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The Baptism of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**“Hail Mary, Full of Grace. The Lord is with you!”** (Lk 1:28). The greeting of archangel Gabriel to Mary is a proclamation of joy in the coming of the Messiah. It is the first greeting of the Good News of salvation. Elizabeth felt such a joy upon the visitation of Mary, and she exclaimed in a shout of joy, **“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”** (Lk 1:42). That joy started when Mary submitted freely to the Word received. Mary’s faith brought the gracious joy of the Incarnation. The Word of God was dwelling in her womb and is dwelling among us. Mary has become the living shrine of the Word of God. Mary is the Ark of the New and Eternal Covenant. **Mary is the Ark of the Covenant.** That is the theme of **Marian Days 2024.**

We, the Bishops of Diocese of Orange, would like to invite all Catholics to come to Marian Days 2024, scheduled for **July 12-13, 2024**, at the **Shrine of Our Lady of La Vang** on the beautiful campus of Christ Cathedral in the Diocese of Orange, Garden Grove city, Orange County, California. You will experience special faith enrichment activities of Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary Procession, catechetical discussions and Mariological conferences, praise and worship for Youth and Young Adults, along with concerts and many other festivities. Marian Days will offer meditation, confessions, and reconciliation to all participants. Marian Days 2024 will also open space for the Youth and Young Adults ministries to give testimony of their lively faith in our Diocese of Orange!

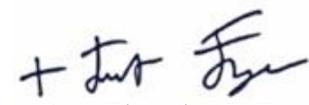
My dear Brothers and Sisters,

The greeting **“Hail Mary,”** when we recite, is an invitation to the deep joy that Mother Mary brought into the world. We are called **“to draw water from the fountains of salvation with joy,”** (Isaiah 12:3) and to share that joy with families and communities. We invite you to come to Marian Days 2024 to live that joy and draw the grace of God through **Mother Mary, who is the Ark of the Covenant!**

We look forward to your full participation at Marian Days 2024 on Friday and Saturday, July 12-13, 2024. This Third Marian Days of the Diocese of Orange will bring you joy and grace, with unforgettable memories of family and friendship.

May God bless you abundantly through the intercession of Our Lady of La Vang!

  
Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann, J.C.D., D.D.  
Bishop of Orange

  
Most Rev. Timothy E. Freyer, D.D.  
Aux. Bishop of Orange

  
Most. Rev. Thanh T. Nguyen, D.D.  
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