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Aim

1. Our quarterly bulletin, *Kateri*, published by the Kateri Center, intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Canonization will thereby be hastened.
2. It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Canonization.
3. It also seeks your donations, for without them practically nothing can be done to make Kateri known and to have the important favors attributed to her intercession examined and approved.

Contents

Each issue of *Kateri* contains:

1. One or several pages on Kateri's life and virtues;
2. News from Kateri's friends everywhere;
3. The account of favors due to her intercession;
4. News concerning the native peoples of America, with special reference to the people of Kahnawake and their friends.

Benefits

Your contribution (\$3.00 a year, or more, if possible) enrolls you among "Kateri's Friends" for whom:

1. A weekly Mass is offered;
2. A weekly Mass for deceased friends is offered;
3. The Vice-Postulator prays at his daily Mass;
4. The spiritual treasure of the good works of the Society of Jesus is opened;
5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's canonization.;

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In many localities, very few people attend Mass on Sundays. It is true that sports and outings on week-ends have become a religion and is taking up the time of many a youth and parents. Not much cooperation between the school and the church to invite the students to practice their religion. Should the Church make an effort to revalorize the Mass again or give the chance to many lukewarm Catholics to come and see for themselves the beauty and fascination of our modern liturgy.

On the Presentation of Jesus in the temple on February 2, Saint Claude de la Colombière wrote in his spiritual journal: "At the Presentation, what an offering! it's so well accomplished by Jesus and Mary! What honor rendered to God on this occasion! I make the same offering in the Mass, if I do it with the same sentiments and the same desires of pleasing God!"

Mass is then a unique occasion to offer the Lord to His Father, since He is the new Adam, the spotless lamb, the one who redeems us, reconciles us with the Father.

We must remember that we, through baptism, are priests as well as "kings and prophets". As priests, we have the duty to offer the Son to His Father, so that our adoration and gratitude be valuable. It is the meaning of Mary's gesture at the presentation in the Temple. And this gesture is never isolated but communal. Mary holds us all in her heart.

We also, when making this offering at Mass, make a ritual gesture as well as communal, of adoration, love and gratitude...

Blessed Kateri had a special devotion to the Mass. Mass meant so much to her. When her chores as an Indian maiden did not take her to the hunting or fishing grounds, or to some community exercise, she attended Mass, even in the wee hours of the morning, a second one, sometimes, if there was some visiting missionary. Fr Cholenec related how she was sad if she had to accompany the hunters on Sunday.

Kateri knew the value of a mass - its value of supplication, of adoration, of reparation, of gratitude - and this not only in her personal name. She was in union assuredly with the eucharistic prayer of the whole Church, along with her community of Sault Saint-Louis, thinking of all her Mohawk brothers and sisters.

May we be conscious of our role as priests in the society. If a priest is the one who performs the grand offering of creation back to God, at the same time as the offering of the jewel of creation, the Man-God who saved the whole world, let us be faithful to the Eucharistic celebration, on Sunday at least, bearing the sentiments of Mary who offered to her God, her son, His son, in the name of the whole church.

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator



The Garancondie Roll

GARANCONDIE was the missionaries helper in Onondaga. After his baptism, he never committed a wilful fault, and in spite of the clamors of a faithful but scolding wife, showed in the woods of America a character worthy of the primitive Church, by the wondrous union of magnanimous virtues, and those "little virtues" which give peace and confidence to all around.

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Story of Skunk (Hupa)

Dong «who» Dun (long time ago) at Chin' de 'qut' din (where he flopped out) the women and young girls would come to this place to dig Indian potatoes. A lot of potatoes grew there and it was easy to get to. This day several women and young girls where busy digging potatoes. They used two sticks to poke out the potatoes then they would brush off the dirt and put it in a bucket.

Xol ge (skunk) came by and watched them and he saw all those nice potatoes in the baskets and his mouth watered thinking about how they would taste. He walked up to one of the women and said, "My, you sure have a nice bunch of potatoes. Will you give me some?" "No! No!," she answered, "Dig your own!" He kept asking for some potatoes but they all told him "No." In fact, they told him to go away and not bother them. So he moved to the side and schemed of how he could get some of the potatoes.

