



St. Ignatius Bell Tower

AUDIO TRANSCRIPT



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We are standing at The St. Ignatius Bell Tower, also known as a Campanile, our final stop on the URBAN Trail.

The St. Ignatius bell is the oldest church bell in constant use in the city of San Francisco. The bell you see before you was made in England in 1859, and was purchased by our founder Jesuit Fr Anthony Marasci in 1862, for use at the original tiny campus on Market and Powell. It survived a move to a second larger campus and the 1906 Earthquake— even after the resulting fire ruined the church. This bell crashed down through several floors to the basement where it was found unharmed. After the bell was recovered, it was eventually moved to the current location and the then newly built church in 1914, which is where you are now standing. Take some time to appreciate this good news!

Bells are the perfect symbol for the theme of “pass it on” because bells spread their sweet sound not only to us here at the University of San Francisco, but also throughout the surrounding community.

Did you know that bells are also symbolic for a “call to follow the example of St Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits, and to be a contemplative in the midst of action”? Now that you have found good news with us today, we invite you to “pass it on” to your community. At the University of San Francisco we say: “Change the World from Here”, this begins by passing on your good news to others!

We are now at the end of our URBAN Trail journey. Bells are also symbolic of endings. To end our time together, we will leave you to enjoy the sound of our St. Ignatius Bell chime!

Thank you for walking the URBAN Trail!

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Amen (all for the greater glory of God; origin of the phrase is attributed to the founder of the Jesuits, Saint Ignatius of Loyola)