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Petition Reaches Rome, Bishop told

Signed by the eight Bishops of the State of New York, a petition requesting the beatification of Venerable Kateri in 1976 has reached the Holy Father in Rome, Most Rev. Edwin B. Broderick, D.D., Bishop of

Albany, learned recently.

The petition was described in the last LILY. It called for this favor to commemorate the double anniversary in 1976 of the 200th Anniversary of the founding of our country and the 300th Anniversary of Kateri's baptism - the birth of a nation and the birth of a Christian.

Notification of the receipt of the petition was made in the name of Pope Paul VI through J. Cardinal Villot. The response read: "Dear Bishop Broderick, I have been asked by the Holy Father to acknowledge the letter which you and your brother Bishops from the State of New York have sent to him concerning the cause of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

"His Holiness is pleased that the Bishops would wish to express their judgement concerning the possible beatification of this daughter of North American soil. The petition has been referred to the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints for study.

"With every good wish, I remain, Sincerely yours in Christ, (Signed) J. Card. Villot."

Vice postulator Father McBride received a copy of this letter on January 11 and immediately sent a



Most Rev. Edwin B. Broderick, D.D.

copy to the Bishops of New York State with deepest thanks for their cooperation in this project. Last October the petition was forwarded to the Cardinal-elect Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, who sent it to the Holy Father.

Advancing the cause of a saintly person is channeled through the Most Reverend Bishop either of the locality where the person was born or died. Kateri was born in the Albany Diocese.

New Ven. Kateri Monument Blessed

Wintry weather, Dec. 17, 1972, prevented representatives from the League Office and from the Auriesville and Fonda Shrines from attending the blessing of the new marble monument of Ven. Kateri in Caughnawaga, Canada.

Signing the testimonial documents of the transferal of the relics were: Rev. Leon Lajoie S.J., pastor of the St. Francis Xavier Mission, Bishop Andre Cimichella, Auxiliary of Montreal, Bishop Gerard-Marie Coderre of St. Jen de Quebec, and Rev Henri

Bechard S.J., Canadian Vice-Postulator.

Arrangements for the ceremony were made by Mr. Albert Lazarre, Secretary of the Kateri Center, Mrs. Ida Goodleaf, Regent of Daughters of Isabella, Lily of the Mohawks Center, and Miss Claire Dery, State Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, Victoria-ville, Quebec.

Note picture on page 5. More pictures and details will be given in the next LILY.

National Prayer Day April 17 To Advance Ven. Kateri's Cause

Ven. Kateri's Feast Day, April 17, is again designated as the National Day of Prayer to ask Almighty God to obtain for the world the honor of her beatification.

No specific locality has been chosen for this event. Instead, all League Members are called upon to observe this day in prayer all over the country.

According to Fr. Joseph McBride, vice postulator, all League Members, either individually or with a group of friends, are urged to pray the Rosary, meditate on the life of Ven. Kateri, and recite the prayer for beatification.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered by Father McBride on this day for all the deceased League Members.

Reports of these prayer gatherings may be sent to the League Office, Clarence Center, N.Y.

Mr. Chet Adams to Give Homily at Awards Mass

A Detroitier, Mr. Chet Adams, one of the recipients of the 1972 Kateri Tekakwitha Awards, will give the homily at the liturgical celebration of this year's awards presentation.

The Awards and Certificates will be bestowed during the Mass, Kateri Week End, Sept. 1-2, at Auriesville, N.Y.

