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Dear Members,

Some 60 to 70 members attending the American Bar Association convention joined us for a special Red Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, August 8. The celebrant, Auxiliary Bishop William Justice, gave a warm welcome to the ABA attendees both in his homily and later at the reception we hosted. The Cathedral choir beautifully sang traditional Gregorian Chants. Our efforts which were led by board member Adrian Driscoll, with the assistance of Tim Crudo, were warmly received by both the ABA members and by the Bishop and Monsignor John Talesfore, the pastor of the Cathedral.

The Archbishop's Radio Hour

Thanks to the generous invitation of Tom Burke at the Archdiocese, Hugh Donohoe, Adrian Driscoll and I have been interviewed on two occasions about the work of the St. Thomas More Society and given the opportunity to discuss our programs and events. You can hear the Archbishop's hour on Friday mornings at 9 a.m. on KSFB 1260 A.M.

Future Speakers and Events

August 28: St. Anthony Foundation Volunteer Opportunity. As part of our commitment to service in our community, we have partnered with the St. Anthony Foundation in the Tenderloin to provide volunteers to help serve the poor. So far this year we helped to serve over 2,300 meals to the hungry in St. Anthony's Dining Room and helped to distribute food to the needy through the Emergency Food Program. It has been a wonderful experience for all, including STMS family members, who have participated. Our next day is Saturday, August 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., when we will again be helping in the dining room. Please contact Tim Crudo at Timothy.Crudo@LW.com if you would like to participate.

September 23: <u>Luncheon Honoring St. Thomas More Award winners and Past Presidents</u>. Bishop William Justice, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco will speak at a luncheon honoring our past St. Thomas More Award winners and Past Presidents. A reservation form is attached. We expect a large turnout for this special event, so get your RSVP in early.

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October 21: Annual Red Mass and Dinner. NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION: This year's Red Mass will be held at the beautiful Church of Notre Dame des Victoires on Bush Street starting at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will follow at the Family Club at Bush and Powell. Parking is available across from the Church in the Sutter-Stockton Garage. The principal celebrant will again be Archbishop George Niederauer. The recipient of this year's St. Thomas More Award will be the former President of the St. Thomas More Society and one of our most inspirational leaders: Hugh Donohoe.

November 15: Pastors Luncheon. This will be a special luncheon on Monday rather than Thursday (to accommodate our speaker) where every member is encouraged to invite your pastor or other parish priests as our guests. Our speaker will be the noted scholar and writer, Sister Sandra Schneiders of the Jesuit School of Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, who will address the role of and issues facing women religious in the United States today. This luncheon promises to be another highlight of our year.

December 16: <u>Christmas Luncheon</u>. Do not miss our annual Christmas luncheon, at which we will have the winner of our essay contest from one of the parochial schools that participate, and his or her parents and teachers. This year's contest is being organized by our past President Greg Schopf, who has chosen the following topic for the essayists:

"Write a letter to a local, national or world leader. Explain in the letter why you believe that getting to know more about St. Thomas More would be a good idea and, in particular, how St. Thomas More's advice and life could provide some valuable assistance to the leader."

I want to thank all of you members who have supported our programs this year. We have had some terrific speakers and programs and your enthusiasm has added immeasurably to the success of our goal to bring our beliefs and values into our profession and our workplaces.

Pray for Peace

J/Dennis McQuaid

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President

Reminder: If you are one of our members who have overlooked sending in your dues for 2010, please send us your check to help support the activities of the Society. The membership form is attached.