



Office of the President

3211 FOURTH STREET NE • WASHINGTON DC 20017-1194 • 202-541-3100 • FAX 202-541-3166

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of New York
President

June 21, 2012

Mr. John Hunt
Executive Director
Legatus
5072 Annunciation Circle, Suite 202
Ave Maria, Florida 34142

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter expressing support for the work of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in defense of religious freedom. I am especially encouraged to hear of your efforts to pursue litigation through the *Thomas More Law Center*.

Your particular voice in defense of the business owner is a unique and important part of the efforts to defend long-held rights of conscience for institutions and individuals. Since the debate over the HHS Preventive Services mandate began in earnest back in January we have heard quite a bit about the institutional threats the Church faces, but it is good to be reminded that individuals will also be affected by the odious regulations being imposed by the Administration. Your witness to the fundamental right to religious freedom provides a sign to our secular culture that men and women of faith will not be silenced.

Thank you for your commitment to the rights of conscience and please be assured of my prayers in your efforts.

Faithfully in Christ,

- + Tim. Card. Dolan

Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York
President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops