

CALL FOR PAPERS



The **MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA [MSA]**

invites proposals for its

MAY 16–19, 2017 CONFERENCE

to be held at the

SCHOENSTATT CENTER LAMAR IN ROCKPORT, TEXAS (NEAR CORPUS CHRISTI).

The theme of the 2017 and 2018 MSA Conferences will be the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Sacraments. The 2017 meeting will study

THE BLESSED VIRGIN'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, AND THE EUCHARIST.

The 2018 meeting will study Mary's relationship with the Sacraments of Healing (Penance and Anointing of the Sick) and Christian Vocation (Holy Orders and Matrimony).

Topics for the 2017 conference could include the following—though other topics related to Mary and the Sacraments of Initiation might be appropriate:

FOUNDATIONS:

- Scriptural Allegories/Imageries pointing to Mary and the Sacraments
- Historical, theological, and artistic perspectives on Mary's possible reception of the Sacraments.
- Patristic Intuitions of Mary's Spiritual Motherhood in the sacramental life of the Church
- Marian Traditions connected to the Sacraments of Initiation
- Mary as the Model of Docility to the Holy Spirit relative to the Sacraments of Initiation

MARY'S SPIRITUAL MATERNITY:

- Mary as Mother of the Faithful in relation to the Sacramental Life
- Mary as the Model of the Priesthood of the Faithful with respect to the Sacramental Life
- Mary's Spiritual Maternity relative to the Sacramental Initiation of the Faithful

- The Roles of Mary and the Church in the Generation and Nurturing of Christ's Life in the Souls of the Faithful
- Spiritual Motherhood in the French School of Spirituality in relation to the Sacramental Life

BAPTISM:

- Consecration to Mary as the Perfect Way to Live out One's Baptismal Promises
- The Sacramental Correspondence of Mary's Immaculate Conception to the Newly Baptized Person.

EUCCHARIST:

- Devotion to Mary and More Fruitful Reception of Holy Communion
- Mary as the Mother of the Eucharist
- St. John Paul II, Mary, and the Eucharist (e.g. chapter six of *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*)
- Mary's Presence at the Mass
- Mary and the Eucharistic Expressions of *Epiclesis*, *Anamnesis*, and *Agape*
- Mary and the Mass as Sacrifice: the Sorrowful Mother and the Eucharist
- Mary in the Eucharistic Liturgies of the Eastern Churches
- How Devotion to Mary helps us to Love the Eucharist More
- The Harmony of Marian Devotion with Eucharistic Adoration
- The Marian Devotion of Communities of the Consecrated Life Dedicated to the Eucharist

CONFIRMATION:

- Mary, the Holy Spirit, and Confirmation
- Mary as the Model of the Theological Virtues and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in relation to the Sacrament of Confirmation

CATECHESIS:

- Catechetical Aspects of including Mary in Sacramental Preparation
- Catechesis on Mary in Preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (and in the Catechumenate)

Please send abstracts by **October 15, 2016** to Fr. Frederick Miller (Frederick.miller@shu.edu) and Dr. Robert Fastiggi (fastiggi.robert@shms.edu). The abstract should be about 350-500 words. It should include sources and an explanation of how the proposal relates to the theme of the conference.