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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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Katerigramme

1994 has been proclaimed the International Year of the Family, with the following theme: "the resources and responsibilities of the family in a changing world". One can expect this theme to be treated in regard to the father, mother and child. The term family implies three persons and the relations between them should be harmonious in a modern context.

The family is very important for the good education of children, of the parents also. Jean Vanier said: "The family is the place where the education of love blooms." In this school of the home begins true education. It starts in the cradle, if not in the womb of the mother itself. The father plays a great role in this. If the father is absent, the mother has to assume it all.

The mother of Kateri sincerely desired to bear children who would be faithful sons and daughters of God. "If God gives me a child I will have the baby baptized and he will grow up to be a good Christian and change the people of this village. Her fingers were on the large bead (of the rosary)... Thy will be done on earth as it is... Perhaps if I live my religion well my husband..."

When the little girl came, the Turquoise Chief asked Kahenta: "What shall we call her?" Kahenta was silent for a moment... Because the sun shone golden as a dandelion in the open door and because the birds were singing with all their hearts and because she was happy as she had never been before in her captivity, she answered, "Waniseriio - Beautiful Day!"

But no sooner had she given the name that her joy was mixed with sorrow. "Blessed Mother of Jezos, please ask the Great Spirit to send a blackrobe someday so that I may have my baby baptized. But if he never comes may the tears in my heart count to make her truly a Christian."*

Tradition related that Kahenta, before passing away, enjoined Beautiful Day to talk to the missionaries who roamed in forests. They would tell her so much more about her heavenly Father and her mother Mary.

If we pride ourselves in being Christians, born in Christian families, the parents must strive to live as Christians and to inculcate very early the elements of faith in their children. Without these values in action, there will be violence, clashes at home, suicides, abuses, alcohol and drugs. Our youth need a very high motivation to act well and it is the parents who will instill it into them.

May 1994 be a fruitful time for reflection on our family values and if necessary of mutations... "May we have our families at heart and in our heart."

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator

* from "The Mohawk Maid" by Evelyn Brown



The Garakontie Roll

GARAKONTIE 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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When making out your last will and **testament**, why not reserve a share for the Cause in view of Kateri's Canonization and for the upkeep of her sanctuary.

Simply make your request to:

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Kateri will then take good care of you and your beloved ones on earth as in heaven.

AMERINDIAN NEWS

"It's good to be Navajo..."

Rev. Douglas McNeill arrived in Navajo country from Brooklyn in 1974. Right away he dreamt of a school for the young of his parish. He was sure they would succeed.

Since its opening in 1981, the school has expanded to a 300-student school, 90% Navajo. Last Spring it graduated its fifth class of seniors. All but nine of its 31 graduates have gone to college. The school is formally known as Kateri Tekakwitha Academy.

Because of its success, youngsters all dream to enroll there. Additional recognition has been received in the latest book by the New Mexico mystery writer, Tony Hillerman, who sets his work in Navajo country. The murder in Hillerman's "Sacred Clowns" occurs at the school, and the book is dedicated to McNeill and his staff. "The book", says Fr McNeill "is bringing a steady stream of modest contributions nation wide? Which eventually could help build a new campus nearby, complete with gymnasium."

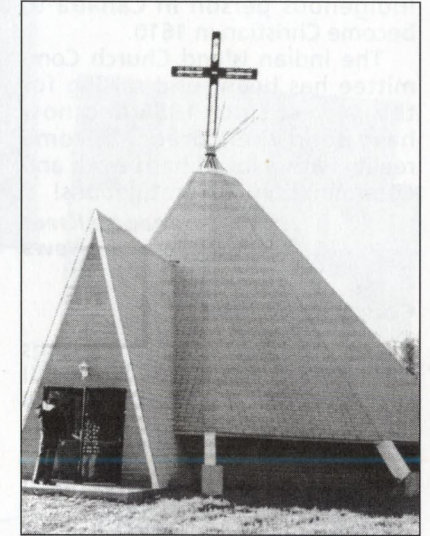
Seven lay missionaries teach here, many of them young men from Notre Dame University, on their first assignments, "full of commitment, creativity and patience."

The school features small classes and an acceptance of Navajo culture, showing students it's good to be Navajo, "because sometimes life doesn't always tell them that."

Church to Kateri officially opened in Indian Island

For the residents of Indian Island, October 11th was a day

long awaited for by this small Micmac Community who celebrated the official opening of their new wigwam shaped church. After



approximately 37 years without a church, the new church is a welcome site to local residents who have attended a nearby church that was conducted in French and was not fully understood by the Indian Island people.

Chief Peter Barlow and his wife Gail welcomed everyone to their beautiful church as the Most Reverend Bishop Chiasson blessed the new church and celebrated mass with several priests from the diocese of Moncton.

Grand Council Keptin John Joe Sark and his daughter Amy performed a purification ceremony. In his presentation on behalf of the Micmac Grand Council, Sark congratulated Chief Barlow on the completion of the

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beautiful wigwam-shaped church. Sark commented that the Mi'kmaq have a 383 year tradition of being members of the Catholic church since Chief Louis Membertou was first baptized to become the first Indigenous person in Canada to become Christian in 1610.

