

## Press Release for Immediate Distribution

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## Saving the Bells of Auburn A Historic Civic Announcement! Tuesday, December 16

1:00PM-1:30PM Corner of Mill St. & Third St., Auburn, ME

AUBURN, ME. – Cast in 1915 in the world-famous Paccard Bell Foundry of Annecy, France, the four Bells of St. Louis Church are among Maine's most extraordinary heritage-based treasures. Over the past 3+ months the people of Auburn & Lewiston have been working with determination, vision, and joy to acquire, preserve and cherish these four bells as irreplaceable strands in the fabric of their local cultural inheritance. Join Mayor Jonathan LaBonté, Ward 5 City Councilor Leroy Walker, and the many individuals, families, friends, local businesses, local organizations, and neighborhood groups on Tuesday, December 16 at 1:00PM on the corner of Mill Street & Third Street in the New Auburn neighborhood for a "historic" announcement about Auburn's four Bells of St. Louis Church.

It is believed that with the exception of the 1951 Liberty Bell replica on the grounds of the Maine Statehouse, Auburn's four 1915 Bells of St. Louis Church are the only "Paccard Foundry Bells" in the State of Maine.

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