

Lily of the Mohawks



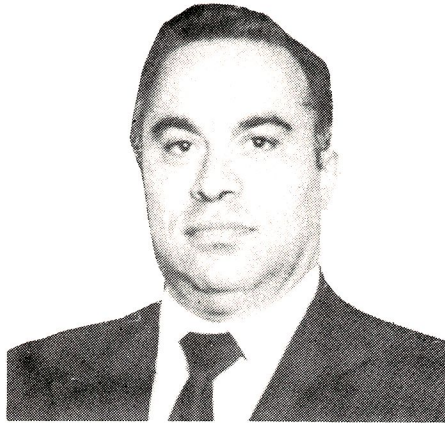
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Father Michael Jacobs S.J.



Mr. Thomas Constantino



Mr. Chet Adams



Mrs. Agatha Foote

Eight To Receive Tekakwitha Honors

"In other words, Kateri would be to these the perfect North American Saint, since she was an aboriginal American and bore witness to the sanctity possible in the world that is now America before the cultural and other ethnic influences of the Old World began to assert themselves in North America."

From Prefatory Note, John Cardinal Wright,
Kateri Tekakwitha, Weiser, S.J., Francis Xavier, 1971.

(See story on page three.)



Mrs. Annie Lahache



Joe and Mary-Eunice Spagnola



Sister M. Winifred Scholtes, OSF

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

I have the honor to inform you that I asked a favor from God through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha. After 5 months I was able to receive the grace which was in connection with success in my studies. - *Palo, Leyte, Philippines.*

PROFESSIONAL ASSIST

Through daily prayers to Kateri I was granted a most unusual favor. It was related to my profession, and there were times when I really and truly could see no way for solving the problem. However, the problem was solved and I am very thankful. - *Dorchester, Mass.*

ANOTHER HOUSE SOLD

Thanks to Ven. Kateri for a special favor in selling our home which seemed impossible on account of age and condition. We got more than expected. - *Vienna, Va.*

SAFE RETURN FROM VIET NAM

I am writing these few lines to thank the Virgin Catherine. For not too long ago I asked her if she would return my son safely from Viet Nam and she did. I am sending this donation to show my gratitude. My son was once in an ambush but he was saved. He is now home. - *Upland, Cal.*

ONE CURE TO ANOTHER

Your Fall 1971 "Lily" mentioned some of KATERI'S ANSWERS. Unbeknown to me, another Sister heard me mention the arthritis cure. Then and there, this Sister began to pray to Ven. Kateri for relief of her own arthritic condition. Friday Sister told me that the prayers have helped. She can genuflect with ease, there is no more pain and stiffness, etc. These words of Sister have encouraged me to do more and more to further the cause and to spread interest in it. - *Dubuque, Iowa.*

A NEW FRIEND IS HELPED

About 2 weeks ago, being in the hospital, I was visited by some ladies belonging to the Christian Mothers and they left me among other things a small booklet where I

learned about Kateri Tekakwitha. I was surprised reading her life because I had never heard of her name. I began to pray and ask God to make me well through Kateri's intercession. I'm home now, not too well yet, but I hope Kateri will make me well and strong again, in fact I know she will. I'm so happy to know that in time this country will have a real American Saint. - *Aliquippa, Pa.*

RIGHT WORK OBTAINED

Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha has answered my prayers. My son who has been without a job since his return from Viet Nam two years ago got the job he always wanted. My husband also got the work that satisfies him. My thanks and my love to Venerable Kateri. - *Tacoma, Washington.*

AN ORGAN WILL PLAY

I want to let you know that we, the parishioners and our beloved Pastor, were working for and praying so we could get the wherewith to purchase an organ for our little church. Thanks to our dear Kateri and the prayers of the members of the League, a donation came from an unexpected source "for an organ in our church", specified.

Now here I come begging prayers again - this time that our pastor may be able to buy or acquire in some way a special building and piece of land he could use for a larger church, for the greater spiritual good of the parishioners.

