

CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION Cornerstone

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The Mission's Third Springtime

April 14 of this year marked the Carmel Mission Foundation's 10th anniversary! We would like to dedicate this issue of the *Cornerstone* to the hundreds of individuals, families, and organizations that have contributed towards the Foundation's preservation efforts of the Carmel Mission these past ten years. We could not have done any of this without you.

In the mid-19th century, the Mission was abandoned, the roof caved in, and the church was all but destroyed. In the 1880s, Fr. Angelo Delfino Casanova began the first "Springtime" for the Mission, 100 years after the death of founder Fr. Junípero Serra. Through his efforts, a new Gothic-style roof was put on the church. This protected the walls from further erosion and enabled the Mission to be used again for religious services.

Early in the 20th century, Fr. Ramón Mestres prepared a comprehensive plan to restore the Mission and commissioned artist Joe Mora to create the cenotaph in honor of Fr. Junípero Serra. In the 1930s, the Mission experienced a second Springtime at the hands of Harry Downie and Monsignor Michael O'Connell. Lasting for almost 50 years, it saw the restoration of the original church's roofline, the rebuilding of the quadrangle, and the return of the Mission's many artworks, which had been scattered after secularization.

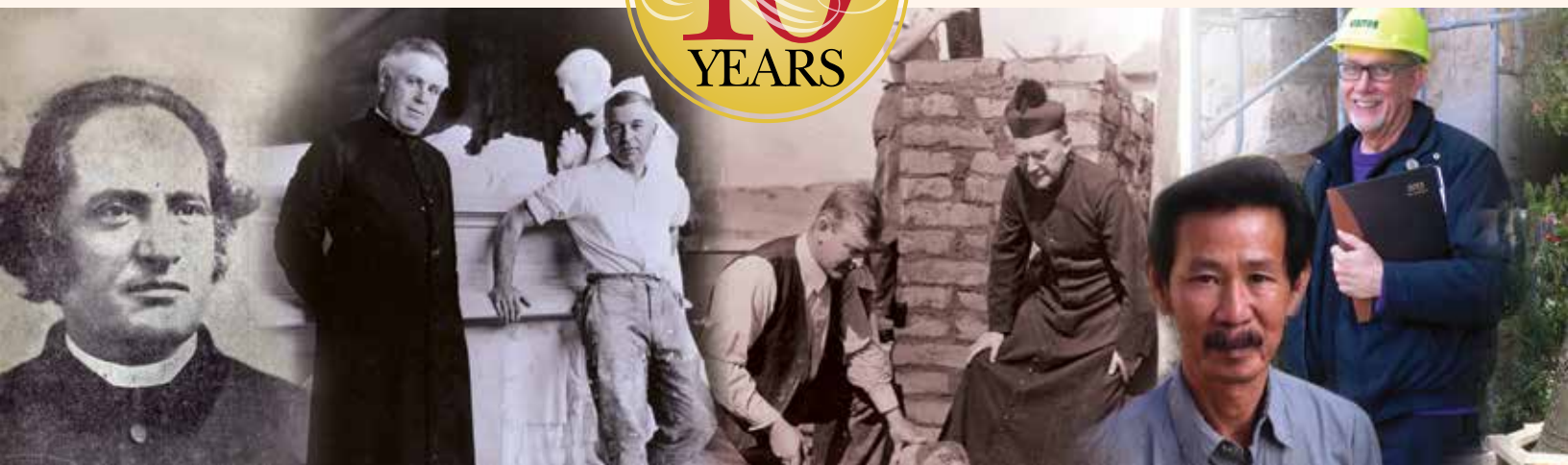
The 21st century saw the Mission's third Springtime begin in 2008 under the

leadership of Fr. John Griffin. Originally trained as an architect before becoming a priest, he recognized the substantial amount of deferred maintenance at the Mission. This, coupled with the state's recently enacted law to reinforce all masonry structures against earthquakes, drove home the need to address life safety and preservation issues, and seismically stabilize the Mission's historic structures.

A Ten-Year Retrospective (2008–2018)

Realizing the Parish alone could not support the cost of such a significant project, Fr. John saw the need for a special independent foundation which would see to it that the Carmel Mission would be restored and preserved through the 21st century and beyond. Thus, the Carmel Mission Foundation was formed.

