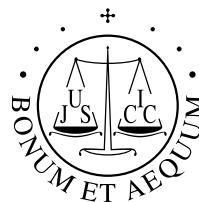


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7<sup>th</sup> June 2023: Zábaj Horák at the opening of a display of church law publications at the Charles University Faculty of Law.

Photo Antonín Krč



## Local group in Prague

### Záboj Horák celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

It is hard to believe that our colleague Záboj Horák will reach the beginning of the ripe old age of fifty on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, or as it is otherwise known, he will be meeting Abraham.

It is not appropriate to have a birthday party on Ash Wednesday and so we are delaying it until the following day, to *Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March*, when we will gather *at the Knights of the Cross* for a lawyer's Mass *at 5 p.m.* and a club meeting at 5.45 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to join us.

After this intimate celebration, we will be repeating it in a slightly more festive way after the Church Law Society general meeting, which is scheduled for *Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 5 p.m. in the Charles University Faculty of Law*, in the JUDr. Milada Horáková Hall, which is on the ground floor on the right. The celebration will begin after the hour-long general meeting. We also invite non-members of the Church Law Society to attend, just come *at 6 p.m.* or any time afterwards.

As a lead-up to our gathering, in the next few days we will be sending recipients of the Czech version of the Church Reporter a Supplement to Mšeno Parish News no. 3/2025, which is devoted to the birthday of Záboj Horák, the editor of Mšeno Parish News. I wrote the whole of this supplement as a gift to Záboj on behalf of us all.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Jiří Rajmund Tretera*



## Categorical pastoral care at this year's 60<sup>th</sup> Essen Talks in Mülheim am Ruhr

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

von **Montag, 17. März, bis Dienstag, 18. März 2025**, lädt die Wolfsburg wieder herzlich zu den **Essener Gesprächen** ein. Die diesjährige Fachtagung zum Staatskirchenrecht in ihrer 60. Auflage steht unter dem Titel **Kategoriale Seelsorge**.

Die kategoriale Seelsorge wendet sich an Menschen in besonderen Lebenssituationen, die auf dem Weg der allgemeinen Seelsorge vielfach kaum zu erreichen sind. Gleichwohl sind mit der kategorialen Seelsorge zahlreiche Fragen verbunden. Diese betreffen einerseits Grund, Proprium und Ziele, andererseits den staatskirchenrechtlichen Rahmen des seelsorglichen Handelns.

Lässt sich Seelsorge aus soziologischer Perspektive als Dienst an der Gesellschaft verstehen? Welche theologische Fundierung liegt ihr zugrunde? Auf welchem Verständnis basiert der verfassungsrechtliche Seelsorgebegriff? Wie weit reicht die Gewährleistung der grundgesetzlichen Absicherung? Welche aktuellen Herausforderungen bestehen aus der Perspektive der Kirchen und anderer Religionsgemeinschaften? Worin bestehen die jeweiligen Spezifika der Militär-, Polizei-, Krankenhaus- und Gefängnisseelsorge? Und schließlich: Welchen Schutz bietet das Strafrecht der Seelsorge?

Ich lade Sie herzlich ein, diese Fragen zu diskutieren, und freue mich, Sie bei den **60. Essener Gesprächen** in der Katholischen Akademie **Die Wolfsburg** begrüßen zu dürfen.

Die Tagung verfügt noch über wenige freie Plätze. Falls Sie sich noch nicht angemeldet haben sollten, ist eine Anmeldung noch über die folgende Mailadresse möglich: [akademieanmeldung@bistum-essen.de](mailto:akademieanmeldung@bistum-essen.de).

Ich würde mich freuen, Sie bei der Tagung begrüßen zu dürfen.

Mit herzlichem Gruß aus der Wolfsburg

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# An invitation to Munich to the May symposium in honour of Prof. Helmuth Pree's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday

On the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Prof. Dr. Dr. Dr.h.c. Helmuth Pree of the Faculty of Theology at Munich University, the Klaus-Mörsdorf-Academic-Studies for Canonistics, we are invited to Munich for a symposium, which will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It starts at 2 p.m. and will be held in faculty auditorium F107 at Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1, 80539 Munich.

The programme is available at:

[https://cms-cdn.lmu.de/media/01-kaththeol/fakultaetswebsite-der-katholischen-theologie/downloads/geb.symposium\\_profpree\\_6.mai25.pdf](https://cms-cdn.lmu.de/media/01-kaththeol/fakultaetswebsite-der-katholischen-theologie/downloads/geb.symposium_profpree_6.mai25.pdf)

Kindly give notice if you wish to attend, by 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025, to the following e-mail address:

Sekretariat.Guethoff@kaththeol.uni-muenchen.de

This invitation was sent to us with warm regards by *Prof. Elmar Güthoff*.



**Local group  
in Stříbro**

## An invitation to this year's Karlovy Vary Law Days and voting for the best legal journal

We are delighted to have again been invited to the conference of the Society of Czech, German, Slovak and Austrian Lawyers, which is being held for the thirty-second time in Karlovy Vary in the Hotel Thermal, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The meetings are always held before mid-June so as to avoid the hubbub caused by the subsequent International Film Festival, which like our meeting is also held in the Hotel Thermal, but at the end of June. We are sending the programme for the Karlovy Vary Law Days as a supplement.

And what is also very important to us is the **readers' vote in the poll for the best legal journal** in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. This year, 38 journals have been entered in the competition, 32 from the Czech Republic and 6 from Slovakia. Votes are counted separately in each of these groups.

Readers award between 1 and 10 points for both the professional and informational level, i.e. twice. The best rating is 10 points.

Each ballot paper must be signed and sent by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 by post or by e-mail. We are enclosing the **ballot paper** with this issue of the Czech version of the Church Reporter.

You can also vote **online** at <http://www.kjt.cz/cs/2025/anketa.php>

We hope that everyone who likes the Church Law Review will give it their vote, with the highest number of points possible. It is good practice for each reader who is voting to indicate at least two journals that they like. We ourselves will be voting for Legal Historical Studies, which is published by the Charles University Faculty of Law, and the Union of Czech Lawyers Bulletin published by that organisation.

We would ask everyone who has an idea of what final judgment published between 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 they consider the best to also add their suggestion for that judgment to be awarded the *Honour to the Court Decision* prize.

If you wish to do so, please send your vote as soon as possible so that you don't forget.

*jrt, zh*

NB As far as I am concerned, a vote for the Church Law Review would be the best birthday present you could give me.

*Záboj*

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