



California Missions Foundation

Annual Report 2025

PRESERVATION, DISCOVERY, AND PROGRESS



Clockwise from upper left: Mission Santa Juan Bautista remains in need of a retrofit. Mission Santa Inés during its recently completed retrofit. A fourth-grade student report and comments after visiting Mission La Purisima. Students from All Souls Catholic School on a field trip at Mission San Francisco de Asís.

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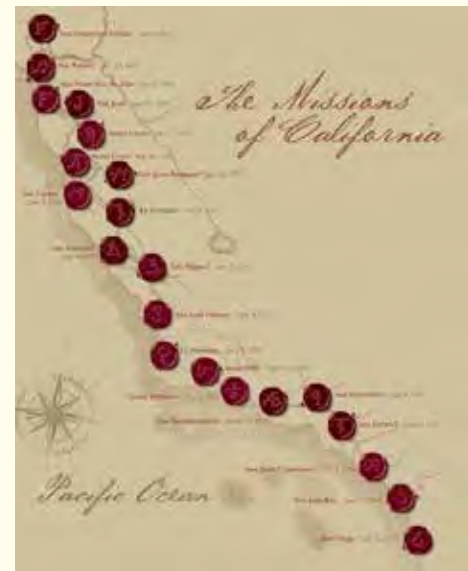
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A LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION

As we reflect on 2025, we are grateful for another year of meaningful progress in preserving and celebrating California's extraordinary mission heritage. Thanks to the generosity of our members, donors, foundations, partners, and volunteers, California Missions Foundation continued its mission of protecting these irreplaceable historic treasures while expanding educational opportunities that inspire future generations.



MICHAEL H. IMWALLE (RIGHT)
AND DAVID BOLTON

Throughout the year, CMF advanced preservation projects at several historic mission sites while securing federal and private funding to strengthen long-term stewardship efforts. We were especially proud to celebrate the completion of the Save America's Treasures project at Mission Santa Inés, demonstrating the value of collaboration in preserving California's cultural legacy.

The Foundation also continued its leadership at Mission Dolores in San Francisco, developing plans to conserve one of the mission system's most significant Native American murals while preparing additional preservation initiatives that will benefit missions throughout the state.

Education remains central to our mission. During 2025, CMF's Student Field Trip Program provided thousands of fourth-grade students with the opportunity to experience California history firsthand at their local missions, inspiring a deeper appreciation of our state's rich and diverse heritage.

In 2025, CMF also presented the 42nd Annual California Missions and Presidios Conference, bringing together scholars, preservation professionals, Native representatives, and historians to share new research and strengthen partnerships. The publication of Boletín 2025 further advanced scholarship on California's missions and borderlands history.

As we look ahead, California Missions Foundation remains committed to expanding preservation efforts, strengthening partnerships, and protecting California's missions and related historic sites.

Thank you for your continued confidence in California Missions Foundation. Together, we are preserving California's mission legacy for generations to come.

Michael H. Imwalle
CMF Chairman

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MISSION SAN LUIS REY – TRIPTYCH RESTORATION



After restoration.

California Missions Foundation partnered with Mission San Luis Rey to preserve the historic Immaculate Conception statue, one of the mission's treasured devotional artworks displayed in the Madonna Chapel. A professional conservation assessment identified evidence of historic insect damage, structural instability in portions of the carved wood, deteriorated painted and gilded surfaces, accumulated grime, and previous restoration campaigns that had altered the sculpture's original appearance.

The conservation project stabilized the statue by consolidating weakened wood and flaking paint, securing loose structural elements, cleaning centuries of accumulated dirt, repairing areas of loss, and carefully toning restored sections to maintain the artwork's historic integrity. Conservators also cleaned the statue's metal crown and addressed deterioration to the decorative base, including the carved seraphim figures and crescent, ensuring the sculpture's long-term stability and presentation.

