



MISSION BELL

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Ringin in the News of the Preservation Campaign for Mission San Antonio de Padua

A Message from President AL PAROLINI

It is hard to believe 2015 will soon come to a close, how rapidly this year has passed. Soon we will enter into the holiday season. Thanksgiving, the opportunity to gather with our extended families to give thanks for our many blessings and enjoy a great meal; Christmas, that special time of the year when Christians reflect on the birth of our savior; and New Year's day, when it begins anew again.

Looking back on this past year, we have so much to be grateful for and feel blessed that through the support of so many, the Campaign has achieved several high points on its journey to come into compliance with California's seismic regulations, and total preservation of the Mission. As you've read in our previous project updates, there have been some surprises as our project team has navigated their way through Phase I of the retrofit, but we are still on track to finish within budget. Eagle Construction has completed 98% of the contracted work of Phase I and the project team has outlined the plans for Phase II. The building plans for Phase II have been submitted to the County for review and approval and we anticipate that work will begin shortly.

Financially, the Campaign has been awarded various foundation grants which include: Hearst Foundation, (2nd Installment of a three year award), Chevron Inc., the California Mission Foundation and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation. Additionally, multiple grant applications have been submitted and are in the various stages for consideration. Additionally, we want to thank the many individuals and companies who have donated this past year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

It's very interesting to witness how widespread the love for

Mission San Antonio is through the individual donations which are received monthly. Donations have arrived from all over the United States. In total, individuals from 37 states have contributed to the preservation of Mission San Antonio.

We continue to reach out to educate people about Mission San Antonio and the importance of saving this timeless treasure through supporting our campaign. While we are a dedicated and passionate board, we can't do this alone. We ask your assistance to help spread the word. Our website, www.preservemissionsanantonio.org has a wealth of information and Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are wonderful tools to help share information about the Mission and our cam-

paign. We encourage you to utilize social media to help share our story. If you use Facebook and don't already "Like" our page, search for Campaign for the Preservation of Mission San Antonio de Padua within Facebook to find our page.

As we approach the closing months of 2015, it's never too late to begin your year-end tax planning. Donations may be completed in a number of

ways—directly through a contribution, a stock donation, or a pledge. Pledges can be completed in a single year or spread over multiple years. As we have communicated throughout our campaign, this project is a multiple-year; multi-phase project and the work will proceed as the funds are available. To date we have raised \$1.2 million of the \$2.0 million needed for Phase II. We encourage year end individual donations and pledges to support the Phase II fundraising efforts. We look forward to 2016 and are excited as we continue the historic preservation of Mission San Antonio. With your financial assistance we will continue the transition from Phase I to Phase II of the retrofit project. **Thanks you for your generous support!** ■



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Don't Let the Number Phase You

An update on the Stabilization Project at Mission San Antonio
By Joan Steele, Mission Administrator

Anyone who's ever lived through a remodel has learned this motto well, "You don't know what you don't know" until, of course, the unknown challenges present themselves ... and then, you know!

With that revelation comes the responsibility of dealing with these challenges in the most responsible manner, meeting building requirements of the project while addressing the long-term safety concerns for the people who will visit the site for many generations to come.

And so ... the saga continues ... as the Phase I construction wraps up, focus has moved to the barrel vault roof area that is located at the front entrance of the church. The construction crew has added a concrete bond beam to the back side (north side) of the brick companario (where the three bells reside). The addition of the beam will add stability to this area of the structure and will tie the concrete barrel vault to the brick companario. Next, while the crew was detailing the diagonal



could be replaced and the rain from the impending el niño will have a clear path of travel away from the Mission walls during the upcoming winter months. So now, we know a little more about our treasured historical building (built 1809-1812, restored 1948-1950) and are a little closer to the close of Phase I.

While we are discussing the companario area, I'd like to mention that the bell that resides to the west of center is cracked in not one, but two places! We have not been able to ring this bell for the past decade, so as to avoid the risk of splitting it into two pieces. Estimated cost for a new bell can range anywhere from \$10,000 to \$50,000/bell. There is even a slight possibility that we might be able to restore the bell. The bells are the voice of the Mission. If you are looking for a lasting Christmas gift for the Mission ... a new bell is on our wish list. A new or restored bell ... what a terrific way to ring in the New Year!



steel struts on the barrel vault roof, they removed the wood sheathing, expecting to find concrete support "haunches" to the left and right of the roof. Surprise! Under the sheathing, was an infill of good old-fashioned dirt! The Project's Structural Engineer, Scott Haggblade, was called to the site to analyze the situation and to determine a plan of action. His solution involved the removal of the dirt to relieve unnecessary weight and pressure on the vault structure. Not exactly what the Eagle Construction crew wanted to hear, but they proceeded to remove approximately 10 cubic yards of dirt from the area so that the new wooden structural support could be built and covered with plywood, etc., roofing tiles

