



# Calling All Cajuns!

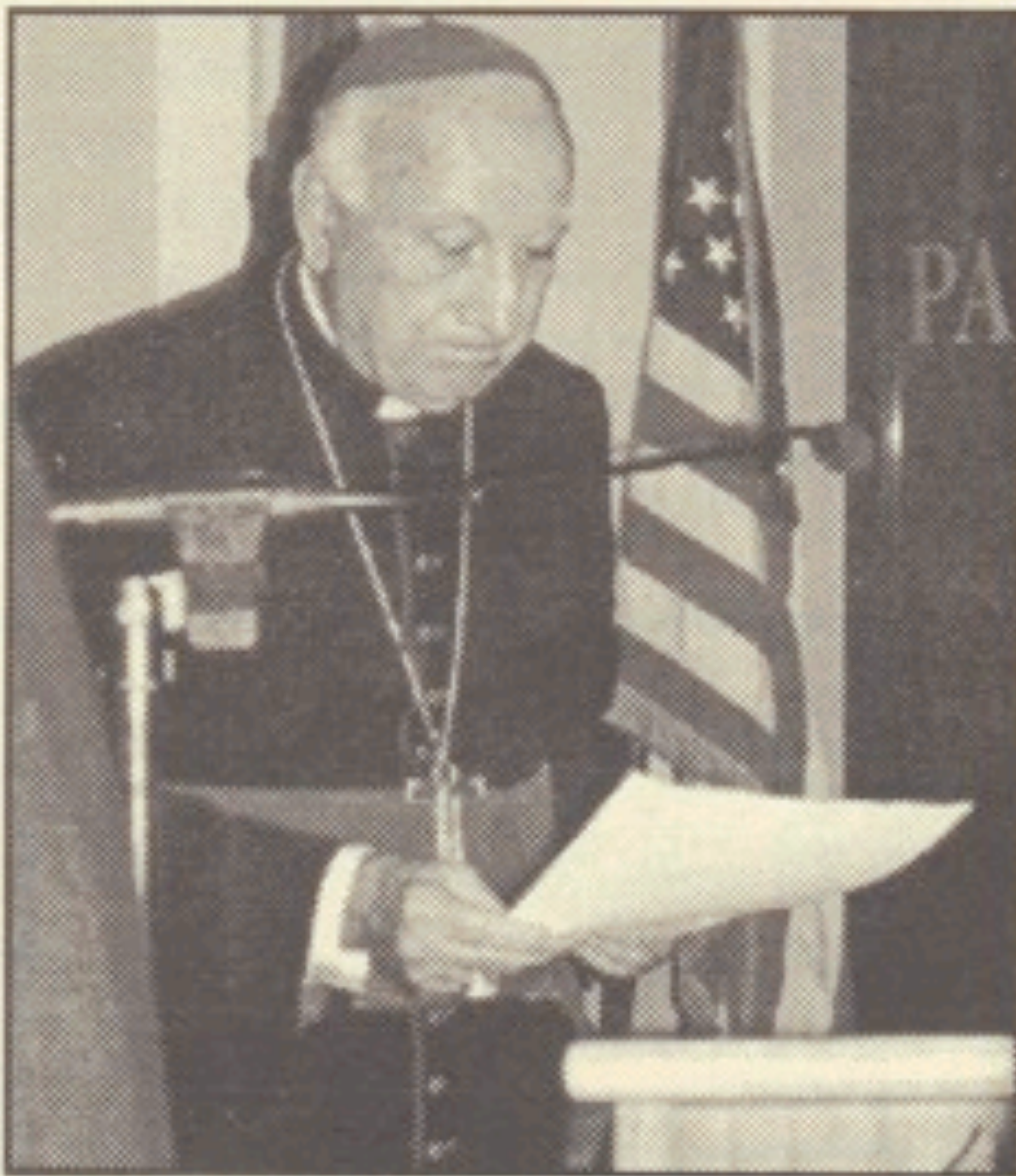
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## Milestones for the Memorial: The Cardinal and The Woodworker

### The Cardinal



November 10, 1998, was a remarkable day at the Acadian Memorial when Cardinal Pio Laghi, prelate of the Roman Catholic Church and representative of Pope John Paul II, arrived to bestow a very special blessing on the Wall of Names.

