Purpose: The purpose of this course is to familiarize those preparing for diaconal ministry with the Law of the Church, especially in the Code of Canon Law. There will be an emphasis on the Book II - The People of God.

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Classes:
1] January 21  Introduction to Church law, Brief history of Canon Law, Book 1 General Norms
   Assignment due by January 31
   Write/type One page (3 things newly learned)
   Assignment due by February 28
   Write/type one page on incardination of permanent deacons [meaning, obligations, and rights]
3] March 18    Book 3 Teaching Function of the Church
   Assignment due by March 31
   Write/type one page on canonical preaching by permanent deacons cc. 757, 762, 764, and 767
4] April 22    Book 5 Temporal Goods, completion of Book 2
   Assignment due by May 3
   Write/type one page on parish finance council assisting pastor with tasks of c 1284 (cc. 537, 1280-1288 the)
   Assignment due by May 6 (bring it to class)
   Read and evaluate “Canonical Penal Procedures” of Msgr. Lawrence DiNardo
   Write/type One page (1/2 page summary, ½ page something newly learned)

Evaluation:
Presence and interest in the class presentations - 50%
One page typed paper after each class on a topic assigned – 50%
Send page by email to wahlr@stthom.edu  ONLY ONE 8.5 x 11 SIDE
Or postal mail to Metropolitan Tribunal P.O. Box 907  Houston TX 77001
OR bring it to the Metropolitan Tribunal 2705 Louisiana H. TX 77006

Required Texts: New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law, Beal, etc. Paulist Press.

Co-responsibility: If difficulties arise, academic or personal, please address this with me
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