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MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO COMMEMORATIVE GUIDE EXPLORES MISSION'S HISTORIC PAST

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (Oct. 26, 2015) -- Mission San Juan Capistrano is proud to announce that *Mission San Juan Capistrano Official Commemorative Guide* is on bookshelves now.

Mission San Juan Capistrano Official Commemorative Guide colorfully overviews the history of more than 230 years of the birthplace of Orange County. With beautiful photos, drawings, artifacts and paintings, *Mission San Juan Capistrano Official Commemorative Guide* will engage readers in the stories and people of the past, and the Mission's bright future as a place of inspiration, education and celebration.

"We are proud to finally deliver to the public a comprehensive guide to Mission San Juan Capistrano for both past and present and for the future to be," said Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams.

Mission San Juan Capistrano Official Commemorative Guide also is an ideal souvenir book for student Mission reports and as a resource for teachers.

"As a contributor in writing and editing the book, I truly hope that this guide will be helpful for students studying the Mission and enjoyable for all readers," said Megan Dukett, Education and Interpretive Program Manager at Mission San Juan Capistrano.

The book is available for purchase online at www.missionsjc.com and on-site at Mission San Juan Capistrano's Mission Store. Cost is \$15.99 with net proceeds from purchases at the Mission Store helping

protect the religious and historic significance of Mission San Juan Capistrano and further educational programs, exhibits and preservation efforts. Active Mission Preservation Society members receive a 10 percent discount.

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.