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March 4, 2011

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Happy St. Patrick's Month!

As we move forward into a busy time of the year for us (read below), the Society extends its thanks State Senator Leland Yee for his remarks at our February lunch. We gratefully acknowledge the time he took out of his busy schedule here and at the State Capitol to be with us, and his gracious follow-up letter of appreciation.

MARCH LUNCHEON

In deference to St. Patrick's Day festivities, our next luncheon meeting will be held on **March 24, 2011 beginning at 12 noon**. We are pleased to announce that our luncheon speaker will be **Rev. Michael Sweeney, O.P., President, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley**. Fr. Sweeney will discuss "The Common Good, Rights, and the Natural Law." Lunch will be held at **The Family, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco** (corner of Bush and Powell). Parking is conveniently located nearby at the Sutter Stockton Garage or at Union Square.

A **Luncheon Reservation Form** is attached to this letter to make your reservation. We ask that reservations be made in advance, as this greatly assists your Executive Committee and The Family staff to better serve you. *You do not have to be a member of the Society to attend our events.*

The Society is pleased to host potential new members at our cost. If you wish to bring a potential new member, please so indicate on your Luncheon Reservation Form. The Reservation Form also offers you the opportunity to sponsor one or more law students or members of the Clergy at \$20 per person.

REMINDER: ANNUAL DUES AND NEW MEMBERS

The St. Thomas More Society depends each year on Member Dues to support its various programs. The **2011 Membership Form** (also attached to this letter) may be used for that purpose and to update your membership records. This Form may also be used by new members – feel free to copy it, email it, and pass it around! Please note that dues for attorneys retired from practice are now *reduced* to only \$50 per year. The Society appreciates your continued support.

THE 2011 LENTEN SERIES

**The Passion Narratives
of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John**

The St. Thomas More Society's popular Lenten Series presented by Don Carroll returns this year with a six week reflection on the Passion and Death of Jesus. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The Society thanks Thomas Hockel, Esq. of Kelly, Hockel & Klein PC for allowing us the use of his Firm's conference facilities located at **One Sansome Street, Suite 1800** in The City.

Here is our weekly schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday, March 10, 2011	12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16, 2011	12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23, 2011	12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 31, 2011	12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 7, 2011	12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 14, 2011	12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
All sessions are at One Sansome Street, Suite 1800	

This is a special opportunity for you to do something for yourself during Lent, in preparation for Easter. You will be interested in the three very different images of Jesus to see what they mean for our faith and especially for the personal Gethsimani experiences we all have faced or must face in the future, whether those experiences deal with life and death issues or other personal tragedy for ourselves or our loved ones.

There is no cost to attend, and no need to commit to all 6 sessions – come as often as you are able. And there are no homework assignments! Bring a bag lunch, and feel free to bring a guest.

The presenter is our long-time member, Don Carroll. Don has had an avocation in Scripture since he left St. Patrick's Seminary many years ago. Don will be using the Death of the Messiah by world renowned Rev. Raymond Brown S.S. Don has given other Scripture programs for the Society, and they have been well received.

FRIENDS WRITE

The annual Silent Retreat for Men and Women in the Legal Profession, "Encountering God in All Seasons," at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos is set for March 11-13, 2011. See attached flyer.

The Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology at Berkeley (DSPT) is introducing a Master of Theological Studies program this summer that is designed for working professionals (including Judges and lawyers) who are looking to integrate their faith and work. The program is designed to help students develop skills in philosophical and theological interpretation and to assist them in learning how to bring those skills to bear upon the students' professional field. A flyer is attached to this letter for further information.

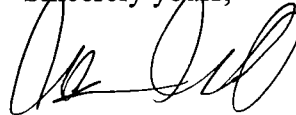
The Executive Committee has also received correspondence from the Thomas More Guild of Toronto, site of this year's ABA Convention. The Guild hopes to sponsor a Red Mass during the convention this year, and we responded to its request for information about the Red Mass we sponsored during last year's convention in San Francisco. Look for them if you attend the convention in Toronto. It was good to hear that our efforts were noticed, and thanks again to everyone who made last year's ABA Red Mass a success!

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We are looking forward to seeing you at our March 24 lunch meeting. Look for updates in our monthly newsletters and emails. And be sure to visit our website at www.stthomasmore-sf.org.

For the Executive Committee:

Sincerely yours,



Adrian G. Driscoll
President

Enclosures:

2011 Membership Form
March Luncheon Reservation Form
Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology flyer

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO

2011 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.*

Date: _____

Name: _____

Firm, Company or Court: _____

Street Address or P.O. Box: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Parish: _____

Preferred Address for Society Mailings: Business _____ Home _____

Law Student? _____

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

Please accompany this application with current dues. Annual dues are \$100 for attorneys over five (5) years in practice; \$50 for attorneys retired from practice and attorneys with five (5) years or less in practice; and \$25 for law students. Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Society**. Thank you!

Return application and check to:
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ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY MARCH 24, 2011 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

_____ I plan to attend the St. Thomas More Society Luncheon at **12:00 noon** on **Thursday, March 24, 2011** at The Family Club, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA (Corner of Bush and Powell).

Please reserve _____ places at \$45 per person (over 10 years in practice).

Please reserve _____ places at \$38 per person (10 years or less in practice).

Please reserve _____ places at \$20 per person (law students and clergy).

Member Name: _____

Member email: _____

Names of other attendees for whom payment is submitted:

_____ I am bringing the following potential member as a Guest of the Society:

_____ I would like to sponsor one or more law students or members of the clergy at \$20 per person and include \$_____ in my check for such purpose.

The total amount of my enclosed check is \$_____.

