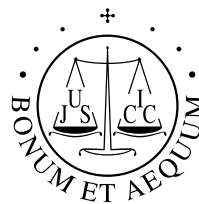


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18th January 2026: Associate Professor Stanislav Přibyl, Canon of the Royal Collegiate Chapter of All Saints' Church at Prague Castle.

Photo Lucie Horníková, Man and Faith



Local group in Prague

Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Přebyl appointed canon

We were delighted to hear the news that our dear colleague, the canonist R. D. Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Stanislav Přebyl, Ph.D., Th.D., J.C.D., a member of the working committee of the Church Law Society and the editorial board of the Church Law Review, has been appointed canon of the Royal Collegiate Chapter of All Saints Church at Prague Castle.

The chapter was founded in the 14th century by the Czech king and Roman emperor Charles IV, who decreed that it should comprise masters from Charles University. To this day, teachers from the Catholic Theological Faculty of Charles University (KTF UK) and other eminent scholars are appointed as canons. Assoc. Prof. Přebyl teaches canon law at KTF UK.

The formal installation took place on Sunday, 18th January 2026 during a ceremony in All Saints' Church at Prague Castle, attended by the Archbishop of Prague, Mons. Jan Graubner.

The installation ceremony was presided over by Mons. Jan Mráz, and the new canon was introduced to those present by the Dean of the Chapter, Mons. Milan Hanuš.

The installation was followed by a Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jan Graubner. We pray for God's abundant blessings and the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the new canon.



All Saints' Church at Prague Castle during the special ceremony.



A full All Saints' Church.



From the left: Provost of the Chapter Mons. Jan Mráz, Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Příbyl and Dean of the Chapter Mons. Milan Hanuš.



From the left: Archbishop of Prague Mons. Jan Graubner, Assoc Prof. Stanislav Přibyl, Prof. Petr Piřha (Emeritus Provost of the Chapter) and Assoc. Prof. Josef Hřebík, a specialist in Old Testament biblical studies at the Catholic Theological Faculty, Charles University.



Archbishop of Prague Jan Graubner celebrates Mass with the college of canons.

Photos Lucie Horníková and František Nedbal, Man and Faith

Invitation

THE ROYAL COLLEGIATE CHAPTER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH AT PRAGUE CASTLE

cordially invites you
to the installation of the newly appointed canon

R. D. Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Stanislav Příbyl, Ph.D., Th.D., J.C.D.

The installation ceremony will take place on
Sunday, 18th January 2026
in the Chapter Church of All Saints:
at 3 p.m. the installation of the canon
at 3.30 p.m. Holy Mass

The service will be celebrated, together with the canons, by the Provost

Mons. Dr. Jan Mráz

Biography of Associate Professor Stanislav Příbyl

Stanislav Příbyl was born on 18th November 1966 in Prague. He went to the grammar school on Přípotoční Street in Prague-Vršovice and successfully studied at the Faculty of Law at Charles University from 1985 to 1989.

At the end of his studies, he found his calling to the priesthood. Therefore, he enrolled in the Catholic Theological Faculty, which had just been reinstated as part of Charles University. He was soon selected for further studies in theology at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, from which he successfully graduated.

Following his return in 1995, he was ordained a deacon and served in the parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Lhotka, Prague. At that time, he joined the Church Law Society and worked with Assoc. Prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera on a new edition of the monograph *Religion Law and Church Law*, which was published in 1997. By then, he had been ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Prague and served as parish vicar in St. Anthony's Church in Prague-Holešovice.

From 1998 to 2002, he studied in a postgraduate doctoral programme at Charles University's Faculty of Law, specialising in church law at the Department of Legal History. His supervisor was Jiří Rajmund Tretera. After successfully defending his dissertation on the topic of *The Legal Protection of Ecumenical Relations between Churches*, he was awarded a Ph.D.

From 1998 to 2002, he also studied at the Faculty of Canon Law at the Pontifical Lateran University, where he obtained a licentiate in 2000 and a doctorate in canon law in 2002.

In 2011, he habilitated at the Faculty of Law of Trnava University (Slovakia) and was awarded the title of associate professor.

Since 2009, he has been teaching canon law at the Faculty of Law at the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice. There, he successfully defended his dissertation on the topic of *The Origins of Hierarchical Organisation in the Early Church* and was awarded a Th.D.

Since 2025, he has been lecturing and conducting seminars in canon law at the Catholic Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague.

In his scholarly work, he focuses on canon and religion law and, as a biblical scholar, he specialises in the legal organisation of the Early Church.

Since 1997, he has worked at Prague Ecclesiastical Court, first as a notary and since 2000 as a judge. This is connected to his other academic specialisation and literary activity on the subject of canon matrimonial law. His examples from judicial practice are an excellent aid for students of canon law at all faculties where it is taught.

