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Scientific Conference of the Society of Polish Canonists, *Częstochowa, September 2019*



An annual two-day conference and the general assembly of the *Society of Polish Canonists* (Stowarzyszenie Kanonistów Polskich, SKP) took place in the famous Polish pilgrimage site Częstochowa in six sessions from 8th to 10th September 2019. This year it focused on the topic **Protection of Marriage and Family in Canon Law and Polish Law**. Lectures were held and the participants were accommodated in the building of the priest's seminary.

Prof. Wiesław Bar from Lublin gives a lecture

Photo Monika Menke

Teachers of canon and religion law, members of ecclesiastical courts and doctoral students from Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, the Czech Republic and Slovakia were among one hundred and fifty participants. The Czech Republic was represented by Associate Professor Damián Němec OP, Head of the Department of Church History and Church Law of the Saints Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology, Palacký University in Olomouc, Dr Monika Menke from the same department and lic. Piotr Grzybek, judge of the Interdiocesan Court in Olomouc.

The opening speech was given by the Metropolitan Archbishop of Częstochowa, Dr Waław Depo. Then, the conference was greeted by the chairman of the SKP Prof. Józef Krukowski and chairman of the Legal Council of the Polish Bishops' Conference Mons. Dr Ryszard Kasyna.

During the first session on Polish family law, following speakers presented their papers: Prof. Lucjan Świto (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, UWM) on *Legal Connotations of Social-Civilization Threats to Marriage and Family*; Mikołaj Pawlak (Protector of Rights of the Child) on *Protection of Rights of the Child before Birth and Upbringing in Family*, and Paweł Zwolak (Ministry of Justice of the PR) on *Structure of Family Judiciary in Poland*.

Following canon law papers were presented in next two sessions: Prof. Zbigniew Suchecki (Antonianum, Rome), on the topic *Protection of the Child in Light of Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis Vos estis lux mundi*, Prof. Józef Krukowski (Polish Academy of Sciences) on *Respecting the Principle of Autonomy and Independence of State and Church in Polish Constitution and Concordat and Fight against Pedophilia* and Prof. Wojciech Góralski (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, UKSW) on *Positive Act of Will (can. 1101 § 2 CIC/1983) in Doctrine and Case Law of Roman Rota*.

On the second day of the conference these papers were presented: Prof. Mirosław Sitarz (John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin, KUL) on *Rights of the Child in CIC/1983*; Prof. Leszek Adamowicz (KUL) on *Canon Law Status of a Minor*; Associate Professor Tomasz Rakoczy (Ignatianum Academy in Kraków) on *Insufficiency of Requirement of Birth Certificate as Basis for Keeping Baptism Register*.

Prof. Wiesław Bar (KUL) continued on *Impact of Migration from Islamic Countries on Western Concept of Marriage and Family*; Prof. Piotr Majer (Pontifical University of John Paul II in Kraków, UPJPII) on *Canonical Marriage of Persons who Previously Married Only in Civil Form*; Prof. Ginter Dzierżon (UKSW) on *Specific Canon Law Status of Catholics Who Only Married in Civil Form*.

At the end of the second day of the conference, following papers were presented: Dr Krzysztof Nykiel (Apostolic Penitentiary, Rome) on *Note of Apostolic Penitentiary on Relationship Between Forum Internum and Inviolability of Seal of Confession*; Prof. Ryszard Sztuchmiller (UWM) on *Financial Aspects of Marriage Annulment Cases*; Dr Bartłomiej Pieron (UPJPII) on *Clerical Responsibility for Failure to Observe Article 10 (2) of the Polish Concordat* (“preparing for marriage involves instructing prospective spouses on inseparability of canonical marriage and the provisions of Polish law on the effects of marriage”).

Sandomierz was chosen as the venue of the next conference.

