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Our intention is to provide participants with two to three papers that will be presented live. After the online discussion and a review process, the papers will be published by the International Marian Research Institute.

This forum is free of charge. There is no fee required to participate.

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Visit our website to:

Register for this session by **March 18**.

Download resources in advance.

Propose a topic for a future forum.

April 8, 2016

A MARIAN FORUM

Research-oriented

Thematic

Ongoing

Online

Presented by the International Marian Research Institute



The purpose of this forum is to take stock of Mary's place in the Church

Do we need a reappraisal of Mary's place in the Church?

Is there still a minimalist approach toward Mary in theology and ecclesiology?

What about the idea of a Marian church?

The forum is **free** and will be both **online** and **ongoing** with a specific assigned theme each session. Why? This format can overcome the difficulties of travel, health, time, money and distance which prevent participants from coming to a specific place. We have studied various options and conclude that teleconferencing is the best vehicle for communication.

We hope that this will be an ongoing, more frequent format that will indeed allow fresh, new research and creativity in furthering the study and teaching of Mariology.

On April 8, 2016

We will join together, across the globe in real time, to hear and discuss two presentations on the subject of:

Mary's Place in Today's Church

The following presentations will begin via teleconference promptly at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time. After a brief introduction, each presenter will give a 20-minute presentation on their topic. The session will conclude with an hour of open discussion and final remarks by 4:30 p.m. Eastern time.

The two presenters of this forum will be:



Fr. Thomas Buffer

Lecturer, University of Dayton, International Marian Research Institute

Mary and the Church: What We Can Learn from the Past

When we talk about the Church, are we also talking about Mary to help others understand it better? If so, what is the best way to do it? What should we avoid? In this effort, the religious literature of the first eight Christian centuries, also known as the patristic era, can offer some helpful pointers for us in the 21st century.



Dr. Dennis Doyle

Professor, University of Dayton

A More Marian Church: What Might That Look Like?

In its seventh chapter, Vatican II's Lumen gentium spoke of the Church as the Communion of Saints made up simultaneously of the Pilgrim Church in its journey on earth and the Heavenly Church in its eternal fullness. The eighth chapter focused on Mary as a shining example of one whose historical and eternal life have blended perfectly these dimensions. Mary is herself a type of the Church.