

The next annual meeting
of the Mariological Society of America (MSA)
will be held both in person and virtually

May 19-22, 2026
Conception Abbey
37174 State Highway VV
Conception, MO 64433

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The meeting theme:
Mary in Papal Teachings
Since the Nineteenth Century

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See the MSA Website
(www.mariologicalsociety.com)
for 2026 meeting and registration details
as they are updated,
and for more information about the MSA.

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The 2026 Call for Papers
Theme description, suggestions, and
submission deadline may be found on the
MSA Website

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 in Dayton, Ohio.

ORGANIZATION

The organizational structure is found in the *Bylaws of the Mariological Society of America* (revised in 1990, 2004, and 2025). The MSA is governed by an Administrative Council composed of the Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and six councilors (who serve in pairs on Program, Planning, and Promotion Offices). The Administrative Council is responsible for the annual meeting and additional programming, and it approves Society by-laws and 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. Persons living or working outside the U.S.A. are also welcome to join the Society.

THE MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA



Information
and
Application for Membership

MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
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Krugerville, TX 76227
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Tel. (937) 229-1431

ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING

The MSA holds an annual 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 in good standing.

MARIAN STUDIES

Marian Studies is the primary publication of the MSA, consisting of the peer-reviewed proceedings of the annual national meeting. Beginning with the proceedings of the 2014 meeting, *Marian Studies* became an open-access online publication. Volumes 1 (1950) through 68 (2017) are currently available at: http://ecommons.udayton.edu/marian_studies/about.html. Subsequent volumes are forthcoming. *Note:* Pre-printed back issues are no longer available, but one may order an individual printing of a digital volume by going to the above website and linking to the desired volume number.

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 a 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

The MSA used the bequest of Mr. Arthur W. Clinton, Jr. (a longtime Associate Member who died in 1992) to establish a fund to promote scholarly Marian pursuits. These funds may be used to support research and writing with a Marian focus. The money may also be used to cover special expenses related to the MSA's annual meeting or for other MSA-sponsored projects. Procedures for requesting such aid may be found on the MSA website and at the end of *Marian Studies*. Awardees are typically selected in April of each year and announced at the annual MSA meeting in May.

ANNUAL DUES (Jan.-Dec.)

Professional Membership.....\$40.00/year
Consecrated Life Person..... \$20.00/year
Retired Professional Member..... \$20.00/year

Associate Membership.....\$20.00/year
Student or Seminarian.....\$20.00/year

Supporting Member contributes \$50.00 or more per year.

Patron contributes \$100.00 or more per year.
Note: Only the amount above the actual annual membership dues is eligible for itemization as a donation for tax purposes.

Payment of dues must be in U.S. currency. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the **Mariological Society of America**. Credit card payments are not currently accepted. Automatic membership renewals are also not possible at this time.

Paper applications and checks should be sent to:

Mariological Society of America
% Sharon K. Perkins, Treasurer
P. O. Box 262, Krugerville, TX 76227

Electronic application process:

Completed applications may be scanned as PDF attachments and **emailed** to the MSA Treasurer (skperkins8@gmail.com), indicating the preferred manner of payment.

Online payment is accepted through **PayPal, Venmo, Wise, or Western Union**, payable to the Mariological Society of America. Please consider adding a \$3.00 donation to your payment to help with the cost of processing fees.

Questions? contact the MSA Treasurer with inquiries or concerns about any aspect of the application process.

Applications are accepted at any time; membership is considered provisional until approved at the annual May meeting of the MSA.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Date of Application _____

Name _____

(title, first, middle, last, religious congregation)

Current Institutional Affiliation (if applicable)

Mailing Address (street/P.O. box, city, state, zip+4)

Tel. No. (_____) _____ - _____

Email address

Religious Affiliation: _____

Type of Membership:

- _____ *Professional Member (\$40/year)
_____ Consecrated Life Person (\$20/year)
_____ Retired Professional Member (\$20/year).
_____ Associate Member (\$20/year)
_____ Student or Seminarian (\$20/year)
_____ Supporting Member (\$50 or more per year)
_____ Patron (\$100 or more per year)

**For Professional Member applicants: a submission of one's curriculum vitae (including educational and professional credentials) is required.*

(Degree in Theology – or equivalent)

(from Institution, date)