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REV. JOSE CHAVARIN, J.C.L., *Chaplain*

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Dear Colleagues,

Last month we were treated to a wonderful and extremely interesting presentation by Jeffrey Lena on his role in defending certain cases brought in the United States against The Holy See and the Holy Father. We gained very valuable insight into the types of cases he handles and of the issues of foreign law and the foreign sovereign nation and head of state immunities. One topic that left a considerable impression was Mr. Lena's discussion and explanation of the service of process and head of state immunity arguments he makes on behalf of the Vatican and the Pope as being parallel to the very same rights the United States demands of foreign countries for itself. The presentation was instructive, extremely interesting and very enjoyable.

We are proud to announce that Society member e. bob wallach was recently selected to be inducted in the State Bar of California Litigation Section Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame and to receive the 2006 Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame Award. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to bob for this impressive achievement honoring his exemplary career.

Our next luncheon is on **Thursday, April 20, 2006**, with Mr. Andrew Galvan— San Francisco historian and curator of Mission San Francisco de Asis, or more commonly known as Mission Dolores, speaking to us about the California Missions. Mr. Galvan has over 20 years of experience in cultural resources management, specializing in handling Native American Indian concerns regarding archaeology. He will speak to us about the California Missions and he will touch on separation of church and state issues as well as his involvement in the canonization process for Father Junipero Serra. We are extremely fortunate that he is able to join us. So mark your calendars for Thursday, April 20. The luncheon begins at noon and is in our regular location at the Carnelian Room, 52nd Floor, 555 California Street, San Francisco.

Annual Chrism Mass. All members are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Niederauer at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Tuesday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m.** This is a very important and beautiful liturgy in the life of our Archdiocese, celebrated each year on Tuesday of Holy Week. During the Mass, the Holy Oils used in sacramental celebrations throughout the coming year, including oils used in the Anointing of the Sick, and in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders, will be blessed. We encourage everyone to attend this very special Mass on Tuesday, April 11.

Hummm—Baby...!! The San Francisco Giants' 2006 season is upon us. We are in the process of organizing a St. Thomas More Society group outing to a Giants game. **Please contact me if your firm or anyone you know has a Giants suite they would be willing to rent to us.** Otherwise we will just get seats in either the upper reserve or the bleachers section. This promises to be a really fun event for the Society. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

We wish everyone a very peaceful Holy Week and a joyous Easter celebration on Sunday, April 16, 2006.

As always, we invite you to check for information about the Society and our upcoming events on our website: www.stthomasmore-sf.org

I very much look forward to seeing you at our April luncheon.

Sincerely,



Stacy K. Stecher
President

Please reserve _____ places at \$35 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on Thursday, April 20, 2006. My check, payable to the St. Thomas More Society, for \$_____ is enclosed.

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I would like to sponsor a law student, today's speaker or our chaplain. Enclosed is an additional \$_____.

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