Founder Sam Wright, then chair of the Mission's Parish Finance Council, along with Lou Sanna and Ron Jacobsen, officially organized the Carmel Mission Foundation in April 2008. At the time, there were no employees or offices, just a dedicated volunteer Board with the shared hope of restoring the Carmel Mission. In 2009, the Foundation expanded its Board, established an office, and hired its first part-time employee, Tim Roehl. Sam Wright served as the Foundation's president until 2012, when the Board appointed one of its own, Vic Grabrian, as president.



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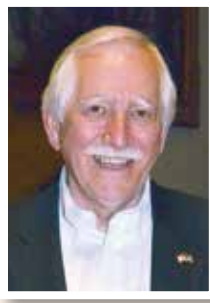
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Vic Grabrian

From the President

Since joining the Foundation's Board of Directors in 2009, and later serving as President, my life over the past nine years has been singularly focused on helping to preserve the beautiful and historic Carmel Mission. However, the time has come for me to pass the reins on to others, as I will be retiring at the end of June. A search is now underway by the Board for my replacement.

This has been a most rewarding journey. I have had the privilege of meeting many generous and caring donors and working with an outstanding, collaborative, and dedicated team of professionals who viewed their participation in the Carmel Mission's restoration efforts as an honor.

Looking back, I must mention a few key individuals who played such a critical role in our preservation efforts this past decade: Fr. John Griffin who recognized the Mission's need for restoration and was instrumental in the formation of the Carmel Mission Foundation; Sam Wright, Founder and President from 2008–2012, who was the heart and soul of the Foundation leading to its early successes; Doug Hayashi, the Foundation's Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, who since 2009 has voluntarily handled all of the Foundation's finances, accounting and taxes; Brian Kelly, who for over 30 years has led various Diocese restoration projects, including the Carmel Mission Basilica and Quadrangle Courtyard; and Dick and Mary Pat McCormick whose great generosity was instrumental in the Basilica's restoration and who are sponsoring the future restoration of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



2018 Foundation Board and Officers (l to r) Rich Pèpe, Rich Denier, Doug Oldfield, Paul Gutierrez, Doug Hayashi, Ed DiYanni, Valera Lyles, Sam Gesumaria, and Vic Grabrian

I would also like to extend a special thanks to all who have served on the Foundation Board these past ten years and who have supported our preservation efforts in so many ways.

As we begin our next decade of preserving the Carmel Mission, we remember the words of Junípero Serra: **"Always forward, never back."**

With gratitude,

Victor M. Grabrian
President and CEO

The Mission's Third Springtime, *continued*

The third Springtime coincided with the 300th anniversary of the birth of Junípero Serra, hence the Tricentennial Capital Campaign that made it possible. Divided into four phases, primarily on life safety concerns, this third Springtime will eventually touch all 12 of the historic buildings in the Mission complex with seismic strengthening, system upgrades, and general restoration.

❖ Phase I, completed in June of 2013, focused on the \$5.5 million Basilica restoration, which consisted of a seismic retrofit; restoration of exterior walls, buttresses, towers and dome; new electrical, lighting, and fire suppression systems; upgrade of the heating system; and a new Americans with Disabilities Act restroom building.

❖ Phase II includes seismic retrofits and systems upgrades to the Mission's museums and Blessed Sacrament Chapel, as well as facility and courtyard improvements for better visitor traffic flow. Before any work could begin on restoring the historic structures surrounding the Quadrangle Courtyard, we needed to bring in new infrastructure. This necessitated a \$2 million renovation of the Quadrangle Courtyard with subsurface installation of utilities and a new surface hardscape. With the help and cooperation of current pastor, Fr. Paul Murphy, this first project under Phase II began in April 2016 and was completed four months later.

We are now planning and fundraising for the next major project of Phase II, the \$20 million Northeast Quadrant restoration (see page 6 for details). Our intention is to also enhance the museum experience by telling the story of the Carmel Mission and other Alta California Missions with improved

museum displays and better descriptive information, without changing the historic look and feel of these museums.

❖ Phases III and IV will complete the seismic retrofits, system upgrades, and restoration of the Mission's remaining historic structures, such as the Orchard House.

Addressing Future Needs of the Mission

We stand firm in our commitment to preserve the historic structures that make up the Carmel Mission complex. Current work is designed to last for 75–100 years, ensuring not only life safety, but structural integrity of the buildings and the protection of the art, artifacts, and history that they contain.

