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TITLE: Introduction to Canon Law

TERM: S **YEAR:** 2009-2010

PROFESSOR: J Edward Hudson

REGISTRATION: Unlimited

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will look, briefly, at the revision and development of ecclesiastical law leading to the 1983 **Code of Canon Law**. It will then survey selected topics, relevant to ministry, from **Books I, II, III, and VI** of the 1983 **Code**.

CLASS OBJECTIVES [or Goals]: To acquaint students with current ecclesial law as found in the revised **Code** and official Church documents, as well as to introduce them to the vast canonical literature in books and journals.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXTS: See abridged bibliography below. All texts have to be ordered from the professor approximately one month before class begins. A memo will be sent to all registrants.

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

- Discussion of case-studies and assigned readings in the final hour of each lecture;
- An oral or written final examination (April).

ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- 1983 **Code of Canon Law in English Translation**;
- J.E. Hudson. (2010). **Canon Law for Ministry: Books I-III, & VI: Selective Commentary, Documentation, & Readings**. Toronto ON: Toronto Regional Tribunal (3 volumes).