



On the evening of Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Christ Cathedral Plaza, The Orange Catholic Foundation (OCF) will be recognizing our angels at the altar, our priests, at Gala 2021 **“A Night of Country Under the Stars.”** Under the pastoral leadership of our Honorary Co-Chairs, Fr. Brandon Dang and Fr. Bruce Patterson, we invite you to join us in celebrating the lifetime dedication of our priests in the Diocese of Orange. Here's a sneak peek of the night!

The evening will open with Mass in Christ Cathedral, celebrated by the Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange. As you and your guests arrive at the Gala, you will be immersed in our spectacular Country soiree with its spirited signature cocktail and delicious four-course dinner. Dress for the evening is black tie optional with boots welcome. A Live Auction with a Special Appeal opportunity to support retired diocesan priests will close the gala's program and open up the stage to Gary LeVox, lead vocalist of Rascal Flatts. We'll brush up on our line dancing moves and sway the night away.

During the program, we will recognize an inspirational leader in our community who has tirelessly given his time, talent and treasure to those in need. Dr. Vincent Nguyen will receive the first President's Award from The Orange Catholic Foundation for his exceptional work in the area of palliative care and volunteer efforts in the Catholic community of Orange County and beyond. We will also be paying tribute to our 2021 retiring Diocese of Orange priests.

The OCF serves the Roman Catholic community of Orange County through philanthropy and stewarding funds to protect and support ministries, which further our beliefs and values in loving service to God. The Foundation celebrates 20 years of providing key financial and stewardship support to the 64 parishes and centers, 36 schools and multiple ministries in greatest need within the Diocese of Orange. Relying on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Foundation helps to sustain and enhance the faith life of all those it serves.

The Gala is the Foundation's largest benefit event of the year. The event provides vital funds toward the \$10 million The OCF needs to raise each year to offer essential support to the most critical needs in the Diocese of Orange to further the mission of the Church.

Gala 2021 table sponsorships range from \$15,000 to \$150,000. To reserve your table, please contact Gennifer Billish, Director of Events, at 714.282.3138. Individual tickets are \$1,000 each and will be available for purchase beginning in August 2021. For more information, please visit. www.OrangeCatholicFoundation.org/Gala.



PRESIDENT'S AWARD **Catholic Community Leader of the Year**

The President's Award was established in 2021 by The Orange Catholic Foundation to be given annually at the Cathedral Gala. The award is intended to recognize an outstanding individual Catholic leader or leaders as a family, as giving of time and service to Catholic parishioners, parishes, schools and/or ministries in a significant and impactful way.

Criteria:

1. Person embodies positive Catholic values and exemplifies the Holy Spirit through their compassion.
2. Individual/s should be serving in a volunteer capacity through their time, actions and talents in the community.
3. Through their tireless volunteer efforts, those around them have benefitted significantly.
4. Shows humility and grace through servant leadership.
5. Volunteerism should take place primarily in Orange County, California, but may also be at a National level based in Orange County.

Selection Process:

Nominations are submitted annually and reviewed by the Orange Catholic Foundation awards committee.

2021 HONOREE: DR. VINCENT NGUYEN, D.O., C.M.D.



Dr. Vincent D. Nguyen is a Board-Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Specialist with Board Certifications in Geriatrics and Family Medicine. He serves as the Palliative Program Medical Director, providing clinical and administrative oversight of the inpatient and outpatient palliative services at HOAG Hospitals.

He is a volunteer Assistant Clinical Professor at the UCI School of Medicine and co-founded the Palliative Medicine Fellowship program to train physicians the art of hospice and palliative medicine. Dr. Nguyen has published multiple articles in the Journal of Palliative Medicine and co-authored several chapters in two books on end-of-life care published by the McGraw-Hill Companies. He is the founder and continues to co-chair the Orange County POLST Coalition

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since 2009, which serves as a catalyst for timely advance care planning conversations through community awareness and education.

In collaboration with the Diocese of Orange Office of Pastoral Care for Families in All Stages, he currently serves on the Whole Person Care Leadership team to implement best practices to improve care for the seriously ill and their family in local parishes. Representing the Providence-St. Joseph Health System, Dr. Nguyen has served as a Board Member of the Supportive Care Coalition, the only national Catholic membership organization whose primary mission is advancing excellence in palliative care. He has served on the Board of Directors of The Orange Catholic Foundation for 6 years. In 2019, he was invested in the Order of Malta, a lay religious order of the Catholic Church with a long history of service to the vulnerable and the sick.

Dr. Vincent Nguyen served in the Army National Guard Reserve for 11 years. He attributes his accomplishments to his wife, Linh, of 29 years. His interests include golf outings with his 3 daughters, annual silent Ignatian retreats and long naps on weekends.