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REV. JOSE CHAVARIN, J.C.L., *Chaplain*

Dear Colleagues:

School is very nearly back in session and along with it the resumption of our monthly luncheon and speaker series. October is a significant exception, as we join many other dioceses around the country in celebrating the Red Mass, a continuation of a tradition begun by English barristers and judges in the 13th century of offering prayers that all men and women in the legal profession, the judiciary and public life be blessed with wisdom and understanding. You will receive your invitation soon.

Earlier in the summer several STMS Giants fans were treated to a resounding 9-2 defeat of the Dodgers, accompanied (as it usually is these days) by the chicken-squawking activity in response to walking Da Man. The Society's social calendar will pick up again on Thursday, September 23rd, when we have our second Happy Hour of the year, commencing at 5:30 p.m. at Chevy's Mexican Restaurant, 2 Embarcadero Center. Bring a friend and enjoy free appetizers, no-host libations and great company! Please contact Stacy Stecher at (415) 772-9642 if you need more information. We look forward to seeing you there.

Even all the hype was insufficient to forewarn of the excellence of Father Joyce's presentation at the June luncheon. While *The Da Vinci Code* and Mel Gibson's *Passion of the Christ* were the backdrop of his talk, it was a great opportunity to hear Father Joyce remind us in a compelling but almost mesmerizing fashion about the basic tenets of our beliefs, those perhaps for which we take too much for granted until they come under fire. We don't have the notes from his talk, but you can obtain most of the points of his talk from the homily he gave to 700 parishioners about *The Da Vinci Code and Resurrection* on February 8, 2004. Log on to the homilies section of the parish website at ctkph.org.

Our luncheon speaker on September 16th will be Bishop Allen Vigneron of the Oakland diocese. Less than a year ago he took the reins from Bishop John Cummins after a brief transition from his former position as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Detroit. We hope to have a large attendance to hear the bishop speak on "The Law's Officers: God's Servants". As usual, lunch will be at the Banker's Club on the 52nd floor of the Bank of America Building, 555 California Street. Please fill out and return the bottom of this letter to Hugh Donohoe by September 14th. If you have questions, Hugh can be reached at (415) 274-6320 or hdonohoe@ropers.com.

We will sponsor a Sacred Spaces Tour on Saturday, September 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We'll meet in front of Grace Cathedral (parking below the cathedral) and commence a tour of the cathedral and its labyrinth, followed by a drive to and tour of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, awash in icons and a beautiful work of art. Lunch will follow at a very old and simple Russian restaurant and bakery, Cinderella. Please contact our tour guide, Jean Molesky-Poz, at (510) 528-3130 or moleskypoz@mac.com for further information. Please also let me know (at sgwalker@bechtel.com) if you're planning to have lunch after the tour.

Since we will have three openings on the executive committee for the 2005 term, we are accepting nominations from the membership. Please submit them to me at sgwalker@bechtel.com.

The new membership directory is nearing publication (for those members in good standing). If you haven't done so already, please notify Hugh Donohoe of your preferred contact information and area of practice, or if you desire not to be included at all.

Thanks to all those who responded to our survey for activities you believe might be of interest to the Society. We will consider the many suggestions we received as we plan for 2005.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16 – Bishop Allen Vigneron, formerly of Detroit, on his new ministry in Oakland.

September 18 – Sacred Spaces Tour with Jean Molesky-Poz from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

October 21 – Red Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Church followed by dinner.

November 18 – Pastors' lunch; Dr. Brian Swimme, cosmologist, will speak.

December 8 – Mass and Christmas lunch

Sincerely,



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President

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Please reserve _____ places at \$30 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on September 16, 2004. My check, payable to The St. Thomas More Society, for _____ is enclosed.

Member name _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail _____

I'd like to sponsor a law student, today's speaker, or our chaplain.

Enclosed is an additional \$ _____

Please reserve by September 14, 2004