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### **SERRA CHAPEL CHALICE ON DISPLAY AT MISSION TREASURES**

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA. – Oct. 12, 2011 – Sometimes a "treasure" isn't defined as a "treasure" because of its monetary value. It doesn't have to be made of gold and adorned with diamonds to have value. On display at Mission San Juan Capistrano's exhibit, "Mission Treasures: Historical Collection Revealed," is one such item.

A chalice, dating to the 1930s, is on display at Mission San Juan Capistrano's exhibit, "Mission Treasures: Historical Collection Revealed." The mission announced recently that the museum-quality display will remain as a permanent exhibit.

The chalice, which shows a "The Last Supper" scene on its base, was used in the Serra Chapel, helping countless worshipers strengthen their connection with Christ and the Catholic faith through serving as the vessel for the sacred wine during Mass.

***Mission Treasures: Historical Collection Revealed**, the Mission's new exhibit will be on display throughout the summer until September 5. The exhibit features rare paintings, precious religious and historic artifacts, and*

*documents related to the Mission's history. They are treasures because of their connections with the people and place of Mission San Juan Capistrano and unique representations of the past.*

***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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.missionsjc.com).*