Then he thought of a way. He saw this young girl digging and he goes near her and he began to dance and sing "Ninis My. Ninis My." He twirled. Hopped. Flipped and danced with his hind legs in the air. She stopped digging and watched. She exclaimed, "Look at him dance." They looked and the skunk was really dancing hard. So they stopped digging and formed a circle around him and when the skunk saw all of them there he stopped, lifted his tail and "Wham!" he let them have it. They choked and their eyes burned. So they all ran for the river which was nearby.

The skunk picked a nice sized basket and went around, gathered the biggest potatoes and poured it into the basket. He walked away eating on those potatoes. *Hiya no ndik.* Never trust a skunk.

Ray Baldy

AMERINDIAN NEWS

Kateri's feastday in Auriesville

A gorgeous blue sky hovered over the Mohawk valley, when Fr Egan entered the Shrine to celebrate the mass in honor of Blessed Kateri. This year there was more a variety of Indians, particularly Algonquins who helped us remember that Kateri's mother was an Algonquin. Mgr Paul Lenz of the Catholic Bureau of American Indians and Fr Jacques Bruyère s.j. were assisting Fr Tom Egan s.j.

After the Mass Fr John Paret presented two Kateri awards to persons who have shown a very great devotion to Kateri's Cause: Miss Patricia O'Rourke, 14 years secretary at the Catholic Indian Missions Bureau in Washington D.C. and the members of the Kateri Circle of the Archdiocese of Detroit, led by Chet Adams.

During a special reception in honor of the worthy recipients, Msgr Lenz emphasized the fact that nothing happens without "people". He has been helped by so many worthy people and the awardees are very special people. Congratulations to Fr John Paret, the American Vice-Postulator, the coordinator of these lovely festivities.

Tribute of the Polish Americans to the first nations

On the International Year of all Indigenous People, the American

Institute of Polish Culture paid a generous tribute to the First Nations and Kateri Tekakwitha.

The Polish, all along their history have endured the same tests as the Indians: invasions, dominations, persecutions... They



In Auriesville, august 1991.

preserved nevertheless their own culture while respecting that of others.

A famous Polish sculptor, Korozok Ziobkowski, decided to put in stone, in the Dakota mountains, the famous "Crazy Horse" (563' high and 641' long), a project which goes back to 1947.

This tribute to the First Nations was rendered at the beginning of the year during the Polish International Ball. Congratulations to Madam Blanka Rosenstiel, founder and President of this Institute who wanted very much to include Kateri in these festivities.

Great-granny, great missionary

Isabel Young, a Cree from the Bloodvein Reserve in northern Manitoba, is this year's winner of the St. Joseph Award of the Catholic Church Extension Society.

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The citation accompanying the award says Young 70, "has lived a life of unstinting devotion to her Church and community. ... Since 1936, she has served the mission (at the Bloodvein Reserve) as a lay volunteer but her work extends far beyond the usual definition of the term. She prepares children in religious instruction, leads Bible-study groups and the liturgy, brings sacraments to the sick and shut-in, and is the principal pastoral visitor in this community of 500." Young is the mother of 23 and is grandmother and great-grandmother to 100 more.

Traditional foods promoted

Nutritionists and health workers in the Northwest Territories are encouraging people to return to their traditional ways of eating and cooking. An eating plan based on foodstuffs found in the North notes that traditional northern diets provide all the necessary vitamins and minerals that southerners get from fruit and vegetables. Among the foods recommended are fish-head soup, cranberries, seal-blood broth, cooked sea urchins, caribou kidneys and seaweed.

Safeguarding the languages and cultures of the Aborigines

The missionaries who worked and still are working amongst the Aborigines of Canada, made great efforts to learn the local languages, to discover their inner laws, producing tools to know them and teach them better. The

missionaries have founded many magazines in Indian languages and Inuktitut, of which the first dates back to 1905.

There are at least 300 original manuscripts in Indian as well as in Inuktitut, of which 141 are dictionaries in 27 Indian languages, 74 grammars in 19 different languages.

These manuscripts also contain stories, legends, compilation of instructions, hymns, prayers, catechisms, translations of biblical texts, etc. It must be added to this 226 works printed in one or other of these languages. To have a better idea of the contribution of the missionaries, a research should be made in the archives of all religious congregations, of all the churches and of a variety of organisms, working with the Natives.

Bishop Henri Goudreault O.M.I.

Annual Pow-Pow in Kahnawake (July 10-11)

While Kateri was being celebrated in Auriesville, Kahnawake was holding its annual colorful show of Indian traditions and arts, especially dancing. Many Indian groups from Canada and the U.S. participated: Sioux, Crees, Mohawks, Algonquins... The dancing competition attracted crowds estimated at 35,000. For a while every one seemed to be dancing.

