



Graduate Diploma in
PROTECTION OF MINORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

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The Faculty of Canon Law of Saint Paul University, Ottawa, announces a Graduate Diploma in Ecclesiastical Administration (GDEA) with a specialization in the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults. To accommodate participants who retain their regular employment, the diploma offers the entire curriculum both at a distance and on campus. Some of the materials in this Graduate Diploma are developed by the Centre for Child Protection of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, with which SPU is a collaborator.

The Graduate Diploma is intended for those who serve in dioceses, parishes, and institutes of consecrated life/societies of apostolic life. It is particularly intended for canonists, civil attorneys, and all church leaders responsible for developing and maintaining a church environment which is free from the *threat* and *trauma* of sexual abuse.

The Graduate Diploma will convey a solid understanding of the nature of sexual abuse, both in the Church and in Society. It seeks to raise awareness of the trauma of sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults, to prevent future incidents of such abuse, to bring healing to victims and other, to bring to justice those who have committed sexual abuse in the Church. By focusing on education, prevention, and advocacy, it aims to assist in effecting systemic change so that minors and vulnerable adults live safe within the “sanctuary” which is the Church.

The Graduate Diploma is *one* response to the prophetic call of Pope Francis for “the effective protection of minors and vulnerable adults, regardless of religion they profess, because they are the little ones on whom the Lord looks with love. To my collaborators in this work, I ask for all efforts possible to assist me in responding to these needs of these little ones ... in order that we may do everything possible to ensure that crimes such as those which have occurred are no longer repeated in the Church.” (22 April 2014)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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



STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

The program consists of 15 credits of university course work, distributed into seven courses. All courses are available on the SPU campus and at a distance.

FALL SESSION 2017

DCA 6363W Fundamental; for a Safe Environment (1.5 cr.) Fundamental issues related to safe environment: Culture and Childhood. Terms and Definitions. Risk and Protective Factors. Signs and Indicators. Norms in Canon Law on the Protection of Minors. Understanding Perpetrators for the Safeguarding of Minors.

DCA 6365W Special Issues in Safe Environment I (1.5 cr.) Intra-familial Abuse of Minors. Learning from our Past. Media and Pornography. Suffering and Hope: the Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection. Clinical Care for Offenders. Therapeutic Care for Victims.

DCA 6115W Penal Law (3 cr.) Punishment of delicts. Penal laws and penal precepts. Subjects of penal sanctions. Penalties and other punishments: censures, expiatory penalties, penal remedies, penances. Application of penalties. Cessation of penalties. Penalties for individual delicts. Penal process: preliminary investigation, development of the judicial and extrajudicial process, action to repair damages. (cc. 1311-1399, 1717-1731)

WINTER SESSION 2018

DCA 6366W SPECIAL ISSUES IN SAFE ENVIRONMENT II (1.5 cr.) Interview and Documentation. Establishing and Respecting Boundaries in Pastoral Relations, including Confession. Jesus and the Children: Images of a Loving God. Prevention and Red Flags. Self-Care for Helping Professions.

DCA 5127W PARTICULAR CHURCHES (3 cr.) Particular Churches. Bishops: bishops in general, diocesan bishops, coadjutor and auxiliary bishops. Impeded and vacant see. Diocesan synod; diocesan curia: vicars general, episcopal vicars, chancellor, finance committee, financial officer; presbyteral council; college of consultors; chapter of canons; pastoral council. Parishes, pastors, parochial vicars. Vicars forane. Rectors of churches. Chaplains. (cc. 368-430; 460-572)

DCA 6367W Penal Law and Jurisprudence (1.5 cr.) Fundamentals of substantive penal law, judicial and administrative. Application of the law in concrete cases by the Holy See and dioceses. Jurisprudence. Case studies.

SPRING SESSION 2018

DCA 6301W Universal and Particular Laws/ Guidelines on Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults; (3 cr.) Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults. CDF Guidelines for Episcopal Conferences. In-depth analysis of laws/ guidelines of select episcopal conferences and dioceses.

DIPLOMA COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To receive the diploma participants must have successfully completed all courses. Adult educational methods are used to assess knowledge.

CREDIT TRANSFERS

The 15 credits of the Graduate Diploma are graduate credits in canon law. They can later be applied to degrees offered at Saint Paul University: 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\$ 5,000.00 for Canadians, and CAN\$ 12,000.00 for others. Nominal additional changes may apply. On-campus participants are responsible for transportation, residence, and meals.

REGISTRATION

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