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Dear Members and Friends,

“With Malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds.”

(Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865).

This timeless call to fashion a society where each member will be “at peace with God, with self and with neighbor”... echoes the faithful conviction exemplified in the life of our patron Saint Thomas More. During this President's month, we are also reminded that these words, at once resound the foundational principles of our Society, as they have steered the direction of social justice action and progress in San Francisco for over 75 years. We continue this journey inspired by the work that has gone before, and nurture it by those compassionate efforts humbly performed each day that mark and ensure our progress.

We are grateful to Brian Cahill for enlightening us last month about the breadth and tradition of charitable services so faithfully and selflessly extended to children, teens, young adults, ill and aged in need through Catholic Charities and CYO since 1906.

**Supervisor Sean R. Elsbernd will be our speaker at Noon on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at the Carnelian Room, 555 California Street, 52nd Floor.** Sean is a fourth generation San Franciscan and catholic lawyer, graduate of St. Cecilia, Saint Ignatius College Preparatory, Claremont McKenna College and University of California Hastings College of the Law, presently representing San Francisco's western citizens in District 7.

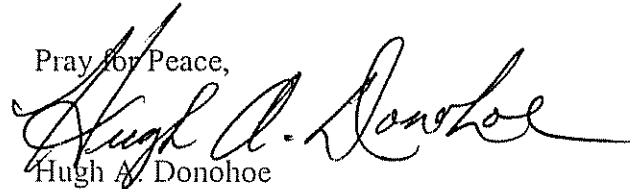
San Francisco faces complex moral, social and stewardship issues. The City's greatest fiscal threat and challenge - unfunded retiree health liability - and its attendant commitments and costs will cause adverse impacts on the City's ability to provide services to so many others in need. Supervisor Elsbernd's social justice perspective on these challenges will provide thoughtful insight and engender spirited discussion. Please schedule and make a special effort to participate in this exceptional civic opportunity.

We encourage each and every member to please take a moment and send in dues. We thankfully report that almost half of the membership has already performed this most important annual duty. We joyously report that we have added 11 new members. Welcome to each of you and please plan to join us at our luncheons and Red Mass this year! It is a continuing goal and prayer of yours truly that we will increase both membership and participation over the next five years in the events of the Society in anticipation and preparation for a glorious 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012.

Sister Eileen Sullivan reports that the MAX Schools (St. Mary's, St. Augustine and Xavier University Prep) in New Orleans have completed their recovery efforts and reopened their three small campuses. The students and faculties who shared a single facility as a result of the disaster for the last year extend their gratitude and prayers to the members of St. Thomas More for your generosity in providing a scholarship for one student. Gifts as yours allowed all 600 students, otherwise facing displacement, to continue their studies at home with family and friends. The senior class sends its thanks to you for allowing them to complete their high school education - and together.

Please remember to visit our website at <http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org> for current Society newsletters, announcements, schedules of events and information.

Pray for Peace,



Hugh A. Donohoe

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## February 22, 2007 Luncheon Reservation

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

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Enclosed is an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_.