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REPORT, 1989-90: WESTERN REGION

The Western Region was happy to host the 1989 national convention of the MSA. This was the first time our national convention was held in the West. A higher-than-usual attendance at the 1989 convention held at Mercy Center, Burlingame, California, was very heartening. Many northern California members and other interested persons were enabled to attend the national convention because of its locale close to home.

Instead of sponsoring a separate local meeting this year, the Western Region put all its energy into increasing attendance at the national convention. Difficulties recur continually in planning regional events. Some of the problems faced are finding places to host the events, finances, and getting together a sufficiently large steering committee.

Despite the obstacles in mounting an annual Marian program, our efforts have succeeded well in boosting membership, in promoting interest in *Marian Studies*, and in circulating and publicizing Cardinal Baum's letter of instruction concerning Marian studies.

In planning future events the Western Region is making overtures to the University of San Francisco and to local members of the Ecumenical Society of the B.V.M. to collaborate with us.

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