



# La Summette

Winter – 2015

## Merry Christmas!

**St. Thomas Aquinas Society**

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## Letter From the President

Dear Friends,



**Time to wish you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!** We hope this year has been filled with many blessings for all of you and that 2017 will bring many more blessings.



Rather than a Christmas prayer card, we are including a Rosary prayer card with all 20 mysteries listed for your information and convenience. More and more we realize the urgent need for us to respond to Our Blessed Mother's call to pray the rosary. We know that battles have been won when we unite in the prayer of the rosary.

Currently we all recognize that our country is deeply divided. This is a time when we recognize the need to come together in prayer. We all know the saying that "the family that prays together stays together." Can we say that "the country that prays together stays together"? We, the United States, are under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. Of course, the Immaculate Conception refers to Our Lady's conception without sin. This privilege enabled her as Mother of God, to never be under the control of sin, and therefore to provide that singular pure vessel for the coming of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Let us show Blessed Mother how grateful we are to her for her Fiat, not only when the Archangel Gabriel came with the message that she was the Chosen One of all time to be the most holy Mother of God, but for all the fiats along the way. Let us show her that we are listening to her urgent call to pick up our rosaries. Let us show her how grateful we are for her son, Jesus Christ, who wants to recognize her role in **Fatima and the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart.**

Please pick up your rosaries and join us in praying for our country and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart! Remember, a house divided cannot stand.

Plans are now underway for our 20<sup>th</sup> major conference: **Fatima and The Triumph.** We are excited about this conference and the way it is coming together. Keep watch on our website to see it grow. [stthomasaquinassociety.org](http://stthomasaquinassociety.org)

Our big news: a free concert with **Tony Melendez** at 7pm at the Pikes Peak Center on Thursday, August 3, 2017. 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.

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

*Our thanks to RL George Studio for the generous use of this image: Our Lady of Fatima, Immaculate Heart of Mary. rl@rlgeorge.ctudio*

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

## Tony Melendez

### To Give Hope to All The People

*"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."*



Originally from Rivas, Nicaragua, Tony was born without arms. He also had 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.

Tony grew up in a home where mom protected and cared greatly for him. His father encouraged and pushed him to do things on his own. As he had no arms, Tony had to learn to do almost everything with his feet. At the age of sixteen he taught himself

how to play the guitar with his toes.

In 1987 he was asked by the youth of Los Angeles to be their gift to Pope John Paul II, and this internationally broadcast event set Tony's career into high gear. Now more than twenty-eight years later Tony has traveled to all fifty states and more than 44 foreign countries. Tony has been on shows such as Good Morning America, Hour Of Power with Robert Schuller, Arsenio Hall, 700 Club, and Jerry Lewis Telethons.

Tony has recorded five albums, **Never Be The Same**, **Ways of The Wise**, **Cup Of Life**, **Hands In Heaven** and his latest **Hope/Esperanza**. He also has an



autobiography, **A Gift Of Hope**, and is the recipient of numerous awards, including special commendations from President Reagan, the State of California, the City of Los Angeles, and countless other civic and charitable organizations. He received the first annual Inspirational Hero Award from the NFL Alumni Association at Super Bowl XXIII.

Tony now resides in Branson with his wife Lynn and two kids, Marisa and Andres. Despite all the travel over the last twenty eight years, Tony continues to resist the siren song of stardom, hoping only to develop his musical career and share his God given gifts. "I don't feel like a celebrity," he says with a smile, "I just feel like me!"

**No tickets are necessary for the Tony Melendez Concert..**

**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 Friday evening conference Mass.



**Fr. Greg Bramlage** has an international evangelization and healing ministry. He is Founder of Missionaries of the New Evangelization. Fr. Greg now travels the world teaching others how to pray for miracles with expectant faith. [missionariesofthenewevangelization.us](http://missionariesofthenewevangelization.us)

**Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC.**, is a well-known author and speaker on Divine Mercy and on Our Blessed Mother. Before his conversion to Catholicism, Fr. Calloway was a high-school dropout who had been kicked out of a foreign country, institutionalized twice and thrown in jail multiple times. Now he is "Champion of the Rosary". [fathercalloway.com](http://fathercalloway.com)



**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. [Bejcmusic.com](http://Bejcmusic.com)



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



**Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ** We are always happy to have Fr. Mitch return. Father is the Founder and President of Ignatius Productions. Father Pacwa is fluent in twelve languages and has a unique understanding of the peoples and cultures of the Middle East. [www.ignatiusproductions.org](http://www.ignatiusproductions.org)



**Fr. Aniello Salicone, SX** – is a Xaverian Missionary. Fr. Aniello is returning to assist with the sacraments. Father's important message is that you are God's Number One. "Thank You God for making me Your Number one. Help me to make You my Number one."



**Fr. Mark Wheelan, SOLT** – comes every year to help with the sacraments and advising on liturgy. Many of you know him for his charism of reconciliation. We are happy that he can return. He now resides in Corpus Christi, Texas.



**Mattie Henry** is our Master of Ceremonies and we look forward to his return every year, and to his singing: Our Lady of Knock. [Irishrecords.com](http://Irishrecords.com)

**Matt Werner** is our Assistant MC. He has filled in for Mattie whenever needed. He also helps throughout the conference weekend.



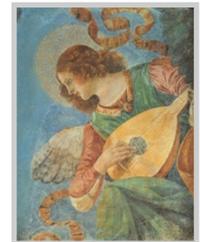
**Fr. Kyle Ingels** is our M.C. for our Breakout Sessions in Studio Bee. All are welcome. Fr. Kyle is our Diocesan Campus Minister and is also an assistant to Bishop Sheridan for vocations. Please feel free to let him know if you are considering a vocation.

**Conference Comment:** Because it has been confusing to present a Youth Program, and later try to reach out to college age with a Young Adult Program, we are now going to run two conference sessions for all.

## Angel Thomasina

### The Ten Commandments:

Dear Heavenly Father,  
We come to You to ask Your blessing on our country. We love our country. Please help us to return to Your commandments so that we will be Your people and your will be our God.



## The Ten Commandments

**If you love me you will keep my commandments. John 14:15**

- 1. I AM THE LORD THY GOD: THOU SHALT NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.**
- 2. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.**
- 3. KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH.**
- 4. HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.**
- 5. THOU SHALT NOT KILL.**
- 6. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.**
- 7. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.**
- 8. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.**
- 9. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.**
- 10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.**



Our overall mailing plan for the **Fatima and The Triumph Conference** is the large conference postcard 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 the Tony Melendez concert on Thursday evening, August 3, 2017.

**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



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### Spiritual Bouquet

Please remember us in your prayers.

**I would like to join the Spiritual Bouquet for St. Thomas Aquinas Society by contributing the following prayers:**

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**I would like to have a Mass Celebrated for St. Thomas Aquinas Society:**

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### Donation Form

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