Saint Junipero Serra (1713 - 1784) was founder of the first nine of the 21 California missions including Mission San Juan Capistrano in 1776. A man of uncompromised optimism and zeal, Saint Serra played a significant role in establishing the mission system and laying a foundation for what would become the state of California.

The exhibit explores Serra’s early life as a scholar, his journey to the Americas, his missionary training in establishing nine of the 21 California missions, his legacy and his significant role at Mission San Juan Capistrano.

The exhibit is on display daily at Mission San Juan Capistrano in the historic Sala from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Join us for the in tribute ringing of the historic bells daily at 9:00 a.m. honoring the legacy of Saint Serra.