



La Summette

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St. Thomas Aquinas Society

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Letter From the President



Dear Friends,



Our
Thrice Holy God

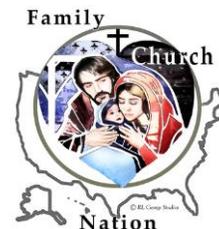
Time for another exciting conference: ***In the Love of the Trinity Our Thrice Holy God*** which will be held at the Elegante Conference and Event Center here in Colorado Springs. We hope you have marked your calendar to help us celebrate this, our 24th major conference from July 28-August 1, 2021. It will be the best ever so far.

When Bernie called last year and was unable to attend because of a daughter getting married, I was unsure how we would handle liturgy because that is where he helps as well as music. Jose's name kept sitting in my mind so I called Jose. He said that we were the only ones that did not cancel on Tony Melendez, his brother. During that time, they had the blessing of some funds and were able to buy some cameras and learn how to live stream. In the meantime, we were thinking about how to live stream because that was the way things were going. Jose said they could take care of that for us.

You see, we helped them and they helped us. That's family!

This year Bernie will be coming and Jose and Tony will be back to provide more great music and to help with live streaming again.

It was a tremendous success to hold a conference during Covid last year. It was such a challenge as you know, to hang on in faith, believing that God really wanted that conference about family. We were so pleased to have a little over 500 registered and we may have been the only conference to have taken place during Covid. Fr. Imbarrato was so proud of us and commented that it was the first one to take place after the others were shut down. And with God's blessings, we succeeded without incidence. All went well.



Because this brings us to our 24th major conference, and many of us have come together yearly, you can see by the example above how we truly have become family that we stick together and help each other out in challenging times. Even Ethelyn, our dear friend from Vancouver B.C. will be back to help us, and Eddie will be up from Mississippi. I am so grateful for all the friendships from all the years.

We do have some new speakers as well as those who have come back by popular request. Joining our STAS Family are Nicole Abisinio, Patrick and Joy Campbell and Fr. Ernie Rush. One of the special features of our conference is that the speakers generally stay throughout the conference. There is plenty of time to meet them, listen to their wisdom, and get to know them. It is truly a great blessing.



We have added an extra concert this year with Eric Genuis. Eric, who was featured in the Epoch Times in the February 24- March 2, 2021 edition, will be joined by a violinist, a cellist and a singer. His ministry of ***Concerts for Hope*** goes into rehab centers for PTSD vets, memory care facilities, inner-city schools and even prisons. It is truly a privilege to have Eric join us again this year.

Other concerts are Friday evening at 8pm with Tony Melendez and Saturday evening at 8pm with Bernie Choiniere and the conference Musicians.

Another addition is ***Dinner With The Speakers*** on Friday evening, July 30. See information below for the dinner as well as an opportunity to make your dinner reservations. Payment is your guarantee of your reservation and we are asking that all payments be in no later than July 1. There are a limited number of tickets. Tickets are not tax deductible.

As always, we will not require a registration fee. We are grateful, however, for any donations to help us with ongoing expenses in this time of need. **Tax Deductible Donations are gratefully accepted.** You are welcome to register at any time and to find information by visiting our website: stthomasaquinassociety.org. **If possible, please register in advance.** It will help us to keep organized and will make onsite registration easier for you.

Auction: We will be having an auction again this year. Last year we had some donated gifts and people could buy a ticket for \$1 and put it into the container representing their choice. For gifts of lesser significance, we will do that again. It's easy and fun.

We are also looking for great auction gifts. We will have the online potential again for the auction gifts but not for those of lesser significance. There is just not enough room for everything with bid sheets. That's why supplementing the auction with drawings for some of the smaller items will be a nice addition.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Pick up your car keys and drive on over. There's plenty of parking at the Elegante.

Thanks and God bless - Therese

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

Angel Thomasina: We claim the love of the Trinity. Though we cannot unlock the mystery of the Trinity in all its fullness, we claim the love of the Trinity with every sign of the cross, every Gloria during Mass and every profession of the Creed.



However, it is very special to also know that they are three Persons in one God: Father Son and Holy Spirit. I like to think of Person, Personality and Personal Relationship. We love God as a Trinity, our Thrice Holy God. At the same time we can have a personal relationship with each Person: with the loving Fatherhood of God the Father; With Jesus as our Lord and Redeemer, and with the very breath of Life with the Holy Spirit who continues to inspire us and our church throughout the centuries. Wow! What an amazing gift we have in the gift of the Trinity!

***To God the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit Three in One.
To You, O Blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!***

We are accepting CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

**Mail in registration for: In the Love of the Trinity Our Thrice Holy God Conference and Family Celebration
July 28-August 1, 2021**

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Name(s) _____ Phone _____
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Yes, I understand that events of this magnitude are *very expensive*. To assist with these expenses, here is my gift of
Almsgiving : _____ \$35 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ Other
Method of Payment: _____ cash _____ check _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____ Discover
Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC: _____
Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE SEND RECEIPT: _____ Yes _____ No Donations over \$250 will receive a letter of thank in receipt.

Online registration and secure donations are also accepted at www.stthomasaquinassociety.org

Dinner with the Speakers

Mass is at 4pm with Bishop Michael Sheridan.

5:30pm cash bar; 6:15-7:45pm Dinner; 8pm Concert with Tony Melendez

The following menu choices will be available:

1. **Prime Rib of Beef** – Herb and Peppercorn marinated, slow roasted Prime Rib of Beef basted with Burgundy, Rosemary Au Jus.
2. **Filet of Salmon** – Pan seared Filet of Atlantic Salmon, Lemon Thyme Beurre Noisette.
3. **Vegetable Wellington** – Grilled vegetables, Boursin Cheese and Parmesan Wrapped in Flaky Puff Pastry, Roasted Red Pepper Coulis.



The rest of the meal for all of the above choices is...

1. House Salad of Mixed Greens with Shaved Carrots, Sliced Cucumber, Dried Cranberries, Cherry Tomatoes, Creamy Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette.
2. Oven Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes.
3. Baby Snip Top Carrots with Thyme and Honey.
4. Three Layer Bailey's White Chocolate Cheesecake with Crème Anglaise and Fresh Berries.
5. All Selections include Assorted Rolls, Creamy Butter, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Herbal and Iced Teas.

Please purchase your tickets by July 1. Your payment is your confirmation. You may mail of check with the enclosed form, or you may also go online to purchase by credit card and PayPal. There are a limited number of tickets. Dinner tickets are not tax deductible.

We are taking Dinner RESERVATIONS!

Name _____ Dinner Choice _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Method of Payment: cash check Mastercard Visa Discover

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC:-----

Signature _____ Date _____

Additional Names

Additional choices

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Would you like to sponsor a speaker or local diocesan priest?

Payment total: _____ dinner(s) at \$60 each = total of payment _____ enclosed. Reservations may also be made online with credit card or PayPal. Dinner tickets are not considered a tax exempt donation.

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