

**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.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Attendance at the 2026 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..... \$350  
Lodging (double room) incl. Meals..... \$275

**FOR NON-RESIDING ATTENDEES:**

MSA Registration Fee (May 20, 21) ..... \$25/day  
.... plus Meals (see Registration Form for details)

**FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:**

Registration fee for all online sessions ..... \$75

For more information about registration and payment (online or by postal mail), please visit: [www.mariologicalsociety.com](http://www.mariologicalsociety.com). ALL IN-PERSON REGISTRATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 1.

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The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Mural, Conception Abbey, Conception, MO; Fr. Edward Looney, photographer.

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**PROGRAM**

(subject to change)

**TUESDAY, May 19, 2026**

1:00–5:00 p.m. Arrivals

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

5:45 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Welcome by MSA President **Dr. Gloria Falcão Dodd**; and Opening Prayer by MSA Episcopal Moderator the **Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry**, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Chicago

7:15 p.m. Keynote address: “Mary’s Knowledge of Her Ecclesial Motherhood According to the Mind of the Popes”: **Dr. Christopher M. Carr**, Misericordia University, Dallas, PA

8:00–8:15 p.m. Questions and Answers

8:30 p.m. Mass (optional)

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**WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2026**

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Mass, and May Crowning

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. “One and the Same Decree: How the Dual Primacy of Jesus and Mary Necessitates the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (*Nulla Debitum*) as Seen in the Papal Bull *Ineffabilis Deus* by Blessed Pius IX”: **Fr. Shannon M. Collins**, Missionaries of St. John the Baptist, Covington, KY

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. “Leo XIII and the Contemplative Renewal of the Rosary”: **Fr. Philip Nolan, OP**, STL, Editor-in Chief, Magnificat, Yonkers, NY

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. “The Effect of the Rosary Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII on the Life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux”: **Fr. Christopher Armstrong, JCD, STD**, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary & School of Theology, Cincinnati, OH

11:45 a.m. Break and Free Time

12:20 p.m. Lunch and Free Time

2:00 p.m. “The Outcome of Unceasing Rosary Prayer during the Papacy of Leo XIII”: **Elizabeth Lau Skelton, MA**, San Francisco, CA

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. “The Blessed Virgin Mary Mary: Co-redemptrix, Advocate, Mediatrix & Queen: An Analysis of Pope Pius XII’s Encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam*”: **Fr. Dwight Campbell, STD, JD**, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, WI

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. “Perils, Πολιτεύματα, and Personhood in the Marian Teachings of Popes Pius XII and John Paul II”: **Dr. Richard H. Bulzacchelli**, University of Dallas, Irving, TX

4:45 p.m. Break

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

5:45 p.m. Dinner and Free Time

7:15 p.m. “Marian Bibliography for 2025”: **Dr. Gloria Falcão Dodd**, Pontifical International Marian Academy

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

8:30 p.m. Fellowship

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**THURSDAY, May 21, 2026**

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Mass

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. “The Perpetual Virginity of Mary Most Holy in the Magisterium of St. John Paul II”:  
**Fr. John Lawrence M. Polis, FI, STD**, Maine, NY

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. “Holy Soil and the Waters of Baptism: The Mariological and Sacramental Significances of ‘the Primacy of Receiving’ in the Writings of Pope Benedict XVI”:  
**Dr. Daniel Osborn**, Diocese of Saginaw, MI

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. “The Dual Marian-Petrine Principle in the Church in John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis”:  
**Fr. Antonio Larocca, SMC**, Venezuela

11:45 a.m. Break

12:20 p.m. Lunch

1:30–3:30 p.m. Tour of the Monastery of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Clyde, MO

4:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting

5:45 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer followed by optional Rosary walk to the Marian Shrine at Conception Abbey

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**FRIDAY, May 22, 2026**

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Mass

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Panel: Special Topics

~ “Consecration and Entrustment in Pope John Paul II’s Spirituality, Teaching and Practice”:  
**Richard May, MA**, Houston, TX

~ “Fetal Microchimerism and the Enduring Presence of Christ in Mary”:  
**Ruben Avila**, doctoral student, University of St. Thomas, Miami, FL

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Panel: The Marian Teachings of Pope Leo XIV

~ “Mary and the Church of the Poor: Bridging Leo XIII’s Marian Vision in *Magnae Dei Matris* with Leo XIV’s Pastoral Call in *Dilexi Te*”:  
**Samuel Kalu**, seminarian, Archdiocese of Boston

~ “The Marian Magisterium of Leo XIV: Initial Indications”:  
**Maria Benitz**, Ph.D. cand., The Catholic University of America, DC

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Final Comments by **Dr. Gloria Falcão Dodd**; and Closing Prayer and Blessing by the **Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry**

11:30 a.m. Departures and optional visits to other Marian sites such as the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles (community of Sr. Wilhelmina), Gower, MO

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77th Annual Program

## Papal Teachings on Mary since Pius IX



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