



# The Saint Paul Seminary

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Ms. Linda A. Cornelius  
Acting Regional Civil Rights Director  
Region V  
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Dear Ms. Cornelius:

After reviewing your recent letter and the provision of Title IX, I would resubmit the request of my predecessor for an exemption from those sections of Title IX that conflict with the laws of the Roman Catholic Church regarding education for ordained priesthood. While The Saint Paul Seminary has recently opened its academic degree programs to qualified men and women seeking graduate theological training, it still maintains a distinct program of preparation for priesthood candidates. According to Church Law only single men are eligible to apply for admission to programs leading to ordination. Furthermore, those laws also insist on distinct arrangements for housing and aspects of education and counseling specific to priesthood candidates. There are also scholarship and institutional financial aid programs which have been established in the past for priesthood students; dispersal of those program funds is thereby limited to priesthood students. Finally, the Roman Catholic Church also specifies that certain positions on the faculty must be filled by priests and that all personnel must meet certain personal standards as specified by Church Law.

In light of these restrictions of our religious tradition, I ask for exemptions to the following sections of Title IX:

- 106.21 - Admissions
- 106.22 - Preference in Admissions
- 106.23 - Recruitment
- 106.31 - Education Programs and Activities
- 106.32 - Housing
- 106.34 - Access to Course Offerings
- 106.35 - Counseling and Use of Appraisal and Counseling Materials
- 106.37 - Financial Assistance
- 106.40 - Marital and Parental Status
- 106.51 - Employment

106.52 - Employment Criteria  
106.53 - Recruitment

If I need to provide any further information or documentation in regard to this request, I would be happy to do so.

One further matter should be noted. The Saint Paul Seminary is currently in discussion with the College of St. Thomas regarding an affiliation of our seminary with their liberal arts college. Nothing has been finalized at this date. The College of St. Thomas, located at 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, has already submitted its analysis of Title IX questions and that report is on record with your office.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Charles Froehle  
Rector

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