

## PURPOSE

The Mariological Society of America (MSA) is a Catholic theological association dedicated to studying and making known the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the mystery of Christ and the Church and in the history of salvation. Through its annual meeting and its publication, *Marian Studies*, the Society seeks to promote original research in Marian doctrine and devotion.

## HISTORY

The Mariological Society of America was founded by Fr. Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M., in October 1949. The charter members gathered for the first meeting in Washington, D.C., in January 1950. Since that time, the MSA has met annually in various cities throughout the U.S.A.

In 1954, the Society was recognized as a corporation "organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes." Listed in the *Official Catholic Directory* as one of the national organizations of the United States Catholic Conference, it is recognized as a tax-exempt organization.

Since 1979, the office of the executive secretary of the MSA has been located at the Marian Library of the University of Dayton.

## ORGANIZATION

The organizational structure is found in the *Bylaws of the Mariological Society of America* (revised in 1990 & 2004). The MSA is governed by an Administrative Council composed of the Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer) and six councilors (who serve in pairs on Program, Planning, and Promotion). The Administrative Council is responsible for the annual program and approves major expenditures.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Professional** membership is open to persons with an academic degree in theology (or its equivalent). **Associate** membership is for individuals (or groups) who share the MSA's aims.

# THE MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA



Information  
and  
Application for Membership

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Persons living or working outside the U.S.A. are also welcome to join the Society.

## ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING

The MSA holds an annual three-day meeting. The site, theme, and speakers are decided by the Administrative Council.

Anyone may attend the sessions of an annual meeting; however, voting (at business meetings) is restricted to professional members.

## MARIAN STUDIES

*Marian Studies* is the primary publication of the MSA: the proceedings of the annual national meeting

Beginning with the proceedings of the 2014 meeting, *Marian Studies* will become an open-access online publication. Volumes 1 (1950) through 64 (2013) are available at: [http://ecommons.udayton.edu/marian\\_studies/about.html](http://ecommons.udayton.edu/marian_studies/about.html).

*Note:* Some printed back issues are still available (some at reduced rates). If interested, see the MSA website ([www.mariologicalsociety.com](http://www.mariologicalsociety.com)) or the MSA Secretariat for full current information.

Payment for these issues of *Marian Studies* must be made in U.S. currency. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Mariological Society of America or to *Marian Studies* (no credit card transaction possible).

## THE CARDINAL JOHN J. WRIGHT MARIOLOGICAL AWARD

Conferred in memory of Cardinal John J. Wright (longtime MSA member and its episcopal chairman from 1951 until his death in 1979) and as redefined by the MSA Board in 1991, the award is given (upon recommendation of the designated three-member committee) to recognize and encourage significant publications on the Virgin Mary. The recipient need not be a member of the MSA.

## ARTHUR W. CLINTON, JR. SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

In accord with a bequest in the will of Mr. Arthur Clinton (a longtime Associate Member who died in 1992), a fund was established to provide financial assistance for those writing theses or doctoral dissertations on Marian topics (Scholarships) and to aid post-doctoral scholars preparing Marian books or articles for publication (Awards). Information on the application procedures is found at the end of each issue of *Marian Studies*.

## REGIONAL UNITS

Regional units of the MSA share the same goals as the national organization but are organizationally independent. Meetings of regional units are frequently pastoral in tone and content. Areas in which regional units have recently been active are New England (Rhode Island) and the West Coast (San Francisco area).

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## ANNUAL DUES (Jan.-Dec.)

**Professional** Member     \$20.00  
**Associate** Member        \$17.00

A **Supporting** Member contributes \$25.00 or more.  
*(Note: Only the amount above the actual membership dues is eligible for itemization as a donation for tax purposes.)*

A **Patron** contributes \$100.00 or more  
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**Seminarians and retired persons** may pay a reduced annual fee of \$15.00.

Payment of dues must be in U.S. currency. Checks or money orders should be made out to the Mariological Society of America (no credit card transaction possible).

## APPLICATION MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(last, first, middle, title, relig. cong.)

Mailing Address (street/p.o. box, city, state, zip+4)  
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### Type of Membership:

\_\_\_\_\_ Professional Member (\$20 per year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member (\$17 per year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Supporting Member (\$25 or more per year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Patron (\$100 or more per year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Seminarian (\$15 per year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Retired person (\$15 per year).

*For Professional Member applicants:*

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(Degree in Theology – or equivalent)

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(Institution, Date)  
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