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AN ACT RESPECTING UNIVERSITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY THE PRÊTRES DE SAINT-SULPICE DE MONTRÉAL

WHEREAS the Prêtres de Saint-Sulpice de Montréal have since 1840 been devoted to the work of the Grand Séminaire de Montréal which they founded, for the training of future priests ;

Whereas in 1977, the Prêtres de Saint-Sulpice de Montréal established a theological training centre with a view to pursuing the historic mission of the Grand Séminaire by providing higher education in the ecclesiastical sciences ;

Whereas on 4 July 1979, the Pontifical University of Latran recognized the theological training centre of the Grand Séminaire by awarding it an affiliation ;

Whereas on 16 December 1988, the Institut de formation théologique de Montréal was created by the Congregation for Catholic Education for the purpose of continuing the activities of the theological training centre of the Grand Séminaire ;

Whereas the Institut de formation théologique de Montréal, under the aegis of the Prêtres de Saint-Sulpice, offers programs of higher education, including certain university education programs, in the ecclesiastical sciences ;

Whereas those education programs lead to diplomas which are recognized by the Pontifical University of Latran and the Congregation for Catholic Education ;

Whereas the Minister of Education has recognized those education programs, in particular within the scope of the loans and bursaries program ;

Whereas the institute fulfils a unique mission in the field of higher education in Québec ;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. The Prêtres de Saint-Sulpice de Montréal are authorized to provide university education programs and to confer degrees, diplomas, certificates or other attestations of university studies in the ecclesiastical sciences.
2. This Act comes into force on 20 June 1998.