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October 16, 2013

This letter was sent individually to each Catholic bishop in the United States. 132 Catholic professors signed the letter.

Your Excellency:

We are Catholic scholars who have taught for years in America's colleges and universities. Most of us have done so for decades. A few of us have completed our time in the classroom; we are professors "emeriti." We have all tried throughout our careers to put our intellectual gifts at the service of Christ and His Church. Most of us are parents, too, who have seen to our children's education, much of it in Catholic schools. We are all personally and professionally devoted to Catholic education in America.

For these reasons we take this extraordinary step of addressing each of America's Catholic bishops about the "Common Core" national reform of K-12 schooling. Over one hundred dioceses and archdioceses have decided since 2010 to implement the Common Core. We believe that, notwithstanding the good intentions of those who made these decisions, Common Core was approved too hastily and with inadequate consideration of how it would change the character and curriculum of our nation's Catholic schools. We believe that implementing Common Core would be a grave disservice to Catholic education in America.

In fact, we are convinced that Common Core is so deeply flawed that it should not be adopted by Catholic schools which have yet to approve it, and that those schools which have already endorsed it should seek an orderly withdrawal now.

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We've discussed <u>this</u> Constitution. And <u>this</u> Constitution, in Article 6. And the Declaration of Independence as being Constitutionally <u>"Out-of-order"</u>. Serving as preamble to Hamiltons second constitution.

We discussed the "<u>so-called</u>" Perfect Union, (as having been <u>inceived</u> prior to the perfect union) birthing a sub-version constitutionally, an Evil "thereof" as a water jurisdiction.

The Declaration of Independence says this Perfect Union is a Conjured Union.

A conjured Union, Absolved of all allegiance.

(absolved) Free to take on any form, as an enemy of mankind.

Free to levy war. As Declared.

As Mankind is to suffer.

Placing those it governs, in bondage as *Qualification Requisite*, as enumerated from Article 1 section 2. Taking liberty, property and life in the 14th Amendment.

The Declaration claims Evil is Devine.

And Devine is claimed as Sacred in Declaration.

(This topsy-turvey of a cross) this Declaration, (this disarray) Our Constitution, is in/of "itself", a High Seas act of war.

Our government has Constitutionally Built-up/orchestrated a humanitarian crisis.

A position from which to govern from "absolutely" in all powers of Absolute!

Treason is seen in all levels of government, Levied by the water District, in Article 3 section 3.

The depth of this political deception and the <u>false</u> grounds upon which it actually stands, shall be encompassed by its own sedition!

No escape shall be provided for any body politic of such undertaking.

No relief shall be granted to any counsel of such devise.

All constitutional stakes on this Declaration shall fall.

No bond of such will yield.

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Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare. That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved, and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which

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