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**PARENTING ORANGE COUNTY MAGAZINE NAMES MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO AS
"FAVORITE HISTORICAL SITE"**

San Juan Capistrano, CA – September 1, 2009 --- For the fourth year in a row, Mission San Juan Capistrano has been named "Favorite Historical Site" by Parenting Orange County Magazine (Parenting OC) Readers.

In 2008, Parenting OC's description for the Mission read, "For a historical experience that is distinctly Californian, there is nothing quite like Mission San Juan Capistrano. This 'Jewel of the Missions' has 10 acres of well-tended gardens (with koi in the fountains) and old adobe buildings – just right for a soothing and educational daytrip for families looking to connect with the past. The Mission frequently holds cultural events, and the grounds are easily reached by Metrolink."

According to Jennifer Iwatake, spokesperson at Parenting OC, "Every year Parenting Magazine has a 'Best Of' entry form for readers to complete; topics range from favorite day camp to favorite photography studio. The historical site nomination is a blank spot - readers fill in whatever they want, and the majority chose the Mission."

The "Best of" winners are featured in the September 2009 issue with a photograph and paragraph description which accompanies the winner's name in every category. Winners also receive a certificate from Parenting OC.

About Parenting Orange County Magazine:

Now in its 25th year, Parenting Orange County Magazine has a circulation of more than 75,000 and is the most widely-read family/parenting publication in Orange County. The No. 1 source in OC on raising children, Parenting OC Magazine's articles, resources and activities calendar have won numerous national awards from the Parenting Publications of America. For more information, visit www.parentingoc.com.

About Mission San Juan Capistrano:

Known as the "Jewel of the Missions," Mission San Juan Capistrano is a historic landmark and museum that boasts of quality permanent exhibits featuring original artifacts as well as traveling and temporary exhibits on a wide variety of topics.

The site itself serves as a living outdoor museum with original buildings constructed by Native Americans in the 18th century including the Serra Chapel, Great Stone Church, and the original padres' quarters of the South Wing.

The Mission was founded on November 1, 1776 by Padre Junipero Serra as the seventh in the chain of the twenty-one California missions established by Spain, and is Orange County's only mission. Every year, over 50,000 students visit the Mission and engage in an inspirational learning experience via the Mission Matters programming, as part of their State required California history studies.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange and is supported by the Mission Preservation Foundation, which is comprised of business and community leaders committed to ensuring the long term preservation and viability of Orange County's only Mission. The Mission receives no funding from either the Church or the State of California and charges admission funds as a means of providing public access.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is located at 26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Open Daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Good Friday afternoon. Admission is \$9 adults; \$8 seniors (60 years or over); \$5 children (ages 4 to 11); and children ages 3 and under are admitted free. Free audio guide with senior and adult admission. For more information, call (949) 234-1300 or visit www.missionsjc.com.

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