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**EXHIBIT: #IX.E.**

**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Stephen L. Bowen, Commissioner\*

**DATE:** May 9, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Team Members to Review the Request from Loyola University, located in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Renew Authorization to Offer Its Graduate Level Academic Credit Programs in Maine

**BACKGROUND:** 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that the State Board of Education may approve an application from a postsecondary educational institution located outside the State of Maine to offer within the state courses or programs for academic credit. Officials from Loyola University of New Orleans, Louisiana, through collaboration with and sponsorship by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Maine, have requested renewal of prior authorization to offer the Master of Pastoral Studies (M.P.S.) and the Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) degrees as well as certificate programs in both of these areas within the State of Maine. Loyola University received prior authorization by the Board to offer these programs in Maine from 1994 through 1997. Subsequently, the Board approved Loyola University in New Orleans to offer these degree programs from spring 2007 through spring 2010. As there will be a physical presence in Maine the current request requires approval by the State Board of Education.

The Loyola University request will be reviewed in accordance with the rules established by the Board and evaluated through the use of standards adopted by the Board. Potential review team members have been selected for the State Board's consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept the list of proposed team members to review the Loyola University application to continue to offer in Maine programs leading to the completion of requirements for the degrees of Master of Pastoral Studies and the Master of Religious Education. The review team will meet with the applicant at a Maine location in mid-June, 2012.

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Review Team Membership

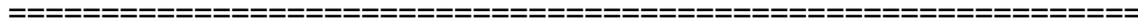
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