

# DIOCESE OF ORANGE



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## **DIOCESE OF ORANGE CELEBRATES INAUGURAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**

*More Than 500 Orange County Catholics are Expected to Attend the Event Modeled  
After National Breakfast in Washington D.C.*

**ORANGE, Calif., (December 6, 2006)** – The Most Rev. Tod D. Brown, Bishop of Orange, will concelebrate the first annual Orange County Prayer Breakfast with The Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Denver, Thursday, December 7, 2006 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Garden Grove. This annual event was initially celebrated in Washington D.C. in 2004, as a response to an appeal by Pope John Paul II for Catholics to engage in “New Evangelization,” as a way to spread the Word of the Gospel.

“We are blessed to host Archbishop Chaput and I thank him for contributing his vast knowledge and expertise to this wonderful celebration of Catholic faith. I am eager to concelebrate our Diocesan first annual prayer breakfast with the Archbishop,” said Bishop Brown.

The stated goal of the prayer breakfast is to bring Catholics together to celebrate and pay tribute to all who follow Catholic teachings. The Catholic Prayer Breakfast is an annual event that is traditionally held in Washington, D.C. and attracts over 2,000 Catholics from across the United States. The Orange County celebration will be similar to the annual Washington D.C. event – beginning with a rosary held at 6:30 a.m., a Holy Mass at 7:00 a.m. followed by a breakfast and keynote address by Archbishop Chaput. This

event is sponsored by the Magis Institute - an association of Catholic business leaders and clergy dedicated to developing spiritual and intellectual resources.

**About Archbishop Chaput:**

The Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Denver, was born September 26, 1944, in Concordia, Kansas. In 1967, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from St. Fidelis College Seminary in Herman, Pennsylvania. He completed his Studies in Psychology at Catholic University in Washington D.C., in 1969 and in 1970, earned a Master of Arts in Religious Education from Capuchin College in Washington D.C. On August 29, 1970, Reverend Charles J. Chaput was ordained to the priesthood. In 1971, he received a Master of Arts in Theology from the University of San Francisco. On July 26, 1988, he was ordained Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota, Pope John Paul II appointed him Archbishop of Denver on February 18, 1997.

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