

**WHAT
EVER
HE SAYS
UNTO YOU
DO IT**

—OUR LADY OF BETHLEHEM

Discovering Our Lady of Bethlehem in the 'Sacred Expedition of 1769'

This paper will briefly examine the adventure and role of the life-size dressed statue of Our Lady of Bethlehem that accompanied Fr. Junípero Serra's historic *Sacred and "Impossible" Expedition of 1769* to conquer for Spain the 500-mile-stretch of Alta California by establishing its first two Missions in San Diego and Monterey. We will also look at the statue's continued presence in Mission San Carlos Borromeo in Carmel-by-the-Sea. It also describes Our Lady of Bethlehem's fate when the missions were dissolved and the friars dismissed by the Act of Secularization imposed by the Mexican government in 1833, and her return to the Carmel Mission in the restoration project of the 20th century.

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The life-size statue (5'2" - same height as Fr. Serra) accompanied Fr. Serra on the first expedition to California in 1769. She can be visited today at the Carmel Mission Basilica in Carmel, CA.