3,000 Acadian exiles to be honored

Cajuns reunited with unveiling of Wall of Names

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ST. MARTINVILLE — All Cajuns, past and present, rural or
urban, will be welcomed when the Acadian Memorial unveil the Wall
of Names, a series of bronze plaques containing the names of over
3,000 Acadian exiles to Louisiana.

The event begins at 9 a.m. Sunday with a Mass celebrated at St.
Martin de Tours Catholic Church, followed by the procession of a
families who will hold banners of remembrance. The families will
be led by representatives of the Acadian heritage, accompanied by
women and girls in traditional costumes.

The unveiling of the wall will take place at the Acadian Memorial
located behind the church on Veterans Drive.

A gourmet breakfast prepared
by the ladies of the Charred
Acadiana will be served at
11 a.m., with the formal dedication
of a new section of the Foundation.

This will be a celebration of the
diversities of Cajun culture in
Louisiana, said Jolene Adam,
curator and director of the Acadian
Memorial Center. “This will be a symbolic reuniting of the
3,000 Acadian men, women and children who made
the trek from Nova Scotia to Louisiana in the 1700s. The plaques will be unveiled.”

Joelle Adam, curator of the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, takes a peek at the bronze plaques containing the names of 3,000 Acadians who made the trek from Nova Scotia to Louisiana in the 1700s. The plaques will be unveiled on Sunday.

Three women, Martha MacArthur, Michelle Barrow, and Michelle Brown, hold a banner of remembrance for the Acadian Memorial Foundation and for the 3,000 Acadians who made the trek from Nova Scotia to Louisiana in the 1700s. The plaques were funded by contributions to the Acadian Memorial Foundation and the State of Louisiana.

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