

## HABILITATION THESIS SUMMARY (EN)

*Canon law in the service of the church: the pastoral dimension of a necessary reality*

The habilitation thesis, *Canon Law in the service of the church: the pastoral dimension of a necessary reality*, contains three parts, and aims to document the professional achievements obtained after conferring the title of doctor. My activity of scientific research and professional activity in the last five years, after earning the title of Doctor of Theology (2015), has focused mainly on the study of canon law, and especially on the canonical production of my own Church *sui iuris*.

In the first part of the thesis, I present the scientific, professional, and academic achievements after defending the doctoral thesis *Ius particular in Codex Canonum Ecclesiarum Orientalium. Dreptul particular al Bisericii Române Unită cu Roma, Greco-Catolică (The particular law of the Romanian Church United with Rome, Greek-Catholic): actuality and perspectives*, presented at the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Roman-Catholic Theology, coordinated by Fr. Prof. Isidor Mărtincă, PhD.; I obtained the title of Doctor in the field of theology (canon law) with magna cum laude. The thesis was published in full at the Cluj University Press in 2016 in physical and e.book format. <http://www.editura.ubbcluj.ro/php/download.php?f=1886&ex=pdf>

The habilitation thesis begins with a premise in which I briefly present the place that canon law occupies in the Church. As a divine-human institution, the church is the privileged place in which the Christian believer participates in the means of salvation in an organized and orderly manner. The relations between the faithful, or between the different institutions of the Church, or even from the perspective of fulfilling the requirements related to the access of the faithful to the means of grace (sacraments) are governed and ordered according to canon law, and its fundamental purpose is *salus animarum*. That is why the canonical discipline has a primarily pastoral purpose. The church has the quality of being charismatic and institutional at the same time; its knowledge also requires knowledge of the role of the canonical norm in its life, and the intention of this

habilitation thesis is to provide an overview, even if superficial, of the evolution of their own study and research concerns in the field of canon law.

In this regard, I have presented the formative path and the concerns of professional development in the field of theology, and especially of the oriental canon law: the formative stages, with periods of studies carried out in Blaj and Rome were doubled by an interest in continuing training and the desire to accumulation of a vast informative material identified in the different Roman archives: these materials, but also the participation in a series of symposia or *giornate di studio interdisciplinare* later offered the possibility to synthesize and publish studies and articles, or even books.

The doctoral thesis is presented in this first part of the habilitation thesis: the novelty of the thesis is obvious as long as there is no work in the Romanian Catholic space to develop such a theme. That is why the intention to address such a topic is seen today in a work that offers new opportunities for evaluation, analysis, and development of private law in the Greek Catholic Church in Romania. At least the last part of the thesis, respectively Chapter V, *Dreptul particular între prezent și viitor (The particular law between present and future)*, offers specialists, and not only, proposals or variants of texts inspired by the legal and canonical sources of its own Church, and which is a valid working tool in the elaboration of the future text of particular law of the Romanian Church United with Rome. The bibliographic material used for the preparation of the thesis offered the possibility to deepen the topic, but at the same time it also painted the image regarding the state of research on private law in the Church of origin.

After defending and publishing my doctoral thesis, I continued my activity, the plans for the evolution and development of my professional and academic career being presented in the second part of this first part. The professional, scientific, and academic achievements aimed in principle at the sphere of manifestation of canon law in the concrete reality of the Church. Having a long experience at the department, and a positive feedback from students and other beneficiaries of my professional activity, I continued my research work in the field of canon law, especially private, but I also aimed at a series of realities adjacent to it and which are inserts as general themes the relations that law has with other disciplines, as a whole (theology, history, liturgy, etc.). Thus, my purpose has been to strengthen the link between the research results and their presentation to students, in teaching activities, on the one hand, and to the scientific, ecclesiastical, or academic

environment, on the other hand. Among the most representative postdoctoral publications I mention: 2 volumes of author; 3 edited collective volumes; 5 articles translated from the literature; 26 studies and articles; 3 reviews; I also contributed to the organization of symposia and participated in more than 20 international symposia.

The second part of the thesis presents plans for the evolution and development of one's professional, scientific, and academic career. The entire professional activity took place within the Blaj Department of the Faculty of Greek-Catholic Theology, where I contributed together with a homogeneous, young, dynamic and responsible team to those specific academic activities that promoted the values assumed by UBB: actions based on systematic and innovative knowledge; personal and moral development; lifelong and innovative learning; proactive attitude and participation; multiculturalism, intercultural and interfaith dialogue; Personal Development; promoting scientific, organizational and civic skills; integration in diversity and globalization, under the conditions of respecting identity and reciprocity.

The framework through which I further propose my career development, and on which the achievement of objectives ultimately depends, is based on a set of values already shared at the Blaj department: transparency in communication (flow of information to help identify, establish and achieving the proposed objectives); feedback (intercollegiate assessment that creates the premises for a permanent self-correction and improvement, dialogue with students, consulting); openness to new (taking on new skills in managing new information or teaching technologies, especially in the delicate period of the pandemic); joint action (essential, especially in multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research projects).

Regarding the future research activity, which I want to develop coherently with the work already done, I propose that future research directions be based on deepening current research topics, to increase the relevance and impact of scientific works. I will elaborate. The future research plan undertaken, which I consider feasible, will be based on the relationships cultivated with other research groups and collaboration on national and international projects. I will continue to rely on professionalism, fairness in research and in presenting its results, cultivating trust in collaborative relationships with other colleagues, but also on my own experience in achieving research results.

The development plan of my academic career, in the directions mentioned in the habilitation thesis, aims first to improve and evolve the activity carried out so far, to consolidate

and develop those directions of action to optimize and guarantee the achievement of goals: constant active involvement; communicative transparency; feedback; increasing competitiveness and promoting community ideas; permanent and consistent training, etc.

Finally, the third part of the thesis presents a relevant selective bibliography of the specific field of research. In selection, bibliographic references are associated with both professional and academic scientific achievements, as well as career evolution and development plans. I preferred the presentation of the bibliography starting from some identification and separation criteria, in order to make it easier to consult it.