Monika Menke

Measuring Religions Belonging in the Czech Republic Report Sent to Strasbourg

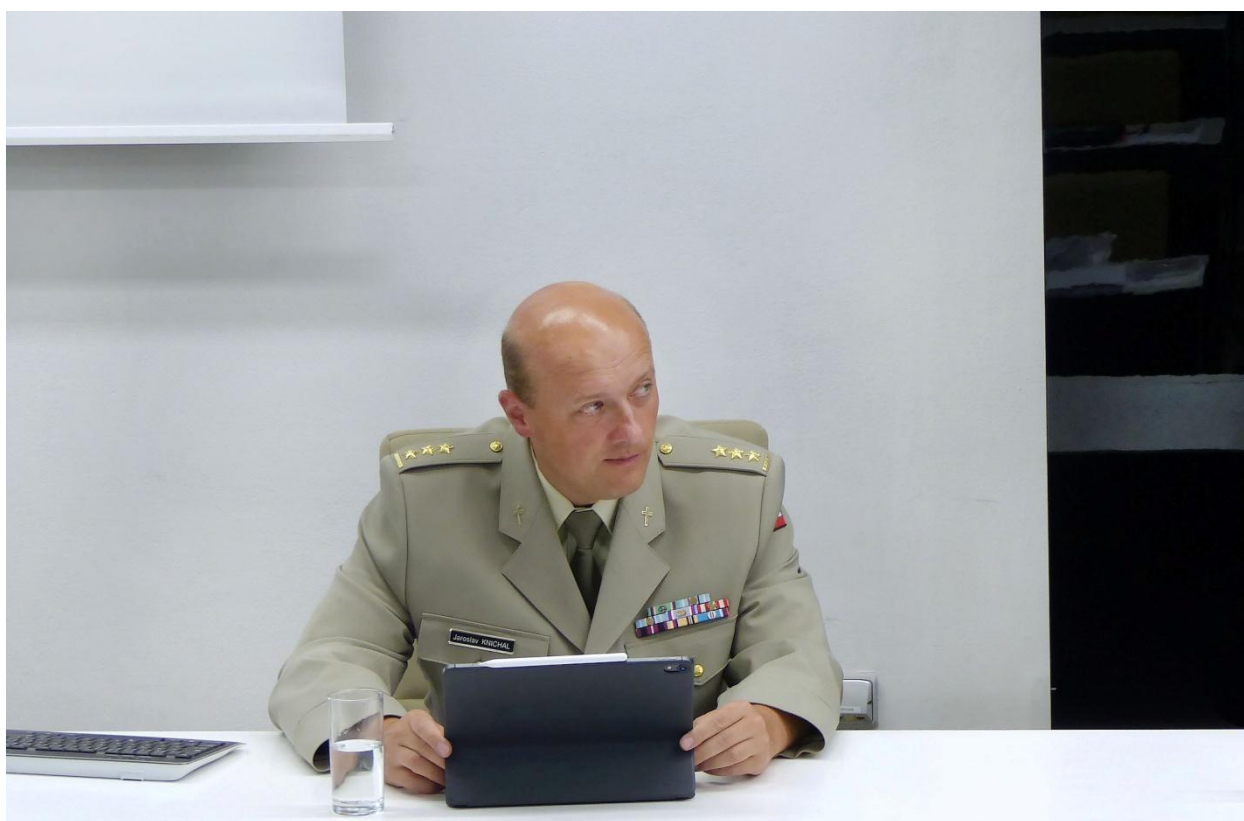
The Eurel Internet Database, containing sociological and legal data on religions in Europe and beyond, organized by the University of Strasbourg, holds its annual meeting on 2nd and 3rd October 2019 in Strasbourg. The topic of the meeting is *Religious Belonging in Europe*.

Associate Professor Zábaj Horák from the Faculty of Law, Charles University, who is the correspondent representing the Czech Republic, sent his English report *Measuring Religious Belonging in the Czech Republic* to this meeting in August. The report summarizes historical, legal and sociological aspects relating to the census of members of religious communities within the framework of the state-organized census as well as religious community legislation.

25th Conference of Church and State in Brno on Topic *Religion and Armed Forces*

The Church Law Society, in cooperation with the Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science of the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno, organized a day-long national conference Church and State, this time on *Religion and Armed Forces*, in the building of the Masaryk University on 5th September 2019. 26 experts from Brno, Prague, Olomouc and Bratislava (Slovakia) participated.

Following participants presented their papers at the conference: Colonel of the General Staff and Chief Chaplain of the Army of the Czech Republic ICLic. Mgr. et Mgr. Jaroslav Knichal, Prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera, Associate Professor Zábaj Horák, JUDr. Adam Csukás, lawyer of the Synodal Council of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, and JUDr. Tomáš Tuza, attorney in Prague, all members of the Church Law Society.



Colonel of the General Staff and Chief Chaplain of the Army of the Czech Republic Rev. Jaroslav Knichal presents his paper at the conference Church and State in Brno.

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International Conference on Persecution of Churches in Communist Czechoslovakia 1948–1989 Took Place in Olomouc



From 10th to 12th September 2019, an international conference dedicated to the persecution of churches and believers under the Communist dictatorship in 1948–1989 was held in Olomouc under the title *Harnessed Churches*. The State Regional Archives in Prague, the Saints Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Arts of the Palacký University in Olomouc and the Archbishopric of Prague organized the event. Forty lecturers presented their papers in six sessions, mostly Czech and Slovak specialists in the fields of general history, legal history, religion law, canon law and archival studies, entered the six lecture blocks.

The conference was opened on 10th September in the morning in the auditorium of the Saints Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology. The meeting was opened by Associate Professor Jitka Jonová from the same faculty. The director of the State Regional Archives in Prague Dr Daniel Doležal and Dean of the Saints Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology P. Prof. Peter Tavel OP delivered their speeches after that as well as Dominic Cardinal Duka OP, who welcomed JUDr. Tomáš Kraus, Secretary of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. František X. Halas, Professor Emeritus of the Saints Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology.



Associate Professor Jitka Jonová is opening the conference. Prof. František X. Halas is ready for the lecture.

Photo Palacký University in Olomouc



Opening of the conference Harnessed Churches in Olomouc: from the left Záboj Horák, Jiří Rajmund Tretera OP, Domínik Cardinal Duka OP and Tomáš Kraus, Secretary of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic.

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