

# The Code Of Canon Law Archdiocese Of Omaha

The Code of Canon Law A Text and Commentary  
Many canonists and church officials draw up public ecclesiastical documents such as official rescripts, decrees, indults, etc. in the exercise of their ecclesiastical ministry. Such church documents must meet the solemnities and requirements of canon law. There is a high demand for a book that would guide church officials not only in drawing up ecclesiastical public documents but also in ensuring that such documents fulfill the solemnities and requirements of canon law. This book is an attempt to meet such a demand. This book contains the relevant principles of canon law and a plethora of sample documents. Every effort has been made to ensure that the canonical principles and jurisprudence as well as the sample documents provided in this book meet the requirements of canon law. You will find this book an indispensable resource material, a blueprint, a reference guide regarding the penal process of the Church and for drawing up pertinent ecclesiastical documents. Volume 2A focuses on the canonical principles and the sample documents that pertain to chancery and curial acts with particular reference to the sacraments and parish administration such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, parish modification, parish pastoral council, etc. For several months past the articles by Father Stanislaus Woywod in the Ecclesiastical Review have informed the

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clergy of the most important features of the new Code of Canon Law. The same author now gives to the public a Summary and Commentary of the whole Code. As the present volume is published mainly with a view of the needs of the clergy engaged in the care of souls, the bulk of the book has been kept as compact as possible; wherefore in such places only where explanation and comment seemed necessary they have been given, and in as brief a form as possible. Chapters which are not needed by every priest have been mentioned only with few words and en passant, as it were. The fourth and the fifth Book have been summed up very briefly, giving the most important points of legislation contained therein. A very complete Index will make it easy to find any desired point of law. We heartily congratulate Father Woywod on the good work and trust that the clergy of the United States will be pleased to find in this volume a welcome means of acquiring the necessary knowledge of the new legislation of the Church. This book was published shortly after the promulgation of the Codex Juris Canonici in 1917. It must be remembered that the Code of Canon Law promulgated in 1917 did not replace the previous law, it was merely a codification in one place of the law of the Catholic Church. Canon Law remains constant throughout history, adapting to changing circumstances in those which are adaptable and remaining firm in those which are unchangeable, such as the Natural Law and Divine Law which finds its way into the Code of Canon Law of the Church.

The Catholic Formulary in Accordance with the Code of Canon Law, Volume 4: Second Instance Marriage Nullity

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Acts has been completely revised and updated pursuant to the promulgations of *Mitis Iudex* and *Mitis et Misericors*. This volume treats the various appellate processes which appellate bishops or appellate tribunals are competent to adjudicate in accordance with the norm of law. Even if the bishop or the tribunal is incompetent to adjudicate the appeal, the canonical procedures for absolute incompetence are included in this book. You will find in this volume, for example, the step-by-step procedural norms of the law which are to be observed and sample forms of the various documents which are to be drawn up when a *processus brevior* appeal from a first instance bishop has been made to the competent second instance bishop. These norms of law and the sample documents pertain to both when the second instance bishop rejects the *processus brevior* appeal or when he remits the *processus brevior* appeal to ordinary examination in second instance. In addition, there are also in this book a step-by-step outline and discussion of more than ten canonical procedures pertaining to ordinary second instance tribunals. Each of the appellate procedure included in this book is accompanied by sample form documents which can be adapted and modified by the appellate bishop or appellate tribunal. Canonists, students of canon law, tribunal officials, jurists, and other interested permissions will find in this book a goldmine of information on the canon law of judicial appeal and complaint of nullity and appeal in matrimonial nullity causes of the Roman Catholic Church.

Translated from the Latin. "Table of canons": pages

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Although the Catholic Church in our democratic times tends to avoid excessive formalities in displaying its activities, such as it was wont to do in the Middle Ages, and also being inclined to simplify many legal acts, nevertheless, the modern Code of Canon Law, one of the best, prescribes the use of determined forms in order that the life of this divine institution may properly function. Thus, the Code demands that some acts must be written under pain of invalidity, e. g., the erection of each moral person, the formal excommunication (c. 112), various acts in the judicial procedure, etc. Many other acts are merely required to be written, such as the provision of an ecclesiastical office (c. 159), the consecration and blessing of a particular place (c. 1158), dimissorial letters (c. 960), dispensations (c. c. 1046-1047), etc. The Code also establishes the necessary elements for the drawing up of valid and licit documents. Concerning the language in which the acts should be written, the Code sometimes requires the Latin language, e. g., for petitions to be sent to the Holy See, or for the sentences in judicial procedure, etc. Sometimes the vernacular language (English) is permitted, according to the local customs. Since priests of many diocesan Curias, parishes, and religious orders exercising their essential duties do not always have sufficient time to consult the Code of Canon Law, I give in this book a quick and ready