The Pow-Pow is in remembrance of the 1990 conflict and plays an essential part in the reconciliation with the neighboring towns. A sense of real brotherhood was felt during these two days. Every face wore a smile.

BLESSED KATERI makes a trip to Asia

Many a people dream of travelling when they'll get up there, with their angel wings. I love to think that Blessed Kateri, who is a saint for the whole world, loves to roam around and visit all the first nations, wherever they may be.

As you may know, there are a lot of indigenous people in Asia: 102 groups in China, 8 in Taiwan, 62 in the Philippines without mentioning all the different tribes living in Japan, Thailand, Malaysia... They are often called "ethnic minority groups".



Fr Bruyère in the former parish of Holy-Family, Taipei.

Going to the Far East at the end of April, I could not leave without taking dear Kateri with me. So when I flew off to Taipei on April 22nd, I had my suitcase stuffed with pictures, posters, medals and souvenirs of Kateri. Arriving in Taiwan,

the Custom Officers at the airport just asked me who was this beautiful Indian girl on the pictures. Then Kateri accompanied me to my former parish in Taipei: Holy Family Church. During my special mass for the Taiwanese on Sunday May 25, I introduced the Lily of the Mohawks to the crowd of parishioners, many of whom still remembered me. Steele's picture of Kateri was hanging from the pulpit and when Mass ended many came up to take a closer look at Kateri, before they signed a petition for her canonization.

A few faithful from other parishes also took the sheets to their respective parish to obtain more signatures. Then I did the same in three convent of Sisters where I said Mass at their request. Many questions were asked after every celebration and every one thought she'd be a great model for the youth of today!

But the greatest welcome and success happened in the mountains of Taiwan with the Tayan tribe, where the Jesuits have built many missions outposts. Fr Keith Martinson S.J., paster of Ching Chüan was most cooperative. He had Kateri's picture exposed in the

BLESSED KATERI makes a trip to Asia (continued)

sanctuary, then invited me to preach at every mass. The church was filled every time with adults, children and... a few dogs, very pious at that! After the celebration, these lovely people came up to touch the holy picture, after Fr Martinson himself had explained how very soon she would be a patron-saint for these First Nations inhabitants, so many all over the world. I was wearing my beaded-necklace of Bl. Kateri and I was told in Chinese that another tribe on the East Coast also made similar bead-work. Again petitions were signed and these good people made me promise that I would notify them as soon as Kateri was canonized.

On April 17, I paid a visit to another mission on the East side to Taiwan, where Father

Beauregard, a Canadian Jesuit is pastor. Bl. Kateri followed me again and there also she met quite a few aborigines. Unfortunately many were away that Sunday to attend a Chinese "pow-wow" in the neighboring town.

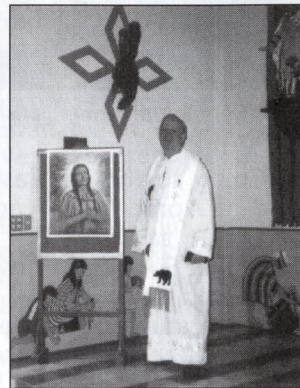
I have to mention that many of these aborigines are working all over the island, mainly in the cities, so they are seen in the parish only on big feastdays. No jobless in Taiwan.

In the Hualien diocese, many aborigines are Catholics; there is even a Native Congregation, the Sisters of St. Martha.

On April 19, I flew to Manila where I would spend 10 days. After inquiring I learnt that it was not safe to go to the mountains and moreover the roads had been very badly



With the Aborigenes of Ching Chüan in the mountains of Taiwan.



BLESSED KATERI makes a trip to Asia



Young Indigenous in Fr Beauregard's Parish, in Nan-Ao, Taiwan. Right; old house, left; new house .

damaged by earthquakes, and the government being busy with other problems – like solving the electricity problem – had no time to work on it yet.

But I met Bishop Claver in Manila, who is a Jesuit of Igorote origin. He knew all about Kateri since he spent a year as tertian in Auriesville, N.Y.

As there were 8 hours of "brown-outs" a day in Manila, I just couldn't get organized, so poor Kateri was kind of neglected.

I distributed my pictures of Kateri with the prayer to obtain her canonization.

Everywhere I went I spoke of her and it stirred a lot of interest. On my way back, flying from Hong Kong to Montreal, I was sitting by a Japanese Lady and sharing with her my calling-card: Vice-Postulator for Kateri's Cause. The questions then came out and I had to explain to her the whys doings of saints.

Even as a non-Christian, she seemed to be quite impressed and who knows if she will not come to Kahnawake, now that Kateri and I have returned from our trip to the Orient.

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.



The Sacro Costato Sisters sing at the mass for Kateri.

Culture and Faith Exchange

The Jesuit Scholastics of Saint Michael's Institute at Gonzaga University in Spokane joined in the Loyola Project to raise money for the Sewinomish Spiritual Center (Sewinomish Indians live in the St Paul Mission of Montana.)

The scholastics traveled to the reservation to sing their final performance of Wind and Word for the Swinomish People of St Paul's Catholic Church. The Indians responded with a long dinner.

Tribal Chairman Robert Joe, "a man strong in Indian ways and strong in Catholic ways", honored the sacredness of this occasion. "When two different peoples come together, amazing things happen, things you cannot see, hear or touch, but amazing things that change us all," he said.

Ways came to speak louder than words for the young Jesuit, Ed Lopez. During dinner, he complimented Swinomish elder Jim Wilbur's "ribbon shirt". At that, Wilbur stood up, took his ceremonial ribbon shirt off and made a gift of it to Lopez. "I was uncomfortable at first, not knowing the custom but I was deeply honored by Jim's act of kindness," Lopez said.

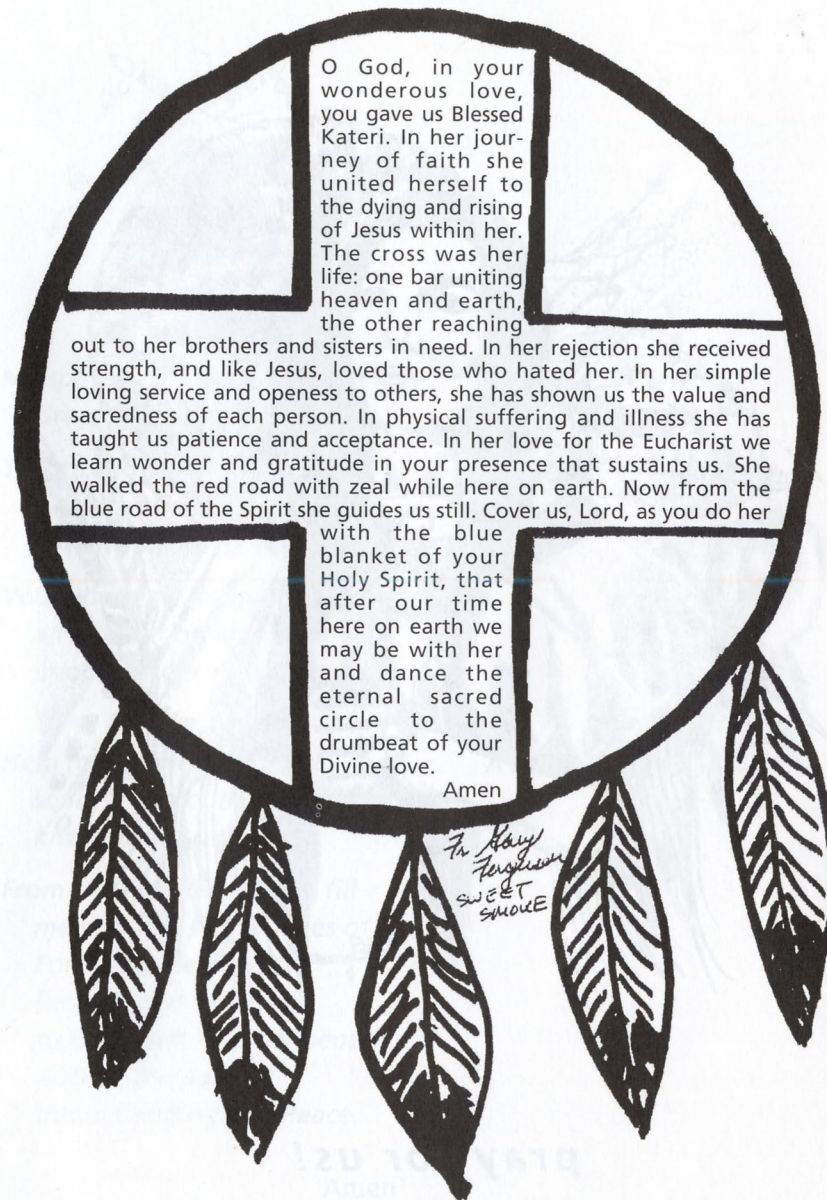
Then Fr Twohy, pastor of the Parish, offered wisdom of his 20 years of experience with the complexities of mixing cultures. "Some people see Indian ways as opposed and unable to be reconciled. Some feel the two ways run parallel and show respect for each, independently. I feel the two ways mutually enhance and enrich each others."

