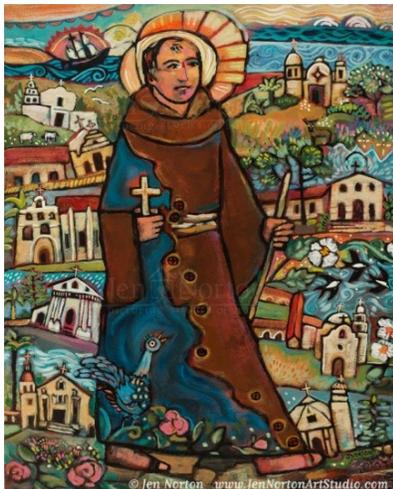
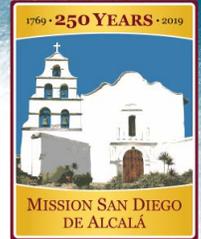


Devotion to Honor Saint Junípero Serra

O God, in Your ineffable mercy, You chose Saint Junípero Serra as a means of gathering many peoples of the Americas into Your Church. Grant that through his intercession our hearts may be united in You in ever greater love, so that at all times and in all places we may show forth the image of Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*



Litany of Saint Junípero Serra

God, the Father of Heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the World,
God, the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God,
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Mother of the Church,
Queen of the Angels,
Patroness of the Americas,
Saint Junípero Serra,

R.. Have mercy on us.
R. Pray for us.

Who opens my eyes and heart to the challenges of today,
Prophet and penitent who saw the suffering Christ in the poor,
Protector, lover, defender of our faith,
Admirer of all creation, the sea, the sky, and all the earth,
Model of priestly service and saintly son of St. Francis,
Beloved of God and of all those in need,

Peacemaker in the face of violence,
Teacher of perseverance and trust in prayer,
Apostolic missionary, Pastor, and Patron of the Californias,
Pathfinder for those seeking true direction in their lives,
Patron of all Serrans,
God's fearless leader,
Who keeps my gratitude fresh each day,
Who accepts both success and suffering as gift,
Who bore his physical and emotional pain in imitation of the Crucified,
Who spoke the truth openly and courageously against power and injustice,
Whose charity and humility endured a lifetime,
Who proclaimed the Gospel, fed the hungry, and clothed the naked,
Who was always faithful, zealous and loyal,
Who was close to the sick and dying,
Who is guide to my feet in following Christ,
Who told us, "Always go forward and never turn back."

O Christ, may your compassion shine forth from the depths of

our hearts and embrace all we meet,

You who fills the emptiness in our life with your presence,

Tender-hearted and merciful God,

Christ hear us,

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer,

R. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

R. Pray for us.

R. Hear us, O Lord.

R. Hear us, O Lord.

R. Hear us, O Lord.

R. Christ hear us.

Amen.

In 1768, Father Serra assumed leadership of the missions of Lower California and in 1769, Upper California (modern day California). On August 28, 1784, worn out by his apostolic labors, Father Serra was called to his eternal rest. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 25, 1988. He was canonized by Pope Francis on September 23, 2015 in Washington, DC. His feast day is July 1.

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