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February 8, 2017

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

As I have read the news over the last few weeks, I have often felt overwhelmed and disheartened. Regardless of your political views, there is no question that this is a challenging and important time in our nation's history. As followers of Christ and as participants in the legal system, we have a particular calling to be a source of light and hope and advocates for justice and compassion.

To that end, the Society is pleased to have secured speakers for our upcoming lunches that can help us reflect on some of the most significant issues currently facing our country. As discussed in detail below, the speaker at our February lunch will be Dr. Clarence Jones, who fought for civil rights alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and who will address the state of civil rights in our nation today. Then, in March, our own Dean John Trasvina of the University of San Francisco School of Law will provide timely insight into current immigration issues from both a legal and social justice perspective. In addition, we will be offering a series of Lenten lunchtime reflections during the month of March.

Please join us for some or all of these special events, and bring a friend or colleague!

# **February Lunch**

Our next first lunch will be held on February 16. Our speaker will be Dr. Clarence Jones. Dr. Jones is a true civil rights hero. Among other things, he served as counsel and speechwriter for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from 1960 to 1968. He coordinated the legal defense of Dr. King and other leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in precedent-setting litigation, and assisted Dr. King in drafting his celebrated "I Have A Dream" speech that he delivered at the March on Washington, August 28, 1963. Dr. Jones will speak to us about his work with Dr.

King and about the ongoing struggle for civil rights in America. His presentation is sure to be timely and inspirational. Please feel free to invite friends and colleagues who you think would be interested in this event.

We expect attendance to be high at this event. Please RSVP either by submitting the attached form, responding by Evite or simply emailing our treasurer, Andres Orphanopoulos at <a href="mailto:orphanopoulos@gmail.com">orphanopoulos@gmail.com</a>.

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017; 12:00 noon

Place: The Family Club, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco

Cost: \$52 (lawyers with 10 years or more in practice), \$42 (less than

10 years in practice), \$25 (law students and clergy) There is no

cost for first time prospective members of the Society.

Speaker: Dr. Clarence Jones

# **March Lunch**

Please also mark your calendars for our March 16 lunch with another very special and timely speaker. John Trasviña, Dean of the University of San Francisco School of Law, will discuss immigration issues in the Trump administration, including the concept of Sanctuary Cities and the University of San Francisco's efforts to assist immigrants as a Jesuit institution.

#### **Lenten Series**

We are pleased to announce that our former President and Awardee, Don Carroll, will once again lead a series of luncheon studies and reflections during the Lenten season. The theme will be: Lent with John the Evangelist: the Book of Signs. The "signs" in John's Gospel are certain acts of Jesus (some of which we would call miracles) whose purpose was the revelation of who Jesus was and is.

Dates: March 7, 14, 21 and 28

Time: 12:00-1:00

Location: Farella, Braun + Martel: 235 Montgomery Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor.

This is a brown-bag (bring your own) lunch, and there is no fee. Contact me if you wish to attend, or simply show up. All are welcome.

# **Annual Judges and Lawyers Retreat**

The Santa Clara County St. Thomas More Society would like to invite all interested judges and lawyers to their annual retreat. It is being held this year from Friday, March 3 at 4:00

p.m. to Sunday, March 5 at 12:00. The location is the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos. This retreat will be led by Fr. Mark Ravizza, S.J. Several members of our Society have attended this retreat in the past and recommend it. Information and registration is available at <a href="https://www.jrclosaltos.org">www.jrclosaltos.org</a>.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions for the Society.

Blessings,

Karen Kimmey

President

# ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY FEBRUARY 2017 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

# THE FAMILY CLUB

# 545 Powell Street, San Francisco

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 16, 2017, at The Family Club, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco

Please reserve places at \$52 per person.
Please reserve places at \$42 per person (fewer than 10 years in practice).
Please reserve places at \$25 per person (law students and clergy).
No charge for pastors or first time guest visitors to 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):
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 send this form and checks to Treasurer:

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