

1990s – 2015

1999 – Conservation Society donates \$21,000 towards the restoration of the historic San Juan acequia to maintain rights to the water that historically irrigated Mission San Juan Capistrano and its adjacent farmlands.

2006 – The Society, assisted by Los Compadres and the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, takes the lead in initiating the missions' World Heritage nomination. Virginia S. Nicholas, Society president (2006-07) and Bexar County Historical Commission Chairman, organizes the working group responsible for the nomination, which includes former Society president Paula Piper (1997-99).

2014 – The Society pledges \$100,000 (to be paid over four years) to assist Los Compadres in forming an endowment for the Mission San Juan Spanish Colonial Farm: the only Spanish Colonial demonstration farm in the United States that utilizes the original historic farmlands.

The United States officially submits the missions' World Heritage Site nomination to the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in January.

2015 - ICOMOS endorses the missions' nomination in May 2015. On July 5, 2015, the World Heritage Committee awards World Heritage status to the San Antonio missions, the only U.S. site to be considered during the 39th session in Bonn, Germany.



Eight Society presidents (all women) gather for the July 7th World Heritage celebration at the Alamo. From left to right: Sue Ann Pemberton, FAIA (2013-15); Nancy Avellar (2011-13); Paula Piper (1997-99); Loyce Ince (1999-2001)(seated); Paul T. Ringenbach, Ph.D.; Charles John, AIA; Virginia S. Nicholas (2006-07); Marcie Ince (2007-09); Rollette Schreckenghost (2009-11); and Janet Dietel (2015-2017).