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of San Francisco

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Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Spring is here, and Easter is just around the corner. I hope that you are all having a prayer-filled Lent and that the Easter season brings great joy to you and your families.

We have a number of great events coming up over the next few months, including more monthly lunches and a chance to be of service at St. Anthony's Dining Room. We really hope that you will join us and invite a friend or colleague.

We also would like to make a special plea for you to consider becoming a member of the Society and paying your 2017 dues. While everyone is welcome at our events, we rely upon the annual dues from our members to support our many offerings, including our law school scholarship, our annual essay contest, our various social and educational events, website maintenance, speaker honorariums and the Red Mass.

April Lunch at DeMarillac Academy

Please join us for a special lunch on April 27. This will be our annual lunch at the DeMarillac Academy in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood. The Society has partnered with DeMarillac for several years, working to support their mission to serve the youth of the Tenderloin with a high quality Catholic education. We will eat lunch at the school with the eighth grade students and hear a little bit about DeMarillac. We will also hear some inspirational thoughts from Bill Cartwright, former professional basketball star and head coach of the Chicago Bulls, and current Director of University Initiatives at USF.

Anyone who is interested is also encouraged to come to the DeMarillac Academy at 11:30 for a tour of the school, led by some of their inspiring students. Please check in at the main office when you arrive.

Please RSVP either by submitting the attached form, responding by Evite, or simply emailing our treasurer, Andres Orphanopoulos at orphanopoulos@gmail.com. (We have an option on our website to pay for the lunch – please be sure to use the \$30 option.) Please also reach out to friends and colleagues who you think might be interested in this topic (including any basketball fans!). All are welcome.

- Date:** Thursday, April 27; 12:00 noon (arrive at 11:30 if interested in the school tour)
- Place:** DeMarillac Academy, 175 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco
- Cost:** \$30 (covers the cost of lunch for you and a DeMarillac student). There is no cost for first time prospective members of the Society.
- Speaker:** Bill Cartwright, former professional basketball player and coach. Current USF Director of University Initiatives.

Service Opportunity at St. Anthony's

A central part of our mission as a Society is to be of service to the community. To that end, we have arranged to bring a group of members to serve at the St. Anthony's Dining Room on April 22. We will gather at 9:15 and help prepare and serve lunch to the St. Anthony's guests. We will be done by about 1:45. We are looking for a group of about ten volunteers. ***I only have four people signed up currently, so we are looking for a few more volunteers.*** Please contact me if you are able to join us. I can testify that providing this direct service to the needy in our city is a memorable and rewarding experience.

STMS Survey

We want to learn how to serve you better! In an effort to better understand what interests our members, what activities you'd like to see and how we can best reach out to others, we will soon be circulating a brief survey to all of you. We promise that it will take no more than five minutes to complete. Please keep an eye out for it and complete it as soon as you can. Of course, you should also always feel free to contact me or any of the other board members with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Lenten Series

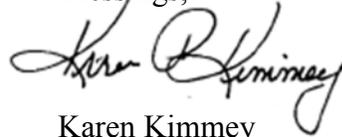
We would like to offer special thanks to Society member, Don Carroll, for once again leading a series of luncheon studies and reflections. Those of us who attended gained much from the presentations, and we are grateful for his continued leadership and willingness to serve.

Membership

If you have not yet done so, please submit your membership dues for 2017. You can do so at our website or by completing the attached membership form. We rely on dues for all our great programs.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions for the Society.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kimmey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Karen Kimmey
President

Connection Along The Road

Two disciples were walking to a small town called Emmaus seven miles outside of Jerusalem (Luke 24:13-35). It was the evening of the day of Jesus' resurrection, and the two already had heard about the empty tomb. They were trying to sort out the events of the past few days, when a stranger joined them along the way and asked what they were discussing. It was Jesus, but "their eyes were kept from recognizing him." He rebuked them for their unbelief and explained everything as the necessary fulfillment of Scripture. On reaching Emmaus, they invited the stranger to join them for the evening meal. When he broke the bread, "their eyes were opened," and they recognized him as Jesus Christ raised from the dead.

The journey of the two disciples began in fear. They fled from Jerusalem in order to escape the brutality and rejection of the cross. I can only imagine how confused, upset, discouraged, and disillusioned they must have felt, after realizing that their teacher, the "prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people," had been handed over by the chief priests and rulers, sentenced to death, and crucified. In telling the stranger that they "were hoping that [Jesus] would be the one to redeem Israel," it is clear that they had lost that hope.

But as they listened to his interpretation of the Old Testament prophecies of the Christ, new hope emerged. It must have seemed like a new beginning, a way out of their feelings of hopelessness and despair. At table that evening, as the darkness of night began to loom, they encountered Christ in the meal that they shared and

found the courage to return to Jerusalem. In the connection they experienced in Christ and through one another during that simple meal, they were able to move away from isolation and fear and return to Peter and the community of disciples waiting for them in Jerusalem. In opening the scriptures and breaking the bread, the stranger along the road broke into the lives of two disheartened and frightened followers of Christ, and the encounter prompted them to find solace and peace among the others.

As tempting as it may be to try to find religion on our own, it is only in the community gathered together in the name of Christ that we will truly discover the peace of the risen Lord for which our hearts long so deeply. Indeed, we often meet Christ in the faces of others who come and go in our lives, bringing with them a new thought, a profound experience, a moment of wisdom, or a bit of encouraging news to share. They intervene in our lives at critical moments and accompany us on the road for a lifetime or perhaps only for a while. We may not always recognize these figures as bearers of Christ because we are not perceptive enough to see the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the people, places, and things around us. Yet, when our eyes are opened, it changes everything and moves us forward, often without knowing exactly how or why.

When I was in business school in the early 90's, almost every course required a group term project. We were expected to collaborate with one another as a team. Law school, however, was very different.

For me at the University of Chicago, there was virtually no collaboration or group effort. I also found this to be true in law practice. I typically worked one-on-one with a partner on every case. Although most attorneys do not practice solo, we often approach our clients in that way. I remember the common phrase uttered in the halls of large law firms, “Eat what you kill,” meaning, there was little sharing of work except to the extent absolutely necessary. In this environment, attorneys understandably can experience isolation, frustration, and loneliness, although we are very good at putting on a bravado.

As the story of the Road to Emmaus illustrates, however, we need each other in order to recognize the risen Christ who comes among us this Easter season with an uplifting message of hope and salvation. As once for the disciples, so now for us, Christ comes among his disciples to open the scriptures and break the bread, so that our eyes will be opened, and we will recognize him in each other. Each Sunday, he is “made known to [us] in the breaking of the bread,” as we gather to be nourished by him. This Easter season, encounter Christ in the breaking of the bread and among the loving people of your local Catholic Church.

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY APRIL 2017 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

DeMARILLAC ACADEMY

175 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco

Please use this Form to reserve your spot at the luncheon and to make payment.

I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at 12:00 noon on April 27, 2017, at DeMarillac Academy, 175 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Please reserve ____ place(s) at \$30 per person.

There is no charge for first-time prospective members of the Society.

Member Name: _____

Member e-mail: _____

Names of other attendees for whom payment is submitted:

I am bringing the following potential members as a Guest of the Society (no charge):

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. Cancellations on less than 48 hours cannot be reimbursed.

Please return this form and your check to our Treasurer:

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**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO
2017 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.*

Name: _____

Firm, Company or Court: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Law Student? _____ **(No dues for law students in 2017)**

Year Admitted to Bar: _____ **Retired from Practice?** _____

Please accompany this application with your current dues payment. Annual dues for 2017 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 \$0 for law students. Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Society**.

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