

CROSIER SEMINARY

ONAMIA, MINNESOTA 56359

under the direction of the Crosier Fathers

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To Whom It May Concern:

Crosier Seminary is an educational institution comprising high school and junior college years, incorporated in the State of Minnesota as a nonprofit corporation.

As stated in its Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of the corporation include the following as central to its organization: "To further the education of young men for the Catholic priesthood." The statement of purpose for the Seminary is refined in official policy statements elsewhere to read:

Crosier Seminary is an institution that provides, according to its Crosier tradition, a school of Christian brotherhood and life in Christ, in which under the guidance of the Crosier community, young men considering the Catholic priesthood may explore this vocation through personal, social, academic and spiritual growth. (Emphasis mine).

Because of this essential underlying purpose, Crosier Seminary may not, under present legislation of the Roman Catholic Church, with which it is strictly affiliated through religious and administrative ties, admit students of female sex to programs whose purpose is to strengthen and encourage a calling to the priesthood, since that office is presently restricted in the Roman Catholic Church to males.

Although the integral Seminary program is closed to admission of female students, certain courses and activities are sponsored or conducted by Crosier Seminary which are open to the general public. Neither in this nor in the employment of personnel, does Crosier Seminary wish to be considered exempt from the provisions of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and the Regulation issued by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in implementation thereof.

For admission into the Seminary program at the high school and junior college levels, Crosier Seminary requests exempt status with respect to the provisions of said Title and regulations, due to a conflict with existing law in the Roman Catholic Church. The term used in the document explaining HEW Form 639 is "school of divinity."

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