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Synopsis

Available for the first time in a comprehensive English translation, this thoroughly annotated but easy-to-use presentation of the classic 1917 Code of Canon Law by canon and civil lawyer Dr. Edward Peters is destined to become the standard reference work on this milestone of Church law. More than just of historical interest, the 1917 Code is an indispensable tool for understanding the current 1983 Code under which the Roman Catholic Church governs itself. Dr. Peters' faithful translation of the original Latin text of 1917, along with his detailed references to such key canonical works as Canon Law Digest and hundreds of English language doctoral dissertations on canon law produced at the world's great Catholic universities, now allows researchers to access directly this great fountain of ecclesiastical legal science. No student of canon law, and indeed, no one with a need to understand modern Church administration, can afford to be without this important volume.

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Customer Reviews

Excellent book which is recommended by a host of different Catholic organizations of every stripe. For an amateur like me it is invaluable to have a translation which provides a reference to the corresponding paragraph in the 1983 Code of Cannon Law. Please don't be misled by the lone bad review of this English translation. That reviewer argued that this book was an inaccurate "interpretation" of the 1917 Code of Canon Law and that its "interpretation" was adulterated through the filter of Vatican II. This is simply nonsense. This book is an English "translation of" the 1917 Code and NOT a "commentary about." Other than a dozen or so introductory pages and about the

same in a short appendix there is no mention or reference to any Vatican II documents. Only a handful of footnotes even post date the promulgation of Vatican II.

This book is the most important Canon Law reference book for the Catholic Church. In civil law, Legislative History is extremely important and often cited in legal argument. This book gives Canon Law a Legislative History. Canon Law did not evolve in haste, more like tortoise speed. But that makes the milestones even bigger. This book assembles them all. Today, in light of the sexual abuse scandals, there is much discussion over whether the legal system of Canon Law is really a legal system, and, if it is, will it survive the scandal. This book has got to be at the base of any such discussion. This history shows the identity of Canon Law and where it has been. This history will help lead it into the future. All of this is done for the first time in English. It takes every solid resource available in English and hands them all to Canon Lawyers on one platter! It refers to doctoral dissertations, official interpretations, association documents, and the Canon Law Digest. The "Curator" of this "Scholarly Appratus", Dr. Edward N. Peters, is both a canon and civil lawyer. The best lawyers are the ones who love the law. In this work, it is evident that Dr. Peters loves both systems of laws. This work is a crowning achievement for him and for the Canon Law of the Catholic Church.

This work, the only complete English language translation of the 1917 Code, is excellent. Meticulously footnoted with research cross-references, sturdily bound, and attractively typeset, it this book will not only prove an invaluable research tool, but should still be in excellent condition a generation from now. The section headings and other components of the text are clearly demarcated, making browsing easy. My only quibble is that the pages do not have the book and chapter headings along the top of the page as many statutory compilations do. While I have yet to delve into the text at length, I can rest assured, having seen Prof. Peters's commentary elsewhere, that the annotations in this volume will not exude the same dubious skepticism of the prominent Beal-Coriden-Green translation of the 1983 Code. All in all, this work is a sound investment.

I'd have preferred if Edward Peters hadn't including that Vatican 2 nonsense in his release so I scissored it out. I just needed the Canons and the bull from Pope Benedict XV promulgating it.

An excellent reference book. Well bound with good paper. Far clearer than the "revised code".

Very fast shipping and excellent book

Dr. Peters did us all in the English reading world a favor when he published this.

I had been looking for just such a reference for the Bylaws of a churchrelated organization. It helped to clarify the organization Bylaws.

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