

# St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco

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*Regis Servus Dei Prius*

April 3, 2015

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Happy Easter blessings to you and your families.

## March Luncheon Re-Cap

We were very fortunate to be joined for our March lunch by The Honorable Philip Grant, Consul General of Ireland, who gave us a brief history of the Irish in the United States and San Francisco and provided a view of the world diplomatic and political scene from an Irish perspective. His remarks, which were equally entertaining and enlightening, were particularly impressive as they were provided without notes. We also awarded the 2015 St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco Law School Scholarship to University of San Francisco School of Law third-year student Bianca Paraguya.

## April Luncheon

Our next monthly lunch, on April 23, will feature Fr. George Williams, S.J., the Catholic Chaplain at San Quentin State Prison. The Lunch Reservation Form is attached to this letter, and you also will shortly receive an Evite for the luncheon. You can RSVP through Evite or return the Lunch Reservation Form to our Treasurer, Andes Orphanopoulos. We ask that you make your reservations in advance, with payment if possible, as this permits an accurate headcount for lunch and greatly assists with our planning. If you RSVP but later determine you cannot attend, please let us know at least 48 hours in advance so we can cancel your lunch order. Please join us – and bring a prospective new member (for free).

Note that Evite now gives you the option to pay using PayPal or Venmo. You can easily set up a PayPal or Venmo account through [paypal.com/webapps/mpp/account-setup](https://paypal.com/webapps/mpp/account-setup) or [venmo.com/about/product](https://venmo.com/about/product).

### **Brown Bag Lenten Series**

A special thank you to Don Carroll for leading our small-group Lenten brown-bag series on the Passion Narratives. Those who attended were treated to an engaging and thought-provoking examination of the Passion Narratives, each on its own and as a whole. The program provided thoughtful perspective over the course of the Lenten season. We very much appreciate Don's gracious professionalism and generosity in providing these well-presented programs year after year.

### **Panel Presentation: Raising Kids Catholic in Today's Society**

Please join the Society for a panel discussion on Raising Kid's Catholic in Today's Society. Chinhayi Cadet will moderate the panel of Julia Dowd, USF's Director of Ministry; Meagan Pryor Lorentz, the Director of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center and Children's Faith Formation Coordinator at St. Agnes; and Scott Halluck, a teacher at St. Ignatius College Preparatory. This panel of parents will discuss the issues and challenges of raising children Catholic in today's San Francisco. The panel will be held on April 30, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., at DLA Piper LLP, 555 Mission Street, Suite 2400, San Francisco. We encourage you to bring non-member family, friends, and colleagues to what promises to be a timely and engaging discussion.

### **Study Break!**

Law student members are invited to join us for a pre-finals study break on Wednesday, April 8, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP, One Ferry Building, Suite 200, San Francisco. Please RSVP to [stthomasmoreSF@yahoo.com](mailto:stthomasmoreSF@yahoo.com). Snack and adult beverages, as well as scintillating conversation, will be provided.

### **Service Project with De Marillac Academy**

Our Service Project with De Marillac Academy is in full swing. In March, the students were treated by John Devine to an up-close tour of the California Attorney General's Office and the California Appellate Court, where they met Justices and past St. Thomas More Award Winners Timothy Reardon and Peter Siggins. We also kicked off our semester-long enrichment program, Introduction to Law. A big "thank you" to all who have participated in the Program, especially to our coordinator Tony Phillips.

We have a number of opportunities to work with De Marillac and its students, from regular tutoring and reading, to inviting the kids to tour your work place, to participating in the enrichment class that our members will be leading in the spring semester – or create a volunteer opportunity that fits with your interests and schedule. Join your fellow members in what

promises to be a fun and enriching experience. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Tony at [adphillips@dons.usfca.edu](mailto:adphillips@dons.usfca.edu).

### **Mentor Program**

Our Mentor Program matches law students and younger lawyers with more experienced attorneys who share practice and other interests. If you would like to participate as a mentor or mentee, please indicate your interest on the Membership Application. You can also contact Laura Vartain Horn at [lvartain@gmail.com](mailto:lvartain@gmail.com) if you have questions about the program or would like to participate.

### **2015 Dues**

The 2015 Membership Form is attached to this letter and may be used to pay your dues and to update membership records. Annual dues for 2015 are \$75.00 for attorneys with five years or more of practice and \$25.00 for retired attorneys and those with fewer than five years of practice. Law student membership is free. Your dues are essential to the Society and enable us to fund events, attract quality speakers, and award scholarships, so please get them in. You can make your dues payment through PayPal or Venmo by following the links provided above.

We are continuing our efforts to attract new members, particularly among younger lawyers, and we encourage you to help us recruit new members to join the Society. Feel free to start by forwarding this newsletter to someone you think may be interested in joining. Remember that lunch is free for prospective members, so bring along a colleague, a friend, a parishioner, or even opposing counsel.

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We welcome your input, so if you have any questions, comments, or ideas for the Society, please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Your good servant,



Timothy P. Crudo  
President

**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY APRIL 2015 LUNCHEON RESERVATION**

**The Family Club**  
**545 Powell Street at Bush Street**

*Please use this Form to reserve your spot at the luncheon and to make payment.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at 12:00 noon on April 23, 2015, at The Family Club.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s) at \$52 per person (10 years or more in practice).

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s) at \$42 per person (fewer than 10 years in practice).

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s) at \$25 per person (law students and clergy).

There is no charge for pastors or first-time prospective members of the Society.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other attendees for whom payment is submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am bringing the following potential member as a Guest of the Society (no charge):

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor one or more law students or members of the clergy at \$25 per person and include \$\_\_\_\_ in my check for this purpose.

The total amount of my enclosed check is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please make checks payable to the "St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco." If you RSVP and cannot attend, please let us know in advance. The Society is charged for no-shows, so cancellations on less than 48 hours cannot be reimbursed.

Please return this form and your check to our Treasurer:

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**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

*Use this form to pay your annual dues and update your membership record.  
New members may use this form to join the Society.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Firm, Company, Court, or School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area(s) of Practice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State and Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Admitted to Bar:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Retired from Practice?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Law Student?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Note: Law students membership is free.**

**Would you like to participate in our Mentor Program as a mentor or mentee?** \_\_\_\_\_

Please accompany this application with your dues payment. Annual dues for 2015 are \$75.00 for attorneys with five years or more of practice and \$25.00 for retired attorneys and those with fewer than five years of practice. Law student membership is free. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Society.

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