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Dear Members,

Despite the unanticipated competition of the 5<sup>th</sup> game of the National League Championship Series, our Annual Red Mass and Dinner was a wonderful success. This year's Red Mass was held at the beautiful Church of Notre Dame des Victoires. The principal celebrant was Auxiliary Bishop William Justice and the homilist was Father Tony Sauer, S.J. You can read Fr. Sauer's homily and the remarks of our honoree, Hugh Donohoe, in accepting the award on our website at [www.stthomasmore-sf.org](http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org).

### Future Speakers and Events:

**November 15: Pastors Luncheon.** This will be a special luncheon on a **Monday** (rather than Thursday to accommodate our speaker) where **every member is encouraged to invite your pastor or other parish priests as our guests.** Our speaker will be the noted scholar and writer, Sister Sandra Schneiders of the Jesuit School of Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, who will address the role of and issues facing women religious in the United States today. This luncheon promises to be another highlight of our year. You will find a sample invitation letter you can send to your pastor or other priests below.

**December 16: Christmas Luncheon.** Do not miss our annual Christmas luncheon at which we will have the winner of our essay contest from one of the 35 parochial schools that are having their students send us essays. This year's contest is being organized by our past President Greg Schopf, who has chosen the following topic for the essayists:

"Write a letter to a local, national or world leader. Explain in the letter why you believe that getting to know more about St. Thomas More would be a good idea and, in particular, how St. Thomas More's advice and life could provide some valuable assistance to the leader."

Requiescat in Pace: Our former President and former winner of the St. Thomas More Award, **Judge Ray Williamson,** died last weekend and his funeral was held on Friday, October 29 at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco with a tremendous turnout of family, clergy (including our good friend Bishop Justice), and friends from the legal community and from our Society to honor the

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memory of a great family man, a great friend and a great judge. Please keep Ray and his family in your prayers.

Pray for Peace,

*Dennis*  
J. Dennis McQuaid  
President

**Sample letter to your pastor or other parish priest:**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Each year our St. Thomas More Society hosts our pastors and priests at a luncheon to recognize and thank you for your ministry to the People of God.

This year our luncheon will be on Monday, November 15 at the Family Club in San Francisco which is located on the corner of Bush and Powell Streets.

Our speaker will be the noted scholar from the Jesuit School of Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Sister Sandra Schneiders, who will speak on the role of women and especially women religious in the Catholic Church today.

I want to invite you to join me as our guest for this special luncheon. Please let me know if you can join us by calling me at \_\_\_\_\_.

Best regards,

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Please RSVP to Bob Zaletel (rzaletel@littler.com) with your reservation and that of your pastor or priest if he/they can join you. Luncheon cost for members is \$45. The clergy will be our guests.