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November 29, 2012

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Thursday, December 13, 2012 Christmas Luncheon The Family Club, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco (corner of Bush & Powell)

Our annual Christmas luncheon will take place at noon on December 13th at The Family Club (Palio d'Asti could not accommodate us).

The Society is again sponsoring an essay contest for eighth graders. The topic is: "As an eighth grader, what would you do if you saw a fellow student being bullied? Do you think that the actions of St. Thomas More can give you guidance on what to do?" Our 8th grade Essay Contest winner will read their winning essay, and we will honor the other contest finalists. There will be an open bar to toast the Christmas Season and New Year.

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 The Family Club 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 based on our number of RSVPs, and we will have to charge you for the lunch.

ANNUAL DUES

The **2012 Membership Form** (also attached to this letter) may be used to pay your 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.

2012 RECAP

I wish to thank the members of our Board (see our Letterhead), and all faithful members of the Society who participated in our events this year. We heard a variety of interesting and informative speakers: San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes White, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, Katie Short of the Legal Life Defense Foundation, Sister Caritas working to combat human trafficking, Paul O'Reilly of St. Thomas Aquinas College, Father Jay Matthews on an update to the history of black Catholics in the United States, Jeanne Woodford of Death Penalty Focus on the Death Penalty Initiative, and Bishop Ignatius Wang on the state of the Church in Mainland China.

We held a Theology on Tap on the topic of “miracles”. Our Womens’ Event Committee hosted a wine and cheese reception on the topic of “The Role of Women in the Church, Including the Debate over the Ordination of Women”. Father Frank Filice lead us in a retreat at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland on the topic of “Lawyers and Family”, following a Mass in the Cathedral. We held a round table discussion “Comparative Religion 101” with a Mormon elder, Catholic priest, Buddhist priest, Muslim Imam, and Jewish Rabbi. We sponsored a scholarship contest for University of San Francisco Law School students, awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to two deserving law students. We hosted our annual essay contest for eighth graders, the winner of which will speak at our December luncheon. We held a meet and greet for Tara Clemens, a young lawyer who is hoping to join the Cloistered Dominican nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, and is soliciting contributions to the Laboure Society to retire her student debt (see below). We participated in the Meet the Bar Association open house sponsored by Golden Gate University. We are currently sponsoring a clothing drive through the St. Vincent de Paul Society (see below). We held a very successful Red Mass and dinner honoring former President Dennis McQuaid, with a special tribute to deceased former President Don Casper.

We encourage everyone to rejoin this Society next year, and to participate in our events. We are always looking for new members and encourage you to invite prospective members to our luncheons and other activities (prospective members can attend for free).

Tara Clemens

As described in our last Newsletter, Tara Clemens, a young lawyer who has discerned a religious vocation with the cloistered Dominican nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park is still soliciting contributions to the Laboure Society, a nonprofit organization that fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life by resolving education loans. Tax deductible contributions can be made to the Laboure Society at: The Laboure Society, 1365 Corporate Center Curve, Suite 104, Eagan,

Minnesota 55121. (See our October 31 Newsletter on our website www.stthomasmore.sf.org for more details).

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

The St. Thomas More Society is committed to actively serving our community, and we look forward to offering a number of service project opportunities in the coming year. With the holidays approaching, we have an opportunity to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which provides a wide range of services to the poor and needy in San Francisco. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, St. Vincent de Paul will be conducting a collection drive for coats and shoes. If you can assist with coordinating a drop-off location at your firm or office, please let us know. St. Vincent de Paul will do most of the work, including dropping off and picking up the collection barrels. This is a good – and easy – way for us to demonstrate the qualities of charity, service, and leadership that were hallmarks of our founder. If you are able to help, please get in touch with Tim Crudo at timothy.crudo@lw.com.

For the Executive Committee:

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Zaletel
President

Enclosures:

2012 Membership Form
December 13 Luncheon Reservation Form

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY DECEMBER 13, 2012 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

THE FAMILY CLUB

545 Powell Street, San Francisco (corner of Bush and Powell)

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at **12:00 noon** on **Thursday, December 13**, at The Family Club, 545 Powell Street.

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).

No charge for pastors.

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

_____ 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: _____

Home Telephone: _____

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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