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Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Thanks to the kids and staff of De Marillac Academy and an energetic turnout by our members, 2015 is off to a terrific start.

January Luncheon Re-Cap

Our January lunch was an on-campus affair at De Marillac Academy in the Tenderloin. We were treated to student-led tours of the school followed by an inspirational presentation by Mike Daniels, De Marillac's President and CEO, who spoke about De Marillac's history and mission. For those of you who missed it, be sure to check out this short but moving video about De Marillac: <https://www.demarillac.org/rise/>. Mike and Tony Phillips, our liaison with De Marillac, described the several volunteer opportunities available through our service partnership with the school. See below for more information about our Service Project.

February Luncheon

For our next lunch on February 19, we'll be back at The Family Club. Our lunch speaker will be Fr. Thomas Massaro, S.J., Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. The Lunch Reservation Form is attached to this letter, and you should already have received an Evite for the luncheon. You can RSVP through the Evite or return the Lunch Reservation Form to our Treasurer, Andes Orphanopoulos. We ask that you make your reservations in advance, with payment if possible, as this permits an accurate headcount for lunch and greatly assists with our planning. Note that Evite now gives you the option to pay using PayPal. If you don't have a PayPal account, you can set one up in minutes. If you RSVP

but later determine you cannot attend, please let us know at least 48 hours in advance so we can cancel your lunch order. Please join us – and bring a prospective new member (for free).

Brown Bag Lenten Series

Please join us this Lent as our former President and St. Thomas More Award Laureate Don Carroll leads a brown-bag lunch series on the Passion Narratives in the four Gospels. Lent is a time for introspection not to see how bad we can make ourselves feel but rather to see what God has already done for us in the person of Jesus. How can we relate what we experience in our own deepest fears - our own Gardens of Gethsemane – to the example that Jesus set? Don has had an avocation in Scripture since he left St. Patrick's Seminary before pursuing the law, and he will be leading this series, which has been a member favorite, again this year. Set aside an hour from your day as Don leads us on an examination of the themes in the Gospel Narratives of Jesus' passion and death.

The sessions begin on Wednesday, February 25, and will be held each Wednesday through March 25 at Kelly, Hockel & Klein, 44 Montgomery, Suite 1500, San Francisco. (Thank you, Tom Hockel.) The sessions begin at noon, so bring your lunch. They will end promptly at 1:00 p.m. The program is free, and you may attend as many sessions as you wish.

Service Project with De Marillac Academy

Our Service Project with De Marillac Academy offers a variety of opportunities to work with De Marillac and its students, from regular tutoring and reading, to inviting the kids to tour your work place, to participating in the enrichment class that our members will be leading in the spring semester – or create a volunteer opportunity that fits with your interests and schedule. Join your fellow members in what promises to be a fun and enriching experience. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Tony Phillips at adphillips@dons.usfca.edu.

Mentor Program

Our Mentor Program matches law students and younger lawyers with more experienced attorneys who share practice and other interests. If you would like to participate as a mentor or mentee, please indicate your interest on the Membership Application. You can also contact Laura Vartain Horn at lvartain@gmail.com if you have questions about the program or would like to participate.

Retreat for Members of the Legal Profession

Our friends at the St. Thomas More Society of Santa Clara County are sponsoring the 32nd Annual Retreat for Members of the Legal Profession on March 6-8 at El Retiro San Inigo in Los Altos. The silent retreat will be led by Fr. Mike Moynahan, S.J., who has taught theology at both Santa Clara and Gonzaga Universities and is currently the Pastor at St. Ignatius Church in Sacramento. A number of our members have been regular attendees of the retreat and speak highly of it. Cost for the weekend retreat is \$280. To register or for more information, visit El Retiro's website at www.elretiro.org.

Congratulations, Sr. Tara Clemens!

Several years ago we heard from Tara Clemens, a lawyer in the Pacific Northwest who after completing law school felt the call to join the cloistered Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park. Before she could join, however, she needed to retire her law school debt – no small miracle. Thanks to the Laboure Society (and generous support from some of our members), last fall Tara was able to realize her vocation and began her postulancy at Corpus Christi. She asked to express her gratitude for your prayers and financial support.

2015 Dues

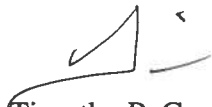
The 2015 Membership Form is attached to this letter and may be used to pay your dues and to update membership records. We lowered our membership rates in 2014 and will maintain those rates this year. Annual dues for 2015 are \$75.00 for attorneys with five years or more of practice and \$25.00 for retired attorneys and those with fewer than five years of practice. Law student membership is free. Your dues are essential to the Society and enable us to fund events, attract quality speakers, and award scholarships, so please get them in.

We are continuing our efforts to attract new members, particularly among younger lawyers, and we encourage you to help us recruit new members to join the Society. Feel free to start by forwarding this newsletter to someone you think may be interested in joining. Remember that lunch is free for prospective members, so bring along a colleague, a friend, a parishioner, or even opposing counsel.

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We welcome your input, so if you have any questions, comments, or ideas for the Society, please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy P. Crudo
President

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY FEBRUARY 2014 LUNCHEON RESERVATION
The Family Club
545 Powell Street at Bush Street

Please use this Form to reserve your spot at the luncheon and to make payment.

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at 12:00 noon on February 19, 2014, at The Family Club.

Please reserve ___ place(s) at \$49 per person (10 years or more in practice).

Please reserve ___ place(s) at \$39 per person (10 years or fewer in practice).

Please reserve ___ place(s) at \$24 per person (law students and clergy).

There is no charge for pastors or first-time prospective members of the Society.

Member Name: _____

Member e-mail: _____

Names of other attendees for whom payment is submitted:

I am bringing the following potential member as a Guest of the Society (no charge):

I would like to sponsor one or more law students or members of the clergy at \$24 per person and include \$___ in my check for this purpose.

The total amount of my enclosed check is \$_____.

Please make checks payable to the "St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco. If you RSVP and cannot attend, please let us know in advance. Cancellations on less than 48 hours cannot be reimbursed.

Please return this form and your check to our Treasurer:

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**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO
2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

*Use this form to pay your annual dues and update your membership record.
New members may use this form to join the Society.*

Name: _____

Firm, Company, Court, or School: _____

Area(s) of Practice: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Year Admitted to Bar: _____ **Retired from Practice?** _____

Law Student? _____ **Note: Law students membership is free.**

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