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ANTHONY MOISO STEPS DOWN AS MISSION PRESERVATION FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

San Juan Capistrano, CA – October 29, 2009— Mission San Juan Capistrano announced that Anthony (Tony) Moiso, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rancho Mission Viejo, will step aside as President of the Mission Preservation Foundation, an organization that he helped found that supports the preservation of Mission San Juan Capistrano. The Foundation raises funds to ensure Mission San Juan Capistrano remains sustainable for generations to come.

Tony served on the Board as president for over 12 years and under his leadership oversaw such projects as the Great Stone Church stabilization, the Sera Chapel Conservation Project, the South Wing Conservation Project and Museum Development Plan. Tony will remain on the Mission Preservation Foundation board as an active member.

George O'Connell, of O'Connell Landscape Maintenance, a Mission Preservation Foundation board member will become the organization's president. He and his wife Eden are long time supporters and reside in San Juan Capistrano.

"Tony is a hard act to follow, and I am honored that the Board would appoint me to this position. I believe in the value of the Old Mission and will be very much involved with its preservation and museum development in the years to come," stated George O'Connell.

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); \$5 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.

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