Some of

Kateri's Answers

PROMOTER RECOVERS —

Enclosed is a check for \$15.00 to help the Kateri Cause. I have personally been aware of Kateri as a powerful advocate in matters needing God's help, and have recommended her to friends needing His help. Recently I asked her care for myself, as I was about to undergo a serious operation. I give credit to her for my recovery. *Westhampton, N.Y.*

MISPLACED CHECKS FOUND —

Enclosed you will find a check for \$5.00 in thanksgiving for a favor. I misplaced \$50. in traveler's checks belonging to my daughter. I held the picture of Venerable Kateri in my hand while looking for them. I begged her to help me find them. I turned around and they were right in front of my nose sticking out of a robe pocket. *Brooklyn, N.Y.*

SUITABLE HOME FOUND — I prayed to Kateri to help us locate the right home for us and she has done just that. *Bronx, N.Y.*

MISSION WORK AIDED — It cannot be called miraculous. But it seems so much an answer to prayer to Tekakwitha that it ought to be gratefully mentioned. At times as I travel from village to village among the American people of the mountains. I notice a fall off from confession. Always then I pray to her (She is of the same race as these people.) and always comes a quick reply, either along comes somebody in great need of confession or a little group suddenly arrive. These journeys and camp life are tiring and late in the evening I have found myself saying to Tekakwitha "I am very sleepy. Maybe I'd better not pray to you tonight or they'll not stop coming." *Guyana, So America.*

LITIGATION ENDS — For appreciation for assistance in the equitable settlement of an estate which had been in litigation for over two years. *New Orleans, La.*

TRINIDAD TESTIMONY — I may inform you that many devotees of Kateri in Trinidad have obtained

special favors through Kateri's intercession, especially from financial distress. So they are eagerly looking forward to that memorable day when the miracles she needs for beatification will soon be proclaimed. Please inscribe our names in the list of persons, who pledge to offer each day one Our Father and one Hail Mary until Kateri's beatification is obtained. *Trinidad, B.W.I.*

ESTATE SETTLED — Once again Ven. Kateri has aided me in the selling of a home. This time the home was my father's to settle his estate. We were able to get the top market price. Enclosed is a check for \$276.60. A similar check is being sent to the Tekakwitha Indian Mission in Sisseton, S. Dakota. *Ann Arbor, Michigan.*

PAVING DEBT GONE — The following relates the experience of one parish priest: Due to vast improvement made in a rather small town in western Iowa, his little parish was burdened with a heavy financial debt. The pastor, however, had great devotion to Kateri and so, with great confidence, he prayed much to her in this present distress. One day, not long afterwards, to his great surprise, he received an official notice from a Des Moines bank, saying, that the paving debt on his parish was cancelled. This favorable outcome the grateful pastor promptly ascribed to his faithful friend and helper, the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. *Western Iowa.*

VACATION ENJOYED — Enclosed please find a check for \$25. in thanksgiving for a favor received from Katherine Tekakwitha — a wonderfully safe trip to Hawaii and back. I am very grateful for all our favors received through her intercession. *San Jose, Cal.*

SPIRITUAL PEACE COMES — Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha helped me again on Sunday, 11-5-72. I had been quite upset over my home

problems with my parents. As I was about to receive Holy Communion at a 5:00 P.M. Mass she sent me the greatest peace and spiritual happiness. *Nanticoke, Pa.*

EYES IMPROVED — I had cataracts removed from both eyes, got a bad bump on my head which caused a hemorrhage in both eyes. The doctor said he didn't believe the eyes would clear up but after going to the Shrine and praying to Venerable Kateri the doctor was surprised on my next examination to find out how much they had improved. *Wollaston, Mass.*

TWO HOMES SOLD — I am so happy to tell you that Kateri has helped me again. My young niece wanted to sell her home, but it seemed to be such a hard job. Kateri had already sold my home, so I started praying and the house was sold. Thank you dear Kateri. I enclose a check for \$20. *Syracuse, N.Y.*

PET HELPED — Enclosed is \$5.00 for Kateri for a big favor. We have a large dog that developed arthritis or something in his hind legs. She could barely walk so my husband and I had to put her in a blanket and carry her up steps that were quite steep. We are seniors and it's hard. My husband isn't well. So I prayed and asked Kateri to help us and she did. Dog's legs aren't completely well but at least she can make it up the stairs. I'm eternally grateful to Kateri. She never fails me. I can always count on her. *Calumet, Michigan.*

