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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 Thida Bello, founder of the St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society, who spoke of her organization's missionary work throughout Asia. Ms. Bello 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 recall a lot of much positive feedback from those members who attended this luncheon and hope to invite Thida 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 www.stfxm.org.

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 results of this month's Vatican summit regarding the treatment of minors and vulnerable persons. We hope that by hearing of our Church's history and survival in prior challenging times, you will find encouragement and additional cause for reflection for the beginning of our next month.