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Attention: Mr. John Hodgdon

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Article I Subsection B this statement is made by the undersigned as the highest ranking official of

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY IN CALIFORNIA,

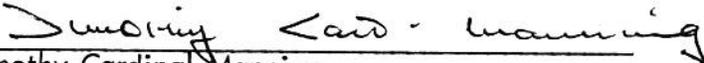
namely the President of said corporation. On behalf of St. John's Seminary we hereby claim the religious exemption under 45 C.F.R. 86.12 (b) and we identify the following specific provisions of 45 C.F.R. Part 86 which conflict with a specific religious tenet of the Roman Catholic Church. The Roman Catholic Church controls St. John's Seminary. The provisions which conflict with Catholic religious tenets are the following:

Subpart C, Section 86.21 (b), (i), (ii), (iii); Section 86.21 (c), (1), (4);  
86.23 (a); 86.31 (a); 86.40 (a); 86.51 (a), (1), (2), (3), (4); 86.53 (a);  
86.55 (a); 86.57 (a), (1); 86.60 (a).

The basic tenet violated by the sections mentioned above is the rule of the Roman Catholic Church that only males may be priests, and therefore a seminary, which is the school for the training of priests, prohibits the admission of women as students at said school.

If you need any further information we shall be pleased to try to supply it.

Yours very truly,

  
Timothy Cardinal Manning  
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, and  
President of St. John's Seminary in California