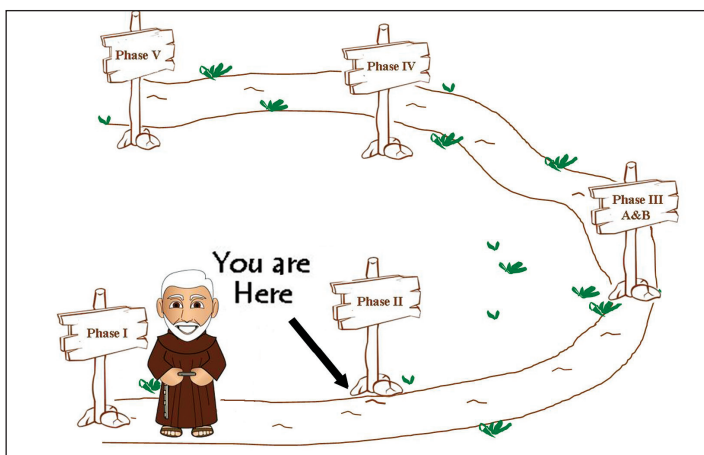
Larry Tracy and his crew from Mission Protection Systems has been hard at work servicing the security cameras on site and installing a new fire alarm system. This added measure of protection will serve the Mission for many, many years to come. Larry donated the original security system to the Mission about fifteen years ago and has worked closely with us to keep it up-to-date and comprehensive throughout the entire site.

Whoever said that men don't multi-task has never met our Project Team! Not to be undone by the final tasks

associated with Phase I, the Team is already completing discovery and making final preliminary preparations to launch into Phase II – the South Convento area (Gift Shop, Parish Offices and Library, Museum, Cloister Rooms, and Conference Room.

In the past few weeks the men have removed all the insulation from the south wing, have vacuumed the attic and have sealed the attic floor with plastic, to protect the rooms below from water damage. They work like a well-oiled machine; apparently they've done this a time or two before.

Time is money and we need to keep marching forward. I like to liken this project to a journey ... one with five distinct segments that are represented by five distinct accomplishments.



To complete this type of journey *successfully* ...

It takes **Vision** ...

It takes **Courage** ...

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It takes **Stamina** ...

It takes a **Steady influx of Support** ...

It takes **Cooperation** ...

Most of all ... it takes **YOU!**

Your faith in the project and its importance ...

Your willingness to join forces ... share your gifts ... and to make your investment in the lives of future generations.

One hundred years from now, the baton will pass to another generation who will take the Mission into the third millennium.

As the mornings cool, the leaves turn and fly free of their tethers, thoughts of the upcoming holidays and the impending tax season begin to entertain our busy minds and lives.

Please hang tight with us on this journey. We need additional funds to keep the project moving forward and on schedule. By year end, we need to raise another million dollars. In 2016 we need to secure additional funds in the amount of \$2 to 2.5 Million for Phase III.

Already we've witnessed miracles ... look how far we've already come! How proud Saint Serra must be to see one of his most beloved Missions being loved back to its best self. You are part of the miracle!

It continues to be an exciting and surprising journey. Let's keep going ... let's keep giving ... together.

Always forward ... Never back! ■



▲ Here is a view from atop the barrel vault roof behind the Campanario and looking East. You can see where Harry Downie originally filled the top of the vault with dirt, and simply embedded wood "sleepers" into the dirt, and then covered all of this with wooden boards and clay tile to form the roof. The dirt will be removed to reduce detrimental weight on the vault, and the roof portion will be re-framed with wood. Also visible is the start of the reinforcing steel being embedded into the wall and vault. This will eventually be encased in a concrete bond beam to help tie the two elements together.



▲ This photo shows the area of the Campanario directly behind the middle bell opening. The top of the concrete barrel vault roof is exposed and form boards are being constructed to contain the poured concrete which will encapsulate the new steel embedded in both the vault and the wall. This will tie both surfaces together, and help resist the destructive forces of earthquakes. A series of new cables and pulleys will also eventually be added in order to ring the bells from below.



◀ On top of the barrel vault roof, a new access walk way is being formed up in order to connect the choir loft window to the Campanario for future access. This will be poured with concrete at the same time the bond beam is poured. This replaces a pre-existing walkway that was improperly constructed. Also visible are new saw cuts into the South facade plaster to receive new copper flashings. The plaster here was replaced with more compatible lime plaster to allow moisture in the adobe wall to escape. When complete, the barrel vault will have all new flashings and roofing for enhanced waterproofing.

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Meet Our Newest Board Member

We are pleased to welcome Natalie Rava of Hayashi Wayland to the Board of Directors. She will serve as the Treasurer.

Natalie began working with Hayashi Wayland in 2005 and specializes in audits, consulting, interim controller/CFO work and the agriculture industry. She has experience and works with many agriculture companies and non-profit organizations throughout Monterey County.

"I like helping clients solve problems and helping them compile accurate financial data that they can use to run their business."

Natalie also enjoys working with and teaching the younger staff members of Hayashi Wayland.

Natalie is a very committed to the community. She currently serves as Treasurer for Ag Against Hunger, as Finance Chair for the National Steinbeck Center and on the

Finance Committee for the Hartnell College Foundation. She is also a member of the California Women for Ag, the Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation, the Watts Scholarship Foundation, and the Mid-State Fair Heritage in Paso Robles. Additionally, Natalie volunteers for the local 4-H Club and Relay For Life.

Natalie holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from San Jose State University and a Master's in Accounting from Golden Gate University. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants. ■



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We deeply appreciate the Monterey Peninsula Foundation's support for our campaign and extend a hearty thank you for the generous grant! ■



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