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Very Reverend Daniel J. Pakenham  
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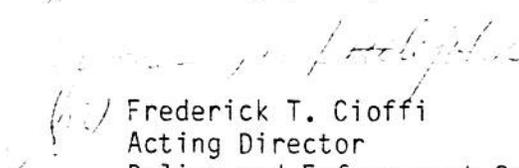
Dear Father Pakenham:

Thank you for your letter of August 8, 1985, regarding St. Francis de Sales College's request for religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Based on your statement that St. Francis de Sales College no longer exists as a separate and distinct educational institution, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has closed the request file for the College.

You indicated that you assumed St. Francis Seminary does not require religious exemption since it "is a graduate theological school offering masters degrees for ministry for men, women, religious and candidates for the priesthood." The Seminary need request exemption only if it offers programs or activities that are limited on the basis of sex in accordance with religious tenets.

If you have any questions regarding religious exemption, please do not hesitate to contact the Chicago Regional Office for Civil Rights.

Sincerely yours,

  
Frederick T. Cioffi  
Acting Director  
Policy and Enforcement Service  
Office for Civil Rights

cc: Linda A. McGovern, Acting Regional Civil Rights Director, Region V