catholic Church in Slovakia and the Apostolic exarchate of this Church in the Czech lands. The symposium was attended on average by 150 judges of ecclesiastical courts and canonists from Slovakia and the Czech lands. For more than twenty years, representatives from Rome attended this symposium and its patrons were Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski and Mons. Daniel Faltin (originally from Slovakia), a judge of the Roman Rota. We always looked forward to the symposium and the lovely fellowship there and never missed a year.



On Monday morning, Mons. Matteo Vissoli from Rome, former under-secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, gave a lecture on *Preliminary Investigations: Difficulties and Uncertainties*. We have noted that in practice a preliminary investigation is often conducted without sufficient respect for the presumption of innocence which, although explicitly provided for in the revised version of Book VI of the Code of Canon Law, is not respected with regard to clerics, against whom these proceedings are conducted before all.

The next speaker was Mons. Paolo Bianchi, professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, judicial vicar of the Archdiocese of Milan and president of the Lombardy Regional Ecclesiastical

Court, who spoke on the subject *Administrative Criminal Procedure*.

In the afternoon, there was work in groups, into which the attendees of the symposium had been divided in advance. Each of the groups discussed a specific case contained in the materials that had been sent out a month before the symposium by the Academy of Canon Law to all the participants, and translated into Czech by the organisers. Their task was to study them in advance and fill in the answers to the questions contained in them.

The work in groups was followed by a joint discourse in the plenary and an assessment of the case. This is also how the symposium proceeded on the following days: lectures, follow-up work in groups and finally a joint discourse and an assessment of the case.

The next speaker on Monday was Mons. Gian Paolo Montini, professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, who gave a lecture on *Judicial Criminal Procedure*.

On Monday evening, Mons. Pavel Konzbul, Diocesan Bishop of Brno, celebrated Mass in the Paulaner Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary in Vranov u Brna.

On Tuesday, 19th September, the first lecture was given by Professor Cesare Maria Cornaglia, a psychiatrist from the University of Milano-Bicocca, on *the consequences that upbringing, practices, sexual abuse in childhood, adolescence and youth can have on marital fitness: clinical profiles*. He was followed by Mons. Paolo Bianchi, who spoke on *the canon-law*

consequences that upbringing, practices, sexual abuse in childhood, adolescence and youth can have on the capacity to enter into a valid marriage.

The third speaker was Mons. Visioli, who talked about *provisional measures under canon 1722 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law*.

On Tuesday evening, solemn Mass was celebrated in the Paulaner Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary in Vranov by Mons. Jan Vokál, Diocesan Bishop of Hradec Králové. Mons. Vokál studied law at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome and is so far the only bishop in the Czech lands who is a canonist.

On Wednesday, 20th September, there were three lectures. Mons. Alejandro Arellano Cerdillo, Dean of the Roman Rota, spoke on *the procedures and jurisprudence of the Roman Rota in matrimonial and criminal cases*. Mons. Gian Paolo Montini gave a lecture on *disciplinary law* and Prof. Francesco Catozzella from the Pontifical Lateran University addressed *the criteria and inducements for the drafting of defences in cases of nullity of marriage and criminal cases*.

On Wednesday evening, there was a Mass in the Romano-Gothic Basilica of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, part of the Porta Coeli Cistercian nuns Monastery in Předklášteří u Tišnova, about 25 kilometres north-west of Brno, which was presided over by Mons. Jude Taddeus Okolo, the Apostolic Nuncio to the Czech Republic, who is also a canonist.

On Thursday, 21st September, the symposium was chaired by Mons. Vojtěch Cikrle, Bishop Emeritus of Brno, and Mons. Gian Paolo Montini gave a lecture on *the discussion phases of proceedings in a case of nullity of marriage and in a criminal case*, and Mons. Marino Mosconi, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Milan, lectured on *criminal offences in the administration of Church property (canon 1376 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law)*.

We look forward to recordings of the lectures being available on the Academy of Canon Law's YouTube channel.

Záboj Horák

Report from a conference in Joensuu/Koli (Finland) on 21st – 24th September 2023

On Thursday, 21st September 2023, the Vice-President of the Church Law Society, Associate Professor of church law and legal history at the Faculty of Law at Charles University, flew to Finland to represent Czech scholarship, as he does every year, at an international conference organised by the European Consortium for Church and State Research. He has been a regular participant at these annual conferences for twenty years, for the last ten years as a regular member of the consortium and representative of Czech scholarship.

