Institute on Matrimonial Tribunal Practice

The School of Canon Law at The Catholic University of America announces an institute on tribunal practice in matrimonial cases, to be held on the University campus June 6–17, 2011. The program is designed for clergy, religious and laypersons who have not had formal training in tribunal practices and procedures.

The Institute will provide an introduction to the terms and concepts of diocesan tribunal practice and an overview of the procedures and jurisprudence which apply to marriage cases processed in church courts today. Case study sessions will add a practical dimension to the program.

The Institute continues a tradition begun in 1967. Institute participants have included those involved in parish ministry and various types of tribunal work, as well as others interested in the subject matter.

Space is limited. Applicants are accepted on a first-come basis until all positions have been filled. Admission is not completed until the workshop fees have been received.

In addition to scheduled classes, faculty members will be available for individual consultation. Evening discussions may also be scheduled.

For further information contact:
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The Program

Introduction
- Overview of Church law
- Its relationship to the pastoral life of the Church

Marriage
- Underlying concepts and concerns
- The Church’s theory on marriage
- Elements of pastoral practice

Matrimonial Jurisprudence
- Introduction to various grounds of nullity in formal cases

Procedure
- Introduction to steps for a marriage case

Practicum
- Working with actual cases
- Special attention to be paid to evidence and facts

Lecturers & Staff

The Reverend John J.M. Foster, J.C.D., Institute Director and Assistant Professor, School of Canon Law
The Reverend John P. Beal, J.C.D., Institute Assistant Director and Ordinary Professor, School of Canon Law
The Rev. Monsignor Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Erie
The Rev. Monsignor William King, J.C.D., Vicar General, Diocese of Harrisburg
The Rev. Monsignor Jerry M. Sherba, J.C.D., Ph.D., Judicial Vicar and Chancellor, Diocese of Raleigh

Accommodations & Fees

- Housing will be provided (arriving June 5 and departing June 17)
  - All rooms are air conditioned
  - No private bathrooms will be available
- Meals will be provided (June 6–17)
- The total fee is $2,350 (which includes a $150 non-refundable deposit)

Application Form

Institute on Matrimonial Tribunal Practice
June 6–17, 2011

[PLEASE PRINT/TYPE]

Name: _________________________________________________________

Diocese:________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________

Telephone number: _______________________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________________________________

Person to contact in emergency: _____________________________________

Emergency Contact’s telephone number:______________________________

On a separate sheet of paper, please indicate:
1. Your previous educational experience
2. Your experience with marriage cases

Return to: Tribunal Institute
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The fee of $2,350 MUST accompany this application. Make check payable to: Tribunal Institute, Catholic University.

(If you withdraw before May 16, all fees except the $150 deposit will be refunded. If you withdraw after May 16, all fees except the $150 deposit will be refunded only if a replacement participant completes registration.)

The Catholic University of America admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age or disability. To request accommodation for individuals with disabilities, please call: 202-319-5492.

The School of Canon Law reserves the right to cancel the Institute if there is insufficient registration.