TOGETHER THEY STAND...

The impressive Church of St. Gabriel, and the Acadiana Flag appropriately stand together on this publication. The St. Gabriel Church, in which was deposited the original church records the Acadians brought with them into exile, was built shortly after the Acadians began arriving at Mauchac, in 1758. It was moved to its present site, a Spanish Land Grant, in 1772, and the exterior has recently been refurbished. The church is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is located on the east bank of the Mississippi River, in Berville Parish, at the settlement of St. Gabriel. The Acadiana Flag was formally adopted at a February 14, 1985, meeting of the Louisiana State Acadian Odyssey Commission as the official flag of the Acadian Odyssey Celebration, set this year to mark the 200th anniversary of the arrival of 1600 Acadians, in 1785, from France. The first ship, carrying this group of Acadians, who were exiled from Nova Scotia in 1755, and who had remained in France for three decades, was Le Bon PaPa, which pulled into the Port of New Orleans on July 29, 1785.

An important message from the Louisiana Catholic Conference Committee for the observance of the Acadian Odyssey Bicentennial Celebration

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