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November 7, 2013

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Greetings! The Society has a few remaining events for 2013 and we're hoping you will join us.

RED MASS

First, the Society expresses its gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our annual Red Mass and banquet on October 23, 2013. The Society was pleased confer the St. Thomas More Award on Bill McInerney, Sr., and we were honored that Archbishop Cordileone joined us to celebrate Holy Mass.

In case you missed it, or if you want to reflect on it further, a copy of the tremendous homily Archbishop Cordileone delivered at the Red Mass accompanies this letter.

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be on **Thursday, November 21, 2013**, at 12:00 p.m. at The Family Club, located at 545 Powell Street, San Francisco (corner of Bush & Powell).

Our featured speaker will be Assistant United States Attorney **Philip Kearney**, who will talk about international prosecutions. Mr. Kearney worked as a United Nations trial attorney and prosecuted the former prime minister of Kosovo for crimes against

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humanity. A fourth generation San Franciscan, Kearney graduated from the University of California at Davis and went on to earn a doctorate in law at the Hastings campus of the University of California. He spent seventeen years working as a prosecutor in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office before joining the U.N. mission in Kosovo in 2001 as an international prosecutor. He is the author of the book, *Under the Blue Flag: My Mission in Kosovo*.

The November luncheon is also our **pastor's luncheon**. Feel free to bring your parish pastor or other clergy to the luncheon *free of charge*. A **Luncheon Reservation Form** accompanies this letter. Please make your reservations in advance with your payment, if possible. (If you're bringing clergy, so indicate on the RSVP form.)

Attendance at Society events is not restricted to members. Please feel free to invite a prospective member as your guest, compliments of the Society. If you wish to invite a prospective new member, please so indicate on your reservation form.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Our end-of-the-year Christmas luncheon will be at The Family Club on **December 11, 2013**. As usual, the Society will present an award to the winner of our 8th grade essay contest at this luncheon. The topic for this year's essay contest is as follows:

Would you like to live in the society proposed by St. Thomas More in his book, *Utopia*? Why or why not? Please include in your essay some examples of how things in the society proposed by St. Thomas More in *Utopia* would differ from our society today.

This year, the essay contest has been expanded to include the grade schools in the Diocese of Oakland as well as those in the San Francisco Archdiocese. We're excited to read the essays and congratulate the winner at our Christmas luncheon. And if the essays aren't enough of a lure for you, the Society will be offering a hosted bar for this luncheon, so please join us for some Christmas libations!

NEWS UPDATE

The Society's chaplain, Msgr. Labib Kobti, has offered to provide a summary of recent events in the news pertaining to the Church for circulation with our monthly newsletter. His first such news update accompanies this letter. Enjoy!

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We look forward to seeing everyone at the luncheon on November 21. Stay tuned for further newsletters with updates on upcoming events. In the meantime, please feel free to visit our website at www.stthomasmore-sf.org.

On behalf of the Executive Committee:

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "THOCKEL".

Thomas K. Hockel
President

Enclosures:

Luncheon Reservation Form
Archbishop Cordileone Homily
Monthly Church News Update

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY NOVEMBER 21, 2013 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

THE FAMILY CLUB

545 Powell Street, San Francisco (corner of Bush and Powell)

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at **12:00 noon** on **Thursday, November 21, 2013**, at The Family Club, 545 Powell Street.

Please reserve ___ places at \$49 per person (over 10 years in practice).

Please reserve ___ places at \$42 per person (10 years or less in practice).

Please reserve ___ places at \$24 per person (law students and clergy).

No charge for pastors.

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 at \$24 per person and include \$_____ in my check for such purpose.

_____ I am bringing my pastor or other member of the clergy with me at no charge for this luncheon.

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.

Please RSVP and send checks to Treasurer:

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