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

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Dear Colleagues,

Last month we were treated to a fabulous presentation by a panel of speakers: Justice Joanne Parrilli, Dean Jeff Brand and Rabbi Helen Cohn, who spoke to us about the truly outstanding curriculum they provide to USF law students. I think the consensus of those who attended the luncheon is that we wish we had such a Prayer and Meditation class available to us when we were in law school. It was a wonderful way to kick off the year, and we owe a debt of gratitude to our three speakers for sharing their time with us and providing such an inspirational and enjoyable discussion.

Our next luncheon is on **Thursday, February 16, 2006**, with Mr. Edward "Ned" Dolejsi—the executive director for the California Catholic Conference (CCC)—speaking to us. CCC is the Catholic Church's public policy organization that represents the Bishops on legislation and social issues. Mr. Dolejsi will be speaking to us on Religious Freedom and the CCC's current lobbying efforts in California. This promises to be a very fascinating, informative presentation. The luncheon begins at noon and is in our regular location at the Carnelian Room, 555 California Street, San Francisco.

In March, our speaker will be Mr. Jeffrey Lena, the U.S. attorney for Pope Benedict XVI and the Vatican. Mr. Lena is also an expert in foreign law and the law of The Holy See. We are very fortunate that he is able to join us in March. So mark your calendars for Thursday, March 16, 2006.

And then in April, we will have as our speaker Mr. Andrew Galvan—San Francisco historian and curator of Mission San Francisco de Asis, or more commonly known as Mission Dolores. 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 as well as his involvement in the canonization of Fr. Junipero Serra. Lunch will be on Thursday, April 20, 2006.

**Membership Rosters.** Your wait for your St. Thomas More Membership Roster is over. We are scheduled to distribute the Membership Roster to you in March. Please make sure you contact me or our Treasurer, Tom Reed, (**\* by March 1 \***) if there have been any recent (in the last year) changes to your contact information.

A reminder that it is time to send in your annual membership dues. Our annual membership fee is \$50, \$25 if you have been in practice less than three years, and \$10 if you are a law student. For those of you receiving this newsletter via hard copy, you will find a membership dues envelope enclosed herewith. Everyone should send their membership renewal to our new Treasurer Tom Reed at the address below. If you know of anyone to invite to become a new member of our Society, please have them contact me or direct them to our membership application on our website: [www.stthomasmore-sf.org](http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org)

We invite you to check for information about the Society and our upcoming events on our website listed above.

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

Sincerely,



Stacy K. Stecher  
President

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$35 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on Thursday, February 16, 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please reserve for February's Luncheon by Monday, February 13, 2006.**