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Professor J. R. Tretera in front of the statue of St. John of Nepomuk, the patron saint of lawyers, on the square in Beroun on 27th August 2020. In the background, the originally gothic church of St. James. Photo Zábaj Horák

Column of Virgin Mary in Prague Blessed

As we have already informed on the pages of this periodical No. 6/2020, the renewal of the Marian Column was completed on 4th June this year on the Old Town Square in Prague. The column was blessed by the Archbishop of Prague, Dominik Cardinal Duka OP, on 15th August 2020, the day of the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

The blessing was preceded by the service in the nearby Church of Our Lady before Týn, which was attended by a number of Czech bishops, abbots of monasteries, priests, members of religious communities and many hundreds of believers, including many members of the Church Law Society.

During the blessing, the sculptor Petr Váša, who worked enthusiastically on the column for more than twenty years, inserted a painting of the “Virgin Mary of the Square” into the sanctuary in the pedestal of the Marian Column. According to tradition, the mayor of the Old Town, Mikuláš František Turek from Rosental, had the picture hung around his neck during the defence of Prague in 1648.

Then, Jan Wolf, chairman of the Committee on Culture, Exhibitions, Tourism and Foreign Relations of the Prague City Council and a member of the Church Law Society, who significantly contributed to the restoration of the column, gave a short speech.



Dominik Cardinal Duka OP is blessing the Marian Column.

Photo Martina Řehořová, Člověk a víra [Man and Faith]

New Title of This Periodical

After due consideration, the editors of this periodical decided to change its name to **Church Reporter**, Newsletter for the English speaking members and friends of the Church Law Society Prague – Brno – Olomouc – Stříbro.

Fifth Season of Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations Is Being Prepared

The administration of the Church Law Society is preparing the continuation of the international conference Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations in June 2021. The fifth season will take place again at the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague. The topic will be *Spiritual Care in Public Institutions II*. The conference will build on the previous successful season held in June 2019.

In this context, we would like to point out that the complete photo gallery and other information about the previous season have been placed on the website, which are available here: <http://spcp.prf.cuni.cz/en/prague-dialogues-on-church-and-state/#k2021>.



The second day of the Fourth Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations, Faculty of Law, Charles University, 14th June 2019.

Photo Antonín Krč

Professor Edward Górecki Celebrated 90th Birthday

On 3rd August 2020, a prominent Polish canonist born in Czechoslovakia and a priest of the Archdiocese of Wrocław, Professor Edward Górecki, celebrated his 90th birthday.

Professor Górecki worked for many years at the theological faculties of the universities in Wrocław (Poland) and Olomouc (Moravia). He raised hundreds of students, among them canonists Associate Professor Damián Němec OP, head of the Department of Ecclesiastical Law of the Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology, Palacký University in Olomouc and Dr Monika Menke from the same department. *Ad multos annos!*

From New Publications

BLAŽEK, Petr, POKORNÝ, Vojtěch, *Duchovní střed Evropy: dějiny Mariánského sloupu na Staroměstském náměstí v Praze 1650–2020*, Muzeum Karlova mostu, [The Spiritual Centre of Europe: History of Marian Column on Old Town Square in Prague 1650–2020]. Praha, 2020, 485 p. ISBN 978-80-270-8014-4.

Journals, periodicals

Appolinaris, Commentarius Iuridicus Instituti Utriusque Iuris, Pontificia Università Lateranense, Città del Vaticano, 2020, ISBN 978-88-465-1282-6, ISSN 0392-2359.

2018/XCI/2,

including:

ARROBA CONDE, Manuel Jesús, *Missione ecclesiale e Pastorale giudiziale*, pp. 405–426,

GHERRI, Paolo, *Identità ecclesiale e Norma missionis*, pp. 505–544.

Communicationes, Pontificium Consilium De Legum Textibus, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Città del Vaticano, Vol. LII, No. 1, 2020, 321 p.

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HILL, Mark, *Sir John Laws (1945–2020)*, pp. 277–278.

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