TWOFOLD RESPONSE — Enclosed check for \$2.00 in thanksgiving for a successful operation and assistance in taking care of my grandchildren. *Brooklyn, N.Y.*

AILMENT AND WORRY SUBSIDE — On reading about Venerable Kateri I was greatly moved and impressed by her great love of Our Lord and of the cross and of her spirit of penance. Sometime ago I prayed to her for quick help in a chronic ailment I have, and for which I was granted, and the trouble abated; and at another time for quick relief in a time of worry and in which everything turned out fine. I immediately felt Our Lord's calming way on praying to her. *Spokane, Washington.*

LILY OF THE MOHAWK

Tanga Ordination Marked by Kateri Tekakwitha Play

A major part of the celebration attending the ordination to the priesthood of Father James Tuikum, M.S.C., December 8, 1971, in Tanga, New Guinea, was the one act play "Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks."

After the ordination there were many native dances and the Kateri play was presented by the Standard VI children.

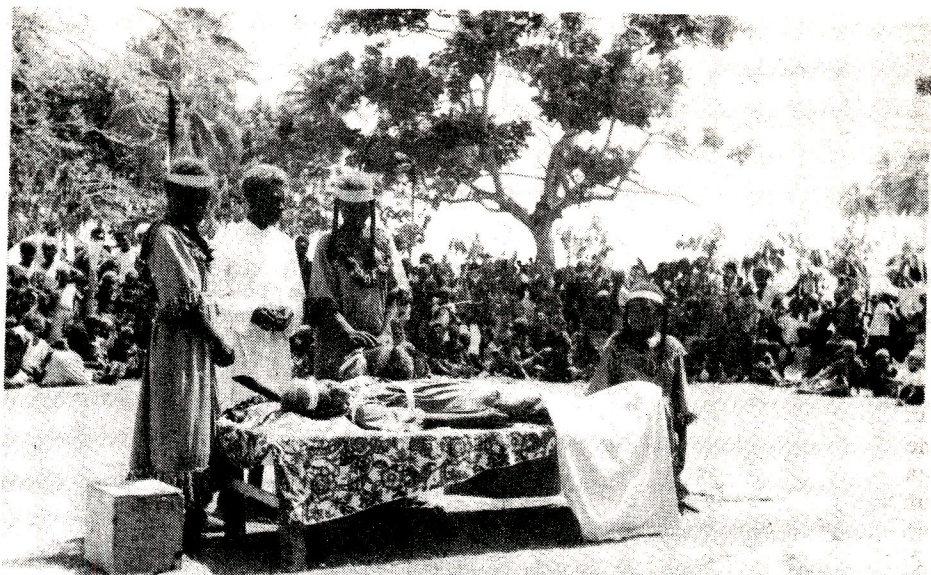
"The play lasted a full hour and was in English - a foreign language for the children. However," according to Sister M. Mildred, M.S.C., "they performed very well."

Many priests, Brothers, Sisters, lay missionaries and families, and government people came to take part in the ordination and to view the Kateri production.

The celebration began at 8:30 a.m. in a shady coconut grove when the native warriors with spears escorted Bishop Stemper and the priests with song and dance to the altar.

All this time the young levite was sitting in a little tent near the altar and the whole clan sat around him and sang the story of his life to the beat of drums.

When the bishop called for the candidate to step forward the parents and all the members of the tribe formed a procession and presented James Tuikum to the bishop. At this time James returned to the tribe the



KATERI'S DEATH BED scene is impressive finale to the one act play about her life as dramatized by the Tanganian children on the occasion of Fr. Taikum's ordination. Compare with same scene on page 8 of the Fall, 1969, LILY.

symbols of power, signifying that now he belonged to the people of God and not only to his tribe. Just before the ordination, there came loud shouts from all sides, indicating the coming of the Holy Spirit who came with a loud noise on the first Pentecost.

The first Mass of Father Tuikum was on the following day. A special string band played for this occasion. During the day there were again many native dances followed by the feast of roast pig and sweet potatoes.

