

# St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco

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March 9, 2012

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Thanks to all of you who attended last month's lunch with San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee. It was a very interesting and informative talk.

## Thursday, March 29, 2012 Lunch

Our guest speaker will be Katie Short, one of the founders and currently the Legal Director of the Legal Life Defense Foundation, dedicated to protecting life of any age, particularly unborn children, and supporting their advocates in the nation's courtrooms. The LLDF has taken on many interesting and groundbreaking cases, including filing an amicus brief in the Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") on Free Exercise and First Amendment grounds, funding the Terri Schiavo case, and successfully challenging in the Ninth Circuit Oakland's "bubble law" restricting sidewalk counselors. Katie will speak on the legal work of the LLDF and some of its more interesting cases. Whatever your political persuasion, you will find Katie Short is a dynamic speaker you will not want to miss. MCLE credit will be available.

Lunch will be held at noon in the library at **The Family, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco** (corner of Bush and Powell). Parking is conveniently located nearby at the Sutter Stockton Garage or at Union Square.

A **Luncheon Reservation Form** is attached to this letter to make your reservation with our Treasurer. We ask that reservations be made in advance, as this greatly assists your Executive Committee and The Family staff to better serve you. *You do not have to be a member of the Society to attend our events.*

## **ANNUAL DUES**

The **2012 Membership Form** (also attached to this letter) may be used to pay your 2012 Dues and to update your membership records.

The 2012 Membership Form may also be used by new members to join the Society – feel free to copy it, email it, and pass it around!

## **DON CARROLL'S LENTEN SERIES**

Don Carroll is once again hosting a Lenten lecture series of four one hour talks held at noon on February 29, March 7, 14 and 21 at Kelly, Hockel & Klein, One Sansome Street, Suite 1800, San Francisco. The topic will be the parables of Jesus Christ. The parables represent the most direct, authentic teachings of Jesus about what the reign of God is like. We think we know the parables because we have heard them so often (the Prodigal Son, The Sower, the Good Samaritan, etc.). We really don't know them, however, until we understand them as the Jewish people of Jesus' time heard them. When we hear them from that perspective, the parables open up to challenge us personally to examine our deepest convictions about God, life, love, etc. We think you will find this a fitting way to participate in Lent and to prepare for Easter. Those who attended the first two sessions on the Prodigal Son and the Sower found the topics fascinating.

There is no charge. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. No advance registration is required. Please join us for one or more of these informative talks.

## **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

We will be hosting a Theology on Tap after work with Fr. Donal Godfrey S.J. and Board Members Isabelle Ord and Dean Jeff Brand on the topic of "miracles" on March 22, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Holding Company, 2 Embarcadero Center, Promenade Level, San Francisco. Come join us and quench your thirst for knowledge and libations at the same time. No advance registration is required.

## **SURVEY**

We wish to thank all of you who returned the survey. Your feedback was very useful.

## **RETREAT**

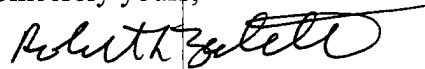
Please reserve the morning of April 14, 2012 for our annual retreat at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Further details to follow.

**USF ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY PANEL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The USF Law School St. Thomas More Society still is in need of volunteers to speak at two separate events they are sponsoring, one on the First Amendment and other legal issues associated with the Occupy Movement, and the second on the SAFE California Act Initiative to replace the Death Penalty with Life Without Parole. If anyone would be interested in participating as a panelist, or has leads on possible panelists, please contact Vivian Denise Valencia, [v.d.valencia@gmail.com](mailto:v.d.valencia@gmail.com) or Richard Burchett Jr., [reburchettjr@gmail.com](mailto:reburchettjr@gmail.com).

For the Executive Committee:

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Zaletel  
President

Enclosures:

2012 Membership Form  
March 2012 Luncheon Reservation Form

**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY MARCH 29, 2012 LUNCHEON RESERVATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at **12:00 noon** on **Thursday, March 29**, 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 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other attendees for whom payment is submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am bringing the following potential member as a Guest of the Society

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Assistant Treasurer:**

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**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
2012 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.*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Firm, Company or Court:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address or P.O. Box:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State and Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City, State and Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Address for Society Mailings:** Business \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

**Law Student?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Admitted to Bar:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Retired from Practice?** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Return application and check to:*  
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