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### **MISSION RECEIVES GENEROUS GRANT FOR SALA PRESERVATION PROJECT**

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (July 7, 2015) -- Mission San Juan Capistrano is pleased to announce it has received the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Special Project Grant, with sponsorship from the Irvine Ranch chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The \$10,000 grant will help fund the Sala Preservation Project Earthquake Retrofit of the Parapet Wall.

The Sala Preservation Project is the preservation effort of the original 18th century building and adjoining spaces such as the Sacred Garden and Campanario or bell wall. This building has served as padres quarters, a chapel, a home and a curio shop and has withstood the test of time, change in ownership, and the prosperity, decline and renewal of a landmark that is now nearly 240 years old.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is an organization of more than 930,000 women who have joined the organization since it was founded close to 125 years ago. They became members to honor their heritage as well as make a difference in their communities across the country and the world.

#### ***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 18<sup>th</sup> 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); \$6 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](http://www.missionsjc.com).*