

## **The Pontifical University Antonianum**

Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 20017

Rev. Fr. Bruce Miller, Pres of the CLSA, Rev. Msgr. John Foster, VP & Pres-Elect, and Rev Roger Keeler, Exec Coordinator. Receive a very sincere welcome to the Faculty of Canon Law of our Pontifical University of the Antonianum.

This encounter offers the occasion to recall with pleasure the similar occasion when the leadership of the CLSA visited on March 2, 2010. On that occasion, in addition to sharing our academic life, we had the occasion to give thanks for a generous gift of a foundation of an academic scholarship in the name of Father Valentine Schafer, OFM, the first Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor and Dean of Canon Law of the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Thanks to this scholarship fund, the Faculty was able to support three students, two who completed the JCL and one who completed the JCD.

I would not want to forget on this occasion the work and care of our dear friend Art Espelage, The the Exec. Coordinator of the CLSA, who promoted the 2010 meeting and who has been the "peer" visitor of our Faculty for AVERO [The Holy See's Agency of the Evaluation and Promotion of Quality in Ecclesiastical Universities].

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Opening Remarks from Fr. Jorge Horta Espinoza, ofm,  
Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law

Presenting our Faculty I would like to say that, although it may be small in size, it would reach a formidable high quality for our students as well as for the ecclesial communities that they will serve.

The Faculty is actually composed of twelve professors coming from seven different countries and, moreover, diverse states of life, although predominantly composed of OFM religious. An important part of the professors work full-time with the Dicasteries of the Holy See or the Vicariate of Rome; others, on the other hand collaborate externally.

All of the anyway, are at the service today of the 42 students, coming from 4 continents and 14 nations. From the great majority of which are concentrated in the academic pursuit of the license or the doctorate, on the other hand only one student is participating in a preparatory course in this academic year. We are able to say also that in this academic year we have six who should be awarded the License and two who are scheduled to defend their doctoral theses.

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Dearest Fr. Miller, Msgr. Foster, Rev. Keeler, welcome too this university family, a Faculty that wishes to maintain a friendship with the CLSA, with three professors who are members, that feels honored by you presence and the care you bring us.

Bruce Miller  
Alexandria,LA



With faculty and students of the Antonianum.  
In the front row nearest the window are Monsignor David-Maria Jaegger, ofm, Prelate-Auditor of the Roman Rota and  
Father Jorge Horta Espinoza, ofm,