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Dear Members and Friends:

I hope the onset of Spring and the upcoming Easter season (not to mention the much-welcomed sunny weather) finds you in a joyful and festive mood throughout this month.

The St. Thomas More Society has many events in store for additional celebration during and after this Easter season. First, we will host our April luncheon with the children of De Marillac Academy. Please see below for more details regarding the luncheon, its speaker, and the school. Preparations are also underway for our first annual St. Thomas More Dinner, during which we will celebrate the feast day of our organization's patron saint.

A special thank you to Don Carroll for once again leading this year's Lenten Series. His weekly discussions provided valuable insight into the Passion narratives and means for reflecting on our own personal Gethsemane experiences - a very worthwhile contemplation in the final weeks of Lent.

Likewise, we thank, Father Rene Iturbe, the chaplain of detention ministry for the San Francisco Archdiocese, who spoke at our March luncheon of the Archdiocese's efforts to provide spiritual guidance to local inmates.

April Luncheon

We will host our annual April luncheon at De Marillac Academy, an elementary and middle school that provides tuition-free Catholic education, youth development, and family support

programs to students and their families from the Tenderloin and Mission neighborhoods. The Society has partnered with this school for many years, and this annual luncheon is a favorite amongst many Members. Please take time to join us at 11:30am for a tour of the school before convening for our regular lunch at 12noon. We are excited to host retired **Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James**, who will speak to us and the students of her background and experiences as a judge.

Where: De Marillac Academy, 175 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco

When: Tuesday, April 30, 12noon

Cost: \$30 covers the cost of lunch for you and a De Marillac student. There is no cost for first-time prospective members.

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

Once again, we ask all Members to pay their annual dues in order to help fund events, scholarships, and community service initiatives. Registration and payment of annual dues also ensures you will receive our monthly newsletters and information about upcoming events. You can pay your dues online [here](#).

Additional Upcoming Events

First Annual St. Thomas More Dinner - We are excited to announce preparations for our First Annual St. Thomas More Dinner on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 5:30pm. We will host special guest Louis Karlin, an appellate attorney and St. Thomas More scholar who has written numerous articles on St. Thomas More and a book titled "[Inside the Mind of Thomas More: The Witness of His Writings](#)." Mr. Karlin has spoken to the Society before and will discuss St. Thomas More's teachings on statesmanship. We will then enjoy an informal dinner and drinks to celebrate our patron and kick off the summer. Please check back for more details and keep a lookout for an upcoming evite invitation.

Red Mass - This year's annual Red Mass is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco.

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

External Opportunities for Educational and Spiritual Development

Catholic Charities West Loaves & Fishes Gala. The Loaves & Fishes Gala hosted by Catholic Charities West will take place on May 2, 2019 at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco. The Gala will honor Lloyd E. Dean, CEO of CommonSpirit Health. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

St. Thomas More Pilgrimage. Each year, Inside the Vatican Magazine, hosts a pilgrimage to England to visit the places where St. Thomas More lived and died. Although the 2019 pilgrimage is now sold out, the organization is accepting applicants for its 2020 Pilgrimage. Participants will balance prayer and reflection with visits to important sites from St. Thomas More's life. They will also meet with some of St. Thomas More's direct descendants, members of Parliament, and British scholars who have studied the life of St. Thomas More. Please visit [here](#) for more information.

I wish you all a happy Easter and look forward to seeing you at our April luncheon.

Sincerely yours,

Amelia Lancaster
President