His Eminence was in the Diocese of Lafayette by invitation of Bishop Edward O'Donnell to help celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese and as part of the diocesan program in anticipation of the Third Millennium of Christianity.

Amid a round of official visits to Catholic schools and churches, the visit to the Acadian Memorial and the blessing of the Wall of Names was the only secular activity engaged in by the Cardinal on his six-day tour of the Lafayette area.

"Bless this wall, dedicated to the memory of these brothers and sisters of ours who were pioneers in the founding of the Acadian culture," Cardinal Laghi said

before a room packed with people at the Acadian Memorial. "May all those who see the wall remember with gratitude the hard work and perseverance of these men and women that have brought us this far by faith."

Jane G. Bulliard, Chairman of the Wall of Names Committee, thanked the Cardinal for taking the time to come to the Acadian Memorial. She remarked in part, "I never dreamed, and I am sure these exiles never dreamed, that one day they would be so honored as to have their symbolic reunion blessed by a Prince of the Church."

She also noted that a Capuchin priest, Fr. Jean-François Civrey, who is depicted on the mural, was the only priest assigned to travel with a group of Acadian settlers when they were sent to the Attakapas country in 1765. "So our ties to the Holy Mother Church are long and strong indeed," she concluded.

"This is our Grand-Pré," said Lafayette woodworker John Allen LeBlanc, as the scale-model he made of the Acadian Memorial building was unveiled at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, April 14, 1999. The ceremony, which took place on the ground floor of the capitol between the Senate and House committee room wings, marked another effort to recognize the Acadian Memorial as an important Louisiana site for visitors to the state.

Patricia Resweber, a cofounder of the Acadian Memorial with Janie Bulliard, commented on the importance of the location of LeBlanc's model and the accompanying exhibit being displayed in the State capitol, which she said would go a long way toward promoting the actual site in St. Martinville. "It's here next to displays of the Cabildo and State Capitol history, among others," said Resweber, "this tells people that this is what they need to see in Louisiana - this location

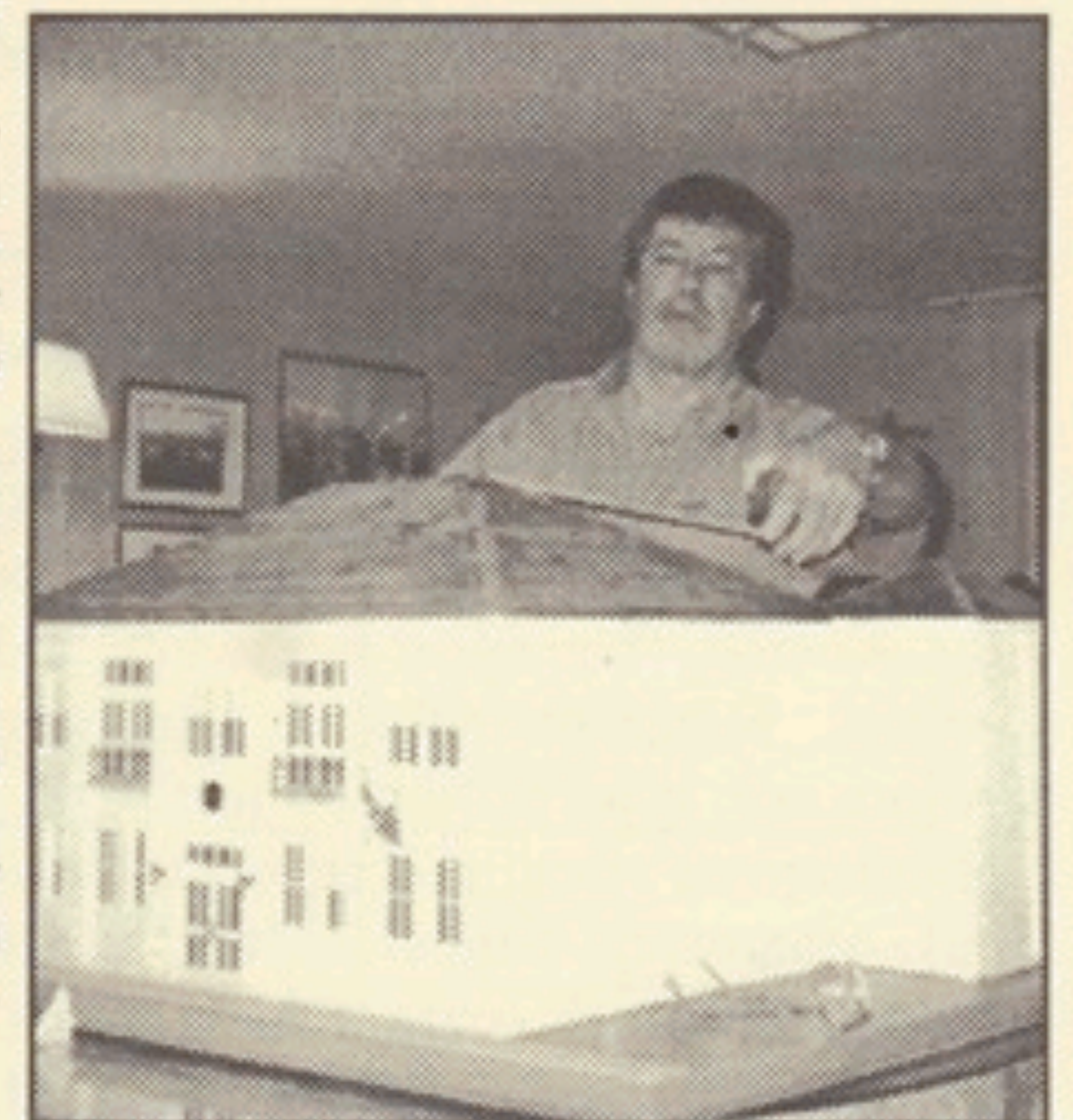
puts us in that league."

