

St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco

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January 10, 2014

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

We begin a new year with an ambitious agenda of outstanding speakers, community service opportunities, Theology on Tap discussions, and a commitment to expanding the membership of our Society.

We are grateful to our 2013 President, Tom Hockel, for his hard work and dedication to the Society throughout 2013. Tom remains on the Executive Board this year as our Immediate Past President and continues to support the Society. We also thank departing Executive Committee members Iain MacDonald and John Sullivan for their service and welcome new Executive Committee members Karen Kimmey and Andres Orphanopoulos as well as Dean John Trasvina of USF Law School.

January Luncheon

Please join us for the first luncheon of the year on **Thursday, January 23, 2014** at 12:00 p.m. at The Family Club, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco (at the corner of Bush and Powell). Our speaker is **Scott Singer, CEO of Hanna Boys Center** in Sonoma. Hanna Boys Center changes the lives of troubled, motivated youth through faith, education and caring, helping them grow into productive members of society. Scott will discuss the mission of Hanna Boys Center and will also be joined by two boys from the Center. We will also announce the winner of the Society's 2013 USF Law School scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

The **Lunch Reservation Form** is attached to this letter and an Evite has already been sent for the luncheon. Please "Reply" to the Evite **and** also return the Lunch Reservation Form to our Treasurer, Matt Graham. We ask that luncheon reservations be

made in advance, with payment if possible, as this permits an accurate headcount for lunch and greatly assists the Family Club staff. If you RSVP but cannot attend, please let us know at least 48 hours in advance so we may cancel your lunch order. We are charged based on our RSVP numbers, so we must charge you for last minute cancellations.

Guests are welcome at Society events and potential members may attend a luncheon compliments of the Society. We encourage you to invite prospective members to our luncheons and ask that you so indicate on the reservation form.

2014 Dues and Membership

The **2014 Membership Form** is attached to this letter and may be used to pay your dues and to update membership records. Your dues are essential to the Society and enable us to fund events, attract quality speakers, and award the Society scholarships.

This year the Executive Committee is focused on expanding our membership and attracting new members. As a cornerstone of our efforts, we are **reducing our annual dues for membership**. Annual dues for 2014 are **\$75.00 for attorneys over five (5) years of practice** (reduced from \$100), **\$25.00 for attorneys with less than five (5) years of practice or retired attorneys** (reduced from \$50), and **law student membership is complimentary** (reduced from \$25.00). We hope this reduction in dues for 2014 will enable the Society to attract new members and to retain our existing members. We will be asking for your input on dues and other improvements to our Society later this year and look forward to your comments.

Any member who already paid 2014 dues at the 2013 rate may request a refund from our Treasurer, Matt Graham, or donate the difference to the Society. Dues payments for any member who does not request a refund will be considered donations to the Society with our thanks.

Theology on Tap

Please join us for our first **Theology on Tap** discussion on February 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., location TBA. **Michael Carbone (MPC Dispute Resolution) and Father Donal Godfrey (USF)** (subject to confirmation of his availability) will lead a discussion of St. Thomas More's book, *Utopia*, including reflections on the thoughts of our 2013 Essay Contest Winner about *Utopia*. This promises to be a dynamic discussion with a few surprises from our moderators too. There is no charge for this event and no RSVP is required. We will gather for drinks at 5:30 p.m., the discussion will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the event will conclude by 7:00 p.m. Please contact Karen Kimmey at KKimmey@fbm.com for more information.

Justice Scalia at USF School of Law

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and lawyer and lexicographer Bryan A. Garner will be at USF Law School for two special events on **January 31**,

2014. Justice Scalia and Mr. Garner will give the keynote address at the 2014 USF Law Review Symposium, highlighting ethics topics from their book, *Making Your Case: The Art of Persuading Judges*. Details are available at www.usfca.edu/law/lawreviewsymp. On the evening of January 31 at 6:00 p.m., Justice Scalia and Mr. Garner will discuss their book, *Reading Law: The Interpretation of Legal Texts*, with a book signing to follow. Details are available at www.usfca.edu/law/readinglaw Advance RSVPs required for both events.

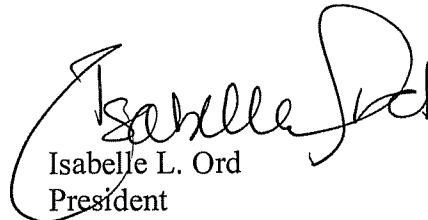
Our Lady of Fatima at St. Thomas More Parish

Our Chaplain, **Msgr. Labib Kobti of the St. Thomas More Church**, will welcome the statue of our Lady of Fatima at the Church at 1300 Junipero Serra Blvd., San Francisco at 6:00 p.m. on January 18, 2014. Mass will follow on January 19, 2014. Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey from her home in Portugal and will be visiting several churches in the San Francisco area over the weekend of January 18-19. For more information, please contact Msgr. Kobti at veryfriendlyto@aol.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the January luncheon and to sharing with you some of the additional events planned for this year. Please look for our monthly newsletters for updates on future events and opportunities to be more involved with the Society. You can also check our website any time at www.stthomasmore-sf.org for updates and information.

On behalf of the Executive Committee:

Sincerely yours,



Isabelle L. Ord
President

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY JANUARY 2014 LUNCHEON RESERVATION
THE FAMILY CLUB

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

Please use this Form to reserve your spot at the luncheon and to make payment even if you have already responded to the Evite.

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at **12:00 noon** on **January 23, 2014**, 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 or first time guest visitors to the Society.

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 (no charge):

_____ 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. Cancellations on less than 48 hours cannot be reimbursed.

Please send this form and checks to Treasurer:

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ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO
2014 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.*

Name: _____

Firm, Company or Court: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Law Student? _____ No dues for law students in 2014

Year Admitted to Bar: _____ Retired from Practice? _____

Please accompany this application with current dues payment. Annual dues for 2014 are **reduced**: \$75 for attorneys over five (5) years in practice; \$25 for attorneys retired from practice and attorneys with five (5) years or less in practice; and \$0 for law students. Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Society**.

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