



La Summette

Winter – 2015

Merry Christmas!

St. Thomas Aquinas Society

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Letter From the President



Dear Friends,

Plans are underway for our 19th major conference: **Jesus King of All Nations**. We are excited about this conference and the way it is coming together. Keep watch on our website to see it grow. stthomasaquinassociety.org



Our big news: a concert with **John Michael Talbot** at 7pm at the Pikes Peak Center on Thursday, August 4. We hope you will come and invite others.

Mark your calendar and tell your friends: August 4-7, 2016 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.

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

Our thanks to Dan Lynch Apostolates for the generous use of the image of Jesus King of All Nations. jkmi.com

God bless you and I wish you the blessings of a **Merry Christmas** – Therese Lorentz



John Michael Talbot -- It All Began With A Vision

"God gave me a mission of itinerant ministry going from parish to parish in a time of great need in our culture. I believe that our current ministry is fulfilling that vision. We are bringing REVIVAL to Catholics and Christians of all faiths throughout the world!"



The path our Lord has guided John Michael on has uniquely prepared him for this time in the Church. After responding to the Lord's call, God used John Michael to bless millions of lives through his unique and multi-faceted ministry.

John Michael Talbot is considered a "Christian Music Legend" being one of the pioneering artists of what has become known as Contemporary Christian Music. He is recognized as Catholic music's most popular artist with platinum sales and compositions published in hymnals throughout the world.

John Michael is a best-selling author and television host of "All Things Are Possible" which premiered in April, 2014. John Michael leads his very active ministry from the Little Portion Hermitage in AR and St. Clare Monastery in TX where he is the Founder and General Minister of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.

His artistic and humanitarian efforts have been recognized with multiple awards including the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the Gospel Music Association, Paul Harris Fellow - Rotary International, Mercy Corps and the Mother Theresa Award!

John Michael Talbot is one of the most active ministers traveling throughout the world inspiring and renewing the faith of Christians of all denominations through sacred music and inspired preaching. Like a modern St. Francis, John Michael Talbot's ministry is bringing revival to God's Church, *"one parish at a time, and renewing hearts one life at a time."*



John Michael will also speak at our Jesus King of All Nations Conference.

www.JohnMichaelTalbot.com, www.facebook.com/JohnMichaelTalbot and www.youtube.com/JohnMichaelTalbot.



Will we have tickets for the John Michael Talbot concert? No. We will need your prayer and financial support. If a person or a business would like to sponsor the John Michael Talbot concert on August. 4, 2016, we would be glad to acknowledge that sponsorship on the flyers and promotional materials for a \$10,000 donation.



Please invite others to this amazing concert and conference, God's gift to you.

Conference News (check our website for more information)

We are pleased to announce our current conference lineup:

Bishop Michael Sheridan, Bishop of our Colorado Springs Diocese, is always so supportive and celebrates our opening day Mass on Friday evening.



Fr. Bill Casey, CPM – who will be returning this year. Fr. Bill is a Father of Mercy and is well known by the EWTN audience.

Bernie Choiniere comes every year to assist with music and liturgy. His participation is invaluable in our planning and in our wonderful liturgies and healing services.



Fr. Bill Halbing – back by popular demand. Fr. Bill has traveled throughout the world spreading the message of Jesus Christ. He is a Bible scholar both in English and in Spanish.

Dcn. Tim Kennedy – serves in the Archdiocese of New Jersey. He is a retired Chief of Police for the New York City Health and Hospitals Police Department.



Fr. Aniello Salicone, SX – is a Xaverian Missionary. Fr. Aniello is returning to assist with the sacraments.

Fr. Mark Wheelan, SOLT – comes every year to help with the sacraments and advising on liturgy. Many of you know him for his charisma of reconciliation.



MC's:



Mattie Henry is our Master of Ceremonies and we look forward to his return every year, and to his singing: Our Lady of Knock.

Matt Werner is our Assistant MC. He has filled in for Mattie whenever needed.



Fr. Kyle Ingels is our Young Adult Program M.C. Fr. Kyle is our Diocesan Campus Minister and is also an assistant to Bishop Sheridan for vocations. Please feel free to let him know if you are considering a vocation to the priesthood!

Angel Thomasina

Flying Novena



Have you heard about the Flying Novena? It is a favorite of Mother Teresa. Instead of 9 days or 9 hours for a novena, this one is the Memorare 9 times in a row. It is very powerful. Then pray one more Memorare in Thanksgiving.



