



*St. Thomas More Society  
of Central Pennsylvania*

**Member Update  
October 30, 2015**

Dear Members and Friends of the STMS,



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One week after our 25th annual Red Mass of Central Pennsylvania I am still in awe of the beautiful and moving liturgy that we experienced on October 19th.

How wonderful it was to see so many of our members and friends come together to pray as a Society. And what an incredible blessing it was to have Bishop Kevin Rhoades, a charter member of the STMS, with us as our guest homilist. Everyone present will long remember his inspiring words. Thank you to

everyone who attended and made this such a memorable event.

Read on for more coverage of the Red Mass and other important news, especially about our upcoming 25th Anniversary Gala on November 20th!

On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you for your active participation in our Society. Please pray for us, as we continue to pray for all our STMS members and friends.

Michael F. Krimmel, President  
STMS of Central Pennsylvania



***Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend these events!***

*Sunday, November 8, 2015, 9:30 a.m.*

*St. Patrick's Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg, PA*

### **Diocesan White Mass for Catholic Healthcare Workers**

 The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all members of the STMS to join them for the annual White Mass for Catholic Healthcare Workers on **Sunday, November 8, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral**. The Most Reverend Ronald Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg, will be the principal celebrant. We were very pleased that representatives of the Diocesan Guild of the CMA joined us for our Red Mass to pray with and for us. Please consider attending this Mass to offer your prayers for our colleagues in the medical professions and to continue the spirit of support and cooperation between

our two organizations.

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*Friday, November 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m.*

*Country Club of Harrisburg, 401 Fishing Creek Valley Rd, Harrisburg, PA*

### **25th Anniversary Gala**



The Board of Governors of the STMS cordially invites you and your guests to the Society's 25th Anniversary Gala on **Friday, November 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the [Country Club of Harrisburg](#)**. This very special evening will include a cocktail reception and dinner. Our special guest speaker will be [Bishop Edward C. Malesic, J.C.L.](#), Bishop of Greensburg, former priest and Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Harrisburg, and long-time member and supporter of the St. Thomas More Society of Central PA. The evening will also feature special recognition of the charter members of the STMS.

***Please plan to attend this gala event celebrating our Society's first 25 years! Watch your email for online registration.***

### ***STMS Members Gather for 25th Annual Red Mass***

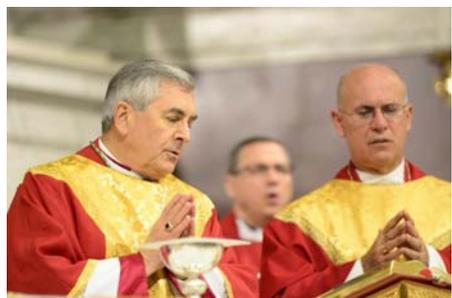


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On October 19, 2015, more than 150 STMS members and guests, invited dignitaries from all three branches of government, and faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg gathered at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the 25th annual Red Mass of Central Pennsylvania. Bishop Ronald Gainer was principle celebrant, and Bishop Kevin Rhoades, Bishop of South Bend-Fort Wayne and a charter member of the STMS, was guest homilist. The Trinity High School Choir provided choral music, adding to the beauty of the liturgy. Also in attendance were a number of charter members of the STMS who were recognized on the occasion of the Society's 25th anniversary.

Bishop Rhoades delivered an inspiring homily in which he reminded those in attendance that the STMS was founded for "the formation of its

members in Christian holiness, after the example of Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers, statesmen, and politicians." He urged us as legal professionals to make St. Thomas More's priorities our own "in this proper order: God, family, profession."



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[Click here for a printed copy of Bishop Rhoades' homily.](#)

On behalf of the entire STMS membership, the Board of Governors extends its sincere appreciation to Bishop Gainer, Bishop Rhoades, and all those who assisted with the Red Mass.

[Click here for full coverage of the Red Mass in the October 30, 2015 edition of \*The Catholic Witness\*.](#)

### ***Bishop Gainer Uses Images of Religious Freedom as a Call to Action***

Bishop Ronald Gainer addressed state legislators and other public officials on October 21st at the 2015 legislative breakfast, hosted by the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the Pennsylvania Council of the Knights of Columbus. In his keynote address, Bishop Gainer suggested that legislators take notice of the many symbols of religious freedom that are incorporated into the magnificent art and architecture of the state Capitol building, and be mindful of their significance. The Bishop urged legislators to support the cause of religious freedom of those they serve by passing laws that enable people to live out their faith in the public square.

[Click here for a printed copy of Bishop Gainer's speech.](#)

### **Erratum**

In our last *Member Update* I reported on the adoption of the STMS Mission Statement. In that report, I neglected to include Eugene Weber as a

member of the committee that drafted the mission statement and recommended it to the Board of Governors. Gene is a Cumberland County paralegal and an active member of the STMS. I appreciate Gene's contribution to this important effort and apologize for the oversight.

Mike Krimmel

## One *More* Thing

with Fr. Paul Clark

Because this *Member Update* contains so much great reading material in the form of [Bishop Rhoades' homily](#) and [Bishop Gainer's keynote address](#), we are giving our resident sage and spiritual advisor, [Fr. Paul Clark](#), a break from his ever-popular One *More* Thing column. We promise more words of wisdom from Fr. Clark in our next edition!

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