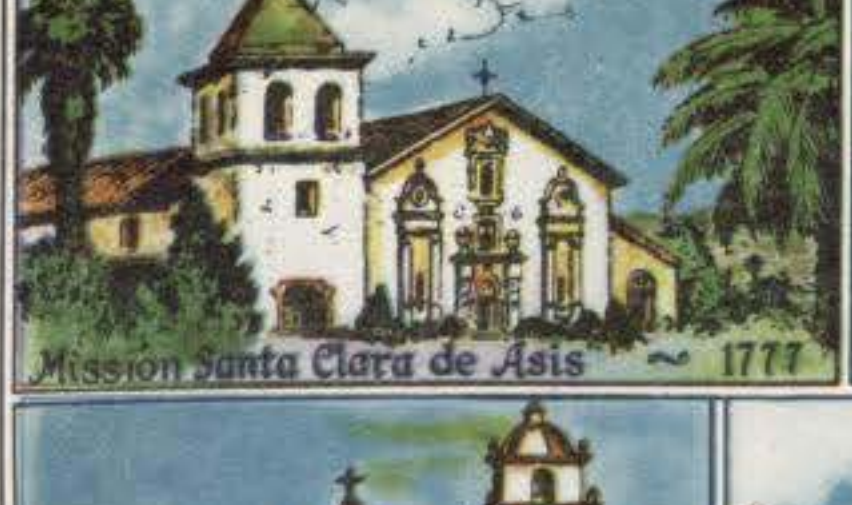




Padre Junipero Serra
Founder of the California Missions

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Miguel Jose Serra HISTORICAL

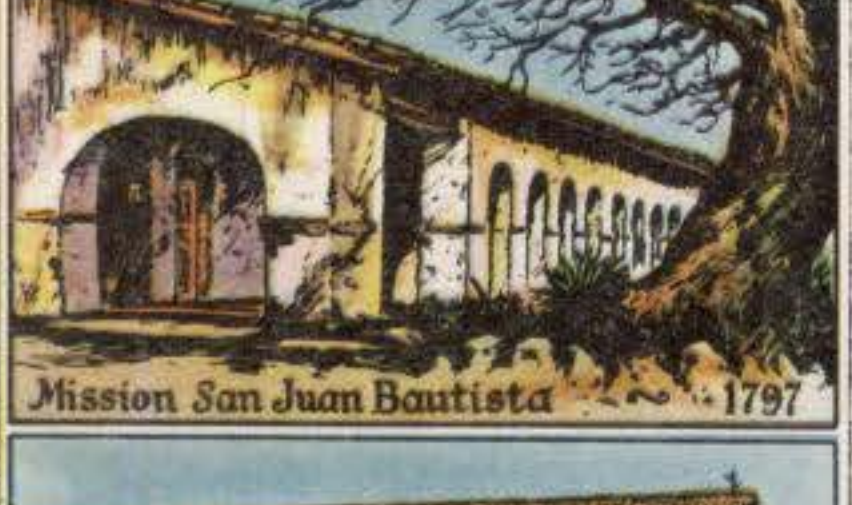
Miguel Jose Serra, a Franciscan missionary to the Indians of California was born on the island of Majorca in 1713.

When he became a priest in 1750 he exchanged his baptismal name, Miguel Jose Serra for the clerical one Junipero.

At the age of 36 he sailed as a missionary to the Spanish colonies in America and from 1750 to 1769 ministered to nomadic tribes in Mexico.

Upon the expulsion of the Jesuits from Lower California Father Serra was ordered to take up their work and explore new fields.

He came to the Pacific Coast and while he was president of the California Missions he, with the help of others, founded the missions of San Diego 1769, San Carlos 1770, San Antonio 1771, San Gabriel 1771, San Luis Obispo 1772, San Francisco 1776, San Juan Capistrano 1776, Santa Clara 1777 and San Buenaventura 1782.



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