

## From the Church Law Society

### **The Church Law Society Accepted as a Member of the Council of Scientific Societies of the Czech Republic**

On Monday, 24 November 2014, a plenary session of the Council of Scientific Societies of the Czech Republic accepted the Church Law Society as a member of the Council. The session took place at the seat of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague 1 at Národní 3. The Council cooperates closely with the Academy of Sciences and currently has 77 scientific societies as members, representing 26,000 individual members, including 450 members of the Church Law Society.

### **The 70<sup>th</sup> Evening Law in Society and the Church**

The 70<sup>th</sup> Evening *Law in Society and the Church*, organized by the Church Law Society, took place on Tuesday, 2 December 2014, in the Baroque refectory of the St. Gill Dominican monastery in Prague 1, Old Town. Notwithstanding the freeze that negatively impacted the country, particularly train connections, and prevented many regular participants from attending, about 40 participants attended the Evening.

JUDr. PhDr. Stanislav Balík, an attorney and a Justice Emeritus of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, presented a lecture on *The Development of Jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic in Matters of Churches and Church Restitutions*. He spoke about his experience from his ten-year tenure as a constitutional justice in Brno. The participants welcomed the lecture with great enthusiasm and reacted with extended applause. A number of participants spoke during the follow-up discussion, which was infused with mutual understanding. A toast, a free discussion, and refreshments concluded the event.

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

Rev. mus prof. ICDr. MVDr. Miroslav Konštanc Adam OP, the President of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome, was appointed one of ten members of the special commission for study of the reform of

the matrimonial processes in canon law, which Pope Francis established as of 27 August 2014.

Mgr. Jan Šejdl, a Ph.D. candidate at the Law School of Charles University in Prague, defended his dissertation *General Studies of Roman Law Servitudes* on 29 September 2014. He was awarded a Ph.D. degree in the graduation ceremony at the Carolinum on 19 November 2014. As of 1 October 2014 he became the Secretary of the Department of Legal History and an assistant professor of Roman law at the Law School of Charles University in Prague.

JUDr. Miroslav Černý, Ph.D., J.U.D., of the Law School of University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, successfully finished his habilitation procedure at the Catholic Theological School of Charles University in Prague and on 9 December 2014 received the decree of associate professor at the Carolinum.

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