I do hope and trust Kateri will again come to our aid, even though unworthy of her intercession. - *San Antonio, Texas.*

INDEBTEDNESS ACKNOWLEDGED

I am so deeply in debt to Tekakwitha for the many favors that she has interceded for me that today I am resolved to clear my conscience of this indebtedness, so I am inclosing a check for \$110.00. Please send me a few prayer images

so that I can help spread her name. - *Lafayette, La.*

EPILEPSEY GONE

Our daughter, Rebecca Joan Kateri, has been a sickly child since toddler age and in 10th grade was told after brain scans that she was epileptic and put on strong drugs. One year later after another test there was no evidence of the epilepsy. What the answer is we don't know, but believe that Kateri was responsible for a cure. She is now 18 and a freshman in college. - *Palm Springs, Cal.*

HELP FOR 30 OUT OF 31 YEARS

This small donation is for the furtherance of the Kateri cause.

I have been acquainted with Tekakwitha for 30 of my 31 years of life. She has helped me in and through many childhood illnesses where today I am quite a healthy person, both physically and religiously.

Recently, I invoked "Tek's" help in two major accomplishments. The first was the purchase of a home and second, my wife and I were gifted with a strong, healthy new baby boy. For these two large blessings my small gift is offered. *Essex, Conn.*

AT THE BUS STOP

I became acquainted with Kateri by a chance meeting of a young man waiting for a bus. He then told me of the wonders of her aid. I am now writing for a favor from her and to pray for her and to her.

My son who hasn't worked for 2½ years due to a stroke and fear is now beset by the loss of wife if he doesn't aid himself, but he needs help also from elsewhere. Please pray for him to gain confidence, peace and a job soon. - *Detroit, Michigan.*

A 30 YEARS RECIPIENT

For about thirty years, I have been a recipient of favors from Venerable Kateri. I keep asking and she continues to help. May the miracles she needs be close at hand! - *Chicago, Ill.*

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Enclosed is \$5. to help the Kateri cause. My brother came through a very serious operation successfully and I know she helped make it a success. - *St. Louis, Mo.*

Sing Out, Ring Out The Song of Tekakwitha

Eight outstanding promoters of the Ven. Kateri cause will receive special awards on Saturday evening, Sept. 2, 1972, a part of the Kateri week end in the Auriesville Coliseum.

Those receiving the "Kateri Tekakwitha Award" are: Mr. Chet Adams, Detroit, Michigan; Mr. Thomas B. Constantino, Amsterdam, N.Y.; Rev. Michael Jacobs S.J., St. Regis Reservation, Hogsburg, N.Y.; Mary-Eunice and Joe Spagnola, Belford, N.J.; Sister M. Winifred Scholtes, OSF, Rochester, Minn.

The "Lily of the Mohawks Certificate of Grateful Appreciation" will be presented to: Mrs. Agatha Foote and Mrs. Annie Lahache, both of Caughnawaga, Canada.

A silver plaque with a Kateri medallion bears this inscription: "Kateri Tekakwitha Award is presented to.....for generous, fruitful, enduring dedication to the cause of the Lily of the Mohawks. 1972"

The Certificate reads: "Lily of the Mohawks CERTIFICATE OF GRATEFUL APPRECIATION is presented to.....for enduring loyal and loving effort for the cause of VENERABLE KATERI TEKAKWITHA." It is done in red and blue inks with the popular picture of the Kateri statue and the dates of her birth and death on either side of the picture and is signed by the vice postulator of the United States.

