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## New Doctors of Law Received Their Degrees

Dozens of successful graduates of the School of Law of the Charles University in Prague, who have already obtained a master's degree (Mgr.), received their doctoral degrees in the Great Hall of Carolinum on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. Doctor of Laws (JUDr. – Juris Utriusque Doctor) is the second grade of academic degrees in the Czech Republic.



*Promotor Professor JUDr. Jiří Rajmund Tretera recites the academic oath of new doctors of law in the traditional Latin form.*

## **Charles University Events during Advent**

As usual, the Church Law Society takes part in numerous Advent events organized by the School of Law or by the Charles University in Prague. Some of them were established only few years ago, however, the number of participants as well as interest in the events grows year after year. The Charles University has seventeen schools and approximately 50 000 students. The School of Law has more than 4 000 students and 207 full time teachers (authorized voters to the academic senate of the School and the University, election to these assemblies took place in November 2016). We highlight following Advent events:

### **Carolinum, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Schools of the Charles University and student's societies organized number of lectures and discussions for general public on the first Monday in Advent in Carolinum in the Old Town of Prague (founded in 14<sup>th</sup> century):

- Advent lectures were delivered by professors of the School of Catholic Theology, the School of Arts (in English), the School of Humanities and the School of Social Sciences in the Imperial Hall of Carolinum.
- A guided tour took place in historical premises of Carolinum.
- A guided tour through exhibition concerning history of the University from its foundation in 1348 took place in five thematic blocks in gothic cellars.
- An auction art salon was opened in the cloister of Carolinum. Proceeds from the sale were destined for Barriers Account Foundation.
- An Advent concert was organized in the Great Hall of Carolinum. Compositions of modern as well as baroque authors were presented.

Schools and student's societies opened their stalls in the courtyard of Carolinum, presented their activities, arranged competitions and games. The Church Law Society organized a competition testing knowledge of history and facts about Advent and Christmas by the stall of the School of Law.

### **Carolinum, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

The School of Law organized a festive concert for teachers and employees with their families and students in the Great Hall of Carolinum in the evening. Virtuosi di Praga Orchestra and some of the leading Czech singers presented rich repertoire (J. S. Bach, W. A. Mozart, A. Dvořák and others) including organ music. A surprise was prepared for more than 300 participants during the break – replicas of the three crowns of the Czech king and Roman Emperor Charles IV were displayed in historical halls commemorating the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth: Bohemian (Czech) Royal Crown of Saint Wenceslas (made before 1346 in Prague), Roman Crown from Aachen (made on the initiative of Charles IV before 1349 in Prague), Imperial Crown (made on the initiative of Otto I the Great ca. 962).

### **School of Law, 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Dean of the School of Law invites all teachers, employees and representatives of students and student's societies to a traditional meeting before Christmas.

## **Academic Committee of Czech Christian Academy Held a Meeting**

Regular semi-annual meeting of the Czech Christian Academy authorities, central sections and local groups took place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 in the Emmaus Benedictine monastery in Prague. More than 50 participants arrived from the whole area of Bohemia and Moravia. Mons. Tomáš Halík, director of the organization and recipient of Templeton Prize, gave an introductory report. According to presented statistics, the Academy has currently 1 241 individual members in 63 local groups, 5 collective members and 11 scientific sections. The Church Law Society is one of collective members. Speakers of members of the Academy described growing tendency to widen educational activities beyond parish houses, charitable organizations and Christian schools, i.e. area of Christian Ecumene, and to “come out” to secular society. Christians and churches should not forget to emanate their faith and values to the world outside.



*Meeting of the Czech Christian Academy*

*Photo Lenka Tomanová, Czech Christian Academy*

## **75<sup>th</sup> Evening Event of the Church Law Society**

Traditional pre-Christmas meeting of members and supporters of the Church Law Society took place at the baroque refectory of the Dominican priory of St. Giles in the Old Town of Prague on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016. A lecture on the topic *800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Confirmation of the Order of Preachers – Dominicans* was presented by P. Augustin



Prokop OP, superior of the Dominican priory in Jablonné (Northern Bohemia), the long-standing novice master of the Czechoslovak province of the Order.

Associate Professor JUDr. Stanislav Příbyl, Ph.D., Th.D., IC.D., was ceremonially awarded a silver medal of the Church Law Society in order to highlight his pioneering scientific activities in church law and religion law as well as selfless work in the working committee of the Society and the editorial board of the Church Law Review.



*Associate Professor Stanislav Příbyl receives the silver medal of the Church Law Society*

*Photo Antonín Krč*

## **Christmas**

We wish Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all readers of our Newsletter and the Church Law Review!

## **From New Publications**

**Essener Gespräche zum Thema Staat und Kirche**, Aschendorff Verlag, Münster, ISSN 0720-891X,

Band 49 – Religionsunterricht in der religiös pluralen Gesellschaft,

including:

KORIOTH, Stefan, *Der Auftrag des Religionsunterrichts nach Art. 7 Abs. 3 GG*, pp. 7–33,

OEBBECKE, Janbernd, *Die rechtliche Ordnung des islamischen Religionsunterrichts in Deutschland – Stand und Perspektiven*, pp. 153–175,

REES, Wilhelm, *Die kirchenrechtlichen Rahmenbedingungen für den katholischen Religionsunterricht*, pp. 75–106,  
RICHTER, Martin, *Statement aus der Sicht des evangelischen Kirchenrechts*, pp. 116–117,  
SAJAK, Clauß Peter, *Statement aus der Sicht der katholischen Religionspädagogik*, pp. 112–116,  
YAVUZYAN, Ismail H., *Muslimische Erwartungen an einen Religionsunterricht in Deutschland und ihre religionspädagogische Umsetzung*, pp. 135–147.

**Folia Theologica et Canonica**, Szent István Társulat, Budapest, ISSN 2063-9635, 2016 Supplementum,

including:

ENGELHARDT, Hanns, *Marriage and Divorce in Anglican Canon Law*, pp. 49–71,  
JUHÁSZ, Gábor Tamás, *Status of “Christ’s Faithful” – A Philosophical and Canonical Overview*, pp. 129–141,  
SZABÓ, Péter, *The Penal Legality and Guarantees of Self-Defense in Canon Law: CIC/CCEO*, pp. 191–198,  
SZUROMI, Szabolcs Anzelm, *Relationship among the Holy See, Czech-, Polish- and Hungarian Kingdoms in the 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Century*, pp. 199–210.

**Law Briefs**, Office of the General Counsel of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D. C.,

December 2016,

including:

“Supreme Court Grants Cert in Church Plan Cases

The Supreme Court granted certiorari and consolidated three cases to consider and decide whether a defined benefit pension plan established and maintained by a religiously affiliated hospital or health care system qualifies as a church plan exempt from The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).”

**The Jurist**, Studies in Church Law and Ministry, The Catholic University of America, The School of Canon Law, Washington, D. C., ISSN 0022-6858,

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including:

BEAL, John P., *The Ordinary Process According to Mitis Iudex: Challenges to Our “Comfort Zone”*, pp. 159–196,  
DANEELS, Frans, *A First Approach to the Reform of the Process for the Declaration of Nullity of Marriage*, pp. 115–136,  
HEBDA, Bernard A., *Reflections on the Role of the Diocesan Bishop Envisioned by Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*, pp. 137–157,  
JENKINS, Ronny E., *Applying Article 14 of Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus and the Processus Brevior in Light of the Church’s Constant and Common Jurisprudence on Nullity of Consent*, pp. 231–265.

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