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HISTORIC CHAPEL, MUSEUM AND LANDMARK

SAINT SERRA
CANONIZATION
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HISTORIC MUSEUM COLLECTION CONSERVATION • NEW ART EXHIBITION

JEWEL FALL 2015

LEGACY OF SAINT SERRA EXHIBIT
EXPOSICIÓN DE LEGADO DE SAN SERRA

2015 ROMANCE OF THE MISSION
HONORS THE AITKENS IN STYLE

THE MISSION STORE
UNVEILS SAINT SERRA COLLECTIBLES

WELCOME ROLL CALL
NEW MISSION MEMBERS
Executive Director’s Message

The Saints in Our Lives

With Blessed Serra’s canonization, there have been many chances to learn about the process in which the Catholic Church recognizes individuals as saints. As Pastor Msgr. McKiernan has explained to me in several instances, saints are born, and it is the formal recognition process that one undergoes in the church. In other words, “we are all born as saints.”

This has caused me to reflect on who I think the unseen saints are in the world of Mission San Juan Capistrano. The saints are the volunteers who serve on the Mission Preservation Foundation and give their efforts, time and generosity to invest in the promise of its identity as a religious, historic and meaningful place. They are people that bring leadership and support.

Other saints that cross my mind are the hardworking volunteer docents, Gardening Angels, Native American Basket Weavers and Women’s Guild who work at the summer concerts and events, give tours, or tend the gardens alongside O’Connell Landscape Maintenance. Each volunteer has his or her reasons for being here and a desire to be part of something good by doing good. Like a snowflake, no two are the same, and over the years have left an indelible mark on me and the Mission.

Saints here also include the Mission staff comprised of dedicated, experienced and talented professionals. Perhaps one of my biggest joys is knowing that they choose to work here with me, and despite the pressures and demands placed on them, they rise to the occasion and deliver with an eye to the future but a heart for the past.

Saints here are also our student visitors that come to learn and leave forever changed. These young lives resonate with my memory of being young here once, and being a mother to young lives too. Their optimism calls us to deliver more care for their education and to leave them impacted, rather than temporarily engaged.

Finally, there are saints that come here to know love and life. Historic places like Mission San Juan Capistrano continue to matter at a deeply historic, architectural, spiritual and personal level.

From families, to romance, to the married and the parents, I see that the beauty of the living — and in some cases — the dying is rooted in love, and that places like this allow for the expression of care and regard to be shared across languages, age, gender, and traditions. Saints then are also those that come here to experience love and life.

So while Father Serra is now officially to be known as Saint Serra, there are many in his shadow here, who continue to propel his mission always forward, acting in their own unique way, serving with little regard for recognition. Despite the nearly 300 years since his birth, I can’t imagine he’d disagree that it is always the people and the human spirit that make the difference.

I hope to see you on the path, and hopefully in the new "Legacy of Saint Serra" exhibit as you make your own history here at Orange County's only mission.

Mechelle Lawrence Adams
Executive Director, circa 2003

Dedicated to a few:
Brenda Mumma, George O’Connell and Mom and Dad

Please Note:
The Spanish Colonial museum room will be closed October 2015 through January 2016 for renovations. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.
Mission Art Guild
Preserving the Mission’s Historic Art Collection

An unsigned 19th century painting from the Mission’s museum collection, “Our Lady of Sorrows,” is nearing the completion of its nine month long conservation treatment.

Funded late last year by a generous grant from the California Missions Foundation and framed with privately donated funds, “Our Lady of Sorrows” has been undergoing conservation since January of this year at Balboa Art Conservation Center. The painting will be returned to the Mission soon and will receive a custom-made frame. Please look for this painting in the Mission west wing museum room in January.

Another significant painting undergoing conservation is “Station of the Cross VIII: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem” by a gift given from long-time friends of the Mission, the Honorable Warren and Jan Siegel. This unsigned, 19th century painting belongs to a set of 12 Stations of the Cross paintings similar to the set that is on display in the Serra Chapel. Balboa Art Conservation Center is also currently working to repair the tears and holes in the aged canvas and clean the dirt and grime that have accumulated on its surface. This painting will also be exhibited in the Mission’s west wing museum upon its completion of conservation treatment.

To give a gift this winter to the museum art conservation fund, please contact Development Director Barb Beier at (949) 234-1323 or by email bbeier@missionsjc.com or online at missionsjc.com.

