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August 30, 2012

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

## September 7, 2012 Brown Bag Lunch with Tara Clemens

Please join us on September 7 for an informal brown bag lunch with Tara Clemens, a young lawyer who has discerned a religious vocation with the cloistered Dominican nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, California. Like almost half of the 10,000 men and women currently discerning religious vocations in the US, she must retire her student debt before she is permitted to join the order. Tara will talk with us about her spiritual journey and about the Laboure Society, a nonprofit organization that fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life by resolving education loans. Since its founding in 2003, the Society has helped over 230 aspirants resolve their student loans and enter formation.

We will begin at noon at the offices of Latham & Watkins, 505 Montgomery Street, S.F., Suite 2000. Please rsvp to Tim Crudo at [timothy.crudo@LW.com](mailto:timothy.crudo@LW.com) if you plan to attend. There is no charge. Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.

## Thursday, September 27, 2012 Lunch – Jeanne Woodford – Death Penalty Focus New Location – Palio d’ Asti Restaurant, 640 Sacramento Street

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, at our next formal luncheon, Jeanne Woodford, the former warden at San Quentin prison, and now the Director of Death Penalty Focus, a group advocating the elimination of the death penalty, will speak to us about her work and Proposition 34, the November Ballot Initiative to abolish the death penalty in California, replacing it with life without possibility of parole.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> and for our November 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon, we will be trying a new venue, the Palio d'Asti Restaurant, 640 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, in the financial district. (No luncheon in October).

Lunch on September 27 will be held at noon at Palio d'Asti Restaurant, 640 Sacramento Street, S.F. Parking is conveniently located nearby at St. Mary's Garage on California Street between Kearny and Grant.

A **Luncheon Reservation Form** is attached to this letter to make your reservation with our Treasurer. We ask that reservations be made in advance with payment, if possible, as this greatly assists your Executive Committee and Palio staff to better serve you. *You do not have to be a member of the Society to attend our events.* If you do RSVP but cannot attend, please let us know in advance, as we are charged by Palio based on our number of RSVPs, and we will have to charge you for the lunch.

(See also attached invitation for a "Yes on 34" event to be held on September 5, 2012).

### **ANNUAL DUES**

Some of you have not paid your dues. The **2012 Membership Form** (also attached to this letter) may be used to pay your 2012 Dues and to update your membership records. Be sure to let us know if your e-mail address changes. If you are not sure if you paid your dues, please contact Tim Crudo.

The 2012 Membership Form may also be used by new members to join the Society – feel free to copy it, email it, and pass it around! We are actively looking for new members.

### **Two University of San Francisco Law School Scholarships Awarded**

We are pleased to announce that at our September 27 luncheon the Society will award two \$1000 scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year to two well deserving USF Law School students. The scholarships are intended to recognize scholarship, community service, and service to God, as exemplified by our Patron, St. Thomas More. The scholarship winners are Vivian Denise Valencia of the U.S.F. Law School Class of 2013, and Alen Mirza, also of the Class of 2013. Vivian is the Spirituality Chair of the U.S.F. St. Thomas More Society, a member of St. Agnes parish in San Francisco, and interested in a career in criminal defense for the indigent. Alen is the Articles Editor for the Law and Global Justice Forum and active in his Assyrian Chaldean Catholic Church parish in San Jose, an Eastern Rite Catholic church. He hopes to focus his career on international law and human rights.

**RED MASS OCTOBER 18, 2012 – Dennis McQuaid to be Honored.  
With a Tribute also to Former President Don Casper**

Please join us on October 18, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for the Red Mass to be held at St. Peter and Paul Church with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club on Washington Square. We are delighted to announce that the St. Thomas More Award will be given to our Past President, Dennis McQuaid. There will also be a special tribute to deceased Past President Don Casper.

If you plan to attend the dinner, please RSVP by October 11, 2012 (RSVP form attached).

**SAVE THE DATES  
PASTORS LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 15  
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 13**

There will be no luncheon in October. On November 15, Bishop Ignatius Wang will speak to us at our pastors' luncheon at Palio d' Asti Restaurant at noon on the status of the church in mainland China. Please invite your pastor to attend.

On December 13, 2012, we will have our annual Christmas luncheon at the **Family Club**, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco (corner of Bush and Powell). Our essay contest winner will speak.

Please join us for both events.

For the Executive Committee:

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Zaletel  
President

Enclosures:

2012 Membership Form  
September 2012 Luncheon Reservation Form  
2012 Red Mass and Dinner Invitation  
Sept. 5, 2012 Yes on 34 Reception

**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 LUNCHEON RESERVATION**

**NEW LOCATION – PALIO D’ASTI RESTAURANT**  
**640 SACRAMENTO STREET, SAN FRANCISCO**

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at **12:00 noon** on **Thursday, September 27**, at Palio d’Asti Restaurant, 640 Sacramento Street, S.F.

Please reserve \_\_\_ places at \$49 per person (over 10 years in practice).

Please reserve \_\_\_ places at \$42 per person (10 years or less in practice).

Please reserve \_\_\_ places at \$24 per person (law students and clergy).