The Indian Island Church Committee has been fund raising for the project since 1986 and now have seen their dream become reality with a lot of hard work and determination. Congratulations!

**Micmac-Maliseet
Nations News**

Congratulations

We offer our special greetings of congratulation to Father Bill Maurice, s.j., who was honoured by the Pope with the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" cross at a Eucharistic celebration at Saint Anne's Church last Sunday, December 5th.

This honour was bestowed on Father Maurice in recognition of his many years of service amongst the natives of this area, at the Fort William Reserve, at Armstrong, and at the Beardmore, Jellicoe and McDiarmid parishes.

We recognize his distinct contribution, and give thanks for his gifts in our local church.

**Coyons Christi Parish,
Thunder Bay, Dec. 1993**

Canada's Indians grow in numbers

The number of Indian households is expected to more than double by 2015, according to a study made public yesterday by the Indian Affairs Department.

There were 161,800 households of registered Indians in Canada in 1990. The department predicts that number could reach 364,000 households by 2015.

The department says 59 per cent of those households are expected to be off-reserve, compared with 53.1 per cent in 1990.

Estimates vary of the number of non-registered Indians-including Métis, Inuit and Indians not covered by the Indian Act. But more than a million people claimed native heritage on the last census and fewer than half were registered Indians.

Stolen Kateri Tekakwitha statue returned to mission

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. (AP) - A statue stolen when the cemetery at Mission Dolores was vandalized in April was back on its pedestal Sept. 24.

The statue of Kateri Tekakwitha, the first American Indian candidate for sainthood, was found face down in sand beneath the north tower of the Golden Gate Bridge, said Michael Romo, a spokesman for the mission.

Police on Sept. 14 verified that the three-foot high statue was the one taken April 29, according to Inspector Joseph Toomey.

The statue was found by John Rodriguez of San Pablo, a bridge district painter.

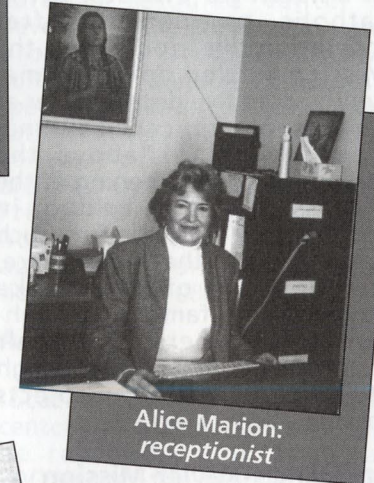
Toomey delivered the statue Sept. 23 during ceremonies marking the half-way point in fundraising for Mission Dolores' restoration. ■

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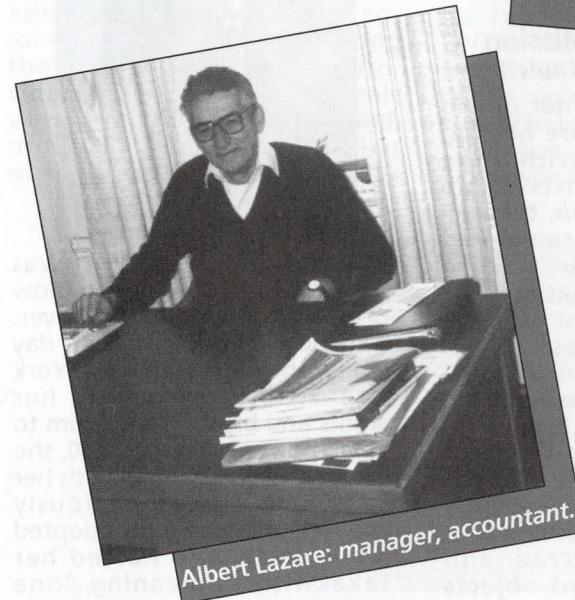
Presenting: the personnel of KATERI Center



Eileen Lazare: secretary



Alice Marion:
receptionist



Albert Lazare: manager, accountant.

KAHNAWAKE

This Mohawk reservation is situated on the south shore of the St. Lawrence west of Montreal and just opposite Lachine. About 20 km/12mi downstream in the heart of present day Old La Prairie, the Jesuit missionaries founded the *St. Francis-Xavier Mission* in 1667 as a haven for the local native catholic population. After moving upriver four times the Mission settled down permanently some five decades later at its present site, called Kahnawake, meaning "above the rapids". Since the opening of the Victoria railway bridge in Montreal in 1859, the first such bridge to span the St. Lawrence, the Mohawks of Kahnawake have become famous throughout North America for their expertise as iron-workers on high steel construction projects (bridges, skyscrapers, etc.).

St. Francis-Xavier Mission (formerly "du Sault St-Louis")

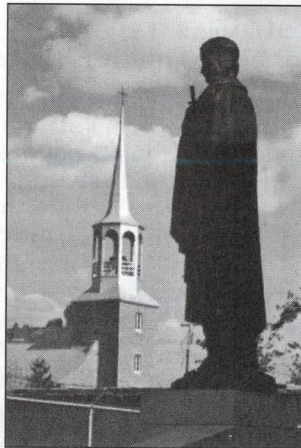
Situated in the center of Old Kahnawake, the entire Mission complex is located within the semi-fortified precincts of old *Fort (du Sault) St. Louis*, the wall of which was never completed (1725). The main rectory building was finished in 1720, as was the original church. Its west wing (no visiting allowed) was built in 1754, originally as an officers' mess. The sacristy was annexed to the church around 1790. Only in 1914 was the entire space between it and the church bridged over and subsequently made into a small *museum* that now showcases sacred and liturgical vessels and objects

dating back to the mission's beginnings.

