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Dear Colleagues:

We are most pleased to announce that Carol Corrigan, Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal, will receive the St. Thomas More award at our Red Mass in October. Justice Corrigan has made many significant contributions to the law, society and the Church, and we are proud to add her to the long list of past recipients.

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

If you were unable to attend the February lunch, you missed the talk by Professor Jerome Baggett of the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, who gave a very interesting perspective on the evolution over the last 40 years of what it means to be Catholic. He also distributed an outline of his talk and a reading list. An apology is in order, however. The March newsletter mistakenly announced that Professor Gina Gens-Piazza would be the speaker. I was notified of the mistake in time to alert email recipients of the newsletter, but not those receiving a hard copy.

Our luncheon on April 15th at the Banker's Club on the 52nd floor of the Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, will feature our second consecutive speaker from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Professor Gina Hens-Piazza, as noted above. As previously reported, her topic will be "Many Voices, One Text: A New Avenue in Biblical Interpretation". Please fill out and return the bottom of this letter to Hugh Donohoe by April 13, 2004. If you have questions, Hugh can be reached at (415) 274-6320 or hdonohoe@ropers.com.

We now have 67 members receiving the newsletter by email, but still over 100 receiving a hard copy. Please send an email to me at sgwalker@bechtel.com if you wish to consent to email receipt.

The executive committee has approved an effort to establish a website for the Society. We are continuing to define the requirements and cost and will update you from time to time. We are grateful for the assistance of a graduate student in computer science at Berkeley.

If you haven't remitted your dues to Hugh, please do so right away. We are running out of time. Please use the dues envelope provided in the January newsletter or contact Hugh as noted above. If you use the former, please correct Hugh's zip code to read 94105.

Archbishop Levada has extended a personal invitation to the Society to attend the Chrism Mass at 5:30 p.m. on April 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral, a beautiful and impressive liturgy during which the Holy Oils used in sacramental celebrations throughout the next year will be blessed and when the priests of the archdiocese renew their vows and promise of obedience to the Archbishop. You are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 – Chrism Mass (see details above)

May 20 – Richard Spohn, former president of the Society, will speak on his work in Latin America.

June 17 – Father Brian Joyce, pastor of Christ the King Parish in the East Bay, a very dynamic speaker with a national reputation, on (as of press time) “*The Da Vinci Code* and Scripture”.

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

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

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

December 8 – Christmas lunch

Sincerely,



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Please reserve _____ places at \$30 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on April 15, 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 April 13, 2004