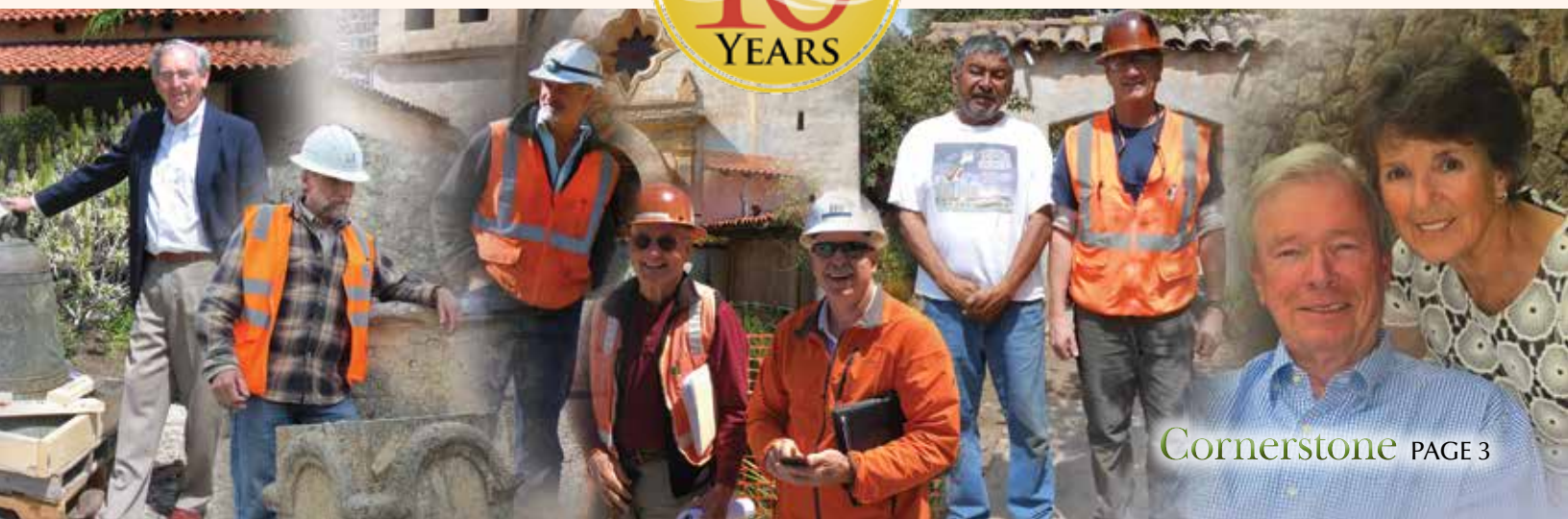
Since the Foundation's inception, it has granted over \$8 million to the Carmel Mission for critical capital improvements and life-safety issues. The Foundation will continue to raise funds to complete the remaining preservation work and, through its Harry Downie Society Planned Giving Program, will build an endowment to provide funds for maintaining and preserving the Carmel Mission, the spiritual center and a major economic driver for the Monterey Peninsula, well into the next century.

We invite you to join us by supporting this third Springtime of the Carmel Mission. ❖

Though not all inclusive, those appearing in the collages at the foot of pages 1 and 3 have had a significant impact on the preservation of the Carmel Mission.

Page 1: Fr. Casanova, Fr. Mestres, Joe Mora, Harry Downie, Msgr. O'Connell, Hiuu Van Nguyen, and Fr. Griffin.

Page 3: Sam Wright, Ken Treadwell, Mike Harney, Brian Kelly, Brett Brenkwitz, Rudy Rosales, Justin Thornburg, and Dick and Mary Pat McCormick.





CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION TIMELINE 2008–2018

Carmel Mission
Foundation Established
2008

First Foundation
Membership Event
2009



Serra Memorial Created
2011



\$5.5 Million Phase I Basilica
Restoration Begins
2012



2008

2009

2010

2011

2012



2008
Samuel Wright
Named Foundation
President



2010
First
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2010
Mission Bells
Restored

2010
Tricentennial
Capital Campaign



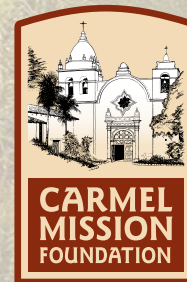
2012
Harry Downie
Society Formed for
Planned Giving
Program

2012
Victor Grabrian
Named Foundation
President and CEO

Crown Prince Felipe and
Princess Letizia of Spain
(Now King and Queen) Visit
2013



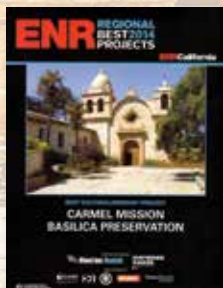
City of Carmel
Approves Phase II
Master Plan
2015



Basilica Restoration
Completed
2013



Basilica Restoration
Wins Construction
Industry Award
2014



Basilica Restoration
Wins Governor's
Historic
Preservation Award
2015



Northeast Quadrant
Capital Campaign
Begins
2017



2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018



2013
Junípero
Serra's 300th
Birthday



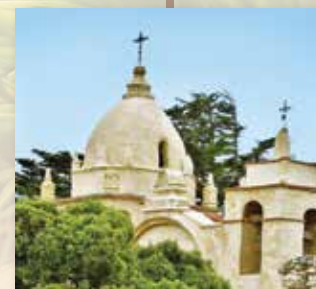
2013
Serra Memorial
Dedication



2015
Junípero Serra
Canonized by
Pope Francis



2016
\$2 Million Quadrangle
Courtyard Renovation
Completed



2018
As of April, Foundation
Grants to the Carmel
Mission Exceeded
\$8 Million

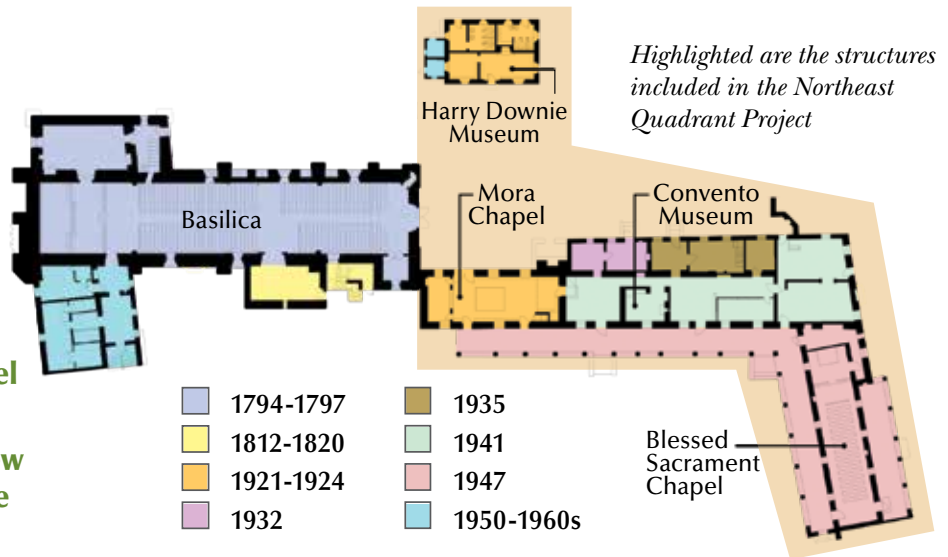
NORTHEAST QUADRANT

The Project

The Carmel Mission faces significant threats. At stake are some of California's founding historic structures within the nearly 250-year-old campus, as well as priceless art and artifacts that include Junípero Serra's 450-years-old Bible.

The Northeast Quadrant Project is the Foundation's most ambitious restoration to date. This \$20 million undertaking includes extensive seismic retrofits and infrastructure upgrades of unreinforced adobe masonry buildings constructed or reconstructed in the 1920s to 1940s. Designed to maintain historical integrity, the work will preserve these buildings for the next 75–100 years. Included are:

- ❖ **Downie Museum and Orientation Center**
- ❖ **Mora Chapel Museum**
- ❖ **Convento Museum**
- ❖ **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
- ❖ **Basilica Forecourt and new Mission Visitor's Entrance**



"It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future."

