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RUBY'S DINER HELPS RAISE FUNDS FOR MISSION PROJECT

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (Nov. 25, 2014) -- Ruby's Diner in San Juan Capistrano recently raised nearly \$150 to benefit Mission San Juan Capistrano's Sala Preservation Project.

Mission visitors, volunteers and staff enjoyed a meal at Ruby's with a view from the outdoor patio overlooking the historic Mission and downtown. The group included the Mission's Gardening Angels, following their weekly morning volunteer work to maintain the Mission gardens.

Phase II of the Sala Preservation Project is now underway. The scope of work, which began in October and is expected to last through September of next year, will cost an estimated \$600,000. The project includes a wide-ranging array of repairs and improvements:

- Wall Repairs / Exterior Finishes / Decorative Stone
- Seismic Retrofit Upgrades
- Electrical System Upgrades
- Interior Finishes Conservation
- Moisture Mitigation / Site Work
- Roof System
- Sacred Garden Fountain Repair

Mission San Juan Capistrano was proud to partner with Ruby's, a local restaurant partner and member of the new Heritage Tourism Association, a Mission-founded organization to preserve and celebrate the historic heritage of San Juan Capistrano.

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); \$6 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.