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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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Kevin Wm. Wildes, S.J.
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Dear President Wildes:

I write to respond to your May 19, 2016, letter to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in which Loyola University of New Orleans, Louisiana (Loyola) seeks to disclaim a religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. § 1681, that it was previously granted.

Loyola requested a religious exemption from certain provisions of the Title IX regulations in 1986 and OCR granted this request by letter dated May 7, 1986. Your current letter indicates that Loyola, while still "affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church," no longer needs the exemption. Based on your letter withdrawing the religious exemption request, Loyola is no longer exempt from Title IX under 34 C.F.R. § 106.12.

Your letter further requests that OCR remove Loyola from any lists of institutions holding a Title IX exemption. At times, OCR must produce to members of the public lists of institutions that currently hold exemptions or have requested exemptions in the past. If OCR produces such lists, it will take steps to ensure that Loyola's status is accurately reflected. In addition, Loyola's 1986 request letter and 2016 withdrawal letter, as well as OCR's responses, are posted with other historical exemption materials on OCR's website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

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