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

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

Names of other attendees for whom payment is submitted:

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\_\_\_\_\_ I am bringing the following potential member as a Guest of the Society

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor one or more law students or members of the clergy at \$24 per person and include \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in my check for such 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.*

**Please RSVP and send checks to Treasurer:**

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**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
2012 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.*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Street Address or P.O. Box:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**Preferred Address for Society Mailings:**    **Business** \_\_\_\_\_                      **Home** \_\_\_\_\_

**Law Student?** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please accompany this application with current dues. Annual dues are \$100 for attorneys over five (5) years in practice; \$50 for attorneys retired from practice and attorneys with five (5) years or less in practice; and \$25 for law students. Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Society**. Thank you!

*Return application and check to:*  
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***YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED***  
***TO***  
**THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO RED MASS**

Saints Peter and Paul Church  
666 Filbert Street  
San Francisco  
Thursday, October 18, 2012  
5:30 p.m.

**Sponsored By**  
**THE ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**Honoring The 2012 St. Thomas More Award Recipient**

**J. DENNIS MCQUAID**  
**PARTNER, HANSON BRIDGETT LLP**  
*(With a special tribute to Don Casper, former President of the STMS)*

**The Annual Banquet will follow the Red Mass**

**At**

**The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club**

1630 Stockton Street

San Francisco

7:00 p.m.

**Banquet Reservation Form Enclosed**

Dinner \$90

Clergy and Students \$45

*Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues, family, and friends*

**RESERVATION FORM  
THE ANNUAL RED MASS BANQUET  
HONORING J. DENNIS MCQUAID  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2012 ST. THOMAS MORE AWARD**

**Thursday, October 18, 2012  
The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club  
1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco**

Please reserve \_\_\_ Banquet places at \$90 per person

Please reserve \_\_\_ Banquet places at \$45 per person (Clergy and Students)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Eggplant Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of others in your party for whom payment is submitted (use additional sheets if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Eggplant \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor one or more Members of the Clergy and/or Students at \$45 per person and include \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in my check for that purpose.

The total amount of my enclosed check is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (Please make checks payable to the "St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco").

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## **J. DENNIS MCQUAID**

J. Dennis McQuaid graduated from St. Joseph's Seminary in 1959 and from St. Patrick's Seminary in 1961 with a degree in Philosophy. After leaving the seminary in 1962, Mr. McQuaid enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served both domestically and overseas.

While still in the Air Force, Dennis began his legal studies at the University of San Francisco School of Law, from which he graduated in 1970 and thereafter began his legal career as a Judge Advocate General officer. After leaving active duty in 1972, he continued to serve his country as a member of the Air Force Reserve, including as a Senior Member of the Judge Advocate General's Department, where he concentrated on environmental and governmental contracts law before retiring as a Colonel in 1992.

Upon leaving the Air Force, Dennis embarked on a 40-year private legal career with an emphasis on real estate and land use practice. He is currently a partner at the law firm of Hanson Bridgett LLP in San Francisco.

Throughout his career, Dennis has served as leader of his local, national, and spiritual communities. From 1977-78 he was a Planning Commissioner for the City of Novato and was elected to the Novato City Council in 1983-87, serving as Mayor in 1984-85. In both 1980 and 1982 he ran as the Republican candidate for the United States Congress. Among his charitable and civic activities, Dennis has served as Chairman of the Lincoln Club of Northern California, President of the Ignacio Rotary Club, Trustee of The Air Force JAG School Foundation, President of the Family Club of San Francisco, and on the Boards of Directors of the World Trade Club, the Novato Human Needs Center, the Friends of Marin Center, and the Marin Symphony.

It is within the local Catholic community, however, that Dennis has most prominently served as both leader and servant. As a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Social Services of Marin County from 1972 to 1978, he led the effort to establish The House at San Quentin, which to this day serves the needs of inmates' visitors and families. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph's-St. Patrick's Seminary Alumni Association since 1985, and he served as the group's President in 1989-90. From 1998 to 2002, he served on the Finance Council of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, where he helped to develop the St. Mary's Chinese Center in Chinatown. Dennis is a long-time member and former President of the St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco. He is an active member of St. Leo's parish in Sonoma where he serves as a lector. Dennis and his wife Susan are the proud parents of four children, and doting grandparents of five grandchildren.



# Mobilization of Bay Area Litigators is needed to end California's death penalty!

Yes on Prop 34, the SAFE California Act, is a ballot initiative campaign that will replace the death penalty in California with life without the possibility of parole, saving our state billions of dollars and making our communities safer and stronger. For more information about the campaign, please visit [www.yeson34.org](http://www.yeson34.org)

*Keker & Van Nest, LLP and Arguedas, Cassman & Headley, LLP invite you to a fundraising reception in support of the Yes on 34 campaign:*

**Wednesday, September 5, 2012**

**Reception — 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Offices of Keker & Van Nest, LLP  
633 Battery Street, San Francisco, CA

*This event is co-sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco.*



This important event – an intimate reception and discussion – will feature extraordinary keynote speaker, **Bryan Stevenson**, the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama and a MacArthur 'Genius' Fellow. Bryan has won national acclaim for his work challenging bias against the poor and people of color in the criminal justice system and was a featured speaker at TED2012.

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Sponsorship includes listing on event materials. For more information and to purchase tickets or sponsorships, please visit:

**<http://bit.ly/yeson34>**

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## *Thank you to our host committee:*

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