

CALL FOR PAPERS



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

invites proposals for its

MAY 15–18, 2018 CONFERENCE

to be held at the

BERGAMO CENTER IN DAYTON, OHIO.

The Theme of the Conference will be:

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN’S RELATIONSHIP TO THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING
(PENANCE AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK) AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION (HOLY
ORDERS AND MATRIMONY).**

This theme allows for a number of perspectives, above all Our Lady’s role in the administration and/or the reception of the sacraments. **Systematic and doctrinal approaches are especially encouraged.** Topics could include those listed below—though other topics related to Mary and the Sacraments of Healing and Christian Vocation might be appropriate. Papers that are accepted will be considered by peer review for publication in *Marian Studies*.

POSSIBLE THEMES AND TOPICS

- Scriptural Allegories/Imageries pointing to Mary and the Sacraments of Healing and Christian Vocation (e.g. Mary as the New Eve and the Spouse of God).
- Historical, Theological, and Artistic References to Mary and the Sacraments of Healing and Vocation.
- Patristic Intuitions of Mary’s Relation to the Sacraments of Healing and Vocation.
- Mary as Mediatrix of Sacramental Grace in the Sacraments of Healing and Vocation.
- Mary’s Role in the Paschal Mystery, the Source of Sacramental Grace; the Priestly Role of Mary.
- Mary’s Active Role in the Fruitful Reception of the Sacraments of Healing and Vocation (i.e. *ex opere operantis*).
- Mary’s Immaculate Conception in Relation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Mary’s Active Role in Forming the Consciences of Penitents.
- The Assumption of Mary as the Sign of Hope for the Sick and the Dying.

- Mary's Marriage to St. Joseph: a Model of Mutual Self-Offering to the Design of God (cf. St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Custos*, 7).
- Our Lady of Cana (Jn 2:1-11) and the Sacrament of Matrimony.
- Mary's "Indissoluble Bond" with Christ (*LG*, 53) and the Indissolubility of Marriage.

Please send abstracts by **October 15, 2017** 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.