Acadian Fete Continues At St. Martinville

ST. MARTINVILLE—The historic Church of St. Martin was the setting Friday for the climax opening of the three-day Pilgrimage to the Mother Church of the Acadians.

In this church, one of the oldest in Louisiana, a High Mass was offered to launch the second major bicentennial event during the year-long celebration in Louisiana.

Along with Canada, Louisiana is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the survival of the Acadian people following the expulsions from Acadia (now Nova Scotia) in 1755.

SATURDAY
10 a.m. — Pageant of Louisiana by St. Martinville High School in the rear of the Old Castille Hotel near the Evangeline Oak.
11 a.m. — "The Acadian Paradise: A Dream Come True" by Cecile High School in the rear of the Old Castille Hotel near the Evangeline Oak.
1:30 p.m. — "Joie de Vivre des Acadiens" by the Breaux Bridge High School in the rear of the old Castille Hotel near the Evangeline Oak.
3 p.m. — French play by Southwestern Louisiana Institute in the St. Martinville High School multipurpose room.
7:30 p.m. — Selection and coronation of "Evangeline" with dance following at the St. Martinville High School football field.

SUNDAY
10:30 a.m. — Wedding of the daughters of Charles Durand in Pine Alley.
6 p.m. — Procession assembled in front of the St. Martin Catholic Church is departure for the May Day Pageant in Longfellow-Evangeline Memorial Park.

Another addition to the bicentennial is the art exhibit by Dutch artist, Hendrik W. Vanderwell, who will be showing 180 pieces of scenes from Louisiana and Acadian history.

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