MPS 267E/STP 567E Canons of the East: Parish Canonical Matters

Winter 2016-2017

Course Outline

Class Start Date & End Date
January 17 – April 4; Exams April 18

(Note: One make-up class will be scheduled during the semester with date TBD with the students.)

Class Meeting Time & Room & Location:
Tuesday, 6:00 – 8:50 pm, Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral Centre (9645 – 108 Avenue)

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Course Description
This course introduces the student to the notion of “parish” and a pastoral application of the canonical discipline of the Eastern Christian Churches according to the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches. Topics include: Introduction to canon law; nature of a parish; parish priests (qualifications, assignment, suitability, installation, retirement, cessation, removal and transfer); the threefold munera of Christ – Teacher, Sanctifier and Shepherd; rights and obligations of pastors; parish pastoral councils; parish finance councils; and canonical concerns related to the celebration and administration of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments).

Course Objectives
Familiarity with the Eastern Christian Churches and Eastern Canon Law; develop an appreciation for the need for canonical discipline and order within the Church; gain an understanding for the application of canon law in today’s world through the study of the nature of a parish.

Course Requirements, Assignments and Evaluation
Class attendance; weekly readings and article reviews; final (oral) examination.
Undergraduate: 10 – 1 ½ page article reviews – 60%; Final (oral) examination – 40%.
Graduate: 10 – 2 page article reviews – 60%; Final (oral) examination – 40%.
Textbooks (online)


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1. Introduction

Introduction to canon law

Readings:
G. NEDUNGATT, The Spirit of the Eastern Code, Rome, Centre for Indian and Inter-Religious Studies, pp. 2-34.

What is a parish; types of parishes

Readings:
Canons 279-310, Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches
F. MORRISEY, “Parish Financial Issues,” Workshop on Church Finances, Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, November 17-19, 2008.
G. NEDUNGATT, The Spirit of the Eastern Code, Rome, Centre for Indian and Inter-Religious Studies, pp. 2-34.

2. Pastors
Parish priests, qualifications, assignment, suitability, installation, retirement, cessation, removal and transfer, sexual abuse

Readings:
3. Pastor as Teacher, Sanctifier, and Shepherd

_Triple “munera” or ministry of Christ_

_Readings:_


4. Rights and Obligations of Pastors

Rights and obligations of all Christians; rights and obligations of the laity; rights and obligations of clergy; rights and obligations of pastors in particular – stole fees, residence, vacation, absence, Divine Liturgy for the people, keeper of parish registers and archives

Readings:


5. Parish Pastoral Councils

Collaboration

Readings:


6. Parish Finance Councils

_Administration of ecclesiastical goods_

Readings:
F. MORRISEY, “Parish Financial Issues,” _Workshop on Church Finances_, Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, November 17-19, 2008.

7. Related Issues

_Parochial vicars; team ministry; parishes entrusted to religious; priestless parishes, impeded and vacant parishes; parish amalgamations, closures, restructuring; chaplains; rectors; protopresbyterates; eparchial organs_

Readings:
J. CORIDEN, “Parish Communities and Reorganizations,” _Studia canonica_, 44 (2010), pp. 31-52.

8. Sacraments I

_Sacraments of Christian initiation, Divine Liturgy, Sacred Ordination; Penance; Anointing of the Sick, Divine Praises; Sacred Places, Gestures and Objects_


Readings:


W. WOESTMAN, *Canon Law of the Sacraments for Parish Ministry*, Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, 2007, pp. 21-266.


9. Sacraments II
Marriage

Readings:


C. VASIL, “Remarriage in the Orthodox Church Challenges Catholic Church,” Studia canonica, 47 (2013), pp. 119-143.
W. WOESTMAN, Canon Law of the Sacraments for Parish Ministry, Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, 2007, pp. 267-365.

10. Exams