



**ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ORANGE**

PASTORAL CENTER: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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Dear Parishes, Ministries, and Diocesan Community members,

I invite you to join us in support of our 2024 Inspirational Catholic Women Event on May 10th at the Christ Cathedral Arboretum. This year is especially unique, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Charities Auxiliary's founding by Bernice Heffernan, Virginia Melanson, and Mary Muth.

Catholic Charities Auxiliary supports the work of Catholic Charities of Orange County (CCOC) in their mission to provide help, create hope, and serve all people. In addition to hosting local chapter events to raise funds for CCOC, they humbly volunteer at CCOC's Cantlay Food Distribution Center and Garden of Hope, as well as participate in seasonal events such as CCOC's Christmas Blessings program, directly impacting the lives of struggling families and individuals in Orange County.

Currently, the Garden of Hope is in full bloom. This community garden serves as a hub for nutrition education workshops for the local low-income community and is a source of fresh fruits and vegetables for Cantlay clients. I encourage your Diocesan ministry/group to visit the Cantlay Center and volunteer distributing food or helping in the Garden as a way to give back to the community together.

I am proud to announce we have 22 spirit-filled women as our 2024 Inspirational Catholic Women of the Year. These women tirelessly volunteer their time and effort for the betterment of our Diocese as they exemplify the heart of Mary, reflecting the light of Christ to all around them.

I hope you will be able to attend this wonderful event on Friday, May 10th as we celebrate these remarkable women at the 2024 Inspirational Catholic Women event. May God bless you and always guide your path.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy E. Freyer, D.D.
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