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reference to the more important forms and elements which must be included in those forms concerning each occasion of the Church's activity according to the requirements prescribed by the Code of Canon Law and the approved consuetudes in the United States. Hence, the title of this book: "A Practical Formulary in Accordance With the Code of Canon Law." This formulary is the first. of its kind in the United States. Therefore, I hope this book will be of great help to every secular priest and religious, the officials of Curias, pastors and curates, and all persons who are aware of legal acts concerning themselves. The book is divided into seven parts: The first part contains profession of faith and different oaths; the second part gives forms concerning the diocesan administration; the third part regards the parish and parish organizations; the fourth part concerns the administering of all the Sacraments; the fifth part contains the forms. for the use of religious orders and congregations; the sixth part regards the judicial and administrative procedure of processes; and the last part contains the ecclesiastical penalties. Before each form, brief notes explain the purpose, conditions, and possible changes to be made in the formula, and these notes prescribe the proper use of the form. In a case where the common law or the local custom of the United States or of the diocese permits the form to be given in two languages, English and Latin, it is

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given here thus. The form in English, sometimes the outline of it, is sent to the priest or to the Bishop, and the Latin form is usually the one to be filed in the archives of the Chancery or of the parish. Since the Code of Canon Law does not prescribe the Latin language in many cases, the English form is given here for almost every case. The Latin form, however, may present the reader with the important material needed to draw up his own form, adjusted to conform with the particular case.

A complete and updated commentary on the Code of Canon Law prepared by the leading canonists of North America and Europe. Contains the full, newly translated text of the Code itself as well as detailed commentaries by thirty-six scholars commissioned by the Canon Law Society of America.

This book is an attempt to meet the needs of canonists and other church officials who need a guide in drawing up ecclesiastical documents which meet the requirements of canon law. Many canonists and other church officials, in the performance of their duties, draw up ecclesiastical documents such as official letters, decrees, rescripts, indults, &c. Such church documents must meet the requirements of canon law for drawing up ecclesiastical documents. Thus, this book is meant to serve as a guide to assist bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay church officials in the exercise of their ecclesial duties. It has several sample forms of church

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documents for use in chanceries, tribunals, religious houses, monasteries, nunneries, and parishes. Every effort has been made to ensure that the samples in this book meet the requirements of canon law. You will find this book very useful and handy as a reference guide, a blueprint, a resource material for drawing up ecclesiastical documents.

CUA Press is proud to announce the CUA Studies in Canon Law. In conjunction with the School of Canon Law of the Catholic University of America, we are making available, both digitally and in print, more than 400 canon law dissertations from the 1920s - 1960s, many of which have long been unavailable. These volumes are rich in historical content, yet remain relevant to canon lawyers today. Topics covered include such issues as abortion, excommunication, and infertility. Several studies are devoted to marriage and the annulment process; the acquiring and disposal of church property, including the union of parishes; the role and function of priests, vicars general, bishops, and cardinals; and juridical procedures within the church. For those who seek to understand current ecclesial practices in light of established canon law, these books will be an invaluable resource.

The book of laws /canons governing the Catholic church and Catholics.

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V. 1, 1917-1933; v. 2, 1933-1942; v. 3, 1942-1953; v. 4, 1953-1957; v. 5, 1958-1962; v. 6, 1963-1967; v. 7, 1968-1972; v. 8, 1973-1977; v. 9, 1983-1985.

This handy reference provides a compact overview of the most important canonical issues facing pastoral ministers today. Arranged by topic, this resource offers a thorough summary of church law along with helpful sections of frequently asked questions at the end of the chapters.

