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One of the Largest Catholic Churches in the United States Breaks Ground in Visalia Visit Visalia Welcomes the Future St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Visalia, Calif. (Oct. 18, 2019) – Visit Visalia joins the excitement as St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church breaks ground on what will become the largest Catholic church in the Western United States.

The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church began a two-year construction project in Visalia, California, on the corner of Caldwell Avenue and Akers Street. When complete, the Catholic Parish church will have a 3,000-person seating capacity.

"There are such strong Catholic roots throughout California and the surrounding states, so to have been selected as the city where the largest Catholic Church in the Western United States will reside is a testament to the welcoming environment and community that we've established," said Visit Visalia Executive Director Nellie Freeborn. "This is an exciting day for Visalia. We extend our greatest welcome to the visitors who will travel here and encourage them to experience our city throughout their stay."

St. Charles Borromeo Church, a 36,000-square-foot building with a California mission-style design, is projected to be complete by Spring 2021.

For more information on Visalia, go to www.visitvisalia.com.

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<u>Visit Visalia</u> is a collaboration of the Visalia Tourism and Marketing District and the Visalia Convention and Visitors Bureau (VCVB) dedicated to marketing, advertising, public relations and other promotional efforts that inspire travel to the City of Visalia. Visit Visalia works closely with local lodging properties, restaurants and attractions to foster interest in Visalia as a year-round destination for leisure, family, and meeting and convention travelers. For more information about Visit Visalia go to www.VisitVisalia.com and follow Visit Visalia on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, You Tube and Pinterest.