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Dear Members and Friends:

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. We've been on a short hiatus but are excited to return with an upcoming dinner and our Red Mass on October 17.

First, however, a recap of our most recent events:

St. Thomas More Dinner - We enjoyed an excellent turnout for our first annual St. Thomas More Dinner on June 25. A huge thank you to our speaker, Louis Karlin, whose informative presentation on St. Thomas More generated much curiosity about our patron saint. Many members have since reached out to me for more information about St. Thomas More, and I encourage to visit the website for the Center for St. Thomas More Studies for additional information about More's life and teachings. We look forward to hosting our St. Thomas More Dinner again next year.

Theology on Tap - We likewise had a great turnout for yesterday's Theology on Tap event. Father John Coleman led a thought-provoking discussion on immigration in the United States,

and we are grateful for his insight. We plan to host additional Theology on Tap events in the coming months.

September Dinner

We have decided to alternate between lunch and dinner-time events going forward to allow those members who cannot normally attend lunch an opportunity to participate in Society events. This month, we will once again share a dinner.

We welcome our guest speaker, Jilma Meneses, CEO of Catholic Charities, a non-profit organization that has supported families, seniors, and those with disabilities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area for over 110 years. Ms. Meneses will discuss her organization's mission and share ways for local attorneys to become involved.

Where: Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney, 88 Kearny Street, 10th Floor, San Francisco

When: Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 5:30pm

Cost: \$35 for dinner and drinks.

Members and other interested parties may pay at the dinner or at our website here.

Red Mass

Please join us for our largest event of the year - our annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

The Red Mass is a tradition dating back to the 13th century that is celebrated annually throughout the world. The Mass is offered for judges, lawyers, law students and government officials who seek guidance from the Holy Spirit in their pursuit of justice. Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate the Mass and provide a special blessing with our guest homilist, Archbishop Bernard Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis. All members and their families are invited to attend, and a registration form will circulate shortly.

As part of our celebration, we will honor a community member who exemplifies the ideals of service and sacrifice in the pursuit of justice as reflected in the life and death of St. Thomas More. This year's annual St. Thomas More Award will be presented to Judge Jeffrey Brand of

the Alameda County Superior Court and former dean of University of San Francisco Law School. Judge Brand's career leading several global justice and international legal projects, along with his contributions to USF and our Society, make him a worthy candidate of this year's award. Please join me in congratulating Judge Brand at the Red Mass.

Annual Dues

If you have not yet done so, please pay your annual dues on our website here. We hope to provide a scholarship to a local law student and cannot do so without your contribution. Likewise, as we approach the end of the year, the Society must cover an added number of costs in connection with the Red Mass and our Christmas program. It is essential that those who have not yet paid their 2019 dues do so as soon as possible.

Please contact me with any questions, and I look forward to seeing you at our September dinner and Red Mass.

Sincerely yours,

Amelia Lancaster

President

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