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**The Reverend Arthur A. Holquin, Pastor of Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano  
Received a Papal Honor from Pope Benedict XVI.**

*San Juan Capistrano, CA – May 14, 2009* –The Mission San Juan Capistrano Campus received reason to rejoice when it was learned that Father Arthur Holquin has received a Papal Honor from Pope Benedict XVI.

Father Art was named a “Chaplain of His Holiness” with the honorific title of “Monsignor” last January.

While this honor doesn’t change his status as Pastor of the Mission parish and Rector of the Basilica Church, Msgr. Art, together with eight other priests in the Diocese of Orange, was singled out for his dedication and outstanding service to the Catholic Church in Orange County.

As a Chaplain of His Holiness, Msgr. Art technically will become a member of the Papal Household and is privileged to wear distinctive ceremonial garb reflecting this papal honor. In formal occasions, Msgr. Art will wear a black cassock trimmed in fuchsia piping with fuchsia buttons and a special sash called a fascia of the same color.

Responding to this unexpected honor, Msgr. Art said: “I am humbled by this special honor given to me by our Holy Father. As I celebrate my 35th anniversary as a priest on May 25th, this becomes a added blessing for me and my family.”

Additionally, Msgr. Art stated: “I am very grateful to our Bishop, Tod Brown, for recommending me for this honor together with several other brother priests in our diocese. His friendship and support over the years continues to be a special gift for me in the priesthood.”

While Msgr. Art assumed all the rights and privileges of this Papal Honor at the time of its announcement in January, the formal Investiture Ceremony will take place on May 22nd with a special parish celebration marking this occasion on Sunday, May 24th, the eve of Msgr. Art’s 35th Anniversary as a priest.

*About Mission San Juan Capistrano:*

*Located in Orange County, Calif., Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange. Founded November 1, 1776 by Padre Junipero Serra, the Mission was the seventh mission in the chain of the twenty-one California missions, which were established by Spain. Known as the “Jewel of the Missions,” it provides an inspirational learning experience about the past each year to over 53,000 fourth grade students as part of their California history studies. A place of inspiration, education, and preservation, the Mission is Orange County’s only mission and is supported by the Mission Preservation Foundation, which is comprised of business and community leaders. For more information please visit [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com).*

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