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

A Message from President AL PAROLINI

As we enter into our eighth year since the foundation for the Campaign to Preserve Mission San Antonio de Padua was formed I would like to take a look back and summarize the tremendous generosity and work, which Mission San Antonio de Padua has been fortunate to be the benefactor of, and the results this amazing effort has produced thus far.

- Humble Beginning in October 2010
- Completed a Comprehensive Historical Evaluation in 2011 – developed a five phase plan
- Started Seismic Retrofit/Historic Preservation Work in August 2014
- Completed Phase I (Church) in September 2015; Cost \$ 3.0 million
- Completed Phase II (South Convento) in May, 2016; Cost \$1.7 million
- Completed Phase III (West Convento) in December 2016; Cost \$1.4 million
- Began Phase IV (North Convento) in January 2017 – Interrupted work in July 2017 due to lack of funds

Through December 31, 2017 our all volunteer Board of Directors has raised an impressive \$7,631,312 and invested 99.7% of the funds raised into the seismic retrofit/historic preservation of Mission San Antonio. The Campaign has an immediate need to raise \$450,000 to continue the construction work and complete Phase IV.

In an effort to expand our sphere of influence and spread awareness about our funding need near and far we stepped up our use of social media this year and on January 6th we started a Go Fund Me page.

Shortly after the Go Fund Me page was launched, our Board of Directors shared the page with their colleagues, friends and family, we promoted it on the Campaign's Facebook page, and KION News 46 also did a news story about our project and the launch of our Go Fund Me page.

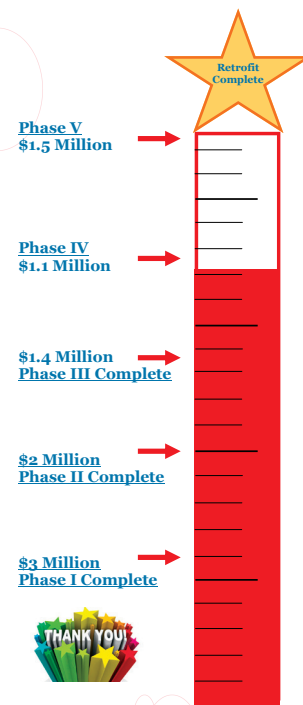
The early results from our initial efforts have proven to be rewarding. To date the Go Fund Me page has had over 780 visits, over 250 Facebook shares and received 17 donations from new donors who have learned about the project. During the week we promoted the page on Facebook our post reached over 3,800 people and our Facebook page received 10 new followers.

Our call to action now extends to each of you. The donate page on our Campaign's website has links to our Facebook and Go Fund Me pages: www.preservemissionsanantonio.org. Please visit our website and help spread the word by reaching out to your friends and acquaintances to explain the importance of saving Mission San Antonio de Padua and please share these links.

Over the years I have been fortunate to see the positive change that happens when people work together to achieve a common goal. But it doesn't happen without tremendous effort. It takes all of us, working together, to create the desire, the enthusiasm and motivation to achieve our goal!

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. ■

CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESERVATION OF MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA FUNDRAISING



Saving a Timeless Treasure

I Have Faith *By Joan Steele, Mission Administrator*



Phase V includes the northeast wing of the Mission complex from the dining rooms through to the stables.

FAITH THAT PEOPLE are fundamentally good. Faith that people want to help...to make a difference. I have faith that when the going gets tough...the tough get going. Faith that we are never given more than we can handle, when handling it means reaching out to others for help, and gracefully accepting their assistance.

When we broke ground in August of 2014 on our Mission stabilization project, I had the hopeful faith that we would accomplish what we were starting. Over the past three years, the Mission San Antonio Community has proven that they are tough, caring, persistent and giving. This amazing community, made up of local participants and donors from forty-seven of our fifty united states, has given generously and repeatedly to this worthy cause.

Three years, and four phases later, I stand before you worn and weary. I am a little better educated on the intricacies of seismic retrofit work on historical adobe structures and

a little more seasoned on maintaining a working atmosphere within a constantly on-going construction site.

More importantly, I am even more respectful of the generosity and support of our Mission Community. Time and time again you have stepped up to help meet the enormous financial needs of this project.

We are almost done! Just as you have pitched in previously, we are asking that you hang in here with us to complete the project. We have one phase to finish to claim our victory. We still need you!

Time is ticking. We have permits nearing their deadlines and we need to get started on the stabilization of Phase V, while completing the ADA requirements and plumbing upgrades still needed on Phase IV. Mission Protection Systems continues their work on the installation of a completely new fire detection systems throughout the entire complex. Pete Vachek is still painting; the place is



Statue of Padre Junipero Serra stands in watch of the sunrise at Mission ... looking always forward, never back.

looking clean, fresh and revived. All other contractors have been put on hold pending more money.

We need a substantial influx of money to get all of the remaining work done and secure the future maintenance of the entire facility. Every time you share our story, our plight, with another person, you put us that much closer to receiving the financial help we so desperately need.

I still have faith. Faith in the Mission Community, that they will not back down from this challenge. I have faith that the funds will become available to allow us to complete the CA-State Mandate to seismically stabilize this Mission. I ask you to share my vision of a safe, stable, restored Mission that will continue to serve and educate many future generations. I have faith, but faith without action is dead. I have faith that all of us together can raise the money, from within our own community and from people who believe as we do in the preservation of this wonderful historic treasure. I have faith...in you! Please give today and thank you for your continued generosity and support! ■

SAVE THE DATE!

**Mission Days will be held on
Saturday April 7, 2018 / 11:00am-3:00pm**

Come enjoy this fun, family event and take a step back in time to the real Mission Days.

There will be re-enactors in costume portraying soldiers, artisans and vaqueros on horseback.

Demonstrations will include adobe brick making, acorn grinding, tortilla making, weaving, the making of beaded bracelets and necklaces, face painting, rope making, bell ringing, panning for gold and more.

Mission era food, water and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

\$10/car to enter the grounds, meals \$10/plate, soda and water available for \$1 each.

For more information go to:

www.missionsanantonio.net



CONGRATULATIONS to our Wall of Wine Opportunity Drawing winner Donna Oliveira!! Donna received over \$9,500.00 worth of premium wines generously donated by the wineries listed to the right.



Erin Garcia (Donna's granddaughter), Donna Oliveira, Kathy Garcia (Donna's daughter).



The opportunity drawing enabled us to raise the \$250,000 needed for the Dollar for Dollar Matching Grant. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets! We truly appreciate your support! ■

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