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Dear Colleagues:

We had a wonderful turnout for the annual Pastor's Lunch to hear Father Tomas E. Buckley, S.J. speak on "Vatican II: Forty Years Later". Of particular interest was Father Buckley's discussion of the substantial involvement our new Pope, Benedict, had in drafting some of the most important documents of the Council. It gave us new insight into what this Papacy may mean for the future of the Church.

Our annual membership meeting and Christmas lunch is scheduled for **December 8, 2005 at Noon in the Banker's Club of the Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, San Francisco.** Mass will take place at 11:30 a.m. with lunch to follow. Our student essay contest winner will read the winning essay at the lunch. The essay this year asked the students to answer the question of how to convince young people to return to the Church.

Consistent with our tradition of supporting Catholic high school education through the annual essay contest, the Executive Committee has decided to support Catholic high school education in the New Orleans area by sponsoring one student to attend the newly combined Catholic high school which serves primarily underprivileged students in that area. The new high school will be known as Xavier University Preparatory - MAX. The Society is sponsoring the student for a year. Many thanks to our Secretary Hugh A. Donohoe for suggesting the idea and arranging the scholarship.

This is my last Newsletter. Next year the Society will be very well served by your new president Stacy K. Stecher. Stacy already has some wonderful programs planned. They are: on **January 19, 2006**, Justice Joanne Parrilli, Rabbi Helen Cohn and Dean Jeff Brand will be speaking on "A Rabbi and a Justice went into the Dean's Office. No Kidding!: Prayer, Mediation and the Law". On **April 20, 2006**, Andrew Galvan, who is curator of Mission Dolores, archeologist and founder of Archaeor, (which specializes in cultural resource management and reburial of human remains) will address a number of topics including the Mission of San Francisco, San Francisco History and the canonization of Fr. Serra. Mr. Galvan is an expert on the Mission and Native Americans in San Francisco, San Francisco History, and was involved in the canonization process of Fr. Junipero Serra.

As always, if you have any questions about any of the scheduling or topics or other events taking place with the Society, you can check our website at: www.stthomasmore-sf.org.

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as your President this year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

I look forward to seeing you in December.

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 December 8, 2005. My check, payable to the St. Thomas More Society, for _____ is enclosed.

Member Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

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

Please reserve by December 5, 2005