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MISSION PARISH SCHOOL MAKES DONATION FOR PRESERVATION

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA. – March 30, 2011 – Mission San Juan Capistrano was pleased to accept a generous donation recently for Mission preservation from Mission Parish School. Susan Kinsey, a parent of two children at the school, Grant and Caroline, made the check presentation to Mission Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence-Adams during St. Joseph's Day and the Return of the Swallows celebration on March 19.

"This generous donation to the preservation of Serra Chapel is a wonderful expression of support by the teachers, students, and their parents of Mission Parish School," said Lawrence-Adams. "It reflects our community's connection to the history and the special significance this site has for so many. Future generations of students and visitors will benefit by this gift, and hopefully be inspired by it as well."

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.