



Mr. John Sipple
Premerger Notification Office
Federal Trade Commission
Washington, D.C.

Re: Application of Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (the "Act")

Dear John:

Pursuant to your request during our telephone conversation on July 18, I am writing this letter for purpose of asking you, on behalf of the Premerger Notification Office, to review (i) the relationship among certain religious sponsored not-for-profit entities and (ii) the terms of a proposed transaction between two of such entities, so that you can advise me with respect to the application of the Act to the proposed transaction and future filings made under the Act.

Sponsorship Structure.

A religious order (the "Order") is the sponsor of five not-for-profit corporations, which are experience corporation ("Services"), a college ("College"), an academy ("Academy") and an operating company

services, such as administration of retirement plans, and insurance, to the Order and the other four sponsored corporations. Services is a captive, in that it does not provide administrative services or insurance to any outside entities. All of the Criticities sponsored by the Order are conducted by the Criticities and its controlled entities.

and College are not-for-profit entities without corporate members or

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directors. The President of the board members 2 director. At all times the board must be composed so that one-third of the board members are members of the Order, one half of the board members of religious orders of the Catholic

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corporations. Under the terms of their charters, upon dissolution, the assets of those corporations may be distributed only to the Order, but may be used otherwise in keeping with the charitable and not-for-profit purposes of the corporation, as determined by the board of directors of the corporation.

In prior filings under the Act, based upon prior oral advice from the Premerger

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under the Act will be satisfied by the proposed transfer. Likewise, if

Analysis.

Although the Order does not "control" either that of or Services (as such term is defined under the Act's regulations), you stated in our telephone conversation that you would consider the Order to be the ultimate parent entity of both and Services. If that is

the definition of "hold" in 16 C.F.R. §801.1(c) in reaching this position. Please confirm that this transaction is not reportable under the Act became and Services have the same ultimate parent entity.

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In our telephone conversation, you also stated that when determining the size of person of future transactions we should include the assets and revenues of the Order and the other four sponsored corporations. With respect to future filings made by

transaction, the parties would like to file by the end of this week. Thanks for your cooperation.

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