



# Annual Report 2022

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Top: Mission Santa Ines Retrofit Project 2023-2025, AATB Field Trip Lexington Elementary at Mission San Juan Capistrano. Middle: Rose Garden Arch Restoration at Mission San Luis Rey, Saint Anthony Painting Restoration at Mission San Antonio De Padua, Donor Tree Project at Mission San Antonio De Padua. Bottom: Riviera Elementary watching CMF Virtual Field Trip in Torrance, Ca with Presenters Fr. Thomas Elewaut And Carla Muñoz.

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# A LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION

Last year was a huge success for the California Missions Foundation. Not only did we secure a \$500,000 Save America's Treasures federal grant from the National Parks Service to help retrofit Mission Santa Ines, we also began our bequest fund that brought in another \$500,000 of revenue for the foundation. We saw the roof replaced at Mission San Gabriel after the fire, we saw schools and missions open their doors, All-Aboard-the-Bus fourth grade student field trips resume, and CMF underwent a strategic plan that helped us to envision a future for our organization that will now include membership committees to help us reach our long-term goals.

We were able to fund eight mission restoration projects from building repairs and outdoor landscape restoration projects to historic painting restoration projects. Our conference was once again hosted in a virtual format and featured Mission San Luis Obispo with about a dozen papers on a variety of topics including a closer look at several adobe structures and the effects of Mexican Independence on the California Missions. We also hosted a tour at Mission San Luis Obispo and La Loma Adobe in the fall. It was great to meet with our members again.



MICHAEL H. IMWALLE



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2022 was a year of expansion. CMF began our first capital campaign in ten years with the retrofit of Mission Santa Inés. Our Virtual Student Field Trip reached a record 34,856 fourth grade students across the state. CMF provided eight speaking engagements to a variety of organizations to promote the mission story. We produced our first Public Service Announcement that was aired over several months in San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties to promote tourism at the California Missions. Our new committees have helped us to increase the engagement of our members whose experience and expertise is helping to move our organization forward to new heights.

With the support of our staff, members, donors and friends, CMF is on its way to achieving great things in the years to come, and we are thankful for all of those who continue to help our organization achieve its goals to preserve the missions, educate our community, and leave a historic mark on the California landscape.

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California Missions Foundation would like to thank its 2022 partner foundations, all of whom helped make preservation and conservation grants possible for the California Missions and related historic sites: **Anonymous, Ann Jackson Family Foundation, Dan Murphy Foundation, Frances K. and Charles D. Field Foundation, Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation, National Parks Service and The Shiley Foundation.** Also, a special thanks to a few significant donors whose generosity also helped to make these projects possible Madelon Palma, Stephen T. Hearst, Miriam Michaelis, and Christine Waldor. CMF is proud to have assisted and administered these various grants and projects.

## MISSION SANTA INÉS

### RETROFIT

In 2022 CMF continued its capital campaign to retrofit Mission Santa Inés. This project will continue into 2024. As a registered national historic landmark, built in 1804, this adobe mission needs to be strengthened if it is to remain standing for patrons and parishioners for years to come. Last year CMF received a \$500,000 federal matching grant for this project and will continue the local campaign in 2023.



## MISSION SAN LUIS REY

### ROSE GARDEN ARCH

CMF was able to help facilitate the restoration of the Rose Garden Arch last year thanks to one of our interested partner foundations. The mortar between the bricks had deteriorated over the years and needed to be reinforced with cement to ensure the stability of the structure.



## MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA

### DONOR TREE PROJECT

CMF worked to help Mission San Antonio dedicate 2022 to thank the many donors who have helped to preserve and beautify their historic location over the years with a donor tree. The artistic structure will honor those who have devoted their efforts toward making this historic site a wonderful place to visit and learn about the history of California.



## MISSION SANTA BARBARA

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

CMF partnered with one of our committed partner foundations to help restore the Stations of the Cross that hang inside the mission church. Over time, soot and candle smoke have darkened the paintings making them difficult to see. This project will allow visitors to enjoy these historic paintings for years to come.





## Partner Foundation Grants, continued

**MISSION SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS****CEMETERY RESTORATION**

The cemetery markers at Mission Dolores are dated between 1830-1898. CMF helped by providing funds for gravestone cleaning, landscaping and new legible signage so that the cemetery can be appreciated and understood by those who visit this location.

**MISSION SAN BUENAVENTURA****BAPTISM OF CHRIST PAINTING**

CMF assisted Mission San Buena Ventura with the restoration of the Baptism of Christ painting. This painting was attributed to Jose de Paz and over the years suffered a deteriorated varnish, surface dirt, buckling, over paint and other distortions. With the expertise of the South Coast Fine Arts Center, the painting has been restored and stabilized.

