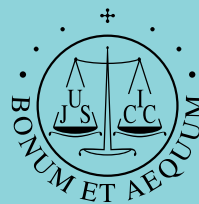


# Church Law Society



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25<sup>th</sup> November 2015: Cardinal Dominik Duka OP at the 72<sup>nd</sup> evening of the Church Law Society in the Baroque refectory of the Dominican Priory of St. Giles in Prague's Old Town.

Photo Antonín Krč



## Local group in Prague



S vírou ve vzkříšení těla a život věčný oznamujeme,  
že dne 4. listopadu 2025 zemřel po krátké těžké nemoci ve věku 82 let

Jeho Eminence

## kardinál Dominik Duka OP

emeritní arcibiskup pražský a primas český, 63. nástupce sv. Vojtěcha  
a 36. arcibiskup na pražském stolci.

Narodil se 26. dubna 1943 v Hradci Králové. Po absolvování gymnázia se vyučil strojním zámečníkem. Po základní vojenské službě v Trnavě mohl roku 1965 začít studovat teologii na Cyrilometodějské bohoslovecké fakultě v Litoměřicích. V roce 1968 vstoupil tajně do dominikánského řádu. V roce 1969 složil časné sliby, v roce 1970 přijal kněžské svěcení a pět let působil v duchovní správě pražské arcidiecéze. Roku 1975 mu byl odebrán státní souhlas k výkonu duchovenské činnosti. Poté pracoval patnáct let jako rýsovač, a přitom působil v podzemní církvi. V roce 1981 byl odsouzen za maření státního dozoru nad církvemi a byl patnáct měsíců ve vězení. Po roce 1990 působil již veřejně jako provinciál dominikánského řádu. V roce 1998 byl jmenován biskupem královéhradeckým. Zasloužil se o vypracování českého překladu Jeruzalémské bible, jejíž překlad byl publikován v roce 2009. V roce 2010 se stal arcibiskupem pražským a primasem českým a tuto službu vykonával až do roku 2022. V roce 2012 ho papež Benedikt XVI. jmenoval kardinálem. Byl držitelem mnoha vyznamenání – Řád Bílého lva, francouzský Řád čestné legie či Řád bílé orlice.

Ostatky zemřelého budou vystaveny v kostele Všech svatých na Pražském hradě  
ve čtvrtek 13. listopadu 2025 od 12 do 21 hodin  
a v pátek 14. listopadu 2025 od 12 do 18 hodin, kdy bude vystavení zakončeno modlitbou nešpor.

**Pohřeb otce kardinála bude v sobotu 15. listopadu 2025 v 11 hodin v katedrále sv. Víta, Václava  
a Vojtěcha v Praze. Poté bude jeho tělo uloženo do arcibiskupské hrobky v katedrále.**

R.I.P.

*Jan Graubner  
arcibiskup pražský a primas český  
Presbyterium pražské arcidiecéze  
a zaměstnanci arcibiskupství*

*za rodinu  
Marcela Vytlačilová  
Petr Vytlačil s rodinou*

*členové Řádu bratří kazatelů  
a dominikánské rodiny*

With faith in the resurrection of the body and eternal life we announce that

His Eminence

## **Cardinal Dominik Duka OP**

Archbishop Emeritus of Prague and Primate of Bohemia,  
the 63<sup>rd</sup> successor of Saint Adalbert and the 36<sup>th</sup> archbishop in the Archdiocese of Prague,  
died on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 following a short, severe illness, at the age of eighty-two.

He was born on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1943 in Hradec Králové. After finishing grammar school, he worked as an apprentice locksmith. After completing his military service in Trnava, in 1965 he was able to begin studying theology at the Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology in Litoměřice. In 1968, he secretly joined the Dominican Order. In 1969, he took his first vows, in 1970 he was ordained a priest and for five years he worked in parishes in the Archdiocese of Prague. In 1975, his state authorisation to work as a priest was revoked. He then worked for fifteen years as a draftsman, but at the same time he continued to serve in the underground church. In 1981, he was convicted of obstructing state supervision of churches and imprisoned for fifteen months. From 1990, he served, now publicly, as a provincial of the Dominican Order. In 1998, he was appointed Bishop of Hradec Králové. He was instrumental in producing a Czech translation of the Jerusalem Bible, which was published in 2009. In 2010, he became Archbishop of Prague and Primate of Bohemia and performed this service until 2022. In 2012, he was appointed cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI. He was presented with many awards and honours, including the Order of the White Lion, the French Légion d'honneur and the Order of the White Eagle.

The remains of the deceased will be placed on display in All Saints' Church in Prague Castle  
on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 from 12 pm to 9 pm  
and on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 from 12 pm to 6 pm when the display will conclude  
with evening prayers.

**The cardinal's funeral will be at 11 o'clock on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025, in the  
Cathedral of Saints Vitus, Wenceslas and Adalbert in Prague. His body will then be laid  
to rest in the archbishops' tomb in the cathedral.**

**R.I.P.**

*Jan Graubner  
Archbishop of Prague and Primate of Bohemia,  
the presbyterium of the Archdiocese of Prague  
and the staff of the Archbishopric*

*on behalf of the family  
Marcela Vytlačilová  
Petr Vytlačil and family*

*members of the Order of Preachers  
and the Dominican family*

## Father Cardinal Dominik Duka OP and the Church Law Society

The leadership of the Church Law Society was very sorry to hear the sad news of the passing of Cardinal Dominik Duka OP. Father Dominik was one of the benefactors of the Society. He organised underground studies of the Dominican Order in which Jiří Rajmund Tretera, the founder and president of the Church Law Society, studied theology from the early 1980s, from the mid-1980s he lectured on canon law in these studies and finally he was ordained a priest in 1991. J. R. Tretera was Duka's secretary from 1990 until 1998 and a socius (deputy) of the leadership of the Dominican Order.

