

## **Skit, St. Thomas More**

(Narrator, King Henry, and St. Thomas enter.)

**Narrator:** Thomas More was born in London in 1478. He was very smart, and he studied law at Oxford University. He worked as a lawyer, and then was elected to Parliament.

**King Henry:** Hi Thomas, it's good to see you. I've read your book Utopia, and I hear that you're very well respected among the bishops and and scholars.

**Thomas:** Thanks, King Henry!

**King Henry:** Do you want to hang out and talk about your work and my plans for England?

**Thomas:** Sure!

(King Henry exits.)

(Alice enters.)

**Narrator:** And so King Henry and St. Thomas became good friends. Then one evening...

**Thomas:** Hi honey, I'm home!

**Alice:** Hi Thomas, I hope you had a good day.

**Thomas:** Yes, it was a very good day. Today King Henry appointed me Chancellor, which is a very important position.

**Alice:** Congratulations!! I'll make a special dinner in celebration.

(Alice exits.)

(King Henry and Jesus enter.)

**Narrator:** St. Thomas loved being chancellor and working with his friend King Henry. But one day they had a disagreement.

**King Henry:** Thomas, I am divorcing my wife, and marrying someone else.

**Thomas:** I'm so sorry to hear that! Is there any way your marriage can be saved?

**King Henry:** No way! I'm definitely getting divorced. The problem is that the pope says I can't do this.

**Thomas:** But King Henry, that's not just what the pope says. That's what Jesus says.

**Jesus (from the heavens):** In the beginning, God made them male and female. For this reason, a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife and the two become one flesh. What God has joined together, let no one separate. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery.

**King Henry:** I don't care. I'm going to make my own church, and I'll be in charge. We'll call it the Church of England. I'd like your support, Thomas.

**Thomas:** King Henry, I'm your good friend, but what you're doing is not ok.

**King Henry:** Then you are a traitor, Thomas. I'm putting you on trial!

**Narrator:** And so St. Thomas was put on trial and found guilty of treason. And right before he was executed, he said:

**Thomas:** I die the king's good servant, but God's first!

**Narrator:** St. Thomas is now the patron saint of lawyers.