



THE FIFTH MARIAN DAYS CONFERENCE

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WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Saint Henry
July 13, 2026

Most Reverend Kevin Vann, Bishop of the Diocese of Orange
Most Reverend Timothy Freyer and Most Reverend Nguyễn Thái Thành
Auxiliary Bishops of the Diocese of Orange
Most Reverend Peter Nguyễn Văn Khâm, Bishop of the Diocese of Mỹ Tho
Most Reverend Peter Bùi Đại, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix
Reverend Monsignors, Priests, Deacons, Religious
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we concluded the Fifth Marian Days Conference, our hearts are filled with profound gratitude. First and foremost, we give thanks to Almighty God, who, through the loving intercession of Our Lady of La Vang, has blessed this Conference with His abundant grace. He has united us in faith, inspired us with zeal and generosity, and enabled us to celebrate these three days under the theme, **“Walking with Mary,”** in a spirit of prayer, peace, joy, and communion.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Bishop Kevin Vann, Bishop Peter Nguyễn Văn Khâm, Bishop Timothy Freyer, Bishop Nguyễn Thái Thành, and Bishop Peter Bùi Đại for celebrating our liturgies, proclaiming God's Word, and shepherding us with their presence and prayers. We are also deeply grateful to Father Nguyễn Khắc Hy, P.S.S., Father Phương Đình Toại, M.I., Father Phạm Đức Thịnh, and Father Nguyễn Huy Bảo for their inspiring reflections and conference presentations. Thank you for accompanying us and supporting this Marian Days Conference with your guidance and encouragement.

We also offer our heartfelt appreciation to our concelebrating priests, confessors, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, seminarians, benefactors, business sponsors, media and technical teams, sound and lighting crews, public safety personnel, law enforcement officers, security teams, parish leaders, organizations, ministries, youth groups, choirs, the Diocese of Orange Pastoral Center, Christ Cathedral Parish Community, Organizing Committee, and especially our more than 1,500 volunteers from parishes and communities throughout and beyond the Diocese of Orange. Your prayers, generosity, dedication, professional expertise, and countless sacrifices over the past year have made this Conference possible. Together, united in faith and under the maternal care of Our Lady of La Vang, we devoted thousands of hours in joyful service so that every detail would reflect God's glory. Through His grace, these three days have been a beautiful, peaceful, and grace-filled celebration.

To the tens of thousands of pilgrims and participants who have come from near and far, thank you. Your presence, your prayers, and your spirit of unity have transformed this Marian Days Conference into a truly blessed gathering of faith, hope, and love. We are honored that you chose to journey with us.

As we return to our homes and our daily lives, may the blessings we have received here continue to bear fruit. We pray that God, through the intercession of Our Lady of La Vang, will continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly. May He deepen our love for Him, strengthen our commitment to serve His Church, and fill our hearts with generous love for one another. May we continue to **walk with Mary** in humility, perseverance, and unwavering trust, faithfully witnessing to Jesus Christ wherever He calls us, and bringing His Gospel and His love to our families, our parishes, our communities, and our world.

We look forward to welcoming you back for the **Sixth Marian Days Conference**, which will be held **Thursday through Saturday, July 8–10, 2027**, with the theme: **“Mary, Model of Our Call to Holiness.”** Until we meet again, may Almighty God bless you and your loved ones abundantly. **Our Lady of La Vang, pray for us!**

Very Reverend Bao Thai
Rector of Christ Cathedral Parish
Chair of the Organizing Committee