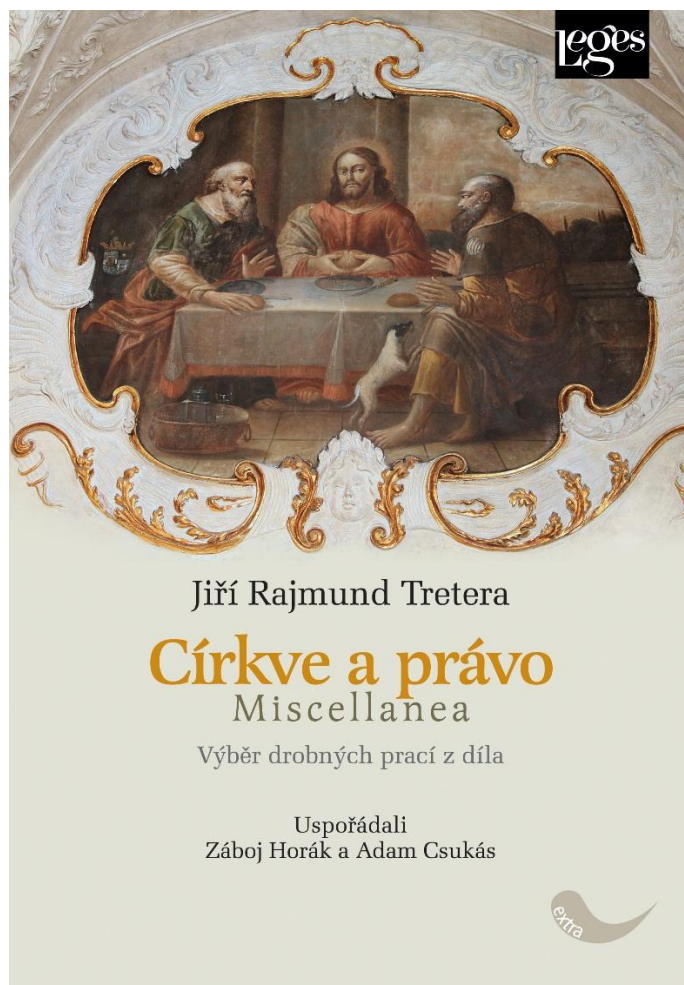
In 1997, Father Dominik secured an office in the Dominican Priory of St. Giles in Prague's Old Town for the Society, which was an important step in the early days of the Society.

Father Dominik accepted our invitations and participated in several of the Church Law Society's lecture evenings as part of the series *The Role of Law in Society and the Church*. We have selected a few photographs that include him.

### 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015, St. Giles Priory in Prague: the presentation of J. R. Tretera's book *Church and Law*. *Miscellanea*



*From the left Assoc. Prof. Záboj Horák, Prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera, Cardinal Dominik Duka, Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Příbyl and JUDr. Jana Sladká Hyklová, Ph.D., editor-in-chief of Leges publishers.*



*At the presentation of Miscellanea with the Czech canonist Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Příbyl.*

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Faculty of Law, Charles University:  
the presentation of J. R. Tretera's book *Czech Memoirs***





*With the attorney JUDr. Ronald Němec, Ph.D.*



*With Mr. and Mrs. Hájek from Karlovy Vary and Mrs. Jitka Jindráčková,  
a founding member of the Church Law Society.*



*With his colleague JUDr. Jan Kotous.*



*During the blessing of Czech Memoirs.*

*From the left Miroslav Martiš, David Kučerka OCr., Dominik Duka OP and Jan Rajlich OP.*

*Photos Antonín Krč*

A portrait of an elderly man with glasses, wearing a dark habit with white cuffs, looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

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JIŘÍ RAJMUND TRETERA

# České paměti

Dobrodružný život  
právníka, profesora  
právnické fakulty  
a kněze  
a jeho rodičů  
v posledních  
120 letech

*The book blessed by Dominik Cardinal Duka: Jiří Rajmund Tretera: Czech Memoirs, the Adventurous Life of a Lawyer, Law Professor and Priest and His Parents in the Last 120 Years*

*Photo Jadran Šetlík*



## Local group Mšeno Skalička

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, Mšeno u Mělníka:  
The funeral of General Zbyněk Čeřovský, Duka's fellow prisoner



*3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, Mšeno u Mělníka: Cardinal Dominik Duka and the Chief Chaplain of the Czech Army, Colonel Jaroslav Knichal, lead an honour guard to the grave of General Zbyněk Čeřovský.*

## 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Charles University Rector's Office: Conference on the European Union and the Holy See

*The conference was organised by Charles University Faculty of Law in collaboration with the Archbishopric of Prague, the Apostolic Nunciature in Prague and the Institute for Christian Democratic Politics.*



*From the left Prof. Michal Tomášek, the Apostolic Nuncio in the Czech Republic Jude Thaddeus Okolo, the Archbishop of Prague Mons. Jan Graubner and Dominik Cardinal Duka OP.*

*Photo Charles University Rector's Office*

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