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Photo František Kratochvíl



## Pastoral Care of Lawyers in Prague

### Pastoral Care of Lawyers also meets during the holidays

Members of the Pastoral Care of Lawyers have also been meeting several times during the summer holidays to celebrate Holy Mass. Services were held in the large neo-Gothic Church of St Anthony of Padua, a prominent landmark in the Prague-Holešovice district. The church is on the left bank of the Vltava river and is just fifteen minutes' walk from Charles University's Faculty of Law building. It is adorned with two tall towers, visible from far and wide.

Holy Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, and on Sundays, 24<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022, by Rev. Jiří Rajmund Tretera OP. Half an hour before each Holy Mass, spiritual talks were held in the church's confessional chapel and after the Mass we always met for a short talk, usually before entering the church. The meetings were attended by lawyers in practice in various legal professions as well as by students of the Faculty of Law of Charles University.



*Rev. Jiří Rajmund Tretera preaches during Holy Mass in the Church of St Anthony of Padua in Prague.*

*Text and photo Jakub Nagy*



*On the steps of the Church of St Anthony of Padua in Prague-Holešovice.  
From the left Tomáš Grundza, Rev. Jiří Rajmund Tretera, Anežka Straková, Jakub Nagy  
and Záboj Horák.*

*Photo Jiří Hromas*

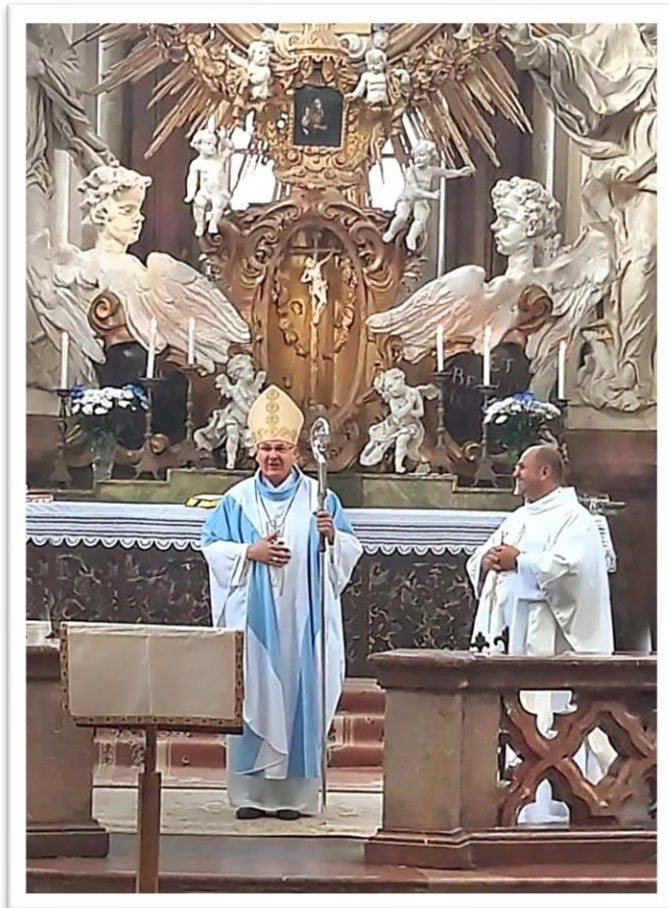


## Local group in Stříbro

# Two joyful church celebrations in western Bohemia

## Pilgrimage Mass in the church in Kladruby

On Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022, the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Saint Wolfgang and Saint Benedict in Kladruby near Stříbro in western Bohemia witnessed a glorious event. The day before the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary *Mons. Rudolf Voderholzer*, Diocesan Bishop of Regensburg (Germany), celebrated a pilgrimage mass here, which was concelebrated by the local spiritual administrator *Rev. Miroslav Martiš* and other priests from Bohemia and guests from Germany. Hundreds of pilgrims from the surrounding area and from afar attended.



The magically beautiful church in Kladruba is the third largest church in the Czech lands, after the Cathedral of St Vitus, St Wenceslas and St Adalbert in Prague and the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady in Sedlec near Kutná Hora. The church is 84 metres long and the internal height of the dome is 39 metres. The church is in the grounds of the Benedictine monastery founded by the *Czech prince Vladislav I in 1115*. The original late Romanesque triple-nave basilica was completed in 1233 and consecrated in the presence of the Czech king Wenceslas I and senior church and state officials.