We followed with excitement his flight from Prague to Helsinki and his second flight from Helsinki to the airport in Kuopio in central Finland and each day of his stay in Joensuu. This was the second time that Associate Professor Horák had travelled to Finland. The first time was at a session of the same consortium in Järvenpää, 37 kilometres to the north of Helsinki, in 2008, when he was also there on my behalf as I was suffering at that time from a hernia operation and could not travel to Finland. Now, let's read about his fresh experiences from the conference, which has just ended.

Jiří Rajmund Tretera

From 22nd – 24th September 2023, the members and correspondents of the international scientific organisation, the European Consortium for Church and State Research, met in eastern Finland. The main meeting was held in Joensuu, the capital of North Karelia Province, which lies approximately 400 kilometres north-east of Helsinki in Eastern Finland, close to the Russian border, and has a population of about 78,000.

The session of the European Consortium was immediately preceded by an international conference on *100 Years of Religious Freedom in Finland*, commemorating the Finnish Religious Freedom Act, which came into force in independent Finland in 1923. The conference took place on the campus of the University of Eastern Finland in Joensuu with the participation of the University's management, the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture and the City of Joensuu. Among the speakers were Professor Martin Scheinin from the University of Oxford and the European University Institute in Florence, who joined us online from his home in Tuscany, Professor Tuomas Ojanen from the University of Helsinki and Maija Sakslin, Deputy Ombudsman attached to the Finnish Parliament, and Professor Matti Kotiranta from the Faculty of Theology at the University of Eastern Finland in Joensuu, the main organiser of the European Consortium conference.



22nd September 2023: the meeting of the European Consortium in Joensuu.

Photo Zábój Horák

The European Consortium conference on the topic *Freedom of Speech and Religion* began on the afternoon of Friday, 22nd September, in the lecture hall of the Science Park in Joensuu, which is used by several institutions, including the University of Eastern Finland, to hold scientific conferences.

Two months before the meeting, the conference participants sent their national reports, based on a standardised system of questions (*grille thématique*), devised by the consortium leadership.

The meeting, which took place over two days, was divided into five panels led by members of the consortium from five countries. Each of them compiled a summary of one of the sub-chapters of the national reports in advance, presented it at the beginning of the panel and formulated several questions for the subsequent discussion that always lasted about an hour.

The first session entitled *Blasphemy and Insults to Religion* was led by Professor Jónatas Machado from the University of Coimbra (Portugal).

Kimmo Nuotio, a professor of criminal law from the University of Helsinki, stated that Finnish criminal law contains the criminal offence of blasphemy. It is invoked about once a year and its judicial interpretation is stable. It is used to protect religious beliefs and maintain peaceful relations in society. Other Nordic countries that have abolished the crime of blasphemy in the past are now considering increased protection of the religious beliefs of the population in view of the incidence of socially dangerous behaviour (for example, the burning of the Koran). The author of this report also joined in the discussion and provided information about the criminal law protection of religion in the Czech Republic in theory and practice.

The first and second afternoon panels were devoted to religion and hate speech. The first of them was moderated by Professor Rik Torfs, canonist, rector emeritus of the Catholic University in Leuven and senator in the Belgian Federal Parliament. In 2002, Professor Jiří Rajmund Tretera, at Professor Torfs's invitation, had lectured on Czech religion law at the Monsignor W. Onclin Chair in Leuven.

The second session was moderated by Professor Mark Hill KC from London. Professor Hill is a leading British expert on canon and religion law and a barrister. He is also known to Czech audiences from his lecture on the legal status of chaplains in the United Kingdom, which he gave at the Fourth Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations at the Charles University Faculty of Law in June 2019 and which was included in the book *Spiritual Care in Public Institutions in Europe*, published by Berliner Wissenschaftsverlag in the same year. Prof. Hill mentioned that experts who prioritise freedom of speech within the UN do not communicate sufficiently with those who promote freedom of religion.

Professor Vincent De Gaetano from Malta, Judge Emeritus of the European Court of Human Rights, reminded us of the important role that the Church plays in caring for the dead and fallen in armed conflicts and tending their graves and the need for religion to be protected.

