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April 2, 2008

Dear Members and Friends:

With great anticipation, we await the arrival later this month of Pope Benedict XVI on his Apostolic Journey to the United States. Although he will not visit the west coast, he will celebrate Mass at the Washington Nationals Stadium, St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, and Yankee Stadium. Given their poor showing in 2007, the Yankees are probably in need of some divine intervention as baseball season gets underway. The Holy Father's itinerary is available on the Vatican's website, which will also be updated to include the text of his speeches and homilies, at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/travels/2008/index_stati-uniti_en.htm.

Professor Raymond Dennehy, Ph.D. of USF treated us to an entertaining and enlightening talk during our March luncheon. With a mix of humor, historical perspective and commentary on current events, Professor Dennehy spoke eloquently about the clash between modern-day notions of freedom and morality and the need for parents and the clergy to take a greater role in addressing current issues from a moral perspective. We thank Professor Dennehy for his graciousness in addressing our Society.

Our next luncheon is on **Thursday April 17, 2008** at the Banker's Club. Our speaker will be Father James Kairu. Father Kairu is a native of Kenya and a resident at St. David Parish in Richmond while studying at the Jesuit School of Theology. Following a disputed December 2007 election, Kenya erupted in violence as underlying tribal tensions re-ignited. Hundreds have been killed and over 250,000 were forced to flee their homes for refuge, including Father Kairu's family. Father Kairu is completing his master's thesis on the need for Biblical conversion, and what that might look like in Kenya. Please join us for what will surely be a moving discussion of the recent events in Kenya as well as the prospect for peace.

On **May 15**, we will welcome California Supreme Court Justice Ming W. Chin, always an engaging and thoughtful speaker, as our luncheon speaker.

Some members have already expressed an interest in attending this luncheon. In order to determine whether a larger room at the Banker's Club should be reserved, please let us know whether you plan on attending the May 15th luncheon by e-mailing Gregory Schopf at gschopf@nixonpeabody.com at your earliest convenience.

Please remember to visit our website at <http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org/> for current Society newsletters, announcements, schedules of events and further information.

In Peace,



Terrence J. Coleman

ST. THOMAS MORE MARCH LUNCHEON RESERVATION

*****Please RSVP by 4/14/08*****

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Luncheon, at Noon on April 17, 2008, at the Carnelian Room, 52nd Floor, Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, San Francisco, CA.

Please reserve _____ places at **\$45** per person (over 10 years in practice) or **\$38** per person, (**\$20** for law students and clergy) for the Society luncheon. I would like to sponsor a law student, luncheon speaker or pastor for the additional amount included of \$_____. My check payable to St. Thomas More Society, for \$_____ is enclosed.

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