

Biographical Summary

The Reverend Francis G. Morrissey, O.M.I.

I am an ordained priest of the Roman Catholic Church, a member of a religious institute, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

I am a Titular Professor at the Faculty of Canon Law of Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. From 1972 to 1984, I was the Dean of the Faculty.

I hold eleven academic degrees in Canon Law, Philosophy, Theology, and Religious Education. In the field of Canon Law, I hold the following degrees: J.C.B. (Bachelor of Canon Law) from the University of Ottawa (1965); J.C.L. (Licentiate in Canon Law) from Saint Paul University (1966); M.C.L. (Master of Canon Law) from the University of Ottawa (1966); Ph.D. in Canon Law from the University of Ottawa (1972); and J.C.D. (Doctorate in Canon Law) from Saint Paul University (1972).

I am a member of the Canadian Canon Law Society and served as its Secretary-Treasurer from 1966 to 1973, President from 1973 to 1975, past-President from 1975 to 1977, and Executive Coordinator from 1977 to 1983. I am an honorary life member of the Canon Law Society of America, the Canadian Canon Law Society, the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland, the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand, and the Canon Law Society of Southern Africa.

From 1967 to 1994, I was the Editor of *Studia canonica*, a professional journal in Canon Law. I am the author of some 300 articles and translations written in nine languages in the field of Canon Law and Church history.

From 1985 to 2000, I served three five-year terms as a Consultor to the Pontifical Commission for the Authentic Interpretation of the Code of Canon Law in Vatican City (since March 1, 1989, the Commission is known as the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts). From 1994 to 1999, I also served a five-year term as a Consultor to the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, Vatican City. From 1966 to 2005, I was a Consultor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (Canon Law Commission). In 1983, I was appointed a Judge on the Canadian Appeal Tribunal, the highest Church court in Canada for the adjudication of marriage cases.

I have testified as an expert witness and have offered affidavits as expert witness in numerous court proceedings in Canada (British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador), in the United States, as well as Namibia and in Singapore.