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The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“In those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to the town of Judah” (Luke 1:39). We have indeed set out and **journeyed with Mary on Marian Days 2023**. We are so joyful in the journey with Mary, as the joy of Elizabeth in the old days when the Mother of God visited her. The joy of Elizabeth, while the infant leaped in her womb, was like the joy of King David when bringing the Ark of God to Jerusalem. This joy now prompts us to come to **Marian Days 2024** for the veneration of “**Mother Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant.**” We are called to visit Mother Mary, but to worship the Word of God dwelling in her womb and dwelling among us.

Marian Days 2024 will start from 4:00 pm on **Friday, July 12th 2024**, until 10:00 pm on Saturday, **July 13th 2024**, at **Our Lady of La Vang Shrine** on the impressive campus of Christ Cathedral in the Diocese of Orange, Garden Grove city, Orange County, California. This special event calls for participation of everyone of all ages and beliefs, coming to show devotion to Mother Mary. Marian Days feature religious activities with Masses presided by the Bishops, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary Procession, Mariological conferences, Praise and Worship for Youth and Young Adult, along with concerts and other festivities. Marian Days offer confessions, reconciliation, and time of individual reflections for spiritual growth. Marian Days bring individuals, families, and friends together in praising and worshipping God, venerating Mother Mary, and also meeting and sharing life stories and Catholic faith.

On behalf of Bishop Kevin Vann, Bishop Timothy Freyer, Bishop Thomas Thanh Thai Nguyen, and the clergy of the Diocese of Orange, I welcome you all, regardless of your religion and background to **Marian Days 2024!** Whether you are coming for the first time or returning attendees, I would love to have each of you as an important part at this unique and prayerful celebration.

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

Come to lift up your heart and your mind to the Lord, our God. Come to venerate our **Mother Mary as the Ark of the Covenant**. Come to create unforgettable memories with families and friends at **Our Lady of La Vang Shrine**. I look forward to seeing you all on Friday and Saturday, the 12th and 13th of July 2024. Please visit the website www.melavangoc.com for information of this special event.

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

In the Love of Christ,

Rev. Bao Thai

Very Reverend Bao Thai
Rector of Christ Cathedral
Chairman of Marian Days