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Dear Members,

As is our custom, we have no luncheons scheduled for the vacation months of July and August. Nevertheless we have two special opportunities for your participation in August:

August 8th: During the American Bar Association convention to be held in San Francisco, we are sponsoring a special Red Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. The celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop William Justice. The Cathedral choir will be singing traditional Gregorian Chants. After the Mass, our Society will be hosting a reception in the meeting rooms below the Cathedral. Please plan to attend and help us host the ABA delegates and judges from all across the country. Bring your family and friends. You can RSVP by sending me an e-mail that you will be there at (dmcquaid@hansonbridgett.com) or you can contact Adrian Driscoll (adriscoll@ropers.com) if you would like to help in our hosting of the event.

August 28th: We are looking for 10 volunteers to help serve lunch at St. Anthony's Dining Room from 9:30 to 1:30. Please contact Tim Crudo (Timothy.Crudo@lw.com) who initiated and continues to coordinate our service project at St. Anthony's. There are still some places available. All who have participated in our prior volunteer efforts at St. Anthony's have found it to be a tremendous experience.

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June Luncheon Speaker

Our speaker at our June Luncheon was Father Jay Matthews, pastor of St. Benedict's Parish in Oakland. Father Matthews gave a most fascinating and informative talk on the history of the Catholic African-American community in the Civil Rights movement, from the end of the Civil War until the middle of the 20th century.

Future Speakers and Events

September 23: Luncheon Honoring St. Thomas More Award winners and Past Presidents. Bishop William Justice, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco will speak at a luncheon honoring our past St.

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Thomas More Award winners and Past Presidents. (Co-Chairs Justice Robert Dondero and Justice Martin Jenkins - each of whom is a past St. Thomas More Award winner.)

October 21: Annual Red Mass and Dinner. *CHANGE OF LOCATION:* This year's Red Mass will be held at the beautiful Church of Notre Dame des Victoires on Bush Street starting at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will follow at the Family Club at Bush and Powell. Parking is available across from the Church in the Sutter-Stockton Garage. The principal celebrant will again be Archbishop George Niederauer. The recipient of this year's St. Thomas More Award will be the former President of the St. Thomas More Society and one of our most inspirational leaders, Hugh Donohoe.

November 15: Pastors Luncheon. This will be a special luncheon on Monday rather than Thursday (to accommodate our speaker) where every member is encouraged to invite your pastor or other parish priests as our guests. Our speaker will be the noted scholar and writer, Sister Sandra Schneiders of the Jesuit School of Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, who will address the role of and issues facing women religious in the United States today. This luncheon promises to be another highlight of our year.

Important Announcements

The Holy Father Benedict XVI has appointed Monsignor Robert W. McElroy, pastor of St. Gregory Parish in San Mateo to be Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco. After attending Saint Joseph's Minor Seminary, he secured his Baccalaureate at the Harvard University (1975) and a Masters in history from Stanford University (1976). He completed ecclesiastical studies at Saint Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California. He holds a Licentiate in theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley (1985), a doctorate in moral theology from the Gregorian University in Rome (1986) and a doctorate in political science from Stanford (1989). He has performed pastoral work at St. Cecilia Parish in San Francisco and St. Pius Parish in Redwood City prior to becoming the pastor of St. Gregory Parish. Congratulations to Msgr. McElroy.

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Archbishop George H. Niederauer has announced four priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco will now be known as Monsignor.

"I am very pleased to announce that Pope Benedict XVI has named Father C. Michael Padazinski and Father John J. Talesfore Chaplains to His Holiness, with the title of Monsignor," Archbishop Niederauer said in a memo to all in the Archdiocese June 28, "and has named Father James E. O'Malley and Father James T. Tarantino Prelates of Honor to His Holiness, with the title of Monsignor." The appointments take effect immediately, Archbishop Niederauer noted.

"Please join me in thanking these men, and all of our active and retired priests and deacons, for their important service to the people of this Archdiocese," Archbishop Niederauer said.

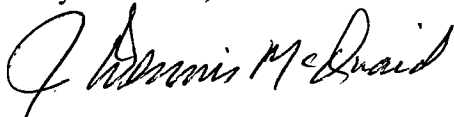
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Monsignor Talesfore has been ministering as Pastor of Saint Mary's Cathedral since August 15, 2005; Monsignor Padazinski has been serving as Judicial Vicar since July, 2000; Chancellor since December, 2006; Vicar General pro tempore since July, 2008 and is a Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve. Following the retirement of Monsignor Harry Schlitt on June 30, 2010, Monsignor Tarantino will begin his full-time assignment as Vicar for Administration and Moderator of the Curia, after many years as Pastor of Saint Hilary Parish in Tiburon. Monsignor Jim O'Malley recently celebrated his 64th year of ordination and has been retired since 1993. He resides at Nazareth House in San Rafael, and has served the Archdiocese in many capacities - most notably as Pastor of Saint Kevin Parish from 1967 to 1993.

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Our Chaplain Monsignor Kobti: We received a note from Msgr. Kobti thanking us for the flowers and note we sent after his kidney transplant. He thanked us for our prayers and support, is continuing to recuperate, and is looking forward to returning to his pastoral duties in the near future. Please continue to keep Monsignor Kobti in your prayers for his full and speedy recovery.

Pray for Peace,



J. Dennis McQuaid
President

Reminder: If you are one of our members who have overlooked sending in your dues for 2010, please send us your check to help support the activities of the Society. The membership form is attached.