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Y of letter to Sister Mary Luke Tobin - January 2, 1967

Dear Sister Luke:

After thorough deliberation, I write to request the official papers through which I make formal application for a dispensation from my canonical vows. I have discussed with you at length my reasons for considering this step necessary. You know, too, my desire to remain as president of Webster College and to discharge my commitments here. I believe that the time has come when we must face the complicated issues involved with complete honesty. I enclose my letter to Cardinal Ritter. It is my fervent hope that he and you may now face squarely all ethical aspects of the situation.

I love the Sisters of Loretto. I will always consider myself a member of the family in affection and in responsibility. I am grateful to you and to Sister Rose Maureen and I continue to trust that you will allow me to discharge my responsibilities according to my conscience. I know that if and when you decide to relieve me of the presidency, you will let me know your reasons. Because this is so important to me, I hope you would see fit to put them in writing.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Sister Jacqueline Grennan, S.L.

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