The session on Saturday, 23rd September, was held in the Hotel Kimmel where the conference participants were staying. The first block on Saturday devoted to *freedom of speech in a digital media environment* was moderated by Professor Merilin Kiviorg from the University of Tartu (Estonia).

The second block on the subject of *religion and art* was led by Professor Lina Papadopoulou from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece).



23rd September 2023: Professor Merilin Kiviorg moderates a session of the European Consortium in Joensuu.

Photo Záboj Horák

On Saturday, the annual general meeting of the members of the European Consortium was held in the Hotel Kimmel. Professor Mélanie Trédez Lopez from the Law Faculty of the University of Artois in Arras (France) was elected as a new member. Professor Roberto Mazzola from the University of Eastern Piedmont was elected as the new president of the Consortium. The next meeting of the Consortium will take place in autumn 2024 in Sibiu (Romania) and it will focus on *religion and the protection of cultural heritage*.

The members of the European Consortium spent the afternoon and evening in Koli National Park, 63 kilometres to the north-east of Joensuu, where they went on a hike with a beautiful view of the huge and almost deserted Lake Pielinen and had a final celebratory dinner.

On Sunday, most of the participants either travelled by train to Helsinki (four and a half hours) or flew to Helsinki from the airport in Kuopio, which is about 120 kilometres north-east of Joensuu. The flight to Helsinki by propeller plane takes around 50 minutes.

Text Záboj Horák



Záboj Horák on a rock while hiking in Koli National Park.

Photo Marco Ventura (University of Siena)

Honorary doctorate for Cardinal Christoph Schönborn

Palacký University in Olomouc, on the proposal of the scientific council of its Sts. Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology, has awarded the honorary title of *doctor honoris causa* to our native of Bohemia, the Archbishop of Vienna and Cardinal *Christoph Schönborn*, one of the most important theologians of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The cardinal received his honorary doctorate during a ceremony at the Archbishop's Palace, part of the celebrations of the 450th anniversary of the founding of the university in Olomouc. It is the second oldest university in the Czech lands (after Charles University founded in 1348).

Christoph Schönborn was born in 1945 in Skalka Castle, Vlastislav, near Litoměřice (north Bohemia). He comes from the Czech branch of a noble family whose members were politicians,

patrons and clerics in the Czech lands for more than 150 years. His close relative, Franziskus von Paula Cardinal Schönborn was Bishop of České Budějovice from 1883 to 1885 and Archbishop of Prague and Primate of Bohemia from 1885 to 1899.



Cardinal Christoph Schönborn receives an honorary doctorate. Standing next to him is Assoc. Prof. Vít Hušek, Dean of the Faculty of Theology of Palacký University Olomouc.

Photo Vojtěch Duda

In 1947, Christoph's family, although Czech, but well foreseeing the communist takeover, moved to Austria. There, after finishing school Christoph entered the Dominican Order. He studied at the University of Vienna and in Paris, in 1970 he was ordained a priest, a year later received his licentiate in theology and in 1974 successfully completed his doctoral studies. He then became a professor of dogmatic theology at the Theology Faculty at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, Schönborn became involved in the renewal of academic life in the field of Catholic theology. *He was the first foreign lecturer at the theology faculty in Litoměřice and also lectured in Olomouc.* His academic work ended with his appointment as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Vienna in 1991, and four years later he became its head as Archbishop, which he still is today. In 1998, Pope John Paul II appointed him cardinal-priest of the Titular Church of Gesù Divino Lavoratore. From 1998 until 2020, he was Chairman of the Austrian Bishops' Conference and he has also held various positions in the offices of the Roman Curia.

Cardinal Schönborn is the author of around twenty monographic works and numerous scholarly articles, chapters in anthologies and books, written in many languages and also translated into many. He is known for his support for theological studies in the Czech lands, particularly within the Dominican Order, with whose Olomouc Convent he works closely.

*Taken from the website olomoucky.rej.cz,
edited and supplemented by the editors of the Church Reporter.*

Memories of my order brother, teacher and friend Christoph Schönborn

Several times in 1986–1989 I listened to lectures given by my order brother Christoph Schönborn, already by that time a respected professor at the Catholic University of Fribourg in Switzerland. At great personal risk, he would come to communist Czechoslovakia, his native country, to lecture on theology at the underground General Study of the Order of Preachers Dominicans (Blackfriars) to around 50 participants, future priests, nuns and tertiaries.

