

Brief News

Oliva Bookstore has Moved

The Oliva Bookstore, which offers theological and philosophical literature and all available Czech and Slovak literature in the areas of canon law, church law, state law on churches and religious societies, and also the latest issues of the Church Law Review, moved this spring from its old location in Prague 1 – Old Town, Jilská 7, to its new location in Prague 1 – Old Town, Husova 8. The new location is on the opposite side of St. Giles Dominican Monastery from where the old location was. The bookstore is open Monday through Friday, 10 am – 6 pm.

Canon Law Academy in Brno Established

As of 1 April 2012 Mons. ThLic. Vojtěch Cikrle, the diocesan bishop of Brno, established the Canon Law Academy as a public association of the Christian faithful (see can. 301 CIC) and as an aggregate of persons (can. 94 §2, 114, and 116 CIC).

The primary mission of the Academy is the salvation of souls (*salus animarum*) of God's people who need assistance, particularly with failed canonically formed marriages, and the spiritual support of the faithful who are working at church courts or conduct work in assisting in the areas of canon law.

The Academy strives to fulfill its mission in the areas of devotion, spiritual charity, and apostolate. The Academy's apostolate consists particularly of the spiritual support of employees of the church courts and the development and improvement of their education in canon law and other supporting areas.

Within its apostolate, the Academy may arrange for God's people to study in the study programs of canon law at universities. The seat of the Academy is at Petrov 272/5, 602 00 Brno, tel. 543 237 051, e-mail <akademie.prava@gmail.com>.

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Chrestomathy on the Topic of State Law on Churches and the School System was Published

In April 2012 the Law School of Charles University in Prague published a new book by Zábaj Horák, *Churches and the School System, Selected Documents for the Study of Czech State Law on Churches*, 2012, 134 pages. The book is published in the publication line *Scripta Iuridica* under Nr. 12.

The publication is a chrestomathy that includes excerpts from legislation and other documents, to which the book *Churches and the Czech School System*, published by Grada, a.s., in September 2012, refers. The publication should serve as a study text and is organized in three parts: The Church School System, Religious Education in the Schools, and The Legal Status of Theological Schools and Seminaries.

The publication is available at the school bookstore at the Law School of Charles University in Prague and in the Oliva Bookstore.

From This Year's Conference Karlsbader Lawyers' Days

On 7 – 9 June 2012 the Association of Czech, German, Slovak, and Austrian Lawyers organized the 20th Conference Karlsbader Lawyers' Days/Karlsbader Juristentage in the hotel Thermal in Karlovy Vary.

A conference report is available at www.kjt.cz.

The traditional awards were presented at a reception on 8 June 2012. Based on a survey of legal professionals, *Bulletin advokacie*, published by the Czech Bar Association, and *Právní rozhledy*, published by C.H.Beck, received the award for the best legal journal in the Czech Republic. Both journals received an equal number of votes. The Church Law Review placed sixth among the 26 competing journals.

We quote from a letter by JUDr. Vladimír Zoufalý, the vice-president of the Karlsbader Juristentage: “As for the awards, the respondent participation was higher than in previous years, and additionally, it is significant and noteworthy that this year a great number of representatives from academia and judges (particularly from both Supreme Courts and from the Constitutional Court) participated in the survey.”

Conference Sacramentum Magnum in Prague

On 14 – 16 June 2012 the conference *The Sacrament of Marriage in the Middle Ages* took place in Prague. The conference was organized by the Philosophical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Internationale Gesellschaft für theologische Mediävistik, Frankfurt a. M., and the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge, Cambridge (UK).

The conference attracted the world's leading medievalists, who demonstrated their excellent knowledge of the medieval canon law treatment of marriage law. For example, Alain Dubreucq (Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3) presented “De Jonas d'Orléans à Hincmar de Reims: l'élaboration carolingienne de la doctrine canonique du mariage” and Giulian Marchetto (Università di Trento) presented “Tra teologia e diritto: l'indissolubilità del matrimonio nella dottrina canonistica dei secoli XIV e XV.”

From among the members of the Church Law Society, Jiří Kašný presented “Raymond of Penyafort's understanding of marital consent, contracting marriage, and marriage as sacrament,” and Tomáš Kotrlý presented “The Selection of Marriage Grave according to Gratianus's Decree.” In concluding the conference the Archbishop of Prague, Cardinal Dominik Duka, OP, celebrated a Pontifical mass in the Cathedral during which he blessed all members of the conference.

Meeting of the Academic Council of the Czech Christian Academy

On 16 June 2012 the regular semiannual meeting of the Academic Council took place in the Emauzy Benedictine Monastery. The President of the Czech Christian Academy and representatives of the individual chapters and local groups from Bohemia and Moravia presented their activity reports. The Legal Section of the Academy and the Church Law Society as a collective member of the Academy were represented by their chairman, Professor JUDr. J. R. Tretera, and vice-chairman JUDr. Záboj Horák, Ph.D. The journal of the Academy *Universum*, No. 2/2012, p. 48, published a review by RNDr. Vladimír Roskovec, CSc., of the book *Church Law Dictionary*, Grada, Prague, 2011.

International Canon Law Conference in Olomouc, June 2012

On 19 June 2012 the Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology of Palacký University in Olomouc organized an international conference entitled *Dismissal from the Clerical State According to the Latest Laws of the Catholic Church – Legislation and Practice*. The presenters were doc. Damián Němec dr; Mgr. Monika Menke, Th.D.; ICLic. Jiří Dvořáček, ICODr.; Professor dr Mirosław Sitarz; Professor dr Józef Krukowski; dr Marek Stokłosa; Dr. Libor Botek, Th.D.; Professor dr Leszek Adamowicz; and dr Jacek Marian Połowianiuk.

