

Constitution of the Stanley Jaki Foundation

Preamble:

In the Church, our Foundation falls under the category of an association of the faithful, which is an aggregate of persons, with a common purpose congruent with the mission of the Church, who freely associate in such a manner that rights are exercised and obligations acquired without change to the status of each individual person who makes up the association. An association of the faithful is an aggregate of persons, not of things. Christ's faithful possess the natural right and have the liberty "to found and to govern associations for charitable and religious purposes or for the promotion of the Christian vocation in the world; they are free to hold meetings to pursue these purposes in common" (Canon 215). While the association may acquire property and enter into contracts in the pursuit of its purpose and fulfilment of the apostolate, the association exists because of the people, not the goods it acquires. Two broad categories of associations exist within the Church: public and private. At present we are a private association existing by private agreement, freely made among members of the Christian faithful, to pursue the purposes mentioned in Article 1 below. Any further influence and involvement by ecclesiastical authority depends on the level of recognition the association seeks. From least to most structured, private associations are categorized as *de facto*, recognized, praised or recommended and private with juridical personality. Unless a private association receives juridical personality from the competent ecclesiastical authority, the association itself has no rights or obligations in law. A private association of the Christian faithful can acquire juridical personality through a formal decree of the competent ecclesiastical authority.¹

Decree of Implementation:

A Decree *Motu Proprio* of the President: We, Rev. Dr. Paul Haffner, Establish, Ordain and Decree the following Articles, Bylaws and the Constitutional Charter of the said Foundation given under Our Sign, Seal and Manual, on this day of 7 April 2011 Anno Domini.

Article 1: Name

The name of the Society shall be the **Stanley Jaki Foundation**, hereinafter referred to as "the Foundation".

¹ See Canons 312, 322§1.

Article 2: Mission and Aims of the Foundation

The **Mission and Aims** of the Foundation are to promote Catholic culture through the life and writings of Father Stanley Ladislav Jaki OSB. The Foundation widens and deepens the good beginnings of the *Father Jaki Stanley Brigade*, who along with other friends of Father Jaki assisted him and worked with him during his lifetime and accompanied him during his dying moments.

Article 3: Motto of the Foundation

Bearing in mind the Benedictine inspiration of the life and work of Fr. Jaki, the **motto** of the Foundation shall be: *Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus.*²

Article 4: Patrons of the Foundation

The Foundation is erected under the heavenly Patronage of Our Blessed Lady, Seat of Wisdom, St. Benedict for the Latin Church and St. Gregory of Nazianzen for the Eastern Church. The 7th April each year shall be marked by Masses and prayers for the repose of Fr. Jaki's soul, and activities of the Foundation shall preferably be scheduled near this date.

Article 5: The Members of the Foundation

4.1 The number of members is unlimited.

4.2 There are several categories of membership: Founder, Ordinary members, Friends.

4.2.1 Founder Members are those who were present on 13 April 2010 at the Meeting in Rome commemorating Fr. Jaki, and signed the Foundation book on that day. In all other respects, including the yearly subscription, they are considered Ordinary Members of the Foundation.

4.2.2 Ordinary Members are those who have paid the yearly subscription. Ordinary Members receive the publications of the Foundation during the calendar year they have paid their membership.

4.2.3 Friends are like associate Members, who at present cannot pay a subscription, but are interested in the work of the Foundation, and assist by their support and their prayers.

² That God may be glorified in all things; see 1 Peter 4:11, quoted by St. Benedict in Chapter 57,9 of his Rule.

Article 6: The Officers of the Foundation

6.1 The Officers shall consist of the following members: the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Presidency is *ad vitam*. The Secretary and Treasurer are named by the president for renewable terms of five years (*ad quinquennium*). All officers are *de facto* members of the Foundation.

6.2 The Governing Authority of the Foundation shall be vested in the President, acting upon the advice of the Secretary and the Treasurer.

6.3 The Secretary shall keep the non-financial records of the Foundation, including the official membership list, and manage the correspondence of the Foundation and submitting an end of year report.

6.4 The Treasurer will manage the financial affairs of the Foundation, in consultation with the President and the Secretary. He will maintain the financial records of the Society and prepare and present to the Foundation the end of year accounts and treasurers report for the Foundation.

Article 7: The national agents of the Foundation

7.1 In each country where there be sufficient interest in the Foundation, there shall be appointed by the President a national agent who shall further the membership and activities of the Foundation in that country.

7.2 The national agent is an Ordinary member of the Foundation.

7.3 The national agents shall work closely with the aforementioned officers of the Foundation.

7.4 The national agents shall collaborate in the translation, publication and distribution of Fr. Jaki's books.

Article 8: Economic Resources of the Foundation

The economic resources of the association shall consist of:

8.1 Membership fees payable annually by Members.

8.2 Additional contributions paid by Members.

8.3 Donations and bequests.

8.4 Revenue from the institutional activities and those related to them.

Article 9: Activities of the Foundation

The main public activities of the Foundation shall be the Congresses which will be organized with due notice from time to time, with the publication of acts of the Congresses. The aim of a Congress is to study and present the various aspects and facets of Fr. Jaki's work, and its impact on the Church and the world. Other initiatives of the Foundation include the promotion of the study of Fr. Jaki's works, the continued publication of these works, and their translation into various languages.

Article 10: Publishers of the Foundation

10.1 The publisher of the works of Fr. Stanley Jaki is Real View Books in the person of Mr. Dennis J. Musk. These works will also be available for purchase in whole or part at the Congresses of the Foundation.

10.2 The publishers of the Acts of the Foundation will be Millstream or Gracewing. These works will also be available in whole or part at the Congresses of the Foundation.

Given at Rome on the 7th day of April in the year of Our Lord 2011, on the second anniversary of the passing of Fr. Stanley L. Jaki,

Paul Michael Haffner

President

