

# St. Thomas More Society OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Members and Friends:

I hope you all had a lovely Easter. As we look ahead, there is much in store for the St. Thomas More Society, including our first annual St. Thomas More dinner and our May luncheon.

First, however, we thank retired Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James who joined us for our annual April luncheon at De Marillac Academy. As you can see, we had a great turnout of members and students, and all attendees seemed to greatly enjoy learning of Judge James's experiences as a Superior Court Commissioner and Magistrate Judge. We hope to continue our involvement with De Marillac Academy throughout this year.



### **May Luncheon**

We will return to the Family Club for our next luncheon on May 30, 2019. Our speaker will be **Sister Lilly Fitzpatrick**, a sister of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose and Manager at the ICA Cristo Rey Academy in San Francisco. As an avid traveler and marathon runner, Sister Lilly brings great energy to her work and dedication to Cristo Rey students. We look forward to hearing of her experiences.

**Where: The Family, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco**

**When: Thursday, May 30, 12noon**

**Cost: \$55 (lawyers with 10+ years of practice); \$45 (lawyers with less than 10 years of practice) and \$25 (law students and clergy).**

Members can pay for the luncheon in person or at our website [here](#).

### **First Annual St. Thomas More Dinner**

We are excited to announce our first annual St. Thomas More Dinner on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 5:30pm**. The dinner coincides with the feast day of St. Thomas More on June 22nd and is intended to provide a fun, lively evening for members to convene and learn about our Society's patron saint. Louis Karlin, an attorney and noted St. Thomas More scholar, will lead a discussion on St. Thomas More's teachings on statesmanship, which will be followed by some (light) St. Thomas More trivia. Dinner and drinks will be provided at a cost of \$45 per person. We have also extended invitations to the Santa Clara chapter and hope to meet other local Catholic attorneys at this event.

**Where: Farella Braun + Martel LLP, 235 Montgomery Street, 17th Floor, San Francisco**

**When: Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 5:30pm**

**Cost: \$45 for dinner and drinks** -- The Society is happy to supplement cost for members who may need financial assistance. Please contact me at [amelia.m.lancaster@gmail.com](mailto:amelia.m.lancaster@gmail.com) for more information.

### **2019 Dues and Membership**

This year, we hope to re-initiate scholarships for law students to encourage participation and foster greater community with local law schools. We ask all Members to please pay their annual dues to help fund these scholarships and other charitable endeavors. Registration and payment of annual dues also ensures you will receive our monthly newsletters and information about upcoming events. You can pay your dues online [here](#).

### **Additional Upcoming Events**

**Red Mass** - This year's annual Red Mass is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco. Please mark your calendars.

**Summer Theology on Tap** - The Society will once again host a summer Theology on Tap event. Stay tuned for more details.

To learn more about Society events, please check our website at <http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org/upcoming-events/>.

### **Nominations for the St. Thomas More Award**

The Society is seeking nominations for our annual St. Thomas More Award to be awarded at this year's Red Mass. The Award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the legal community, the Catholic community, or the Society and/or have dedicated themselves to public service or charitable works. Past winners have included United States Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, California Supreme Court Justices Carol Corrigan and Ming Chin, Ninth Circuit Judges Carlos Bea and John Noonan, former United States Attorneys Joseph Russoniello and Kevin Ryan, Superior Court Judge Suzanne Bolanos, and Fr. Louie Vitale, the founder of St. Anthony's Dining Room.

We welcome all submissions for men and women who demonstrate the teachings and ideals of St. Thomas More. Please email me at [amelia.m.lancaster@gmail.com](mailto:amelia.m.lancaster@gmail.com) by June 30, 2019 with a brief summary of your nominee.

### **External Opportunities**

**General Counsel Position with Catholic Charities** - Catholic Charities is accepting applications for its General Counsel Position. More information can be found [here](#).

**St. Thomas More Pilgrimage.** Each year, Inside the Vatican Magazine, hosts a pilgrimage to England to visit the places where St. Thomas More lived and died. Although the 2019 pilgrimage is now sold out, the organization is accepting applicants for its 2020 Pilgrimage. Participants will balance prayer and reflection with visits to important sites from St. Thomas More's life. They will also meet with some of St. Thomas More's direct descendants, members of Parliament, and British scholars who have studied the life of St. Thomas More. Please visit [here](#) for more information.

Please contact me with any questions, and I look forward to seeing you at our May luncheon and/or St. Thomas More Dinner.

Sincerely yours,

Amelia Lancaster

President