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May 7, 2015

Dear Members and Friends of the Society:

Spring appears to be here at last, with flowers, tourists, and Giant wins increasing each day. As Tolstoy reminds us, "Spring is the time of plans and projects," and so it is for the Society. Please read below for what's coming up this month.

April Luncheon Re-Cap

Our April lunch featured Rev. George Williams, S.J., the Catholic Chaplain at San Quentin State Prison, who spoke to the Society about his ministry. His words about his many functions as chaplain, the imprisoned to whom he ministers, and moral questions regarding society and the incarcerated (especially the nature and abuses of solitary confinement) were thought-provoking. In response to a question about how we can best fulfill the corporal work of mercy concerning the imprisoned, Fr. Williams suggested that we can learn about the issues and vote. He also invited us to join the congregation for 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at the prison (advance clearance required) and to attend his fundraising dinner and reception on June 14 at the Cathedral. (See below for more information).

May Luncheon

The Honorable Jeffrey L. Bleich, of Munger Tolles & Olson LLP and former United States Ambassador to Australia, will be the speaker at our next lunch on May 21. The Lunch Reservation Form is attached to this letter, and you also will receive an Evite for the luncheon. You can RSVP through Evite or return the Lunch Reservation Form to our Treasurer, Andes Orphanopoulos. We ask that you make your reservations in advance, with payment if possible, as this permits an accurate headcount for lunch and greatly assists with our planning. If you

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RSVP but later determine you cannot attend, please let us know at least 48 hours in advance so we can cancel your lunch order. Please join us – and bring a prospective new member (for free).

Note that Evite now gives you the option to pay using PayPal or Venmo. You can easily set up a PayPal or Venmo account through paypal.com/webapps/mpp/account-setup or venmo.com/about/product.

Panel Presentation: Raising Kids Catholic in Today's Society

Special thanks to our coordinator Catherine Dacre, our host Isabelle Ord, and our moderator Chinhayi Cadet for our Raising Kids Catholic in Today's Society panel presentation on April 30. Our guests were treated to a spectacular view from the DLA Piper offices as well as food and beverages before hearing from Julia Dowd, USF's Director of Ministry; Meagan Pryor Lorentz, the Director of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center and Children's Faith Formation Coordinator at St. Agnes; and Scott Halluck, a teacher at St. Ignatius College Preparatory, on various issues and challenges facing parents today.

Law Student News

Our law student members had a chance to take a pre-finals study break and share wine and cheese on April 8 at Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass with some of our members. We've seen an increase in law student membership and participation this year, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with area law schools and law students in the fall. If you are a law student member, we hope that you'll continue to stay in touch over the summer. Best of luck to on your final exams and, for you graduates, on the bar exam this summer.

Jesuit Prison Ministries Fundraiser

The Jesuit Prison Ministries, San Quentin Catholic Chaplaincy, along with the Archdiocese of San Francisco's Restorative Justice Ministry, is hosting a special evening with Fr. James Martin, S.J., author of the *New York Times* bestseller "Jesus, a Pilgrimage." The dinner event is Sunday, June 14, 2015, at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street, in San Francisco. Information about tickets and starting times can be found at www.JPMInc.org or by contacting 1-800-838-3006, williams.g@husky.neu.edu, or escobarj@sfarchdiocese.org

Service Project with De Marillac Academy

Our Service Project with De Marillac Academy has a number of opportunities available to members interested in working with a group of great kids. The Enrichment Program, in which speakers talk with students about different aspects of the law, is now in its fifth week. This past month sessions have focused on immigration, wills and trusts, and family law as well as criminal law and civil litigation. Special thanks to our presenters Amelia Lancaster, Carroll Collins, Anjali Kulkarni, Assistant District Attorney Lailah Morris, Assistant United States Attorney Laura Vartain, Ethan Niedermeyer, Jon Rodriguez, and Karen Kimmey. And a special thanks to Captain Jason Cherniss of the SFPD's Tenderloin Station, who joined us for the first criminal law session.

We welcome additional volunteers for the Enrichment Program, particularly for the upcoming business law session (May 21) to talk about advising businesses on formation, transactions, day-to-day legal issues, *etc.* We are also planning a career panel for June 4 and are on the lookout for attorneys and other legal professionals (*e.g.*, paralegals, investigators, clerks, secretaries) to talk to the students about what they do.

There are additional opportunities to work with De Marillac and its students, including tutoring and reading and inviting the kids to tour your work place. You can also create a volunteer opportunity that fits with your interests and schedule. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Tony Phillips at adphillips@dons.usfca.edu.

Mentor Program

Our Mentor Program matches law students and younger lawyers with more experienced attorneys who share practice and other interests. If you would like to participate as a mentor or mentee, please indicate your interest on the Membership Application. You can also contact Laura Vartain Horn at lvartain@gmail.com if you have questions about the program or would like to participate.

2015 Dues

The 2015 Membership Form is attached to this letter and may be used to pay your dues and to update membership records. Annual dues for 2015 are \$75.00 for attorneys with five years or more of practice and \$25.00 for retired attorneys and those with fewer than five years of practice. Law student membership is free. Your dues are essential to the Society and enable us to fund events, attract quality speakers, and award scholarships, so please get them in. You can make your dues payment through PayPal or Venmo by following the links provided above.

We are continuing our efforts to attract new members, particularly among younger lawyers, and we encourage you to help us recruit new members to join the Society. Feel free to start by forwarding this newsletter to someone you think may be interested in joining. Remember that lunch is free for prospective members, so bring along a colleague, a friend, a parishioner, or even opposing counsel.

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We welcome your input, so if you have any questions, comments, or ideas for the Society, please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Your good servant,



Timothy P. Crudo
President

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY MAY 2015 LUNCHEON RESERVATION
The Family Club
545 Powell Street at Bush Street

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 21, 2015, at The Family Club.

Please reserve ___ place(s) at \$52 per person (10 years or more in practice).

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

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

There is no charge for pastors or 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 member as a Guest of the Society (no charge):

I would like to sponsor one or more law students or members of the clergy at \$25 per person and include \$ ___ in my check for this purpose.

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. The Society is charged for no-shows, so 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
2015 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, Court, or School: _____

Area(s) of Practice: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

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

Law Student? _____ **Note: Law students membership is free.**

Would you like to participate in our Mentor Program as a mentor or mentee? _____

Please accompany this application with your dues payment. Annual dues for 2015 are \$75.00 for attorneys with five years or more of practice and \$25.00 for retired attorneys and those with fewer than five years of practice. Law student membership is free. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Society.

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