

## From the Church Law Society

### **Important Visitors from the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (Poland)**

On 23 and 24 May 2014 His Magnificence P. Professor Dr. hab. Antoni Dębiński, the President of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and the Head of the Department of the Roman Law at the University's Faculty of Law, Canon Law, and Administration, and two researchers from the Department, Dr. hab. Maciej Jońca and Mgr. Izabela Leraczyk, visited the Law School of Charles University in Prague and the Church Law Society.

At the Law School the visitors met with Associate Dean Professor JUDr. Milan Damohorský, DrSc., and Mgr. David Kohout, Ph.D., the Head of the Law School's Foreign Affairs Department. Associate Professor JUDr. Záboj Horák, Ph.D., guided the guests throughout their visit.

On Saturday the guests visited the Church Law Society's office in Prague 3, Sudoměřská 25, where they were welcomed by the President of the Society, P. Professor JUDr. Jiří Rajmund Tretera OP.

### **The Church Law Review is Ranked Second in the Karlsbader Juristentage Competition**

On 13 June 2014, during this year's XXII Congress of the Karlsbader Juristentage in Karlovy Vary, the results of the competition for the best law journal in the Czech and Slovak Republics were announced for 2013/2014. A total of 33 law journals from the two countries competed in the competition; the first prize went to the Bar Bulletin and the second to the Church Law Review. From the Slovak law journals, *Ars Notaria* scored the highest.

We thank all our supporters who contributed with their votes.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Conference "Church and State" in Brno**

On Thursday, 11 September 2014, the Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science at the Law School of Masaryk University in Brno and the Church Law Society organized a national conference on the state law on churches and

religious societies which, as always, attracted participants from other countries as well. This year the Conference returned to the Law School, where it took place in the conference room of the Dean's Office.

The topic of this year's Conference was *The Legal Status of Clergy and the Autonomy of Churches*. Presentations by nine speakers were followed by discussions. The next issue of the Church Law Review will contain a detailed report on the Conference.

### **Congratulations to Church Law Society Members**

On 25 June 2014 PhDr. Roman Míčka, Th.D., a research assistant at the Theological School of the South Bohemian University in České Budějovice, defended his dissertation *Michael Novak and Patrick Buchanan – Important Representatives of Current American Political Catholicism*. With the successful defense he completed his doctoral studies in political science at the Political Science Institute of the Philosophical School of Charles University and was awarded a Ph.D. degree.

JUDr. Vojtech Vladár, PhD., the Head of the Department of Roman Law and Church Law at the Law School of Trnava University (Slovakia), successfully completed the requirements for an appointment as an associate professor (docent), and the President of the University appointed him Associate Professor for the theory of law and legal history as of 20 August 2014. He successfully defended his dissertation, which was entitled *Remedia spoli in the Medieval Canon Law*.

### **Prof. Dr. iur. Heiner Marré has passed away**

Before the deadline of this issue we have received a sad message that on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 an honorary member of Church Law Society Prof. Dr. iur. Heiner Marré of Gladbeck, emeritus director of legal section of Essen bishopric has passed away. Funeral holy Mass was officiated on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 in Lambertikirche, Gladbeck. Prof. Marré was buried on the same day at a local cemetery.