



Holy Trinity Catholic School

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To the Director:

The Holy Trinity Catholic School is a Catholic School facility which currently (possesses)/(seeks) a nondiscrimination compliance form from the Department. Our program is an integral part of the religious ministry to children and families of the Catholic Church and is operated primarily for religious purposes. It is very important to the Church and to the program that proper church/state boundaries be observed at all times in the relationship between PDE and this program.

Please be advised that, by accepting a nondiscrimination compliance form from PDE, this program in no way acknowledges any authority by PDE to require a nondiscrimination compliance form as a precondition to the right of the Church to operate this ministry. Nor does acceptance of the nondiscrimination compliance form constitute a waiver of our right to object to any statutorily or constitutionally unwarranted regulatory demands.

We respectfully request that the department continue to respect our concerns for religious autonomy in matters intimately related with our religious ministry.

Very truly yours,

Very Reverend John Bateman, J.C.L., V.F.
Executive Pastor

cc: Sean McAleer
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