

San Diego de Alcalá

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The mission San Diego de Alcalá was the first of 21 missions in California. It was founded on July 16, 1769 by Fathers Serra, Paul, and Parron. It was founded because the Spaniards wanted to spread Christianity around the world. It is located near the San Diego River. A bell was suspended from the limb of a tree near the mission. Today, the mission's own priests blesses the trio of bells which rings each Sunday before mass.