Over 700 visitors came from New Britain and New Ireland so the Tanga people had many mouths to feed and accomodate. A joyful, meaningful event was used to spread the name of Kateri.



Father James Tuikum, M.S.C.

Appreciation Certificate Given Author

In appreciation for writing the latest biography of Venerable Kateri, the Lily of the Mohawks Certificate of Grateful Appreciation was presented to Father Francis Xavier Weiser S.J. at the Awards ceremony last September in the Auriesville Coliseum.

WANTED — Caster to produce Kateri statues. Molds will be supplied. Contact League Office, 6969 Strickler Rd., Clarence Center, N.Y. 14032.

Since final copy for the Fall LILY had already been on the press inclusion of this announcement was impossible in the last issue.

Father Weiser spoke on the occasion of the Kateri Weekend last September commemorating the Golden Jubilee of Father Michael Jacobs S.J. He told how as a boy in Vienna he dreamed of coming to America to meet the Indians and how as a novice in the Austria Province he read that a full - blooded Mohawk lad had entered the same Society half a world away in Canada. And here he was a half century later preaching at the Golden Jubilee of that same Father Jacobs!



O. L. PERPETUAL HELP First Graders pose with Sister Euphemia, Chief Karonhiio and Mary-Eunice after a Kateri show late last year in Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

Kateri Tekakwitha - A Bridge Builder

(Homily given by Father Frank Galles on Tuesday, October 24, 1972, at the Eucharistic Celebration during which Sister Winifred Scholtes received the Kateri Tekakwitha Award, Assisi Heights, Rochester, Minn.)

St. Paul's experience of the peace, reconciliation and brotherhood announced and begun by Christ must be seen against the background of the enmity between Jews and pagans in his time of history. A wall of separation existed between Jews and pagans. The Jews were a people who originated and survived through their unity arising from their faith in the God of their forefathers. They were a people with a moral ideal in an immoral world. Consequently they were a people hated and threatened by those around them.

It was against this background that Paul received his revelation. Jesus Christ, to be a bridge - builder between these peoples, first had to kill the enmity in himself.

St. Paul knew that he had to do this in himself also. When this revelation first came to him at the Damascus Gate he had to go away for a time to absorb the import of this message — so soul stirring it was. But he learned well the secret of "dying."

This reconciliation process is repeated over and over in history. But consider how miserably we failed when the colonists confronted the American Indian. Missionaries accompanied the colonists bringing the news of reconciliation, but, by and large, they failed in being reconciled. Why?

We did not appreciate the American Indian's culture, with its religious dimension. We came to convert the Indian. We came to bring Christ to him instead of helping him to realize that Christ was already there in his midst. And so we did great violence to him, and brought out the worst in him. We ridiculed him and attacked him. We did not understand him. Nor did we appreciate his religion and religious ritual. If only we had come to understand the ritual of the peace pipe. As the Indians gathered around the fire and passed that peace pipe from one member to another how beautifully it ritualized their faith in the Great Spirit. As each man absorbed the smoke of that peace pipe he expressed in sign his desire to share



Sister Winifred Scholtes, OSF, with Tekakwitha Award in the Tekakwitha Lounge at Assisi Heights after the presentation ceremonies arranged by her superior, Sister Gretchen, OSF.

in the one Great Spirit that would make all of who sat around that campfire a brotherhood, a fraternity.

And what did it mean to the Indian when we came and began to destroy the things of nature that were enlivened by the Great Spirit — destroy them not for the sake of food as the Indian did, but destroy them in sport, destroy them for the sake of making money. He saw the great heritage given to him by the Great Spirit being trampled upon and destroyed. Maybe it is only in this day, when we are becoming aware of ecology, that we can appreciate our forebearers, the American Indian. In the past we attacked all that the Indian held sacred. We tried to westernize him.

