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## **REPORT, 1989-90: HOUSTON, TEXAS, REGION**

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Houston Regional Unit of the Mariological Society of America was held on February 10, 1990, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. As in the past, the Basilian Fathers of St. Thomas University welcomed the group in the Auditorium of Cullen Hall on their campus. Our largest gathering to date assembled, with the auditorium packed and the aisles full. The meeting was well promoted by the Diocesan Marian Activities Committee, the Legion of Mary, the World Apostolate of Fatima, the Y.M.I. (Youth Group of Mary Immaculate) and the Queen of Peace Monthly Mass attendants.

The topic was of great interest to all, being on "Authentic Marian Spirituality," as taught by St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort and mentioned by Pope John Paul II in *Redemptoris mater* (no. 48). The main speaker for both morning and afternoon sessions was Fr. Frederick L. Miller, Executive Director of the National Center of the World Apostolate of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey.

The morning topic was "The Scriptural Roots of Marian Spirituality." Reacting to this paper were the Most Reverend Curtis Guillory, S.V.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Galveston-Houston, and Mrs. Bernice Heath, the Houston Coordinator for the World Apostolate of Fatima.

The afternoon topic was "Mary and Our Redemption"; reactors were Fr. James Anderson, S.T.D., Professor of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, and Bob Payesko, extension worker for the Legion of Mary, now working with his wife, Gloria, in Dallas, Texas.

Many questions and lively discussions followed both of the fine presentations of Fr. Miller. Participants joined in the university's regularly scheduled celebration of the Eucharist

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at noon. Bishop Guillory was the main celebrant, with about six concelebrants. Fr. Anderson gave an inspiring homily.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all during the breaks, and a wide assortment of Marian books, pamphlets and religious articles were available for any who desired them.

We all are grateful to God and Our Lady for the grace of another very uplifting and informative meeting of our Houston-based group.

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