



Mission's Serra Chapel Sacristy Rehabilitation Project Completed

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Capistrano officials are pleased to announce the completion of the Serra Chapel Sacristy Rehabilitation Project. The sacristy, or area where the priest prepares for Mass, is part of historic Serra Chapel and an element of the overall Serra Chapel Conservation Project. The rehabilitation of the sacristy included the redesign of the cabinet layout to better serve its users.

“It was our goal to remove an aging set of cabinets and to create new ones to provide a comprehensive storage solution for our many vestments, books and liturgical items,” explained Mechelle Lawrence-Adams, the Mission’s Executive Director. “Our new cabinets are both more functional and beautiful, and will provide excellent service for many years to come.”

Architectural Resources Group designed the cabinets which artisans of The Wood and Iron Factory of San Diego built. They are made of red oak stained a deep mahogany, outfitted with specialty door pulls and matching hardware.

Other elements of the project included discreetly routed electrical conduits, lighting fixtures provided by LVH Entertainment Systems, installation of glass window panes in a previously boarded up window and the painting of the room.

Lawrence-Adams added, “All aspects of the project were carried out with a sensitivity and respect for the chapel, one in which Fr. Junipero Serra himself once celebrated Mass.”

The older cabinets are now a part of the Mission’s museum collection.

Conservation work is funded by the generosity of benefactors. One way to support Mission conservation, Lawrence-Adams noted, is by becoming a member of the Mission Preservation Society. Individual memberships start at \$30 per year, and offer many benefits, including free admission. For information, visit www.missionsjc.com or contact Mary Hill at (949) 234-1300 or mhill@missionsjc.com.

*Mission San Juan Capistrano is open 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. **The Mission operations are funded by gate admissions – preservation work is funded by grants and fundraising efforts.** To reach the Mission, take I-5 to the Ortega Highway exit to San Juan Capistrano. Admission: \$9 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children ages 3-11, and under 3 free. Price includes self-guided, digital audio tour for adults and seniors. Information: (949) 234-1300. Mission address: 26801 Ortega Hwy., San Juan Capistrano. Website: www.missionsjc.com.*

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