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JENNIFER RING HIRED AS MISSION'S MUSEUM REGISTRAR

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA. – Nov. 21, 2011 – Mission San Juan Capistrano has announced the hiring of Jennifer Ring as its Museum Registrar, a position she will begin Nov. 29. Ring worked for nearly 16 years at Bowers Museum, most recently as its Director of Registration & Collections, before joining the historic Mission, recognized as the birthplace of Orange County.

"I am so pleased to announce that Ms. Ring will be joining our Mission team," said Mechelle Lawrence-Adams, Executive Director of the Mission. "In her role as the Museum Registrar she will continue to make groundbreaking progress for Mission San Juan Capistrano in its management of its precious collection."

Ring will be responsible for managing the museum collection, with a focus on the collection's management, storage, and long range plans that will take shape after the Gate House Project allows the relocation of the gift shop out of the Sala and thus provides more square footage for museum interpretive space.

"Timing is just right as we approach a new chapter of Mission history with the soon-to-begin Gate House Preservation Project, Phase I," Lawrence-Adams said. "In the long run the project will allow the Mission to expand its museum space as a result of relocating the Gift Shop use to the street. By that time, Ms. Ring

will be experienced with the Mission's collection and be critical in developing the interpretive plan for that space. As daughters of Orange County, she and I share a perspective and love for Orange County that will also make working together especially meaningful."

Ring earned a degree in History at Cal State Fullerton in 1991 and also did postgraduate work in Art History at Cal State Fullerton in 1998. Ring lives in Foothill Ranch with her husband and two daughters.

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.