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Dear Members,

Please plan to attend our luncheon on Thursday, September 23rd when we are honored to have as our guest speaker Bishop William Justice, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco. On this occasion, we invite as our guests all our past St. Thomas More Award winners and Past Presidents. Please find a reservation form attached. We expect a large turnout for this special event, so get your RSVP in early.

### *Future Speakers and Events:*

**September 29: Theology on Tap.** Please join us for another inspirational and fun evening starting at 5:30 pm with a no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres at the Holding Company in Embarcadero II for Theology on Tap. Fr. Donal Godfrey and Dean Jeff Brand, inspired by the canonization of Cardinal John Henry Newman, are going to lead a discussion about The Idea of a University (one of Newman's great works) and its application in a modern Jesuit University like USF. Conversations about serious subjects do not have to be boring and stodgy. Join us and let us prove that to you.

**October 2: St. Anthony Foundation Volunteer Opportunity.** As part of our commitment to service in our community, we have partnered with the St. Anthony Foundation in the Tenderloin to provide volunteers to help serve the poor. So far this year we helped to serve over 3,000 meals to the hungry in St. Anthony's Dining Room and helped to distribute food to the needy through the Emergency Food Program. It has been a wonderful experience for all, including STMS family members, who have participated. Our next day is Saturday, October 2nd, 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., when we will again be helping in the dining room. Please contact Tim Crudo at [Timothy.Crudo@LW.com](mailto:Timothy.Crudo@LW.com) if you would like to participate.

**October 21: 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. Dinner will follow at the Family Club at Bush and Powell. 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.

**November 15: Pastors Luncheon.** This will be a special luncheon on 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."

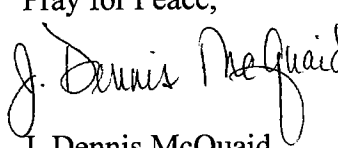
***Prayer to St. Thomas More***

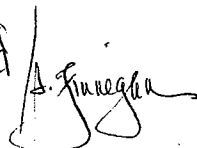
Thomas More, counselor of law and statesman of integrity, merry martyr and most human of saints:

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,

  
J. Dennis McQuaid  
President



**Reminder:** If you are one of our members who have overlooked sending in your dues for 2010, please send us your check to help support the activities of the Society. The membership form is attached.