



# La Summette

Summer - 2017

**St. Thomas Aquinas Society**

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## Letter From the President

Dear Friends,



Our 20th major conference: **Fatima and The Triumph** is almost here. We are excited about this conference. It is truly a Marian Conference during this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima in 1917.

We begin with a free concert with **Tony Melendez** at 7pm at the Pikes Peak Center on Thursday, August 3. We hope you will come and invite others.

Mark your calendar and tell your friends: August 3-6, 2017 at the Pikes Peak Center in Colorado Springs. You won't want to miss this conference! Our conference will remain free, and as always, we are grateful for all donations.

You are receiving two brochures: one for you and one for a friend. You can find information about our speakers and the conference schedule in the brochure.

*Our thanks to Richard George of rlstudios.com for the generous use of the image of Our Lady of Fatima, Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

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

God bless you and we look forward to seeing you in August – Therese

## Conference News



**Tony Melendez** - *in concert Thursday evening and also conference speaker.*

*"I can't explain why people have been moved to tears, as my feet slowly apply pressure to the face and neck of my guitar something happens. For as long as I could remember these toes of mine have been like fingers. God somehow has blessed me with music and the desire to persevere."*

Tony, originally from Rivas, Nicaragua was born without arms and with a clubbed foot due to the drug, Thalidomide, taken by his mother. At the age of one, Tony's family immigrated to the USA so he could have corrective surgery on his left foot.

His father encouraged and pushed him to do things on his own. He had to learn to do almost everything with his feet. At sixteen he taught himself to play the guitar with his toes.

In 1987 Tony performed for Pope John Paul II. This was broadcast internationally and that set Tony's career in to high gear. Tony has traveled to all fifty states and more than 44 foreign countries. In addition he has been on numerous shows such as *Good Morning America*, *Hour of Power* and more.

Tony, who lives in Branson with his wife Lynn and two kids, has recorded five albums. See more of his amazing story: [tonymelendez.com](http://tonymelendez.com)

**Please come and bring others to this amazing concert and conference, God's gift to you.**





**Bishop Michael Sheridan** – Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado Springs. We are always honored and grateful for Bishop Sheridan’s encouragement and support as well as his celebration of the Friday evening Mass.

**Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ** – President and Founder of Ignatius Productions. He is well known for his appearances on EWTN. The mission of Ignatius Productions is “to teach people the scriptures, to educate Catholics about their faith, and to promote unity and understanding within the mystical body of Christ.”



Fr. Pacwa, who is fluent in twelve languages, has spoken at hundreds of conferences and churches around the world. He has traveled extensively throughout the Middle East, Europe and the Holy Land. Father has also authored many books. [Ignatiusproductions.org](http://Ignatiusproductions.org)



**Fr. Charles Becker** – National Responsible for the Marian Movement of Priests, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Marian Movement of Priests is a worldwide Movement begun by Our Lady in Fatima through Fr. Stefano Gobbi who received interior locutions explaining the need for Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fr. Becker has participated in the annual International Marian Movement of Priest Retreat in Italy since 1997. He has been a guest homilist on EWTN. [mmp-usa.net](http://mmp-usa.net) [olpgchicago.org](http://olpgchicago.org)

**Fr. Greg Bramlage**

**Missionary of the New Evangelization** - Fr. Greg spent 15 years pastoring multiple parishes and Catholic Schools, incorporating a full-time Healing and Deliverance ministry into St. Nicholas Parish in Indianapolis where he began monthly Healing Services. He later founded *Missionaries of the New Evangelization* for the purpose of pursuing full-time work in Evangelization to the third world. Fr. Greg has traveled the world teaching others how to pray for miracles with expectant faith. His goal is to share the healing love of Jesus with those whom he meets and then bring about the renewal of all God’s people. Fr. Greg currently resides in Colorado.



[missionariesofthenewevangelization.us](http://missionariesofthenewevangelization.us)



**Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC** –A prominent Marian Priest, exhibits an unmistakable zeal for the priesthood and devotion to Our Lady. He is a well-known conference speaker on Divine Mercy and the Blessed Virgin Mary. He speaks passionately about these topics in his moving conversion story: *No Turning back: A Radical Conversion Story*. Father has also authored seven books. His most recent book is: ***Champions of the Rosary: The History and Heroes of a Spiritual Weapon*** [fathercalloway.com](http://fathercalloway.com)

**Fr. Bill Halbing** – is passionate about biblical/scriptural exegesis. He is well known for his rare teaching of in-depth, line-by-line Bible studies, taking you into the deepest riches of the Sacred Scriptures. His animated and inspiring teachings keep you personally attentive to what God is saying as he reveals hidden mysteries and treasures that lay beneath His Precious Words.



Fr. Bill has a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and received both his Master of Fine Arts degree in Jewish-Christian studies and his Master of Divinity degree at Seton Hall University. Active in Charismatic Renewal since 1975, Fr. Bill has been a guest speaker at national Charismatic conferences throughout the world. Father Bill is as fluent in Spanish as he is in English. He has been a featured guest speaker at conferences, retreats, days of renewal, parish missions and youth bible conferences.

