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### **Church Law Review Placed Third in Czech Republic**

We are pleased to announce that the Church Law Review was placed **third in the Czech Republic and fourth in the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic** in the best law journal competition in the period 2016/2017 organized by the Society of German, Czech, Slovak and Austrian Lawyers “Karlsbader Juristentage”.

The result was announced at a festive banquet at the Grandhotel Ambassador Národní dům in Karlovy Vary on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Thirty five Czech and Slovak journals (ie., several journals more than in the past) entered the competition. We thank the authors of the articles and other contributions published in the Church Law Review, editors and editorial staff, as well as professional reviewers of articles for their excellent performance and help without which such a high-profile evaluation of our specialized journal would not be possible. At the same time, we thank all the loyal readers who have cast their vote for our journal.

### **77<sup>th</sup> Church Law Society Evening Event**

A festive evening event took place at the baroque refectory of the Dominican priory of St. Giles in the Old Town of Prague on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017, during which three new publications from the fields of church law and legal history of churches were presented, namely the *Church Law* by Prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera and Assoc. Prof. Záboj Horák, *The Beginnings of the Hierarchical Arrangement in the Early Church* by Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Příbyl, and *Mysteries Concerning the Marriage of Anne Katherine Špork* by Prof. Antonín Ignác Hrdina and Hedvika Kuchařová, Ph.D. The authors presented their books, Assoc. Prof. Záboj Horák, Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Příbyl and Hedvika Kuchařová, Ph.D. presented the author readings as well. The evening was accompanied by piano pieces from the works of Joseph Haydn and Johann Sebastian Bach.



*From the 77<sup>th</sup> Evening Event of the Church Law Society. From the left Hedvika Kuchařová, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Zábaj Horák, Prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera, Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Příbyl.*

*Photo Antonín Krč*

## **Steamboat 2017**

The Všehrd Association of Czech Lawyers organized a traditional boat cruise along the Vltava River for its members and students on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017. A number of members of the Church Law Society also took part. The Európe Steamboat, berthed at the Na Františku embankment under the Monastery of St. Agnes, began its voyage around 8 pm. It passed the famous Prague – Smíchov lock chamber and went on a several-hours-long cruise upstream and back. Time flew while all 170 participants listened to music and held conversations.



*Before departure, under the flag of Všehrd.*

*Photo  
Zábaj Horák*

## **Prof. Leszek Adamowicz Received Honorary Doctorate Degree**

Prof. dr. Leszek Adamowicz from Lublin (Poland) received the Honorary Doctorate of the University of Prešov (Slovakia) at the ceremonial session of its Scientific Board on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Prof. Adamowicz is one of the leading Polish experts in canon law. He works at the School of Law, Canon Law and the Administration of the Catholic University of John Paul II in Lublin, is the author of the Polish translation of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, and participated in publication of the Slovak translation of this Code.

Since 1996 he has been teaching canon law in Spišské Podhradie, Velehrad and Brno, together with his colleagues from the Lublin school, as part of the help provided by the school with the education of canon law licentiate students from Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia. Laudatio was delivered by Assoc. Prof. JCDr. František Čitbaj, PhD., from the Department of Systematic Theology of the School of Greek Catholic Theology of the University of Prešov, a member of our Church Law Society.

## ***Church Law in History and Present* Conference in Munich**

The Klaus-Mörsdorf-Studium für Kanonistik of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich invites us to the *Kirchenrecht in Geschichte und Gegenwart* conference, to be held in Munich from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017. For further information, including the application, which has to be sent until 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017, visit [the conference website](#).

## **From New Publications**

MORAVČÍKOVÁ, Michaela, ŠMID, Marek (eds.), *Freedom of Conscience and Religious Freedom*, Leges, Praha, 2015, 272 pp., ISBN 978-80-7502-137-3,

including:

MARTÍNEZ-TORRÓN, Javier, *Some Common Mistakes About Conscientious Objections*, pp. 68–84,

MORAVČÍKOVÁ, Michaela, *Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion or Belief*, pp. 33–54,

NĚMEC, Damián, MENKE, Monika, *Accent on the Parity Approach to Churches and Religious Societies in the Light of Their Agreements with the State in the German Federal States and in the Slovak Republic*, pp. 150–174,

PŘIBYL, Stanislav, *Freedom of Conscience in the Code of Canon Law*, pp. 175–188,

PŘIBYL, Stanislav, KŘÍŽ, Jakub, *Respect for the Freedom of Conscience of Believers in Czech Confessional Law*, pp. 131–149,

ŠABO, Martin, *Conscientious Objection in the Legal Order of the Slovak Republic*, pp. 189–198,

ŠMID, Marek, *Freedom of Conscience and Religious Freedom in Bilateral Agreements Between State and Churches*, pp. 85–92.

TRETERA, Jiří Rajmund, HORÁK, Záboj, *Religion and Law in the Czech Republic*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Wolters Kluwer, Alphen aan den Rijn, 2017, 128 pp., ISBN 978-90-411-8755-0.

## Journals

**Ecclesiastical Law Journal**, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, ISSN 0956-618X,  
Vol 19 No 2, May 2017,

including:

BURSELL, Rupert, *Aspects of Burial and Exhumation*, pp. 169–192,

HILL, Mark, DOE, Norman, *Principles of Christian Law*, pp. 138–155.

SCHOFIELD, Nicholas, *A Church Without Bishops: Governance of the English Catholic Mission, 1594–1685*, pp. 156–168,

WRIGHT, Charlotte L, *The English Canon Law Relating to Suicide Victims*, pp. 193–211.

**Law Briefs**, Office of the General Counsel of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC,

June 2017,

including:

*High School Principal's Employment Discrimination Claims Barred by Ministerial Exception*,  
p. 3:

A federal court in Indiana has joined others in holding that a principal at a Catholic school is a “minister” for purposes of the ministerial exception. Following her termination as principal at a Catholic high school, M. B. G. sued the diocese for employment discrimination based on sex, age, and disability. Her job description included “[c]oordinat[ing] ... faith community affairs, the theology program, and the integration of faith within the learning process with the chaplain, the campus minister, and the chair of the theology department.” Her employment agreement acknowledged and captured in a detailed way the ministerial character of her position. When asked at her deposition whether a principal is considered a ministerial position, she answered: “Absolutely.”

**Revue de Droit Canonique**, Université de Strasbourg, Strasbourg, ISSN 0556–7378,  
Tome 67/1 (2017),

Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus, Mitis et Misericors Iesus,

Justice, vérité, miséricorde – La révision du procès en nullité de mariage.

**Studia canonica**, Revue canadienne de droit canonique / A Canadian Canon Law Review, Faculté de droit canonique / Faculty of Canon Law, Université Saint Paul / Saint Paul University, Ottawa, ISSN 2295-3019,

Vol. 50/1 (2016),

including:

ABBASS, Jobe, *Le code oriental et l'Église latine*, pp. 31–93,

DANIEL, William L., *The Singular Administrative Act in Canon Law*, pp. 175–247,

Vol. 50/2 (2016),

including:

ABBASS, Jobe, *De concordia inter codices*, A Commentary, pp. 323–345,

LORUSSO, Lorenzo, GALLARO, George, *Divorced and Remarried in the Eastern Orthodox Churches*, pp. 485–502,

MARTENS, Kurt, *La réforme de la Curie romaine au service de la nouvelle évangélisation*, pp. 291–322,

SZUROMI, Szabolcs Anzelm, *An Historical Sketch of Principal Developments in the Canon Law on Temporal Goods*, pp. 531–544.

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