

5 Really Good Reasons to Drop Everything and Come to the Saint Benedict Center Conference this October



People *make* time for the things that are important to them. For the Brothers, Sisters, and Third Order members of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, it is important to be able to provide a forum where the ardent and the intellectuals, the learned and the learning, the convert and the culture warrior, can gather and rejoice together in the richness of our One True Faith. Hence — our annual Saint Benedict Center Conference, coming up **on October 11th and 12th!**

Here are five really good reasons why you should make this year's Conference a priority.

#1 – A Perfect Theme

An unpleasant foreboding is prevalent among Catholics right now. Whether we fear what blow might fall next from Rome or who might end up headquartered in Washington, it is hard to shake the feeling that things have to get worse before they can get better. This is why our Conference theme is so perfect: **“Sursum Corda: Lifting Up Our Hearts in Time of Crisis.”** We here at the Center wish to bring encouragement to anxious hearts. Come and renew your conviction that Our Lord and Our Lady have everything perfectly in hand!

#2 – First-Rate Speakers

Serious-minded Catholics will welcome the opportunity to become acquainted with some of the heroes of Traditional Catholicism. Here are just a few of the brilliant individuals we are proud to have presenting in St. Joseph's Hall this October:

- [Charles Coulombe](#), distinguished author of [more than twenty books](#)
- [C. Joseph Doyle](#), executive director of the [Catholic Action League](#) of Massachusetts
- [Commander John Sharpe](#), editor of [Neo-Conned](#) and founder of [IHS Press](#)
- [Mike Church](#), [news commentator](#) and founder of the [CRUSADE Radio Network](#)
- [Br. André Marie, MICM](#), Prior of the [Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#) and host of the [Reconquest Radio Show](#)
- [Sr. Maria Philomena, MICM](#), director of the [Saint Augustine Institute of Wisdom](#)

#3 – Powerful Presentations

Take a look at our 2024 [online Conference schedule](#) to see a full list of the talk titles included in this year's enticing line-up. Here are just a few highlights:

- **A Thousand Times Happy: An Exhortation to Love Mary and Fear Nothing** by Sr. Marie Gabrielle, whose [Sensus Fidelium talk, "What Mary Wants from You"](#) has had over 160,000 views.
- **Legacies of Sanctity — Lives that Changed the Course of History** by [Sr. Maria Philomena](#), who, drawing on her passion for Church history, will point out that the saints were raised up by God to meet the needs of their times — and our time is no exception!
- **The Absolute Primacy of Christ and Its Implications for Our Crusade** by Br. Andre Marie, who will be drawing the beautiful connection between the [Franciscan Thesis](#) and the necessity of belonging to the Mystical Body in order to be saved.
- **Brother Francis: Crusader for Our Lady Seat of Wisdom** by Larry Koralewski, a revert who, in 1995, conducted an extensive five-day interview with the [philosophical genius, Br. Francis Maluf](#), little knowing that he would be asked to undertake the writing of Brother's definitive biography over two decades later.

#4 – Golden Opportunity for Networking

For years the Saint Benedict Center Conference has been drawing Catholics from all over the country. Last year alone, our attendees hailed from states all over the Union, including Colorado, California, New York, Missouri, Michigan, Florida, and Wisconsin. These are zealous men and women, lay apostles from all walks of life, who believe that Saint Benedict Center's mission of defending the traditional dogmas of the Church *without compromise* is as necessary now as it was in the 40's when our [intrepid founder](#) first started ruffling ecclesiastical feathers. Come reconnect with old friends and allies, and make new ones!

#5 – Show Support for Our Lady's Slaves

It has been over five years since the Diocese of Manchester published its [Decree of Precepts](#) against us, designed to stifle our apostolate completely. We are not allowed to have the Blessed Sacrament on our grounds, nor is any priest allowed to say Mass, publicly or privately, here at the Center. We — the Religious, our lay people, and our school children — suffer tremendously from these deprivations. But, as our canonical recourse continues, we persevere in hope. Your presence at this event inspires and fortifies us with the conviction that we are not alone in this fight: [Extra Ecclesiam Nulla Salus](#) is indeed a hill worth dying on!



We Would Love to Have You with Us!