

Mission San Miguel Arcángel

Mission San Miguel is the 16th mission out of the 21 missions. The mission was founded in July 25, 1797 by the second president, Father Fermín Lasuén. Mission San Miguel Arcángel is located in San Miguel, San Luis Obispo County, California.

When an earthquake happened in 2003, everything had collapsed. They had to rebuild with the mission remaining with crack marks. The church was for public closure for 6 years. Those 6 years, people had been rebuilding. It reopened in 2009.

The first people to come to the mission was the Salinian Indian Tribe. The Salinan Indians inhabited the area that the Spanish priests wanted to evangelize. The Salinan Indians also wanted to fight over the area so that they could take over that part of the area.

The mission bells are for alerting people. Also when they have to wake up, mealtime, and getting back to work. Back in those times, they didn't have technology like us today. They had to use bells and they had to hunt for themselves for food. That was over 200 years ago. Those times were different back then.