

For Immediate Release:

Diocese of Orange Conference on Business and Ethics to be held at Chapman University on **May 25th 2006**

'Dr. Kenneth Tait to be honored at the Diocese of Orange Conference on Business and Ethics.'

Deborah Proctor and Michael Josephson also to speak.

Dr. Kenneth Tait of Tait & Associate has been announced as the recipient of the prestigious **Bishop Tod D. Brown** Award for Exemplary Business Integrity for 2006. Previous recipients of this award are **Frank Quevedo** of Southern California Edison, **Thomas Tracy** of Tracy Industries, **Art Bircher**, Co-Chairman of the Bircher Real Estate Group and, **Gabriel Ferrucci**, formerly of Keystone Engineering Company.

The awards will be presented at the Diocese of Orange Conference on Business and Ethics to be held on May 25th at Chapman University from 8 am to 3 pm. The conference, in its fourth year, is the leading business and ethics conference on the West Coast. More than 300 of Orange County's business, civic and religious leaders are expected to attend. Sponsors include Bank of America and Farmers and Merchants Bank.

All proceeds from the conference will be donated to help urban Catholic elementary schools in Orange County.

Honoree:

Kenneth Tait was born in Montana in 1930 and worked as an engineering assistant while attending and graduating college at Montana State University. After serving in the Seabees during the Korean War, he became a civil geophysical engineer exploring for oil at the Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota. In 1957 he was one of a group of fourteen that was sent to Libya to find oil. He had the privilege of locating the first oil well drilled in that country. In 1964 he started an engineering consulting firm, which specializes in civil engineering, environmental design and remediation, architectural and project design and construction.

The firm Tait & Associates, Inc. is now owned and managed by his sons, Thomas and Richard. Through the years he was involved in the formation of three independent banks, development of industrial parks and housing tracts. He served for six years on the Orange Diocese Land Board, and four years as a public member of the State Pharmacy Board. He is a Knight in the Order of Malta, a Knight in the Order of Holy Sepulcher, a member of Legatus, and was designated one of 100 Outstanding Centennial Alumni from Montana State University.

He and his wife Val of 50 years are the proud parents of four children, Susan, Thomas, Richard, and Elizabeth, and have eight grandchildren.

Conference Speakers:

The extensive conference speaker program includes **Michael Josephson**, founder and president of the Joseph and Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics, that is one of the nation's foremost ethics consultants to major corporations and government officials. For his achievements in character education and ethics, Mr. Josephson received the America's Award in 1995 from President Ronald Reagan. In 2000, he was named to the Bush-Cheney Transition Advisory Committee as a nonpartisan character education expert.

In 2004, he was the lead expert on a "PrimeTime Live" special on cheating. He has also been featured on "Nightline," "ABC World News Tonight," "The Today Show," "Fox News Live," "CBS Evening News," "The O'Reilly Factor," "Heartland," "Lou Dobbs Tonight" and "ESPN Sports Zone" and quoted in *Time* magazine and *Der Spiegel*. Mr. Josephson speaks to listeners daily through his Gabriel Award-winning radio spots, which air on KNX-1070. Also speaking will be Deborah A. Proctor.

Deborah A. Proctor is President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Joseph Health System, based in Orange, CA and one of the leading Catholic health systems in the nation. St. Joseph Health System is a \$3 billion non-profit system consisting of 14 hospitals as well as physician organizations, home health agencies, hospice care, outpatient services, skilled nursing facilities and community outreach services. Prior to joining St. Joseph Health System, Ms. Proctor was the Chief Administrative Officer of Ascension Health, one of the nation's largest health systems. She has received several academic honors and awards including *Invited Guest at the World Economic Forum* in Davos Switzerland. Ms.

Proctor was part of a team of authors collaborating on a *Manual for Hospital Ethics Committees*, published by the American Hospital Association.

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