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**TITLE:** PASTORAL NORMS ON THE SACRAMENTS

**TERM:** F **YEAR:** 2009-2010

**PROFESSOR:** MSGR. VINCENT KERR

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO \_\_\_\_\_

UNLIMITED X

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of the course is to study the sacramental life of the Church as legislated in Book IV of the Code. Particular attention will be given to the Sacraments of Initiation because of their prominence in pastoral ministry. The course will also study the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick as well as other acts of divine worship. The aspiration is that students will acquire a sound knowledge of the pertinent canons and ability to apply them.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

1. To develop a growing competence in working with canonical texts with a view to understanding Church's legislation as a means of promoting and ordering ecclesial life.
2. To help students understand the canonical tradition and the basic exegetical tools used to interpret legislative texts.

**PREREQUISITES:** The course will presuppose that students already have a basic introduction to the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

The Code of Canon Law, 1983, Harper Collins Publishers or edition of choice.  
The Documents of Vatican Council II. Any edition.

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

- 1) Continuous reading of the texts to be assigned weekly.
- 2) Each class will begin with a brief discussion of the material due. Students should be prepared to comment when invited to do so.
- 3) A fifteen-minute oral examination based on three themes (two chosen by the professor, one by the student on a "quidvis" basis) will review the students' knowledge of the course material.
- 4) The final mark will be calculated as follows: 20% classroom participation and 80% from the oral.

**ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law  
Edited by: John P. Beal, James A. Coriden, Thomas J. Green, (2000)

The Pastoral Companion: A Canon Law Handbook for Catholic Ministry  
John M. Huels, O.S.M., J.C.D. (1995)

Sacraments: Initiation, Penance, Anointing of the Sick. Commentary on Canons 840-1007  
William Woestman, O.M.I. (1996)