I was among the candidates for deacon and priest ordination. For the ordination we went to Leipzig as we were able to travel to East Germany as tourists. The communists did not let us travel anywhere else until 1989. We received both ordinations, for deacon and priest, behind the closed doors of the Dominican Church of St. Albert the Great in Leipzig. Our ordainer was for many years the auxiliary bishop of Erfurt, Hans-Reinhard Koch, commissioned from Rome. We had received the *litterae dimissoriae* from our secretly acting provincial, Dominik Duka, also secretly appointed from Rome.

Fr. Christoph would lecture to us in the sacristy of the Church of St. Voršila in Prague on Národní třída (not far from the National Theatre). Or behind the closed doors of our small secret convent in a private villa in the Prague suburb of Lysolaje. Today, it is an enclosed monastery of Dominican nuns. We only added the public chapel of the Virgin Mary, Patroness of the Order of Preachers, to the house after 1990, and we like to celebrate Mass there. The sisters, now middle-aged are a great spiritual support to us and one of the eldest of them was a student at the underground general study with me.

Fr. Christoph lectured to us on theology in German. He was sorry that he was not able to also learn Czech at home. But this did not matter. We all knew German from school and we had continued studying it and used some German textbooks. And Christoph's German was beautiful, elegant and easy to understand. I believe that with his help we mastered fundamental theology and dogmatics well.

My meeting with Fr. Kryštof for the first time in freedom was beautiful. It was in August 1991 when, as a newly ordained priest and representative novice master of the Czech Province of the Dominican Order, I accompanied six novices from Prague for a fourteen-day stay in Austrian convents. It was during the first five days that we stayed in Austria, namely in the convent in the town of Retz near our southern borders, about 30 kilometers from our convent in Znojmo in South Moravia. Fr. Kryštof may have surprised us there on purpose when he came to see us from the university in Fribourg. And it was at that moment that he learned that the Pope had appointed him a bishop and that he would act as an auxiliary bishop in Vienna. He had not yet been ordained, so upon our request to give us his episcopal blessing, he did so with the humorous comment that it was “semi-episcopal” for the time being.

Jiří Rajmund Tretera

A new Slovak textbook on religion law has been published

GREGOR, Martin et al, *Religion Law*. The state, law and religion. C. H. Beck, Bratislava, 2023, 336 pages.

A new publication, so far the only one of its kind in Slovakia, devoted to Slovak religion law, has just come out. The work is the result of research carried out by several religion law experts under the guidance of *Assoc. Prof. Martin Gregor* at the Department of Roman Law and Church Law in the Faculty of Law at Comenius University Bratislava. The members of the author team are Prof. Ľubomír Batka, Dr Michal Cenkner, Dr Adam Csukás, Dr Olexij M. Meteňkanyč and Prof. JUDr. Matúš Nemec.

The textbook interprets freedom of thought, conscience and religious belief from a theoretical point of view as well as in the context of the current legislation. It deals primarily with individual religious freedom, exercised by the individual within the sphere of various legal branches but, at the same time, it also looks at the relationship between the State and churches in Slovakia and other countries. It includes comparisons with the systems applied in Denmark, Sweden and Germany. It reflects the widest possible range of Slovak and foreign literature and works with case law, particularly that of the European Court of Human Rights.

The book is primarily intended for students of law faculties but also for the specialist public, thanks to the scope of the textbook, which provides a broad-spectrum view of the issue of the relations between the State and churches, which could also be of interest to other professions as well.

The textbook can be ordered here: <https://www.beck.sk/konfesne-pravo-stat-pravo-a-nabozenstvo>.



**Local group
in Stříbro**

Stříbro has celebrated the feast of St. Eustace

On Sunday, 24th September 2023, the Roman Catholic parish of Stříbro together with Stříbro Town Forests celebrated Holy Mass by the Chapel of St. Eustace in the forest near Sulislav in the Diocese of Pilsen. The chapel of the patron saint of hunters and foresters was built here by the director of Stříbro Town Forests, Vladimír Souček, and his friends. The Mass was celebrated in the open air and in beautiful sunny weather by Rev. Mgr. et Mgr. ICLic. David

Kučerka O. Cr. Also present was Rev. Mgr. Miroslav Martiš, the parish priest of the Roman Catholic parish of Stříbro. Both of them, as well as several others in attendance, are members of the Church Law Society. At the end, a new statue of St. Simon, the patron saint of woodcutters, was blessed. The deputy mayor of Stříbro, Bc. Karel Lukeš, was also among the eighty people present.



