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Dear Colleagues:

June is upon us and school will soon be out and vacations commence. Accordingly, after our luncheon this month we'll take a two-month break (although the board will continue its monthly meetings in anticipation of our seminal event: the October Red Mass). Hopefully this brings more time for leisure, including books and movies – apt subjects for our June speaker. (more below)

REV. JOSE CHAVARIN, J.C.L., *Chaplain*

We had an enjoyable STMS happy hour last month that attracted a broad range of members, from USF students to those of us who have, uh, been around awhile. We plan to have another event later in the year. Along the same lines, we are having “St. Thomas More Society Day” on Thursday, June 24th when Da Bums (as those of us who grew up Back East in the '50's knew them) come to SBC Park to take on our Giants. Game time is 4:05 p.m. and tix are \$25. For reservations, please contact Stacy Stecher at sstecher@tobinlaw.com or at (415) 433-1400.

We were treated to a fascinating discussion at our May lunch from Richard Spohn about his work during a three-year sabbatical in Guatemala. A significant part of this work involved a successful attempt to bring top Guatemala management and labor leaders together at a local Jesuit university for dialogue and training in resolving their labor disputes. Negotiations took place in an unaccustomed atmosphere of give-and-take resulting from a sincere effort to consider the viewpoint of the other side, a concept well-understood by us (derived from our Anglo-European roots) but not to those whose cultural approaches emanated from the Spanish tradition and its rejection of the Enlightenment.

Our luncheon speaker on June 17th will be Father Brian Joyce, pastor of Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill, a very dynamic speaker with a national reputation, on “*The Da Vinci Code* and Mel Gibson: Two Blockbusters and Our Catholic Beliefs”. (He drew 700 at a local presentation on *The Da Vinci Code*.) As usual, lunch will be at the Banker's Club on the 52nd floor of the Bank of America Building, 555 California Street. Please fill out and return the bottom of this letter to Hugh Donohoe by June 15, 2004. If you have questions, Hugh can be reached at (415) 274-6320 or hdonohoe@ropers.com.

We continue to encourage email receipt of the newsletter. Just let me know per my email address on the letterhead.

We will be issuing a new directory this year, hopefully just prior to the Red Mass. We would appreciate your providing your preferred mailing and email addresses, phone number and area of practice. You can complete the enclosed form and mail it to Hugh Donohoe per the postal address below or email the information per the email address above. Only paid-up members will receive the directory.

Earlier this year we distributed a survey to those attending one of our lunches to solicit ideas for various topics, including luncheon speakers and Red Mass honorees. We thought wider distribution would be appropriate, so we're enclosing the form with hope that you will take a few minutes to complete and return it to me by mail or email. Thanks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 17 – Father Brian Joyce, pastor of Christ the King Church in the East Bay, on “*The Da Vinci Code* and Mel Gibson: Two Blockbusters and Our Catholic Beliefs”.

June 22 – Feast Day of St. Thomas More

September 16 – Bishop Allen Vigneron, formerly of Detroit, on his new ministry in Oakland.

September 18 – Sacred Spaces Tour with Jean Molesky-Poz from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

October 21 – Red Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Church followed by dinner.

November 18 – Pastors' lunch; Dr. Brian Swimme, cosmologist, will speak.

December 8 – Mass and Christmas lunch

Sincerely,



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Please reserve _____ places at \$30 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on June 17, 2004. My check, payable to The St. Thomas More Society, for _____ is enclosed.

Member name _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail _____

*I'd like to sponsor a law student, today's speaker, or our chaplain.
Enclosed is an additional \$ _____*

Please reserve by June 15, 2004