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Father McBride Welcomed As New Vice-Postulator

Most Rev. Edward J. Maginn, D.D., Apostolic Administrator of the Albany Diocese, welcomed during August Rev. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., as the new Vice-Postulator of the cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

Father McBride is the New York Regional Director of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the Eucharistic Crusade with offices at 12 Central Park Plaza, Buffalo, N. Y. However, headquarters of the Kateri Tekakwitha League will remain at the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville, N. Y.

A retreat work assignment has been assumed by Father William Schlaerth who was vice-postulator since 1956. Father is responsible for many new promotional features for the cause of Vener-

able Kateri. He now resides at the Loyola Retreat House in Clarence Center, N. Y.

On Indian Sunday, Sept. 1, Father McBride celebrated the Eucharistic Liturgy at Noon in the Coliseum after which he blessed the newly erected Kateri Statue now positioned with the other statues of the Martyrs around the top of the balustrade. In his remarks at the Mass and at the blessing he urged all present to study the life of Venerable Kateri so that she may become an inspiration to live a life of deep faith such as Kateri had to live during her trying years of being a Christian.

Father McBride's appointment issues from the postulator of all causes sponsored by the Society of Jesus, Rev. Paul Molinari, S.J., Rome, Italy. Bishop Maginn is an honorary vice-postulator.

SPECIAL

During the past month four persons have been blessed with the relic of Venerable Kateri. Two nuns afflicted with multiple sclerosis, a young married woman with cancer, and another nun on the verge of death after an operation. The latter is now making a definite recovery. Please keep these devotees of Kateri in your prayers.

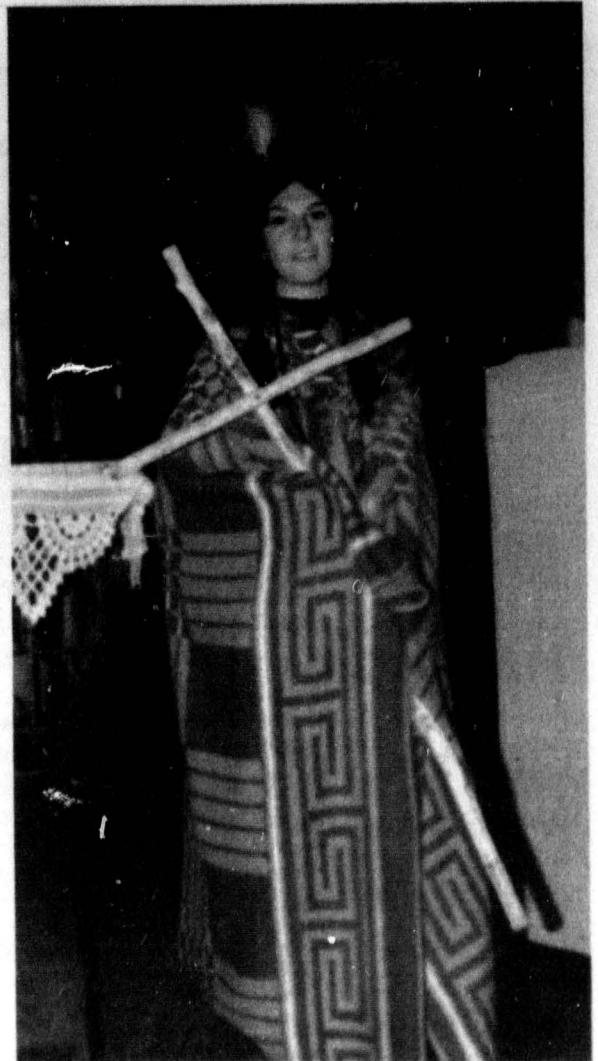


Young girls from the Amsterdam area depict Kateri in familiar scenes during the annual Auriesville Retreat and Encampment for the Boy Scouts of the Albany Diocese, Sept. 27, 28, 29. The Pageant of the Martyr's Story is directed by Father Ronald Sams, S.J., of the Buffalo Jesuit Bureau. Father Pat Sullivan, S.J., Vocations Promoter gave the inspiring talks to the Scouts. This year the final Scout Mass at 12:00 Noon, Sunday, was shared with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, five bus loads of pilgrims from St. Michael's in Buffalo, and several buses from Brooklyn and New Jersey. Scenes like these of Kateri and of the Martyrs could be easily reproduced for school assemblies and CYO events.

AN INVOCATION FOR PROMOTERS

God our Father, O Great Spirit,
Send Thy wisdom to my singing;
Grant this Song of Tekakwitha,
Grant my telling of her story,
Sweet may sound in ears believing.
Send, O Spirit, lovely phrases,
So to cloak my beggar's measures,
All may know who hear me sing them,
Know Thy Servant, Takakwitha,
Her the Mohawk Indian maiden,
Who mid brethren wild and savage,
Lived most holy, lived most saintly:
Contradiction by her living,
To her time and place and nation.
Grant that every heart be lifted;
Every throat be full to praise Thee
For this radiant Indian maiden
For this guide to our poor erring,
Who may turn our wandering footsteps
Till we come into Thy Bosom:
Be it so . . . Amen . . . I pray Thee;
God our Father, so I pray Thee,
Bless my Song of Tekakwitha.

— Robert E. Holland, S.J.





