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# THE ROLE OF MARY IN SALVATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

**NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO  
OF  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

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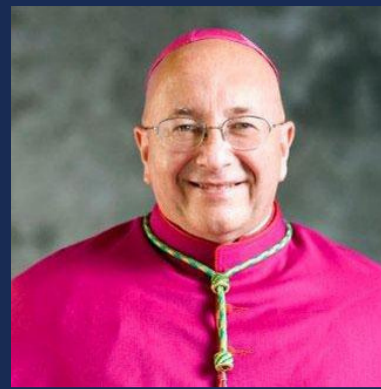
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# FEATURED SPEAKERS

**His Excellency, William Waltersheid,**  
Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of  
Pittsburgh



*The Importance of Consecration to  
the Blessed Virgin Mary for Catholics  
Today*

**Dr. Mark Miravalle,**  
Professor of Mariology, Franciscan University  
of Steubenville, and Ave Maria University  
President, International Marian Association



*Mary's Role in Salvation and its  
Contemporary Relevance*

**Dr. Robert Fastiggi,**  
Professor of Dogmatics,  
Sacred Heart Major Seminary  
Vice-President, International Marian Association



*Mater Populi Fidelis: Challenges and  
Opportunities*

**Father Elias Mary Mills, F.I.,**  
International expert, St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
and Marian Apparitions in Akita, Japan



*The Mariology of St. Maximilian  
Kolbe and the Marian Apparitions of  
Akita, Japan*

**Dr. John-Mark Miravalle,**  
Professor of Moral Theology and Mariology,  
Mount Saint Mary's University



*Less Than God: Not Less Than A  
Creature*

**Dr. Peter Howard,**  
President, Fulton Sheen Institute



*The Mariology of Venerable/Blessed  
Fulton Sheen*

**A.J. De La Rosa,**  
National Marian conference speaker



*Our Lady and Generation Z*

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1 hour and 10 minutes

**Note: Lodging and meals  
are to be independently  
obtained as the conference  
is at a shrine.**

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FRIDAY AUGUST 14

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|-------------------|--|
| 1:00 pm           | Rosary   |
| 1:20 pm           | Opening comments-Dr. Mark Miravalle  |
| 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | Fr. Elias Mary – “The Mariology of St. Maximillian Kolbe and the Marian Apparitions of Akita, Japan” |
| 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | Dr. Robert Fastiggi – “Mater Populi Fidelis: Challenges and Opportunities”                           |
| 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet   |
| 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm | Dr. Peter Howard – “The Mariology of Venerable/ Blessed Fulton Sheen”                                |
| 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm | Panel discussion   |

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

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|---------------------|--|
| 9 am – 9:30 am      | Rosary   |
| 9:30 am – 10:20 am  | Dr. Mark Miravalle-”The Role of Mary in Salvation and Its Critical Contemporary Relevance          |
| 10:45 am – 11:45 am | Adoration and Confession   |
| 12:00 pm            | Mass and Rosary procession to follow   |
| 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm   | Bishop Waltersheid-”The Importance of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary for Catholics Today” |
| 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm   | Dr. John-Mark Miravalle- “Less Than God: Not Less Than A Creature                                  |
| 3 pm – 3:15 pm      | Divine Mercy Chaplet   |
| 3:15 pm – 4 pm      | AJ De La Rosa- “Our Lady and Generation Z”   |

**Note: All presentations will be specifically at the Lourdes Shrine**