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REPORT, 1987-88: HOUSTON, TEXAS, REGION

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Houston Regional Unit of the Mariological Society of America met on Saturday, February 6, 1988, in Cullen Hall on the campus of the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas.

In attendance were two bishops, fifteen priests, several sisters, and a group of about eighty-six lay persons. For the Marian year, the topic of *Our Lady in America* was chosen. This topic was broken into two presentations—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The participants joined in the university-scheduled celebration of the Eucharist at noon before the lunch break. After each presentation, two assigned persons led an open discussion from the floor.

The first paper on "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of The Americas" was delivered by our Auxiliary Bishop Enrique San Pedro, S.J. The afternoon paper on "The Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the U.S.A." was given by Basilian Father John McManus, from the university faculty.

Both papers were followed by questions, answers, and discussions of a lively and interesting nature. One of the discussion leaders, a young undergraduate student in philosophy and theology at the university and a member of the Legion of Mary on campus, had prepared a very scholarly reaction to Father McManus's paper that everyone enjoyed immensely.

The participants expressed much enthusiasm and joy as the meeting ended around 4:00 p.m.

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