



California Missions Foundation

Annual Report 2024

EDUCATION, DISCOVERY AND MILESTONES



Mission Santa Inés aerial view (upper left). A portion of the 1791 hidden Indian Mural at Mission San Francisco de Asís (upper right). Mission Carmel (lower left). Fourth grade students from Prunedale Elementary on a field trip at Mission San Juan Bautista (lower right).

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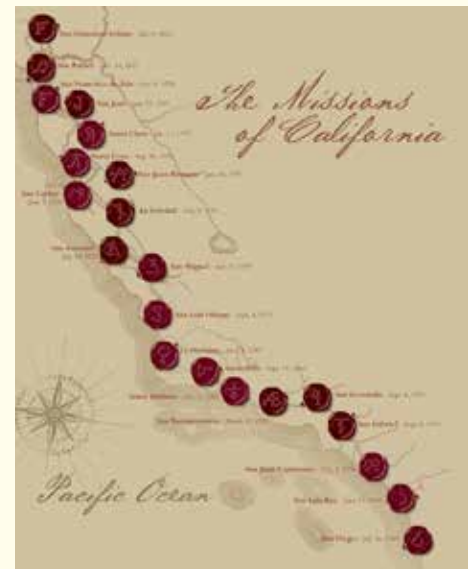
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A LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION

California Missions Foundation is proud to have raised \$2 million in federal funding over the past three years for our state's historic treasures. In 2024, our most recent Save America's Treasures grant helped push CMF income to \$1.2 million for the calendar year. We are thankful to everyone that contributed to this successful financial year.



MICHAEL H. IMWALLE (RIGHT)
AND DAVID BOLTON

2024 ended with an application for another federal matching grant that would conserve what is considered the largest Indian painted mural inside any of the 21 California Missions. We are excited for what lies ahead at Mission Dolores in San Francisco.

CMF saw several mission projects brought to completion in 2024. With the help of our partner foundations, CMF helped Mission San Miguel to bring water back to their fountain and it is flowing once again and looks beautiful. The Stations of the Cross at Mission Santa Barbara received restoration and new lighting that brings the interior of the mission church to life in a new way.

CMF continued our "All-Aboard-the-Bus" Student Field Trip Program both virtually and in-person. Thanks to our supporters and partner foundations, Title 1 fourth grade students were able to spend the day at the mission with their teacher and class learning more about California history from experienced docents. This successful, educational program is helping to keep mission history and preservation alive for the next generation.

As we look ahead to the coming year, CMF is excited to continue working with our donors, partners, missions and friends to continue our efforts in historic preservation, restoration and education for the 21 California Missions and related sites.

Michael H. Imwalle
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California Missions Foundation would like to thank its 2024 partner foundations, all of whom helped make preservation, conservation and education grants possible: **Ann Jackson Family Foundation, Dan Murphy Foundation, Charles D. and Frances K Field Fund, The Coeta and Donald Barker Foundation, Frances K. and Charles D. Field Foundation, John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation, Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, Marjorie and Edward Illig Family Foundation, National Park Service, Pebble Beach Company Foundation, The Thomas C. Ackerman Foundation, The Upjohn California Fund, and William H. Hannon Foundation.** Also, a special thanks to a few significant donors whose generosity also helped to make these projects possible: **Stephen T. Hearst, Miriam Michaelis, Melvin Duke and Celia Walsh.** CMF is proud to have assisted and administered these various grants and projects.

MISSION SANTA INÉS

RETROFIT

In the fall of 2024 CMF submitted the construction plans for the Mission Santa Inés Retrofit Project. The exterior plaster repairs took place toward the end of the year. The second and final phase of the retrofit will take place in 2025.



MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

FRONT FACADE RESTORATION

Mission San Juan Bautista has been hard at work raising the match for the \$750,000 federal Save America's Treasures grant CMF received for this iconic mission. The grant will restore the front façade of the mission church. The mission hopes to have the match fully funded by 2025.



MISSION SAN RAFAEL

MUSEUM DISPLAY CASES

The museum at Mission San Rafael was in need of adequate display cases to prevent tourists from touching delicate historic artifacts and to properly display vestments. With the help of our partner foundations in 2024, CMF was able to grant funding for this purpose.



MISSION SAN LUIS REY

TRIPTYCH RESTORATION

Balboa Arts Conservation Center began restoration of this important artifact in 2024. The paintings on the triptych panels were restored and are currently being reconnected.



Partner Foundation Grants, continued

MISSION CARMEL**SERRA SILVER ROOM RESTORATION & BOOK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

The Serra Silver Room holds many of the historic treasures at Mission Carmel. Environmental issues are putting these valuable artifacts at risk. The room needs better ventilation, mold mitigation, reduce water intrusion, finishing interior walls, and addressing environmental issues. CMF has been working with several agencies and foundations to help restore this historic chapel. Separately, the Book Stabilization Project began its restoration work in 2024. An expert was hired to restore the surfaces, parchment and bindings for these historic books. Several books reached completion at the end of the year.

**MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO****PATHWAY REPAIR**

Mission San Juan Capistrano needed funding to repair their outdoor well-traveled pathways on the mission grounds. Many of these spaces were in need of repair to ensure the safety of visitors and tourists and to become ADA compliant. Several cracks and uneven areas in the pathways needed to be filled in and smoothed to prevent accident.

