



LA SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE DROIT CANONIQUE
THE CANADIAN CANON LAW SOCIETY

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To the members of the CCLS,

I imagine each of you is confined to your home and you are hoping to gradually return to a normal social lifestyle. We realize that, if we work for the *salus animarum*, governments are doing so currently for the *salus omnium civium*.

In this context, the Executive Board of the CCLS has been considering the question of the convention in Calgary for some time. We briefly considered the question during our video-conference meetings. Since then, many concerns were raised. The Board met once again via video-conference on April 7. We seriously discussed the issues related to the convention, including the fact that many among us are currently temporarily unemployed, that we do not know how long the prevention measures of confinement will continue and the fact that we do not know how the process of return to normal life will unfold. The bishop of Calgary, H.E. Bishop McGrattan agrees to postpone his invitation and to host the CCLS in October 2021. Father Anthony Pudota, Judicial Vicar and Chancellor and Mr. Murray Briceland, co-leaders of the local committee, are also in favor of postponing the convention. The hotel where reservations were made is also in agreement with postponing the event without any penalty.

The Executive Board has therefore unanimously decided to postpone the convention which was scheduled to take place in Calgary on October 19-22, 2020 to **October 18-21, 2021, in Calgary.**

However, the Annual General Meeting will take place according to article 9 of the Society's Bylaws. The President's report, the Secretary-Treasurer's report and the Auditors' report will be sent to you. We will use the electronic methods at our disposal to proceed with the election of the officers whose mandate comes to an end in 2020. You will be informed later, in good time according to procedure.

In closing, I would like to inform you that our colleague, Father Francis Morrissey OMI, was transferred from the General Hospital to Élisabeth Bruyère Hospital. He is aware that he is preparing to meet his Saviour face to face. On April 8, I sent him a message on behalf of the members of the CCLS. A few minutes later – as per his usual response time, no matter where he is in the world – he expressed his gratitude and his Easter wishes. Let us remember this great man and this eminent canon lawyer in our prayers.

I wish each and everyone of you a very Happy Easter even though we must live these celebrations on which our faith is based in a very special way this year.

Rev. François Hamel
President