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“We cannot go to heaven in featherbeds”

--*Life of Thomas More* by William Roper;
More to his children, c. 1510

Dear Friends,

By all accounts, the Saint Thomas More Society's premier annual event, the Red Mass and Award Dinner, was another success. As in the past, the Red Mass was held at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Washington Square and the Award Dinner followed at the Italian Athletic Club. Archbishop George Niederauer celebrated the 41st Red Mass in San Francisco and delivered a wonderful and inspiring homily on the values of the beatitudes. Judicial Vicar Michael Padazinsky was master of ceremonies for the Mass. Our thanks also go to Fr. Itzaina for once again hosting the Red Mass in his parish.

Our award recipient this year, First District Court of Appeal Justice Robert L. Dondero, was introduced at the Award Dinner by Fr. Charles Gagan, Pastor of St. Ignatius Church. Fr. Gagan entertained us all with his wit and wisdom and also introduced the members of Justice Dondero's family. Justice Dondero humbly accepted the award and delivered a memorable and insightful address that emphasized the meaning of the award in light of St. Thomas More's example to us all.

Copies of Archbishop Niederauer's homily and Justice Dondero's address are posted on the STMS website -- www.stthomasmore-sf.org. I encourage you to read them and am sure you will agree that they are both remarkable men with remarkable gifts.

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

Thursday, November 12, 2009 is our annual **Pastors' Luncheon**. It will be held at the Family Club. Our speakers will be Dean of the USF Law School, Jeff Brand, and Director of Ministry at USF, Fr. Donal Godfrey. They will be discussing "Jewish Prophets, Catholic Saints, Faith and Our Lives As Lawyers" from Dean Brand's perspective as a Jew and Fr. Godfrey's perspective as an Irish lawyer.

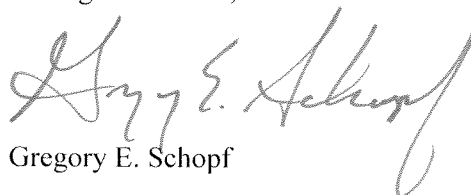
**NOTE LOCATION → The Family Club
Corner of Bush and Powell Sts.
San Francisco, California**

*Parking is available on Bush between Mason and Powell (across from the Family Club)
and also a block east on Bush in the Sutter Stockton Garage.*

Please invite your pastor to attend with you. This is always a great event and great opportunity to connect with the clergy who serve our communities. Please contact Susan Finnegan, at sfinnegan@hansonbridgett.com (415) 777-3200 to make your reservations. A reservation form is attached below.

At our **December 10 luncheon**, we will present the award winning essay from our annual essay contest and also hear from Tim Crudo (formerly with the US Department of Justice office in SF and currently with Latham & Watkins) and Angelina Cahalan of the St. Vincent de Paul Society about a new opportunity for STMS members to become involved in a community service project. Please put the date on you calendar and watch for further details.

Your good servant,



Gregory E. Schopf

ST. THOMAS MORE NOVEMBER 12, 2009 PASTORS' LUNCHEON RESERVATION

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Luncheon at NOON on November 12, 2009 at THE FAMILY CLUB, Corner of Bush and Powell Sts., 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 \$_____.

Please RSVP and send checks to:

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Telephone: _____

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Home Street Address _____

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BUSINESS _____ **HOME** _____

Year admitted to bar _____

Parish _____

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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