Church

The present *church*, which was dedicated in 1983 as the "*Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine*", replaced the original building in 1845, retaining only the former's bell tower base. *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's* tomb is located in the right transept.

The "Lily of the Mohawks"



A young Mohawk girl was born in 1656 in Ossernenon (now Auriesville) on the Mohawk river, 50 km/30 mi west of present-day Albany, the capital of New York state. After seeing both her parents and brother fall victim to a small-pox epidemic in 1660, she managed to survive, but with her sight and health seriously impaired. She was then adopted by her uncle who named her "*Tekakwitha*", meaning "one

who moves forward hesitantly". She was baptized in 1676 at the neighboring Jesuit mission of Caughnawaga (now Fonda), N.Y. and given the name Kateri after St. Catherine of Sienna. A year later, however, she was forced to leave the Mohawk Valley and sought refuge at the St. Francis-Xavier Mission, where she died in 1680 at the age of 24. Her saintly life was immediately recognized and by popular acclaim she soon became known as the "*Lily of the Mohawks*". 300 years later, during the tri-centennial of her death in 1980, Kateri became the first native American to be declared "*Blessed*" by the Roman Catholic Church.

Church, rectory and museum

Open all year-round, daily 10 am-5 pm (Sunday and holidays 12 noon - 5 pm). Free admission. The walkway adjoining the old fort wall along the St. Lawrence Seaway provides a remarkable panoramic view of Montreal's West Island, of Mount Royal itself as well as of the entire Mission complex

viewed from behind. (Tel.: 632-6030)

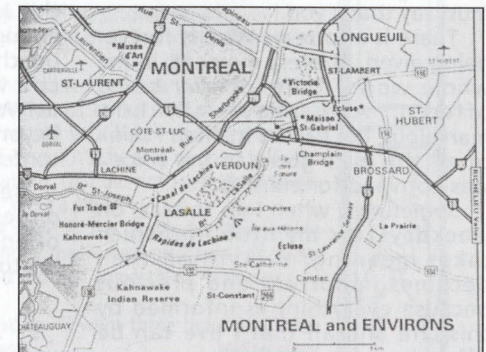
The "Kanien'kehaka Raotiohkwa" Cultural Center

Located some 700 m/2400 ft to the east of the Mission, on the same side of the street, this cultural resource center is devoted to the preservation and promotion of the Mohawk culture and language. It houses a specialized library and documentation center, an interpretation center and photographic archives. Open Monday through Friday 10 am-4 pm, (except holidays), on weekends by appointment only. Free admission. (Tel.: 638-0880)

Access

The Kahnawake reservation is located 15 km/9 mi from the center of Montreal. It can easily be reached via throughway 20/720 and the Mercier bridge (route 138), taking the first exit to the right off the bridge. For the Mission follow the signs "*Sanctuaire (Shrine) Kateri Tekakwitha*". ■

WELCOME
TO
KATERI'S
SHRINE



Why I like Mass

That Sunday morning I was sitting in the first row, right in front of the tabernacle. At communion time, the little door had been left wide opened. I was startled by this "emptiness". I thought of the empty tomb... then of this community, henceforth "full" of the presence of the living Jesus, and of the Church also, bearer of the Life. This group of parishioners with whom I was praying became for me an "interior" full of the presence of Jesus.

Since then I remained attached to these first minutes, when we arrive in the church, when "we get together... All week long, we live together alongside the church, and on Sunday, we assemble there to celebrate what we live. Then the church becomes empty... We separate to live what we have celebrated. The beginning and the end of the Mass are forceful moments which do not cut us of reality but rather makes us celebrate reality.

A reality that we tend to forget: the one that we are saved. We live our life as if it went without saying. We do not remember how much it costs. To remember it well, words are given to us. Words of time past, of Wisdom, of Jesus, of those who preceded Him, of those who followed Him, of all those who understood at every turning point, God was talking to us. So I think of all the gifts made to humanity. We must say thank you.

There is also Jesus Who is forever being given, at every moment, in the whole world. "Life" is ever being offered. And above all, how marvelous, I'm part of it. Then I think of all the gifts given to me since I was born and for eternity.

Sometimes, when I go to Mass on weekdays, it's my little life which takes meaning. Everything then becomes important and precious because everything is informed by this Life and all that I live can be offered.

I come hands loaded with the sorrows of my children and of the concerns of the "grown-up" that I should be. I tell Him my story. He gives me his own. A canal is opened, salvation can go through. Because salvation is not for yesterday or tomorrow, I need it today.

In what I say, nothing is very learned, it concerns my little experience. I like Mass and if I choose to speak about it it's because time and human imperfection have ill-used it whatsoever. One says: "It's dull", another says "I haven't got time". The other one, "I would go but..." Often times they are not very wrong. After all who are the Christians but human beings. Imperfection, being on this earth, mass is also touched by it. I mean its expression; as far as grace is concerned, it's always there.

