

Změna umístění kanceláře Společnosti

Plánovaná rekonstrukce dominikánského kláštera svatého Jiljí v Praze, o níž byla veřejnost informována v Listech svatojilské farnosti a dominikánské rodiny v Praze Summa sumárum z července 2008, má být již záhy zahájena. Naše Společnost byla konventní kapitulou upozorněna už v březnu t. r. na nezbytnost přemístění kancelářských prostor. Pracovní výbor poděkoval řádu za dosavadní pomoc a vypracoval na své poradě 19. června 2008 harmonogram postupu stěhování.

Během léta se podařilo dojednat přesídlení do nové kanceláře, a sice k 1. říjnu 2008. Nová adresa kanceláře i redakce časopisu Revue církevního práva je **130 00 Praha 3, Sudoměřská 25.**

From the Church Law Society

General Assembly of the Church Law Society

The General Assembly of the Church Law Society met on 26 March 2008 in the reading hall of the St. Gill Dominican Monastery in Prague. The Assembly approved activity and accounting reports for the past two years, amended the Society's Statute, and elected members of the operational committee for the next operating period. The Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic took note of the amendments to the Statute; the amendments are available on the Society's website at <http://spcp.prf.cuni.cz>.

A Lecture from the Lecture Series *The Effects of Law on Society and the Church*

Following the General Assembly meeting on 26 March 2008 the Society's vice-chairman, JUDr. Záboj Horák, Ph.D., gave a lecture to the Church Law Society; he presented his "Suggestions for Amendments to the Law on Churches."

Congratulations

We are delighted to report that on 19 May 2008 the President of the Czech Republic appointed Docent JUDr. Antonín Ignác Hrdina, OPraem, a member

of the Church Law Society, Professor of Church Law following his nomination by the Scientific Council of Palacký University in Olomouc. Professor Hrdina teaches Church law at the Catholic Theological School in Prague and at the Law School of the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen.

As noted by daily periodicals, on 19 May 2008 new honorary prelates of His Holiness were appointed and granted the right to use the title of Monsignore. One of the four individuals appointed from the Prague Archdiocese is Monsignore Professor PhDr. Tomáš Halík, Th.D., a member of the Church Law Society, who celebrated his 60th birthday on 1 June 2008. Ad multos annos!

Mgr. Kamila Moučková and Martin Brunovský, members of the Church Law Society, celebrated their marriage on 11 October 2008 in the St. Lawrence Church in Křivice.

Change of Location of the Office of the Church Law Society

A planned reconstruction of the St. Gill Dominican Monastery in Prague, announced in the Letters of the St. Gill Parish and of the Dominican Family in Prague *Summa sumárum* in July 2008, will commence soon; therefore, in March 2008 the Church Law Society was informed by the convent chapter of the need to relocate the office of the Society. The operational committee expressed thanks to the Order for its support in the previous years, and in a meeting on 19 June 2008 the committee prepared a relocation schedule. During summer 2008 a new facility was secured starting 1 October 2008; the new address of the office of the Society and of the Church Law Review editorial office is **CZ-130 00 Praha 3, Sudoměřská 25.**

Brief News

Church Law Review on the List of Peer-Reviewed Periodicals

The Council for Research and Development, an expert and advisory body of the Cabinet of the Czech Republic, approved the List of Peer-Reviewed “Non-Impacted” (a Czech language technical term) Periodicals at its 234th meeting on 20 June 2008. The List will be utilized by the Council when evaluating results of research and development supported by public funding when the results are reported in Czech expert periodicals. The Church Law Review is one of a few legal journals that were privileged to be placed on the List.

A New Delict in the Canon Law

We quote a report from the Act Curiae Archiepiscopalis Pragensis No. 7-8/2008 from 21 July 2008, Point 3, Ref.No. 4925/2008:

On 30 May 2008 L’Osservatore Romano published the following Decree of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith:

“General Decree Regarding the Delict of Attempted Sacred Ordination of a Woman”

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in virtue of the special faculty granted to it by the Supreme Authority of the Church (cf. Can. 30, Code of Canon Law), in order to safeguard the nature and validity of the sacrament of Holy Orders, decreed, in the Ordinary Session of December 19, 2007.:

... Without prejudice to the prescript of can. 1378 of the *Code of Canon Law*, both the one who attempts to confer a sacred order on a woman, and the woman who attempts to receive a sacred order, incur an excommunication *latae sententiae* reserved to the Apostolic See.

... If, in fact, the one who attempts to confer a sacred order on a woman, or the woman who attempts to receive a sacred order, is one of Christ’s faithful subject to the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*, that person, without prejudice to the prescript of can. 1443 of the same Code, is to be punished with a major excommunication, the remission of which is also reserved to the Apostolic See (cf. can. 1423, *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*).

This decree, once published in *L’Osservatore Romano*, comes into force immediately.

William Cardinal LEVADA, Prefect“