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"I die the King's good servant - but God's first."

Dear Friends

As we begin 2009, I want to wish all of you a healthy, happy and holy new year. I took advantage of the opportunity over the holidays to watch the 1966 film "A Man For All Seasons" again. I was just a little older than my teenage children (who watched this time with me) when this Oscar winning film on the life of Saint Thomas More premiered. It's an inspiring film and well worth viewing again for many reasons, not the least of which are Paul Scofield's outstanding portrayal of Saint Thomas More and delivery of his last words above. As lawyers and judges, we are challenged daily with the use of words to test boundaries. Saint Thomas More used them to test boundaries too, but, in his final words, to clarify his priorities. May all of us find the grace and opportunity to clarify our priorities often in 2009.

This month's luncheon will be Thursday, January 22, 2009. We are privileged to have as our speaker **Chris Cody**, the Executive Director of the St. Vincent dePaul Society of San Francisco. Chris is former personal injury lawyer who is now full time with the St. Vincent dePaul Society. The Society provides much needed support, shelter and affordable transitional housing to the increasing numbers of those suffering from homelessness, poverty, addiction and domestic violence. This is a timely presentation in a time of economic uncertainty. I hope you will be able to join us to listen to Chris. Please RSVP to our secretary for 2009, **Dennis McQuaid** at [DMcQuaid@hansonbridgett.com](mailto:DMcQuaid@hansonbridgett.com). An RSVP form to submit with your check is attached below.

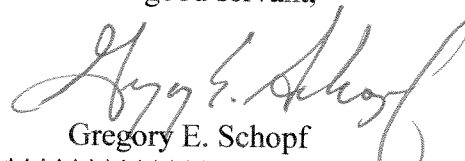
Among other things, we are dedicating our energy this year to expanding our membership. We think the Saint Thomas More Society has a great deal to offer. The monthly luncheons, excellent speakers, networking opportunities, Red Mass, dinner honoring our annual award winner, the essay contest and pastor's luncheon are just some of the many good reasons to be a part of the Society. More information is available on our website [www.stthomasmore-sf.org](http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org).

Dues for 2009 are:

\$100 for attorneys over five (5) years in practice;  
\$50 for attorneys with five (5) years or less in practice; and  
\$25 for law students.

Please renew your membership now and encourage someone else you know to join us this year. Former president Brent Faye encouraged me and I have never regretted it for a moment. My thanks go once again to you, Brent, and congratulations to you on your recent retirement. A membership form is attached below. Please submit the completed form with your check to our treasurer, **Adrian Driscoll**.

Your good servant,



Gregory E. Schopf

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**ST. THOMAS MORE JANUARY 22, 2009 LUNCHEON RESERVATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Luncheon at NOON on January 22, 2009 at the Carnelian Room, 52<sup>nd</sup> floor, Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, SF, CA.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$45 per person (over 10 years in practice).  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$38 per person (10 years and under in practice).  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$20 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 would also like to sponsor one or more students or members of the clergy at \$20 per person and include \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in my check for such purpose.

The total amount of my enclosed check made payable to the "St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco" is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please RSVP and send checks to:

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Date of application \_\_\_\_\_

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

Year admitted to bar \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Return application and check to:*  
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