ALL OVER THE SHRINE GROUNDS this season cameras clicked to capture the indelible smile of the new director, Father Tom Egan, S.J. Here he stands before the Kateri Museum prior to inspecting it with Father McBride and Father Schlaerth. Plans are being pondered over on how to improve the museum and to add more authentic pieces of Indian history pertinent to the life of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Suggestions and donations specifying museum improvement will be gratefully accepted.

College Average Held — This is \$10.00 for the many favors that Kateri granted me my second semester at college. I will be a junior at Eastern Ky. University and I have a point standing of 3.47. I credit Kateri's help very much for helping me maintain this average. For four years Kateri granted me many favors and I only hope that this small donation will help her cause in some way. Someday I hope Kateri will be recognized as a saint because I believe her spiritual powers have come to my aid more than once.

— Southgate, Kentucky

Marriage Sought — Enclosed is a check for Tekakwitha's cause. I am also requesting you to say special Masses or novenas for our son for a successful marriage. Tekakwitha has helped us so often and we are again asking her intercession.

— Bloomer, Wisconsin

Thanksgiving — Enclosed is a check in thanksgiving for favors

"Her life itself is a miracle."

her cured.

Pope Pius XI

— Waterbury, Conn.

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received through intercession to Kateri Tekakwitha. You know, Father, it was through my brother, Joe, that I became devoted to the Indian girl. Every favor I have received from her has been somewhat associated with him, as if she used him as an instrument of good. May the Sacred Heart prosper your work!

— Cleveland, Ohio

Appetite Improved — For several months I have been praying to Ven. Kateri for my little grandniece, Marie, first that her appetite would improve. It has improved but is still not normal. Then in November it was discovered that she had a rare blood disease. Daily I have prayed to Ven. Kateri for her cure without an operation. No operation was necessary and she seems to be completely cured now, but I am continuing my prayers that there will be no relapse. On March 7 the doctor pronounced



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WAYS TO MAKE KATERI TEKAKWITHA KNOWN AND LOVED

MEMBERSHIP: In the TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE—including bulletin "Lily of the Mohawks"—one dollar a year. Also occasional donations as a league member for the promotion of the Cause; for office and printing expenses which are needed and welcome always.

REPORT favors, even the small ones and of course miracles, received through her intercession. Thanksgivings will be published in the "Lily" bulletin.

SPREAD HER DEVOTION by passing out her holy cards and literature to your friends and parishioners. By promoting her cause as a project for your club, organization or society, or through the schools in your area. Leaflets and materials can be obtained from the Tekakwitha League at Auriesville, N.Y.

KATERI HOLY PICTURES—small and medium sizes—in color with prayer in English and other various languages—2 for 5¢. Special pictures and prayer with silk applied to Kateri relics, 20¢ each. Large colored picture (6" x 8") in special leatherette frame, 75¢. Postcards in color—5¢ ea. (\$.50 dozen).

TEKAKWITHA NOVENA LEAFLETS—5¢ ea. **KATERI MEDALS** in a special metal, 20¢ ea.; in sterling silver, \$1.50 (special discount on quantities).

BOOKS: Kateri Tekakwitha, America's Marvelous Maiden by Thomas J. Coffey, S.J. (32pp. pamphlet) 25¢ ea. Kateri of the Mohawks by Cecilia Buehrle (200pp. paperback) 60¢ ea. **STATUES OF KATERI** for various sizes and prices. Inquire through the Tekakwitha League. (Prices include postage.)

Notes from the Bark...by father mcbride

• **Thanks to Father Schlaerth** for his many efforts to advance the Kateri Cause. He will continue as secretary of the League along with Father Egan as the vice-president and Father Frank Pfeiffer as treasurer. The vice-postulator becomes the president.

• **We would like to have lay representatives** all over the country. They would be official members of the League Board and would distribute literature about the Cause and enlist new members for the League. If interested, please write Father McBride.

• **Father Coffey's pamphlet** "Kateri Tekakwitha, America's Marvelous Maiden" will soon be gone. We plan another printing in a larger size with a reproduction of Kateri on the cover from the door of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City.

• **Over 1,000 Communions** were distributed on Indian Sunday at the 12 o'clock Mass in the Coliseum. This Sunday according to the Shrine Director had the largest attendance of the season.

• **A very scientific historical book** "The Mohawks and Their Valley" will be available shortly. Years of research have gone into this volume authored by Father Thomas Grassmann, O.F.M. Conv., who is the Custos of the Tekakwitha Friary and Museum at Fonda, N.Y.

• **Brother Paul Kneis, S.J., and Emory Newkirk**, of the Shrine Maintenance Staff, engineered the installation of the Kateri Statue in the Coliseum. Many thanks to them!

• **Young people take a while** before they realize prayer helps a lot in maintaining purity. Kateri is the one to recommend since she preserved her chastity in the most trying circumstances. Meanwhile, to assist the young that prayer is necessary teachers, CYO Moderators, and parents would do a service by using for discussion Father Joe Champlin's excellent new book "Do You Really Love Me?". It is "An extraordinarily sensitive and forthright discussion of dating, courtship, premarital chastity and maturity in sex and love." Sells for \$1.35 from Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana.

• **George Brott of Buffalo** distributes the LILY among his fellow trade unionists.

• **Mary-Eunice and Joe now appear** in person with their special entertainment program at school assemblies (all levels). Basic program is comedy and religious character sketch monologues with Mary-Eunice and brief talks on Catholic Action . . . education . . . laity in the field of communications. A specialty is a monologue on the life of Kateri and another called The Death of Kateri Tekakwitha.

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