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Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Happy new year! On behalf of the Executive Committee, we wish you and your families a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2015. The year promises to have lots in store for the Society, and we look forward to having you join us at our monthly lunches, service projects, the Red Mass, and other events in the year ahead.

We are grateful to our 2014 President, Isabelle Ord, for her leadership, hard work, and dedication over the past year. Isabelle remains on the Executive Committee as our Immediate Past President. We also want to thank Tom Hockel, our outgoing Past President, who steps off of the Executive Committee after many years of service. And we welcome new Executive Committee members the Honorable Kathleen Kelley of the San Francisco Superior Court and Assistant United States Attorney Laura Vartain Horn.

2015 Dues and Membership

The 2015 Membership Form is attached to this letter and may be used to pay your dues and to update membership records. We lowered our membership rates in 2014 and will maintain those rates this year. Annual dues for 2015 are \$75.00 for attorneys with five years or more of practice and \$25.00 for retired attorneys and those with fewer than five years of practice. Law student membership is free. Your dues are essential to the Society and enable us to fund events, attract quality speakers, and award scholarships, so please get them in.

We are continuing our efforts to attract new members, particularly among younger lawyers, and we encourage you to help us recruit new members to join the Society. Feel free to start by forwarding this newsletter to someone you think may be interested in joining.

Remember that lunch is free for prospective members, so bring along a colleague, a friend, a parishioner, or even opposing counsel.

January Luncheon

Our first luncheon of the year will be on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at noon. To kick off our 2015 service project, and in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, our program will be held this month at De Marillac Academy, 175 Golden Gate Avenue (at Leavenworth). Our speaker will be Mike Daniels, De Marillac's President and CEO, who will speak to us about De Marillac's history and mission. We will also present the Society's volunteer partnership with De Marillac for 2015, which is discussed in more detail below. We will return to the Family Club in February.

The Lunch Reservation Form is attached to this letter, and you should already have received an Evite for the luncheon. Please note the reduced rate of \$20 for our special January luncheon at De Marillac. You can "Reply" to the Evite or return the Lunch Reservation Form to our Treasurer, Andes Orphanopoulos. We ask that you make your reservations in advance, with payment if possible, as this permits an accurate headcount for lunch and greatly assists with our planning. Note that Evite now gives you the option to pay using PayPal. If you don't have a PayPal account, you can set one up in minutes. If you RSVP but later determine you cannot attend, please let us know at least 48 hours in advance so we can cancel your lunch order.

2015 Service Project

For our service project this year we will be partnering with De Marillac Academy, neighbor to San Francisco's federal and state courts. De Marillac is a private school that offers a tuition-free education to children from underserved families in the Tenderloin and other at-risk communities in San Francisco. The school provides an innovative, comprehensive, and accessible Catholic education in the Lasallian and Vincentian traditions that focuses on academic excellence in a values-based environment. Established in 2001, De Marillac is an independent school that is co-sponsored by the Daughters of Charity and De La Salle Christian Brothers, two Catholic religious orders deeply committed to serving marginalized communities through education. From its original class of 19 sixth-graders, De Marillac has expanded its program to serve grades four through eight and to support students and families through high school and beyond.

In the 2014-15 school year, De Marillac Academy is serving 116 fourth through eighth grade students, 207 alumni, and 225 families in its school and unique wrap-around clinical and family support program. The diverse student population is considered "at-risk" because of social, academic, economic, and family circumstances. Over 95% of the student body qualifies for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program by virtue of falling under the federal poverty level -- \$23,350 for a family of four. One-hundred percent of the students come from low-income backgrounds.

We will be working with De Marillac this year in a special partnership. A number of volunteer opportunities, including mentoring, reading and tutoring, and teaching enrichment

classes, will be available, and we hope that you will join us in what promises to be an enriching and uplifting experience for our members as well as the De Marillac kids. We will be discussing the program in more detail at our January lunch, and we hope you can join us. Society member Tony Phillips has generously volunteered to act as our liaison with De Marillac. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Tony at adphillips@dons.usfca.edu.

Mentor Program

This year we will be rolling out a new mentor program that will pair law students and younger lawyers with more experienced attorneys who share practice and other interests. Please be sure to indicate on the Membership Application your interest in being a mentor or mentee. If you have questions about the program, please contact Executive Committee member Laura Vartain Horn, who will be coordinating the program. Laura can be reached at lvartain@gmail.com.

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We welcome your input, so if you have any questions, comments, or ideas for the Society, please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee. We look forward to seeing you often in the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy P. Crudo
President

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY JANUARY 2014 LUNCHEON RESERVATION
DE MARILLACE ACADEMY
175 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco (at Leavenworth)

Please use this Form to reserve your spot at the luncheon and to make payment.

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at 12:00 noon on
January 29, 2014, at De Marillac Academy, 175 Golden Gate Avenue.

Please reserve ___ place(s) \$20 per person.

There is no charge for first-time prospective members of 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):

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 return this form and your check to our Treasurer:

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**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO
2015 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, Court, or School: _____

Area(s) of Practice: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Year Admitted to Bar: _____ **Retired from Practice?** _____

Law Student? _____ **Note: Law students membership is free.**

Would you like to participate in our Mentor Program as a mentor or mentee?

Please accompany this application with current dues payment. Annual dues for 2015 are \$75.00 for attorneys with five years or more of practice and \$25.00 for retired attorneys and those with fewer than five years of practice. Law student membership is free. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Society.

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