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April 17, 1986

Patricia A. Healy
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United States Department of Education
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Re: Stonehill College; Claim for Exemption under 34 CFR 106.12

Dear Ms. Healy:

As President of Stonehill College of North Easton, Massachusetts, a private educational institution founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross, a Catholic religious order, and pursuant to 34 CFR 106.12(b), I hereby claim, on behalf of Stonehill College, an exemption from application of Part 106 of 34 CFR as provided by 34 CFR 106.12(a) to the extent application of this part would not be consistent with the religious tenets of the Congregation. In particular, I claim exemption from 34 CFR 106.39 and 106.40(b) (4), to the extent such sections would require that the health insurance plan available to Stonehill students include coverage for pregnancy, the termination thereof, and related disabilities. As the Congregation of Holy Cross is a Catholic order, any statute or regulation mandating insurance coverage for the health care related to pregnancies out of wedlock, or abortions regardless of marital status, is obviously inconsistent with the religious tenets of this Congregation. Therefore, we believe the College is entitled to an exemption from these regulations, and this letter should be considered a formal request for such exemption.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Bartley MacPhaidin, C.S.C.

(Rev.) Bartley MacPhaidin, C.S.C.
President

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cc: C. James Cleary, Executive Vice President
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