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January 8, 2010

Dear Members and Friends of the St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco,

A new decade brings with it both challenges and opportunities for STMS. Based on the initial meeting this week of our newly elected Executive Committee, I am pleased to report that we are off to a great start. As you will see below, we have a leadership team brimming with enthusiasm, energy and creativity. For us, as members of STMS, whether as Judges, lawyers or law students, our continuing challenge is to work, with God's blessing, to strengthen and enlighten all servants of the law in our quest to achieve justice and freedom for all members of society.

LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

The following is our current line-up of luncheon speakers for our upcoming meetings:

January 26: Professor Cathleen Kaveny who teaches law and theology at Notre Dame in South Bend, has rearranged her schedule so that she can address us on the subject of "Law, Morality and the Culture Wars". In order to get her as our speaker, **we have changed the date of this meeting to Tuesday, January 26th.** Please mark your calendars and fill out the attached reservation form.

Please note: If you are unable to make our luncheon on January 26th, Dr. Kaveny will be speaking at an event hosted by the Catholic group at Stanford at the Vallambrosa Retreat House in Menlo Park on Sunday January 24th at 2 pm.

February 25: William Regan who is the Chair of the Western Region of the Knights of Malta (from Colorado to Hawaii) will address us on the activities of his organization.

March 25: Our member Stephen Lanctot will present a program about the Immaculate Conception Academy in the Mission - a high school which is following the Cristo Rey model.

April 22: Father Joseph Fessio, S.J., theologian at Ave Maria University in Florida, formerly at USF, will discuss Catholic Social Teaching as expressed in Pope Benedict XVI's third encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate* and perhaps the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI in general. This talk was arranged by Board member Tom Hockel.

May 27: Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, the new bishop of Oakland, will address us on the topic of Apostolic Signatura organization of the Roman Curia.

LENTEN SERIES

Once again this year, our former President Don Carroll will give a series of talks during Lent - this year on the subject of the parables in the Gospels. These meditations will be once again at Old St. Mary's on California Street, in Hecker Hall behind the Church, and will be given **at 12:00 noon** on the 6 Thursdays of Lent commencing on February 18th, the day after Ash Wednesday. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Those who heard Don's lectures last year on the Passion narratives were enthusiastic in their praise.

SERVICE PROJECT - ST. ANTHONY'S

Under the leadership of Board Member Tim Crudo, STMS is going to provide up to 10 volunteers at St. Anthony's Kitchen with our first date being Sunday February 7, from 9:30 am to 1:45 pm. If you would like to get involved and participate, please contact Tim at timothy.crudo@lw.com . This service project is an exciting first for STMS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Our September 23rd luncheon will again honor our past Presidents and past Awardees of the St. Thomas More Award. A special program is being coordinated by our Board members Justice Martin Jenkins and Justice Robert Dondero.

Our annual **Red Mass** is currently scheduled for October 21st (subject to the Archbishop's availability). We are also exploring the possibility of having a special Red Mass on August 8th during the annual ABA Convention which is coming to San Francisco this year.

Our November 18th luncheon will be another special luncheon at which we invite our pastors as our guests.

The December luncheon will feature the winner of our annual essay contest which is being coordinated and chaired this year by our immediate past President, Greg Schopf.

With dates yet to be announced, under the leadership of Board member Dean Jeff Brand and Father Donal Godfrey, S.J., we will be having a series of "Theology on Tap" gatherings at a favorite pub to engage in lively discussions of current topics.

In addition, we are exploring the possibility of having a Day of Recollection for our members. Two new members of our Executive Committee, Tom Lewellyn and Matt Graham are taking on this project.

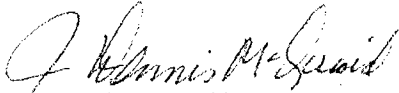
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Attached to this letter is our Membership Form. Please fill it out and remit your check for our annual dues, which are \$100 for active members, \$50 for retired members and for attorneys with less than 5 years of practice, and \$25 for law students. Since everyone is receiving this newsletter by e-mail, we do not

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have a convenient envelope attached, so **PLEASE, SEND IN YOUR DUES** or perhaps bring them with you to our luncheon on January 26.

Wishing everyone a Blessed New Year filled with Peace and Joy,



J. Dennis McQuaid
President
St. Thomas More Society

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Attachments: Membership Form
RSVP - January Luncheon

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____

Firm, Company or Court: _____

Street Address or P.O. Box: _____

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Telephone: _____

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Preferred Address for Society Mailings: Business _____ Home _____

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Please accompany this application with current dues. Annual dues are \$100 for attorneys over five (5) years in practice, \$50 for attorneys with five (5) years or less in practice and \$25 for law students. Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Society**.

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ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY JANUARY 26, 2010 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at **NOON** on **Tuesday, January 26, 2010** at The Family Club, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA (Corner of Bush and Powell).

Please reserve _____ places at \$45 per person (over 10 years in practice).

Please reserve _____ places at \$38 per person (10 years or less in practice).

Please reserve _____ places at \$20 per person (law students and clergy).

Member Name: _____

Member email: _____

Names of other attendees for whom payment is submitted:

_____ I would like to sponsor one or more law students or members of the clergy at \$20 per person and include \$_____ in my check for such purpose.

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

Please make checks payable to the "*St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco.*"

Please RSVP and send checks to:

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