

# St. Thomas More Society OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Members:

On behalf of the 2020 Executive Committee of the St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco, Happy New Year! I am honored to assume the role of Presidency of the Society as it enters its 84<sup>th</sup> year. And thank you to those members who have paved the way for this longstanding success as a faith organization supporting members of the legal profession.

As we embark on a new year, I would like to especially acknowledge outgoing President Amelia Lancaster for her efforts and dedication in 2019. A special welcome also to new Executive Committee members Jilma Meneses (Catholic Charities), Chris Morales, Don Pangilinan, Annie Reilly, Lisa Rosenlund, and the Honorable Braden Woods. With an increased Executive Committee, we look forward to even greater community involvement, and the sharing of faith among members of the Society both old and new.

In 2020, we will continue to foster greater connection among members and the Catholic legal community through our every-other-month luncheons, Theology on Tap events, community service initiatives, and annual Red Mass. We encourage you to attend as many events as possible in the coming year, and we wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2020.

## **January Luncheon**

Our first luncheon of the year will take place on **Thursday, January 23, 2019 at 12pm** at **The Family Club** located at **545 Powell Street in San Francisco**. Please plan on coming a few minutes early so we can return everyone to work on time.

Please also join us in welcoming speaker Nick Ginger, who will present: “Privacy Wars: The Dawn of the CCPA.” Mr. Ginger is a past president of the Irish American Bar Association and a consultant with the firm RGP where he focuses on privacy and data protection matters. His work includes consulting on numerous privacy regulations, including the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Privacy Shield, and the upcoming California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). He is currently assisting a leading global technology company ensure that aspects of their privacy program comply with the company’s FTC consent decree.

All members are encouraged to attend and lunch will be provided at a **cost of \$60**. Payment can be made at the luncheon or (preferably) at our website [here](#). Guests are always welcome. As always, prospective members can enjoy their first luncheon at no cost. Please sign up early to avoid a line!

## **2020 Dues and Membership**

Registration and payment of annual dues ensures you will receive our monthly newsletters and information about all upcoming activities. It also helps us in funding events, attracting quality speakers, awarding scholarships, and supporting our community service initiatives. You can pay your dues online [here](#) or by using the attached membership form.

## **New Member Contest**

The 2019 New Member Contest was a great success and brought many new members to the Society. In 2020, we will once again have a New Member Contest with a reward for the member who brings the most new lawyers of faith to the Society. Feel free to join the competition by forwarding this newsletter to someone you think may be interested in joining. New members can name their existing member contact on their registration form.

This month, we welcome new members Kelly T. Mahoney, Paulina Belovarski, and Cru Ulrich.

## Upcoming Events

**Lenten Series** - We are pleased to announce that Society member and USF professor, Don Carroll, will once again lead a series of luncheon studies and reflections during the Lenten season. This year he will focus on the concept of the Prodigal Son. The noontime meetings will be hosted by Board member Catherine Dacre at Seyfarth Shaw, 560 Mission Street, Suite 3100 (thank you Catherine!). The first meeting on **Wednesday March 4, 2020**, will include a hosted lunch. Thereafter on the remaining Wednesdays in March the Series will follow a brown-bag format. As always, there will be no cost to attend. More details to follow, but please mark your calendars.

**Theology on Tap** – Our first meeting of the year will be hosted by the extraordinary Father John Coleman, S.J., at the lovely Loyola House on the USF campus on **February 25, 2020 at 6pm**. Dinner is included and free of charge. The discussion will cover the significance of the new film, *The Two Popes*. See Father Coleman's modern Catholic blog here: <https://www.stignatiussf.org/fr-colemans-blog>.

**Annual Retreat for Members of the Legal Profession** - This year's three-day silent retreat will take place at El Retiro in Los Altos from Friday, February 28 through Sunday, March 1. Members of the Society who have attended in the past have spoken highly of the retreat as an opportunity to reflect on their lives, faith, and professional calling. Additional details can be found [here](#).

For more information about Society events, please check our website at <http://www.stthomasmoresf.org/upcoming-events/>. I look forward to serving the Society this coming year and hope to see you at our January luncheon later this week.

Very truly yours,



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