



CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION

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CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION ELECTS VICTOR GRABRIAN PRESIDENT

Carmel, California – February 1, 2012 – **The Carmel Mission Foundation** is pleased to announce the election of Victor Grabrian as its President and Chief Executive Officer. In this capacity Mr. Grabrian will be responsible for the overall direction of the Foundation's efforts in support of the restoration and preservation of the Carmel Mission complex. He has been a Director and Vice President of the Foundation since 2009.

Mr. Grabrian succeeds Sam Wright, one of the original Founders and President of the Foundation since 2008. Mr. Wright's four-year term as President ended in December of last year; however, he will continue in a key role as Chairman of the Board of Directors. "We thank Sam for his outstanding leadership and dedication these past four years and welcome his continuing involvement as we proceed with the important task of restoring and preserving the Carmel Mission," said Victor Grabrian, President.

The following Foundation officers were also elected for 2012: Mary Kay Teresa, Vice President; Doug Hayashi, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and Brian Call, Corporate Secretary.

About the Carmel Mission Foundation

The Carmel Mission Foundation was founded in 2008 as an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity corporation and is independent from any religious organization. Its purpose is to fund the restoration and maintenance of the historic Carmel Mission structures, art and artifacts, ensuring their preservation into perpetuity. The Foundation is currently raising funds for the seismic retrofit of the 200-year-old Carmel Mission Basilica.

The importance of the California Missions, and the Carmel Mission (San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo) in particular, to the history and development of California cannot be overstated. Founded in 1771, the Carmel Mission served as the Headquarters for the entire California Mission System and is the repository of generations of culture, tradition and history. It is also a major tourist attraction and a primary economic engine for the Monterey Peninsula.

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