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May 5, 1977

Albert T. Hamlin  
Acting Director  
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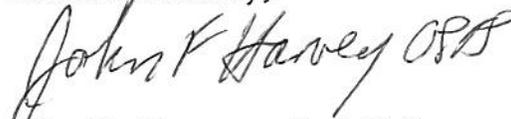
Dear Mr. Hamlin:

With reference to your memo of April 4, 1977 concerned with Institutions of Higher Learning who are recipients of Federal financial assistance and the necessity of their compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, I telephoned the Office of Dr. Lloyd Henderson, and spoke with Mr. Ken Haddock about our situation. I explained to him that we have only one student receiving VA payments, one Dr. Michael Peterson, a psychiatrist, who is studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington. The Diocese pays his tuition, and he lives outside the school with the Benedictines. In short, De Sales Hall does not receive any of the money which Dr. Peterson receives. Accordingly, she does not feel that she has an obligation to fill out the forms enclosed in the April 4 letter: 45 CFR Part 86.

At a meeting of East Coast Deans of Roman Catholic seminaries in March, 1977, the opinion was proffered by a lawyer that compliance with Title IX was required only if the school received financial assistance.

Mr. Haddock requested that I set down in writing our reasons for feeling that we are exempt from the requirement of Title IX. If this letter satisfies your Office, I shall take no further action, and shall presume that our present action is legal. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,



John F. Harvey, O. S. F. S.  
President

P. S. I have filled in certain sections of the enclosed form, just in case they were necessary.

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June 24, 1985

Mr. Dewey E. Dodds, Director  
Office for Civil Rights, Region 3  
3535 Market Street  
P.O. Box 13716  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19101

Dear Mr. Dodds,

In response to your letter of June 11, 1985, I wish to provide the following information:

1. The religious organization that is responsible for the De Sales School of Theology is the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales whose seat of operation is located in Wilmington, Delaware. This organization was incorporated in the state of Delaware in May 23, 1903. The Provincial Superior and his Counselors form the Board of Directors of the School of Theology. They bear the responsibility of seeing that the School is funded adequately; that the school meets the goals and objectives of the programs it sponsors; that the School does not incur debts beyond \$10,000 without their approval; that the School is not permitted to sell real property belonging to the school without their consent. I am enclosing a copy of the School's Constitution for your perusal.

2. The School is a school for the training of ministers for the Roman Catholic Church, primarily for the Roman Catholic priesthood. The reason for the request of an exemption is the fact we do not and cannot train women for the Roman Catholic priesthood. We do train women for ministries that are open to them by the Catholic Church. Our position if not understood correctly, could be interpreted as a discrimination because of sex. I believe that we are addressing #106.9 (a) in light of #86.12 (a) and (b).

I am enclosing copies of our school's Constitution and present catalog.

Sincerely,

*William J. Ruhl, O.S.F.S. (com.)*

(Rev.) William J. Ruhl, O.S.F.S.  
President

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Encl.