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"Sweat grass" purification ceremony with the Scholastics.

May blessed KATERI guide us still

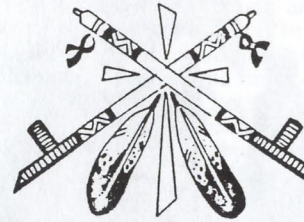


BLESSED KATERI



pray for us!

Prayer for canonization of KATERI



*My spirit is one with You,
Great Spirit.*

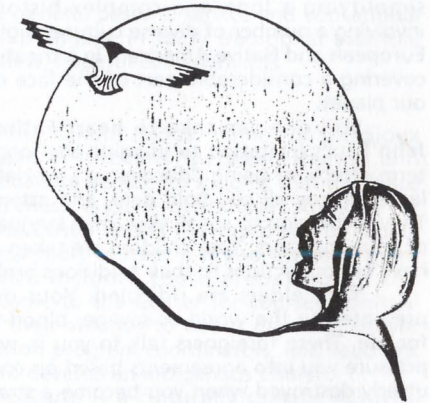
*You strengthen me day and
night to share my very best
with my brothers and sisters.*

*You whom my people see in
all of creation and in all
people, show Your Love for
us.*

*Help me to know, like the
soaring eagle, the heights of
knowledge.*

*From the Four Directions, fill
me with the four virtues of
Fortitude, Generosity,
Respect and Wisdom:
so that I will help my people
walk in the path of
Understanding and Peace.*

Amen



A LAKOTA PRAYER...

Jesuits and the Indigenous Peoples of Canada and the United States

Father John Paul, director of Red Cloud Indian School, writes from Pine Ridge, South Dakota, "A favorite t-shirt worn in Indian country these days reads, "If Columbus discovered America, then who were those people who greeted him?" " It is difficult to know whether to commemorate the fifth centenary of Columbus' voyage and how to mark that of the first preaching of the Gospel in the Americas, or to make a general evaluation of the effects of the interactions of peoples – and the role of Jesuits – in the intervening centuries. There is, of course, the danger of oversimplifying a long and complex history involving a number of diverse cultures, both European and Native American, in a theater covering a considerable part of the face of our planet.

Still one can take to heart Father John Paul's invitation to imagine the long-term effects of being "discovered" on Native Americans: "Foreigners invade your land, destroy all you hold dear, and attempt to remake you in their own image. They forbid you to speak your own language or practice your religion in the ways of your ancestors. Your children are taken away to be "educated" in their way and have all connections to their traditions broken.

Your elders are ridiculed. Your own livelihood is denied you. You are presented to the world as savage, blood-thirsty war-mongers, having no respect for life. These foreigners talk to you in words not found in your vocabulary and pressure you into agreements based on concepts unfamiliar to you. your dignity is utterly destroyed when you become a stranger and prisoner on a small corner of what was once your land. Back in the 1850's Chief Seattle found himself in just this situation and said, "This is the end of living and the beginning of mere survival".

Presence of the Jesuits

For better or for worse, for some four centuries now, Jesuits – with all their ignorance, limits, and defects, as well as their good will, talents, and God's grace – have gone among the native peoples of North America. They have done so following their vocation as stated in their Constitutions "to travel through the whole world and live in any part of it whatsoever where there is hope of greater service to God and of help of souls". One of the best known is Father Peter DeSmet.

Last year religious and civil leaders gathered with the people of Stevensville, Montana, to dedicate large wooden statues of Chief Big Face of the Flathead tribe and Father DeSmet at site of the mission called "St. Mary of the Rocky Mountains". It was the 150th anniversary of its founding. Father DeSmet and five Jesuit companions went West from Missouri in 1841 after being invited by three delegations of Flatheads who visited the city of Saint Louis in search of Black robes or Jesuits. DeSmet had come to Missouri in 1823 as a very young Jesuit, along with Charles Van Quickenborne, Peter Verhaegen, and others. In one way or another all of these pioneers ministered among Native Americans, and St. Mary's in Montana was only one of many such foundations.