The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha serves as a symbol, not just as a person, but, perhaps, as a corporate person like Abraham, and like Jesus, Himself, to awaken in her own people and to awaken in us an appreciation of their culture and their worth. It is through her that many people are taking a new look at the Indian culture and recognizing that it is, perhaps, through it in some special way that we are going to find God. We, with our laws and abstract concepts, are rediscovering the value of the Indian mentality that is more like the oriental mind.

Therefore, I think it is good that today we are turning our minds to Kateri Tekakwitha. Sister Winifred was about forty years ahead of many others when back in 1931, in Iona (of

all places!) she first heard of Kateri Tekakwitha through an article she had read by Father John Wynne, S.J. In that article he told how the Jesuits at Auriesville had petitioned for the beatification of Kateri. Somehow or other (I think by divine inspiration) this caught the imagination of Sister Winifred, and with a forward vision she began to pursue this interest and this spirit of forming brotherhood that was given to her.

In 1933 Sister Winifred was assigned to Rollingsstone where she had the good fortune of meeting Father Tibesar who shared this common interest with her. With the children of the school at Rollingsstone she presented a play telling the story of Kateri Tekakwitha. The following year, 1934, she began her lifetime practice of praying daily for the canonization of Kateri. On her Golden Jubilee in 1959 she expressed the depths of this devotion that had been growing in her by celebrating her jubilee by going to Canada to visit the shrine of the relics of Kateri Tekakwitha. And then on her Diamond Jubilee in 1969 she made another pilgrimage, going to Auriesville to visit the site where Kateri had been born.

Sister Winifred's devotion to Kateri is a very sound devotion. There were many things in the spirituality of Kateri that, perhaps, we cannot all accept, and, I think, that we really ought not accept. But, nevertheless, there is also a part of her life and her devotion that is very good for us and very sound. Sister Winifred was led through her devotion to Kateri to the Father through Christ. And therefore the devotion that Sister Winifred practiced was very profitable, a devotion that really deepened her spiritual life.

Not only was this a personal devotion for Sister Winifred, but she has also been faithful in making the story, the mystery of Kateri known to many, many people. You only need to meet Sister Winifred for a few moments and you soon become aware of where her heart is and where one of the great thrusts of her life lies. As I said, she is ahead of us and has awakened in us a value and interest that really ought to be a great concern to all of us. Perhaps it is through Kateri, living so many years ago, that the great injustice of

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School Seal Interprets Life of Venerable Kateri



Land for the Tekakwitha Hills School in Fox Chase, Pa., was obtained through prayers to Ven. Kateri

The Key-Stone form of the Tekakwitha Seal

Recalls the setting of the School . . .
— Pow foothills and rolling woodland that once were Indian land . . .
— rich in the heritage that William Penn's dealings with the Indians gave to the origin of the Keystone State.

The Central Motif of the Seal

is a wigwam, or tepee,
— a symbol of the American Indian, altho housing customs among the tribes differed greatly.
— bordered with a design uniting the Indian inscriptions for hill and tree.

The Focal Point of the Seal is a white lily signifying the Indian girl, Kateri Tekakwitha, for whom the School is named.

— known as the White Lily of the Mohawks, who became a Christian.,
— whose short life of heroic holiness left deep imprints on her land, on the hearts of the people, and on the growth of Christianity in North America.

Sprigs of bittersweet surround the design. This red-orange berry - flower does not open to disclose its inner beauty, until it has met the winter-frost . . .

— a thought of deep significance for

the Tekakwitha girl.

The colors of the Seal are white and Indian-red.

White — not the absence of color, but rather its fullness and Wholeness —

To the Tekakwithan, it speaks of Wholeness — and vitality as alive and dynamic as LIGHT!

Indian-red — suggests the spirit of undaunted COURAGE — the kind of courage that Kateri had as she aimed the arrow of her life straight forward — confident that even through apparent failure, it would reach the final target of TRUTH — both now . . . and Eternally.

SPECIAL NOTICES

— Father Henri Lalonde, director of the famous Mohawk Indian Choir, suffered an infarct of the heart and is now slowly rebuilding his strength. Please remember him in your prayers.