John and his wife, Shirley, are supporters of the Acadian Memorial and this model was John's tribute to their Acadian ancestry. His Acadian forebear who came to Louisiana was Olivier LeBlanc, who arrived aboard *La Bergere* in 1785 and settled in what is now West Baton Rouge Parish. Her Acadian ancestor in Louisiana was Pierre Armand Thibodeaux who was here in 1765.

A display accompanying the scale-model explains the elements of the Acadian Memorial: the Mural, the Wall of Names, the Eternal Flame and "Ensemble Encore - Together Again", the media archive available in the second-floor history center at the Memorial building.

The model and display is available for viewing daily at the Captiol, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. and is fully handicap accessible. There is no admission charge.

### The Woodworker



## From the President

This is the year of *FrancoFête*, a state wide celebration of three hundred years of the French presence in Louisiana and the Acadian Memorial is feeling its impact. Visitation increases daily and visitors from Francophone countries appreciate being able to converse in their native tongue at the Memorial and elsewhere in St. Martinville.

A big event during this *FrancoFête* year will be the *Congrès Mondial Acadien - Louisiane 1999*, the Acadian World Congress in Louisiana, which will take place the first two weeks in August. This is the counterpart of the Acadian Congress held in New Brunswick, Canada, in 1994, that was so well attended by visitors from Louisiana.

We are anticipating an increased visitor volume in St. Martinville and particularly at the Acadian Memorial so we are sending out a plea for docent help during those two weeks. To prepare volunteers, Acadian Memorial Director Jolene Adam will hold training workshops in June and July. Please call the Acadian Memorial, 318/394-2258 if you can give this much needed support.

See the calendar enclosed noting the events planned at the Memorial during *Congrès Mondial*. In particular, circle the date of the 1999 Foundation fundraiser, **Thursday, August 12**, when we will sponsor the premiere performance in Acadiana of *Evangeline: The Musical, in Concert*. Based on the poem, *Evangeline*, the play was written by Baton Rouge playwright and actor Jamie Wax with music by Paul Taranto. This memorable evening of Broadway-style music will be presented in concert on stage at the **Heymann Performance Arts Center** in Lafayette and tickets will be available through Ticketmaster and at the Heymann Center. This is a great opportunity to support the Acadian Memorial while being entertained at a major event of *Congrès Mondial*.