A Word About the Recipients

Mr. Chet Adams is the League's action man in the Detroit area. He also authored the folder

Invitation

*Ye who love the lore of Indians,
Love the pleasant hills and valleys-
Such as loved himself, the Redskin-
Blending into fertile landscape,
Watered by the lake-born rivers,
Rich with glittering snow in winter;
love the forest trees, their sighing
In the gentle western zephyrs,
Through the warm and lazy summer;
Love the calls of Nature's children,
Echoing in the filtered sunshine
Like an air of flutist wistful-
Hear me sing this Indian maiden:
Hear my Song of Tekakwitha.
Ye who in this later century,
Jaded by its suit of progress,
Doubtful of its boast of promise,
Christians are, and would refresh you
At a stream of limpid pureness:
Sons of God, who in your travel,
Stumbling, fall; would rise and farther
Struggle in the way of goodness:
Men and women, saints or sinners,
Simple soul or arrant scoffers,
All of you whom good example
Yet may save and make you happy,
Even in this tearful valley:
Pause ye in your rushing hurry,
Pause and list ye to this story:
How it sings a song of virtue
In a savage Indian maiden;
How it sets you splendid model
Ye may copy in your heart-book:
Stay and list ye to my singing,
Hear my Song of Tekakwitha.*

- Robert E. Holland, S.J.

"America Needs a Saint," a man always on the go in his real estate business and in the business of proclaiming the Smile of Kateri. He lives with his lovely wife Cecile and son Jimmy. Two beautiful daughters are now married.

"Talent to create....ability to produce.", this slogan appears on the Noteworthy Company's letterhead. The gentleman who has

the talent and ability is Mr. Tom Constantino. He has shared these qualities many times with the work of the League.

Father Jacobs needs no introduction after the article in the last LILY. He is everything the article claims him to be and more. Never will the Kateri cause die as long as Father Mike lives.

Mrs. Foote's and Mrs. Lahache's careers parallel each other. Both have been members of the famous Mohawk Indian Choir for fifty years. The exquisite beauty of their voices often have rendered the Kateri song the world over.

Mary-Eunice and Joe Spagnola are the great stage enthusiasts of Kateri. Many have witnessed as at tonight's performance Mary-Eunice's talents as an actress and have read in magazines and newspapers her fine articles on Kateri. Husband Joe is just a "Good Joe", managing and coordinating.

Last but never the least in telling the story of Kateri is the grand young-of-heart eighty-four year old Sister Winifred who came here in a private airplane from Rochester, Minn. One cannot be in her presence half of a minute without being introduced to Kateri. Sister has been doing this since her days teaching grammar school up to the present now.

Loudly and clearly from the pens, the talents, the voices, the energies of these men and women has the Song of Tekakwitha harmoniously pierced the atmosphere of the United States. More like them will be so honored in years to come.

Weiser's Exciting New Kateri Biography Now Available

Father Francis Xavier Weiser S.J., of Boston College, recently wrote a successful German biography of Kateri Tekakwitha. Father Henri Bechard S.J., Canadian vice postulator, has translated it into English. The book carries a Prefatory Note by His Eminence, John Cardinal Wright.

Fr. Weiser, born at Vienne, Austria, in 1901, entered the Jesuit Order in his native city, studied philosophy, theology, psychology at Munich and Innsbruck. He was ordained in 1930, and received his doctorate in Philosophy from the Gregorian University in Rome. In 1931 he came to the United States for a year of special studies.

In 1938 he returned to the United States, became an American citizen, and served as curate, then as

pastor, at Holy Trinity Church in Boston until 1950. Since then he has been teaching, giving retreats and lectures, and writing magazine articles.

In recognition of his scholarly and literary achievements he was awarded the citation of honor and the Jubilee Medal of the University of Innsbruck in 1970.

So far he has published the following books in the English language: The Christmas Book, The Easter Book, The Holyday Book, The Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs, The Year of the Lord in the Christian Home, The Holy Land.

His Kateri Tekakwitha is available from KATERI, Box 70, Caughnawaga, P.Q., Canada. Hardcover is \$3.75; Paperback \$2.25, all postpaid.



