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Dear Colleagues:

Father Brendan McBride gave a wonderful presentation on "Parish Without Borders - Irish Ministry to the Diaspora". We thank Father McBride for his wit, wisdom, and insight.

Our speakers for April are Ian MacDonald, John Christian and Peter Califano who will be speaking on "**Bankruptcy and the Church**". The lunch is on **April 21, 2005 at Noon in the Banker's Club of the Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, San Francisco**. Given what is happening in our local courts with the lawsuits against the Archdiocese there could hardly be any more timely topic.

The next luncheon will be on **May 19, 2005** at the Banker's Club at Noon. Father Paul Crowley, S.J. will speak to us on another topic "ripped from the headlines": "**What's a Catholic to Do? The Political Limits of Church Teaching.**" He will discuss when, and if, a bishop (or the Pope) has the moral authority to try to compel a Catholic to a particular political stance or action.

On **June 16, 2005**, local attorney and author Jerry Hurtubise will be speaking on "**The Spiritual Apprenticeship of a Curious Catholic**". It promises to be quite an entertaining talk.

There are no luncheons in July and August.

Lunch reservations may also be made by e-mail to Terry Coleman's secretary, Judy Behr at jbehrr@pillsburylevinson.com. If you RSVP by e-mail please bring your check to the lunch. Because of the increases in lunch costs, we have had to adopt a policy that any no-shows will be billed.

I am also pleased to announce the launching of our new St. Thomas More website. The address is www.stthomasmore-sf.org. Please visit it. You can always go there to find out what the Society is doing. Many thanks to Steve Walker and Tom Reed for all their hard work in getting the website up and running. Over the last two years Steve has been the driving force behind the creation and development of the website. He deserves high praise for his vision, perseverance and hard work.

On the social front, we have arranged for a tour of Mission Dolores on **Saturday, June 18, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.** The tour takes about an hour. The Society is covering the cost of the tour. Please sign up by e-mailing me at gmannon@sbcglobal.net or Chinhayi J. Coleman at Chinhayi.J.Coleman@usdoj.gov.

We also have our first Happy Hour get together planned for **Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.** at the London Wine Bar, 415 Sansome Street. Mark it down.

We look forward to seeing you in April.

Sincerely,



E. Gerard Mannion
President

Please note the price increase to \$35.

Please reserve _____ places at \$35 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on April 21, 2005. My check, payable to the St. Thomas More Society, for _____ is enclosed.

Member Name: _____
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I'd like to sponsor a law student, today's speaker, or our chaplain.
Enclosed is an additional _____

Please reserve by April 18, 2005