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Member of the Society Appointed Bishop

Mons. Pavel Konzbul, long-time member of the Church Law Society, was appointed titular bishop of Litomyšl and auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Brno on 21st May 2016.

Publication *Religion and Law in the Czech Republic* Awarded in the Charles University High Quality Monographs Competition

The competition of high quality monographs has taken place at the Charles University in Prague since 2010. Monographs are evaluated annually by two eleven-member expert committees (the committee for medical and natural sciences and the committee for humanities and social sciences). Hereby, standards and difficulty levels for each type of publications which are regarded as crucial in their scientific area are determined.

Results of 2016 competition were announced one week ago. A book by Professor Jiří Rajmund Tretera and Associate Professor Zábaj Horák *Religion and Law in the Czech Republic*, issued by Wolters Kluwer in Alphen aan den Rijn in the Netherlands, was ranked among 83 selected monographs. This honour was granted in appreciation of work of the authors as well of religion law in general and teaching of religion law at universities.

Night of Churches 2016

A significant number of churches of many denominations in our country was opened to the public on Friday 10th June 2016. Each participating parish or congregation prepared its own schedule which usually contains various concerts, guided tours and visits of places inaccessible to the public (sacristy, choir gallery), prayers, meetings, garden parties etc.

We are happy that churches bear witness to their mission before the world and the general public. The idea of the Night of Churches was arisen in Austria 12 years ago. It has been put into practice also in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Estonia since then. Cardinal Christoph Schönborn OP, Archbishop of Vienna, sent his regards to the Czech Night of Churches 2016.

700th Anniversary of Charles IV's Birth

The Czech nation celebrated the 700th anniversary of the birth of the most famous Czech monarch Charles IV of Luxembourg, King of Bohemia and Roman Emperor, on 12th May 2016. The Cathedral of Saints Vitus, Wenceslas and Adalbert at Prague Castle was in the spotlight of the festivities. Cardinal Dominik Duka OP, celebrated the Eucharist in the presence of the President of the Czech Republic and other heads of states related to the House of Luxembourg. The Saint Wenceslas Crown and the other parts of the Bohemian Crown Jewels, which are exhibited only on special occasions, were displayed to the public for two weeks.



Church Law Review No. 64–2/2016 is at the Printers

Preparation of the second issue of The Church Law Review in year 2016 was completed last week. It is supposed to be distributed among members of the Society next week. The awaited issue contains these articles:

- A. I. Hrdina: The Bishop – the Judge in His Diocese,
- J. R. Tretera: Current Concordats, Particularly Albanian, and Czech Hopes,
- M. Szabo: Historical-Legal Development of the Albanian Catholic Church,
- D. Němec: The Pope Benedict XVI's Reform Regarding the Sacrament of Orders and Marriage Law,
- S. Příbyl: Testimony of Early Church Pastors as Martyrs,
- J. Zechovský: Autonomy of Churches and the Status of Religious Ministers in the Czech Republic,
- A. I. Hrdina: Dowry and Related Legal Institutions in Canon Law (A note).

It contains reviews to these new publications:

Jiří Rajmund Tretera – Záboj Horák: Religion Law (S. Příbyl),
Michal Tomášek: Legal Systems of the Far East I (Z. Horák),
Michal Skřejpek: Digesta seu Pandectae, tomus I, liber I–XV, fragmenta selecta (M. Novák),
Martin Štefko et al.: Czech School of Social Policy in Context (J. Kotous),
Veronika Čunderlík Čerbová: Natural Law Theory in the Law of the Catholic Church (S. Příbyl),
Jitka Jonová: Theodor Kohn (1845–1915), Prince-Archbishop of Olomouc, Titular Archbishop of Pelusia (M. Menke),

and information about:

51st Congress Essener Gespräche zum Thema Staat und Kirche, Mülheim an der Ruhr, 2016 (Z. Horák),
Research Colloquium of the Team State, Religion, and the Law, Pilsen, March 2016 (A. I. Hrdina),
Ecumenical-Legal Conference, Katowice/Brenna (Poland), April 2016 (M. Menke),
Cardiff Festival for Law and Religion, Cardiff, May 2016 (Z. Horák),
From the Church Law Society (*in Czech and in English*, J. R. Tretera).



From New Publications

BRUGNOTTO, Giuliano, ROMANATO, Gianpaolo (eds.), *Riforma del cattolicesimo?*, Le attività e le scelte di Pio X, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Città del Vaticano, 2016, 630 p., ISBN 978-88-209-9783-0

including:

FELICIANI, Giorgio, *La riforma pastorale della Curia Romana*, pp. 285–292.

Periodicals

Apollinaris, Commentarius Iuridicus Instituti Utriusque Iuris, Lateran University Press, Roma, ISSN 0392-2359,

No. 2/2014,

including:

FELICIANI, Giorgio, *Il nuovo Statuto della Commissione degli Episcopati della Comunità Europea (COMECE)*, pp. 551–581.

Ecclesiastical Law Journal, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, ISSN 0956-618X,
Vol 18 No 2, May 2016,

including:

SOULE, W Becket, *Concordat Agreements between the Holy See and the Post-Communist Countries (1990–2010)*, review on the book of Damián Němec, pp. 230–231.

Folia Theologica et Canonica, Szent István Társulat, Budapest, ISSN 2063-9635,
č. IV (2015),

including:

SZUROMI, Szabolcs Anzelm, *The effect of Pope Benedict XIV's canonical works on the ecclesiastical process law*, pp. 191–200.

Kanon XXIII, Yearbook of the Society for the Law of the Eastern Churches, Edition Kovar, Hennef, 2014, ISSN 0259-0727.

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

May 2016,

including:

[United States Conference of Catholic Bishops], *Missouri Catholic Conference, and Other Religious Groups File Amicus Brief in Supreme Court in Trinity Lutheran*, pp. 3–4. From the Summary of Argument:

“The First Amendment’s guarantee of the free exercise of religion bars the government from singling out religious persons or groups for disfavored treatment. Yet Missouri has done just that by excluding petitioner Trinity Lutheran from the state’s Scrap Tire Program, which subsidizes the replacement of asphalt playgrounds with rubberized material derived from recycled tires. Missouri’s only reason for excluding Trinity Lutheran was a state constitutional provision barring public funding for religious organizations; indeed, the state denied Trinity Lutheran’s application specifically on the ground that the school is operated by a church. Missouri’s overt discrimination against Trinity Lutheran purely because of its religious status is repugnant to the First Amendment.”

Oxford Journal of Law and Religion, Oxford University Press, Oxford, ISSN 2047-0770,
Volume 5, Number 1, February 2016,

including:

AHDAR, Rex, *Companies as Religious Liberty Claimants*, pp. 1–27.

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