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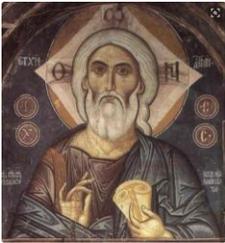
St. Thomas Aquinas Society

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Letter From the President

Dear Friends,

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!



We have big news! Our 21st conference, **God, the Father of Mercy** will be a great celebration of our Catholic faith. All our conferences have been a great blessing, but this will be the biggest and best so far. Keep watch on our website as we move forward with our planning. Definitely, don't delay in marking your 2018 calendar.

So, you ask: What is so special about this one?

Well, we are moving from a 3-day conference in 2018 to a 5-day conference. We will begin with a Day to Honor Our Lady of Fatima on Wednesday, August 1 (see the article below). The conference will then begin on Thursday, August 2 with doors opening at 10am for registration and will go to Sunday. The lineup of speakers is amazing as always. Not only do we have a number of speakers already confirmed, but we are waiting on responses from some other special invitations.

Our concert on Thursday night at 7 pm this year will be with Michael Russel O'Brien. We are excited to have Michael return. You can view his website at sacredtown.com.

Mark you calendar. Pray for all those who are working diligently to provide this amazing opportunity and thank God who is providing this conference for you. As you know, our conference remains free; donations are gratefully accepted.

Keep watch and share the invitation. Complete bios are on our website: stthomasaquinassociety.org

Our Prayer Motto: *Have you said your Hail Mary today for the St. Thomas Aquinas Society?*

Thank you and God bless you – Therese Lorentz



Wednesday – August 1 – A Day to Honor Our Lady of Fatima

Fr. James Kelleher, SOLT, S.T.D. will also participate on this day to honor Our Lady of Fatima as well as during the conference. His specialties include rosary crusades and Fatima. In fact, Father founded **Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade** on October 19, 2003 in Rome, Italy on the day Mother Teresa was beatified.



Fr. Kelleher was the founding President of **Our Lady of Corpus Christi (OLCC)**, a Catholic undergraduate, liberal arts institution founded by Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) in 1998. Under his leadership, a world-class **Chapel of Perpetual Adoration** was constructed on the OLCC campus.

Judy Studer is the President of the Rhode Island Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) and Custodian of the United Nations Pilgrim Statue of the WAF (pictured above). Ms Studer will be speaking, and bringing the First Class Relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta. Be sure to meet Judy, be inspired by her story, and venerate the relics.



Of course you know Annie Karto, International Singer and Songwriter. In addition to



traveling throughout the world to bring God's message of love and mercy, Annie has a radio show. Annie's song "Overshadow Me" won an award from UCMVA.

We always love to have her come back to Colorado. She has such a wonderful enthusiasm and love for Our Lord and Our Lady. Thanks, Annie for coming again.

www.anniekarto.com

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE COMPREHENSIVE BIOS ON ALL OUR SPEAKERS:
www.stthomasaquinassociety.org

Look Who's Coming

Archbishop Bernadito Cleopas Auza



His Excellency **Archbishop Bernardito Auza**, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN, is a native of Talibon, Philippines. He earned a doctorate in Theology and entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1990. He served at the Apostolic Nunciature in Madagascar, in Bulgaria, and then in Albania. He then served in the Secretariat of State in the Vatican and from there was appointed to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in New York. He was named Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti on 8 May 2008 and was ordained an Archbishop on 3 July 2008. He was appointed Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations in New York on 1 July 2014 and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the Organization of American States on 16 July 2014.

Bishop Michael Sheridan is Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado Springs. We are always so grateful for his support and encouragement. Bishop Sheridan will celebrate our Friday evening Mass. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri and ordained by Cardinal John J. Carberry in 1971. He was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis by Archbishop Justin Rigali in 1997. He was appointed coadjutor bishop of Colorado Springs in 2001 and became the bishop of our diocese on January 30, 2003.



Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, a member of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, the religious community entrusted with spreading the message and devotion of Divine Mercy is returning. Prior to entering the community, Father's background included engineering, working for a Fortune 500 company and later beginning his own consulting company in Charlotte, NC.

