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June 7, 2010

Dear Members,

Our speaker at our May Luncheon, Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of the Diocese of Oakland, gave us insights based on his personal experience into the complicated workings of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, the Church's highest canonical court in the Vatican and its important role in the governance of the Church. It was our privilege to meet this engaging and dynamic new leader of the Oakland Diocese and we are grateful to him for meeting with us.

## COMING EVENTS

At our June Luncheon, our speaker will be Father Jay Matthews, pastor of St. Benedict's Parish in Oakland. Father Matthews is a Catholic historian who will focus on the role the Catholic African-American Community in the Civil Rights movement, from the end of the Civil War until the middle of the 20th century. This event will be at noon on Thursday, June 17th, at the Family Club, corner of Bush and Powell Streets.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This talk will give those who attend 1 hour of MCLE credit eligible for your required hour of "Elimination of Bias." Please take advantage of this opportunity to attend this program which has been arranged by our Board member, Justice Martin Jenkins.

**Reminder:** If you know of a prospective member, you may bring such prospect to our luncheon as your guest at no charge.

## Future Speakers and Events:

- August 8 Special Red Mass at 9 a.m. and Reception following at St. Mary's Cathedral during the ABA Convention which is being held this year in San Francisco (contact Adrian Driscoll for information - [adriscoll@ropers.com](mailto:adriscoll@ropers.com) ).
- August 28 We are looking for 10 volunteers to help serve lunch at St. Anthony's Dining Room from 9:30 to 1:30. Please contact Tim Crudo ([Timothy.Crudo@lw.com](mailto:Timothy.Crudo@lw.com)) who initiated and continues to coordinate our service project at St. Anthony's.

- Sept. 23 Bishop William Justice, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco - at luncheon honoring our past St. Thomas More Award winners and Past Presidents (co-chairs Justice Robert Dondero and Justice Martin Jenkins - each of whom is a past St. Thomas More Award winner).
- Oct. 21 Our Annual Red Mass and Dinner: CHANGE OF LOCATION - This year's Red Mass will be held at the beautiful Church of Notre Dame des Victoires on Bush Street starting at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will follow at the Family Club at Bush and Powell. Parking is available across from the Church in the Sutter-Stockton Garage. The principal celebrant will again be Archbishop George Niederauer.
- Nov. 15 This will be a special luncheon on Monday (rather than Thursday to accommodate our speaker) at our annual Pastors Luncheon where every member is encouraged to invite your pastor or other parish priests as our guests. Our speaker will be the noted scholar and writer, Sister Sandra Schneiders of the Jesuit School of Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, who will address the role of and issues facing women religious in the United States today. This luncheon promises to be another highlight of our year.

Selection of the recipient for the St. Thomas More Award for 2010:

I am pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's award, by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, is an attorney with the law firm of Ropers Majeski Kohn and Bentley, is a dedicated parishioner of both St. Anne's parish (where he now lives) and of St. Cecilia's parish where he was raised and where his wife is a teacher in the parochial school, is the nephew of his namesake, former Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco and Bishop of Stockton (Bishop Hugh Donohoe), and is the former President of the St. Thomas More Society and one of our most inspirational leaders: Hugh Donohoe. The award will be presented to Hugh at this year's Red Mass.

Finally, please keep in your prayers the chaplain of our Society, Monsignor Labib Kobti of (fittingly) St. Thomas More Parish on Brotherhood Way in San Francisco. Msgr. Kobti is experiencing significant health problems that are requiring him to undergo frequent dialysis treatments. One of Msgr. Kobti's favorite prayers is the following:

***Prayer to St. Thomas More***

*Thomas More, counselor of law and statesman of integrity, merry martyr and most human of saints:*

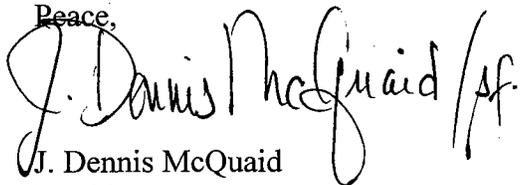
*Pray that, for the glory of God and in the pursuit of His justice, I may be trustworthy with confidences, keen in study, accurate in analysis, correct in conclusion, able in argument, loyal to clients, honest with all, courteous to adversaries, ever attentive to conscience. Sit with me at my desk and listen with me to*

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*my clients' tales. Read with me in my library and stand always beside me so that today I shall not, to win a point, lose my soul.*

*Pray that my family may find in me what yours found in you: friendship and courage, cheerfulness and charity, diligence in duties, counsel in adversity, patience in pain-their good servant, and God's first. Amen.*

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Dennis McQuaid /sf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "sf" at the end.

J. Dennis McQuaid  
President

Attachments: Father Jay Matthews Biography  
Membership Form  
RSVP - June Luncheon