

Bishop Tod Brown, D.D.

Catholic Charities 2012 Mardi Gras Ball Honoree

WHEREAS, the Most Reverend Tod Brown was born on November 15, 1936, in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, the Most Reverend Tod Brown received his early education at various schools in northern California; his seminary education and formation where at Ryan Seminary in Fresno, St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and North American College in Rome, Italy; and

WHEREAS, the Most Reverend Tod Brown holds a Bachelor of Arts from St. John's Seminary, a Bachelor of Sacred Theology Graduate degree from Gregorian University, Rome, and master degrees in biblical theology and education from the University of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Most Reverend Tod Brown was ordained for Priestly service in the Diocese of Monterey on May 1, 1963; following his ordination, he served the Diocese of Monterey in a number of assignments, including parochial vicar, pastor, chairman of the Divine Worship Commission, chairman and member of the Presbyterial Council and Priests Pension Committee, and member of the Diocesan Board of Education; in addition, he served as Chancellor, Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 1988, he was appointed Bishop of Boise, Idaho by his Holiness, the late Pope John Paul II, and ordained and installed as Bishop of that See on April 3, 1989; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 1998, the Most Reverend Tod Brown was installed as the third Bishop of Orange, succeeding Bishop Norman McFarland, who had served the Diocese of Orange until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, God has poured His blessings on Bishop Brown time and time again; He has used Bishop Brown to bless many through the numerous ministries and organizations in which he has served; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Brown has been gracious to those around him, cared deeply for Orange County, and contributed to the betterment of our community; he has served as the chairman of the Laity Committee for the National Conference Catholic Bishops, a member of the North American College Board of Governors and on the Lay Ministry Subcommittee and the Third Millennium Subcommittee, a member of Pastoral Practices Committee, a member of World Mission Committee, Chairman and member of the Bishop's Committee on Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs, a member of the Administrative Committee, a member Bishop's Committee on Liturgy, a member of the Orthodox - Roman Catholic Bishop's Dialogue, a member of the Pontifical Council on Inter-religious Dialogue, an Ex-officio board member of Orange Catholic Foundation, and is currently a consulter to the Bishop's Committee on Ecumenical Inter-religious Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the annual Catholic Charities Mardi Gras Ball is an opportunity to gather together to congratulate, and recognize individuals whose contribution of time, energy, and talents demonstrate the spirit of giving and have made a positive, far-reaching, and enduring impact in the community; and

WHEREAS, this year the Catholic Charities Mardi Gras Ball honoree is the Most Reverend Tod Brown; and

WHEREAS, Orange County's Catholic community, Catholic Charities, and the people of Orange County are fortunate to be served by an individual of the caliber of Bishop Brown, who has devoted his life and service to God;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT SUPERVISOR BILL CAMPBELL does hereby congratulate Bishop Tod Brown on his selection as the 2012 Catholic Charities Mardi Gras Ball honoree, thank them for his years of service to the Orange County community and offer him sincere best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

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BILL CAMPBELL
Supervisor, Third District