Memorare: *Remember O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help or sought Thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto Thee O Virgin of virgins my Mother. To Thee do I come, before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in Thy mercy answer me. Amen*



Match the Bible verse – Ten Ways to Love from Fr. Wade Menezes - answer key below

A. Listen without interrupting		1. Proverbs 21:26
B. Speak without accusing		2. Proverbs 17:1
C. Give without sparing		3. Ephesians 4:15
D. Pray without ceasing		4. Proverbs 18
E. Answer without arguing		5. Proverbs 13:12
F. Share without pretending		6. Colossians 3:13
G. Enjoy without complaint		7. James 1:19
H. Trust without wavering		8. Philippians 2:14
I. Forgive without punishing		9. Colossians 1:9
J. Promise without forgetting your promise		10. 1 Corinthians 13:7.

Bible Answer Key: A-4; B-7; C-1; D-9; E-2; F-3; G-8; H-10; I-6; J-5

Fund Raising

Please help us with your end-of-the-year donation. We do have expenses throughout the year.

We currently have a mailing list of just over 2000. Just think! A \$10 donation would be a great blessing. If everyone sent \$10, that would be \$20,000.

Expenses during the year include printing, mailing, accounting to have our non-profit report filed professionally, deposits for some of the speakers, airline tickets for speakers, ink for our printers and office supplies. We have two multifunction printers from freecolorprinters.com. These have been a great blessing to us. Currently Xerox is providing the warranties but we have printing quotas to meet. Therefore this newsletter, conference flyers, etc. are printed here in our office and taken to RhoDESCO (formerly Allegra) to print our envelopes and prepare our mailings. We have to order ink for our printing throughout the year. We also have expenses to maintain our website and to keep our account with Constant Contact for emailing.



Our overall mailing plan is the postcard (which are professionally printed) in February or March, and the conference brochure in June. We have decided to do this mailing at this time to make sure everyone knows about our fantastic conference and John Michael Talbot’s concert on Thursday evening, August 4.

We do have low office expenses as the office is still in my home. Therefore, there is no rent. We do keep our published phone number of 719-448-0020 at very low costs.

With the addition of the Thursday evening concert, conference expenses for 2016 will exceed \$60,000. A good start would be an end-of-the-year donation as we continue our ministry throughout the year.

Remember that all donations to St. Thomas Aquinas Society are tax deductible. We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit religious organization with a twofold focus of prayer and education in our Catholic Faith.

We do not belong to any larger organization and we do not have a bookstore as some mistakenly believe. ***We are a small organization with a big name. That's why your end-of-the-year support is so important.***

Be sure to watch our website for conference updates.
Stthomasaquinassociety.org





Volunteer Opportunities

We will be having several opportunities for volunteers, especially now that we have added the John Michael Talbot concert on August 4 at 7pm at the Pikes Peak Center.

Our committee will be working on preparing the volunteer opportunities. In the meantime, your prayers and your donations are of invaluable help.

Conference Accommodations are at the **Clarion/Quality Suites Hotel** at 314 W. Bijou St. in Colorado Springs. Call for your reservation. Clarion is \$89 per night and Quality Suites is \$99 per night. A full American breakfast buffet is provided to guests. Ask for St. Thomas - Jesus King of All Nations room block. Phone number is: 719-471-8680 for Clarion/Quality.



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If you think you are on our email list, and have not received an email recently, please subscribe again. We had too many old emails which resulted in spam complaints. It took a long time to purge the email list. It is possible that you would have had to confirm your interest in receiving emails.

Match the Symbols – can you draw a line from the answer to the symbol? (symbols = clipart in newsletter)

Rose	Sound System
Microphone	Fund Raising
Car	Help Wanted
Music notes	Stipend
Speaker	Printing and Mailing
Airplane	Future attendee keeping watch on computer
Mailman	Monthly Updates
Volunteers	Stage Decorations
Email	Travel costs
Floral Bouquet	Concert and Singing
Keep watch on our website	Flower for Mary's Shrine
Dollar Sign	Driving expenses
Rose – Flowers for Mary; Microphone – Sound Car – Driving; Music notes-concert; Speaker-Stipend; Airplane-travel;	Mailman-printing;Volunteers-Help;Email-monthly;Floral-Stage;Keep watch-future attendee; Dollar-fund raising

Donation Form

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Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (receive monthly info; help save postage) _____

Yes. Here is my tax-deductible contribution to assist with the ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas Society:

_____ \$10 _____ \$35 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ Other

Method of Payment: _____ cash _____ check _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____ Discover _____ Amx

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send receipt: _____ Yes _____ No Donations over \$250 will receive a letter of thanks in receipt.