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Dear Members:

The Advent season provides much opportunity to reflect on Christ's life on earth and His presence in our lives. With this in mind, I hope this Advent and coming Christmas season bring you peace and closer communion with God. As I mentioned in my first newsletter of the year, one goal of the St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco is to foster this communion through social events, spiritual discussions, and community contributions. I hope we can bring this goal to my terms, and that you'll consider joining us for our last gathering of the year - our annual Christmas luncheon - to celebrate our shared faith, our community, and the coming Christmas holiday.

### **Christmas Luncheon**

The Christmas luncheon is our largest luncheon of the year and will take place this Thursday, December 5th. Those who arrive early can enjoy an open bar and Christmas Carol singing with students from the De Marillac Academy choir. We will distribute our Secret Santa gifts to De Marillac Academy and collect contributions for our Toys for Tots drive as described below. Lunch will follow with presentation of the St. Thomas More essay contest winners. This year's essay contest asks "What enabled St. Thomas More to stand alone with such conviction *against King Henry VIII and angry mobs?* What did he accomplish by resisting the power of the state and the persecution of loyal ones as well as the peer pressure of a mob? Could others have achieved the same goals through compromise? Finally, what lessons can we take today from the example of More's stand?"

We will also introduce our 2020 Executive Board.