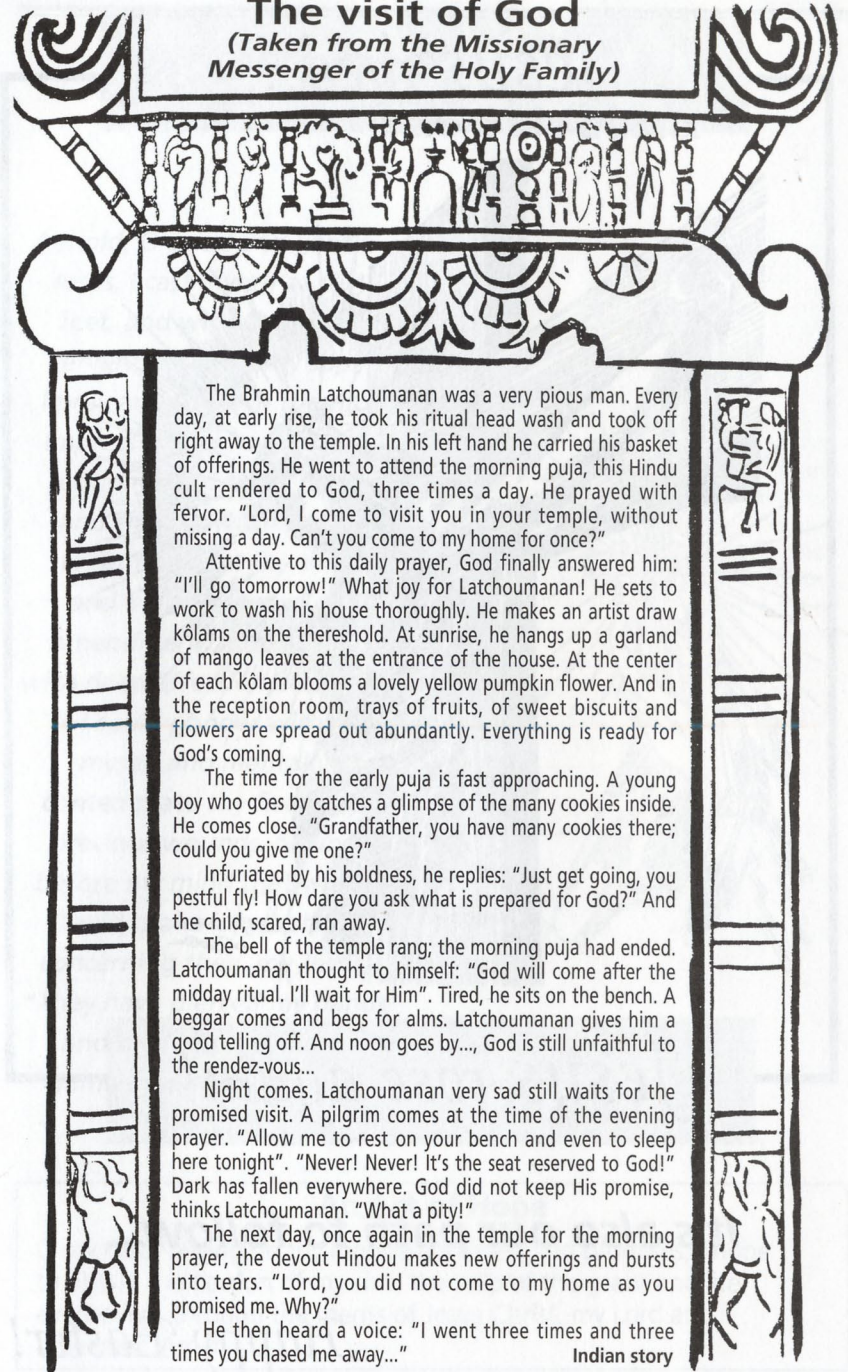
So I love my mass, its my prayer of preference. Isn't it that the nicest of gifts is not altered by its lousy wrapping. The words are used up but they are given to me. When I take time to listen, I hear Love, never outmoded.

Mass "brings together" all the faithful in the risen Jesus. It's worth while to give an hour of our existence to taste a little of His presence. And if, by ill luck we're a little disappointed by those who do not believe in it enough, if we love this Jesus so attractive, will we have enough faith to see beyond the poor unachieved humans that we are the Life which is already transforming us? Will we have enough faith to see beyond the container a much bigger content.

Beyond the crumbled paper dirtied by the years resides the gift of an-all loving God that it is up to me to wrap up decently. ■

Marie-Hélène Duval
(trad. J.B.)

The visit of God (Taken from the Missionary Messenger of the Holy Family)



The Brahmin Latchoumanan was a very pious man. Every day, at early rise, he took his ritual head wash and took off right away to the temple. In his left hand he carried his basket of offerings. He went to attend the morning puja, this Hindu cult rendered to God, three times a day. He prayed with fervor. "Lord, I come to visit you in your temple, without missing a day. Can't you come to my home for once?"