PARTICIPANTS in the National Kateri Prayer Day at St. Regis Reservation, April 16, were: Front row, Mrs. Agatha Foote, Caughnawaga; Sister Kateri, first Indian Sister of St. Ann and a teacher in the St. Regis Village School; Sister Dorothy Ann, St. Regis Indian Sister of St. Ann and a teacher in the Caughnawaga Indian Reserve School, Quebec; Mrs. Annie Lahache, Caughnawaga. Back row: Golden Jubilarian Fr. Michael Jacobs

S.J., associate pastor of St. Regis and director of the day's events; Rev. Secretary to Bishop Belanger; Fr. Joseph McBride S.J., United States vice postulator; Fr. Robert Burns S.J., assistant director of the Auriesville Martyrs' Shrine; Fr. Henri Bechard S.J., Canadian vice postulator; and Most Rev. Guy Belanger, D.D., bishop of the Valleyfield Diocese, Quebec.

Prayer Day Memories

*Out of the hospital the week before and back to his old self on Wednesday, Fr. Jacobs masterfully planned and carefully had everything worked out for a smooth running Prayer Day.

*In a really shepherd-like manner Bishop Guy Belanger confirmed 95 members of the St. Regis Indian class just before the gathering at the Kateri Center.

*With so much dedication to Kateri on the part of all assembled, Fr. McBride took the opportunity of announcing the presentation of the Kateri Tekakwitha Award and the Lily of the Mohawks Certificate of Grateful Appreciation. More about the recipients is on page one.

*The intense sincerity of Dr. Solomon Cook as he reviewed the life of Venerable Kateri was felt by all.

*Long remembered will be the Bishop's words as he told how his devotion to Kateri began at the age of four and how he attributes being a priest to her. "And being a bishop," added Fr. Mike.

*"Because his hair is growing so gray," declared Fr. Jacobs, "I am

presenting this new head piece to Chief Blue Skies, Father McBride." Note in the picture above who proudly wears the only identifying garb of an Indian.

*Fr. Burns doesn't pass up the chance of leading everyone in singing "Blue Skies."

*The Sisters' reading of the proclamation of Pius XII by which Kateri is declared "Venerable."

*Bishop Belanger revealed his own talent for good music when he called for more of the famous sounds of the renowned Mohawk Indian Choir from Caughnawaga.

*And the delicious cake honoring the Bishop and the various tasty dishes prepared by the Ladies of St. Regis, delighted the palates of all for many moments and provided victuals for the memory for a long time to come.

Outdoor Statue Needs Caster

Requests for outdoor statues of Venerable Kateri are often made. A very beautiful and professionally sculptured statue was available from Adrienne Bouvier, Brookline, Mass., for many years.

Miss Bouvier worked with the late Father Wynne in producing a likeness of Kateri that would be consonant with Kateri's simplicity and spiritual yearnings for things heavenly. "Father Wynne was a very neat and particular man and he wanted to keep Kateri beautiful and holy," declares Miss Bouvier.

Now 75 Miss Bouvier believes she will never mould another statue of Kateri. She has all the moulds herself and states that a caster is all one needs to continue producing this excellent copy of the Indian Girl.

If anyone is adept in casting and would like to assume this work, please contact Fr. McBride who in turn will make the necessary approach to Miss Bouvier.

NOVENA of MASSES
for all League Members
OCTOBER 11 - 19, 1972



One Catholic Organization not pining for the "good ol' days" is the Catholic Daughters of America for they have been involved in a Sevenfold Program of Apostolic Works even before the Vatican Council. This is due to the self sacrifice, zeal, energy and intelligence of their National Regent Miss Mary C. Kinane and the 250,000 members in 45 States and 5 territories of the United States.

Shown in the top picture at the National CDA Convention in Atlantic City, July 18, are Fr. McBride with Miss Kinane, right, and Mary-Eunice, left, looking over the convention program. Below are Marybeth Rummerfield, 1971 outstanding Junior CDA, Mary-Eunice, and Josephine Piazza, outstanding Junior CDA of 1972.

Mary-Eunice enacted the impressive Kateri character sketch monologue before 1500 CDA Delegates during the 70 Golden Years Pageant at the National Convention.

