

- Description:** A study of the nature of law, the history of Canon Law, and an overview of the content of the *1983 Code of Canon Law*. The emphasis of the course will be on the Code's origin and the opening canons of Book I (the foundational norms underlying church law) and book II (the meaning of membership and the rights and duties which follow from being initiated into the Church).
- Objectives:** Consider and examine the following:
1. A survey of the historical development of ecclesiastical legal norms and the on-going sources of law.
 2. The process of revising the *1917 Code of Canon Law* into the current code.
 3. An overview of the organization and major aspects of the *1983 Code*.
 4. The general norms which guide the appreciation of law to particular situations.
 5. The concept of authority (jurisdiction) which is foundational to church law.
- Required** Huels, John M., OSM. *The Pastoral Companion*. Chicago: The Franciscan Herald Press, 1995.
- Recommended** Hite, J.F., G.J. Sesto, and D.J. Ward. *Readings, Cases, Materials, in Canon Law*. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1980.
Beal, John P. and James A Coridan, Thomas J. Green, eds. *New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law*. New Jersey: Paulist Press, 2000.
The Jurist. The Catholic University of America. Published twice yearly.
Morrisey, F.G. *The Canonical Significance of Papal and Curial Pronouncements*. Washington, D.C.: Canon Law Society of America, 2000.
Provost, James, ed. *Code, Community, and Ministry*. Washington, D.C.: Canon Law Society of America, 1983.
The 1983 Code of Canon Law, Latin-English Translation. Washington, D.C.: Canon Law Society of America, 1993.