



CALL FOR PAPERS

The **MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA [MSA]**

invites proposals for its

MAY 14–17, 2019 CONFERENCE

to be held at the

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE, ATTLEBORO, MA

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND THE CALL TO HOLINESS

In his apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176 Pope Francis, describes Mary as the saint among the saints” who “teaches us the way of holiness” and “walks ever at our side” (n. 176). The 2019 MSA conference focuses on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the universal call to holiness of all the faithful---a theme highlighted by both Pope Francis and Vatican II (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, nos. 39–42 and 62–69). Among the topics that might be treated are the following:

Mary as the model and teacher of holiness

Mary as spiritual Mother and the call to holiness

The Marian profile of the Church and the universal call to holiness

Mary’s maternal mediation of grace and the life of holiness

Mary as “mystical spouse of the Holy Spirit” (St. John Paul II) and the universal call to holiness

Our Lady at the foot of the cross and the apostolate of suffering as a means to holiness

Reparation through the Heart of Mary to the Heart of Jesus as a means to holiness

Mary and apostolate of evangelization as a means of sanctification of oneself/others

Mary as the model of holiness for specific religious congregations and groups

Mary as the model and teacher of holiness according to a particular saint or spiritual writer

Mary and the call to holiness of priests and consecrated men and women

Please send abstracts by **October 15, 2018**, to Fr. Frederick Miller (frederick.miller@shu.edu) and Dr. Robert Fastiggi (fastiggi.robert@shms.edu). The abstract should be about 350-500 words. It should include sources and an explanation of how the proposal relates to the theme of the conference.