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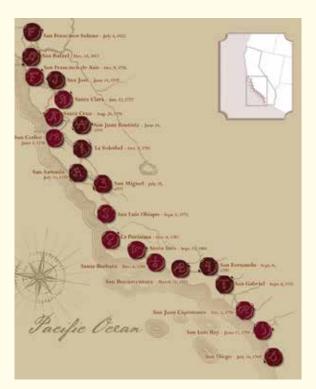
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A LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION

2020 was a year like no other. But it was during this year of challenges and difficulties that a true outpouring of support for the California Missions again came through. As we look back at July, at a time when everyone was trying to do their best to survive through the pandemic, it was a tragic early morning fire at Mission San Gabriel that revealed the love, support and passion that so many have for the California Missions.

The response to the fire at Mission San Gabriel was overwhelming. It was an inspiration to hear story after story of how the missions had touched the hearts of so many. It was truly an honor for the California Missions Foundation to assist our friends at Mission San Gabriel and at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to help raise funds for the mission repairs.

Throughout California, while many of the missions were shut down due to the pandemic, CMF's restoration work at the missions was able to continue. From historic landscaping and garden projects, to the restoration of historic statues, buildings and artwork, CMF was able to help facilitate mission upgrades through the generosity and support of our foundation partners.



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Unique opportunities and creative thinking can often arise from difficult situations. During this past year, CMF discovered new ways to reach the mission community through video technology. We produced a short documentary on the fire at Mission San Gabriel and a Virtual Mission Field Trip, which allowed more than 30,000 students statewide to experience the mission story. CMF also utilized drone technology to allow those quarantined at home to visit the missions through a new lens, and CMF planned its first virtual conference, which was a huge success in 2021.

After 23 years, CMF continues to adapt to meet the ever-changing needs of the California Missions

and related historic sites. In this annual report, CMF is proud to present the details of our 2020 mission projects. With the help and support of our donors, partner foundation and individuals, we look forward to continuing to preserve these historic sites for many years to come.

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California Missions Foundation would like to thank its 2020 partner foundations, all of whom helped make preservation and conservation grants possible for the California Missions, Presidios and related historic sites: **Dan Murphy Foundation, Frances K. and Charles D. Field Foundation, The Shiley Foundation, Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, Louise M. Davies Foundation**, and **John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation**. CMF is proud to have assisted and administered these various grants and projects.

MISSION SAN GABRIEL

FIRE RESTORATION

One of the largest projects for CMF in 2020 was the restoration fundraising after the fire at Mission San Gabriel. On June 7, 2020 the mission was devastated by a tragic arson fire that began in the choir loft, and quickly spread through the entire church roof. CMF was quick to respond to help raise money for the \$500,000 fire deductible. The roof and debris inside the church had to be carefully removed, and a temporary roof was put in place during the winter months while the new roof was prepared for installation in 2021. Many came together to contribute to the cause.



SANTA BARBARA PRESIDIO El Cuartel Retrofit



El Cuartel is one of the oldest buildings in all of California. Built in 1782 this historic treasure rests in downtown Santa Barbara across from the Presidio. It is the second oldest building still standing in California. The roof and walls are in need of

stabilization and retrofit to ensure that the integrity of the structure will continue to endure for years to come. The entrance is also in need of accessibility and maintenance. CMF was pleased to be able to award a grant to address the restoration of this remarkable structure.

MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA

INNER GARDEN RENOVATION PROJECT

The inner garden at Mission San Antonio received a full renovation in 2020. Landscaping with trees, roses, lavender, lilacs, rosemary, sage and other plants native to the area were planted. The fountain was re-constructed and new benches and lighting were added throughout. Wooden signs were also made to highlight areas of historical significance. In time, the garden will grow and create a peaceful space for all to enjoy.



MISSION SAN CARLOS DE CARMELO Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt Restoration Project

Mission Carmel is undertaking a \$4 million project to restore their Downie Museum and Forecourt, which is in dire need of reconstruction and restoration. The museum will receive roof sheeting, plaster, plumbing and electric. The Forecourt will



receive safety and accessibility upgrades as well as updates to the drainage and irrigation systems along with the introduction of native drought tolerant landscaping for water conservation. The courtyard will be resurfaced with concrete aggregate, river stone and brick borders. The perimeter wall will be restored after a portion of the wall deteriorated last summer. After the work is complete, the museum collection of images that tell the story of the early mission years and artifacts dating back to the 1700's will be returned to the museum to keep the mission story alive for years to come.

Partner Foundation Grants, continued

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MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

ROOF AND WALL REPAIR

The northeast section of the roof at Mission San Juan Bautista has been leaking and in need of significant repair. The overall project will require \$500,000 in funding. The leaks and water damage are weakening the roof and walls of the mission



church and, if not addressed, could cause a collapse of the northeast church wall and deteriorate the historic adobe bricks. In 2020, CMF release \$64,000 to the mission to assist with this effort thanks to Louise M. Davies Foundation and the Fiesta Rodeo Fund. CMF anticipates construction for this project will begin in 2021.

MISSION SAN BUENAVENTURA

St. Anthony Statue

Mission San Buenaventura enlisted the help of the South Coast Fine Arts Conservation Center to restore the St. Anthony of Padua statue in the mission church. The statue had suffered missing fingers and one of its glass eyes. Years ago, the statue had been painted. The over-paint will be removed to reveal and restore the statue's original color and design.



