

More News

The Newsletter of the Thomas More Society of America

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Justice Antonin Scalia to be Annual Dinner Keynote Speaker

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United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will be the Keynote Speaker at the Thomas More Society's Annual Dinner, Friday, November 10, 1995, at the Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, Maryland. Tables of up to ten will be available, as well as individual places for members and their guests. Cost will be \$95 per place, with tables of ten available for \$1,000. Invitations will be mailed out in the next few weeks. Please note: There is limited capacity, and places will be reserved on a first-come/first-served basis. For additional information please call Deborah Sanger at (301)434-4178.

Thomas More as Father and Family Man: How He Kept Work in Its Place

Thomas More provides us an example not only as a martyr and prisoner of conscience, but as a father and family man who was concerned about (and undoubtedly struggled with) the competing demands of the workplace and home, with the public and private spheres. The Thomas More Society is happy to announce that **Dr. Gerard B. Wegemer**, Assistant Professor of English at the University of Dallas, will address the Society at a Luncheon to be held at the University Club, September 29, 1995, from 12 - 2 p.m. The title of his address will be: Thomas More as Father and Family Man: How He Kept Work in Its Place.

Dr. Wegemer has studied, written and lectured about Thomas More for almost 20 years. His new biography, *Thomas More: A Portrait of*

Courage, focusing upon More's understanding and practice of the virtues, will be published this Fall. A member of the international Amici Thomae Mori, he edited and wrote an extensive introduction to More's last writings, The Sadness of Christ and Final Prayers and Instructions, published by Scepter Press in 1993, and his scholarly study, Thomas More on Statesmanship, is forthcoming from Catholic University Press in 1996. Dr. Wegemer has graduate degrees in political philosophy and in English literature from Boston College and Georgetown University, and a doctorate in English Literature from the University of Notre Dame.

Price of the luncheon is \$35 for members and guests, with a special rate of \$25 for students. Members and friends of the Society have been mailed notices of this event. Please return your reservation form by September 22, 1995. For additional information please call Deborah Sanger (301)434-4178.

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Robert A. Dufek, President George F. Georges, Treasurer Deborah Friedman Sanger, Secretary

Election of Officers and Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that President Robert Dufek has agreed to stand for re-election. Mr. Dufek's year as president has been an active one, and the Board appreciates the continuity that his continued leadership will provide.

George F. Georges has accepted nomination as Treasurer. The Society has had the benefit of his careful stewardship for the past three years, and the Board is grateful that he has agreed to continue this responsibility.

The following persons have been nominated to serve as directors of the Society:

For terms expiring in 1999:

Ms. Kelly Collins Mr. Thomas Doherty Ms. Regina McGranery

For terms expiring in 2000:

Fr. Charles Antonicelli Sr. Anne O'Donnell, SND Maj. Gen. Michael Scotti, Jr., MD

Members are asked to return ballots promptly.

In sympathy . . .

The Board of Directors notes with regret the death, on August 9, of Romuald Spasowski, former Ambassador to the United States from Poland. Members will remember Ambassador and Mme. Spasowski as friends of the Thomas More Society and participants in the Society's lecture series, "The American Family Under Siege: Changing Values and Mores."



Last Prayer of Thomas More

Take from me, good Lord, this lukewarm fashion, or rather key-cold manner of meditation, and this dullness in praying to Thee.

And give me Thy grace
to long for Thy Holy Sacraments,
and specially to rejoice in the presence
of Thy Blessed Body, sweet saviour Christ,
in the holy Sacrament of the Alter,
and duly to thank Thee
for Thy gracious visitation therewith,
and at that high Memorial
with tender compassion to remember
and consider Thy most bitter Passion.

Make us, good Lord, participants of that holy Sacrament this day, and every day make us all lively members, sweet Saviour Christ, of Thine holy Mystical Body, Thy Catholic Church.

Amen