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"After stumbling on the scaffold steps, runs one story, More told the executioner that he could use a hand when going up--but could manage for himself when coming down."

*From "The ambivalent heart: Thomas More's merry tales"
by Ann Lake Prescott, 2003*

Dear Friends,

Luncheons and Speakers

On **Thursday May 28, 2009**, noted Catholic convert and **author Roy Schoeman** will be our luncheon speaker. Mr. Schoeman, was born in a suburb of New York City of conservative Jewish parents who had fled Nazi Germany. His Jewish education and formation was received under some of the most prominent Rabbis in contemporary American Jewry. He earned a B.S. from M.I.T. and an M.B.A. magna cum laude from Harvard Business School. He was appointed to the faculty of the Harvard Business School and was immersed in a career of teaching and consulting when he experienced an unexpected and instantaneous conversion to Christianity. Since then he has pursued theological studies at several seminaries, helped produce and host a Catholic Television talk show, and edited and written for several Catholic books and reviews. His own works include *Salvation Is from the Jews*, which traces "the role of Judaism and the Jewish people in God's plan for the salvation of all mankind from Abraham through the Second Coming, as revealed by the Catholic faith and by a thoughtful examination of history." Please RSVP to Susan Finnegan, at sfinnegan@hansonbridgett.com. An RSVP form to submit with your check is also attached below.

Last month, our luncheon speaker was Fr. John Coleman, SJ who spoke about "The Theological Roots of the Criminal Trial." We provided MCLE credit for talk and had a very good turn out. Fr. Coleman discussed some very interesting history and issues involving "reasonable doubt" and other concepts. His comments prompted a lengthy and lively question and answer session. Our thanks go out to Fr. Coleman.

Please also make plans to attend our **June 18, 2009** luncheon at which we will have a representative of Catholic Radio to speak.

Theology on Tap

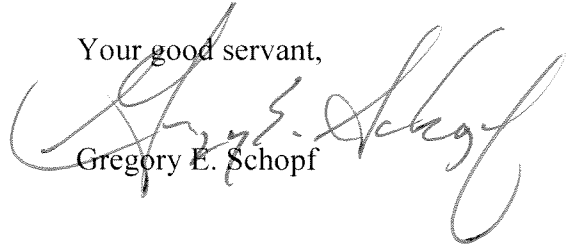
Our "Theology on Tap" session in April was a success all around. USF Director of Ministry Father Donal Godfrey and USF Law School Dean Jeff Brand brought "justice and mercy" to us

all and have agreed to lead another session in the near future. Thanks go to each of them and to Isabelle Ord for organizing a terrific event.

Dues

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership now and encourage someone else you know to join us this year. Please submit a completed application form (attached below).

Your good servant,



Gregory E. Schopf

ST. THOMAS MORE May 28, 2009 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

 I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Luncheon at NOON on May 28, 2009 at the Carnelian Room, 52nd floor, Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, SF, CA.

- Please reserve places at \$45 per person (over 10 years in practice).
- Please reserve places at \$38 per person (10 years and under 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 would also like to sponsor one or more 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 made payable to the "St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco" is \$.

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

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