



Annual Report 2007

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Our Most Successful Year Ever

Over the past three years, the California Missions Foundation (CMF) has increasingly taken in more money through individual donations and grants. Each year, we have also distributed more money to California's twenty-one missions and their associated structures. 2007 has proven to be more successful than was predicted, thanks to your support.

The funds available through our 2007 grant cycle were increased to \$256,000, the largest amount we have ever offered in a single cycle. This year, we are proud to fund 28 conservation and educational projects at 17 missions. Please take a look at the summary of our 2007 grants, included on page 2.

Including the grant cycle, CMF has distributed over \$1.2 million directly to the missions over the course of this year.

Total income received by the Foundation was \$1.6 million, by far the largest amount of any year of our existence.

This success would not be possible without the generous and continued support of our donors. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this outstanding year, and we look forward to even greater success in the future ☀

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Mission San Miguel *Update*

Four years ago, earthquake damage closed Mission San Miguel to the public. When a claim was filed against their earthquake insurance, mission staff were informed that no funds would be forthcoming because the mission was an “old building”. The California Missions Foundation immediately put San Miguel at the top of our list of missions in need and have been working to help the mission raise the \$15

million they need in order to complete a seven phase restoration process to reopen the entire mission complex.

Significant progress has been made in 2007. With the help of a \$300,000 Save America's Treasures Grant, with a \$300,000 match made possible by contributions to the California Missions Foundation, rehab work on the Museum and Gift Shop has been completed.

In coordination with other Foundations, CMF has been able to raise nearly \$900,000 for Mission San Miguel in 2007.

The mission was also able to settle their insurance claim, for an additional \$5.25 million towards their goal.

With your support, 2008 will be an important year in the effort to reopen this most endangered California mission ☀





California Missions Foundation 2007 Grant Cycle

Mission Soledad	Magnetic field gradient survey to locate sites of archaeological interest
Santa Crux	Restoration of original baptismal font
La Purisima	Chapel altar conservation
San Buenaventura	Museum evaluation and preservation needs
Carmel Mission	Cleaning and restoration of statue of St. Francis and a vestment exhibit
San Antonio de Pala	Preservation of historic pepper tree and museum wall
Santa Clara	Restoration of historic mission bell
San Luis Rey	Conservation of painting of Last Judgment and original colonnade footings
Mission Dolores	Various projects, including tabernacle conservation
San Juan Bautista	Conservation of Virgin of Apocalypse retablo
San Carlos Cathedral	Phase II of conservation of statue of Our Lady of Guadeloupe
San Diego	Roof repairs and exhibit for Serra Room in museum
San Jose	Museum upgrade project
Santa Barbara	Conservation of statue of Joseph with Christ Child
San Luis Obispo	Museum cleanup
San Rafael	Conservation of historic vestments
San Antonio de Padua	Retrofit analysis
Santa Ines	Restoration of Madonna Chapel

Total grants: \$256,000

Donating Security

In December 2006, Mr. Lawrence Tracy, CEO of Aleph America Corporation, contacted CMF and offered his services of installing security systems in California's missions.

Mission San Juan Bautista, under the supervision of project manager and CMF Board Member Ruben Mendoza, was the first to jump at this incredible offer. According to Mendoza, "During the last decade, escalation of thefts at California missions has occurred almost unabated. Mission security remains of paramount concern," and, when Mr. Tracy made his offer, staff at San Juan Bautista were already trying to figure out how to pay for a new system.

For Mission San Juan Bautista, and many others, this incredible donation of time, expert advice, and state of the art security equipment could not have come at a more opportune moment.

