



# CENTRE FOR CANONICAL SERVICES

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## About the Centre

The Centre for Canonical Services (CCS) provides a ministry of canonical consultation.

Under the leadership of **Sr. Bonnie MacLellan, CSJ** and of **Sr. Louise Charbonneau SCO**, and in collaboration with the **Faculty of Canon Law of Saint Paul University**, the CCS is a canonical resource for religious institutes, episcopal conferences, dioceses, civil and criminal lawyers, Christian faithful and any person who requests a canonical consultation.

## Our services

The CCS collaborates with professors of the Faculty of Canon Law and other qualified consultants to provide expert canonical counsel to:

- Religious superiors;
- Bishops; and
- Members of the Church who require the Centre's assistance.

Our services are available in both French and English.

## Our team



**Sr. Bonnie MacLellan**  
CSJ, JCD  
Director of the CCS

Sr. Bonnie MacLellan has a JCD in Canon Law from Saint Paul University.

Sr. Bonnie has been Director of CCS since 2013. She is a respected leader in the field of Catholic health care in Canada, a respected canon lawyer and the General Superior of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie.



**Sr. Louise Charbonneau**  
SCO, JCL  
Administrator of the CCS

Sr. Louise Charbonneau has a Licentiate in Canon Law from Saint Paul University.

Sr. Louise has been the Administrator at CCS since 2014.

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## Canonical services

The staff of the CCS welcomes your questions or concerns related to canon law. They are available to assist you in understanding your situation and needs from a canonical perspective.

When you write or call the CCS, Sr. Louise Charbonneau, SCO, is the person who will greet you and with whom you will have an initial discussion about your canonical issue of concern.

Do not hesitate to contact the CCS to discuss whether canonical services make sense for your situation. The first 30 minutes of this initial consultation are free of charge.

The fee structure of the CCS was established by Fr. Morrissey, OMI, to ensure the sustainability and accessibility of canonical services for religious congregations and others in need.

Today, the CCS continues to honor Fr. Morrissey's wish that his ministry continue and be provided for, without anyone being denied canonical services for lack of funds.

Different pricing options are available, depending on your needs. To receive a detailed fee scale, please send your request to: [csc-ccs@ustpaul.ca](mailto:csc-ccs@ustpaul.ca).



**Francis G.  
Morrissey, OMI**  
(1936-2020)

*"The law is for  
the people;  
not the people  
for the law!"*

## The legacy of Fr. Morrissey, OMI

Fr. Morrissey served as Saint Paul University's Dean of Canon Law from 1972 to 1981 and helped to draft the text of the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

In addition to his academic work, Fr. Morrissey offered canonical consultations throughout the world to General Superiors and Dioceses. He believed that the rights and obligations of all should be known and respected, and that religious congregations and dioceses should have access to relevant canonical services.

Fr. Morrissey established the CCS in its current structure and functioning to ensure and provide for the continuation of his invaluable ministry for years to come.