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Mr. Dennis Patterson  
Minister of Education  
Northwest Territories

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Members of the Catholic Womens League have asked me to express to you their concern about the development of the Catholic Education in the Northwest Territories.

It is felt that if the recommendations made by the special committee on education were implemented as they stand, it would be harmful to the Catholic School System. Catholic parents would not be able to provide their children with a catholic education from kindergarten to grade 12. The Catholic Womens League holds that the government educates the children with the consent of the parents, but that the prime responsibility remains with the parents, who must decide on the type of education that their children receive.

The present Education Ordinance recognizes the separate school system and the rights of parents to an education for their children that agrees with their conscience. On behalf of the Catholic Womens League I ask your support to ensure the retention of this right, regardless of changes that may be necessary to improve the quality of education in the Northwest Territories.

Yours truly,

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President  
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c.c. - J. Parker, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories  
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