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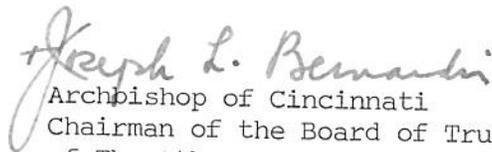
Dear Sir:

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Athenaeum of Ohio, I hereby apply on behalf of The Athenaeum for exemption to Part 86, under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, on the grounds that The Athenaeum of Ohio is controlled and operated by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Both divisions of The Athenaeum of Ohio - St. Gregory's College Seminary and Mt. St. Mary's School of Theology - are operated to prepare men for the Priesthood in the service of the Roman Catholic Church. Since the teaching and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church do not permit the ordination of women to the Priesthood, I feel the exemption is justified.

I state further that we require faculty and students to espouse the personal belief in the Catholic Religion, that our Board of Trustees is appointed by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati and that The Athenaeum receives a significant amount of financial support from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Sincerely yours,


Archbishop of Cincinnati
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
of The Athenaeum of Ohio

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