More than 2,000 persons have become charter members of the New Orleans area chapter of CODDFIL, Domengeaux observed, and throughout the state, about 10,000 have signed charters not yet legally processed for five other parishes. Eventually, Domengeaux said, the organization hopes to have representation in all 64 parishes in Louisiana. “We have every hope the Legislature (in its next session) will substantially increase its fiscal appropriations to the Council,” Domengeaux added.

With extra funds, the staff of the organization could be increased, and its projects, like developing French courses in kindergartens and conducting exchange programs with France and Canada, can be broadened, Domengeaux said.

On accepting the document, Poitevent commented, “Our objectives in the New Orleans area chapter of CODDFIL are very broad. We are certainly interested in education, in encouraging the greater use of the spoken and written (French) word. “We are also much interested in the complete refurbishing of the Ursuline Convent, the outstanding example of French colonial architecture in the former Louisiana territory. We also want to see the statue of Joan of Arc mounted in the Place Francaise (at the Rivergate).” Poitevent appointed committees composed of local residents to carry out these objectives.