“Bastille Day” fêté à Baton Rouge

A high mass celebrated in French in the cathedral, an outdoor fais-dodo and and a choir from Paris highlighted Cajun Bastille Day in Baton Rouge July 14, all part of the first official newly-created Baton Rouge Area Chapter of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL).

The high mass, at 5 p.m. in St. Joseph Cathedral, was celebrated by Bishop Warren L. Boudreaux of the Houma-Thibodeaux Diocese in Lafourche Parish, south of Baton Rouge.

The fais-dodo featured Vince Bruce and the Acadians band at Galvez Plaza behind the Old State Capitol.

The prestigious Les Petits Chanteurs du Marais, on tour of the United States, performed at the French high mass in the cathedral. Before mass, the choir gave another public concert.

James Domengeaux, CODOFIL Chairman, was pleased with the result. “The Baton Rouge Chapter, situated in the State Capital, is a valuable addition to CODOFIL.”

“It promises to be a dynamic addition, as one can see by the first activity they organized,” Domengeaux said.

The Baton Rouge chapter would like to make Cajun Bastille Day an annual event.

CAJUN BASTILLE DAY- Festivities are organized by the Baton Rouge Chapter of CODOFIL. Seated from left to right, Marvin Berteau, Dave Besse, Katherine Brucker, Nadine Arroui. Standing from left to right, Emily Stich, Kay Martin, and Darrel Ledet. (Photo: MEDIA-LOUISIANE)