—William J. Murtagh, one of the world's leading historic preservationists

Museums and artifacts, including California's oldest library with volumes dating back to 1511, and Junípero Serra's cell, will be restored and preserved in a climate-controlled environment without changing the wonderful back-in-time feel that makes the Mission so special. The museum experience will be enhanced, retelling the history of pre-mission indigenous peoples, everyday mission life, establishment of the California mission system, and ultimately the founding of the State of California. ❖





How to Help

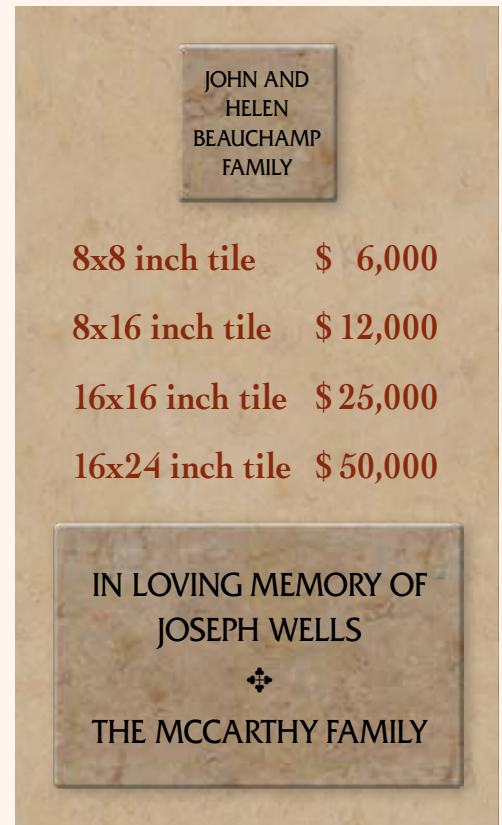
There are a variety of ways you can help support the Northeast Quadrant Capital Campaign and preserve the Carmel Mission.

A donation of cash or securities; a membership with the Foundation; a custom-engraved tile in the Serra Memorial; a sponsorship of one of the historic structures or courtyards; or take advantage of a deferred form of support by becoming a member of the Harry Downie Society Planned Giving Program. To learn more about our programs, please visit the Foundation's website at www.CarmelMissionFoundation.org, or contact our office at (831) 624-3261.

Serra Memorial Tiles

The Serra Memorial is a permanent reminder of the life of Saint Junípero Serra, the historic significance of the Carmel Mission, and a caring public's commitment to preserve it and California's rich history in perpetuity.

Honor someone special, remember a loved one, or create a family legacy with a custom-engraved tile in the Serra Memorial Circle. A variety of tile sizes are available, as well as a limited number of large perimeter entrance tiles. The number of lines and text spaces vary per tile, depending on size.



8x8 inch tile \$ 6,000

8x16 inch tile \$ 12,000

16x16 inch tile \$ 25,000

16x24 inch tile \$ 50,000

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsoring the restoration of one of the historic structures or courtyards is a critical way of helping the Foundation successfully preserve the Carmel Mission. Those special people who do so will be recognized on a discrete, custom-engraved plaque with their approved wording located near the project they sponsor. Additionally, their names will be engraved on a special major donor wall plaque permanently displayed in the Downie Museum and Orientation Center.



Sample sponsorship plaque

The value of a sponsorship is determined by its relative significance and the overall cost of the Northeast Quadrant Project, including supporting infrastructure. The sequence of the Northeast Quadrant restoration will be determined by the Preservation Team in order to minimize disruption to the Mission and to maximize restoration efficiency. ❖

Art & Artifact Emergency Restoration	\$ 500,000
Basilica Forecourt and Gardens	\$ 1,500,000
Blessed Sacrament Chapel	\$ 1,500,000*
Convento Museum	
Loggia Boardwalk	\$ 1,000,000
Sala or Salon	\$ 1,000,000
Kitchen	\$ 1,000,000
Main Gallery	\$ 1,500,000
California's First Library	\$ 1,500,000
Saint Junípero Serra's Cell	\$ 2,000,000
Downie Museum and Orientation Center	\$ 1,500,000
Mission Visitors Entrance	\$ 1,500,000
Mora Chapel Museum	\$ 1,500,000
Museum Display Cases & Armatures	\$ 1,500,000

* Already sponsored

Married at the Mission

It was the July 4th weekend in 1967 when Jon Campisi and his twin brother, Dion, drove into Carmel to shop for a wedding gift. Jon had just returned from Vietnam where he had served as a Finance Officer, and was stationed at Fort Ord for his remaining six months of service. The brothers walked into William Ober's gift shop on Dolores Street and that is where Jon first saw Colleen behind the counter. They spent some time together going over gift ideas and settling on fondue dishes that needed to be shipped to Nebraska. Later that evening Colleen was having dinner with a friend at Mission Ranch and saw the brothers having drinks at the bar. Introductions were made and Jon and Colleen ended up having Irish coffee at the Pine Inn after dinner. They went to the movies on their first date shortly after and saw *Doctor Zhivago*. They have been by each other's side ever since.

