



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

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Most Reverend Basil H. Losten, D.D.
President
Saint Basil's College
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Dear Bishop Losten:

The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education (OCR/ED) is in the process of clearing a backlog of requests for religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Our records indicate that Saint Basil's College filed such a request (copy enclosed), but we have no record that OCR adequately acknowledged this request. We have recently reviewed this request and have determined that your institution need not have applied for a religious exemption. The reasons for our determination are discussed below.

Subpart C of the Title IX regulation (copy enclosed) prohibits discrimination in the admission and recruitment of students. Section 106.15 of the Title IX regulation specifically exempts private undergraduate institutions from compliance with Subpart C. Based on the information provided in the request letter, Saint Basil's College sought a religious exemption because the undergraduate education programs are limited to one sex. Under § 106.15, the exemption for limiting admissions is already provided.

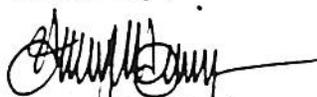
The statutory exemption from the admission and recruitment provisions of Subpart C does not relieve the institution of its obligation to comply with the regulation as it relates to graduate or other programs. Should there be conflicts in this regard, it would be necessary to request exemption from specific provisions of the regulation which are deemed to be inconsistent with certain tenets of your religion.

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If we do not hear from you within 60 days, we will assume that your institution has no need for a religious exemption and close the original request file. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Boston Regional Office for Civil Rights. The address is:

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Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Richard V. E. McCann, Regional Civil Rights Director, Region I