

HUGH ALOYSIUS DONOHOE

Hugh Aloysius Donohoe, a Past President of our Saint Thomas More Society, is a devoted husband, father, Catholic layman, and lawyer. He is the grandson of Irish immigrants, and a native of San Francisco. Hugh was baptized at St. Gabriel Parish in May 1950, and attended St. Cecilia Grammar School. He went on to graduate from St. Joseph's High School Seminary in 1968 and St. Patrick's College Seminary in 1972, and was awarded a scholarship to North American University in Rome, Italy.

In 1973, Hugh turned to the study of law, beginning at Santa Clara University. Three years later, after returning to his home City, Hugh was awarded the degree of Juris Doctor by the University of San Francisco School of Law in 1976. The year before embarking on his legal career, Hugh married Eileen Nevin. They became the parents of Meaghan Siobhan (Mrs. James Shea), Kevin Patrick and Seamus Edward, and are now the adoring grandparents of Liam Thomas Shea.

Throughout his life, Hugh has tirelessly served the people of the Archdiocese -- as a counselor for the St. Patrick's South of Market Summer Camp, the Sunshine and CYO Camps in Sonoma County, the Search Retreats, and the Teen Club at East Palo Alto's St. Francis of Assisi Parish; as Youth Program Coordinator and as Liturgical Musician for the Archdiocesan Communications Center; and as a youth basketball, baseball and soccer coach. He was instrumental in the development of the Durocher Center and Tinney Computer Lab at St. Cecilia's School. Hugh completed the Archdiocesan School of Pastoral Leadership and today serves as the Children's Liturgy Guitarist for Saint Anne's Parish.

As a member of the State Bar of California since 1976, Hugh served San Francisco as an Assistant District Attorney for over fifteen years, specializing in vice, narcotics, and juvenile prosecution and restorative justice programs. Hugh went on to a new chapter in his legal career as a civil litigator for many prominent San Francisco law firms. In 2002, Hugh joined the San Francisco office of Ropers, Majeski, Kohn and Bentley where he continues to apply his experienced hand to the resolution of legal problems of every kind and nature. In addition to the demands of his law practice, Hugh has returned to the University of San Francisco where he has been appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the Law Enforcement Leadership Program.

Hugh Donohoe has been named the recipient of San Francisco's 2010 Saint Thomas More Award because he is an example for all. His quiet competence, his respect for the truth and sense of justice, and his genuine humility always shine forth whether he is arguing a difficult case, counseling a teenager, or applying touch up paint to a parish schoolyard. On the occasion of the Forty-Second Red Mass, the Saint Thomas More Society recalls the commitment of its Patron Saint to his Church, his family, and the just laws of man by expressing gratitude for the inspirational life of service of California lawyer Hugh Donohoe.