Deacon Ron Boyer trained at Anishinabe Center

Father Pedro Menéndez de Avilés seems to be the first Jesuit of all to seek to go among Native Americans in what are now Canada and the United States. Already in 1566 in what is Florida today, he gave his life trying to make a beginning. Various attempts were made in Canada, and the third in 1632 proved enduring. It is perhaps enough to mention the heroic lives, work, deaths of Saints Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and their companions (background to the recent and somewhat controversial film *Black Robe*, as well as the explorer of the Mississippi River Father Jacques Marquette. In 1634 Father Andrew White and his companions arrived in the new colony of Maryland and immediately began to go among the local native peoples. At the end of the 17th century Father Eusebio Kino's travels and work took him among those of what is now Arizona.

These early Jesuits and those of the last century like DeSmet set a pattern. In 1886, for instance, Fathers Paschal Tosi and Louis Robaut arrived among the native peoples of Alaska. Today Jesuits are found among the Eskimos, the Anishinabe, the Mohawks, and the Sioux – to mention only some of the peoples among and with whom they live and work. Several Jesuits dedicate themselves completely to them. Many others touch Native American communities and individuals and are available to them in the context of more general pastoral service and educational ministry. Many of those in the first group engage in fairly traditional essential parish and school work. Others promote new, hopeful developments.

Spiritual centers

"Mahpiya Na Maka Okoigna" is the Lakota (Sioux) name for the Sioux Spiritual Center in Plainview, South Dakota. It means "Between Heaven and Earth". The name was chosen by Catholic Lakota people to suggest that this place would be a place of healing and forgiveness, a place of spiritual strength for individuals and for the whole people. The Center serves five reservations. People come for retreats, days of recollection, and short courses. It is also the focal point of a ministry formation program which includes those preparing for the Permanent Diaconate. Ministry people come to the Center for courses, spiritual direction, and retreats. They return to their villages to act as deacons, prayer leaders, parish assistants, religious education program coordinators, and teachers. The Center is the heart beat of an effort to develop an indigenous Church.

The Kateri Northwest Ministry Institute is a culturally specific ministry training program for indigenous peoples in the Catholic Church in the Northwest United States. It was developed to relate to their histories and meet their cultural needs, which differ from those of the mainstream and those of transplanted European traditions and ways. Operating out of both Great Falls, Montana, and Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane, Washington, the Institute provides practical training and guided experience in the basic ministries of the Catholic Church. In addition to increasing the number of Native Catholic ministers, the program seeks to build up the people's sense of dignity and confidence in themselves, striving to reduce the rates of alcoholism, drug abuse, and family dysfunction. Bishop William Skylstad of Spokane explains that the Kateri Institute is committed "to the revitalization and the renewal of the spiritual life of the Native American peoples of the Northwest". The Native lay leaders participate in the program with enthusiasm and great dignity, drawing upon the wealth of their own cultures and rediscovering their own Native ways and spirituality.

The Anishinabe Centre at Anderson Lake near Espanola, Ontario, is called "Wasseandimikaning", or "the Place of Spiritual Enlightenment". It also strives to be a focus of reconciliation and healing, as well as a place for general pastoral ministry and formation for service and ministries in the Church. In recent years there has even been one vocation to the celibate priesthood, who was able to begin and do part of his studies at the Centre. It, too, puts much emphasis on the

Jesuits and the Indigenous Peoples of Canada and the United States (continued)

work of "inculturation" of the Faith, called for by Vatican II, realizing that in the final analysis the Native peoples themselves will inculturate their Faith. In addition to the formation of adult leaders, the Centre gives special attention to leadership training for young people. Each month from September to April the Native youth gather for a special week-end. Camp Beedahbun provides a more intense experience during the summer months. Experience, reflection, decision, and action are used as essential steps in this formation. This program, as well as others here and elsewhere, stress coordination and cooperation or the team approach.

