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Dear Members and Friends,

Easter and Spring – season of rebirth, renewal and resurrection. Christians celebrate these signs of new life and eternal joy with a spirit of eagerness and commitment to love and to live in service to the poor, and to all in need of hearing the “good news” of salvation, unity and peace. May all of the blessings and promise of this glorious season be yours.

The lesson of “entering to learn and leaving to serve” have had a profound influence within my family. My mother’s unshakeable faith emerged from her years at St. Vincent’s/now Cathedral High School. Uncle Bishop Donohoe served as chaplain and spiritual brother for three Christian Brother high schools. Edward J. Nevin, Jr., father in law, will receive his 75<sup>th</sup> year “platinum” diploma alongside my son Seamus, at graduation ceremonies from Sacred Heart Preparatory in 2008. Each has and continues to embody the goodness and kindness of Christ in my life.

We extend our thanks to Bob Ladouceur for his inspiring illumination of how the depth and meaning of his faithfulness to this Lasallian message resonates so well with high school students and his football players. The proof of his commitment to De La Salle’s mission statement was wonderfully evidenced by the introduction of Coach “Lad” by Thomas Hockel – our STM member, from the 1982 De La Salle first undefeated team – who shared the lessons on the true meaning of victory.

**This May, the Saint Thomas More Society of San Francisco will present Bill Issel, Professor of History Emeritus, San Francisco State University and Visiting Professor of History, Mills College at Noon on Thursday May 17, 2007, at the Bankers Club, on the 52nd Floor, Bank of America Building, 555 California Street in San Francisco.**

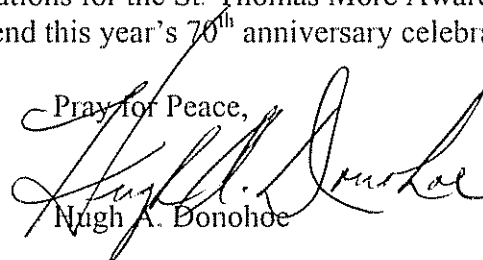
Professor Issel has been concentrating in recent writings particularly on San Francisco Catholicism and Catholic Action in Northern California during the 1930s. In his presentation, he will illuminate our members about the founding of the Saint Thomas More Society and Harold McKinnon’s views on the role of the lawyer in society in the late 30’s and early 40’s, why leading Catholic Action lawyer Sylvester Andriano was falsely accused of fascism, and how our understanding of principles of religious freedom and the constitution have changed since Harold McKinnon served as the Society’s first president.

## Monthly Luncheon Programs Cost Report

The Board of the Saint Thomas More Society is charged with the responsibility of evaluating our yearly budget and projected costs for our annual programs and events. We are pleased to report that we have 106 paid memberships, including 14 new members. We continue to mail and email some 200 newsletters, invitations and announcements to members, past presidents and award winners, clergy and life members. We appreciate the support of each of you and encourage all to continue to keep dues payments current. Accordingly, the Board of the Society has voted to hold annual dues at current rates.

Our monthly luncheon attendance has been between 30 and 40, with 45 in April. The Bankers Club, however, has caused an increasing monthly burden on our treasury, due primarily to periodic increases in the costs for service fees and audio equipment. The Board has unanimously determined that the format and cost of monthly luncheons requires adjustment at this time. In order to improve the quality and convenience of the luncheons for our attendees, all programs will begin promptly at noon (11:30 a.m. when Mass is offered). Our presentations will begin between 12:15 and 12:30 insuring conclusion by 1:15 p.m., allowing members and guests to be able to return to work before 1:30 p.m. The Board has further implementing necessary steps to offer MCLE credits for future programs. Luncheons will therefore now cost **\$45** (for members over 10 years in practice), **\$38 and \$20** for law students and clergy. We hope you understand the need for these changes and increases, and continue to support the Society luncheons.

We are also beginning preparations for our October Red Mass and Dinner and invite your recommendations and nominations for the St. Thomas More Award. Please reserve October 18, 2007 and plan to attend this year's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Pray for Peace,  
  
Hugh A. Donohoe