Christ Cathedral

Designed by architect Philip Johnson and John Burgee, Christ Cathedral was completed in 1980, and was then known as Crystal Cathedral. In February 2012, the cathedral was purchased by the Diocese of Orange. Since then, the cathedral has undergone extensive renovations.

Christ Cathedral is home for the Hazel Wright Organ, one of the largest pipe organs in the world. The organ recently underwent an extensive two-year restoration at Fratelli-Ruffatti workshops in Padua, Italy.

Christ Cathedral Cultural Center + Gift Shop

Designed by renowned architect Richard Meier, the five-floor Cultural Center was completed in 2002. The center’s ovalinear design complements the rectilinear architecture of the Arboretum, the Tower of Hope and Christ Cathedral’s triangular structure.

The Cultural Center’s lower level includes the 300-seat Freed Performing Arts Theatre, an atrium indoor reception area, and an outdoor patio area. The Cultural Center is home of the Christ Cathedral Gift Shop.

Future Our Lady of La Vang Shrine

Architects Aaron Torrence and Trần Quốc Trung designed the Our Lady of La Vang Shrine in collaboration with three architectural firms under the guidance of bishops and clergy.

When the future Our Lady of La Vang statue is completed, she will be holding the baby Jesus and wearing a traditional Vietnamese dress, áo dài, along with a headpiece, khăn đóng.

Pastoral Center

The Pastoral Center is home to the offices of The Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, and headquarters for the ministries of the Diocese and the Orange Catholic Foundation.

Completed in 1990 and then known as the Family Life Center, the 132,000-square-feet structure was designed by the late architect Gin Wong, founder and chairman of Gin Wong Associates. Christ Cathedral Academy, a state-of-the-art preschool, elementary and middle school, occupies the first and second floors of the building.

Tower of Hope

When it opened in 1968, the Tower of Hope was the tallest building in Orange County, a distinction it held for more than a decade. Designed by Richard Neutra and his son Dion, the Tower of Hope is topped by a 90-foot cross which changes color according to the liturgical calendar.

The 13th floor is occupied by the 130-seat ecumenical Chapel in the Sky, which offers a panoramic view of Orange County. Christ Cathedral Parish, New Hope Crisis Hotline, a 24-hour crisis intervention and suicide prevention service, and various ministries also have offices in the Tower of Hope.

Arboretum and Large and Small Galleries

Designed by Richard Neutra and completed in 1961, the Arboretum has undergone detailed restoration and renovation since 2012. In addition to the renovation, upgrades to the building included seismic strengthening, the installation of dual-glazed windows, and the addition of an energy-efficient underground air conditioning system. While Christ Cathedral has been undergoing its renovation, the Arboretum has served members of the parish by hosting Masses delivered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The modernist-styled building also is utilized for weddings, conferences, concerts, and other events. The adjoining Large Gallery hosts Mass delivered in Chinese as well as retreats, funerals and other gatherings. The Small Gallery supports activity in the Arboretum.