This project represents one phase of Mission San Luis Rey's ongoing effort to conserve the mission's historic collection of sacred art and artifacts. Funding from California Missions Foundation, combined with matching support from the Santa Margarita Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, helped preserve this important work of religious art so it can continue inspiring visitors and worshippers for generations to come.



Before restoration.

MISSION SAN JOSÉ – RESTORATION PROJECT

The comprehensive restoration project preserved the building's historic integrity while addressing years of deterioration. Craftspeople replaced three irreparable wood-framed windows and several exterior doors, stabilized damaged walls, repaired cracks and voids, and applied new traditional mud plaster and stucco finishes. The work concluded with protective coatings and the restoration of exterior wood features, including the eaves and fascia, helping ensure this treasured historic site will continue to serve future generations.



Crack on west wall.



South wall repairs.



Completed south wall.

Save America's Treasures

Mission Santa Inés completed a major seismic retrofit project with the help of a federal Save America's Treasures grant from the National Parks Service as well as wide-spread local support. The project included inserting metal rods through the historic church's ceiling beams. As we look back on a perfectly executed grant and construction, we wanted to share a variety of photographs taken throughout the process.



Interior of the church is protected and floor is covered.



Interior tiles and exterior pavers are protected.



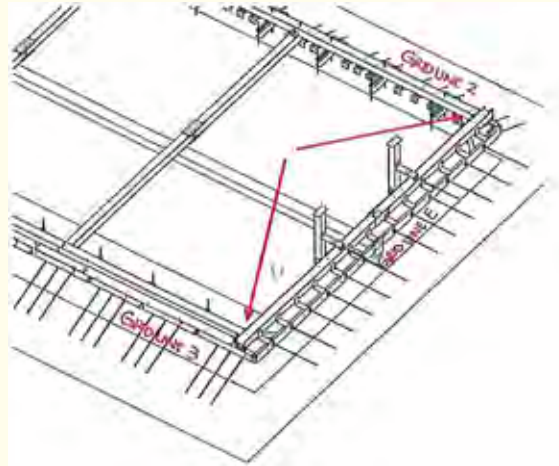
Fr. Mike inspecting the stored artwork.



Ceiling access is by lift.



Worker in attic.



Detailed drawing of beams and L bracket placement.



Beams ready for placement.



Installed L brackets.



Beam ready to be installed.



Installed beam.



Steel rod and beam installation.



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

For more than 20 years, CMF's All-Aboard-the-Bus Field Trip Program has been providing bus transportation allowing thousands of fourth grade students from Title 1 elementary schools to visit the California Missions. In the classroom, as part of their social studies curriculum, California fourth grade students study the California missions and related historic sites. And thanks to our partners and their generous donations, CMF was able to provide transportation for nearly 2,000 students from San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Monterey and San Francisco counties in 2025. These field trips provided a valuable opportunity for students to learn and experience first-hand the missions, as well as the people and cultures that these missions served. Following each field trip, the fourth-grade teachers provided CMF with a report including pictures and student quotes sharing their observations and experiences.

CMF is proud to have been able to offer these important student history-rich field trips for more than two decades. We look forward to the next school year and more memorable educational moments.

Glenoaks Elementary School in Glendale (Los Angeles County) visited Mission San Gabriel 1/22/26:



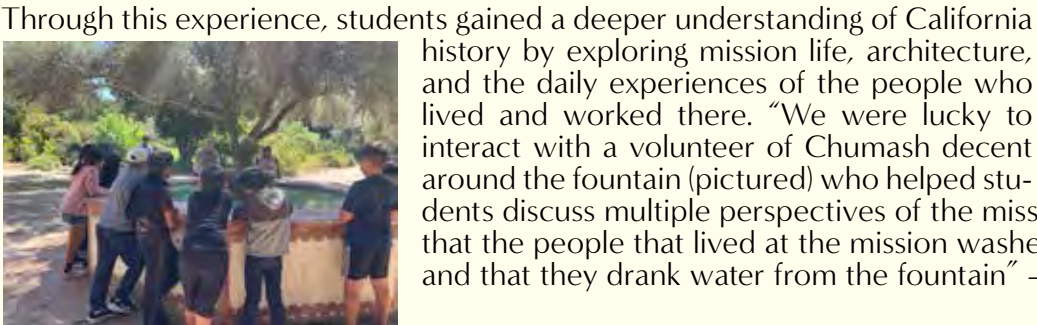
"The students had a wonderful time visiting Mission San Gabriel and learning new facts about the mission. They were even excited to share information that they learned from our studies of the mission at school." – Teacher. "I learned at Mission San Gabriel that Native Americans used animal fat to make tallow and then used the tallow to make candles and soap." – Student

