

## **International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family Press Release**

Professor Jane Adolphe, Expert for the Holy See, Secretariat of State, Second Section, Relations with States, in her capacity as Professor of Law of Ave Maria School of Law organized, under the auspices of International Center of Law, Life, Faith and Family, a high profile meeting which gathered experts from various disciplines: theology, sociology, journalism, political science, psychology, pastoral care, and law (including civil, international and canon law). The focus of the meeting was on three case studies in 2018 based on media reports concerning situations in Chile, Honduras, and the United States involving clerics (including bishops and cardinals) as sexual perpetrators: sexual abuse against minors and sexual aggression against seminarians; and the third case study addressed the problem of active homosexual clergy in the Church. Abstracts of the papers will be published in the December of Issue of *Inside the Vatican*, while the acts of the proceedings will be published in book form.

The conference opened with Susan Mulheron, JCL, Chancellor for Canonical Affairs for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, who gave the keynote address, "An Overview of the Various Issues and Challenges of the Church." On the first panel, Robert Moynihan and William Doyno addressed the relevant medial reports in 2018. They were followed by a discussion of Church culture that included presentations by Monsignor Piotr Mazurkiewicz, former Secretary General of the Commission of the Bishops' of the European Community, discussed "Negative Secular Influences on Church Culture;" Dr. Robert Fastiggi from Sacred Heart Major Seminary, spoke on the topic of "Church teachings on perpetual continence and celibacy of clerics in the Catholic Church;" Rev. Sean Kilcawley, Director of the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Lincoln spoke about "Seminarians who struggle with compulsive sexual behaviors;" Dr. Timothy Lock, a psychologist, presented on "Assessment and Treatment of Clerics and Related Issues," while author Daniel Mattson offered a critique of the thought of Rev. James Martin. The panel discussion on "Considerations in the area of Health, Politics, Sociology, and Pastoral Care" was addressed in presentations by Dr. Dawn Eden Goldstein on "Healing of Sexual Wounds;" Geoffrey Strickland on "Adult-Child Sex and its Lobbying Movement" in Civil Society; Dale O'Leary on "Empirical Data Concerning Same-Sex Attraction and Active Homosexuality in

the Church;” Rev. Dr. D. Paul Sullins on “A Sociological Perspective of Sexual Abuse Crisis;” Rev. Bochanski, Executive Director of Courage International, on “Pastoral Care of Persons with Same-sex Attraction;” and Dr. Judith Reisman, on “Dr. Kinsey, Church Culture, and the John Jay Study.” The legal panel was comprised of Professor Adolphe who spoke on "Issues in International Law and Comparative Law," Professor Mark Bonner spoke on "Issues in American Criminal Law," Professor Brian Scarnecchia spoke on "Issues in American Tort Law," Ronald Rychlak, well known author and Professor at the University of Mississippi spoke on "The Convention Against Torture and the erroneous interpretation to include Clerical Sexual Abuse, and Patricia Dugan, Esq., a practicing canonist and civil lawyer spoke on "Intersecting Issues in American Civil, Criminal Law and Canon Law." Roger Kiska, Esq., moderated the conference.

Following the expert meeting, Jane Adolphe in her capacity as Professor of Law at Ave Maria School of Law attended the Calgary’s Annual Red Mass Sponsored by St. Thomas More Lawyer’s Guild celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary, Alberta on 10 October 2018, where she delivered the post-mass lecture entitled "Some Reflections on the Catholic Church and the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults in 2018."