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Blessing of the Bells for Saint Clare of Assisi's new church
~ Bells will be the second largest installation in Charleston ~

WHAT: Blessing of the Bells

WHERE: Bishop England High School parking lot, facing Etiwan Park St.

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 9
10:00 a.m.

WHY: 26 bells cast at the world-famous [Paccard Bell Foundry in Annecy, France](#) will be on display and blessed by Father Gregory West, pastor of Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church. The smallest bell weighs 45 pounds and the largest weighs 1,000 pounds; each one is inscribed with a Bible verse.

Church bells are an ancient method for singing the praises of God, calling worshippers to Mass, alerting the populace of emergencies or warnings, and telling the time before people kept clocks or wore watches. Once installed, the bells at Saint Clare of Assisi's new church will chime daily, every quarter-hour, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

This will be the second largest bell installation in the Charleston metro region. Only The Citadel has more bells.

Construction of the 850-seat church is expected to be completed in late Spring 2023.

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