From the left: director of Stříbro Town Forests Vladimír Souček, Rev. David Kučerka, Rev. Miroslav Martiš and Antonín Pácha. In the background, Jaroslav Barhoň with the banner of the Marian Men's Congregation. On the right, the still veiled statue of St. Simon.

Text and photo František Kratochvíl



Polish canonists have met in the village of Miejsce Piastowe

The annual conference and general meeting of the Society of Polish Canonists was held from 4th to 6th September 2023 in the village of Miejsce Piastowe in the Subcarpathian Voivodeship in south-east Poland, this year with the theme of *cooperation between the State and the Church in respecting the institution of marriage and the family*. The theme was chosen in view of two anniversaries this year: the 40th anniversary of the promulgation of the Charter of Rights of the Family by the Apostolic See and the 30th anniversary of the concordat between the Apostolic See and Poland, which were reflected in the papers presented at the conference. Lectures were delivered in Polish.

The lectures and the accompanying programme took place in the Spiritual Centre of the Order of the Michaelites, a religious family of brothers and sisters, founded by the Blessed Father Bronisław Markiewicz in the early twentieth century.

About 150 participants made up of members of the Society, ecclesiastical court staff, other professionals and students gathered at the conference. The vast majority of the attendees came from Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

In addition to the author of this report, the conference was also attended from the Czech Republic by *Dr Piotr Grzybek*, judge at the Olomouc Interdiocesan court, and *Prof. Damián Němec OP*, head of the Department of Church History and Church Law at the Olomouc Faculty of Theology (pictured below, with the Most Reverend Assoc. Prof. Jozef Marčín, parish priest of the parish of Fričovce, Archdiocese of Košice, Slovakia).



The introductory greetings were given by the long-time President of the Society of Polish Canonists, *Prof. Józef Krukowski*, local bishop *Adam Szal* and President of the Council of the Polish Bishops' Conference, *Dr Ryszard Kasyna*. They were followed by lectures given by *Prof. Józef Krukowski* (the John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin – KUL), *Prof. Leszek Stadniczenko* (Warsaw) and *Dr Paweł Jaros* (Ministry of Justice of Poland). Their papers focused on cooperation between the Church and the State in areas of family-supporting policies.

Other presentations on that day were given by:

- *Prof. Mirosław Sitarz* (KUL): on family rights in CIC 1983,
- *Prof. Józef Krzywda* (Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow): on cooperation between the Church and the State in the preparation for marriage and family,
- *Dr Rafał Kamiński* (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (UKSW)): on cooperation between the Church and Polish state in procedural law,
- *Prof. Wojciech Góralski* (UKSW): on canon 1095 § 2 and § 3 on the example of a specific ruling of the Roman Rota,
- *Dr Marta Mucha* from the Szczecin Metropolitan Court, on the issue of the baptism of a child when one of its parents expresses their opposition,
- *Prof. Piotr Rygula* (UKSW): on the relationship between the filing of an action for nullity of marriage and the parties' right of defence.

The papers were interspersed with questions and discussions in the lecture hall. The discussions then continued outside the hall.

In the early evening, a solemn Mass was celebrated in the local Church of St. Michael the Archangel, presided over by the local bishop and concelebrated by all the bishops and priests present. Afterwards, most of the participants took advantage of the local religious community's

offer of a tour around the local modern teaching facilities in the Secondary School Complex, where they educate students in ten fields of specialist education in the Subcarpathian region.

This was followed by the general meeting of the Society of Polish Canonists and a friendly gathering of those present. This specialist society currently has 830 regular members and around thirty honorary members, mainly from Poland. There are also many members from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, Italy and Spain. Each year it publishes the periodical *Biuletyn Stowarzyszenia Kanonistów Polskich*.

