

Congregation of Catholic Education

Rome, December 13, 2013

Prot. N. 504/2013

Dear Counsel,

It is by means of this letter that this Congregation would like to respond to the appeal that you submitted on behalf of Mr. Thomas McKenna and Mr. Charles Li Mandri against the decision taken by Msgr. Robert Brom, Bishop of San Diego, regarding the University of San Diego in California and a "drag" show that took place there.

As it has already been communicated to you in our letters of July 30th and October 15th, this Congregation thought it opportune to avail itself of recommendations of its own counsel who is an expert in the matter. In light of the opinion that was reached by said expert, this Congregation hereby clarifies as follows:

- 1) Your appeal on behalf of Mr. McKenna and Mr. Li Mandri lacks "standing" in order for this process to move forward against the said University.
- 2) That said, in view of the gravity of the case, it is worth mentioning that in light of the show and the scandal that it caused, this congregation intends to act through administrative channels to the competent ecclesiastical authority in San Diego.

We would like to take this occasion to extend to you our esteem and consideration, and we remain,

Sincerely yours,

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