Father John Paul is an educator and runs a drama program at the Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. It is one of the school's most successful programs and includes staging some of the traditional Lakota (Sioux) stories. Father believes that much of this success derives from the fact that in it the students are drawing on an element that is strong and deep in their culture – the role of the traditional storyteller. These storytellers kept the traditions alive from one generation to another, passing on the values and beliefs of the people – everything that gave them their identity. This program represents inculturation in a slightly different context. It also gives much to the students who participate in it. Many past participants are now university graduates and tribal leaders. Such new approaches and experiences are indicative of a new reality that is emerging.

Father George Leach writes from Canada, "The drum is sounding a new age for the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada. In this emerging situation, the Jesuits have a new role. Their call is to "walk with", to be collaborators in the creation of this new Native reality and in the forging of a fully Native Catholic Church". His words are echoed by others.

New type of missionary

Father John Hatcher writes from South Dakota, "This is an important transition time for the Church on the Reservations. A new type of missionary is needed: one who is willing to help people do for themselves rather than one who will continue to do things for them. It takes extraordinary personal asceticism to encourage and form Native people for leadership on all levels while conscientiously surrendering one's own leadership role".

Father John Paul writes, "A real tribute to the strength and beauty of the Lakota people lies in the fact that they have "survived" the last 500 years and are now saying, "It is time to live again". The pastoral challenge we Jesuits now encounter is that of working with them to build a Church that is both Catholic and Lakota".

All this new vision, life, challenge, and hope was recognized and encouraged by Pope John Paul II during a visit to the United States in his address to the Tekakwitha Conference: "Your encounter with the Gospel has not only enriched you; it has enriched the Church. We are well aware that it has not taken place without its difficulties and, occasionally, its blunders. However, and you are experiencing this today, the Gospel does not destroy what is best in you. On the contrary it enriches, as it were, from within, the spiritual qualities and gifts that are distinctive of your cultures... And the revival of Indian culture will be a revival of those true values which they have inherited and safeguarded, and which are purified and ennobled by the revelation of Jesus Christ".

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KATERI CENTER NEWS

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Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

Bert Marlatt, Hilton, NY 33. A Sister of Mary Reparatrice, Montreal, QC, 25.

Icon for KATERI

Parishioners from St. Mary's Parish in Greenfield Park presented the Kahnawake community with an icon of Kateri Tekakwitha at Kateri's Shrine April 18.



Tekakwitha was beatified in 1980; her feast day is April 17. The icon was by Constantin Florea, a Romanian immigrant and iconographer.

"I present this icon of Kateri to her people to be in solidarity with

them," Florea said in presenting the icon. "Like Kateri, I am a refugee because of our faith in God. We were both persecuted for our belief in Jesus Christ. This icon of Kateri has it that she is not smiling because in my faith we believe in the suffering Christ, and she is with Christ, she suffers with us."

Rosalyn Snyder, a pastoral animator at St. Mary's, also presented the community with liturgical vestments.

"We, from St. Mary's, wanted to do something that would be a permanent symbol of our presence, our compassion and our understanding in your ongoing struggles and accomplishments," she said in presenting a stole and white chasuble to the community.

"We decided to design liturgical vestments that would incorporate native traditional symbolism with Christian traditional symbolism."

Bishop Bernard Hubert and Fr. John Walsh, EV, joined more than 250 people for the celebration.

Bryan Boyer

Monologue on Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha now available

Mary-Eunice of Mary Productions is offering a character sketch monologue on the life of the Indian maiden whose Feast Day is July 14th (in the U.S.). The monologue tells about her life as Kateri serves as a shining determination to live the Catholic faith in spite of the pressures of her people and society. It is hoped that young people will be more aware of this native American "saint".

For a copy of the script write:
Mary Productions, Tomaso Pl.
#212 Oakdale Dr.
Middletown, N. J. 07748.

(Self addressed envelope will be appreciated).

Testimonies of favors obtained

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W. H.!**

Please accept this gift of twenty dollars for prayers answered by Blessed Kateri. Our son is being married to a wonderful Catholic girl. Thank you Blessed Kateri for you have answered many of my prayers, you are in my daily prayers.

(New Minas, NS)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L. M.!**

Enclosed please find fifteen dollars for a subscription and the remainder for Kateri's Cause. I had a very difficult real estate deal, which closed after my prayers to Kateri. She has been very helpful in the past and I know she will continue to help me.

(Biddeford, ME)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M. M.!**

Enclosed please find twenty-five dollars for favors answered. I had two tumors removed which turned out to be benign and my husband is recuperating favorably after a severe heart attack. I pray daily for Kateri's Canonization. Please use three dollars for my subscription to the Kateri Magazine.

