

# The Rights of the Laity in Church Law

Church law is so much more than a list of “do-nots.” It is a positive affirmation of the rights of the laity. An emphasis on these rights was an innovation when Saint Pope John Paul II promulgated the new Code of Canon (Church) Law in 1983. Our guest presenter will specifically explore what these rights are and how they serve the mission of the Church. A question and answer period will follow this presentation. There is no cost to attend this event. For more information please contact Angela McClellan at 215-721-0199 (ext. 202) or [AngelaMcClellan@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:AngelaMcClellan@stmariagoretti.net).

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7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

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*“Let the spiritual shepherds recognize and promote  
the dignity as well as the responsibility  
of the laity in the Church.*

*Let them (the shepherds) willingly employ their prudent advice.  
Let them confidently assign duties to them in service of the Church,  
allowing them freedom and room for action.*

*Further, let them encourage lay people  
so that they may undertake tasks on their own initiative.*

*Attentively in Christ,  
let them consider with fatherly love  
the projects, suggestions and desires proposed by the laity.”  
The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #37*