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Dear Colleagues:

Steve Murphy gave a tremendous presentation on "Presumed Guilty: Justice in Vietnam. Reflections on a Visit to America's Former Enemy" at our February lunch. Steve told of one particularly telling exchange: when he told a Vietnamese Appellate Justice about our presumption of innocence, the Justice said: "Why would the police arrest someone if he was presumed innocent? Our police only arrest guilty people." Talk about speaking two different languages! Steve had a great Power Point presentation which really brought his talk alive.

Our speaker for March is Father Brendan McBride of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center who will be speaking on "Parish Without Borders - Irish Ministry to the Diaspora". Father McBride has been working with Irish immigrants in the U.S. and the U.K. for many years. He has particular insight into the effect the Homeland Security and Patriots Acts are having on immigrants. The lunch is on March 10, 2005 at Noon in the Banker's Club of the Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, San Francisco. This is a week earlier than usual.

The next luncheon will be on April 21, 2005 at the Banker's Club at Noon. Ian MacDonald and John Christian will be speaking on "Bankruptcy and the Church".

On May 19, 2005, Father Paul Crowley, S.J. will speak to us on Hon. Raymond D. Williamson, Jr. What's a Catholic to Do": A discussion of how Catholics are to integrate their beliefs with their decisions in the voting booth. A truly timely topic.

> On June 16, 2005, local attorney Jerry Hurtubise will be speaking about his new book which describes growing up Catholic.

I regret to inform you that hearing these great speakers will cost a little bit more. The Banker's Club held the line on its prices for as long as it could, but had to raise the prices this year. Therefore, we have to raise the price of the lunch to \$35.

On the social front, we have arranged for a tour of Mission Dolores on **Saturday, June 18, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.** The tour takes about an hour. The Society is covering the cost of the tour. Please sign up by e-mailing me at gmannion@sbcglobal.net or Chinhayi J. Coleman at Chinhayi.J.Coleman@usdoj.gov.

We also have our first Happy Hour get together planned for **Thursday**, **April 28**, **2005** at **5:30** p.m. at the London Wine Bar, 415 Sansome Street. Mark it down.

Finally, Archbishop William J. Levada has extended an invitation to the members of St. Thomas More Society to attend the annual Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you in March.

E. Gerard Mannion

President

Sincerely,

Please note the price increase to \$35.

Society luncheon or	places at \$35 per person (\$15 for law students) for the March 10, 2005. My check, payable to the St. Thomas is enclosed.
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Please reserve by	March 7, 2005