



Your invitation to the St. THOMAS MORE'S FORUM
St. Thomas More : The Patron of Statesmen and Politicians

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The Second Annual Lecture on St Thomas More's Feast Day "Public Ethics in Bioethics"



Presented by Fr Frank Brennan S.J., A.O
Professor of Law, Australian Catholic University
Visiting Professor of Law and Social Justice, University of Notre Dame,
Adjunct Fellow, Research School of Asian and Pacific Studies, Australian
National University

Thursday 22 June 2006, 7.30-9pm

St. Thomas More's School Hall at 30 White Crescent, Campbell followed by light supper.

Entry : \$10 per person and \$3 per student at school or university and concession card holders.

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Synopsis of the Second Annual Lecture to the St Thomas More's Forum

In the Australian parliament, we are now used to conscience votes on issues such as human cloning, experimentation on human embryos, and abortion drugs such as RU486. In recent years the Catholic bishops have intervened in the courts on questions such as abortion, the availability of IVF for single persons, and the entitlement of relatives and the public guardian to authorise the discontinuance of nutrition for a dying person.

Could a Catholic politician in good conscience have voted either way on the RU486 legislation? What is the role of the church in distinguishing private morality, law and public policy on issues such as experimentation on human embryos? When should bishops seek to intervene in court proceedings? For whom do church leaders speak when they make submissions to parliament or to public inquiries such as the Lockhart Review on cloning and embryo research?

Fr Brennan will address the role and the limits on the religiously informed citizen acting on a formed and informed conscience on these issues in bioethics.

The objective of the St Thomas More's Forum is to promote thought, discussion and debate on the challenges of faith in the workplace, family and public life in the modern world.

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The 2006 St. THOMAS MORE'S FORUM Program

Booking Details

Prior bookings essential by email to sttmforum@hotmail.com.au or by phone to 9294 8345 (message bank service only), however seating cannot be guaranteed unless prepayment is made to St Thomas More's Forum at PO Box 424, Campbell, ACT 2612. Late payments will be accepted at the door on the night of the Forum where available seating will be allocated in order of arrival. For prepaid bookings a stamped, self addressed envelope is required to return tickets, otherwise prepaid tickets will be available for pick up at the door on the night of the next Forum.

Advance Program

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"Public Ethics in Bioethics"

Wednesday 13 September 2006

Peter Holmes

Manager, Courses of Study, Catholic Adult Education Centre Sydney

"Sharing Your Faith without Losing Your Friends"

Wednesday 15 November 2006

Dennis Shanahan Political Editor, The Australian Newspaper and

Angela Shanahan Columnist with the Canberra Times and the Sunday Telegraph

"Media and Faith"

Please note that these dates are correct at the time of printing. However, due to varying circumstances there could be changes and additional speakers may also be included in the Program depending on availability. Therefore the dates and times should be confirmed by checking www.stthomasmores.cg.catholic.edu.au/forum.htm