Sioux Have Kateri Day May 21

Father Bernard Fagan S.J., Director of the St. Francis Mission, St. Francis, South Dakota, sent word that a Kateri Day held May 21 went very well. "All of us hope the knowledge and love of Kateri will grow among the Sioux and that she in turn will pray in heaven for all of us here at St. Francis Mission," Father added to his message.

LILY OF THE MOHAWKS

New York State Bishops Approve Petition

After the approval of Most Rev. Edwin B. Broderick, Bishop of Albany, the diocese in which Ven. Kateri was born and baptized, the seven other bishops of the State of New York approved and signed a special petition in behalf of the Kateri cause to be sent to His Holiness, Pope Paul VI.

The draughts of the request, one in Latin and one in English, contain the substance of the reason behind this project.

Quoting from the document reference is made to what is occasioning this endeavour by the Tekakwitha League in cooperation with the Most Reverend Bishops of New York.

"Responding to the urgings of many devotees of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, Iroquois Indian maiden, who was proclaimed Venerable by Pope Pius XII in 1943, we, the most reverend ordinaries of the State of New York, respectfully request that the Holy See beatify this saintly person. We make this request so that this honor would concur with the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the United States in 1976. It would be a fitting birthday gift from His Holiness to the country who has opened her arms to the homeless and the tempest-tossed from countless nations."

"Besides commemorating the birth of a nation, this favor would also celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the baptism of Venerable Kateri, the birth of a Christian in the year of 1676 in the Mohawk Valley of New York State where three of the North American Martyrs gave their lives for the Faith."

Kateri's sanctity is modern and timely. "The saintliness of the Life of the Lily of the Mohawks has motivated many People of God to imitate her virtues, especially her prayerfulness, purity, devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and love for her fellow man, so much needed in today's world. Her beatification would again emphasize that these virtues practiced in an heroic degree by Kateri in her life on earth amidst the most adverse circumstances could again be practiced by Christians amidst the hostile atmosphere today."

Signing the petition are in addition to Bishop Broderick of Albany: Most Rev. Francis J. Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn; Most Rev. James A. McNulty, Bishop of Buffalo; His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York; Most Rev. Stanislaus J. Brzana, Bishop of Ogdensburg; Most Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, Bishop of Rochester; Most Rev. Walter P. Kellenberg, Bishop of Rockville Center; and Most Rev. David F. Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse.

400 Prayer Pledges Returned

Since the Spring issue of the LILY only 400 Prayer Pledges have been returned. The list carries names from all parts of the country.

The small number that has come back is due partly to the need of cutting out the pledge, thereby destroying two pages of the LILY. As noted on the last page of this issue it is only necessary to send in one's name marked Prayer Pledge.

When 1,000 pledges have been received a special Kateri Prayer Honor Roll will be printed. The pledge calls for one Our Father and/or one Hail Mary every day until the miracles required for beatification are obtained.

Latest Kateri Statue Erected Blessed In Tacoma, Washington

Simultaneously with the Prayer Day at St. Regis was another important event in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, Tacoma, Wash., April 16. This marked the erection of a marble statue of Kateri costing \$750. and made in Italy, the latest of Kateri Replicas to dot the map of the United States.

Father William Greier, pastor, tells what led up to the dedication of this newest statue. "In 1932 while stationed as a priest in Germany I happened to read a short life of Kateri Tekakwitha. I got immediately interested in her cause. When in 1937 I came to America I hurried to pay a visit to Auriesville and Caughnawaga.