MISSION SAN GABRIEL Emergency Bell Repair

The large and small bronze bells at Mission San Gabriel were made in Mexico and brought to the mission in 1830. However over time, the movement of ringing the bells had loosened the bolts and iron dowels and weakened the wood leaving the bells insecure and creating a safety hazard. Funds were made available to replace the wires, decaying wood beams and weath-



ered leather straps with fresh leather straps, new bolts, beams and a steel chain to ensure the security of the bells.

MISSION SAN LUIS OBISPO

SAFE ROOM

Funding was made available to Mission San Luis Obispo to construct a Safe Room to house, preserve and protect historical photos, archival records, holy sacramentals and church genealogical records at the mission. These records have been stored in the rectory safe, but the rectory safe is being removed due to reconstruction, and





currently in the convent pantry that is not fire proof. The mission has a relic of Saint John Henry Newman as well as a letter from Bishop Thaddeus Amat from 1861. This new Safe Room will provide a secure place where

the timeless and irreplaceable treasures at Mission San Luis Obispo will be protected for years to come.

ASISTENCIA SANTA YSABEL Stained Glass Windows

The stained-glass windows at Asistencia Santa Ysabel were in need of repair as the wooden window frames had deteriorated and were cracked and decaying. The frames were repaired, and an exterior 3/8-inch glass pane was installed to protect the historic glass from the elements and possible vandalism.



SANTA INÉS MISSION MILLS Access Gates



Permanent steel pipe gates were installed at Santa Inés Mission Mills to prevent unauthorized vehicles to access the property, vandalism and the destruction of public property at this National Historic Land-

mark. One area had no protection at all, while the other site had only a wooden gate that was easily accessible. These new steel gates will provide the security that this landmark requires.

MISSION LA PURISIMA St. Anthony Statue

The Saint Anthony statue at Mission La Purisima had suffered the loss of several fingers and has received overpaint that needs to be removed to reveal the true undercoat of original paint.



After the surface is cleaned, the over-paint will be removed, and the original surface will be coated with a final protective varnish.

CMF'S *"All-Aboard-The-Bus"* Program Helping Send Fourth Graders to Their Local Missions

California Missions Foundation has been sending students on field trips to the missions for the past 15 years. In 2020, CMF created our first Virtual "All-Aboard-the-Bus" Field Trip for students throughout the state of California. CMF would like to thank its 2020 education partner foundations for helping to make this educational experience possible: William H. Hannon Foundation and Pebble Beach Company Foundation. CMF is honored to be able to pass on the mission story to the next generation, and also provide a unique educational opportunity for fourth grade students and teachers.

California Missions "All-Aboard-The-Bus" Virtual Field Trip



On February 10, 2021, CMF's fully-produced, 50-minute Virtual Missions Field Trip allowed more than 20,000 students to take a virtual historical tour of the California Missions from San Diego to Sonoma. CMF was able to create a presentation that was streamed to YouTube Live in order to enable access statewide to thousands of classrooms, auditoriums and homes. Incorporating historians, architects, archeologists and Native Americans, students were taken on a journey through the mission and rancho periods of California history. Students were able to submit questions prior to the event that were answered live by CMF Chair and Archeologist, Michael H. Imwalle, and Native Ohlone Indian Andrew Galvan. Fourth grade teachers provided CMF with pictures and comments regarding the experience with students having par-

ticipated from home, classrooms, and auditoriums. The response was overwhelming. And as CMF continues its on-site field trip program, plans are also in place for an annual complementary virtual field trip.

To view the 2020 CMF "All Aboard the Bus" Virtual Field Trip, please go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7rjHcCSkV0&t=5s

Mary Dove, Vice Principal at St. Bruno Catholic School in Whittier, CA (Los Angeles, CA) "This was a great introduction to the thematic unit – thorough and engaging! We are all so appreciative that you put this together. We have missed our field trip to San Juan Capistrano, and this went a long way to easing that disappointment for our students. The only thing we missed out on was making our own adobe brick!"



Mary Cominos, Teacher, Laurel Woods Elementary School, Salinas, CA (Monterey County) "Thank you very much for this wonderful presentation today. My students enjoyed it."

Marjorie Mayen, Riverview Elementary in Lakeside, CA (San Diego County) "I really loved that we got a brief overview of each mission. That was very nice to see especially since so many kids from around California usually don't get to see all of the missions in the state. Hearing from the experts, really brought it home that it wasn't just what the books said, it's actually true since the expert talked about it."

CMF Conference 2020 in Monterey

Many scholars, historians, docents, architects, archeologists, educators and historic site personnel gathered for CMF's 37th Annual California Missions and Presidios Conference in February at Mission Carmel and the Real Presidio de Monterey. The weekend began with a docents meeting bringing together those important individuals who serve on the front line providing tours and valuable information. Friday evening a beautiful keynote lecture and recital was given by Dr. Craig H. Russell on "Hymns, Processions, Masses and Dances: A Celebration of Monterey on the Occasion of its 250th Birthday." Saturday was filled with a variety of interesting presentations by leading researchers and historians. The conference concluded that evening as CMF again honored its award recipients past and present. Our organization would like to thank the Mission Carmel and Royal Presidio and Diocese of Monterey families for their great hospitality and access throughout the conference!

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