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**2ND ANNUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
AT MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO**

San Juan Capistrano, CA -Monday, November 17, 2009- Mission San Juan Capistrano will celebrate its second annual Day of Remembrance ceremony on Friday, December 11, 2009, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Press and local Native American tribes are invited to attend; members of the Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, and those whose ancestors built the Mission, are especially encouraged to attend.

The Day of Remembrance ceremony honors the memory of those 42 souls who perished in the earthquake which struck the Great Stone Church at the Mission on December 8, 1812.

"We look forward to hosting this event again, and hope that those with ancestral ties to the Mission will join us in celebrating those who lived, worked, and built the Mission." said Mechelle Lawrence-Adams, Executive Director at the Mission.

The ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the burning of sage by members of the Juaneno community followed by the ringing of the bells in memory of those who died in the 1812 earthquake as their names are read aloud, the Tushmal Singers performance of the Acjachemen prayer songs, a press conference, and reception.

Participants are asked to RSVP to Carolyn Kilcline at (949) 234-1375. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating preference will be given to dignitaries and the handicapped.

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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