

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Attendance at the 2025 MSA meeting is open to all. You need not be a member to register.

FOR RESIDING ATTENDEES:

MSA registration fee.....(waived)
Lodging (single room) incl. meals.....\$500.00
Lodging (double room) incl. meals.....\$350.00

FOR NON-RESIDING ATTENDEES:

MSA Registration Fee (May 21, 22).....\$25.00/day
.....plus Meals (see Registration Form for details)

FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:

Registration fee for all online sessions.....\$75.00

For more information about registration and payment (online or by postal mail), please visit:

www.mariologicalsociety.com. ALL IN-PERSON REGISTRATIONS DUE BY THURSDAY, May 1.

PROGRAM - subject to change

TUESDAY, May 20, 2025

2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Arrivals

3:30 p.m. Meeting of the Administrative Council

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Registration

7:00 p.m. - Holy Mass celebrated by the **Most Reverend William E. Lori**, Archbishop of Baltimore

8:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Meet & Greet

8:30 - 9:15 p.m. - MSA Presidential Address by MSA President **Dr. Gloria Falcão Dodd** (University of Dayton, OH), *Queen of Peace: The Complex Case of Medjugorje*.

WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2025

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Mass, and May Crowning

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. **Fr. Josemaria Ijalba** (Ecclesiastical University of San Dámaso, Madrid, Spain): *Benedict XVI on Marian apparitions*; response by **Dr. Joseph Arias** (Christendom College, Front Royal, VA): *The Distinct and Complementary Characteristics of Public and Private Revelation*.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. **Michael O'Neill** (The Miracle Hunter): *Faith Expression and the New DDF Norms*.

11:15 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. **Fr. Joseph Musoni, MIC, STL** (Marian Formation Center - Cana Kigali, Rwanda): *The Contribution of Two Normative Documents of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith to the Ecclesial Discernment of the Marian Apparition of Kibeho*.

12:15 p.m. Lunch and Free Time

1:30 p.m. **Sr. Cathy Jones** (St. Mary's University, Twickenham, UK): *Fr. Laurentin on Apparitions*.

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. **Lauren Moore, Ph.D. cand.** (Free University of Amsterdam): *Marian Apparitions and the Catholic Church: A Phenomenological Study*.

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. **Dr. Catherine O'Brien** (Centre for Marian Studies, United Kingdom): *Cinematic Visions of Lourdes and Fatima*.

4:15 p.m. Break

4:30 p.m. **Sharon K. Perkins, M.A.** (Independent Scholar, Denton, TX): *The Lourdes Apparition and Its American Catholic Reception: A Historiographical Survey*

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Dinner and Free Time

7:30 p.m. **Dr. Gloria Falcão Dodd**: *Marian Bibliography for 2024*.

8:00 p.m. Rosary Walk (optional)

8:30 p.m. Fellowship

THURSDAY, May 22, 2025

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. **Dr. Michael Romero** (University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX): *Marian Revelations in 16th Century Franciscan Histories*.

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. **Dr. Cecelia Dorger** (Mt. St. Joseph University, Cincinnati, OH): *Artists and Our Lady of Guadalupe Images*.

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. **Dr. Erin Meikle** (Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA): *Our Lady of Knock*.

11:45 a.m. Break

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Fr. Edward Looney, STL** (Diocese of Green Bay, WI): *Alleged Apparition of Necedah*.

1:45 p.m. Break

1:50 p.m. Business Meeting

2:50 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Depart for the Basilica of the Assumption for tour and Holy Mass; return to the seminary for special dinner.

6:30 p.m. Dinner at the Seminary

8:30 p.m. Night Prayer & Rosary (optional)

FRIDAY, May 23, 2025

7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer with Mass

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 - 10:45 a.m. Panel Discussions

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. **Joe Evans, Ph.D.** (Villanova University, PA); **Sr. Ngoc Nguyen, Ph.D. cand.** (Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI): *Mary Appearing and Appealing to Non-Christians in Asia*.

9:45–10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. **Marie Irene Joseph, [Erin Bolivar], Ph.D. cand.** (University of Georgia, Athens, GA).

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Short Reports on Research Topics

Dr. Peter Swirzon [Dr. Joseph P. Michael]

- (Ontario, Canada): *Reading the Private Revelations of Maria of Ágreda from a Theological & Pedagogical Perspective.*
- **Fr. Robin George OCD, STL** (University of Vienna, Austria): *Marian Apparitions and their Religio-Cultural Identity. A Study of the Marian Sanctuary at Kuravilangad, India.*
- **Dr. Flynn Fernandes** (Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.): *Changing Paradigms of Pilgrimages to Sites of Marian Apparitions: Pastoral Catholicism to New Age Mysticism.*

11:45 a.m. **Dr. Gloria Falcão Dodd**, President of the MSA, *Final Comments*.

12:00 p.m. Departures

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 United States. 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.

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