Attentive to this daily prayer, God finally answered him: "I'll go tomorrow!" What joy for Latchoumanan! He sets to work to wash his house thoroughly. He makes an artist draw kólams on the threshold. At sunrise, he hangs up a garland of mango leaves at the entrance of the house. At the center of each kólam blooms a lovely yellow pumpkin flower. And in the reception room, trays of fruits, of sweet biscuits and flowers are spread out abundantly. Everything is ready for God's coming.

The time for the early puja is fast approaching. A young boy who goes by catches a glimpse of the many cookies inside. He comes close. "Grandfather, you have many cookies there; could you give me one?"

Infuriated by his boldness, he replies: "Just get going, you pestful fly! How dare you ask what is prepared for God?" And the child, scared, ran away.

The bell of the temple rang; the morning puja had ended. Latchoumanan thought to himself: "God will come after the midday ritual. I'll wait for Him". Tired, he sits on the bench. A beggar comes and begs for alms. Latchoumanan gives him a good telling off. And noon goes by... God is still unfaithful to the rendez-vous...

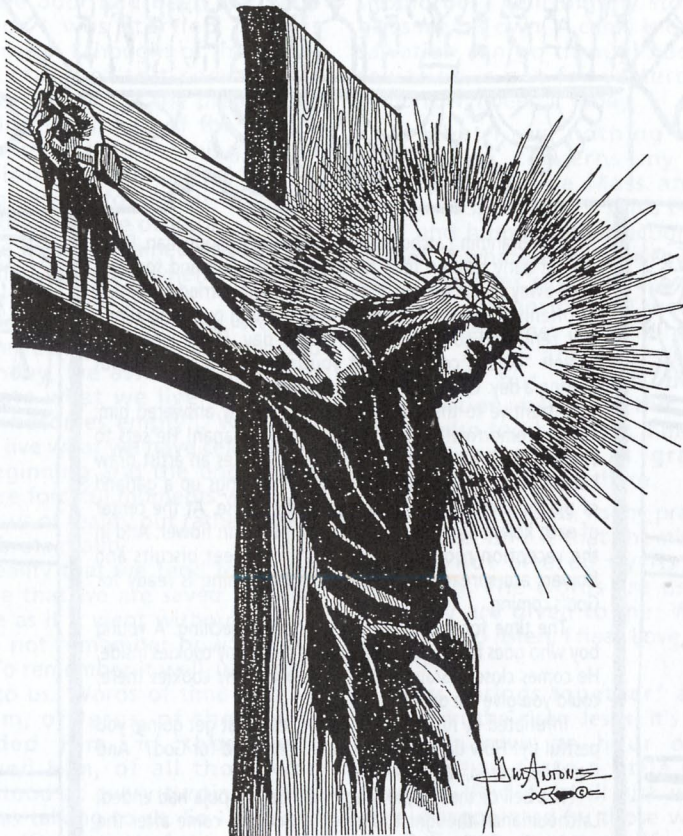
Night comes. Latchoumanan very sad still waits for the promised visit. A pilgrim comes at the time of the evening prayer. "Allow me to rest on your bench and even to sleep here tonight". "Never! Never! It's the seat reserved to God!" Dark has fallen everywhere. God did not keep His promise, thinks Latchoumanan. "What a pity!"

The next day, once again in the temple for the morning prayer, the devout Hindou makes new offerings and bursts into tears. "Lord, you did not come to my home as you promised me. Why?"

He then heard a voice: "I went three times and three times you chased me away..."

Indian story

Jesus died...



Jesus rose again!

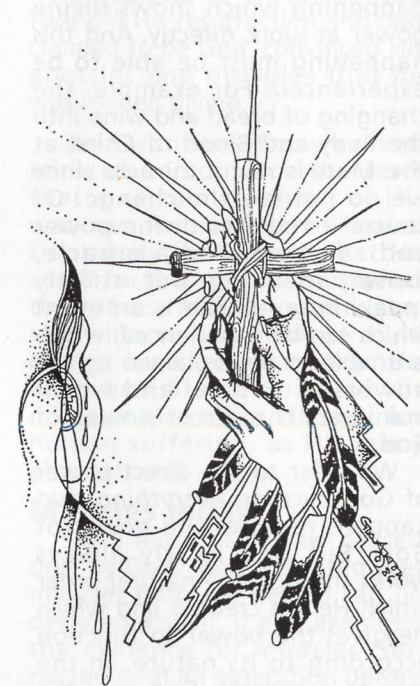
It's also our path to follow...

Happy Easter!

A prayer

before the crucifix

Behold, O good and gentle Jesus, I cast myself at thy feet, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech thee to impress on my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with a true repentance for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. Meanwhile with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate thy five most precious wounds, having before my mind that which David spoke in prophecy concerning thee, my Jesus. "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones."



An Act of Hope

O my God, relying on thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the help of the grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and redeemer. Amen.

Miracles not opposed to science

Miracles play an important part in our religion. A miracle is not simply something mystifying or rare, such as a magician's trick or hail as large as tennis balls. A miracle is a happening which shows divine power at work directly. And this happening must be able to be *experienced*. For example, the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ at the Mass is not a miracle since we do not see the change. Of course it requires divine power and can be called a miracle, loosely speaking. But, strictly speaking, a miracle is an event which can be experienced, which is unable to be explained by the powers of nature, and which manifests the direct power of God.