The second day of the programme continued just with a morning session, in which the following people gave lectures:

- *Prof. Grzegorz Leszczyński*, official of the Metropolitan Court in Łódź: on the topic of a lack of discernment regarding the essential rights and duties of marriage according to canon 1095 § 2,
- *Prof. Jan Krajczyński* (UKSW): on the marriage of a Catholic to a Muslim in the context of the annulment process,
- *Dr Edyta Krzysztofik* (KUL): on marriage in European Union law,
- *Prof. Lucjan Świto* (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn) on the canonical-legal consequences of separate matrimonial property,
- *Prof. Zbigniew Janczewski* (UKSW): on the Eucharist as a unifying sacrament in the family,
- *Dr Paweł Bucoń* (KUL) on the right to marry and have a family.



*The Sanctuary of Saint Michael the Archangel and the Blessed Father Bronisław Markiewicz
in Miejsce Piastowe.*

Text and photos Monika Menke

The Faculty of Canon Law in Venice invites you to the start of the academic year

The Faculty of Canon Law Saint Pius X in Venice invites you to the celebration of the start of the new 2023/2024 academic year, which will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 4th October 2023 in the faculty auditorium. Those present will be welcomed by Professor Benedict Ndubueze Ejeh of the Faculty of Canon Law Saint Pius X in Venice and this will be followed by a lecture on the topic of *Principio di proporzionalità e ordinamento canonico* (The principle of proportionality and canon law), which will be given by Professor Chiara Maria Fiorella Minelli of Università degli studi di Brescia. At 12.15 p.m., Mass will be celebrated by the Dean of the Faculty in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity. The programme will conclude with lunch at 1.30 p.m.



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ANNO ACCADEMICO 2023-2024

INIZIO ANNO ACCADEMICO
Lectio inauguralis
**"Principio di proporzionalità
e ordinamento canonico"**

ORE 11.00 - Lectio inauguralis
INTRODUCE
Prof. Benedict Ndubueze Ejeh
Facoltà di Diritto canonico San Pio X – Venezia

RELATORE
Prof.ssa Chiara Maria Fiorella Minelli
Università degli studi di Brescia

ORE 12.15 - S. Messa, celebrata dal preside della Facoltà, presso la Cappella della SS. Trinità
ORE 13.30 - Pranzo comunitario per docenti e studenti

Mercoledì 4 ottobre 2023, ore 11.00 | Auditorium

Pranzo offerto dalla Facoltà agli studenti, previa iscrizione obbligatoria entro il 29 settembre, scrivendo una mail a segreteria@fdcmarcianum.it

Invitation to a seminar on the marriage process

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich invites you to a seminar titled *De Processibus Matrimonialibus 2023*, which will take place on 16th and 17th November 2023 in the large auditorium of Munich University. You can register for the seminar until 7th November 2023 by filling in the online registration form. It will also be possible to take part in the seminar online. The provisional programme and the registration form are available at this link:

<https://www.uni-augsburg.de/de/fakultaet/kthf/lehrstuhle-professuren/kirchen-recht/dpm/veranstaltungen-dpm/dpm-2023/>.

Our congratulations to a Czech lawyer newly ordained as a deacon

On Saturday, 6th September 2023, the Bishop of Brno, Mons. Pavel Konzbul, ordained seven new deacons for the Diocese of Brno in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul in Brno. Among them, the sacrament of ordination to the permanent diaconate was conferred on a friend of ours and a member of the Church Law Society since the days when he was a student at the Prague Faculty of Law. This is *JUDr. Mgr. Jan Lata, Ph.D.*, public prosecutor at the Prosecutor General's Office in Brno. Congratulations to him.

From New Publications

Communicationes, Vol. 55, N. 1, Giugno 2023, Dicastero per i Testi Legislativi, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Città del Vaticano, 270 pp.

FELICIANI, Giorgio, *I luoghi di culto nei concordati postconciliari*, in: *Il Diritto Ecclesiastico*, Rivista trimestrale, Anno CXXXIV, 1–2, Gennaio-Giugno, Pisa–Roma, 2023, ISSN Print 1128-7772, E-ISSN 2035-3545, pp. 49–61.

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Photo on the front page: 18th September 2023, Spiritual Centre of St. Francis of Paola in Vranov u Brna, a view of the auditorium and the participants at the Vth international symposium on canon law.

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