**MISSION SAN JOSE****MUSEUM ADOBE FOUNDATION REPAIR**

CMF was able to release funds for the structural repair of the museum foundation at Mission San Jose. The museum used to be the convento and with recent ground shifting, the foundation had cracked, weakened and needed to be fortified and strengthened so that this historic building can remain standing and safe for tourists.

**MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO****OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL POST REPLACEMENT**

CMF was able to assist with a full grant for the replacement of three wooden electrical posts that were providing power to the outdoor garden areas at



Mission San Juan Capistrano. The posts had been deteriorating from exposure and were becoming a fire hazard. The new weather-proof electrical outlets will make the outdoor area safe for preservation of the site and for outdoor activities.

**MISSION SAN ANTONIO****SAINT CHRISTOPHER PAINTING**

The Saint Christopher Painting at Mission San Antonio is an 18th Century Mexican oil painting on canvas. There was severe paint loss in the fold lines and edges of the painting with thick surface dirt. CMF was able to render funds to restore and clean this historic painting.

**LA LOMA ADOBE****HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT**

CMF partnered with our partner foundations to help fund a historic structures report to restore La Loma Adobe. The two-story historic family home, built in the 1800s was owned and occupied by families who were important to the history of San Luis Obispo. The building has been vacant since the 1960s and has deteriorated. This report is a critical first step to truly preserve this historic site.



## 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 17 years. In 2022, we launched our second Virtual All-Aboard-the-Bus Field Trip for students across the state of California. CMF would like to thank its 2022 education partner foundations for helping to make this educational experience possible: **The Coeta and Donald Barker Foundation, Marjorie and Edward Illig Family Foundation, Montecito Bank and Trust, Pebble Beach Company Foundation, The Upjohn California Fund, and William H. Hannon Foundation.** CMF is honored to be able to pass on the mission story to the next generation and provide a unique educational opportunity for fourth grade students and teachers.

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

In 2022 schools and missions started to reopen and CMF was able to send about a dozen fourth grade classrooms on in-person mission field trips. Many schools remained closed and were unable to travel to a field trip. This made our second Virtual Mission Field Trip extremely popular. We hit a record 34,856 students for our program that was released in March 2022. Our presentation took students on a journey up the coast starting in San Diego and visited several missions to San Francisco stopping off to ask student questions to a Franciscan priest, Native Americans, historians and experts working at the mission sites. Fourth grade teachers provided CMF with pictures and comments regarding the experience with students having participated from home, classrooms, and auditoriums.

**Ms. Katrina Diaz class from Noble Elementary in North Hills, CA (Los Angeles County) visited Mission San Fernando:** "I learned how an earthquake destroyed the mission, but they built it back." "I liked learning about the old cross and the lost bell." "I didn't know that's how they made wine."



**Mr. Tim Martinez class from Lexington Elementary in Pomona, CA (Los Angeles County) visited Mission San Juan Capistrano:** "My favorite part was the garden. It smelled so good, and the flowers were so colorful and beautiful." "Something that was interesting was the graveyard. My mind was blown when they told me that more than 1,000 people were buried there. The trip was amazing and fun." "I liked when we got to see the paintings. They were really pretty."

**Ms. Marlen Limon's class from Franklin Elementary in Santa Barbara, CA (Santa Barbara County) visited Mission La Purisima:** "With the pandemic, our students missed so much and most of all, to take the learning beyond the classroom walls! Thank you for your generosity because we were able to secure part of our transportation to La Purisima." "I loved La Purisima, it was so much fun and my favorite was the tortilla making and all the animals." "It was amazing and fun day."

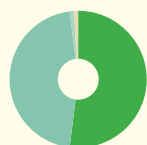


**Ms. Braun's class from Cyprus Elementary in Tulare, CA (Tulare County) attended the Virtual Field Trip:** "Thank you for allowing us to experience this! I think it was helpful to be able to see things and hear from a great variety of people!"

### CMF Virtual Conference 2022 at Mission San Luis Obispo

Many scholars, historians, architects, archeologists, docents, on-site personnel, and educators gathered virtually for CMF's 39th Annual California Missions and Presidios Conference in February at Mission San Luis Obispo. An insightful keynote lecture was given by Dr. Daniel E. Krieger on "San Luis Obispo: The Accidental Mission." The conference concluded honoring award recipients past and present.

## 2022 CMF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



**Income 2019**  
 52% Grants & AATB  
 46% Individual Donations  
 1% Mission Studies  
 1% Memberships



**Expenses 2019**  
 35% Grants  
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 14% Operations  
 9% Mission Studies  
 6% AATB

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