We refer to the direct power of God because *everything* that happens requires the power of God. But God nearly always works through the natural order which He has created and which He gives the power to function according to its nature. In the case of a miracle, God uses the natural order to produce something which it of itself cannot produce. At Cana God changed water into wine; water by its own power, its natural power, cannot be turned into wine.

Not opposed to science

It is sometimes said that a miracle is a *violation* of the natural order, but this is not true. The natural order is naturally obedient to God. When

God uses it to cause an action it cannot naturally cause, the natural order is *elevated*, not violated. It is similar to the elevation of human nature to a life of grace. Human beings by their nature cannot live a life of grace but God can elevate our nature so that it lives with divine life. Though this may be called an intervention in the natural order, it is not a violation of it but an elevation of it. And, since miracles do not violate the natural order but simply surpass it, they do not contradict the laws of science; they simply bring a new law into play: the law that natural laws are subject to divine power. Similarly, if I pick up my pen I do not contradict the law of gravity; I simply bring a new law into play: the law that objects rise when a power stronger than gravity raises them.

Miracles rare

Miracles are rare because God used them for special purposes. They can achieve these purposes, because their rarity impresses itself upon us. It is no harder for God to change water into wine than for Him to change grape seeds into grapes through their natural growth so that human beings can then change them into wine. But, if God dispensed with the natural order in this way very often, it would cease to amaze us, and would not be recognized as miraculous.

Public and private

Miracles may be public or private. Christ worked many

public miracles, that is, those experienced by many people; for example, healing the paralytic or the blind man. Most of us have our "private" miracles, remarkable events in our lives which we cannot prove to be miracles but which we consider to be caused by God's special intervention in our lives, such as having a prayer answered when the case seemed utterly hopeless, or having an inspiration which, acted upon, changed our lives drastically.

Why are there miracles?

Why does God perform miracles? One reason is to convince us of His existence. If a power greater than nature is at work, it must be a being superior to the physical universe. One of the most persuasive arguments for the existence of God is the existence of miracles. That is one reason why the Blessed Virgin has appeared to us at Lourdes and Fatima, and why there are miraculous cures, such as at Lourdes: so that we might believe more readily in the existence of God.

God also performs miracles to show that a certain person has divine approval and authority, as he worked miracles through the Jewish prophets Elijah and Eliseus, and as He worked the miracles of Jesus. In the case of Jesus, however, it was to show not only that Jesus was a prophet, a messenger of God, but, indeed, God Himself. And, in this case, the chief miracle was the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. It is true that

Jesus did not appear to all the Jews after His resurrection, but He did appear to hundreds of them, to convince them that the tremendous power of God was manifestly at work in Him. And this great miracle, when seen as the culminating event of Jesus's life, especially since He had foretold His resurrection and had claimed to be God, convinced His apostles and disciples that he was indeed divine.

Jesus also sometimes worked miracles to convince the Jews that a certain teaching of His was true. For example, he healed the paralytic to prove that He could forgive sins; he multiplied the loaves, and changed water into wine, to prove that he could change bread and wine into His Body and Blood. Some of His miracles also show His pity for human suffering, as His many physical cures attest.

Miracles today

Since miracles can be caused only by God, the Church requires miracles before a person can be declared a saint. It also examines the evidence for miracles connected with an apparition before pronouncing on the genuineness of the apparition.

Most of us have not witnessed a public miracle. But we rely on the Gospel miracles as evidence for the divinity of Christ; we rely on other approved miracles as evidence for the works of God; and we rely on our personal "private" miracle as evidence that God exists, and that He is with us and watches over us. ■

J.E. Edwards
Challenge Dec. '93

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5. A book on Kateri or a statue, as you wish

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*I accept to become a member of the "Kateri Band" Club
according to the conditions here above mentioned*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Offering: _____

Name (Mr., Miss or Mrs.) _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Tel. No.: _____

I wish to receive the book *Kateri Tekakwitha*, by
Francis X. Weiser, S.J.:

Yes No

or a 6 1/2" ivory, bronze or colored finish statue
(Circle finish desired).

Kateri Tekakwitha Center
P.O. Box 70
Kahnawake, Quebec
J0L 1B0

KATERI CENTER NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from October 25, 1993 to February 1, 1994.	
Articles Found	4
Better Health	16
Cures	5
Employment Found or Kept	21
Financial Aid	4
Lodgings	3
Peace in the Family	5
Peace at Work	1
Properties Bought or Sold	5
Safe Pregnancy	1
Safe Trips	2
Successful Studies	2
Successful or Averted Operations	17
Temporal Favors	11

Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

Mrs. Irène Poll, Montreal, Qc, 64;
A Sister of Mary Reparatrix,
Montreal, QC, 50.

In the Name of Kateri, thank you!

Once again, during the Christmas Season, your hearts burst open to send us generous gifts and wishes for Kateri's Cause. Many thanks! Many Club members renewed their contribution without being reminded. Old friends of Kateri, and more recent ones have also sent us their subscription fee for the magazine. The Vice-Postulator was greatly rejoiced and still wears a smile every morning. Please member: "God loves the joyful giver."

