



# St. Thomas More Society

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Dear Colleague,

Please accept my invitation to participate in the St. Thomas More Society of Phoenix this year. The St. Thomas More Society Board is very excited for the variety of events and opportunities we are planning this year. Our chapter is continuing to strive toward a stronger community among Catholic attorneys in the Phoenix area. We think we can better encourage our community by offering more regular times to meet throughout the year. To that end, here is a list of upcoming events so you can place them into your calendars at one time. If you have not been to an event recently, please know that you are very welcome.

### Lunch and Learn

Please join us for our monthly lunch and learn series this year. First, we invite our attorneys to attend noon mass at the chapel in at the Diocesan Center. After mass, we invite our attorneys to join us in a room near the chapel, usually Room 104 from 12:30 to 1:30 for lunch and a discussion. Lunch is on us! We just ask that folks send us an RSVP at [stmsphoenix@gmail.com](mailto:stmsphoenix@gmail.com). Although, unforeseen events may affect our plans, here are the dates and speakers we have scheduled this year:

Friday September 14th – Samuel Green, Alliance Defending Freedom on *Masterpiece Cakeshop* and *Brush & Nib v. City of Phoenix*. Please RSVP by COB today.

Friday November 16th – Mark Lassiter, The Lassiter Law Firm on Mentoring

Friday December 14th – Bill DeSanitago, Catholic Charities Immigration Project

Friday February 15th – Steve Zabliski, CEO of St. Vincent de Paul

Friday March 15th – Brian Bergin, Berkin, Frakes, Smalley & Oberholtzer on *Buck v. Bell*

Friday May 17th – TBA

### Fall Mass with Bishop Olmsted

Please join us the morning of Tuesday, October 16th for our annual Fall Mass and Breakfast with Bishop Olmsted. Bishop Olmsted will preside at 7 AM morning mass at the chapel in the Diocesan Center. After mass, we will host a breakfast in a larger room at the Diocesan Center. This year, Deacon William Chavira, MD has agreed to join us and talk to us about serving as a Catholic in the medical field and as a Deacon in the Church.

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## Red Mass

Please mark your calendars for the 2019 Red Mass which will be held on Monday, January 14th at 5:30 PM at the St. Mary's Basilica. This year we are welcoming Archbishop Joseph Kurtz from the Archdiocese of Louisville. Archbishop Kurtz serves as the chairman of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty.

## St. Thomas More Award

It is that time of year for our board to solicit nominations for the annual St. Thomas More Award which will be awarded at the Red Mass Breakfast on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. The award is given to a person or organization that embodies the spirit of St. Thomas More- a lawyer renowned for his scholarship, service, and deep faith. The nominee should be someone who demonstrates one's faith in their work and daily life. The nominee can be an attorney or non-attorney whose work or ministry promotes the legal profession. The board will also consider if the nominee demonstrated personal self-sacrifice for a difficult Christian principle.

To submit a nomination, provide a short description that details how the nominee meets the award criteria. The nomination deadline is October 12th. Please send your nominations or questions to [stmsphoenix@gmail.com](mailto:stmsphoenix@gmail.com).

Thank you for your interest in the St. Thomas More Society. We ask that you encourage folks to attend as much as possible. I would ask that you share our emails, events, and news with another Catholic attorney who may not be receiving our notices. You can have any interested attorney send us a short email and we'll have him or her added to our list.

Sincerely,

Ryan McCarthy

President, St. Thomas More Society

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