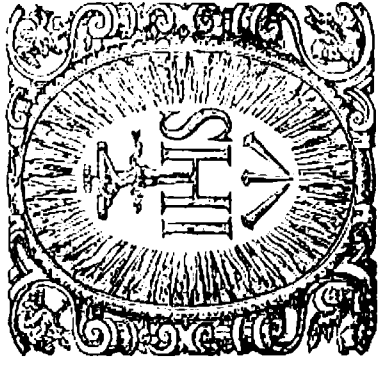
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Please RSVP and send checks to:

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St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco

Reservation Form (If you prefer, you may register on-line at www.jrclosaltos.org)



Retreat Title _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____
month dates year

Mr/Mrs/etc. _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Last Name _____ Title (e.g., M.D.) _____

Ethnicity _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
month day year

Parish/Retreat Group _____

Have you made a retreat with us before? yes no

Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Ext. _____

Address _____ **Emergency Contact:** _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Name _____

E-Mail _____ Home Phone _____ - _____

Handicap or mobility difficulties? Please specify needs: _____

Are you willing to share a room? _____ If so, with whom? _____

Method of Payment: (If by check, please make check payable to **Jesuit Retreat Center**)

MasterCard/VISA/Discover/AmericanExpress

Card number _____ Exp. Date _____ / _____ / _____
month year

Cardholder's Signature _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

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Full Retreat Fee \$ _____ Amount Received _____

or deposit \$ _____ Room Assigned _____

Donation \$ _____ Confirmation Sent _____

Total \$ _____

The Jesuit Retreat Center Phone: 650-948-4491 **Website:** www.jrclosaltos.org
300 Manresa Way Fax: 650-948-0640
Los Altos, CA 94022-4659 Email: retreat@jrclosaltos.org

Encountering God in All Seasons

*A Silent Retreat
for Men and Women
in the Legal Profession*

March 11-13, 2011

Directors:

Fr. Rob Scholla, S.J.
Ms. Leelamma Sebastian



The Jesuit Retreat Center
of Los Altos

Retreat Directors

Fr. Rob Scholla, S.J. has been a Jesuit over thirty years. A native of



Los Angeles and grad of USC, he studied mediae-val philosophy at Fordham University and earned his doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. He has been blessed to teach at Loyola Marymount and Santa Clara Universities, and serves as the rector of the Jesuit Community at LMU.

Ms. Leelamma Sebastian, a native of India, holds an economics degree from the



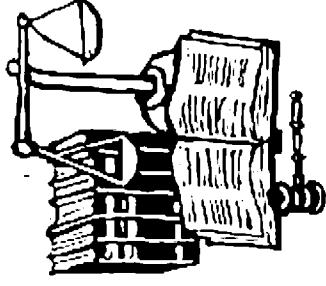
University of Calicut (Kerala, India) and a M.S. in Counseling Psych from Chamnade in Honolulu. She worked with Catholic Charities Hawaii and the Diocese of Honolulu and taught in the diocese's formation programs. She has two young adult daughters.

Encountering God in All Seasons

*A Silent Retreat
for Men and Women
in the Legal Profession*

March 11-13, 2011

**Life in the legal profession
can be challenging, yet the
practice of law is a sacred
profession. We will strive to
cultivate a deeper and more
vibrant interior life, prayerfully
attending to God's grace
energizing our hearts.**



Registration Information

The retreat fee for the weekend, with a private room and all meals, is \$280 per person. You may pay by cash, check or credit card. We accept VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

To make a reservation, fill out and return the reservation form with a \$100 deposit, and we will send you a confirmation card.

If you register on our website at www.jrclosaltos.org, your e-mail receipt is your confirmation.

This weekend begins with registration on Friday, March 11, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a reception at 6:30 p.m. and then dinner at 7 p.m. The retreat concludes with lunch on Sunday.

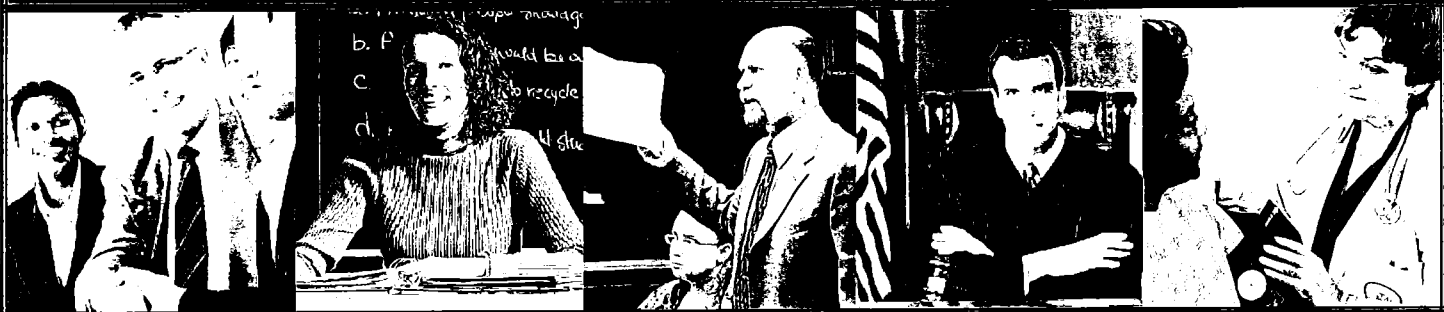
Refund policy: For cancellations received fewer than ten (10) days prior to the start of the retreat, the deposit is not refundable.

Complete and up-to-date information on retreats, descriptions, director biographies, fees and more is available on our website. Please visit us at

www.jrclosaltos.org



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