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MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (Aug. 26, 2015) -- Mission San Juan Capistrano will offer four dates in September to train those who wish to become a docent for the Mission.

Classes will be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Docents educate, inspire and share the remarkable history of Mission San Juan Capistrano and the people who have stepped foot on the grounds of the birthplace of Orange County.

Mission volunteers receive discounts, free admission and the opportunity to be a part of California Historic Landmark #200.

For more information or to register, please contact Pat March at (949) 234-1322 or email at pmarch@missionsjc.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); \$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.