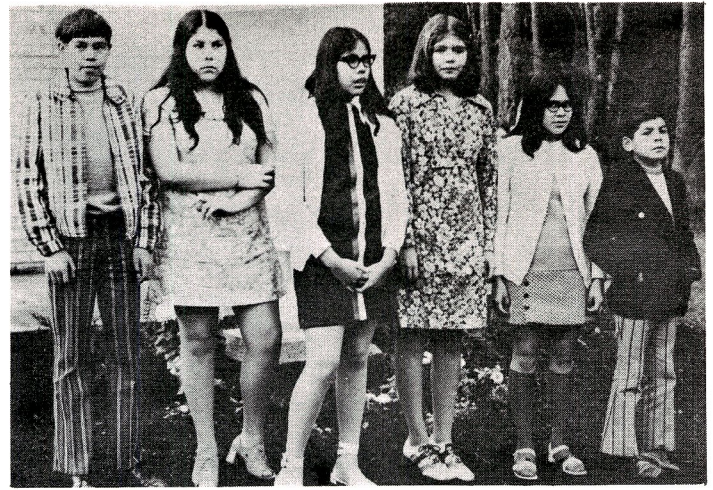
**Newest Kateri Statue,
Kateri Tekakwitha
Herness, Father William
Greier, pastor of Our
Lady Queen of Heaven
Church, Tacoma
Washington
April 16, 1972**

Full of enthusiasm I vowed that I would pray for her beatification especially since she had answered my prayers in many ways. It seemed to me that it was one of the favors I had obtained through her that I was sent for a few years to work among the Lummi Indians in the Northwest corner of the USA. My work appeared to be blessed."

"When in 1956 I built Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church on a 10 acres plot of virgin forest, I worked immediately to build a shrine in honor of Venerable Kateri. What I needed was a statue as a sign of her presence. In 1971 the Righetti Family offered me the money for a memorial of Mrs. Dorothy Righetti to order a statue of Kateri from Italy. Today the statue stands in front of the school of religious education."

"The whole parish (850 families) was invited to come for a free dinner to celebrate the blessing of the statue. We could afford a free dinner as we had just paid off the parish debt. We distributed a few hundred copies of the "Lily of the Mohawks" and 500 prayer cards with the prayer for the beatification. I preached the three Sunday sermons on Kateri to make everybody acquainted with her life. Now 350 children pray every Saturday when we have CCD classes which begin with Mass for Tekakwitha's cause. We are proud that we have a parish that knows about the Lily of the Mohawks and that is interested in her beatification."

Present for the blessing were: Fr. Robert Bradley S.J., professor of history at Seattle U., Fr. Gerard Morin S.J., of St. Leo's Parish, Tacoma, Fr. Alcuin Lawrence O.S.B., who introduced years ago veneration to Ven. Kateri on the Washington Peninsula, Fr. Max Murray who took care of the Suquamish Indians and was



AT THE BLESSING were: Samie Dirks, Aliute Indian, Vicky Dirks, Aliute Indian, Elizabeth LaMont, Washington Indian, Julie Dirks, Aliute Indian, Alisa LaMont, Washington Indian, and Martin Dirks, Aliute Indian.

custodian of the tomb of Chief Seattle after whom Seattle was named, and Fr. Damian Glen O.S.B. who had only to say that "My parents were married by Fr. Boulet, the greatest Indian missionary of the Northwest."

Four year old Kateri Tekakwitha Herness was present and is shown with Fr. Greier above. Six Indian children also attended.

Happily has Fr. Greier reported recently: "Within a week from putting up the statue five people came back to the sacraments."

1656



1680

Lily of the Mohawks THE VENERABLE KATERI TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE

PURPOSE OF THE LEAGUE: To spread the life story of Kateri Tekakwitha by passing out her holy cards and literature, by promoting her cause as a project for your club, organization or society, or through the schools in your area.

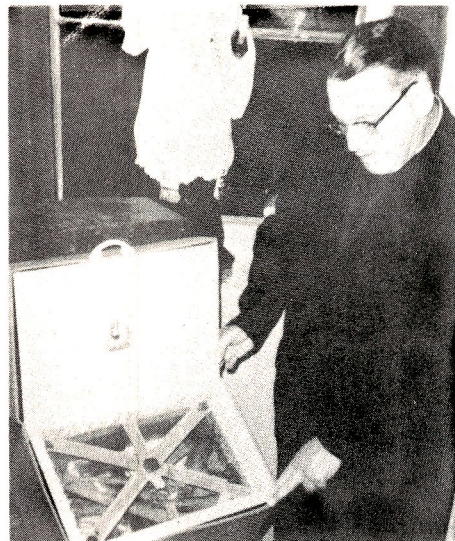
OBLIGATIONS: 1. Recite daily the prayer for the beatification of Venerable Kateri. 2. Offer some work for the intentions of the League Members.

