To: Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario KIA 0A6

Re: Proposed Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

We would like to add our support to the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association in their request to have amendments made to the proposed Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The proposed amendments are enclosed. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sr. Mary Teresa
Sr. Mary Elizabeth
Sr. Mary Margaret
Sr. Mary Concetta
Sr. Mary Francis
Sr. Mary Magdalene
Sr. Mary Joseph
Sr. Mary Elizabeth
Sr. Mary Euphrenie NGUYEN
PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

Add a NEW section after present section 24

(1) The guarantee in this Charter of certain rights and freedoms shall not be construed as preventing or limiting

(a) any rights or privileges, by any provision of the Constitution of Canada, granted or secured with respect to separate, dissentient or other denominational schools;

(b) the establishment or extension by authority of public statute or otherwise of any separate, dissentient or other denominational school or system of schools or of any scheme of funding from public revenues or otherwise for the support of such school or system as is deemed appropriate; or

(c) the operation of any separate, dissentient or other denominational school or system of schools in accordance with its denominational requirements including, but not limited to, the right to follow a selective policy with respect to enrolment on the basis of sex or religion and to employ persons subscribing to the tenets of a particular religion.
PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2

Amend section 36 by adding subsection (2)

(2) The procedure prescribed by section 33 shall be used to amend any provision of the Constitution of Canada whereby any rights or privileges are granted or secured with respect to separate, dissentient or other denominational schools.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3

Amend section 50 by adding paragraph (h)

(h) any rights or privileges, by the Constitution of Canada, granted or secured with respect to separate, dissentent or other denominational schools.