



Mission San Diego de Alcalá

California Mission #1 • Founded 1769



ABOUT THIS MISSION

The first Alta California mission, founded in 1769. The Spanish mission system profoundly affected Kumeyaay communities whose homeland surrounded the mission.

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Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo

California Mission #2 • Founded 1770



ABOUT THIS MISSION

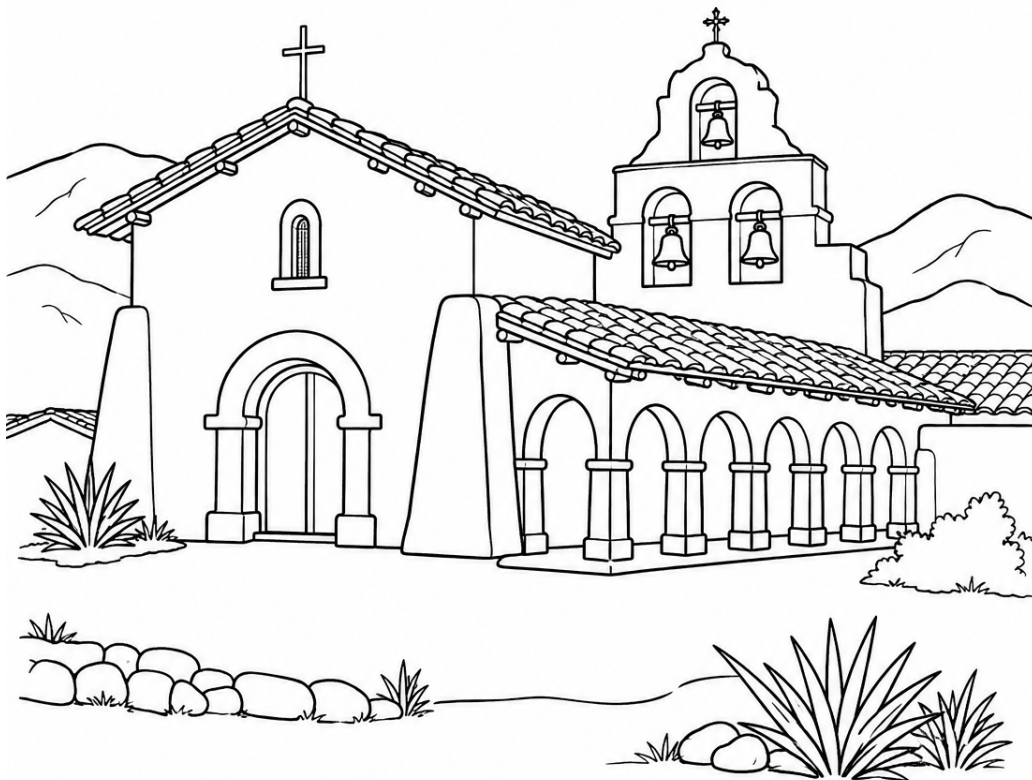
The second mission and Junípero Serra's headquarters. Its present stone church is known for distinctive unequal towers and a domed bell tower.

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Mission San Antonio de Padua

California Mission #3 • Founded 1771



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in the Santa Lucia Mountains in 1771, this remote mission stood in Salinan homelands and developed farms, workshops, and a large mission community.

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Mission San Gabriel Arcángel

California Mission #4 • Founded 1771



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1771 in Tongva homelands near present-day Los Angeles. The mission is recognized for its fortress-like church and prominent bell wall.

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Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa

California Mission #5 • Founded 1772



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1772 on California's Central Coast in Chumash homelands. The mission became the center of the settlement that grew into San Luis Obispo.

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Mission San Francisco de Asís (Mission Dolores)

