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Dear Members and Friends,

Holy Week fills our spirits with joy and peace from the first "Hosanna" of Palm Sunday to the "Alleluia, He is Risen" of Easter. We celebrate the mystery of Christ's Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection in the knowledge and confidence that... "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event," as Pope Benedict said in his encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est (God Is Love)*. The first Christians were a people in union with the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who were persecuted and martyred for their unfailing belief in His message of the Kingdom of God. People seldom die even for what they know to be true. Believers know that the Resurrection is true and do not question it. We rely on those witnesses to Christ's Resurrection, the biblical evidence and tradition that has been passed on to carry on our proclamation of the "good news". "What puzzles the world, and its wise philosophers and fanciful pagan poets, about the priests and people of the Catholic Church is that they still behave as if they were messengers," wrote G.K. Chesterton in *The Everlasting Man*. "A messenger does not dream about what his message might be, or argue about what it probably would be; he delivers it as it is."

The Saint Thomas More Society of San Francisco is privileged to present Bob Ladouceur as our luncheon speaker at Noon on Thursday April 26, 2007, at the Bankers Club, on the 52nd Floor, Bank of America Building, 555 California Street in San Francisco.

Bob Ladouceur is the Freshman and Senior Religion Instructor and Varsity Football Coach of De La Salle High School in Concord. Teachers and coaches in our Catholic high schools have perhaps the best and most valuable opportunities to edify the Gospel message in actions and words meaningful to adolescents today. Bob Ladouceur has devoted 28 years to his vocation in the best tradition of the Christian Brothers, inspiring countless young men in lives of faith and service, while also producing football teams that have established unprecedented winning records. A National High School Hall of Fame member and four time USA TODAY coach of the year, Bob Ladouceur has lead his teams to a record streak of 151 victories. Many of his De La Salle players have graduated and played into college before ever losing a single game!

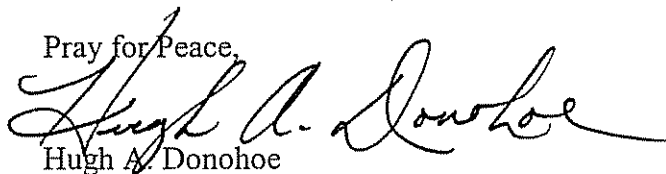
New members will be glad you made this your first Society event. Everyone should attend this inspirational opportunity - and bring a guest.

We extend our gratitude to our March luncheon presenters Iain Macdonald and John Christian, who presented an informative program on bankruptcy and its impacts upon those dioceses who have sought bankruptcy court jurisdiction as an avenue to just resolution of outstanding legal claims

On the evening of March 29, 2007, a dozen judicial and attorney Society members assembled at Trader Vic's for *Theology on Tap*. +We thank Don Carroll for this prayerful Lenten reflection :”Jesus, Justice or Forgiveness.” This was a timely and inspirational reflection on the Lenten scriptures. We will plan future evening Society gatherings for discussion and good cheer in light of the welcoming and peaceful atmosphere of this wonderful venue.

The board is humbled and uplifted by your continuing support of the Society and its programs. Please promote new memberships and increased participation. We look forward to your attendance at the Red Mass and our other events, and wish each of our members and friends a blessed and joyous Easter.

Pray for Peace.



Hugh A. Donohoe

April 26, 2007 Luncheon Reservation

Please reserve _____ places at \$38 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon. I would like to sponsor a law student, luncheon speaker or chaplain. Enclosed is an additional \$ _____. My check payable to St. Thomas More Society, for \$ _____ is enclosed.

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