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Financial Situation of the Church Law Review Changed

On 28th June 2018, we received an email message, from the office of the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, that our request for the usual financial support for the Church Law Review for 2019 had been denied. We made our request in January 2018, supported by His Eminence Dominik Cardinal Duka, Archbishop of Prague and Chairman of the Czech Bishops' Conference.

After this decision, which we did not expect, we contacted the staff of the aforementioned office. We were told that support is currently understood as temporary assistance at the beginning of the activity of the supported institution, as gradual financial independence is expected. That said, we were subsequently informed that we can file a new request, which will be reviewed this autumn. We sent this new request, once again supported by the Cardinal-Archbishop of Prague, on 10th August 2018.

Negotiations show that we cannot expect long-term support. Therefore, we turn to the readers of the Church Law Review and members of the Church Law Society with an urgent request to increase financial support to our journal, or even make higher donations.

The basic membership fee is 400 CZK or 15 €, or, in the case of retired persons and students, 200 CZK or 7.50 €. Please be so kind and send your membership fees, subscriptions and gifts from the Czech Republic to account no. 1939518309/0800 and from abroad to the account in EUR (for SEPA transfers) IBAN: CZ62 2010 0000 0025 0114 3973, BIC/SWIFT: FIOBCZPPXXX.

Church Law Society Has 500 Members

From 1st July 2018 to 1st September 2018, 2 members left the Church Law Society, and 5 new members joined. Thus, the Church Law Society reached the number of 500 members on 1st September 2018.

Festive Mass at the Opening of the Academic Year

On Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 6 p.m., the Prague Academic Parish celebrates the Holy Mass VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS for students, teachers and staff of all universities in Prague at the Holy Saviour Church in the Old Town opposite the Charles Bridge.

The main celebrant is Mons. Tomáš Halík, Templeton Prize Laureate, professor of the School of Arts of Charles University, main priest of the academic parish. The priests from the other schools of Charles University will concelebrate. After the mass we are invited to an informal meeting at the Klementinum courtyard.



100th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of Czechoslovakia

This Newsletter is published in the days of preparation for the celebrations of an extraordinary event in the history of the Czech and Slovak nations: the declaration of independence of the Czechoslovak State **on 28th October 1918**. Operations of resistance, led since the outbreak of the First World War both in exile and at home, culminated in this day.

The resistance was run by one hundred thousand troops in the battlefield, comprised of the Czechoslovak legions established in Russia, Italy and France. The Czechoslovak government in exile, headed by Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk, professor of Charles University in Prague, conducted the resistance. The founding of Czechoslovakia restored a thousand-year-old Czech statehood. Both nations, Czechs and Slovaks, assumed an equal position among the nations of the world. The Church Law Society joins the celebrations of this famous anniversary.

Church Law Review No. 73–4/2018 Will Be Published Soon

The fourth issue of Church Law Review in 2018 will be published at the beginning of October. It contains following articles:

- J. Beránek: Activities of Prison Chaplains During the Nuremberg Trial (1945/1946),
- M. Gregor: Current Trends in the Protection of Religious Freedom in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights,
- P. O. Krafl: Legal Historian Jiří Kejř (1921–2015) and his Research on the History of the Hussites,
- D. Kučerka: Mass Offerings According to the Legal Order of the Czech Republic,
- A. Csukás: Constitutional Beginnings of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (1917–1922),
- V. Vladár: In Memory of Professor Peter Blaho (1939–2018),
- J. R. Tretera: Miroslav Černý in his Sixties.

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