[www.godswordalivetoday.org](http://www.godswordalivetoday.org)



**Fr. Aniello Salicone, SX** – Fr. Salicone of the Xaverian Missionaries was born in Italy in 1940. He was ordained a priest in 1966 and has served in Italy, London, West Africa and many states through the United States. He is currently the assistant to the Rector and Vocations Director at the Xaverian house in Franklin Wisconsin. Father became a citizen of the United States in 2008. His message is God's infinite love for all of us. Father will be available for individual healing prayer for those in attendance as well as for hearing confessions.



**Kristin Taylor** – International inspirational speaker, singer and recording artist, and Founder of T.H.O.R.N. (Thankfully Helping Others Real Needs) Ministries Catholic lay Apostolate in Western Samoa. Kristin is also Founder of a homeless ministry in Florida which feeds 400 meals a week. Kristin and her husband David have 12 children – 8 who were adopted. We are so grateful Kristin is returning to Colorado Springs to join us for our conference.

[thornministry.com](http://thornministry.com)

**Fr. Mark Wheelan, SOLT** – studied in Rome at the Angelicum and was ordained in Corpus Christi, TX. He was sent to serve the Native American Indians in North Dakota. He currently lives in Texas. Fr. Mark has been attending our conferences for several years to assist with the sacraments and liturgies. Fr. Mark has participated in conferences across the states as a sacramental minister where he is appreciated for his long hours in the confessional and his charism of reconciliation. We look forward to Father's return for this year's conference.



**Bernie Choiniere** – Bernie helps to 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. He has performed his songs for thousands throughout the country and abroad. Bernie has been a great help with our St. Thomas Aquinas Society conferences assisting with music for our Masses and healing services. [www.bejcmusic.com](http://www.bejcmusic.com)

**Matt Werner** has served as President of Queen of the Apostles Mission Association working to advance the interest of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Russia and former Soviet Union countries. We are grateful to Matt who has been so generous with his time and talent to assist our conferences in anyway needed. Many will recognize him as assistant MC to Mattie Henry who is unable to come this year. Like QAMA on Facebook:

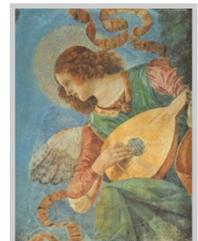
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**Fr. Kyle Ingels** – Fr. Kyle is MC for the breakout program. Father is Director of Campus Ministry and assistant Vocations Director for the Diocese of Colorado Springs. He is a native of Colorado Springs. Father served as Chaplain for the Catholic Student Center at the University of Maryland and as Pastor of Ascension Parish in Bowie, Maryland. He graduated from the Catholic University of America and Mount St. Mary's Seminary and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Washington by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick in 2005.

## Angel Thomasina

St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Here we ask for prayers for Mattie Henry. He is not able to come this year because of health reasons. We will miss him but ask for your prayers. Hopefully he will be back next year. In the meantime we express our appreciation to Matt Werner who is always on hand to assist us in any way throughout the conference weekend and will be our MC for the main program this year.

## Rosary Rally – Save the Date!

All for the Glory of God Ministry in conjunction with the Diocese of Colorado Springs is pleased to announce a Rosary Rally to be held Sunday, October 15, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00pm at Holy Apostles Church, Colorado Springs, in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. Reception follows in Mary's House. The Honorable Bishop Michael Sheridan will be presiding and offering a talk on the message and requests of Our Lady of Fatima. More information: Paula Joy at p.joy@1.com

## Fund Raising

### Auction

We will have the auction again this year. While we were considering other options, it is best to stay with our original plans. If you would like to assist with obtaining gifts for the auction, it would be a great blessing to us and to the conference. We are happy to provide the necessary letters and forms for you. In fact, you can also find them online at our website: [stthomasaquinassociety.org](http://stthomasaquinassociety.org) See more auction information below.



### Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer for the conference, let us know. Sign up is possible at our website. Most important is signing up for **Adoration**. We can also use help with **Setting Up** on Thursday, **Wrapping Up** on Sunday, at **Registration** and for the **Auction**. If you can help solicit gifts for the auction, that would be terrific. Other aspects of the auction include setting up on Thursday, keeping watch from time-to-time during the weekend, collecting the bids and preparing for winners to pick up their gifts, and helping to deliver gifts not picked up on site.

Please help spread the invitation for the conference. We have 6,000 extra brochures being printed for distribution. You are also welcome to contact your parish and friends in person and by phone. Thank you!

**Conference Accommodations** are at the **Clarion/Quality Suites Hotel** 314 W. Bijou St. in Colorado Springs. Call for your reservation. Clarion is \$94 per night and Quality Suites is \$109 per night. A full American breakfast buffet is provided to guests. Ask for St. Thomas – Fatima and The Triumph room block. Phone number is: 719-471-8680 for Clarion/Quality.



Please subscribe to be on our email list by going to our website – [stthomasaquinassociety.org](http://stthomasaquinassociety.org).

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### Donation Form

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