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California’s only chapel still standing since 1782 where Father Serra celebrated Mass

Saint Junípero Serra's Legacy at the "Jewel of the Missions"

Did You Know? Saint Serra (1713-1784) is a significant historical and liturgical figure whose work pioneered the framework of modern California. From San Diego to the Golden Gate of San Francisco, his early mission settlements grew to become metropolitan cities or mission towns. The El Camino Real, the dusty “Royal Road” or “King’s Highway” that Serra traveled by foot, would one day develop to be a modern interstate highway. Even the architecture of the missions has inspired modern California architects to use Spanish style archways and red tile roofs in commercial and residential buildings all over the State. Serra’s historical significance led Californians to select him as one of two people to represent the state in the U.S. Capitol Building’s Statuary Hall since 1931 where it still stands today.

During the historic week of Blessed Father Serra’s canonization, Mission San Juan Capistrano celebrated with special bell ringing ceremonies, live streaming of the papal mass in the Great Stone Church Ruins, a lecture on "Legacy of Father Serra" by Monsignor Arthur A. Holquin - Pastor Emeritus, and collectible coins given out daily to visitors.

Today we can still see Saint Serra’s legacy on the Mission grounds. When he last visited in 1783, he walked and may have stayed in the South Wing Building. The Mission Treasure's Exhibit features the “Serra Vestment” which dates back to the 1770s, and was likely used by Saint Serra when he was here. The Serra Statue located near the campanario or bell wall was commissioned by Father St. John O’Sullivan in 1914 to honor Saint Serra who founded Mission San Juan Capistrano in 1776.

In the coming holiday season, we invite you to visit the historic Serra Chapel, a place where the Eucharist has been celebrated since 1782 and is California’s only Mission chapel still standing where Father Serra once celebrated Mass. Guests might also take time to experience the “Legacy of Saint Serra” exhibit located in the recently conserved 18th century Sala featuring art and artifacts from his time.
The Mission Preservation Foundation welcomes the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association for an exclusive, limited time art exhibition to appear at Mission San Juan Capistrano. This exhibit, “In the Footsteps of Saint Serra: Paintings Along El Camino Real,” will feature original plein air and studio artwork created specifically for this show by LPAPA’s most elite signature artists. Artwork will focus on California’s golden lands and historic missions in tribute to the founding father of the California mission system, Saint Junípero Serra, who was canonized by Pope Francis on September 23, 2015. Mr. Jean Stern, Director of the Irvine Museum, will select the pieces to be featured in this special exhibit.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the Soldiers Barracks Gallery from Sunday, November 8, until Sunday, December 6, 2015. Artwork will be available for purchase during the course of the exhibit through the Mission Store.

The exhibition is free daily with paid admission and to active Mission members.

SPECIAL ART EXHIBITION
"In the Footsteps of Saint Serra: Paintings Along El Camino Real"
NOVEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 6, 2015
Open Daily in the Soldiers Barracks 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
New Mission Website Officially Launched! 

Misssion San Juan Capistrano’s website has undergone a complete makeover — a newly designed and integrated website that is now responsive and user-friendly across all mobile platforms.

The updated site features an artistic based look and feel, with webpages organized by topics such as Religion and Spirituality, History and Preservation, and more. It is our hope visitors will find it easier to navigate the site and find content.

The new site offers photos of signature and special events, activities for kids, the Serra Chapel, Saint Serra, exhibits on display, and more! First-time visitors are able to obtain the information they need. Whether it be resources for teachers bringing their class on a field trip or photographers interested in filming at the Mission, these upgrades will surely enhance the Mission’s online presence.

To give us feedback, please email Brenda Mumma at BMumma@missionsjc.com.

Historic Mission Business District Programs A Success

Mission San Juan Capistrano worked closely this past summer with the City of San Juan Capistrano to develop programs that would facilitate parking and transportation in the Mission business district.

With support from the City Council and funded by a generous grant from the AQMD, the free weekend trolley service began in June and ran through September. It successfully picked up an average of 13 riders per hour every weekend and offered many incentives for riders to enjoy: Free samples from Ruby’s Diner of San Juan Capistrano, trolley hosts offering downtown information, and a “trolley tracker” GPS system to help people locate the trolley on its route. Because of the trolley's success, the City hopes to expand in the upcoming years so that the service can offer wider routes and more frequent pick-ups.

The Mission and the City of San Juan Capistrano also collaborated with local businesses to create a six-month trial run of a community valet program, enabling visitors to find convenient parking in the downtown area on busy Saturdays. This affordable service helped members and visitors in the downtown district.

