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NEW AMERICAN HISTORY TEXTBOOK FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS NOW IN PRINT VERSION

Catholic Textbook Project, the premiere publisher of history and social studies textbooks for Catholic schools, today announced its popular high school history book, *Lands of Hope and Promise*, will be available in beautiful, full-color, hard-cover version for use in classrooms this Fall.

This textbook volume includes the history of North America from the landing of Columbus in 1492 to the late 20th century. It tells the story of the French, Spanish, Dutch, Russian, and English settlements, and of the native peoples and cultures with which these settlers interacted. Not only does *Lands of Hope and Promise* tell the secular history found in standard textbooks, it also includes significant historical contributions and faith-based principles of Catholic religious orders, communities and individual Catholic men and women along the way. End-of-chapter reviews and other material highlight dates and events, characters in history, and definitions of key terms.

“Lands of Hope and Promise has been out as an e-book for more than two years,” says Michael Van Hecke, M.Ed., president and founder of the Catholic Textbook Project non-profit publishing company. “Although many liked having the e-version for high school students, we also received an overwhelming number of requests for a hard-cover version of this textbook. So, we are very happy to announce this print version.”

Catholic Textbook Project’s History/Social Studies textbook series for grade range 5-12 has become an increasingly popular choice by school principals and educators nationwide. The series is now used in Catholic schools in more than 50 dioceses. According to Mr. Van Hecke,

rigorous historical accuracy, a superior writing style that engages student interest, and inclusion of significant Catholic historical contributions are key reasons given for the publisher's accelerated growth.

The Catholic Textbook Project textbooks currently publish a five-volume series includes *From Sea to Shining Sea: The Story of America*, *All Ye Lands: World Cultures and Geography*, *Light to the Nations I: The History of Christian Civilization*, *Light to the Nations II: The Making of the Modern World*, and *Lands of Hope and Promise: A History of North America*. Highly praised teacher manuals and student workbooks are available for each of the elementary and middle-school volume. Development of four additional volumes, suitable for grades 1-4, is set to begin as soon as funding is complete.

To learn about the publisher's new payment options, go to the Contact Us page of the website (www.CatholicTextbookProject.com or call 1.888.610.3354.

About Catholic Textbook Project. Founded by a headmaster who was unable to find good history/social studies textbooks for his students, and unable to convince existing Catholic publishers to produce such textbooks, Michael Van Hecke, M.Ed., culled a select group of scholars, professors, educators, editors and book designers and launched Catholic Textbook Project (a 501c3 nonprofit). These history/social studies textbooks are the first to be published for Catholic schools in more than 50 years. For more information or to explore the textbooks, go to <http://www.CatholicTextbookProject.com>.