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Dear Colleagues:

Happy New Year to all.

Let me begin by thanking Steve Walker for his hard work on behalf of the Society. Our monthly programs were innovative and exciting. We continued to offer our members social activities beyond the lunches and Red Mass: Happy hours, a Giant's outing, and a Sacred Spaces Tour. The Society has begun a website, which we hope to have functional within the first quarter of this year. Thank you, Steve, for a job well done.

We are also welcoming new members to our Executive Committee. They are Stephen M. Murphy, Chinhayi J. Coleman and Thoms B. Reed, Jr. In doing so, we say goodbye and thanks to Larry Parente and Catherine M. Kelly. We appreciate their hard work and service to the Society. Past president Linda A. Clardy also retires as a member of the Executive Committee. We will miss her wit and wisdom.

We begin this year with a luncheon presentation by John McGuckin, a past St. Thomas More Award recipient, who will be speaking on: "**The Forgotten Christians, a Lawyer's View of the Christian Community in the Holy Land**". The lunch is on **January 19, 2005 at Noon in the Banker's Club of the Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, San Francisco**. John is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulture of Jerusalem. He accompanied Archbishop Levada and others on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. His talk about what he experienced and observed, including what life is like for the Christians who presently live there, promises to be eye-opening. (Please note that January 19th is a **Wednesday**.)

Our speaker in February will be one of our newest Board members, Steve Murphy, who will be speaking on his observations from his recent visit to Vietnam. The lunch is on **February 17, 2005 at the Banker's Club at Noon**.

As always, we are in search of new and interesting speakers. If anyone has a suggestion, please e-mail me at gmannion@sbcglobal.net or contact one of the Board members. You can also call me at the number listed above.

This January marks the 150th Anniversary of Old St. Mary's Cathedral, the first California Cathedral. Many of you are familiar with Old St. Mary's Church as you attend weekday and holy days Mass at the Cathedral. Old St. Mary's Cathedral is also undergoing a critically needed renovation. The weekend of January 21-23, 2005 there will be three distinct celebrations/fundraisers for the Cathedral: 1. On Friday, a mid-day Mass honoring Police Chief Fong followed by lunch; 2. On Saturday, a Celebration Mass presided over by the Archbishop and Black Tie Gala Dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m.; and 3. On Sunday, a Parish carnival dedicated to the Parish family including a barbeque luncheon, games and prizes. If you are interested in attending one of these events, please contact Old St. Mary's Cathedral at (415) 288-3800. If you are not able to attend any of the celebrations but would like to make a donation toward the Cathedral's renovation, please send your tax deductible donations to Old St. Mary's Cathedral, 660 California Street, San Francisco, California 94108.

Finally, it is time to pay your dues for the new year. Enclosed please find a dues envelope. Please send it to our new treasurer Terry Coleman as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the lunches, special events and Red Mass.

Sincerely,



E. Gerard Mannion
President

Please reserve _____ places at \$30 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on January 19, 2005. My check, payable to the St. Thomas More Society, for _____ is enclosed.

Member Name: _____
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Enclosed is an additional _____**

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