California Mission #6 • Founded 1776



ABOUT THIS MISSION

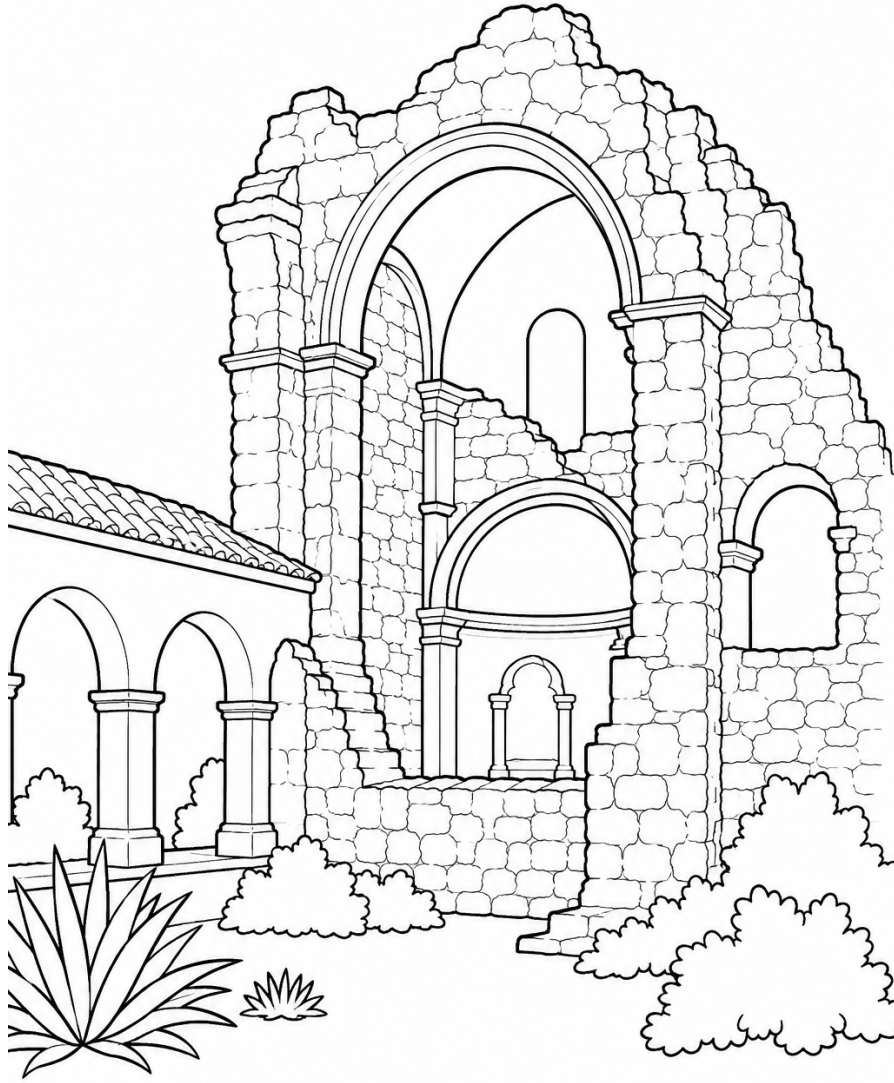
Founded in 1776, Mission Dolores is the oldest surviving building in San Francisco. The mission system deeply affected Ohlone peoples of the Bay Area.

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Mission San Juan Capistrano

California Mission #7 • Founded 1776



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1776 in Acjachemen homelands. Its Great Stone Church was damaged by the 1812 earthquake, and the dramatic ruins remain a landmark.

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Mission Santa Clara de Asís

California Mission #8 • Founded 1777



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1777 in Ohlone homelands. The mission moved and was rebuilt several times; today a reconstructed church stands at Santa Clara University.

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Mission San Buenaventura

California Mission #9 • Founded 1782



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded by Junípero Serra in 1782 in Chumash homelands. The mission grew beside the Pacific coast and became part of the community now called Ventura.

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Mission Santa Bárbara

California Mission #10 • Founded 1786



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1786 in Chumash homelands. Its present church is famous for a symmetrical stone façade and twin bell towers.

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Mission La Purísima Concepción

California Mission #11 • Founded 1787



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1787 in Chumash homelands near Lompoc. Its restored complex is unusual for the long, linear arrangement of its adobe buildings.

