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Dear Colleagues:

It is entirely appropriate that I begin by reporting on the Red Mass and dinner, the annual event that brings together our members and others of the legal and faith communities. Cantor Elspeth Franks and organist Simon Berry, music director at St. Dominic Church, provided a very strong and quality music accompaniment. Father Joseph Daoust of the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley gave an inspiring homily. At the dinner Judge Martin Jenkins treated us to a humorous but sincere tribute to our St. Thomas More award recipient, Justice Carol Corrigan, who in turn gave generous thanks to a multitude of people who have enriched her life and made her accomplishments possible. We are grateful that a large attendance enjoyed the evening.

As mentioned last month, we will celebrate the Mass of All Saints at 7:30 a.m. on November 1st downtown at the offices of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in the Orrick Building, 405 Howard Street, just two blocks south of Market. Fr. José Chavarin will celebrate the Mass. Our gracious host will provide coffee and pastries after the Mass. To assure that we have sufficient room and post-Mass treats, please let me know (sgwalker@bechtel.com or (415) 768-4576) if you plan to attend.

Our November 18th (noon on the 52nd floor of the Bank of America Building) luncheon speakers are Drs. Brian Swimme and Pamela Eakins, the former a mathematical cosmologist and the latter a sociologist, who will speak on "The Ten Cosmological Powers of Love", exploring the relationship between central scientific discoveries of the 20th century and the western mystical tradition that regards Love as the origin and foundation of the universe. A slide show will augment the presentation. The lunch will also honor the pastors who have worked so hard for us. Your pastor is welcome as our guest, whether a member of the San Francisco archdiocese, the Oakland diocese, or beyond, and we hope you are there to introduce him. All you need to do is contact Hugh Donohoe (contact information below) and let him know who your guest is.

We also bring to your attention an event co-sponsored by the USF Law School St. Thomas More Society on November 16th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the USF Presentation Theater at 2350 Turk Boulevard. They will be hosting a Gospel choir concert to benefit the Yvette A. Flunder Foundation, which is dedicated to fighting AIDS in Africa and the African American Community. The concert will feature Emmitt Powell and the GosPel Elites, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, and the USF Gospel Choir. Admission is free, but a collection will be taken up to benefit the foundation.

We repeat our request from last month's newsletter to contact me if you are interested in a renewal of the Bible study class that had been a strong and vibrant group in years past. The format, location, duration and start time of such a class would be determined by the participants, once a group has been established.

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Our website development is continuing, though progress (content formulation) has been slowed somewhat by final preparations for the Red Mass and production of the Society's membership directory. The directory should be mailed to all members within the next two weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 – Holy day Mass at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe.

November 16 – USF St. Thomas More Society Gospel choir concert.

November 18 – Pastors' lunch; Drs. Brian Swimme and Pamela Eakins will speak.

December 8 – Mass and Christmas lunch

2005 Events – President-Elect (not to be presumptuous) Gerry Mannion soon to reveal all.

Sincerely,



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Please reserve _____ places at \$30 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on November 18, 2004. My check, payable to The St. Thomas More Society, for _____ is enclosed.

Member name _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail _____

I'd like to sponsor a law student, today's speaker, or our chaplain.

Enclosed is an additional \$ _____

Please reserve by November 16, 2004