

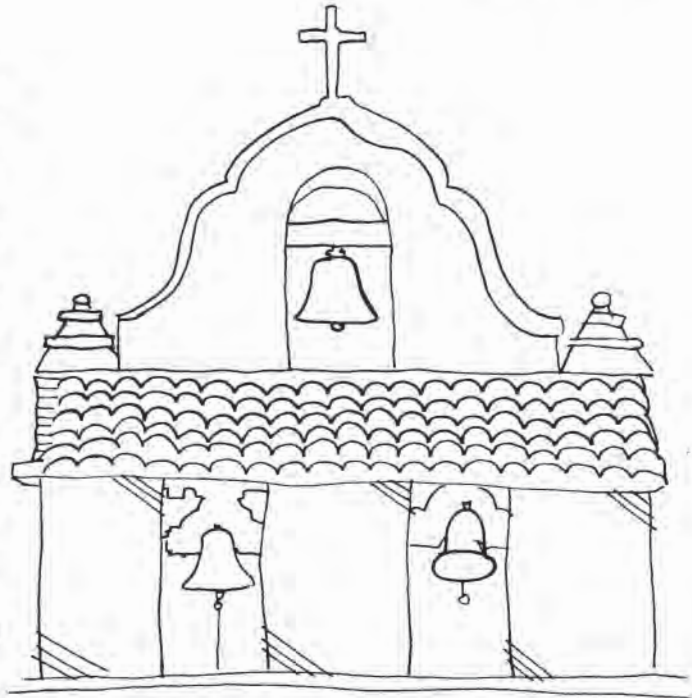
# Bl. Junipero Serra (1713-1784)

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## Man with a Mission

If you visit southern California, you will see many churches surrounded by living quarters. These are called missions. They were built by the followers of Father Junipero Serra more than 200 years ago. At that time, California was still a territory claimed by Spain. There, Father Serra, a Spanish Franciscan, worked tirelessly to spread the word about the church to the native Indians and others. He converted thousands of people. From him they learned not only about God but also about farming and ranching and how to survive in the wilderness that was then the West Coast.

Father Junipero founded nine California missions. They are San Diego, Monterey/Carmel, San Antonio, San Gabriel, San Luis Obispo, San Francisco, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Clara, and San Buenaventura.



### Which mission...

...Is named for St. James? The city on this site is known for its beautiful harbor and naval base.

...Lies in northern California on a bay? It was named for a saint who embraced holy poverty, but the city that grew up on this site is very wealthy with its banking and insurance industries.

...Is close to Laguna Beach (south of Los Angeles)? The swallows return to this mission every year on St. Joseph's Day.

...Is named for a woman saint?