Father earned his Masters of Divinity from Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut. He currently resides at Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Mass, home of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, where he serves as "Fr. Joseph, MIC", Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. www.marian.org

Bernie Choiniere, through his music, helps convey the love of God, stressing a need for a personal relationship with Christ. His heartfelt songs present a call to action and a challenge to service. Bernie is an artist for World Library Publications where his music is being published and distributed. He was also winner for 2003 UCMVA Awards for his song "Emmanuel".



Bernie helps us every year as a Musician and Liturgical Assistant. www.bejcmusic.com



Fr. Wade L.J. Menezes, CPM is Assistant General of the Fathers of Mercy, a missionary preaching Religious Congregation based in Auburn, Kentucky. Ordained in the Great Jubilee Year 2000, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Catholic Thought from the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Toronto, Canada and his dual degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Divinity Degrees in Theology from Holy Apostles Seminary in Comwell, Connecticut.

Father is known from various episodes on EWTN as well as a writer for various Catholic publications. We are happy to have Fr. Menezes return.

www.Fathersofmercy.com/priests/fr-wade-menezes

Michael Russell O'Brien performs a “one man show” of classic Catholic Music hits and humorous stories of his conversion back to the faith. The former BMG rock category solo artist reached chart status and left that career behind to become one of the top Catholic Recording Artists & conference Speakers of the last 25 years.



It all started with a visit to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, where Michael’s faith was reawakened and his life touched by the Blessed Mother. Come and enjoy his concert at 7 pm on Thursday evening, August 2. Michael will also be participating throughout the conference. Welcome back Michael.

www.sacredtown.com



Roy Schoeman, author of *Salvation is from the Jews* and *Honey from the Rock: Sixteen Jews Find the Sweetness of Christ* is returning this year. Roy is a Jewish convert born of parents who fled Nazi Germany. He studied under some of the most prominent Rabbis in Contemporary American Jewry.

While a professor at Harvard, he experienced an unexpected and instantaneous conversion to Christianity and now writes, speaks on Catholic radio and Television, and at Catholic parishes and Conferences around the world.

www.salvationisfromthejews.com

Fr. Mark Wheelan, SOLT



Fr. Mark, currently residing in Texas, is a pillar for St. Thomas Aquinas Society. He joins us every year and it has been a great blessing for many. You will recognize him for his gift of Reconciliation.

Also returning are Fr. John Kolencherry for confessions, Matt Werner and Fr. Kyle Ingles as Masters of Ceremony.

Angel Thomasina

The Weapon of Padre Pio: The Rosary

Please remember Our Blessed Mother’s request for praying the rosary daily. According to Fr. Gabriel Amorth, chief exorcist of Rome, one of his colleagues heard the Devil say during an exorcism: “Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end.” (Taken from *Manual for Spiritual Warfare* by Paul Thigpen, p 236, Tan Books)



Come and celebrate a Day in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Wednesday, August 1 and throughout the conference in honor of God, the Father of Mercy.

Let’s pray the rosary with great love and devotion to our Mother who loves and watches over us.



Calling All Volunteers

Plans are underway for our biggest and best conference ever. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know. Currently a core team is working on getting volunteer opportunities set up. Mark and return the form below. Help us make this the best conference ever!

Please let us know if you would like to join our email list. Please keep us up-to-date with any email and address changes.



Please join us for this amazing celebration of our Catholic Faith. You are welcome to come and go throughout this celebration. We understand that it may be difficult for you to stay for the whole conference.

Conference remains free. Donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

Registration for Our Lady of Fatima and God, the Father of Mercy – August 1-5, 2018
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Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email (receive monthly info & help save postage!): _____

YES, I understand that events of this magnitude are very expensive. Here is my tax-deductible contribution to assist with these expenses: _____ \$35 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ Other

Method of Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____ Discover _____ AmerExp

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVC: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am unable to come, but wish to make a donation at this time

Please note any email and address changes and also if you would like to be a volunteer and return in the enclosed envelope.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email change _____

Address change _____

Volunteer and in what way _____

Spiritual Bouquet offering _____

(a spiritual gift of prayer: Adoration time, Mass, Rosary, Novena, etc.)