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## **Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez kicks off Groundbreaking for Mission to River Trail**

Bexar County Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, Congressman Ciro Rodriguez, the National Park Service, Los Compadres, and other dignitaries, this morning, kicked off the groundbreaking for the “Mission to River Trail”. This pathway connects Mission San José to the hike and bike trail of the Missions. Mission San José is part of the San Antonio Missions National Historic Parks.

Congress entrusted the San Antonio Missions to the National Park Service in 1983. This marked the transition of the Missions to the San Antonio Missions National Historic Parks. Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions became the official “friends” of the San Antonio Missions developed to fundraise and match federal dollars provided by the National Park Service for the Missions. For the past 25 years Los Compadres have raised more than \$3.5 million dollars for the San Antonio Missions.

The National Park Service developed a Centennial Initiative to prepare national parks for conservation, preservation, and enjoyment. The *Mission to River Trail* is part of the Centennial Initiative which was geared to link Mission San José to the Missions hike and bike trail keeping with the true spirit of Mission San José which was to help people from one location easily move into another.