— The Catholic Camp Fire Girls of the archdiocese of Washington will conduct their 7th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, March 11, during which the cause of Ven. Kateri will be promoted.

— Thomas N. Monroe, Fairleigh Dickinson University, submitted his critique of the musical on the life of Kateri: "The work would be suitable for the high school level, in a parochial school or in the locale from which the story originated. A suitable orchestration with a good orchestra would help it. Characters need development. Dialogue should be refined with more sophistication."

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NEW KATERI MONUMENT at Caughnawaga is being wheeled into place by Messrs. Manuel Lucio, Albert Lazarre, president of the Kateri Center, Leon Roszboeski, and Joseph Nardone. Note turtle emblem on marble at left and the Fleur de Lis at left. More pictures about the blessing ceremony in the next LILY.

Kateri - A Bridge Builder (Continued from Page 4)

the American Indian will be rectified, and, perhaps, now once again through Christ and through many others dying to themselves as Christ did the walls of

hate will be taken away and we will come again to appreciate the heritage of the people that we dispossessed.

"The Virtues of Tekakwitha Were Heroic."

- Pope Pius XII

In the Fall '71 LILY the virtues of Tekakwitha as described by Father Chauchetiere S.J. appeared under the above heading. Here are Father Cholenec's reflections as found in "Brief Life of Katherine Tegaskquita, Iroquois Christian," written about 1682. Fr. Cholenec was in charge of Sault Saint Francis Xavier to which Kateri betook herself after escaping from the site of her baptism in Fonda.



"Every morning, winter and summer, she was in our church at four o'clock and often arrived even before the bell which rings every day at that hour. She remained there several hours in succession in prayer, though her tongue played small part in it. Ordinarily she prayed only with eyes and heart — her eyes suffused with tears, and her heart incessantly giving forth ardent signs. Her fervor was no less evident in the confessions which she made every eight days or sometimes oftener. She thought herself the greatest sinner in the world. It was with such sentiments of humility that she made all her confessions.

"The same fervor was especially evident every time she received Holy Communion. She made ready for the great day by extraordinary redoubling of her devotion and afterwards she seemed altogether different, so much was she filled with God and His holy love. All her joy was to think upon Our Lord and to converse familiarly with Him. If sometimes asked, "Katherine, do you love Our Lord?" — it was enough to see her immediately quite overcome. "Ah, my Father! Ah, my Father!" she would say, and she could say no more. It was this burning love which made her renounce marriage, to consecrate her virginity to Our Lord at the age of twenty; and although she suffered many rough attacks from her kindred because of this conduct, which was unparalleled among the Iroquois, she held firm always with an unshakable constancy — surely a very admirable thing in the midst of savages among whom even the most virtuous women look to marriage for a share in a husband's hunting for their subsistence.

"Katherine, who had a regard only for the things of heaven, thought herself happy to be able to lack every-

thing and to be abandoned by everyone in order to be entirely consecrated to her Divine Spouse. She once asked one of our longest converted Christian woman what great and difficult things one could suffer to give testimony of one's love for Our Lord. "I know nothing," the woman answered, "more difficult to bear than fire." That was enough for Katherine, who sought only to testify to her love in some heroic manner. She spent a great part of the following night, while everyone else slept, most painfully burning her feet. She then went to the church to offer to her dear Spouse in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar what she had suffered for love.

"She did not stop at that because she knew well that God never so loved mankind as in giving Himself to them in the mystery of

the Eucharist and on the tree of the Cross. It may be said that Katherine imitated other saints perfectly in these two loves and that after having consecrated her heart to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, she sacrificed her body to the Cross, never to be separated from it. She was so eager for the Cross and for suffering that if she had been allowed to act according to the ardor of her desire she would soon have overwhelmed her body, already informed and sickly. She sought only to make it suffer in the sight of Jesus crucified. . . . The fine courage she displayed in mortifying herself in so strange a manner made her undertake generously the practice of all other virtues. It would take too long to explain the extent of her patience, her humility, her obedience, her simplicity, her constancy, and her union with God; how great was her devotion to the Blessed Virgin and her Guardian Angel. She excelled so greatly in all virtues, and she has given us such rare examples of them, that it seems as if each one had been her particular virtue, and that she gave herself up to that one specially. It could not happen that so holy a life should not be crowned with an exceptional death, as in fact it was."

