



CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION

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THE CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION RECIEVES \$650,000 GRANT *Tricentennial Capital Campaign Launched*

Carmel, CA, June 9, 2010 — The Carmel Mission Foundation has received a \$650,000 matching grant for the preservation/restoration of the Carmel Mission from the Save America's Treasures (SAT) grant program, administered by the Department of Interior, National Parks Service (NPS). The grant was put in process two years ago with the assistance of the California Missions Foundation. The SAT program is dedicated to funding organizations and agencies that conserve significant U.S. cultural and historic treasures, which illustrate, interpret and are associated with great events, ideas, and individuals that contribute to our nation's history and culture.

The securing of the SAT grant coincides with the Foundation's launch of the Tricentennial Capital Campaign for the restoration of the Carmel Mission. This multi-year/multi-million dollar program will be centered on the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Junipero Serra, in 1713. To commemorate this Tricentennial, a memorial wall to honor Serra will be built in the main Mission courtyard. The 300 donors who support the campaign with a gift of \$5,000 or more will have their names engraved on the Serra Memorial Wall. *"This matching SAT grant will be a major addition to our fundraising efforts to restore the Mission,"* said Samuel Wright, President, of the Carmel Mission Foundation.

For more information on this project contact the Carmel Mission Foundation at www.carmelmissionfoundation.org. For questions regarding the SAT grant program, or to comment on this or any other proposed SAT project, please contact Hampton Tucker, Chief, Historic Preservation Grants, NPS, at 202-354-2067

The Carmel Mission Foundation, Inc. (www.carmelmissionfoundation.org) was formed to fund the preservation and restoration of the historical properties and artifacts of the Carmel Mission. A significant part of California's heritage, the Mission is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, and is both a California State Landmark and a U.S. National Landmark. The Foundation's focus covers four broad areas: to restore and preserve the physical structures; to foster restoration of the Spanish-Colonial art and artifacts; to promote an understanding of the historical importance of the California Missions System and to support historical and artistic exhibits and programs.