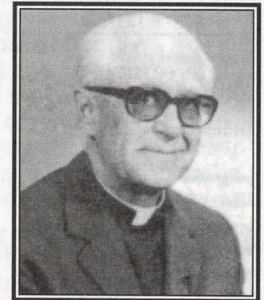
How to celebrate Kateri's Feastday (April 17)

1. Recite the novena (available at the Center) starting April 9.
2. Say the prayer for Kateri's canonization every day.
3. Send your special intention; if you wish to the Kateri Center. Your intentions will be deposited every day on the Shrines altar.
4. Pay a visit to a shrine or a church where Kateri is especially honored.

5. On the Feastday itself, read a book about Kateri or attend a Mass in honor of Blessed Kateri.
6. Pray in a special way for her canonization.

A friend of the Center, His Exc. Bishop G.M. Coderre goest to heaven

He left us on December 19, at the age of 89. During his 29 years of active episcopate, he endeavored to promote the Cause of Kateri.



In 1963, he wrote a preface for a new biography of Blessed Kateri; Catherine Tekakwitha by Dr Fernando Bea. He ended it by quoting Fr. C. Miccinelli s.j., then General Postulator: "If Kateri was beatified, it would create a great joy and spread great edification." he accompanied Fr Béchard to Rome in 1980, for Kateri's beatification.

On Dec. 18, on the eve of his death at Saint-Jean on the Richelieu, he sent a lovely card of wishes to the Vice-Postulator in Kahnawake: "Thanks for still considering me a promotor of the Cause. At my age, one can't do much. But I carry her in my heart with a great desire: see her canonized on earth before I join my good friend Fr. Béchard in heaven. Canada and the whole world would profit of the public declaration by the Holy Father. I'm praying with you for this day..."

Many thanks to Bishop Coderre for his generous support and may he enjoy the bliss of heaven in company of Kateri, Fr. Béchard and many devoted friends!

Testimonies of favors obtained

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. S.!**

I'm sending you a small donation of twenty-five dollars that I had promised to Blessed Kateri if our son-in-law's heart operation was a success. R. came through with flying colors and was back at work part-time two months after his operation. Blessed Kateri has helped in the past and she will continue to do so.

(Regina, SK)

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

We have been in our new home almost one year. It was a good move for us and we are comfortable and happy. It has been seven years since my cancer surgery... and no recurrence so far. My dear sister-in-law was in danger of losing her job due to a consolidation of departments. The good news came last Tuesday that she has been kept on her job at the same salary. We all thank Kateri for her intercession to our Lord. She has been a part of my prayer life since 1980. You all know how she works her miracles - large and small. It is good to be able to tell others of her help. My life seems much less complicated since I met her... I do remember to say prayers in thanksgiving daily...

(Orland Park, IL)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss A. G.!**

Enclosed a check for ten dollars to thank Kateri Tekakwitha for helping me in the success of my operations on both eyes this summer. Thank you!

(Augusta, ME)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. S.!**

I am enclosing a donation for the Kateri Center. I was recently in the hospital for tests and I prayed to Kateri that my heart would show no blockage. The tests came back clear and Kateri has once again answered my prayers. I ask for her continued prayers on my behalf for better health and I want to thank her for the many favors she has bestowed on me and my family through the years. I know she will always be there for me and my family and my grand-children now pray for her intercession in their school work. How good to have her to turn to. May she soon be counted among the Saints which she truly is.

(Erie, PA)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J. N.!**

Please use this donation for more unpaid subscribers. Let me also thank Blessed Kateri for no damage to my house here in North Hollywood, CA after the earthquake of January 17, 1994.

(North Hollywood, CA)

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

Kateri has performed her first of my three "miracles". My mother's heart catheterization showed no blockage or damage. All tests prior to this one indicated heart damage or blockage. Everyone prayed and I'm sure Kateri "smiled" upon her. She carried Kateri's picture into the test with her. Now, we'll all keep praying for the other "two" miracles.

(Erie, PA)

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

Enclosed please find five dollars for an answered prayer, to find a lost item. Thank you Kateri.

(Marathon, ONT)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. C.!**

Enclosed is a donation in thanksgiving for Kateri's assistance. On New Year's eve, while we were at Walt Disney World in Florida, our granddaughter was separated from us. I started to recite Kateri's canonization prayer for her safe return. Within half an hour after reciting the prayer the security guards found and returned our dear little girl. Once again Kateri came to our assistance.

(Central Falls, RI)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. S.!**

Enclosed find thirty dollars. Five is for my yearly subscription and twenty-five is for a favor received. Our daughter was unable to drive for six months due to health reasons, she has now again received her license. Thank you Kateri.

(Regina, SK)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. B.!**

I'm enclosing a twenty-five dollars check because my son found himself a job. He's been working here and there but today we had news that he finally got a steady job... I pray to Kateri every day and tell my friends about her.

