

Course Unit Outline	
Unit Code	
P7362	
Unit Name	
Canon Law and the Sacraments	
Unit Weighting	
9 cps	
Type of Unit	
Specialised	
Prerequisites, corequisites	
P7101	
Academic Staff	
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Curriculum Objectives	
The course unit complements the accompanying unit in Canon Law. It demonstrates how general canonical principles and concepts apply in the area of the sacraments as these are studied in units in Systematic Theology, Liturgy and Pastoral.	
Learning Outcomes	
At the end of this unit students should be able to:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) demonstrate an understanding of the development and application of the Catholic Church's canonical tradition in relation to the celebration of the sacraments and sacramentals 2) analyse the relationships between sacramental law, theology and liturgy 3) appreciate the role of the Church's sacramental law in pastoral practice 4) Understand the main elements in the processes of marriage nullity cases, dissolution of the marriage bond cases and other cases handled by Tribunals, and be able to offer basic advice to and refer people to the Tribunal if appropriate 5) apply canonical principles in solving particular pastoral case studies 	
Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit	
Content	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Book IV of Code of Canon Law (the sanctifying office of Church) 2) Proper ordering of sacramental life of Church 3) Sacraments of Initiation, Penance, Anointing of Sick, Orders 4) Sacrament of Marriage: theology, documentation and associated procedures for preparation and celebration 5) Sacramentals (including blessings, exorcisms), the liturgy of hours, funeral rites, veneration of saints, sacred images & relics, sacred times and places 	
Learning Activities	
Lectures, tutorials, student presentations, case studies	
Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment	
Assessment Profile	
In this unit, assessment of student achievement with respect to the Unit Outcomes will be based on:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An analysis of recent changes in the Church's laws on the sacraments by means of a short essay [Outcomes 1, 2] 2. A research project to find the historical antecedents of a particular canon of the Code of Canon Law by means of a written report [Outcomes 3, 4, 5] 3. An examination involving brief questions to elicit the student's mastery of the Church's legislation on key matters pertaining to the sacraments [Outcomes 1-5] 	
Representative References	
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