

than a particular denomination, and finally the relationship of baptism to eucharist and confirmation, including in ecumenical situations.

During our stay, we were privileged to make a calm and uncrowded visit to the Sistine chapel. Looking with some awe at Michaelangelo's vast painting of the Last Judgement, I recalled the challenging and demanding words of St Paul to Christians: 'Accept one another, then, for the sake of God's glory, as Christ accepted you' (Rom 15:7). Baptism should lead to full communion.

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE

Safeguarding the Sacred in Society

4–6 April 2003
St John's College, Durham

The Society's conference in 2003 will be over the weekend of Friday, 4th to Sunday, 6th April, at St John's College, Durham. The topic will be 'Safeguarding the Sacred in Society: the Future role of the National Church'. The aim will be to examine the changing nature of the relationship of Church and State in England and its practical legal implications.

Speakers at the conference will include Professor David McLean, the Bishop of Winchester and Lord Justice Laws. A theological perspective will be provided by Canon John Inge of Ely and there will be insights from the continent by Bishop Andreas Aarflot of Norway and by Professor Gerhard Robbers of the University of Trier in German.

St John's College is in the centre of the city of Durham, close to the cathedral, on the same site as Crammer Theological College. It is hoped that the conference will include opportunities to visit the ancient the library in the Cathedral and the Castle of the Prince Bishops of Durham which now houses University College of the University. Members are encouraged to book early on the application form circulated with this issue or obtainable from the Executive Officer.