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December 10, 1980.

The Honourable Senator Harry Hayes, P.C.
Chairmen of the Joint Commons
Senate Committee on the Constitution,
Post Office Box 1044, South Block,
The Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0A7

Honourable and dear Sir:

This Parish has roughly 4500 families with 4000 children in "Separate" Schools.

I am sure that I speak for every one of these families in voicing concern regarding the projected "Constitution."

Catholics are very concerned that the proposed Charter of Rights could have profound implications for the validity of Roman Catholic Schools.

We feel that, as it stands, the proposed new Charter of Rights would leave the Roman Catholic Schools in an extremely vulnerable position, and certainly vulnerable to legal challenge.

Accordingly we strongly urge you to intervene on our behalf - if a Charter of Rights is insisted upon for the new constitution.

- a) That there be a guarantee written into the new constitution that the Roman Catholic Schools in Canada be preserved.
- b) That the Boards of Roman Catholic Schools be guaranteed the right to such employment practices as will, in their judgment, preserve the Catholicity of the Schools.

Confident that your sense of justice will prompt your strong support and vigorous action in this very important matter.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. Schwalm, Pastor