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Dear Parishioner

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, ...” Those words, taken directly from the *Declaration of Independence*, were not only the driving force that helped lead “we the people” to establish the United States, but they have also been the force that has driven millions of people to her shores; many of whom continue to make Freeport and Our Holy Redeemer their home.

The Catholic Church not only played a role in *securing* these inalienable Rights for our fellow Americans, but over the centuries, she has played an even greater role in *preserving* them! This she does specifically at the Altar of our churches and in the classrooms of our schools. In the classroom, American citizens are taught the self-evident truths identified in the *Declaration of Independence*, and at the Altar, American citizens are nourished to bear witness to those truths as members of the Federal, State, and Local governments!

A short while ago, people from California to the New York Island, from the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream waters exercised their inalienable Rights during their celebration of Independence Day. If you can be counted amongst them then please, if you haven’t done so already, consider making a pledge to this year’s ***Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)***. Your support will help to keep our churches and schools open and to ensure a future where children in America will not only *learn* about self-evident truths, but your pledge will help *preserve* a future where those truths will keep Americans free!

All for the Greater Glory of God,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Arcoles".

Rev. Father Douglas R. Arcoles
Pastor