Not only inefficiency, but frustration, disorder, anger, and injustice threaten all human endeavors, no matter how pure their motives or high their ideals. That's why successful organizations always create employee handbooks and clear procedure manuals that delineate where authority lies, how conflicts are to be resolved, and, above all, how each organization's mission is (and is not) to be accomplished. Is it any wonder then that the Catholic Church—comprised not of 200 persons but 1.2 billion members in 200 countries—also governs itself by means of a handbook, which it calls the Code of Canon Law? Because handbooks and manuals concern themselves with the day-to-day inner working of organizations, they often reveal more than do news releases about the actual purposes and genuine spirit of organizations: a fact that's particularly true in the case of the Catholic Church. Indeed, if you want to know the Church for who She is, you need to be familiar with the Code of Canon Law. Unfortunately, it contains over 1,752 rules (or canons). Among them, you'll find fascinating canons that lay out the Church's official principles and procedures governing matters as various

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as abbots and annulments, scandals and Sacraments, monks and missions, bishops and books, priests and popes, synods and sacraments, homeschoolers, hostile witnesses, baptisms, burials, parishes, penance, confessions, Councils, impotence, imprimaturs, and, even marriages to the person who murdered your spouse! Thankfully, Vatican expert and veteran author Fr. Laurence Spiteri has in the pages of *Canon Law Explained* relieved you of the need to read all 1,752 of them (fascinating or not). Here he acquaints you with the fundamental canons by which the Church seeks to bring about, as it declares in the very last canon, the purpose all of them serve: "The salvation of souls, which must always be the supreme law in the Church." Fr. Spiteri's brief, but lucid explanations of the origins and meaning of the canons make sense of much that puzzles non-Catholics about our Church and that sometimes frustrates even us Catholics. As he relates the Church's laws and procedures directly to Christ's command "to go forth and teach all nations"—and to the role those laws and procedures play in your salvation and mine—Fr. Spiteri transforms what seem to be dry-as-dust rules into the sweet waters of salvation. If you want to know the Church for who She is—and to love Her more—*Canon Law Explained* is the book for you.

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For many the law of the Church, canon law, has little meaning; it appears remote both from the Gospel and from the life of most people in the Church. Yet, it can impinge on them at times if a parish priest urges that a baptism be deferred, where a dispensation is needed for marriage or where there is a query about nullity of marriage. Recently, the scandals over clerical sexual abuse of children have drawn wider attention to the need for law also in the Church. At a time when it is popular to assert 'rights' of all sorts an identification of authentic rights and of corresponding duties in the Church, as well as mechanisms to ensure that these are respected in practice in a systematic way justice and law in the Church cannot be neglected. This book seeks to root the Church's law in the values of the Gospel, in particular in the justice which should guide the lives of those called to follow Christ and in the baptism by which they are incorporated into him and into his Church. The 'canon' or measure of how we should treat one another as members of the People of God and participate in our common mission in the service of that Gospel, according to our particular vocations and functions, is the focus of

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canon law. No law can replace the Gospel or the Holy Spirit, but canon law is an instrument of justice in the service of the Church and of its mission. The revision of canon law, which led to the Code of Canon Law of 1983 for the Latin Church, sought expressly to reflect the key teachings of the Second Vatican Council. That Code, beyond the general norms for understanding and applying its laws as a whole, centres upon the People of God in our common, diverse and complementary forms of living the Gospel, upon the Church's broad teaching function, and upon its sanctifying function, especially through the sacraments. It attends also to the temporal goods of the Church, for which there are responsibilities of stewardship, to penal law and sanctions and to procedural law the latter designed to ensure that practical implementation of the Church's law which is essential if its affirmations concerning justice and mission are not to remain vacuous. This book attempts to provide a theological and juridical introduction and explanation of these various aspects of the Church's life. The schematic presentation of 'key canons' is designed to enable the reader to understand the principal elements of a specific section and to see how those canons can be broken down so that their inter-related parts may be read, analysed and applied. The Code of Canon Law, then, can be seen as a valuable instrument in fulfilling the Church's mission for those with a passion for justice, rooted in the Gospel of Christ.

Available for the first time in a comprehensive English translation, this thoroughly annotated but easy-to-use presentation of the classic 1917 Code of Canon Law by

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canon and civil lawyer Dr. Edward Peters is destined to become the standard reference work on this milestone of Church law. More than just of historical interest, the 1917 Code is an indispensable tool for understanding the current 1983 Code under which the Roman Catholic Church governs itself. Dr. Peters' faithful translation of the original Latin text of 1917, along with his detailed references to such key canonical works as Canon Law Digest and hundreds of English language doctoral dissertations on canon law produced at the world's great Catholic universities, now allows researchers to access directly this great fountain of ecclesiastical legal science. No student of canon law, and indeed, no one with a need to understand modern Church administration, can afford to be without this important volume.

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