

BOOK REVIEW

KANONIKA 10 - *A Guide To The Eastern Code: A Commentary On The Code Of Canons Of The Eastern Churches* - Second Revised Edition, edited by George Nedungatt (First Edition) and Georges Ruysen (Second Revised Edition) Rome: Pontificio Istituto Orientale, 2020. pp. 1-1181.

A Guide to the Eastern Code, was the first comprehensive commentary on the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* came out in 2002 from the Pontifical Oriental Institute, edited by George Nedunagatt, S. J., one of the well-known scholars of the Oriental Code and a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Codification of the Oriental Code. At present, the same commentary *Kanonika 10* is revamped and edited by Georges Ruysen, the new editor of *Kanonika*. In the preface to the second edition Ruysen writes that the first edition was one of the best sellers of the *Kanonika* series and it was imperative to go for a reprint. But, Ruysen opted for a second revised edition of the volume rather than a completely re-written *Guide to the Eastern Code*. The end result is that the second revised edition succeeded in streamlining the already existing texts with the latest changes to CCEO enacted by the Supreme Legislator and with the ongoing praxis of the Roman Dicasteries since 2002, and to extend the original bibliography at the end of each Title. The structure of the second revised edition of *A Guide to the Eastern Code* is the same as in the first edition of 2002. After the Preface and Prolegomena, the texts of Pope John Paul II's discourse of presentation on CCEO, the original forward by Fr. Ivan Žužek S. J., the PCCICOR Guidelines for the revision of the Oriental Code and the Preface to the first edition by Fr. George Nedungatt S. J., have been taken up again in the second revised edition without any significant change.

For the preliminary canons of CCEO, the contribution of Rene Metz of the first edition is complimented by *Lorenzo Lorusso*, the contribution of Giorgio Feliciani on Title 1of CCEO of the first edition is emended by *Ionela Cristescu*, George Nedungatt's commentary on Title 2, is revised and updated by *Lorenzo Lorusso*, the work of Salvatore Manna on Title 3 is improved by *George Thekkekkara*, John D Faris has improved his own commentary on Titles 4-6, Titles 7&8 of Marco Brogi is updated and reworked by *Antonios Mina & Roman Hren*, the work on Title 9 of

Marco Brogi is updated and improved by *Luigi Sabbarese*, and Title 10 of George Nedungatt is updated by *Georges-Henri Ruysen*.

The commentary on Lay People (Title 11) of the first edition of Jean Gaudemet is revised by *Ionela Cristescu*, Monks and Other Religious as well as the Members of Other Institutes of Consecrated Life (Title 12) is updated from the first edition by Jobe Abbass himself. Associations of the Faithfull (Title 13) is improved by *Frederico Marti* of the original contribution of Winfried Aymans. The commentary of George Nedunagtt on Evangelization of Peoples (Title 14) is updated by *Natale Loda*, the commentary on Ecclesiastical Magisterium (Title 15) of George Nedungatt is revamped by *Damian G. Astigueta*. The commentary on Divine Worship especially the Sacraments (Title 16-A.) of Dimitrios Salachas is updated and re-casted by *Jaroslav Lajciak*, the commentary on Marriage (Title 16-B.) by Joseph Prader is revised and updated by *Georges-Henri Ruysen*. The commentary on Sacramentals, sacred Time and Places, Veneration of the Saints, Vow and Oath (Title 16-C.) is updated by Dimitrios Salachas himself, the work on 'Baptized Non-Catholic Entering into full communion with the Catholic Church (Title 17) by Dimitrios Salachas is updated and improved by *Luigi Sabbarese*, the commentary by Dimitrios Salachas on Ecumenism (Title 18) is revised by *Lorenzo Lorusso*, the commentary on General Norms (Title 19) on Persons, Juridic Acts by Luis Navarro, Title 20 on Ecclesiastical Offices by Jobe Abbass, Title 21 on Power of Governance by Francis G. Morrisey are retained, the contribution of Pio Vito Pinto on Recourse against Administrative Decrees (Title 22) is updated by *Ulrich Rhode*.

The Temporal goods of the Church (Title 23) the work of Rene Metz is reformed by *Jobe Abbass*, Trials in General (Title 24) the work done by Jobe Abbass is updated and revised by *Pablo Gafaell*, Joaquin Llobell himself updated and reworked Title 25 on Contentious Trial, Certain Special Processes (Title 26) the work of Zenon Grocholewski is updated by *Joseph Koonamparampil*, the work of Carl G Furst on Penal Sanctions (Title 27) is revised updated by *Michael Kuchera*, the work on Procedure for Imposing Penalties (Title 28) of Zenon Grocholewski is streamlined by *Michael Kuchera*, the commentary work on General Norms-Laws, Customs, Administrative Acts (Title 29) and Prescription, computation of Time (Title 30) of Velasio De Paolis is updated and reworked by *Ulrich Rhode*.

In the last section of the revised commentary CCEO and CIC the Comparison by Jobe Abbass and Sources of the Canons of CCEO by Danilo Ceccarelli Morolli are retained as it was in the *Kanonika* 10 of 2002. Tables of Corresponding Canons of *Lorenzo Lorusso* is updated by

Raji Al Bdeiwī. The Index of Canons found in the first edition of a *Guide to the Eastern Code* by James M. Pampara is dropped in the second revised edition. According to Ruysen, out of the 38 contributions contained in the revised commentary *A Guide to the Eastern Code*, 12 were revised by the original authors of the first edition, while the remaining 26 were revised by other authors whose names are indicated in italics in Table of Contents.

In 2019, *A Practical Commentary to the Code of Eastern Churches* in 2 volumes, edited by John D. Faris and Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv., from Librairie Wilson & Lafleur inc. Canada, came out as a comprehensive commentary on CCEO. It was the second commentary for CCEO after *A Guide to the Eastern Code* of 2002. The wide circulation and acceptance received for *A Practical Commentary* might have become an indirect imperative for PIO to complete their revision work in fast track, the revised second edition of *A Guide to the Eastern Code* of 2002.

The work of second revised edition of *Kanonika 10*, undertaken by PIO under the editorship of Georges Ruysen, has come out well, with good research on latest documents from the Holy See, logical structuring and scientific precision. The completion of this commendable task, a solid work, will be of great use for the student community as well as for the scholars in Canon Law in the Church. The availability of the present revised edition of *A Guide to the Eastern Code* in paper version and in digital (e-book) version in the format *Kindle Replica* through Amazon is a great advantage for the reader to make a precise research on the canons through Internet. It is a good-news for the present-day netizen-students and researchers. This updated commentary with the latest inputs from the Apostolic See will be a great treasure for every ecclesiastical library who wants to know deeper the Eastern Catholic Churches and their mission in the Universal Church.

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