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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Peter E. Holmes, Director
Office of Civil Rights
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Holmes:

The final Title IX Regulation Implementing Education Amendments of 1972 states in Subpart B, 86.12 Educational institutions controlled by religious organizations:

(a) Application. This part does not apply to an educational institution which is controlled by a religious organization to the extent application of this part would not be consistent with the religious tenets of such organization.

(b) Exemption. An educational institution which wishes to claim the exemption set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, shall do so by submitting in writing to the Director a statement by the highest ranking official of the institution, identifying the provisions of this part which conflict with a specific tenet of the religious organization.

Presentation College, a Catholic college owned and operated by the Sisters of the Presentation, has adopted a Right to Life Statement which includes acceptance of Catholic teaching on abortion. It is in conflict with this Statement to assure compliance with the following sections of the Regulation as they relate to "termination of pregnancy": Subpart C, 86.21, (c), (2) and (3); Subpart D, 86.40, (b), (1), (4), and (5); and Subpart E, 86.57, (b), (c), and (d).

I am, therefore, claiming exemption for Presentation College from these provisions so that we have freedom to make judgments in accord with our philosophy in particular cases relating to termination of pregnancy.

Sincerely,

Sister Francis Mary Dunn
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President

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Enclosure: Statement of Philosophy, Presentation College

