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Regis Servus Dei Prius

June 4, 2015

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

June is the not just for dads and grads. It is also the month of our patron's feast day – June 22 – and what better way to celebrate than to join us on June 25 for our last monthly lunch before we take our summer break.

May Luncheon Re-Cap

The Honorable Jeffrey L. Bleich, of Munger Tolles & Olson LLP and former United States Ambassador to Australia, was a delightful guest speaker at our May lunch, where he discussed the role of an ambassador and the strategic and cultural importance of Australia and regaled us with personal anecdotes of his time as America's man Down Under. It was an honor to have such a gracious and accomplished attorney/diplomat share his thoughts with us.

June Luncheon

Our final lunch before we take our summer break will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015, and will feature Jennifer Lahl, President of The Center for Bioethics and Culture. The topic of her remarks will be "Assisted Reproductive Technology and the Ethics of the Modern Family." Jennifer began her career as a pediatric critical care nurse, hospital administrator, and senior-level nursing manager before founding the CBC, which focuses on the intersection of health and wellness; medicine, science and technology; and law and public policy around matters in bioethics. Jennifer wrote and directed the documentary film *Eggsploitation*, which was awarded Best Documentary by the California Independent Film Festival. Her latest film, *Breeders: A Subclass of Women?*, explores the ethics of third-party reproduction.

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The Lunch Reservation Form is attached to this letter, and you also will receive an Evite for the luncheon. You can RSVP through Evite or return the Lunch Reservation Form to our Treasurer, Andes Orphanopoulos. We ask that you make your reservations in advance, with payment if possible, as this permits an accurate headcount for lunch and greatly assists with our planning. Note that Evite now gives you the option to pay using PayPal or Venmo. You can easily set up a PayPal or Venmo account through paypal.com/webapps/mpp/account-setup or venmo.com/about/product.

If you RSVP but later determine you cannot attend, please let us know at least 48 hours in advance so we can cancel your lunch order. Please join us – and bring a prospective new member (for free).

Law Student News

Congratulations to all of our law student members who graduated this past month. We look forward to having you join us as regular members and continue to be involved in our programs in the years ahead. Best of luck on the upcoming bar exam.

Jesuit Prison Ministries Fundraiser

The Jesuit Prison Ministries, San Quentin Catholic Chaplaincy, along with the Archdiocese of San Francisco's Restorative Justice Ministry, is hosting a special evening with Fr. James Martin, S.J., author of the *New York Times* bestseller "Jesus, a Pilgrimage." The dinner event is Sunday, June 14, 2015, at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street, in San Francisco. Information about tickets and starting times can be found at www.JPMInc.org or by contracting 1-800-838-3006, williams.g@husky.neu.edu, or escobarj@sfarchdiocese.org

Mass at San Quentin

Members and friends of the Society are invited to join the congregation at San Quentin State Penitentiary for 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. The prison allows up to 10 visitors each Sunday, and advance clearance is required. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. George Williams, S.J., the prison's Catholic Chaplain, at least two weeks in advance. You will need to provide him with the full name, date of birth, social security number, and driver's license number for each visitor. You can reach Fr. Williams at george.williams.cdcr@ca.gov.

"For I was in prison, and you visited me." Mt. 25:35-46

Service Project with De Marillac Academy

With the end of the school year, the first semester of our Service Project with De Marillac Academy wraps up as well, and we are delighted with the project's progress. A number of our members tutored and mentored individual students regularly throughout the semester. In addition, 15 members and friends -- including representatives of the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, and the California judiciary --

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volunteered collectively to teach a class for De Marillac's Enrichment Program. In all, we put on eight sessions for the class on subjects that ran the gamut of legal practice from criminal and civil litigation in state and federal courts to discussions of practical and philosophical aspects of the law. The students were treated to visits of at the San Francisco Community Court in the Tenderloin, the California Attorney General's Office, and the First District Court of Appeals. A very big thank you to all of our members and friends who participated in the project over the course of the semester and helped to make it a success.

A very, very special thank you goes out to our liaison member, Tony Phillips, who worked closely with De Marillac and all of our volunteers and made sure that everything worked each and every week without a hitch. This project required a large commitment of time beginning before the start of the semester, and it could not have been done without Tony's energy and dedication.

Although the school year is at an end, there are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer during the summer and in the fall semester. If you are interested in participating, please contact Tony at adphillips@dons.usfca.edu.

Mentor Program

Our Mentor Program, which matches law students and younger lawyers with more experienced attorneys who share practice and other interests, is up and running. If you would like to participate as a mentor or mentee, please indicate your interest on the Membership Application. You can also contact Laura Vartain Horn at lvartain@gmail.com if you have questions about the program or would like to participate.

The Red Mass

It's never too early to mark your calendars for the Red Mass. Our tentative date this year is Thursday evening, October 22, 2015. The St. Thomas Award, which the Society presents each year to a community member who exemplifies the Society's goal of practicing the ideals of service and sacrifice in the pursuit of justice as reflected in the life and death of St. Thomas More, is bestowed at the Red Mass, which will be followed by our celebratory dinner. Keep your eyes on this space for confirmation of the date, time, and location of the Red Mass as well as the announcement of the St. Thomas Award winner.

2015 Dues

The 2015 Membership Form is attached to this letter and may be used to pay your dues and to update membership records. Annual dues for 2015 are \$75.00 for attorneys with five years or more of practice and \$25.00 for retired attorneys and those with fewer than five years of practice. Law student membership is free. Your dues are essential to the Society and enable us to fund events, attract quality speakers, and award scholarships, so please get them in. You can make your dues payment through PayPal or Venmo by following the links provided above.

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We are continuing our efforts to attract new members, particularly among younger lawyers, and we encourage you to help us recruit new members to join the Society. Feel free to start by forwarding this newsletter to someone you think may be interested in joining. Remember that lunch is free for prospective members, so bring along a colleague, a friend, a parishioner, or even opposing counsel.

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We welcome your input, so if you have any questions, comments, or ideas for the Society, please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Your good servant,



Timothy P. Crudo
President

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY JUNE 2015 LUNCHEON RESERVATION
The Family Club
545 Powell Street at Bush Street

Please use this Form to reserve your spot at the luncheon and to make payment.

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at 12:00 noon on June 25, 2015, at The Family Club.

Please reserve ___ place(s) at \$52 per person (10 years or more in practice).

Please reserve ___ place(s) at \$42 per person (fewer than 10 years in practice).

Please reserve ___ place(s) at \$25 per person (law students and clergy).

There is no charge for pastors or first-time prospective members of the Society.

Member Name: _____

Member e-mail: _____

Names of other attendees for whom payment is submitted:

I am bringing the following potential member as a guest of the Society (no charge):

I would like to sponsor one or more law students or members of the clergy at \$25 per person and include \$___ in my check for this purpose.

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

Please make checks payable to the "St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco." If you RSVP and cannot attend, please let us know in advance. The Society is charged for no-shows, so cancellations on less than 48 hours cannot be reimbursed.

Please return this form and your check to our Treasurer:

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**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO
2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

*Use this form to pay your annual dues and update your membership record.
New members may use this form to join the Society.*

Name: _____

Firm, Company, Court, or School: _____

Area(s) of Practice: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Year Admitted to Bar: _____ **Retired from Practice?** _____

Law Student? _____ **Note: Law students membership is free.**

Would you like to participate in our Mentor Program as a mentor or mentee? _____

Please accompany this application with your dues payment. Annual dues for 2015 are \$75.00 for attorneys with five years or more of practice and \$25.00 for retired attorneys and those with fewer than five years of practice. Law student membership is free. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Society.

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