



More News

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Edmund Pellegrino, M.D. to be Annual Dinner Keynote Speaker

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, head of the Center for Clinical Bioethics at the Georgetown University Medical Center, will be the Keynote Speaker at the Thomas More Society's 1996 Annual Dinner. The Dinner will be held on Friday, November 8, at the Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, MD. Tables of ten will be available, as well as individual reservations for Society members and their guests. Tickets will cost \$95 each, and tables of ten are available for \$1,000. Invitations will be mailed in late summer, but for additional information, please call Sara Wiggins at (301) 431-1365.

TMS Scholarships Awarded

The TMS Scholarship Committee has announced that Namal K. De Silva has been selected to receive the Thomas More Society's 1996 Scholarship. A senior at Woodrow Wilson High School in the District of Columbia, Miss De Silva participated in an essay competition among high school students in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Her winning essay was entitled: "Sir Thomas More: The Ideal Friend." Miss De Silva's focus on such traits as generosity, wit, warmth and integrity depicts the strength of character which make More an enduring model. Miss De Silva will be attending Swarthmore College in the fall.

Scholarship funds have also been donated to the St. Thomas More Parish School in Southeast Washington, DC. The Society's donation of \$1,000 will help young students in one of the areas of our city hardest hit by

violence and poverty.

The Society is proud to promote a deeper understanding of More's life through the Scholarship program and extends best wishes to all students who participate.

Spring Program Recap

Father Germain Marc'hadour celebrated Mass at St. Anne's Church in Tenlytown on May 16th, and shared his views on *Thomas More as Diplomat* in a presentation afterward. In this program jointly sponsored by the Thomas More Society and the Washington Catholic Forum, Father Marc'hadour illuminated the events which most deeply impacted More's diplomatic career and the politics of the time.

The 1995-96 Luncheon Program concluded on June 4th, with a discussion of *Thomas More's*

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Treatise on the Last Things by Dr. Katherine Rodgers. A More scholar at Yale University, Dr. Rodgers' presentation sparked great interest and follow-up discussion from Society members and guests.

June 21st was the date of the Society's annual celebration of the **Memorial Mass in honor of St. Thomas More, Layman and Martyr, and St. John Fisher, Bishop and Martyr.** Again held at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, the Society welcomed members and guests to a mid-day mass and light luncheon in the Rectory garden.

Monsignor John Benson was the principal celebrant, and Father William Byrne gave the homily. Lectors included outgoing President Robert Dufek and Board member Brother Hilary Mettes. The Society is grateful to Father Paul Lavin, Pastor of St. Joseph's, for his hospitality at this event.

Second Notices for Membership Renewal

Members who have not yet mailed their 1996 dues will soon receive second notices. All members are asked to respond promptly in order to avoid the costs associated with additional mailings. The Society is a small

non-profit organization and the expense of repeated invoice mailings is a burden which decreases the amount of funds available for maintaining the quality of our programs. *Your prompt response helps keep administrative costs down. Thank you.*



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