



# Annual Report 2011

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## CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION HAS BEST YEAR EVER AS DONATIONS TOP \$1,200,000

In 2011, the California Missions Foundation received over \$1,200,000 in grants and donations from 17 foundations, 2 estates, and numerous individuals and businesses. "How reassuring it is to receive such generous support. It sends a message that people care deeply about these historic mission sites and, even in a down economy, offer assistance for their preservation," said Knox Mellon, Executive Director.

### Eileen Finn Leaves a Wonderful Legacy:

Eileen Finn, a parishioner at Mission Dolores in San Francisco, left a most generous, six-figure bequest to the California Missions Foundation. The bequest is to be used for the restoration and preservation of Mission San Francisco de Asis (Dolores). After her estate proceedings are completed, the Finn bequest will provide the California Missions Foundation with the wherewithal to undertake significant preservation efforts at Mission Dolores.

The California Missions Foundation was also a beneficiary of \$10,000 from the Beverly Merrill Trust.

You, too, can make a legacy gift that will support the missions beyond your lifetime. Your estate attorney can assist you in determining what is best for you. Please let us know if you have made a planned gift or have questions about one.

### "All Aboard the Bus" Program Sends 4th Grade to Missions

Through its All Aboard the Bus program, this year the California Missions Foundation distributed grants totaling nearly \$34,000 to 51 elementary schools located throughout the greater Los Angeles area and 15 elementary schools in Monterey County for field trips by 4th grade classes to various California missions.



Over 5,700 students from 208 classrooms visited Missions San Gabriel, San Fernando, San Juan Capistrano, San Antonio, and San Juan Bautista. In addition to giving money for bus transportation, the California Missions Foundation also provides maps, pictures and materials on missions to the fourth grade teachers.

Learning about the missions firsthand is very meaningful to the students, as the following comments from teachers and students attest:

"Due to your generosity, we were able to take my combined 4th-5th grade class, other 4th grade clusters and a special education 3rd-5th grade class to Mission San Gabriel. For many of the students, it was their first time inside an actual mission! We all had a memorable time learning about the missions and their effects on California history." Steve Kim, teacher at Anatola Elementary School

"All the materials we received were very helpful! The students loved looking up information for their mission projects. The trip to Mission San Gabriel would not have been possible without your organization's contribution. This trip was very helpful and meaningful to our students and their education." Leah Losser, teacher at Wisdom Academy for Young Scientists."

"I want to tell you I had a great time at Mission San Gabriel. My favorite part was the church. I had never seen a mission before." A student at Anatola Elementary School.

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**CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION AWARDS  
\$129,100 TO 15 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS  
AND MISSION SITES**

Each year, CMF awards grants to individual missions for art conservation, archaeological and architectural studies, and structural projects. These grants are important because the missions themselves do not have funds to care for all the art work, conduct maintenance and repairs, and undertake important restoration or seismic work. The following grants were awarded in 2011:

**MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA**

- \$7,900 for art conservation.

**MISSION SAN BUENAVENTURA**

- \$13,800 for alarm system and museum upgrade.

**MISSION SAN FRANCISCO SOLANO  
(SONOMA)**

- \$4,800 for Stations of the Cross conservation.

**MISSION SAN GABRIEL**

- \$14,000 for fire alarm systems.

**MISSION SAN JOSE**

- \$10,000 for replacement of tile pavers on pathways connecting the church and the museum.

**MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA**

- \$8,600 for barrel organ repair and museum upgrades.

**MISSION SAN LUIS REY**

- \$5,000 for Madonna Chapel roof repair and restoration of interior adobe wall.

**MISSION SAN RAFAEL ARCANGEL**

- \$4,500 for art conservation.

**MISSION SOLEDAD**

- \$6,000 for archeological work.

**MISSION LA PURISIMA**

- \$5,000 for digitizing collections.

**MISSION SANTA BARBARA**

- \$16,200 for Huerta Garden projects, including site preservation and education.

**MISSION SANTA CLARA**

- \$6,100 for conservation of painting of St. Aloysius of Gonzaga.

**MISSION SANTA INES**

- \$10,000 for Phase II of Geophysical Survey of Chumash sites.

**ROYAL PRESIDIO CHAPEL (MONTEREY)**

- \$13,000 for restoration of the 18th Century painting of St. Clare.

**ASISTENCIA SAN ANTONIO DE PALA**

- \$5,000 for restoration of original chapel doors and replacement of header over sacristy door.

## UPDATE: SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES GRANTS

Termination of the federal Save America's Treasures program came as disappointment to most historic preservationists. Fortunately, the California Missions Foundation was able to secure four major SAT grants totaling \$2,288,000 for Missions San Miguel, San Luis Rey, Carmel and Santa Barbara. Since all SAT grants were matched dollar-for-dollar by funds raised by CMF or the missions, more than \$4.5 million was provided for mission restoration. Funding for these missions has proven auspicious. San Miguel has completed the work under its grant, and the other three missions are proceeding expeditiously on their individual projects.

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The grants to schools for field trips are made possible by an \$18,000 grant from the William H. Hannon Foundation, a \$10,000 grant from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation's Youth Fund, and a \$2,500 grant from the Upjohn California Fund. "We are most grateful to these foundations for their support of this important educational program," said Dr. Mellon. "It was through a generous grant from the William H. Hannon Foundation that we were able to start the All Aboard the Bus program. The Hannon Foundation has been a loyal sponsor each subsequent year, and others have joined the effort. Seeing a mission in person gives students an understanding of missions they would not otherwise have. They learn so much more about missions and their critical place in California's history."

You can help send more fourth graders to missions with a donation to the California Missions Foundation.



# Major Contributors in 2011

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We are grateful to the many foundations and individuals who contributed to the California Missions Foundation in 2011. Your generosity allowed us to fund important restoration and conservation work at several missions, thereby preserving them for future generations. We are pleased to recognize all who supported our mission.

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\$679,578 of funds received in 2011 were from foundations. The largest grant, \$106,000, was from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation, which provided funding for important restoration and conservation work at Mission San Antonio and Mission Sonoma. The Daniel Murphy Foundation, the Sanders Dickinson Foundation, and the Louise Davies Foundation each gave \$50,000 grants to the CMF. "I am heartened and grateful that foundations which have supported us in the past continued to do so this year," commented Executive Director Mellon. "It is a demonstration of their belief that saving California's missions is important. Further they realize the critical role CMF plays in preserving and protecting California's missions."

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