**EL PRESIDIO DE SANTA BARBARA****SAINT BARBARA PAINTING RESTORATION**

Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation needed to clean and preserve the oil painting of Saint Barbara by José de Alcibar in 1785. The painting hangs in the Presidio chapel. The painting has yellowed and darkened over the years and has a tear through the face of the painting that needs repair. South Coast Fine Arts has been commissioned to restore this painting.

**MISSION SAN LUIS REY****SAINT JOSEPH STATUE RESTORATION**

The 18th century wooden statue of Saint Joseph rests in the reredos behind the main altar at Mission San Luis Rey. This statue has been part of the mission collection since 1863. The Balboa Art Conservation Center reported that the statue has insect damage making the wood hollow and unstable. The paint is flaking, exposing silver gilding underneath. A loose hand needs to be secured, and the base stabilized. CMF is working with our partner foundations to help restore this historic treasure.



CMF's "ALL-ABOARD-THE-BUS" PROGRAM
HELPING SEND FOURTH GRADERS TO THEIR LOCAL MISSIONS

Thanks to the generous help of our partners during the 2023-2024 school year, CMF was able to provide mission field trips for 2,120 Title 1 fourth grade students from across the state, including Los Angeles, Monterey, Santa Barbara and San Diego counties. An additional 7,057 students attended CMF's virtual program. CMF is honored to be able to pass on the mission story to the next generation and provide a unique educational opportunity for both fourth grade students and their teachers. Fourth grade teachers provided CMF with reports, pictures and comments after completing their field trips.

Braddock Drive Elementary in Culver City (Los Angeles County) visited Mission San Fernando 2/28/24:

"Creating real-world connections to social studies helps our students understand the importance of studying the past." – Teacher. "Something I really enjoyed about the field trip was the bell telling time because it told the Native Americans what they had to do, and it was really interesting." – Student



King City Arts Magnet School (Monterey County) visited Mission San Juan Bautista 12/1/23:

"We had a fabulous time at San Juan Bautista this year! We had about 75 students attend this field trip. As anticipated, the students loved most the beauty of the church and the sacred cemetery. They enjoyed viewing the inside of the mission and seeing what it might have been like for the Native Americans." – Teacher. "At the church I saw paw prints that were left in the tiles. I saw a lot of beautiful things in the garden including flowers, trees, and benches. The cemetery had a lot of burials of Native Americans and friars." – Student

Franklin Elementary (Santa Barbara County) visited Mission La Purisima 5/9/24:

"Thank you, California Missions Foundation for the financial support. Our students had the opportunity to spend the day at La Purisima State Historic Park due to your generous donation. Our students had a great time learning about the mission system and had first-hand experience with the Living History Day. When an opportunity to take the learning beyond the classroom happens, the connections and aha moments are so much more impactful to our students. We are grateful for you, being part of that village that helps us teachers give that opportunity to our student community." – Teacher. "I enjoyed seeing all the rooms and how they would live in the mission system. I also liked seeing all the people teaching us about how they would weave, make food and make candles." – Student



Hancock Elementary, (San Diego County) visited Mission San Luis Rey 1/16/24:

"I really appreciated hearing from the point of view of the two Indigenous/Ohlone men who shared their experiences as descendants of Indigenous People who lived at the mission. As a teacher who has taught 4th grade in California for many years, it has been difficult to find good primary resources like this, so thank you!" – Teacher. "I liked learning about the food the indigenous people ate and how the missions were built." – Student

Orchard Elementary (Solano County) CMF Virtual Field Trip on 3/20/24:

"Thank you! Many students shared that their favorite part of the program was hearing the church bells. The second most

interesting part for a lot of them was the crypt beneath the Santa Barbara site. Amazing! Thank you again." – Teacher



\$750,000

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\$75,000

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MISSION STUDIES

CMF Conference 2024 at Mission La Purísima and Mission Santa Inés

CMF presented its 41st Annual California Missions and Presidios Conference in April. We had two keynote addresses by Fr. Jack Clark Robinson "500 Years of Franciscans in the Americas" and Dr. John Johnson "The Chumash Uprising of 1824: What We Know 200 Years



Later". It was wonderful to be back in person once again for the conference. Many gathered to hear the presentations and honor the Award Recipients from 2024 and previous years.

CMF Boletín 2024



CMF is once again proud to have produced our 2024 popular journal Boletín that highlights aspects of early California history to help inspire preservation efforts. The 2024 Boletín features a cover photo of the housing plan for residents at Mission San Juan Bautista circa 1753. This Boletín includes in depth articles on the 1824 Chumash Uprising, Chumash rage and loyalty at Mission San Luis Obispo, the Indigenous population at the San Diego Presidio, the forgotten land grants at Mission San Gabriel, how Otto Von Bismark rescued the California Missions, and other articles on copper artifacts, collections and archives. Authors include Robert Jackson, Marie Duggan, Russell Skowronek, Richard Carrico, Lloyd Wagstaff, Fr. Jack Clark Robinson, O.F.M., Ruben Mendoza and others.

2024 CMF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

CMF Assets January 1, 2024	\$3,251,798
Total 2024 Income	\$1,231,592
Total 2024 Expense	\$577,490
CMF Assets December 31, 2024	\$3,905,574



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