

## MARIAN DAYS 2024

### HEARTFELT THANKSGIVING

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First and foremost, we would like to thank God and Our Lady of La Vang for showering us with abundant grace in our lives and particularly for a peaceful and beautiful Marian Days this year.

Next, the Organizing Committee extends sincere gratitude to Bishop Kevin Vann, Bishop of the Diocese of Orange, Auxiliary Bishops of the Diocese of Orange – Bishop Timothy Freyer and Bishop Thanh Nguyen, as well as Bishop Larry Silva, Bishop of the Diocese of Honolulu, and Bishop Michael Cuong Pham, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, for their prayers and guidance during the preparation for Marian Days.

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We sincerely thank all 1,500 dedicated volunteers from 42 different subcommittees who tirelessly contributed their efforts over the past year, dedicating thousands of hours to make Marian Days possible. We are deeply grateful to the generous benefactors far and near who continue to support the event financially, contributing over half a million dollars to cover various expenses. Special thanks to the steadfast collaborators in the Organizing Committee, the leaders of the 42 subcommittees, and all staff of the Diocese and the Christ Cathedral Parish.

Lastly, without each and every one of you, this event would not have been possible. We express our heartfelt gratitude to God, to Our Lady, and to all of you and esteemed attendees. May God reward you abundantly forever!

We look forward to seeing you again at **the 4<sup>th</sup> Marian Days on July 11 & 12, 2025**, under the theme "WALKING WITH MARY," featuring our special and dear guest, Archbishop Joseph Dang Duc Ngan from the Archdiocese of Hue, Vietnam. See you again next year!

Very Rev. Bao Thai  
Rector