Anniversary Revives Glory of Famed 'Red Church''

Clergy and Government Leaders Join in Ceremony

Edwards and Wife Attend

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DESTRECHAN, La. — The glory once enjoyed by the historic "Red Church" of Destrehan was revived here Sunday as leaders of religion and government joined together to commemorate 250 years of continuous service to the community.

The church, administered by the Rev. Joseph A. Lucia, auxiliary bishop of New Orleans, was the church where the first Mass was celebrated in 1727, and it still stands as a testament to the enduring faith of the people of the region.

The Rev. L. Abel Caillouet, auxiliary bishop of New Orleans, was the guest of honor at the Mass, conducted by the Rev. Joseph A. Lucia.

The Mass was attended by a large congregation of faithful, including the Rev. Francis J. Dorsey, pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church, and the Rev. John J. Keene, pastor of St. Joseph Church.

The Mass was followed by a procession to the home of the Rev. L. Abel Caillouet, where a special Mass was celebrated.

After the Mass, the group gathered at the church for a reception, where refreshments were served.

The event was sponsored by the Destrehan Historical Society and the Catholic Diocese of New Orleans.