Also a success was the continued involvement of the 44 member Heritage Tourism Association, which took great strides this summer toward promoting downtown San Juan Capistrano as an important cultural destination and a historic community. Heritage Tourism Association founders included Cedar Creek Inn, El Adobe de Capistrano, Esslinger Building, Los Rios Plaza, Mission Promenade, Mission San Juan Capistrano, Mission Store, Rancho Capistrano Winery, Sundried Tomato American Bistros & Catering and Swallow's Inn.

From daily map distributions to parking solutions, this association has helped support heritage area businesses and promote tourism in the downtown district. For more information about the Heritage Tourism Association, contact the Mission at (949) 234-1312. To see upcoming community events in historic San Juan Capistrano, visit our website at www.missionsjc.com/events-venue/community-events.
SHOP AT THE MISSION STORE
Featuring Saint Serra & Pope Francis Commemorative Items
Open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Mission Members receive a 10% discount on most merchandise! Become a Member today!

Did You Know? Net proceeds from the Mission Store help protect the religious and historic significance of Mission San Juan Capistrano, and further educational programs, exhibits and preservation efforts. Thank you for supporting historic landmark #200.
Welcome Roll Call!
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Helping us Preserve Orange County's Only Mission - California Landmark #200

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A record 510 guests attended Mission Preservation Foundation’s Romance of the Mission benefit gala on Friday, September 18. Among the celebrations were Blessed Father Junípero Serra’s canonization and recognition of honorees Bette and Wylie Aitken. Net proceeds of $265,500 were raised and will be directed toward Mission preservation projects.

Another evening highlight was the concert in the Ruins of the Great Stone Church with lead singer Lee Lessack in a tribute to Frank Sinatra on his 100th birthday. The production called “That’s Life!: A Toast to Sinatra” featured beautifully harmonized renditions of Sinatra’s most famous hits including Blue Skies, That’s Life, New York New York and a benefit gala tradition, When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano.

The opening reception took place in the Mission’s lush front gardens with hors d’oeuvres and cocktails. Guests were then directed to the Ruins of the Great Stone Church for the concert and program honoring the Aitkens and marking the canonization celebration of Father Serra. Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams welcomed attendees and in her opening remarks said, “We are ready to enter the world stage as Pope Francis makes his historic visit and officially recognizes Blessed Serra as Saint Serra next week. We stand ready because you and our Mission Preservation Board, members, staff, and volunteers have made it possible.”

Mission Preservation Board President George O’Connell recognized Bette and Wylie Aitken citing their extensive support of critical Mission preservation projects and other charitable causes in Orange County.

As guests left the concert, official Mission bell ringers Nathan Banda, Michael Gastelum and Rafael Gutierrez led a historic bell ringing to celebrate the evening and upcoming canonization of Blessed Father Serra. Attendees then walked through the historic Resurgam displaying a life-sized carved statue of Father Serra that will serve as the centerpiece of the exhibit marking his canonization.

Mission San Juan’s Main Courtyard was exquisitely set for a gourmet plated four-course candlelight dinner masterfully prepared and served by The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel. Wine pairings were provided by Cameron Hughes and Smith and Hook. Reverend Monsignor J. Michael McKiernan introduced Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange Bishop Kevin Vann who gave the invocation prior to dinner.

Gala committee members were appreciated by Don Dorkowski while George O’Connell offered a toast to the Aitkens and all former honorees. An opportunity drawing featured The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel getaway, Montana Sporting Club experience, and 14K white gold and diamond cross.

In addition to community partner The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, other major supporters included Sheila and Jim Peterson, O’Connell Family Foundation and the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation. Exquisite floral arrangements were designed by Floral Occasions of San Juan Capistrano, and each guest received embossed chocolates (a favorite of Saint Serra) specially made by Trello Cioccolato with a Saint Serra medal attached.

For more information about the benefit gala or Mission Preservation Foundation, contact Barb Beier at (949) 234-1323 or visit our website at www.missionsjc.com.

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Update on Swallows Experiment Phase II

In the quest to bring back the swallows with cliff swallow expert Dr. Charles Brown, setting up Phase II of his experiment will begin this fall and is scheduled to debut in public by February 1, 2016.

According to Dr. Charles Brown, anecdotal evidence suggests that the vocalization playbacks at least occasionally bring in passing cliff swallows that fly over the site but do not stay to nest. The next logical step is to increase the stimulus being presented to these passing birds by creating a mobile nest wall. Research clearly shows that cliff swallows prefer to re-use existing nests where possible, as this saves time and energy in building a nest from scratch.

The arch will be made of a wood frame and adobe and/or plaster. The actual nests will be old, natural nests relocated by Dr. Brown. Once the birds notice the nests and begin using them, spillover or additional settling birds will likely lead them to build nests once again at Mission San Juan Capistrano.
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11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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