

## Top Christian Unity Award for Bishop Brown

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**THE BISHOP EMERITUS IS HONORED FOR LONGTIME WORK FOR “INTERRELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.”** The Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (CADEIO) has presented Bishop Emeritus Tod Brown with its highest honor, the James E. Fitzgerald Award “for outstanding contribution and service in the work of Christian unity and interreligious understanding and cooperation.” The award, which acknowledges lifetime achievement in the promotion of Christian unity and interreligious understanding, was presented to Bishop Brown at CADEIO’s annual conference in Charlotte, N.C. on April 22. “This diocese has really been in the forefront on these issues,” said Father Al Baca, the ecumenical and interreligious affairs officer for the Diocese of Orange. “And even in his retirement Bishop Brown has maintained his work in this area. We priests in the parishes pay attention when the bishops are doing something like this.” Bishop Brown currently is serving as Consultor to the Bishops Committee on Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue and is a member of the Orthodox-Roman Catholic Bishop’s Dialogue, as well as Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. He is a former member of the Pontifical Council on Interreligious Dialogue and the former Chairman of the Bishop’s Committee on Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue.

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