

Saint Bernard's Seminary

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Director
Office for Civil Rights
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
P. O. Box 8214
Washington D.C. 20024

Dear Sir or Madam:

St. Bernard's Seminary is a postgraduate theological school, the primary purpose of which is the training of candidates for the Roman Catholic priesthood.

The tenets of the Roman Catholic Church prohibit the ordination of females. Consequently, it is submitted that Title IX and its regulations are irrelevant and inappropriate for an institution such as St. Bernard's, and it hereby claims an exemption under 20 U.S.C. Section 1681 (a) (3).

Sincerely,

Frank E. Lioi

Very Rev. Frank E. Lioi
Rector

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