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**MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO TO PRESENT
“THE MUSEUM COLLECTION OF MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO: A RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE”**

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (Dec. 3, 2015) -- Mission San Juan Capistrano is proud to present "The Museum Collection of Mission San Juan Capistrano: A Religious Perspective" on Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 10-11 a.m. in the Mission's historic Sala Building.

Reverend Monsignor Arthur A. Holquin, pastor-emeritus of Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano, will give the lecture. Msgr. Holquin has been a member of the Mission Preservation Foundation Board of Directors since coming to the Mission in 2003. He will give insights as to the religious meaning and importance of the Mission's museum collection of historic artifacts.

Msgr. Holquin was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Granada Hills. He attended Catholic schools and, influenced in part by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, decided to pursue a vocation to the priesthood. He studied at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, the Los Angeles Archdiocesan seminary, and was ordained a priest in 1974. He later pursued postgraduate studies at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

Cost of the lecture is free but reservations are suggested. Reservations can be made by contacting Pat March at (949) 234-1322 or 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.