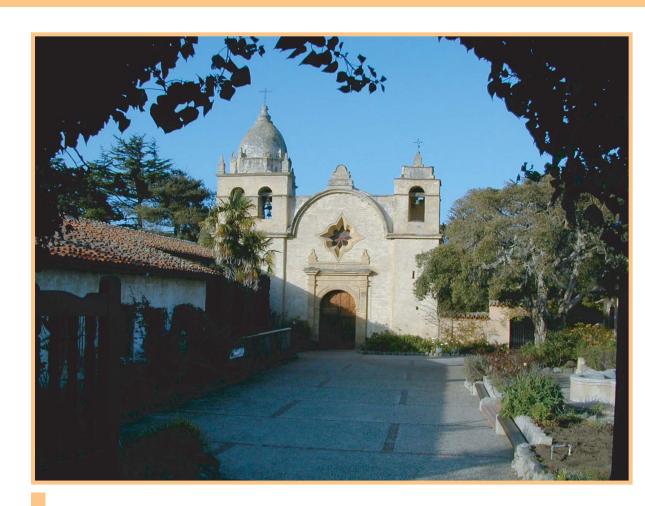
Archaeology at San Carlos Borroméo de Carmelo Mission



Carmel Mission History

1713 ~ 24 November ~ Father Serra born

1749 ~ Junipero Serra embarks for Mexico

1769 ~ Serra established in Loreto Baja California

1770 ~ June 3 Carmel Mission established as second Mission at Alta California

1770-1836 ~ Over 4,000 Indians were baptized at the Carmel Mission

1771 ~ August 24 ~ Mission relocated to Carmel River 1771-1793 ~ Seven different churches erected due to

changing needs

1784 August 28 ~ Father Serra dies

1786-1792 ~ Expeditions from France, Spain and Britain reach the Carmel Mission

1793 ~ Father Lasuen begins construction of Basilica

1803 ~ Lasuen dies, and is laid to rest next to Father Serra

1811 ~ Cracks appear in the Basilica vault

1833 ~ Padre Jose Real takes charge of Carmel Mission

1834 ~ Mission secularized

1846 ~ US takes control of California

1851 ~ Sanctuary collapses

1859 ~ California Land Commission returns title to Mission property to Bishop Alemany

1860 ~ Much original church content goes to Sacred Heart Church and is later lost in a fire

1884 ~ Father Angel Casanova undertook work to save the historic landmark

1924 ~ Father Ramon Mastres restored the first room of the old quadrangle

1931 ~ Harry Downie is made curator of mission restoration

1943 ~ Carmel Mission re-acquires Our Lady of Bethlehem

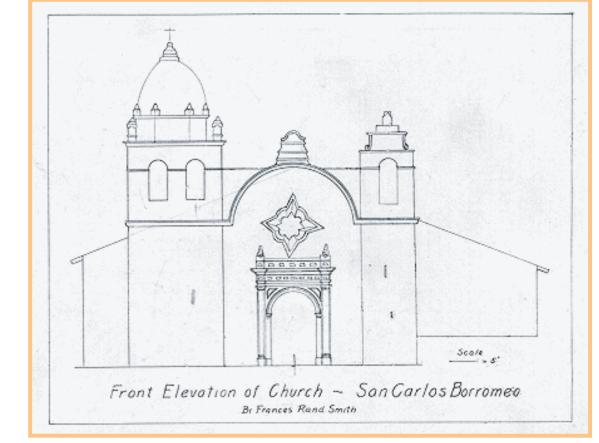
1954 ~ Downie constructed the present altarpiece

1960 ~ Mission Carmel made minor basilica by Pope John XXIII

1977 ~ Serra beatified

1980 ~ Downie dies and is buried at the Carmel Mission cemetary. Later his wife is buried next to him.

1987 ~ Pope John Paul II visits the mission









Current Archaeology Project

In January 2003 the Institute for Archaeological Science Technology and Visualization at CSU Monterey Bay was awarded a Congressional grant of \$48000. The grant was intended to promote the use of wireless technologies for innovative teaching and learning environments. The grant has been used to fund archaeological research at both San Juan Bautista and Carmel Missions.

SIDE ELEVATION OF THE CHURCH MISSION SAN GARLOS BORROMEO

Key Project Dates

Carmel Excavation begun February 7th, 2003

DirecWay Broadband Satellite Dish installed at north corner of courtyard garden on March 3rd, 2003

Ground penetrating radar survey to be completed by June 2003

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