Navidad Elementary School in Salinas (Monterey County) visited Mission San Juan Bautista 3/4/26:

"Students and teachers alike learned how Native Americans and Spanish settlers lived and worked together. "This was fun and educational. A perfect way to bring to life the learning that took place inside the classroom." – Teacher. "The church is so beautiful and peaceful" – Student



El Camino Elementary School In Goleta (Santa Barbara County) visited Mission La Purisima 5/6/26:



Through this experience, students gained a deeper understanding of California history by exploring mission life, architecture, and the daily experiences of the people who lived and worked there. "We were lucky to interact with a volunteer of Chumash decent around the fountain (pictured) who helped students discuss multiple perspectives of the mission era." – Teacher "I learned that the people that lived at the mission washed their clothes at the fountain and that they drank water from the fountain" – Student

All Souls Catholic School In San Francisco (San Mateo County) visited San Francisco de Asis on 2/13/26:

"Our tour of the mission started with each student getting to ring the bells in the bell tower as they walked in. The students were able to make connections to a video that they saw in class, making history real for them.

In the new basilica, students were able to find the stained-glass window of their assigned mission from their mission project." – Teacher "I enjoyed being able to ring the bell. I liked seeing the pattern on the ceiling that represented the Native Americans. I liked the model of what the mission originally looked like with the Native Americans. I saw a gold leaf and a pelt that looked cool" – Student



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The California Missions Foundation presented its 42nd Annual California Missions and Presidios Conference in February 2025 at Mission San José. The keynote address was delivered by Lee Panich, titled *"Native Californians at Mission San José: New Archaeological*

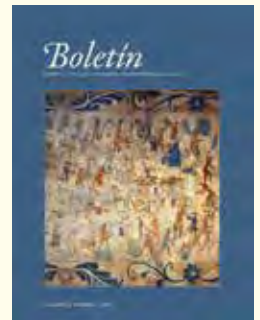
and Archival Evidence." In addition, a special luncheon presentation was given by Vincent Medina, *"Triumph, Permanence, and Continuity: Ohlones and Mission San José."*

A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to John Johnson. The Edna Kimbro Award was presented to Patricia West, and the Norman Neuerburg Award was presented to Father Jack Clark Robinson in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of California's mission heritage.

This annual gathering continues to serve as California's premier forum for scholarship, preservation, and collaboration related to the state's historic missions and presidios.

CMF Boletín 2025

California Missions Foundation was again honored to present its acclaimed hardcover publication, *Boletín 2025*. This 134-page scholarly journal featured a variety of articles reflecting the research, preservation efforts, and studies of several CMF members who have dedicated their careers to California mission, presidio, and borderlands history.



As one of the premier annual publications dedicated to mission studies, *Boletín 2025* serves as an important resource for scholars, educators, students, and history enthusiasts while helping fulfill the Foundation's mission of promoting research, preservation, and education related to California's historic missions and related cultural resources.

2025 CMF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Total 2025 Income	\$1,366,447.10
Total 2025 Expense	\$1,335,494.80
CMF Assets December 31, 2025	\$3,106,470.97
Restricted	\$762,355.90
Unrestricted	\$2,313,162.77*
*Including Accounts Payable	\$1,170,000.00



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