The Presentation of the Publication “200 Years of the General Civil Code” in June 2012

On 20 June 2012 a monumental work of 688 pages was presented at the Law School of Charles University in Prague. Almost all 34 authors attended the presentation, including the following members of the Church Law Society: Professor JUDr. Jiří R. Tretera and JUDr. Záboj Horák, Ph.D., from the Law School of Charles University in Prague, and JUDr. Kamila Bubelová, Ph.D., from the Law School of Palacký University in Olomouc.

The presentation was introduced by Professor JUDr. Aleš Gerloch, CSc., the Dean of the Law School of Charles University in Prague, and by both editors of the publication – Professor JUDr. Jan Dvořák, CSc., and Professor JUDr. Karel Malý, DrSc., dr. h. c.

The book was published by Wolters Kluwer ČR, a.s., in Prague in 2011. See <http://obchod.wkcr.cz/obchod/pravo/200-let-vseobecneho-obcanskeho-zakoniku.html>.

From the Church Law Society

Vice-Chairman of the Church Law Society Appointed Associate Professor

The Church Law Review takes pleasure in announcing that Co-founder and Vice-Chairman of the Church Law Society, and member of the Editorial Board of the Church Law Review,

JUDr. Záboj Horák, Ph.D., LL.M. (Münster), ICLic. (Lublin)

has been promoted to associate professor; the decision was made on 24 May 2012 by the Scientific Council of the Law School of Charles University in Prague. Based on the recommendation of the Council, the President of Charles University appointed JUDr. Horák associate professor on 1 October 2012.

Associate Professor Horák studied at the Law School of Charles University in 1993–1998, and since 1994 has worked in the Legal History Department of the School as a research assistant in the area of church law.

After he was graduated he studied private law abroad at the Westphalian Wilhelms University in Münster, where he was awarded an LL.M. In 1997 and 2002 he made brief research trips to Washington, D.C., and in 2002 he was graduated from the doctoral program at the Law School of Charles University in Prague, where he was awarded a Ph.D. degree. Associate Professor Horák began working in the Legal History Department as a research assistant, and he was shortly promoted to assistant professor. He teaches Roman law and legal history, and together with his mentor, Professor JUDr. Jiří Rajmund Tretera, he lectures on church law and state law on churches.

In 2002–2005 Associate Professor Horák taught church law at the Institute of Ecumenical Studies at the Evangelical Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague, and in 2002–2006 he studied part-time at the Faculty of Law, Canon Law and Administration of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, where he was graduated in 2006 as a Master of Canon Law (mgr) and Licentiate of Canon Law (ICLic).

We wish Associate Professor JUDr. Záboj Horák much energy, good health, and success in the upcoming years!

Meeting of the Church Law Society's General Assembly

After two years a meeting of the General Assembly took place. The Executive Committee convened the meeting after it announced the meeting on the Church Law Society's website and in the monthly bulletin *Aktuality*, which is mailed to the members of the Society by email. The General Assembly took place on Monday, 16 April 2012, at 4:30 pm in room 243 at the Law School of Charles University in Prague.

The program included the presentation of the report on the Society's activities in the last two years, the economic report, and the auditors' report. The then-current Executive Committee was discharged and the Assembly elected the members of the new Executive Committee and their alternates, and auditors and their alternates.

As of the date of the General Assembly, the Society had 408 members. Since the last General Assembly, 21 members joined the Society, 14 members left the Society, and 10 members passed away.

The General Assembly recalled all the members of the Society who had passed away and honored their memories.

The 64th Lecture of the Lecture Series *The Effects of Law on Society and the Church*

The General Assembly on 16 April 2012 was followed by a successful and highly attended lecture by doc. JUDr. Stanislav Příbyl, Ph.D., IC.D, on *Prophetic and Hierarchical Services in the Early Church*.

In his lecture doc. Příbyl followed up on his article *Beginnings of a Hierarchical Order in the Early Church*, which was published in the Church Law Review, No. 49-2/2011, and provided new and detailed information.

Congratulations to the Members of the Church Law Society

R. P. Ing. Jiří Sedláček, CRV, a judge of the Diocesan Court in Brno and parish vicar in the Annunciation of Virgin Mary Church in Brno – Tuřany, celebrated his 70th birthday on 4 April 2012.

Ingrid Turoňová and JUDr. Daniel Spratek, Ph.D., who has served as a judge and a member of the executive committee of the Church Law Society, celebrated their marriage in the evangelic church in Třanovice on 28 April 2012.

Mgr. Jakub Kříž, the secretary of the Department of Private Law at the CEVRO University Institute in Prague, received the Oto Mádr award for 2010-2011 for his article *Neutrality or Animosity? Remarks on the Relations of the State and Religion* (see the Church Law Review, No. 46-2/2010). On 24 September 2012 he defended his dissertation *Material Tensions*

between Natural Law and Positive Law and Approaches to its Solution at the Law School of the Charles University in Prague.

Obituary

Mgr. Miroslav Brož, an Evangelical Church parish priest, a senior of the Church, and the executive secretary of the Central Church Office, passed away on 10 August 2012. For many years Mgr. Brož served as a member of the executive committee of the Church Law Society. The last farewell to Mgr. Brož took place on 18 August 2012 in the Chrudim church of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren.

The 18th Annual Conference on Church and State in Brno

The Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science of the Law School of Masaryk University in Brno and the Brno chapter of the Church Law Society organized, under the leadership of JUDr. Kateřina Šimáčková, Ph.D., and Mgr. Petr Jäger, Ph.D., the 18th annual conference on Church and State. This year the topic of the conference was *Church, State, and Education*. A detailed report of the conference is available in the *Information* section of this issue of the Church Law Review.