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St. Thomas More: "The King's good servant, but God's first!"

Dear Members,

HELP! This is a plea to send in your membership renewal and annual dues. As you know, we are doing almost all of our correspondence by e-mail, so there is not a handy return envelope for you to send in your renewal. So far about half of our membership has responded to our renewal requests. If you are in the other half, PLEASE fill out the attached membership form and send in your dues. We need your support.

March Luncheon: On Thursday, March 25th at the Family Club, corner of Bush and Powell Streets, one of our members, Steve Lanctot, has put together the presentation about the programs at the Immaculate Conception Academy - a school in San Francisco which follow the Cristo Rey model that has been so successful in Chicago. Please send in your reservation on the form attached.

At our February luncheon, Bill Regan, President of the Western Association of the Knights of Malta, outlined for us not only the origin and long history of the Knights, but gave us an inspiring account of their charitable programs including a major hospital project in Haiti. He also described their annual pilgrimages with the desperately ill to Lourdes. All who attended were inspired by his description of the great work being done by the Knights of Malta.

## COMING EVENTS

Lenten Series: THREE MORE WEEKS! This is your reminder (see the attached) that the 4th in the series of talks by Don Carroll centered on the parables of Jesus will be held at noon on Wednesday March 10th, at Old St. Mary's Church. Don will conclude his Lenten series with talks on March 17th and March 24th. (There is no talk planned for the Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31st.)

During his talks to date, Don has focused on the teachings of Jesus found for example in the parable of the Prodigal Son, which he described as really the parable of the Loving Father, in the parable of the Sower and in the parable of the "Unjust Judge".

There is no reservation required and no charge for attending.

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St. Anthony's Service Project: Contact Tim Crudo at [timothy.crudo@lw.com](mailto:timothy.crudo@lw.com) to volunteer with other members of STMS at St. Anthony's. Our next date to participate in feeding the homeless is Holy Saturday, April 3rd. Those who helped out in February all reported that it was a most rewarding experience.

Day of Recollection: Mark your calendar for April 10th. The schedule is set for our day of recollection at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. We will start with Mass at 9:00 am followed by talks by Father Frank Filice of the Holy Family Oratory of St. Philip Neri. After lunch there will be a guided tour of the new Cathedral. To sign up, please contact either Matt Graham at [mgraham@wendel.com](mailto:mgraham@wendel.com) or Tom Lewellyn at [tlewellynlaw@mac.com](mailto:tlewellynlaw@mac.com).

Future Speakers and Events:

April 22: Father Joseph Fessio, S.J.

May 27: Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, of the Diocese of Oakland

August 8: Special Red Mass and Reception at St. Mary's Cathedral during the ABA Convention (for information contact Adrian Driscoll at [adriscoll@ropers.com](mailto:adriscoll@ropers.com).)

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

Good Friday: Our chaplain, Monsignor Labib Kopti of St. Thomas More parish in San Francisco has invited us to participate on Good Friday (April 2nd) in the following special observances:

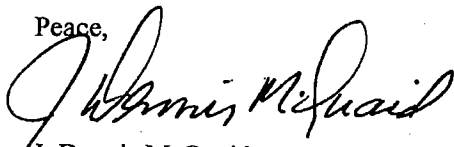
a) Way of the cross starts at Coit Tower at 9:00 am, winds down the hill to the national Shrine of St. Francis and finishes at 11:00 am.

b) At 12:00 Noon, LIVE STATIONS of the Cross with actors around the Church of St. Thomas More (off Brotherhood way). Great for families and their children.

Please watch for a notice regarding our next Theology on Tap program later this month.

In closing, I hope all of you and your families have a beautiful and grace-filled Easter. Please pray for your fellow members that all of us will continue to represent in our practices, our lives and in our communities the ideals of our patron, St. Thomas More.

Peace,



J. Dennis McQuaid  
President  
St. Thomas More Society

Attachments: Membership Form  
RSVP - March Luncheon