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Dear Members and Friends,

The Saint Thomas More Society of San Francisco announces that the Honorable Carlos T. Bea, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit is the 2007 recipient of the Saint Thomas More Award. The award will be bestowed upon Justice Bea on October 18, 2007, during the Red Mass at Saints Peter and Paul's Church. Our annual banquet will followed at the Italian American Athletic Club. The Board and Society extend our congratulations to Justice Carlos Bea and to his family.

The American Bar Association will be holding its annual convention in San Francisco this summer. **On Sunday, August 12, 2007, The Society along with the Paulist Fathers will host a Red Mass at Old Saint Mary's Cathedral at 8:30 a.m. for the members and honored judicial guests of the ABA.** We would like to have as many of the members possible attend this celebration. We need volunteers to greet the ABA attendees and serve refreshments at a post liturgy coffee social. Please R.S.V.P. if you will attend on the attached form as soon as possible.

The Society extends its appreciation to Father Robert J. Silva, Past Executive Director of the National Federation of Priests' Councils for his hope filled and inspiring liturgy and address on the feast day of Saint Thomas More. Father's homily and luncheon reflections on his story of 44 years of priestly service and leadership coinciding with the Second Vatican Council, Civil Rights and Farm Workers' movements, and the recent events affecting our Church's hierarchy and clergy were incisive, and challenging. We extend our prayers and our best wishes in support of his continued years of spiritual service to faithful of the Stockton diocese.

Enclosed you will find an invitation from the Archdiocese to participate in a "Needs Assessment" for the upgrade of the facilities and services of Saint Mary's Cathedral. After the tragic fire on Van Ness Ave. in 1962, archdiocesan catholics rallied in an unprecedented unifying experience that culminated in the planning, fund raising and construction of the new cathedral, an architectural gem, and liturgical centerpiece, hosting ordinations and consecrations, weddings and anniversaries, graduations and youth masses, celebrations and a visit by John Paul II. We encourage each of you to participate in this unique opportunity to be of service to the people of God of San Francisco.

I have also included an invitation from Notre Dame des Victoires to join in their Taize Candlelight Prayer and Meditation on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. As you can see from reprinted article, this is a wonderful opportunity to experience the healing and conciliatory power of quiet prayer. I encourage you to attend one of these services.

Please also calendar these scheduled fall events:

Nell Jessup Newton, Dean, Hastings College - September 20, 2007 Luncheon

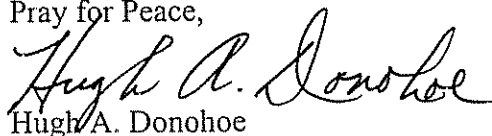
70th Annual Red Mass and Award Dinner - October 18, 2007

Pastors Luncheon - November 15, 2007

Christmas Luncheon and Essay Award - December 6, 2007

Please visit <http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org> for more Society calendar of events, announcements and photographs of Society programs.

Pray for Peace,



Hugh A. Donohoe

August 12, 2007 ABA - St. Thomas More Mass Reservation

I plan to attend the American Bar Association Red Mass at 8:30 a.m. at Old Saint Mary's Cathedral, 660 California Street at Grant Avenue, San Francisco.

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