(Ladysmith, BC)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. M. S.!**

Please accept the enclosed offering. My brother-in-law has found employment. It's temporary employment but thanks to prayers to Blessed Kateri a pay cheque is coming in the family. Please keep my brother-in-law in your prayers.

(Toronto, ONT)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. M.!**

Within five minutes after raising a prayer to Kateri, I found what I was looking for. Thank you Kateri. Herewith five dollars to renew my subscription.

(Jackson Heights, NY)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G. C.!**

Enclosed please find a cheque for fifteen dollars for two favors received. My brother had a successful operation and I found my purse and nothing was taken from it. I am always in need of Kateri for my family and friends.

(Guelph, ONT)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. L.!**

I am enclosing twenty dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for a favor received. My son was paralysed in a car accident nine years ago and is now able to move his hands and legs. I have been praying to Kateri every day to give him strength and now my prayers have been answered.

(Big Cove, NB)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. Y. G.!**

Once again my little Kateri came to my help. My son needed to find a job, he was out of work for three months. I kept praying to Kateri and he did find a job. Also my niece was very sick and needed an operation. Everything was successful. Will keep praying for Kateri's canonization.

(Bristol, CT)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W. Y.!**

Thank you Blessed Kateri for a successful liver cancer operation. No chemotherapy or radiation is necessary.

(Burnaby, BC)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. P. M.!**

Please find enclosed a check for ten dollars which I promised Kateri for helping me find a lost paper. My intention request is also enclosed.

(Fairview, PA)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. G.!**

Enclosed please find a check for fifty dollars for Blessed Kateri. She has helped me again. I asked her to influence a judge in giving a just and merciful sentence to my son... The judge gave him a 90 day suspended sentence. Thank God, Blessed Kateri and our Blessed Mother Mary...

(Reading, MA)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F. D.!**

... I want to say how absolutely wonderful Blessed Kateri has been to me over the past year. Last November my one and only daughter had a beautiful baby boy after a very hard week of labor ending in surgery at which time the doctors discovered both my daughter and the baby had a bad B virus syndrome. This is usually deadly to babies. All through her pregnancy I prayed to Blessed Kateri, St. Anne, Our Blessed Mother and St. Jude, asking that she would have a healthy baby and that she would be a good mother. I have received both favors. My beautiful grandson is really the most beautiful and healthy baby I have ever seen and my daughter is a model mother. I couldn't be happier... I pray for Blessed Kateri's canonization everyday as do so many of my friends whom I have enrolled in the Kateri Guild...

(New Ross, NS)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss G. B.!**

I thought you would be interested in the following: You might recall I recently sent you one hundred dollars for Kateri's Cause. I said at the time I was going to buy an outfit but when you letter came requesting help for Kateri's Cause, I sent the hundred dollars to you. You very sweetly sent me a thank you letter and at the bottom of the letter you wrote that you hoped Kateri would get me that outfit. Well, thanks to you and Kateri, this morning I learned that I won a hundred and fifty dollars. I had taken chances for an Academy of the Little Sisters of the Poor. I have been taking chances for years and never won anything. But that did not bother me because it was always for a good cause. So you see I not only got one hundred dollars back but fifty dollars more. God will not be outdone in generosity. So I'm sending fifty dollars to Mother Angelica of the Eternal Word Television Network because she has such a wonderful program and her good works reach so many good people...

(St-Louis, MO)

Little Sister wants to know...



...if you won't help us get at least 50,000 promises of a daily Our Father, Hail Mary and three Glories!

We need them to obtain from the loving Heart of Jesus the speedy canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Some 25,970 pledges have come in after ten years' effort.

Kateri Lawrence
First Communion
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Please send yours to: The Kateri Center
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My pledge to KATERI _____ Date _____

I, the undersigned, pledge to offer up each day one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and three Glories until the miracle needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization is obtained and approved.

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Your intentions shall be forwarded to Father **Anthony Roussos, S.J.**, on December 1, at Isfiya, Israel. He will celebrate nine masses for you in the agony of continued war, in Lebanon.

(no offering required.)

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5 good reasons for having a box on hand all the time: On the occasion of the death of a relative or friend, all you have to do is sign a card and send it to the bereaved family.

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1. A weekly High Mass is offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;
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2. Gilded: \$3.00
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1. Sepia (brown), by sculptor E. Brunet (5" x 2 1/2"): 10¢
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