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May 15, 2017

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Thank you very much to all of you who have taken the time to fill out our survey regarding what you would like to see from the Society. We have been reviewing your feedback, and we are excited to make the Society even better and even more responsive to our members. ***One idea we're putting into effect right away is offering MCLE Credit for our events where appropriate.*** I'll be reporting more on the results soon. If you have not yet filled out the survey, please do so. We want this group to serve all of you! Come get involved and pick up some CLE while you're at it!

May Luncheon with the State Bar President

As you may have heard, big changes are underway at the California State Bar. On May 9, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved this year's Fee Bill. It includes a number of significant changes to the function and governance of the State Bar. We are honored to have James Fox, the current President of the State Bar come and fill us in on the changes and what they may mean for all of us. ***We are pleased to announce that MCLE Credit will be offered for this event!***

Please RSVP either by submitting the attached form, responding by Evite, or simply emailing our treasurer, Andres Orphanopoulos at orphanopoulos@gmail.com. Please also reach out to friends and colleagues who you think might be interested in this topic. All are welcome.

Date: Thursday, May 25; 12:00 noon

Place: The Family, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco

Cost: \$52 (lawyers with 10 years or more in practice), \$42 (less than 10 years in practice), \$25 (law students and clergy) There is no cost for first time prospective members of the Society.

Speaker: James Fox, President of the State Bar of California.

June Luncheon: Restorative Justice

Please mark your calendars now for our lunch on *June 15 with Dr. Kimberly Richman*. As Catholics, we are called to remember those who are in prison, and as lawyers, it is important that we be advocates for justice. Our June speaker is an expert on the state of the criminal justice system today. Dr. Richman is a professor of criminology, sociology of law, and is an expert on inequalities and social justice, gender, sexuality and the law. She is the author of the award winning book *Courting Change* and numerous articles. In addition, she is a sponsor and President of the Board of Directors of the San Quentin Alliance for C.H.A.N.G.E., a non-profit and inmate-led rehabilitative and community service program at San Quentin State Prison.

Red Mass

Please reserve the date now for our annual Red Mass. *The Mass will be held on October 12, at Saints Peter & Paul Church in North Beach*. The Red Mass originated in Europe during the High Middle Ages, and is offered for judges, lawyers, law students and government officials to request guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice. This is the largest event we offer and you do not want to miss it. It is followed by a celebratory dinner. More details will follow.

Nominations for the St. Thomas More Award

In connection with the Red Mass, the Society selects an individual to receive the St. Thomas More Award. The Award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the legal community, the Catholic community, or the Society and/or have dedicated themselves to public service or charitable works. Past winners have included United States Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, California Supreme Court Justices Carol Corrigan and Ming Chin, Ninth Circuit Judges Carlos Bea and John Noonan, former United States Attorneys Joseph Russoniello and Kevin Ryan, and Fr. Louie Vitale, the founder of St. Anthony's Dining Room.

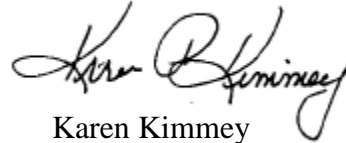
We are now accepting nominations for the 2017 award. We'd like to invite all our members to think carefully about women and men who exemplify the virtues of St. Thomas More. If you would like to nominate someone, please send an email to me at kkimmey@fbm.com by June 30, 2017. Please include a brief summary of the reasons why you believe the nominee should be recognized.

Membership

If you have not yet done so, please submit your membership dues for 2017. You can do so at our website or by completing the attached membership form. We rely on dues for all our great programs. Please contact Andres Orphanopoulos if you are not sure whether or not you have paid for 2017.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions for the Society.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kimmey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Kimmey" clearly distinguishable.

Karen Kimmey
President

Follow The Leader

The modern way of thinking about leadership asserts that everyone can be a leader and that everyone should be a leader. Over the last twenty years, an entire industry of bestselling books, blogs, podcasts, magazines, and conferences on leadership has erupted in the modern business marketplace. Everyone wants to be a great leader, win at work, and achieve success in life. At the same time, our culture has underestimated the virtue of following. In a recent online post, the bestselling author and motivational speaker, Michael Hyatt, asked what I think is an important question: “Where are all the followers?”

To be sure, every Christian is called to be a leader of the faith because the anointing we received at baptism conferred an irrevocable responsibility on us to serve the world as priests, prophets, and kings like Christ. As priests, we are called to make sacrifices for others and serve them with love. As prophets, we are called to speak on behalf of God to a world that has fallen deaf to his words. Having been anointed as kings, however, also conferred on us the responsibility to be leaders in a world where many have “gone astray like sheep.” In our schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and world, we are called to be leaders for Christ, who bring light into darkness, hope into despair, kindness into cruelty, compassion into callousness, altruism into selfishness, and joy into places of sorrow, through the truth that is Jesus Christ. That is no more true than at our law offices, deposition tables, and court hearings and trials.

However, you cannot lead, until you first learn how to follow. You cannot command respect as a leader until you

know how to be a humble, obedient, and loyal follower. Christian discipleship first and foremost is about learning to follow. When I was discerning a call to the priesthood in my mid-twenties (before I bolted like a runaway bride for twenty years), I met with a wise, older priest. During our meeting, he asked me what I thought was the role of a pastor. I don’t recall my response, but it must have been wrong, because I remember that he corrected me and said that a pastor of souls actually is the “*chief follower*” of the parish.

To be a follower is not a return to the bad old days of the Church when the laity were expected simply to pray, pay, and obey and to be passive about their faith. Rather, following Jesus and the shepherds he appoints to guard and govern the sheep means learning to cultivate an attitude of trust with respect to the fundamentals of our faith and the teachings of the Church, unless there is a credible, immediate, and specific reason to withhold that trust.

Through our baptisms, we have been called to be great leaders in building up God’s kingdom. However, the essential and non-negotiable quality of a Christian disciple is the willingness first to follow closely the Good Shepherd of our souls, who is Jesus Christ.

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY MAY 2017 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

THE FAMILY

545 Powell Street, San Francisco

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 May 25, 2017, at The Family, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco.

Please reserve ____ place(s) \$52 per person.

Please reserve ____ place(s) \$42 per person (fewer than 10 years in practice).

Please reserve ____ place(s) \$25 per person (law students and clergy).

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 members 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
2017 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 or Court: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Law Student? _____ **(No dues for law students in 2017)**

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

Please accompany this application with your current dues payment. Annual dues for 2017 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 \$0 for law students. Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas More Society**.

Return this form and check to:

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