Another event which the Foundation is supporting is the *Congrès Mondial Official French Closing Mass at St. Martin de Tours Church, on August 14th*. The midnight Mass will conclude a day-long schedule of events in St. Martinville and will begin at 11 p.m. with a procession of the Family Name flags into church. This Mass, at the



Jane G. Bulliard

Mother Church of the Acadians, will mark the beginning of the end of the 1999 world celebration of Acadian/Cajun family reunions.

You will receive a notice by mail for the annual membership meeting to be held June 15th in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Acadian Memorial. At that time you will be presented a slate of officers on which to vote and have the opportunity for input in the workings and the mission of the Foundation. Please plan to be with us.

### Memorial Highlights

The Acadian Memorial was recently awarded the first Small Museum Matching Grant offered by the Office of State Museum. The Memorial will receive \$40,000 to be applied toward audio tour equipment, an orientation video about the Acadian Memorial and another longer version to market. Channel One Video of Lafayette has been given a contract to produce the video.

### Congrès Gardens

Area garden clubs have gathered information for those who want to celebrate the *Congrès Mondial* by planting flowers that will bloom in the colors of the Acadian flag: blue, red, white and yellow. Suggestions for the respective colors are, **blue** phlox, butterfly lily, plumbago or vinca; **red** begonia, hibiscus, ornamental pepper, salvia; **white** globe amaranth, caladium, coleus, impatiens; **yellow** daylilies, marigold,

sunflower or zinnia.

### First Acadian in Louisiana?

Stephen White, noted genealogist from the University of Moncton, Canada, will speak at the Acadian Memorial on August 11th. He has indicated that he has information about "*du premier Acadien à s'établir en Louisiane*", the first Acadian in Louisiana, whom he identifies as Joseph de Goutin de Ville, native of Port-Royal who appears in Louisiana records in 1745 and 1747. We will hear his interesting theory concerning M.Goutin.

### More help needed!

Twenty-two different Family Reunion Associations have invited the Foundation to sell its products at their reunion gatherings during *Congrès Mondial*. The reunion associations receive a rebate on these sales. **We need help to man the booths!** If you

can help at one or more of the following reunions please volunteer - call 318/394-2258 for more particulars. All supplies will be provided by the Foundation. Reunions are:

**Arceneaux** in Carencro 8/08; **Babineaux/Granger** in Rayne 8/13-14; **Benoit** in Lafayette 8/13; **Blanchard** in Pierre Part 8/07; **Boudreaux** in New Iberia 8/13-14; **Bourg/Bourque** in Bourg 7/31; **Breaux** in Breaux Bridge 8/06-08; **Broussard** in Lafayette 7/30-31 & 8/01; **Comeaux** in Lafayette 8/14-15; **Cormier** in Rayne 8/07-08; **Daigle** in Morgan City 8/14-15; **Doucet** in Doucet 8/07-08; **Dugas/Guillot** in Carencro 8/15; **Duhon** in New Iberia 8/06-07; **Guilbeaux** in Carencro 8/14; **Hebert** in Abbeville 8/06-07-08; **Martin** in St. Martinville 8/06-07; **Melancon** in Lafayette 8/13-14; **Richard** in Lafayette 8/07-08; **Roy** in Lafayette 8/07-08; **Thibodeaux** in Charenton 8/06-07; **Trahan/Leger** in Crowley 8/07-08.

**CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN – LOUISIANE à ST-MARTINVILLE du 1er au 15 août 1999 AUGUST 1 – 15 1999**

WEEK 1 – PREMIÈRE SEMAINE CALENDAR AS OF 6/2/99 some events subject to change! Call for latest info: (318) 394-2258

