



# More News

The Newsletter of the Thomas More Society of America

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## Ascension Thursday Program Features Father Germain Marc'hadour

The Thomas More Society, in partnership with the Washington Catholic Forum, is planning a special program for May 16, 1996. Father Germain Marc'hadour will join us for activities at Saint Anne's Church in Tenlytown, NW.

After beginning with the celebration of Mass, Father Marc'hadour will then address the Society, members of the Washington Catholic Forum and guests. His topic will be: *Thomas More as Diplomat*, and this portion of the program is scheduled to start at 6:45 p.m. Refreshments will follow the discussion.

## Dr. Katherine Rogers to Speak on June 4, 1996

Dr. Katherine Rogers of Yale will discuss *Thomas More's Four Last Things* at a June 4th Society luncheon program. The luncheon will be held at the Sheraton City Centre located at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW (corner of M Street), from 12-2 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 and reservation forms will be sent to members.

## A Reminder from President Robert A. Dufek

The programs offered through Society luncheons are designed to bring the best scholars and experts to inform our understanding of More and his times. In keeping with these goals, the 1996 programs have featured excellent information and discourse. However, low attendance at these events is an ongoing problem.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to mark your calendars for the May 16th and June 4th programs. Guests are always welcomed and you will certainly find that friends and colleagues are interested to learn about the Society. Please make every effort to be an active participant in TMS events -- I look forward to seeing you soon.

## Dates Set for Society's Tour of London

Thomas More Society members and guests can now make plans to travel through **The London of Thomas More**, in a tour planned for September 9-17, 1996.

Though the London that More knew has disappeared, many important buildings and other places remain unchanged since his lifetime. These and other notable sites are included in an itinerary designed specifically for the Society by Board members Sr. Anne O'Donnell and George Georges.

Brochures are being distributed to the entire membership, but additional copies are available. For additional information, please contact Mr. George Georges, at (202) 338-8717.

## Membership Renewal Update

Membership renewal notices will be mailed in mid-May, and all members are asked to respond promptly. The Society is a small non-profit organization and the cost of additional invoice mailings is a burden which decreases the amount of funds available for maintaining the quality of our programs. *Your help is appreciated.*

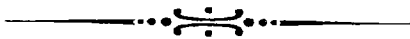
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***Noted with Sympathy....***

The Thomas More Society notes with regret the death, in December, of William J. Curtin, Senior Partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. Mr. Curtin was 64. The Society and members extend deepest sympathy to the Curtin family.



**Nominations of Officers**

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that a slate of Officers has been nominated for service to the Society in the coming year. John Miller has agreed to accept the nomination for the post of President.

Treasurer George Georges has also agreed to stand for re-election. The Society has been fortunate in being able to rely on his expertise for the past four years, and the Board appreciates his willingness to serve again.

Elections will take place in November and ballots will be sent to each member by mail.

**Winter Programs Inspire TMS  
Members to Brave Snow and Ice**

The Society's Luncheon Programs in January and February helped start 1996 with lively discussion and new insight into Moreana.

On January 17th, Fr. Edward Ingebretson presented his thoughts on moral trends and contemporary culture, with *Fantasy, Culture &*

***Tales in the Margins.***

Priest, poet and teacher, Father Ingebretson has examined the themes of fantasy and the apocalyptic in American society. In his comments, he explored the impact of the current cultural trends toward the extreme or frightening. Society members enjoyed hearing Fr. Ingebretson's address and all agreed that the topic provoked interest and concern.

On February 20th, The Society welcomed Dr. Clarence Miller and gathered to hear his insights on *A Man for All Seasons: Thomas More as Depicted in the Elizabethan Play of Sir Thomas More and in Robert Bolt's A Man for All Seasons.*

Long a favorite among Society members, the February luncheon was a "return engagement" for Dr. Miller, whose stature and expertise are recognized around the world. An educator and scholar, Dr. Miller is an expert on Thomas More and has published extensively on More and Erasmus.

The Miller program included an important "extra," as Sr. Anne O'Donnell made arrangements for copies of Dr. Miller's latest edition, More's *The Sadness of Christ*, to be available for sale to TMS membership. Though highly praised and recognized as an extraordinary contribution to Moreana, copies of *The Sadness of Christ* have been difficult for TMS members to obtain through local bookstores. The Society is sincerely grateful to Sr. O'Donnell for working with the publisher and helping to provide this service to the membership. More's words through Dr. Miller's translation are particularly meaningful during the Lenten season.

