St. John the Evangelist Cathedral is owned by the congregation of the church parish and Diocese of Lafayette and is located on 914 St. John St.

The Rev. W.J. Teurlings, pastor of St. John’s Parish in Lafayette from 1906 to 1929, was the leader of this project.

Many of the congregation’s farmers used their wagons to haul building materials from the railroad depot to the site to cut costs.

According to Teurlings, the church cost about $50,000.

The cornerstone was laid in November 1913 and construction was finished in 1916.

The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

National Historic Preservation Week is May 12-18.