Jon was born and raised in San Jose, but he was no stranger to the Central Coast as the family had a second home in Carmel. He graduated from Santa Clara University with a degree in business, and a Juris Doctorate.



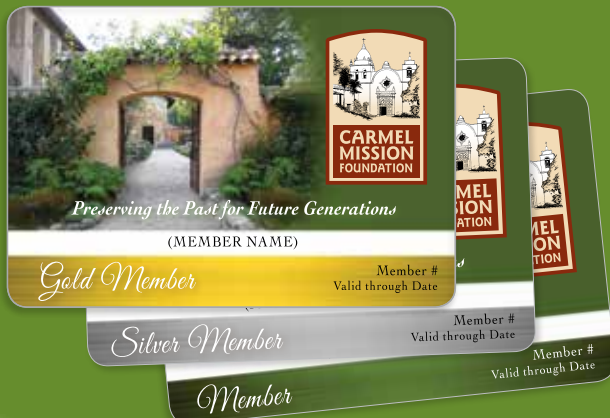
Colleen Kelly was born and raised in Salinas and attended Palma High School.

It was a beautiful June day in 1968 when Jon and Colleen Campisi were married at the Carmel Mission Basilica. It was a grand occasion officiated by Monsignor James Marron. The bride wore a lovely House of Bianchi pearl beaded, white silk faille dress; a pillbox hat with tulle veil; and carried a bouquet of Lilly of the Valley flowers. The lively wedding reception was held at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

In 1970 they purchased a home in San Jose where they still reside to this day. Jon went on to have a successful law practice for over 40 years. Together they raised a daughter, Kelly, who was married at Mission Santa Clara; and a son, Jon Jr. II, who was also married at the Carmel Mission Basilica. This June 22nd will mark Jon and Colleen's 50th wedding anniversary. Years come and years go, but your commitment and love stays forever. Happy golden anniversary!



Were you married at the Carmel Mission? Perhaps there was a special occasion or experience at the Mission you would like to share? We hope to feature stories from our donors in upcoming issues of the *Cornerstone*, and we are very interested in hearing your story. Please give us a call at (831) 624-3261. ❖



Membership Program

Lend your support to our restoration and preservation efforts by joining or giving a gift of membership to the Carmel Mission Foundation at one of three levels—Member \$100, Silver Member \$250, or Gold Member \$500. Enjoy benefits based on membership level, including free admission to the Carmel Mission and museums for you and guests that accompany you, Museum Store discounts for cardholders, and invitations to member events. ❖

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The Carmel Mission Foundation is deeply grateful to its donors and wishes to recognize and thank all of those who donated to the Foundation in 2017. Thank you for your support as we continue to preserve this historic landmark for future generations.

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DID YOU KNOW?

When the Basilica was built (1794–1797), the building was situated so that the iconic Star of Bethlehem window would allow for an astrological event known as an



“illumination.” The

sunrise from the Summer Solstice penetrates the front window to bathe the altar in a brilliant light marking the first day of summer.

The Summer Solstice is on Thursday, June 21, 2018.

If we are lucky, Carmel’s summer fog will not interfere and allow us to, again, witness this breathtaking event. ❖

Harry Downie Society Planned Giving Program

In 2012, the Foundation instituted a Planned Giving Program called the Harry Downie Society after the man who spent several decades of his life restoring the Carmel Mission. It is a Program for those who have expressed interest in a deferred form of financial support for the Mission that would be a function of their estate planning.

The following supporters of the Foundation’s preservation efforts have remembered the Foundation in their estate plan and have given us permission to identify them as members of the Harry Downie Society.

If you have remembered the Carmel Mission Foundation in your estate plan, please let us know so we can thank you and include you with this special group of people who want the Carmel Mission preserved for future generations, just as Downie envisioned. To learn more about planned giving options, please contact the Foundation office at (831)624-3261 or visit our website at www.CarmelMissionFoundation.org.



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