BENEFITS: 1. Each First Friday—a Mass is offered for all League Members by a missionary priest in the Caroline Islands. 2. Annually—a Novena of Masses for League Members, October 11 to October 19. 3. Our publication LILY OF THE MOHAWKS is sent to all members. 4. Daily remembrance in the Mass of the Vice-Postulator. 5. A sharing in the spiritual works and apostolic labors of over 5,000 League Members.

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Kateri's Relics Given Permanent Dignified Room

Tight security surrounds precious persons and things everywhere. So it is with the relics of holy persons. The relics of Ven. Kateri are to be given more security and a more dignified atmosphere through the generosity of the



Fr. McBride views Relics

Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, Monsignor Andre Chemicella, O.S.M.

At present, concern for the safety of the Kateri relics was occasioned by the fact they were displayed in a case as seen in the picture which could be easily removed. At night, however, they were put in a safe.

No one was ever impressed by the lack of decor or reverent atmosphere in the confined enclosure where visitors viewed the remains of the saintly Indian Maiden.

The new room will be an oratory where devotees may pray quietly before the relics. The tomb will be of Carrara marble since the Mission Church, St. Francis Xavier, Caughnawaga, Canada, is white and gold.

Only half of Kateri's body rests at Caughnawaga. In 1752 a group of the Mohawk Nation decided to settle down the St. Lawrence now known as the St.

The Energetic One

Author of Kateri Pamphlet Dies

Rev. Thomas J. Coffey S.J., author of the popular pamphlet "Kateri Tekakwitha", America's Marvelous Maiden, died at St. Francis Hospital, Jersey City, N.J., Saturday, March 4, 1972, after a lingering illness. He was 68 years old.

A native of Bayonne, N.J., Father Coffey was ordained at Woodstock College, Md., 1933. He first became known to the people of the Albany Diocese after his appointment as Martyrs Shrine Director at Auriesville in 1941. It was largely due to his efforts that the Shrine managed to continue operation despite travel restrictions

during World War II.

In 1948 he was assigned to St. Francis Xavier Church, New York City, and at the insistence of the late Bishop Edmund Gibbons was chosen to succeed the Rev. John



Fr. Thomas J. Coffey S.J.

.....Rotsanih

Camp Fire Girls' Pilgrimage Honors Patron, Ven. Kateri

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Dolores L. Clay of Chevy Chase, Md., the Camp Fire Girls of the Archdiocese of Washington gathered for their sixth annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, March 12, 1972.

Since Ven. Kateri is patron of the Camp Fire Girls, a special Tekakwitha Banner with a three dimensional lily was blessed along with Kateri medals. Over five hundred medals were presented to the girls who attended.

The Tekakwitha Banner took first prize ribbon in the CYO 12th Annual Arts and Crafts Show.

The liturgy was neatly outlined in a brochure which bore a likeness of Ven. Kateri on the cover. Homilist Fr. Horace McKenns S.J., of St. Aloysius Church, Washington, spoke on Kateri.

Regis Reservation. With them was taken the other half of the Kateri relics. Later they were destroyed when the church burned.

After Ven. Kateri is beatified and canonized an altar will be installed in the oratory enabling public veneration to be made.

Wynne S.J. as the vice-postulator for the beatification of Venerable Kateri.

In 1961 Father Coffey returned to Auriesville to rejoin the Shrine staff and continue his work as vice-postulator from new headquarters there. For the last seven years he served as assistant pastor at St. Peter's Church in Jersey City.

Besides the famous pamphlet on Kateri which went into its seventh printing in 1968, Father wrote on the history of the early Jesuit Missions in New York State.

