

# St. Thomas More Society OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Members and Friends:

Our year is off to a great start, with a well-attended January luncheon and several events planned in the coming months.

Our January luncheon featured Tricia Bølle, founder of the St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society, who spoke of her organization's missionary work throughout Asia. Ms. Bølle is an inspiring speaker; her experiences as a missionary and Stanford graduate who chose to serve others instead of pursuing her intended career were inspiring. I received much positive feedback from those members who attended this luncheon and hope to invite Tricia or one of her organization's missionaries as a speaker later this year. In the meantime, Members can learn more about her organization and provide support at its website [here](#).

We will host our February luncheon on the last day of this month, Thursday, 28 February, when we will participate in what is sure to be a lively discussion of the role played by Christ and Christianity in the fall of the Roman Empire. At the end of February, our Church will also learn the result of this month's Vatican summit regarding the treatment of minors and vulnerable persons. We hope that by learning of our Church's history and survival in prior challenging times, you will find encouragement and additional cause for reflection for the beginning of Lent next month.

We look forward to seeing many of you at this month's luncheon and at our Lenten Series next month.

### **February Luncheon**

Our February luncheon will take place on **Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 12pm** at **The Family Club, 545 Powell Street, San Francisco.**

Our speaker, Father John Coleman, is a Jesuit priest at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco and a widely published historian and commentator on social justice issues. He will speak to us on the topic of "Christ vs. the Roman Empire - Who Won?" and provide a historical and spiritual perspective on Christianity's role in the fall of the Roman Empire.

All members and any interested parties are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided at a cost of **\$52** (for lawyers with 10+ years of practice), **\$42** (for lawyers with less than 10 years of practice), **and \$25** (for law students and clergy). There is **no cost for first-time attendees**, and we encourage Members to take part in our New Member Contest as set forth below. Members can pay for the luncheon - and include their annual dues if they prefer - in person or at our website [here](#).

### **2019 Dues and Membership**

We encourage all Members to pay their annual dues early in order to help fund our events, scholarships, and community service initiatives. Registration and payment of annual dues also ensures you will receive our monthly newsletters and information about all upcoming events. You can pay your dues online [here](#) or by using the attached membership form.

### **New Member Contest**

The 2019 New Member Contest will 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.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Lenten Series** - We look forward to hosting Society member, former president, and USF professor, Don Carroll, who will once again lead a series of luncheon studies and reflections during the Lenten season. This year's topic will focus on the Passion Narratives in the four

Gospels, in which we will look at the original intent of the four Evangelists. Specifically, we will examine the three different images of Jesus from Mark/Matthew, Luke, and John. Additional information can be found in the attached flier. Don has had an avocation in scripture since attending the seminary and has provided thought-provoking, enriching insight for many years. We are grateful for his contributions once more.

The meetings will be brown-bag lunches beginning Tuesday, March 12th and continuing each week for four weeks thereafter. Please check back soon for details regarding the location of the Lenten Series.

**Annual Retreat for Members of the Legal Profession** - The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos is once again hosting a three-day retreat in Los Altos from Friday, March 8 through Sunday, March 10. Members of the Society have attended this retreat in the past and have spoken highly of it as an opportunity to reflect on their lives, faith, and professional calling. Additional details can be found [here](#).

**Red Mass** - This year's annual Red Mass will take place on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco. Be sure to mark your calendars so as not to miss this event, which is our largest of the year.

For more details about these and other Society events, please check our website at <http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org/upcoming-events/>.

I hope to see many of you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Amelia Lancaster  
President

