The course ‘Introduction to Canon Law’ will provide students with an introduction to the internal laws governing the Catholic Church (known as ‘Canon Law’). These laws are specified in the Code of Canon Law promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 1983.

The Course will cover a variety of topics such as the historical background to Canon Law; the purpose, nature and sources of Canon Law; parts of the 1983 Code of Canon Law; the Church’s tribunals (including procedure, evidence and appeals); the disciplining of clergy and laity; marriage and annulment; the administration of Church property; and complaints of sexual abuse against clergy, religious and Church employees (such as teachers).

The Course is open to all members of the public and there is no requirement for students to have a legal or theological degree to enrol in it. The Course may be undertaken at an undergraduate or at a masters level and may be accredited towards law or theology degrees that students are undertaking at The University of Notre Dame Australia or, subject to their own accreditation rules, at other Universities or Colleges. The Course will be of particular interest to individuals working for the Catholic Church, those working in a family law environment, and individuals interested in developing a deeper understanding of the rules regulating the operation of the Catholic Church.

Presenter: Father Wellspring is teaching the course – Introduction to Canon Law
Date: Thursday, 9 January – Friday 10 January and Thursday, 16 January – Friday, 17 January and 24 January
Time: 9am-5pm
Venue: University of Notre Dame Australia Sydney Campus, Broadway, 104 Broadway Chippendale NSW 2008

For further information about this course or to enrol, please contact Notre Dame’s Admission Office, Sydney on 8204 4430.