

# CALL FOR PAPERS



The MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA [MSA]

invites proposals for its

MAY 11–14 2021 CONFERENCE

to be held at the

Marytown National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Libertyville, IL

MARY AND THE WORD OF GOD

In his 2010 apostolic exhortation, *Verbum Domini*, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged scholars “to study the relationship between Mariology and the theology of the Word,” which he saw as “most beneficial both for the spiritual life and for theological and biblical studies.” He went on to say that our understanding of Mary “stands at the heart of Christian truth. The incarnation of the Word cannot be conceived apart from the freedom of this young woman who by her assent decisively cooperated with the entrance of the eternal into time” (no. 27).

**Among the topics that might be treated are the following:**

Mary’s familiarity with the Word of God

Mary as the teacher of God’s Word

Mary as a prophet of God’s Word: one through whom God speaks

Mary as the model and archetype of the Church’s faith in God’s Word

Mary and the preaching of the Word

Mary as the model of all Christians who interiorly conceive and give birth to the Word of God

Mary as the Mother of the Word Incarnate: the need for a Mother of the Word made flesh

The centrality of Mary in the written Word of God, the Bible

The spiritual sense of Scripture as needed for understanding Mary in the Bible

Marian dimensions of the Old Testament

Mary: the contemplative who ponders the Word in her heart (Lk 2:19, 51).

Mary's role in the transmission of God's Word in Tradition

The Marian profile of the Church as receptive to the Word of God

Please send abstracts by **November 15, 2020** to Fr. Frederick Miller ([frederick.miller@shu.edu](mailto:frederick.miller@shu.edu)) and Dr. Robert Fastiggi ([fastiggi.robert@shms.edu](mailto: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.