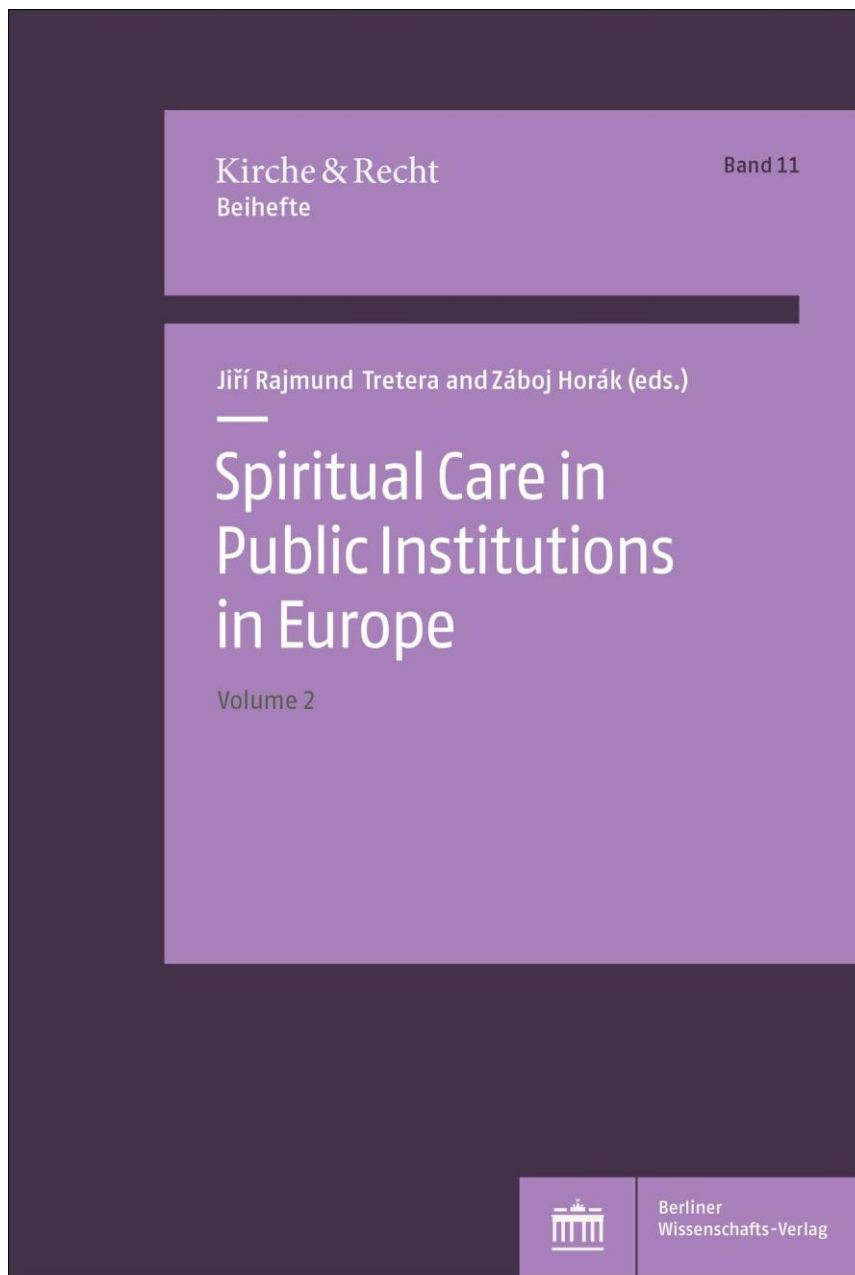
He was much involved in pastoral work at the churches of St. Gabriel and St. Václav in the Smíchov district of Prague, which he has continued since 2016 as rector of the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and St. Charles the Great in Karlov in Prague's New Town, at the foot of Nusle Bridge. Here he serves Mass in the liturgy according to the reform by Pope Paul VI (1970) as well as according to the missal of Pope John XXIII from 1962. He is one of four priests to have been authorised by the Archbishop of Prague to celebrate this preconciliar liturgy.

Jiří Rajmund Tretera, Záboj Horák



Prague, 7th June 2017: Stanislav Přibyl plays a composition by Joseph Haydn at an evening event of the Church Law Society.

A new monograph on spiritual care in public institutions has been published



We have just received a brand new publication focussing on the latest changes in spiritual care in public institutions in nine European countries.

Its individual chapters are based on contributions that were presented at the Fifth International Conference of *Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations* on the topic of *Spiritual Care in Public Institutions II.*, which was held from 11th to 16th June 2024 at the Faculty of Law, Charles University.

The monograph follows on from the book by J. R. Tretera/Z. Horák (eds.) *Spiritual Care in Public Institutions in Europe, Vol. 1*, which was published in 2019 by the same publishers and covers developments over the following five years.

The new book contains articles by leading experts on the subject from Poland, France, Slovakia, the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Austria, Italy and the Czech Republic.

TRETERA, Jiří Rajmund, HORÁK, Zábój (eds.), *Spiritual Care in Public Institutions in Europe*, Volume 2, Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag, Kirche und Recht – Beihefte Vol. 11, 128 pp., ISBN 978-3-8305-5628-2. Available from <https://www.steiner-verlag.de/en/Spiritual-Care-in-Public-Institutions-in-Europe.-Vol.-2/9783830556282>



Local group Mšeno Skalička



30th December 2025 in front of the side buildings at the Skalička Residence: from the right Marie Zdražilová and her father JUDr. Tomáš Zdražil, Jiří Rajmund Tretera and Záboj Horák.

Photo: self-timer

From the Catholic Theological Faculty at Charles University



17th December 2025, theology and philosophy students singing “Rorate on the Stairs”.

Photo Záboj Horák

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