The Mohawk nation in 1946 honored him at Caughnawaga, Canada, when he was pronounced an honorary chieftan of the Mohawks and given the Iroquois name of Rotsanih - the energetic one.

After the funeral services at St. Peter's, Jersey City, his remains were taken to the Jesuit Cemetery in Auriesville, N.Y.

One of eight children, Father Coffey has a brother who is also a Jesuit, Rev. J. Edward Coffey S.J., of the Collegio Bellarmino, Rome, and four sisters who are religious.

**MAKE PRAYER POWER GROW
JOIN THE NOVENA**

Send in your Intentions
USE INTENTION CARD
AND SPECIAL ENVELOPE ENCLOSED

NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

IRISH IDENTITY - Waiting to begin Mass in Ireland, Fr. Michael Jacobs asked the altar boy if he ever heard about Kateri. "Ay and to be sure," said the youngster as he showed Father a picture of America's Marvelous Maiden.

FONDA'S FINEST - Father Ronald Schultz, O.F.M. Conv., is the new director of the Kateri Museum at Fonda, N.Y. He has taken up his duties at Kateri's baptismal site, replacing Father McGettigan who was killed last October in an auto accident.

INDIANS AIRBORNE - American Airlines ran a series of articles in its fine magazine "The American Way" on American Indians. The one on Indian Art, June 1971, was exceptionally well done. Deborah McRoy, assistant to the Editor, informs me that the articles will appear in book form sometime this year. Both in the air and on the ground this book should be top flight reading.

IMMACULATA SCORES - Six special articles dealing with Indians majored in the Table of Contents of the June-July '72 issue of the Kenosha Franciscan Friars' superb magazine IMMACULATA. Old friends Mary-Eunice, Clementine Lenta, and Fr. Ted Zuern, S.J., authored the informative pieces. Well done, all!

NOVENA FOR YOU - From October 11 to 19 a Novena of Masses will be offered by myself for all the intentions of League Members. Be sure to specify your intentions on the accompanying blank and return the list as soon as possible in the envelope provided. The novena ends on the Feast of the North American Martyrs.

MY PLEDGE

I the undersigned pledge to offer up each day one Our Father and/or one Hail Mary until the second duly verified miracle for Kateri's beatification is obtained.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

KIDS LIKE IT - Travelers three are we - Mary-Eunice, husband Joe, and the Vice Postulator - who delight in the lively reaction to our program. Children seemed very happy over the show at Blessed Elizabeth Seton, Shrub Oak, N.Y., St. Mary's, Rahway, N.J., and St. Cecilia's, Kearney, N.J. Mary-Eunice demonstrates the Apostleship of Prayer Puppets, Fr. McBride shows filmstrips on the AP, conducts a

contest between the boys and girls, and finally Mary-Eunice portrays Kateri telling her life story from heaven. Joe fusses with stage details, etc. Let us know if your parish school is interested in the AP-Kateri billing.

OUR HONOR - What other League has a Jesuit Bishop, an Apostolic Vicar of the Caroline-Marshall Islands, willing to offer First Friday Masses for its intentions? The young, zealous, and holy prelate is Most Rev. Martin J. Neylon, D.D., now serving the priests and people of the United States Trust Territory in the Pacific Ocean. From this September to February '73 the Bishop will be offering Mass on the first Fridays for all of the League Members.

CURTAIN DOWN - In several past issues mention was made either of a film or of a play to be produced about Kateri. Nothing will be said this time. Hopefully, better news will be forthcoming next year.

THE PLEDGE - In this feature the prayer pledge is again printed. It wasn't used too extensively last time, perhaps because it meant tearing a page apart. To make the pledge just send in your name. No need to destroy your LILY. We have a long way to go to get America praying in unison for this great favor. Let us not stall!

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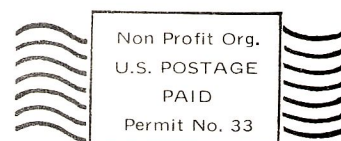
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