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Dear Members,

IT'S ALMOST HERE! Thursday October 21: Our Annual Red Mass and Dinner. *NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION:* This year's Red Mass will be held at the beautiful Church of Notre Dame des Victoires on Bush Street starting at 5:30 p.m. Parking is available across from the Church in the Sutter-Stockton Garage. The principal celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop William Justice in place of Archbishop George Niederauer who regrets that he is unable to attend due to a conflict in his schedule. The recipient of this year's St. Thomas More Award will be the former President of the St. Thomas More Society and one of our most inspirational leaders: Hugh Donohoe. Please note the citation he will receive which is attached to this newsletter.

The Red Mass will be followed by a no-host cocktail reception and dinner at the Family Club at the corner of Bush and Powell Streets, just one block from the Church. For convenience, a copy of the reservation form you received with your invitation is attached. We look forward to seeing you at this our major annual event.

September Luncheon

Our September Luncheon speaker at which we honored our past St. Thomas More Award recipients and Past Presidents was Bishop William Justice who gave a most thought provoking talk on the topic of "Unity in a Fractured Society." Bishop Justice has been fully engaged this year with our society, having presided over our special Red Mass at the ABA convention in August, speaking at our September luncheon and agreeing to be the principal celebrant at our annual Red Mass this month. We are most grateful to our wonderful Auxiliary Bishop Justice.

Theology on Tap

Jeff Brand and Fr. Donal Godfrey led an interesting discussion at The Holding Company on September 29th occasioned by the recent beatification of John Henry Cardinal Newman. Our next Theology on Tap discussion is likely to be centered on the Death Penalty. Watch for announcements.

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.

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 parochial schools that participate, and his or her parents and teachers. 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."

Prayer to St. Thomas More

Thomas More, counselor of law and statesman of integrity, merry martyr and most human of saints:

Pray that, for the glory of God and in the pursuit of His justice, I may be trustworthy with confidences, keen in study, accurate in analysis, correct in conclusion, able in argument, loyal to clients, honest with all, courteous to adversaries, ever attentive to conscience. Sit with me at my desk and listen with me to my clients' tales. Read with me in my library and stand always beside me so that today I shall not, to win a point, lose my soul.

Pray that my family may find in me what yours found in you: friendship and courage, cheerfulness and charity, diligence in duties, counsel in adversity, patience in pain-their good servant, and God's first. Amen.

Pray for Peace,

//s// Dennis

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President