**DAILY  
ACTIVITIES:**

**Acadian**

**Memorial:**

10 AM – Guided  
tour (French &  
English)

11 AM – mural  
character vignette

4 PM – Guided  
tour (English &  
French)

**Saturday /  
samedi**

**31**

**Sunday /  
dimanche**

**1**

**Monday /  
lundi**

**2**

**Acadian**

**Memorial:**

2PM – Glen  
Conrad to speak  
on Acadian  
landholding

**Tuesday /  
mardi**

**3**

**Acadian**

**Memorial:**

2PM – speaker  
TBA

**Wednesday /  
mercredi**

**4**

**Acadian**

**Memorial:**

2PM - Carl  
Brasseaux to  
speak on multi-  
media archive

7PM – *La Table  
Française*  
French Sing-a-  
long

**Thursday /  
jeudi**

**5**

**Acadian**

**Memorial:**

2PM – speaker  
TBA

**Friday /  
vendredi**

**6**

**Acadian**

**Memorial:**

2PM - speaker  
TBA

**Outdoors:**

8 PM – “Zydeco  
de Ville” concert  
by Sha-Me-Noo  
(bilingual)  
sponsored by the  
Golden Keys

**Saturday /  
samedi**

**7**

Martin Family  
Reunion

**Longfellow**

**Evangeline SCA:**  
65<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
“Louisiana’s State  
Parks”

**SMP Library:**

11 AM –  
*Evangeline* film  
reunion

**St. Martin de  
Tours:**

4 PM – Mass  
5:30 PM – *Chorale  
Acadienne du  
Sudouest* in  
concert

**Maison**

**Duchamp:**

5 PM – *Scenes  
from La Maison  
Duchamp*  
(English)

**Outdoors:**

6PM - *Fais do do:*  
Bélizaire (Cajun  
music from  
France) sponsored  
by Kiwanis/Lions  
/Jaycees

**CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN – LOUISIANE à ST-MARTINVILLE** du 1er au 15 août 1999 **AUGUST 1 – 15, 1999**

WEEK 2 – DEUXIÈME SEMAINE CALENDAR AS OF 6/2/99 - some events subject to change – call for latest info: 318-394-2258

<p><b>Sunday / dimanche</b> <b>8</b> Longfellow Evangeline SCA: 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary "Traditions of the Teche"  St. Martin Square: 7:30 PM - Lioness' Club Chariot parade</p>	<p><b>Monday / lundi</b> <b>9</b>  Nantes Day  Acadian Memorial: 2 PM – Gérard Braud to speak about Acadians in Nantes, mural character vignette (French)  Maison Duchamp: 6 PM – Concert by Maryannick Braud (French)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday / mardi</b> <b>10</b>  Acadian Memorial: 2 PM – Jane G. Bulliard to speak on Wall of Names (English)  Maison Duchamp: 6PM – Concert by Helen Boudreaux (bilingual)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday / mercredi</b> <b>11</b>  Bouctouche Day  Acadian Memorial: 10 AM – Genealogist Stephen White to speak (bilingual)  2 PM – Jean Clovis Collette to speak on the City of Bouctouche (bilingual)  4 PM – Carol Peters to speak about Mi'kmaq (English)  Outdoors: 5:30 PM – <i>La Petite Boucherie</i> w/ Jr. Flores &amp; the Bayou Boys sponsored by the Jaycees</p>	<p><b>Thursday / jeudi</b> <b>12</b>  Acadian Memorial:  10 AM – Betty Boudreau Vaughn to speak on her novel, <i>I'll Buy You an Ox</i>  2 PM – Dr. Neil Boucher to speak on return of Acadians to the Maritimes  Heymann Performing Arts Center (Lafayette): 8:00 PM Acadian Memorial Foundation Fundraiser - <i>Evangeline: The Musical</i> in concert by Jamie Wax</p>	<p><b>Friday / vendredi</b> <b>13</b>  Grand-Pré Day  Acadian Memorial: 2 PM – Grand-Pré representative to speak (bilingual)  Outdoors: 8 PM – "Zydeco de Ville" concert by Sha-Me-Noo (bilingual) sponsored by the Golden Keys</p>	<p><b>Saturday / samedi</b> <b>14</b> Cajun Creole Market Day Maison de Ville: Dupuis Family Reunion On Main Street: 10 AM - Parade of Festivals Acadian Mem: 2 PM – Forum: Meet the Acadians / <i>Rencontrez les Acadiens</i> (bilingual) Maison Duchamp: 5 PM - <i>La Famille Duchamp</i> (French) Outdoors: 7:30-9:30PM - Magnolia Sisters in concert St. Martin Square: 9:30 PM Church bell concert 10:30 PM – <i>Tintamarre</i> 11 PM – CMA Closing Mass at St. Martin deTours Area Restaurants 12 AM-Breakfast</p>
<p><b>Sunday / dimanche</b> <b>15</b>  <i>Fête Nationale des Acadiens</i>  City Hall: 6:30 AM - Flag raising ceremony  Acadian Memorial: 7 AM to 5 PM – Open House  2 PM – Jean-Marie Nadeau to speak</p>						

ACADIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1999 5:00 P.M.

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**ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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## Dear Friend of the Acadian Memorial Foundation,

Your membership in the **ACADIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION** has contributed to the completion and operation of the Acadian Memorial and we sincerely thank you for that. **You are to be commended for your participation in this historically, educationally, and socially significant project.**

Dr. Carl Brasseur, historian and author, has commented that the History Center will house "the most important public history project on the Gulf Coast in the 90's".

Kathleen Blanco, lieutenant-governor, heralds the Memorial as "wonderful for Louisiana".

Senator John Breaux, who recently did a rubbing of his Acadian ancestor from the Wall of Names, said he was "enthralled with the experience".

Cardinal Pio Laghi, Vatican Advisor, blessed the Wall of Names on November 10, 1998, during his visit to the Diocese of Lafayette.

### So much has already been accomplished!

There are many plans for educational programs, theatrical performances, family histories, but only with your help can this become a reality.

The Acadians are a people with **A PAST**, a legacy that needs to be passed on to the next generation--the French language, faith in God, value of hard work, joie de vivre, music, customs, traditions. Louisiana benefits greatly from this unique Acadian/Cajun flavor. The history of the Acadians must be **REMEMBERED**, and that is one of the missions of the Acadian Memorial. In order to do this, we need you.

### So please, "Don't forget to Re--MEMBER."

There is so much more that needs to be done!

We feel that you will be proud to have your name associated with the Acadian Memorial.

**Your membership in the Acadian Memorial Foundation will expire on the date listed on the address label of the newsletter. Your dues are tax deductible under IRS 501 (C) (3).**

Again, thank you for your interest and support.

UNLESS YOU HAVE RENEWED YOUR ACADIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP, THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF "CALLING ALL CAJUNS"

# Don't forget to Re--Member!

Sometimes "remembering" to do that important task just slips by us. If that is the case with your Acadian Memorial Foundation membership, we bring this to your attention--"Don't forget to Re--Member." We want to make it as easy as possible for you because, quite frankly, **WE NEED YOU.** Please return the enclosed envelope with your gift renewal.

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# Calling All Cajuns Calendar

**July 31 - August 15, 1999**

*Congrès Mondial Acadien -  
Louisiane 1999*

**August 12 - Thursday, 8:00 p.m.**

**Evangeline: The Musical, in  
Concert, Heymann Center for  
Performing Arts Lafayette, LA.**

**August 14 - Saturday, 11 p.m.**

**Official French Closing Mass,  
St. Martin de Tours Catholic  
Church St. Martinville, LA**



Cardinal Pio Laghi (right), Bishop Edward O'Donnell (center) and Fr. Austin Leger, pastor of St. Martin de Tours Church, join in contemplation of the Eternal Flame at the Acadian Memorial. The Cardinal visited the Acadian Memorial where he blessed the Wall of Names and placed a wreath at the Eternal Flame. (Teche News photo)

Acadian Memorial on the Internet!

Website address:

[www.acadianmemorial.org](http://www.acadianmemorial.org)

(Home Page courtesy of O.P. Ditch, Woodbridge, VA)

New e-mail address: [info@Acadianmemorial.org](mailto:info@Acadianmemorial.org)

The Acadian Memorial is open daily 10-4  
Admission:

5 & Under - Free • 6 - 18 - \$1 • 19 - Older - \$2

\* Call 318/394-2233 for special rates for  
school groups & adult tour groups.

Ticket purchase is good for one year admittance

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