



**Graduate Diploma in Canon Law**  
**SPECIALIZATION IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION**  
**SEPTEMBER 2013 - MARCH 2014**

The Faculty of Canon Law of Saint Paul University, Ottawa, announces a Graduate Diploma in Canon Law (GDCL) with a specialization in Conflict Resolution. To accommodate participants who retain their regular employment, diploma courses are offered both online and on campus.

Typically, persons interested in acquiring university education in canon law over a short period of time – instead of the two year licentiate or master degree – already hold a position of responsibility or employment, and cannot be excused from their professional obligations for several months at a stretch.

This diploma is intended for those whose ecclesial ministry requires canonical competence in various aspects of conflict resolution within the Church. It is especially designed to assist vicars general, vicars for clergy, vicars for religious, chancellors, major superiors and their councils, arbitration and conciliation departments and committee members, canonical advocates, diocesan counsel and other civil attorneys, administrators of educational and health care institutions, and others in leadership roles in dioceses, ecclesiastical institutions, religious institutes, and parishes.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Prospective participants must hold an honours baccalaureate, or complete an equivalent program, with an average grade of at least “B”. Typically, participants must have 18 credits in theology or religious studies. The Faculty of Canon Law reserves the right to assess individual applications and stipulate specific prerequisites for a specialization or a course, or to waive one or more prerequisites in view of the candidate’s proven pastoral or professional experience.

**PURPOSES OF THE GRADUATE DIPLOMA**

The diploma is intended to provide a thorough understanding of canon law governing various aspects of conflict resolution in the Church. To achieve this purpose, the diploma is structured

- (1) to secure a fundamental understanding of the general norms of canon law;
- (2) to provide a comprehensive overview of ecclesiastical rights and responsibilities of all the Christian faithful;
- (3) to explore the canonical norms governing many administrative decision disputes (e.g., loss of ecclesiastical office, conciliation and arbitration, administrative recourse, removal and transfer of pastors, loss of the clerical state, care for dismissed clerics)
- (4) to understand concepts in the analysis and resolution of conflicts.

## STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

The program consists of 15 credits of university course work.

*Nine credits offered by distance education during the Fall Session 2013:*

### **DCA 5129 GENERAL NORMS (3 CR.)**

Fundamental concepts in canon law. Ecclesiastical laws. Custom. Statutes and rules of order. Physical and juridic persons. Juridic acts. Power of governance. Prescription. Computation of time. (cc. 1-28, 94-144, 197-203)

### **DCA 6112 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (3 CR.)**

Loss of ecclesiastical office: resignation, transfer, removal, privation. Loss of the clerical state. Declaration of the nullity of sacred ordination. Methods of avoiding trials. Administrative recourse. Procedure in the removal or transfer of pastors. (cc.184-196, 290-293, 1708-1716, 1732-1752)

### **DCA 5131 CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL (3 CR.)**

The Christian faithful, their obligations and rights. Obligations and rights of the laity. Clergy: formation, incardination, obligations and rights. Personal Prelatures. Associations of the Christian faithful, public and private. (cc. 204-327)

*Six credits offered on campus during the Winter Session 2014:*

### **DCA 6301 INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION (3 CR.)**

A multidisciplinary introduction to research in the evolving field of peace and conflict studies, with emphasis on ethnic and religious conflict. Through case studies, identification of the various possibilities available to the decision-makers in the process of peace building and conflict resolution.

### **DCA 6302 CONFLICT RESOLUTION METHODS (3 CR.)**

Concepts and foundations. Difference between mediation, negotiation, and arbitration. Basic conflict analysis design and methodologies in intervention strategies for dealing with identity-based conflict. Case studies. Role playing and practical exercises.

## DIPLOMA COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To receive the diploma participants must have successfully completed all five courses. Adult educational methods will be used in the delivery of all material and evaluations.

## CREDIT TRANSFERS

The 15 credits of the Graduate Diploma in Conflict Resolution are graduate credits in canon law. They can later be applied to degrees offered at Saint Paul University: Bachelors in Canon Law (BCL), Masters in Canon Law (MCL), Licentiate in Canon Law (JCL), and Doctorate in Canon Law (joint PhD/JCD).

## COSTS

The tuition costs for fifteen university credits is approximately CAN\$ 5047\* for Canadians, and CAN\$ 10530\* for others. Nominal additional changes will apply for distributed materials. Participants are responsible for their own transportation, residence, and meals for the on campus sessions.

## REGISTRATION

For more information or to register for the diploma, please contact:

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