(Berlin, NH)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss R. K. M.!**

It is a pleasure to enclose a cheque for one hundred and seventy-five dollars. I wish to renew my subscription to "Kateri" until the summer of 1994. Please use the balance of the amount as you see fit. I also renew my pledge to recite one Our Father daily for Kateri's Canonization - pledge to continue until September 1, 1994. Over this past year, in answer to my prayers to her, Kateri has helped me to get through unpleasant situations which arose in my daily life. I am grateful to her. May God continue to bless your apostolate for her Cause.

(Montreal, QC)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss B. L.!**

Please find enclosed a check for five dollars for a favor received from Kateri. My nephew couldn't find a large sum of money that he had. We all prayed to Blessed Kateri and in a few hours he found the money. Kateri has always helped me. Thank you.

(St. Marys, PA)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss V. S.!**

Enclosed is a check for forty dollars. This is in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping me make an important decision that affects the rest of my life. I feel good about it. I feel very close to her and for years I've prayed to her in my times of need.

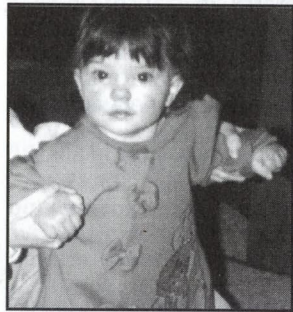
(Catonsville, MD)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. P. D.!**

Enclosed is a twenty-five dollars donation in thanksgiving to Kateri for my mother's successful operation. Kateri came through for us..

(Kahnawake, QC)

Little Sister wants to know...



Kateri Noreen Clayton
53 Woodmont Road
Northamaten, MA

...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 26,930 pledges have come in after ten years' effort.

Please send yours to: The Kateri Center
Box 70
Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0

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.

Name _____

Street or Box _____

City or Town _____

Province or State _____ Code _____

Country _____ Telephone _____

*Very blessed Kateri,
Our sister "Tekakwitha",
We come to you with our demands.
Even if our Father in heaven knows our needs.
He will listen to you, we are certain,
This Father in heaven who knows us so well.*

Flory Kosty, a friend of Kateri

Send in your Intentions now

Spiritual

- Love in God
- Conversions
- Peace of Soul
- Resignation in Trials
- Vocations
- Faithful Departed
- Happy Death
- Obedience to the Holy Father

Temporal

- Positions
- Health
- Lodgings
- Financial Aid
- Happy Marriages
- Good Friends
- Success in Studies
- Peace in the World

Other Requests _____

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

(no offering required.)

The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

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.

The departed one is enrolled in the Kateri guild, for whom,

1. A weekly High Mass is offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;
2. An intention is included daily in the Memento of the Vice-Postulator's Mass;
3. The Treasury of the many Masses read each month for the benefactors of the Society of Jesus is opened;
4. A Share in the good works of the Jesuits throughout the world is assured;
5. Participation in the merits gained in helping the Cause of the Lily of the Mohawks is guaranteed.

Write to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0 for a free sample card.

One dozen cards boxed: \$5.00 (Postage included). Each yearly enrollment in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild: \$2.00

Katerina



obtainable from the
The Kateri Center
Box 70
Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0
Tel.: (514) 638-1546 or 632-6030

Medals

1. Aluminium 15¢; Mat silver-plated: 50¢
2. Gilded: \$3.00
3. Souvenir Spoons: \$4.00

Kateri Prayer Cards and Pictures

1. Sepia (brown), by sculptor E. Brunet (5" x 2 1/2"): 10¢
2. Colored, by Mother Nealis (4 1/2" x 2 3/4"): 15¢
3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$1.50
4. Colored, by John Steele (4" x 3"): 10¢
5. Colored, by John Steele (6 1/2" x 5") for framing: 50¢
6. Colored, by John Steele (9 1/2" x 12"): \$1.50
7. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$5.00
8. Colored by Joseph Izzillo (4" x 3"): 10¢

Touch Relics

1. Small Kateri pictures with silk applied to relics: 50¢

Kateri Plaques

1. Plaque, plastic case with prayer (2 1/2" x 1 1/2"): \$2.50 - with relic: \$3.00

Novena

In the form of a short biography: \$2.00

Kateri Seals

A sheet of 36 seals: \$1.00

PLEASE ADD A LITTLE EXTRA FOR POSTAGE AND HANDLING.

Statues (Postpaid)

1. In hydrocol, ivory or bronze finish (6 1/2"): \$12.00
2. Colored (6 1/2"): \$15.00
3. In hydrocol, ivory or bronze finish (8 1/2"): \$15.00
4. Colored (8 1/2"): \$18.00
5. Kateri key chain: \$1.25
6. One inch statuette in plastic case: \$1.00

Books (Postpaid)

In English - *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Henri Béchar, S.J., 20 pp., \$2.50

In English - *Adventures with a Saint*, by Marlene McCauley, 210 pp., \$12.00

In English - *Kateri Tekakwitha*, With a Prefatory Note of John Cardinal Wright, by Francis X. Weiser, S.J., hardcover: \$10.00; paperback \$8.00

In English - *I am Indian*, by Gualbert Brunsman, O.S.B.: \$2.00

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As I am sending **the names of FIVE new subscribers** and their addresses to the Kateri Center (\$15.00), I now inscribe free of charge, the name of one deceased person dear to me on the Garakontie Roll.

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