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REV. JOSE CHAVARIN, J.C.L., *Chaplain*

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all had a very fun and safe Halloween. And on behalf of the executive committee, I wish you a very peaceful and happy All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Let us take time this week to remember that we are all called to be saints and to remember all of our departed loved ones.

Our Red Mass and Dinner on October 19 was a fabulous event. We were very privileged to have the Most Reverend George H. Niederauer, D.D., Ph.D., Archbishop of San Francisco, celebrate Mass for us and deliver a very thoughtful, wonderful homily. Angela Alioto gave a great introduction reminding us all why Father Louis Vitale, O.F.M. is such a deserving recipient of our 2006 St. Thomas More Award. Father Vitale has said that he was drawn to the Franciscan order because it required a generous heart, a dear love of God and a sense of humor. And Father Vitale definitely has all of these attributes. At dinner we were treated to some eloquent remarks from Father Vitale. We extend our congratulations again to Father Vitale and thank him for his lifelong commitment to justice, peace, nonviolence-advocacy, and loving and faith-based service to others. He is truly a living disciple of Christ and most deserving of the 2006 St. Thomas More Award.

November Luncheon → Our next luncheon is on **Thursday, November 16, 2006**, at Noon in the Carnelian Room on the 52nd Floor of the Bank of America building, 555 California Street, San Francisco. **This is our annual Pastor's luncheon, so please remember to invite your respective Pastors to join us as our guests at the luncheon.** The Society treats the Pastors to lunch as thanks for all their hard work and dedication to the Church and our community.

Theology on Tap → On **Wednesday, November 29, 2006**, we are having our *Theology on Tap* event, from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm at the London Wine Bar, 415 Sansome Street, San Francisco (cross street is Clay). There will be hosted appetizers and a no-host bar. We are extremely fortunate to have the **Most Reverend John C. Wester, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco**, come as our guest and speak to us at the event. This promises to be a terrific event you won't want to miss.

Our annual membership meeting and Christmas luncheon is scheduled for **Friday, December 8, 2006**. (Please note the luncheon is on a *Friday*.) Mass will take place at 11:30 am with lunch to follow. And as is our tradition, our 8th Grade Essay Contest winner will read their winning essay at the lunch. More details to follow in the December newsletter, but please save the date.

San Francisco Prayer Breakfast Recap → San Francisco's annual Prayer Breakfast on October 26 was a very spiritual and inspiring ecumenical event. The event featured great speakers, beautiful music by vocalist Avis Blair and an inspirational keynote address. If you missed this Prayer Breakfast event, I really encourage you to attend next year.

****Important Notice.** For anyone that picked up a flyer at the Red Mass regarding the *Theology in the City* event sponsored by the Jesuit School of Theology which was scheduled for this Thursday, November 2, *the event has been canceled* because their meeting location closed on very short notice last week. The event will likely be rescheduled to a date in Spring 2007.

Important upcoming Dates:

Thursday, November 16, 2006:

Pastor's Luncheon

Wednesday, November 29, 2006:

Theology on Tap, with guest *the Most Reverend John C. Wester, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco*

Friday, December 8, 2006:

**Final Luncheon of the Year;
Preceded by Mass celebrating the
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

As always, we invite you to check for information about the Society and our upcoming events on our website: www.stthomasmore-sf.org

I very much look forward to seeing you at our November luncheon.

Sincerely,



Stacy K. Stecher
President

Please reserve _____ places at **\$38** per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on Thursday, November 16, 2006. My check, payable to the St. Thomas More Society, for \$_____ is enclosed.

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I would like to sponsor a law student, today's speaker or our chaplain. Enclosed is an additional \$_____.

Please reserve for November's Luncheon by Friday, November 10, 2006.