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Canon Law at the Crossroads



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## Editorial

More than three decades after the promulgation of the code 1983, actual life-experiences of the people of God has brought us to several critical questions demanding significant revision.

**Burkhard J. Berkman** questions the double standards of expecting subsidiarity with regard to social teaching, while the Church is reluctant in accepting the same principle with regard to the governance of the Church.

**Al. Andang L. Binawan** criticises the current regulations on inter-religious marriage. The present provisions not only do not reflect the spirit of inter-religious dialogue, but also proves almost impossible to practice in an Islamic country like Indonesia.

**Wim Decock** acknowledges the momentous contribution canon law has made in the past to the good of the Church and highlights its influence on the development of civil law.

**Rik Torfs** on his part looks at the present code from the formal perspective of law and highlights some *lacunae* which could compromise its function as a legal instrument.

**Hildegard Warnink** analyzes the most significant canonical reforms since 1983, the *Motu Proprio* 'Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus'. While this document set a shorter procedure in declaring nullity of marriage, it also involves several pitfalls what can lead to ambiguity.

**Felix Wilfred** shows how theology could be of assistance to canon law in reading the signs of the times and in formulating and re-formulating laws, in particular with regard to the distinction between *ius divinum* and ecclesiastical law.

These contributions lead to a critical reflection on the conception of power in the Church, and eventually imply the need to revise parts - if not the whole - Code of Canon Law. Does canon law really stands at the crossroads?

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