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Mission Santa Cruz

California Mission #12 • Founded 1791



ABOUT THIS MISSION

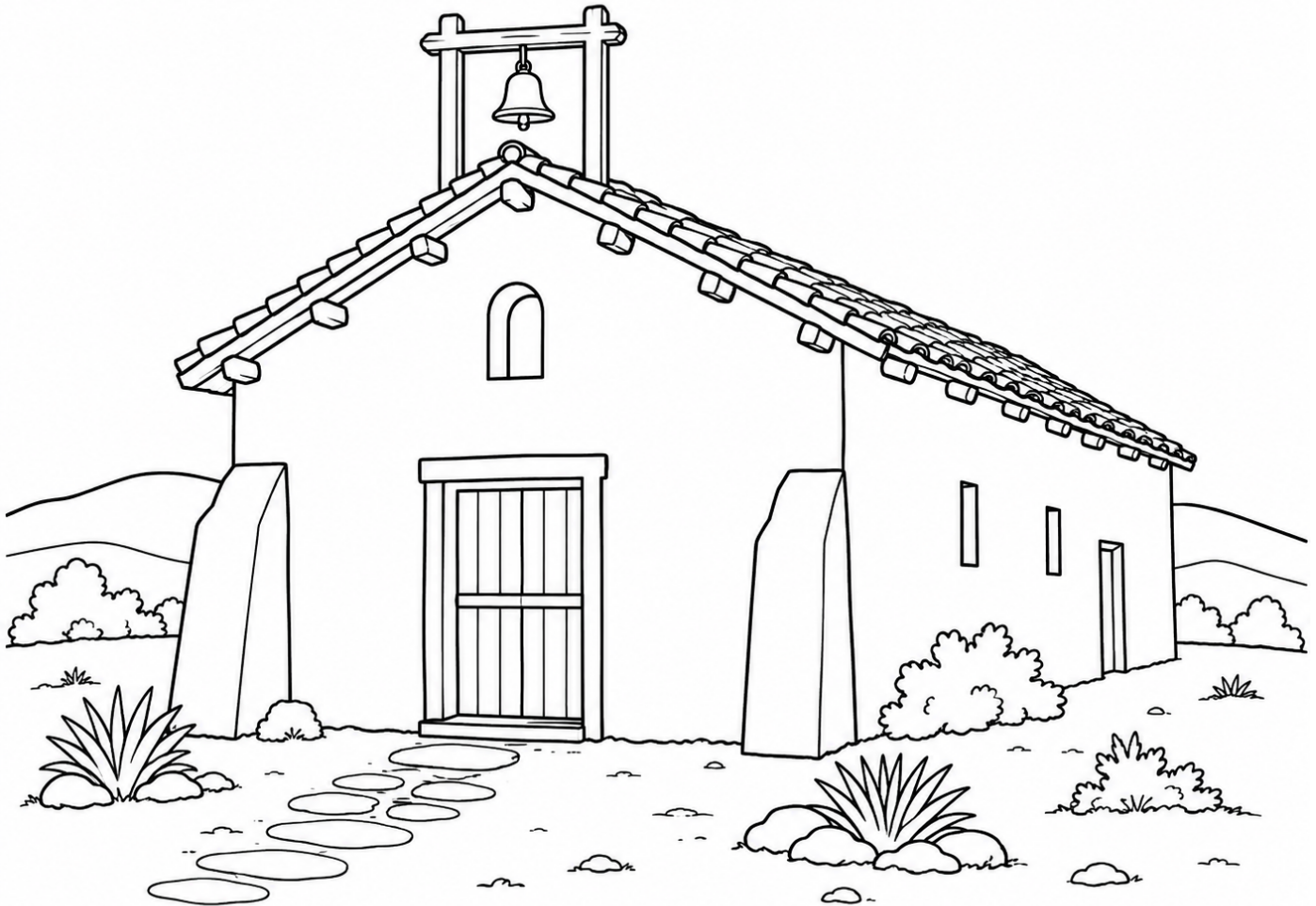
Founded in 1791 in Ohlone/Awaswas homelands. Most original mission buildings disappeared; a small replica chapel now recalls the historic mission.

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Mission Nuestra Señora de la Soledad

California Mission #13 • Founded 1791



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1791 in the Salinas Valley. Today a modest reconstructed chapel marks a mission site shaped by the lives and labor of local Native communities.

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Mission San José

California Mission #14 • Founded 1797



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1797 in Ohlone homelands near present-day Fremont. The mission became an important agricultural center before Mexican-era secularization.

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Mission San Juan Bautista

California Mission #15 • Founded 1797



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1797 in Mutsun Ohlone homelands. Its large church and historic plaza remain among the best-known features of the town.

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Mission San Miguel Arcángel

California Mission #16 • Founded 1797



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1797 in Salinan homelands. Original interior murals created with Salinan artists in the early 1800s are an especially important part of the mission's history.

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Mission San Fernando Rey de España

California Mission #17 • Founded 1797



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1797 in the San Fernando Valley, within the homelands of Native communities. The site is known for its long Convento building and arcades.

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Mission San Luis Rey de Francia

California Mission #18 • Founded 1798



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1798 in Payómkawichum (Luiseño) homelands. Its large church is noted for a tall bell tower and distinctive octagonal dome.

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Mission Santa Inés

California Mission #19 • Founded 1804



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in 1804 in Chumash homelands. The site preserves mission buildings and landscape connected to the 1824 Chumash uprising and resistance.

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Mission San Rafael Arcángel

California Mission #20 • Founded 1817



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Established in 1817 as the 20th mission in Coast Miwok homelands. Historic buildings fell into ruin after secularization; the chapel was reconstructed in 1949.

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Mission San Francisco Solano

California Mission #21 • Founded 1823



ABOUT THIS MISSION

Founded in Sonoma in 1823, it was the final California mission and the only one established under independent Mexico. Native peoples of the North Bay were deeply affected by the mission system.

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