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REV. JOSE CHAVARIN, J.C.L., *Chaplain*

Dear Colleagues,

Many thanks to all who attended for making our November Pastor's Luncheon a wonderful event. We were very fortunate to have a number of pastors as our guests and we had a lovely afternoon of socializing with them. Also at the luncheon, we shared excerpts from some of the essays from our Annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest. This year's essay topic was: "Write an email to Pope Benedict XVI about how you think the Church can help people your age make faith a bigger part of their daily life outside of Church and school." We received approximately 275 essay submissions and they were all of excellent quality and offered very thoughtful and creative suggestions and ideas on the topic. Finally, we had a terrific, albeit short due to time constraints, dialogue among the members and pastors regarding issues facing some parishes, the old rite Latin Tridentine Mass and other topics. We hope to continue such dialogue at a future event.

The Society wishes to extend hearty congratulations to the Most Reverend John C. Wester, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, for his receipt on November 17, 2006, of the prestigious Brennan Award given by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco for outstanding service to the San Francisco community. We have been truly blessed by Bishop Wester's presence in the Bay Area. He is most deserving of the award and we thank him for his many years of dedicated ministry to our Church and community and for his continuous support of our Society.

Our final event of the year is our Christmas Luncheon on **Friday, December 8, 2006**, at our usual location, 52<sup>nd</sup> floor, 555 California Street, San Francisco. Lunch at noon will be preceded by Mass at 11:30 a.m. celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will have an open bar at the luncheon. Also, during the luncheon we will have a presentation by the winner of this year's annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest who will read his winning essay. Finally, as is our tradition, the December luncheon is also our Annual Membership Luncheon and we will be voting on members to fill the positions of the Executive Committee for next year. As Gerry Mannion completes his tenure on the Executive Committee, we express our tremendous gratitude to him for his ten years of hard work and dedicated service to the Society. To fill the spot left by Gerry's departure, we are extremely pleased to announce as a nominee to the Executive Committee — Dennis McQuaid. We will also be voting-in *all* members to the Executive Committee. Finally, we also extend our thanks and best wishes to Tony O'Brien who has served you on the Executive Committee this year. Tony and his family are moving out of the area and he is leaving his position on the Executive Committee. We thank him sincerely for all his work and commitment to the Society. **Our December luncheon promises to be a festive celebration filled with collegiality and holiday spirit and you won't want to miss it !**

*As this will be my last newsletter, I wanted to thank you very much for the incredible privilege and opportunity to serve as President of the Society this year. On behalf of the Executive Committee, we wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday as well as a very safe, peaceful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !*

**Important upcoming Dates:**

Friday, December 8, 2006:

Final Luncheon of the Year;  
Preceded by Mass celebrating the  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

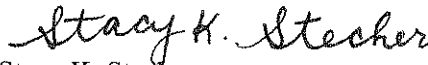
Election of Next Year's Executive Committee

Presentation by Winner of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest

As always, we invite you to check for information about the Society and our upcoming events on our website: [www.stthomasmore-sf.org](http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org)

I very much look forward to seeing you at our December luncheon.

Sincerely,



Stacy K. Stecher  
President

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at **\$38** per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on Friday, December 8, 2006. My check, payable to the St. Thomas More Society, for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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I would like to sponsor a law student, today's speaker or our chaplain. Enclosed is an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please reserve for December's Luncheon by Tuesday, December 5, 2006.**