



# CALL FOR PAPERS

The MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA [MSA]

invites proposals for its

May 21-24, 2024 Conference

to be held at the

Archbishop Brunett Retreat House in Federal Way, Washington (near Seattle)

## Mariology at the Second Vatican Council

The year 2024 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the promulgation of *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, in which the Blessed Virgin Mary was given the most extensive treatment of any ecumenical council. This year's MSA conference focuses on Mariology at Vatican II, a topic that concerns not only *Lumen Gentium* but other documents of the Council as well. Among the possible topics are the following: the state of Mariology just prior to the Council; petitions for new Marian dogmas at the Council; a comparison of the 1962 *schema* on Mary with chapter eight of *Lumen Gentium*; the speeches of Cardinals Santos and Cardinal König on whether to have a separate document on Mary or incorporate the treatment of Mary in the constitution on the Church; the significance of the October 29, 1963 vote in favor of including the treatment of Mary in the constitution on the Church; Ecclesio-typical Mariology and Christo-typical Mariology at the Council; ecumenical concerns about Mary at Vatican II; the roles played by certain theologians at the Council such as Carlo/Carl Balić OFM, Gérard Philips, and René Laurentin; the references to Mary in specific conciliar documents such as *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 103 (Mary in the liturgical year), *Unitatis Redintegratio*, 15 (devotion to Mary among the Eastern Orthodox), *Nostra Aetate*, 3 (devotion to Mary among the Muslims), *Optatam Totius*, 8 (the importance of Marian devotion for seminarians), *Perfectae Caritatis*, 25 (Mary as the model for the consecrated life), *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 18 (the need for Marian veneration among priests), and *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 4 (Mary as the perfect model of spiritual and apostolic life); the treatment of specific Marian themes in *Lumen Gentium* (e.g. Mary's active collaboration and participation in the work of redemption; the virginity of Mary; the holiness of Mary; Marian mediation; Mary as type of the Church; Mary's maternal role in the life of the Church; Mary as the Queen of the universe; Marian veneration and devotion; Mary and the separated brethren). Other possible themes might be: the immediate effect of the Council on Mariology; the interpretation of the Marian doctrine of Vatican II by popes after the council (e.g. St. Paul VI, St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis).

Please send abstracts by October 31, 2023 to Sr. Danielle Peters ([dpeters8@nd.edu](mailto:dpeters8@nd.edu)) and Dr. Robert Fastiggi ([fastiggi.robert@shms.edu](mailto:fastiggi.robert@shms.edu)). The abstract should be about 350-500 words. The abstract should include sources and an explanation of how the proposal relates to the theme of the conference. Note: Speakers are expected to attend the conference in person.