The church acquired its current appearance during its reconstruction according to a project by the Prague architect of Italian origin, *Jan Blažej Santini-Aichel*, in the Baroque Gothic style. Its reconstruction was carried

out in the years 1712–1726. Firstly, the triple nave was reconstructed, followed by the transept, and then the west front and the monumental dome topped with a Marian crown were built. During the reconstruction, Santini used the masonry of the Romanesque basilica as much as possible. The interior of the church is furnished according to Santini’s designs.

In the 1980s, massive pilgrimage festivities were celebrated inside the church. This was despite the hostility of the communist authorities and local secular musicians, who tried to sabotage the celebrations. The pilgrimage was organised by the well-known preacher *Rev. Hugo Josef Pitel OPraem* (1928–2017), a member of the secretly operating Premonstratensian Order and a parish priest in Kladruba, who was unlawfully interned in 1950 and who spent several years in the late 1950s in communist prisons. Together with him, the pilgrimage was organised by *Jiří Rajmund Tretera OP*, then a member of the secretly operating Dominican Order, today a professor of church law at the Faculty of Law of Charles University.

Another active participant was *Filip Zdeněk Lobkowicz OPraem*, a secretly ordained deacon and civilian worker in the Old Prints Department at the National Museum Library and today a priest and abbot of the Premonstratensian Canonry in Teplá near Mariánské Lázně (western Bohemia).

The Benedictine monastery has been undergoing extensive reconstruction in recent years, but Holy Mass is regularly celebrated in the Church of the Virgin Mary, Saint Wolfgang and Saint Benedict.

*In the photograph above: Bishop Rudolf Voderholzer. On his left is parish priest Miroslav Martiš.*

## Festive procession in Stříbro



On Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022, on the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, the parish in Stříbro not far from Kladruby held a festive procession of the faithful from the parish and deanery church of All Saints.

The procession was led by parish priest *Miroslav Martiš*, a member of the Church Law Society, and the cross at the head of the procession was carried by *Jaroslav Barhoň*, also a member of the Church Law Society (*in the photograph on the left*). The sacred image of Our Lady of the Sorrows, who is venerated in Stříbro as an intercessor with God, was also carried in the procession.

The faithful in the procession, accompanied by enthusiastic singing and praying of the Rosary, walked to another church in Stříbro, dedicated to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. There, parish priest Martiš celebrated Holy Mass for the pilgrims.

The church, which was built in 1573–1574, was thoroughly renovated by the town of Stříbro over the course of a number of years and the renovation was completed this year. It is used for church celebrations and concerts are also held there.

Among the several dozen participants in the Mass was the deputy mayor of Stříbro, Karel Lukeš. The celebration was concluded with refreshments and friendly conversation.

The procession and celebration followed a similar procession and pilgrimage Mass celebrated in the same place on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021, on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The parish in Stříbro has thus established a new joyful tradition.

*Texts František Kratochvíl and Záboj Horák  
Photo František Kratochvíl and the parish of Stříbro*



# Invitation to the Canon Law Symposium in Munich

The Klaus-Mörsdorf-Studium für Kanonistik (Klaus-Mörsdorf Institute for Canon Law) of the Faculty of Catholic Theology of Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich invites you to the *Canon Law Symposium in hybrid form on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Klaus-Mörsdorf Institute for Canon Law*, which will be held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

At 2 pm, participants will be welcomed by *Prof. Dr. Dr Elmar Güthoff*, dean of the Faculty of Catholic Theology and Director General of the Klaus-Mörsdorf Institute for Canon Law. Afterwards, *Rev. Prof. Dr. Ulrich Rhode SJ* will give a presentation on the Reform of the Roman Curia by Pope Francis. Then, *Dr. Manfred Bauer* will give a talk on the subject of Delicta graviora and their treatment by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. *Prof. Dr. Christoph Ohly* will speak on Pope Francis' motu proprio Traditionis custodes of 2021.

The conference will end at 6.30 pm. Registration is open until 12 October 2022 at sekretariat.guehoff@kaththeol.uni-muenchen.de

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