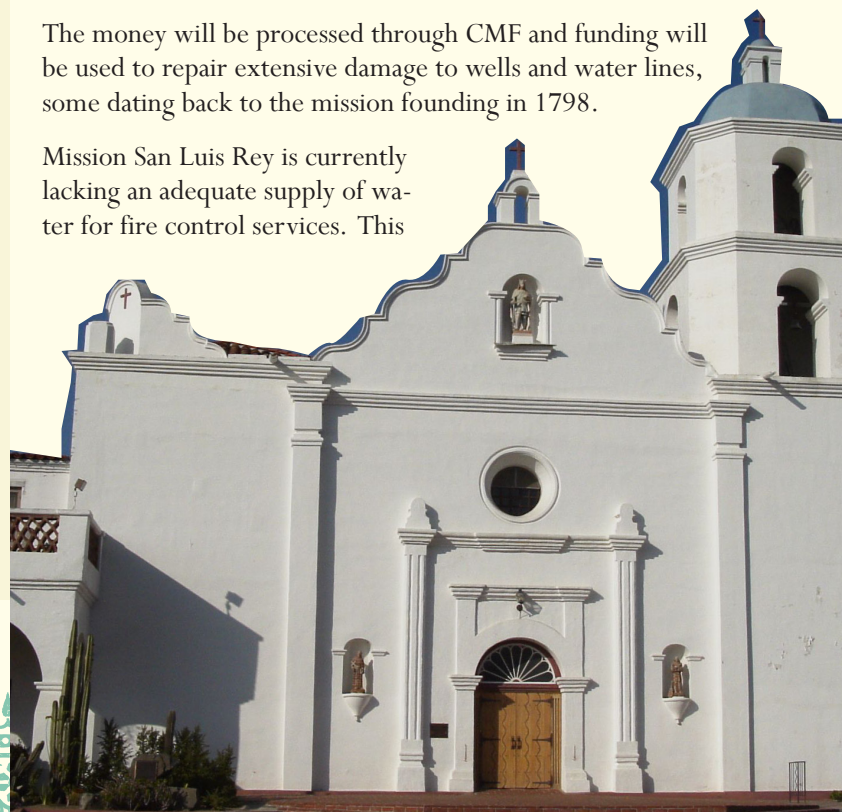
Before the end of 2007, Mr. Tracy will have completed installation of security systems at ten of the 21 missions. His contribution reminds us of the amazing impact and potential of the individual donor ☸

Save America's Treasures at Mission San Luis Rey

Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein issued press releases in September, announcing appropriation of a \$650,000 Save America's Treasures Grant for Mission San Luis Rey, in Oceanside.

The money will be processed through CMF and funding will be used to repair extensive damage to wells and water lines, some dating back to the mission founding in 1798.

Mission San Luis Rey is currently lacking an adequate supply of water for fire control services. This





grant will make possible major improvements to the infrastructure and allow for safer access to mission grounds, preservation of a mission landmark, and increased usage of San Luis Rey de Francia by students, community, and visitors.

The Save America's Treasures grant agreement requires recipients to match any amount received through the program. With your continued support, the California Missions Foundation will make a meaningful contribution to Mission San Luis Rey's match 🌀

What about the California Missions Preservation Act?

CMF is asked repeatedly about the status of monies earmarked for the California missions in the California Missions Preservation Act.

In 2004, President Bush signed the Act, carried in Congress by Senator Barbara Boxer and Representative Sam Farr. The legislation provided \$10 million over a five year period for rehabilitation of the missions. It was set up as a match—for each dollar raised by the Foundation, the Federal government would provide an equal amount.

What this Act could mean for donors is that every dollar you donated to the missions through CMF over the course of five years would be doubled, to a maximum of \$10 million.

This outstanding action was viewed by CMF and other supporters as a substantial step forward in the effort to save the missions.

Unfortunately, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a lobbying group in Washington, filed a lawsuit to block funding. The case never went to trial and congress has not shown any current interest in appropriating money to put the legislation into effect.

Senator Boxer has indicated to CMF that the most immediate and effective way to provide Federal assistance to the missions is through the Save America's Treasures Program and that this is the route she and Senator Feinstein are following.

We understand your interest in this important matter and will keep you posted of any changes to the situation 🌀

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