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Dear Members:

Hope that this newsletter finds you enjoying the recent spring weather.

Below, please find a recap of last month's activities. Please consider joining us for this month's presentation by Assemblyman David Chiu on **Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm** via Zoom.

April- Prof. Dr. Massimo Faggioli

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for Prof. Faggioli's presentation and discussion on **April 22, 2021**. It was a strong turnout and an interesting discussion about the current relationship between the Biden Presidency, Pope Francis, and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

For those interested, a recording of the event can be viewed here at the below link:

<https://my.workshare.com/#folders/um36hWj1GOrNzYdc>

For those also interested, a copy of Prof. Faggioli's book can be obtained at the following link, *Joe Biden and Catholicism in the United States*.

Assemblyman Chiu-Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm

We are honored to have Mr. Chiu come to speak to our Society this month. The Zoom

Details will be sent under separate cover for the event and we look forward to seeing you online.

As a member of the California State Legislature, David Chiu represents a half million constituents in the 17th Assembly District, which encompasses eastern San Francisco. He was first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2016, 2018, and 2020. During David's first year, he served as Assistant Speaker pro Tempore; since 2016, he has served as Chair of the Assembly Housing & Community Development Committee. He has also served as Chair of the California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus and Policy Chair of the California Legislative Progressive Caucus. He sits on the following legislative committees: Budget; Business and Professions; Judiciary; Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media.

During his first six years in the Assembly, David has authored 64 bills that were signed into law by the Governor. His bills have addressed a wide spectrum of issues, including housing, homelessness, transportation, civil rights, education, environment, health, and public safety.

Before joining the State Assembly, David Chiu served as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for six years. With a reputation as a consensus maker, Chiu was the first Board President in San Francisco history elected by fellow Supervisors to three consecutive terms, and the first Asian American to hold the post. Chiu was first elected Supervisor in 2008 and then re-elected in 2012 to represent San Francisco's northeast neighborhoods of District 3, which includes the city's major tourism, retail, downtown and wharf areas. As Supervisor, David Chiu authored 110 ordinances across a wide range of policy areas, including affordable housing, job creation, public safety, healthcare, the environment, transportation, civil rights, language access, ethics and technology.

The son of immigrant parents, David Chiu grew up in Boston and received his undergraduate, law and master's in public policy degrees from Harvard University. In the mid-1990s, Chiu served as Democratic Counsel to the U.S. Senate Constitution Subcommittee. After moving to San Francisco in 1996, David Chiu served as a criminal prosecutor at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and as a civil rights attorney with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. Chiu was also a founder of the public affairs technology company Grassroots Enterprise, where he served as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel.

Before running for office, David Chiu was a hands-on leader in San Francisco. He served as a Small Business Commissioner, president of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, board chair of the Youth Leadership Institute, Lower Polk Neighbors and the Chinatown Community Development Center, and board member of Partners Ending Domestic Abuse and Chinese for Affirmative Action. Chiu was elected three times to the leadership of the San Francisco Democratic Party. He has been named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, an American Memorial Marshall Fellow, and one of the "Best Attorneys under 40" by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

David Chiu is married to Candace Chen. A third generation San Franciscan, Candace is a public interest lawyer who manages a refugee foster care youth program. They are raising their son, Lucas, in San Francisco.

June Events- Feast of St. Thomas More-June 22, 2021

Stay tuned as we are in the process of coordinating an even for our annual Feast of St. Thomas More celebration on June 22, 2021.

Additional Announcements

De Marillac Academy provides a tuition-free, holistic, Catholic educational experience for the children, youth and families of the Tenderloin and surrounding underserved neighborhoods of San Francisco. Ninety-seven percent of De Marillac's annual revenue is contributed by individuals, foundations and corporations, like you. Make a gift to De Marillac and change the life of a student and their family.

As many of you know, the Society has partnered with De Marillac Academy for several years. De Marillac Academy recently held its annual fundraiser online on April 21, 2021. If you happened to miss this year's event, please consider donating your time or resources to De Marillac and its students. More information about De Marillac can be found on their website <https://www.demarillac.org/asb> or by contacting me directly.

Please also consider donating to support Old St. Mary's Church. We are optimistic that once businesses begin to return downtown at the church can and will get over this current financial challenge. The Church has recently posted a fundraising page on its website, <https://www.oldsaintmarys.org/>. And the donation link can be found below:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-old-st-marys-cathedral?utm_source=widget&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

Annual Dues

If you haven't done so already, please consider paying your annual dues. Although our in person luncheon schedule is postponed until further notice until we can once again meet in person, we are in the midst of scheduling some online remote lectures.

Registration and payment of annual dues ensures you will receive our monthly newsletters and information about all upcoming events. It also helps us in funding events, attracting quality speakers, awarding scholarships, and supporting our community service initiatives. You can pay

your dues online here or by using the attached membership form.

New Member Contest

Finally, we will once again have a New Member Contest and reward the member who brings the most new members throughout the year. Feel free to join the competition by forwarding this newsletter to someone you think may be interested in joining the Society. New members can name their existing member contact on their registration form.

Thank you and best wishes to everyone.

God bless,

Bryan L. P. Saalfeld

President