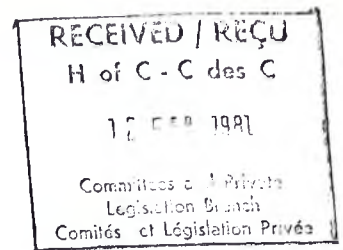




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Dear Sir:

I look forward to the day when Canada will have complete control over our Constitution and applaud the efforts of the Prime Minister and the Government to achieve this.

However, I am concerned that the existence of Roman Catholic schools as guaranteed in Section 93 of the British North America Act may not be covered by Section 24 of the proposed Charter.

I fear that the present employment practices of Roman Catholic School Boards, so necessary for the preservation of the religious and moral values insisted on by Catholic parents for their children, could be subjected to legal challenge. Therefore, I ask that the following Rights be specifically named in the Charter of the new Constitution:

- 1) a written guarantee that Roman Catholic Schools in Canada be preserved
- 2) that Roman Catholic School Boards be guaranteed the right to such employment practices as will, in their judgment, preserve the Catholicity of their schools.

Our Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the two thousand one hundred students in our school and their teachers pray for God's blessing on this undertaking and for unity in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Imelda Cahill

Sister Imelda Cahill
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