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October brings us to the zenith of the Society's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary culminating in the celebration of the Red Mass and presentation of the 39th Saint Thomas More Award. This year's liturgy will be celebrated by Archbishop George Niederauer at Saints Peter and Paul's Church on October 18, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. The Society was founded in 1937 at the request of then Archbishop Hanna and has continued to enjoy a close relationship with the Archbishops and Auxiliary bishops of San Francisco throughout the decades. This will be our first opportunity to have Archbishop Niederauer as homilist address the Society members and our honorable justices, judges, public officials and legal practitioners guests.

Our banquet will follow at 7:00 p.m. at the Italian American Athletic Club. We hope that the entire membership will attend to commemorate and deepen the rich commitment to social justice and collegiality between the United States, California and San Francisco courts and legal and church communities.

This year we have been informed and inspired by the work of Catholic Charities, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Bankruptcy Court, Lasallian High School formation, the American clergy and California's secular schools of law, and have commemorated the founding and early contributions of the Saint Thomas More Society to California. We also have been graced by the enrollment of many new young practitioners, have mourned the loss of some of our most treasured members and friends, and hosted a Red Mass for the members and esteemed guests of the American Bar Association with Bishop Wang. All of these provide us with a motivation for communion and rejoicing.

On October 16, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. San Francisco's Annual Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Westin Saint Francis Hotel. All are encouraged to attend. Suggested Donation is \$35.00. Please *RSVP* to Stacy Stecher at <a href="mailto:stecher@tobinlaw.com">stecher@tobinlaw.com</a> or 415-433-1400.

We hope you will be able to join us in person this year. If not, please pray for the members and success of the St Thomas More Society.

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