The Summer LILY will present Katherine in death and the marvelous circumstances that followed.

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 beautification 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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Fr. Schultz Is Fonda Shrine Head

Father Ronald Schultz, Ofm. Conv., is the new director of the Catherine Tekakwitha Memorial Shrine in Fonda, N.Y.

Father Ron was born in Albany, N.Y., 1913, ordained in the Franciscan Order in 1939, and from 1940, except for two years of University studies, taught mainly Math and History on the high school and university levels. He attended the Catholic University of America where he won a M.A. in History, Villanova, Notre Dame, and the University of Pittsburgh which granted a M. Ed. in Math and Education.

Not to be confused with the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, the Tekakwitha Memorial Shrine is located on Route 5, one quarter mile west of Fonda, which is on the opposite side of the Mohawk River and five miles west from Auriesville.

Father Schultz points out that he and his staff are commemorating the tercentenary of the erection of the first Catholic Chapel (St. Peter's) in New York State, which was associated with the Mohawk Indian Village of Caugh-

nawaga, situated on the Fonda Shrine property.

This village, called a "Castle" by the Indians, is the only Iroquois Indian Village in the United States completely excavated and staked out. The findings have been officially documented and authenticated. Many of the artifacts of this village are on display in the Mohawk - Caughnawaga Museum beneath the Memorial Chapel together with many others of an Indian nature from all the Americas.

The Museum, furthermore, has an absolute charter from the New York State Board of Regents as an educational institution, and is rated as the best of its kind in the Mohawk Valley.

Most important of all, Father Ron states, the Castle of Caughnawaga is the Indian Village where the famed Mohawk Indian maiden, Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, lived for ten years and was baptized in 1676. In 1976, when the United States celebrates the bicentennial of its founding, the tercentenary of Kateri's baptism will be commemorated at



Fr. Ronald Schultz, OFM, Conv.

Fonda.

Father Ron's predecessor, Fr. Thomas Grassmann, Ofm. Conv., spent twenty - five years at Fonda where just before his death his book "The Mohawk Indians and Their Valley" was published containing the fruits of his long hours of study and research.

SECOND EDITION — Fr. Weiser's "Kateri Tekakwitha," the latest biography of the Indian Girl, is in its second edition. Books may be ordered from KATERI, Box 70, Caughnawaga, P.Q., Canada, or from Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y., 12016. Hardcover is \$3.75; Paperback \$2.25.

DECISION— Since 1965, the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, has been fighting for an exemption from taxes inequitably imposed on the new Cafeteria. Five judges of the Appellate Division in Albany heard the case on Oct. 19 and voted unanimously in favor of the exemption. That date is the new feast of the North American Martyrs.

PONAPE PRAYER— For the next 6

NOTES FROM THE BARK

by Father McBride

months you are being remembered in the First Friday Masses of Fr. Joe Cavanagh S.J., Ponape, Caroline Islands, Pacific.

PLEASE REMEMBER — Bishop James McNulty of Buffalo passed away Sept. 4, 1972. He made an annual retreat at Auriesville and enthusiastically signed the petition for Kateri's

beatification. His gentleness and Irish wit will be long remembered as will his devotion to Mary. A prayerful remembrance of this fine bishop is appreciated.

SEAL APPEAL— We asked that you use the Kateri Seals at Christmas in order to spread her name. We know of several people who saw them on letters and wrote for further information. Many of you even sent in a donation for the seals. For this generosity you have helped the cause to go even farther. Great cooperation!

PLEASE TELL— Including this LILY there have been four sent flat without an envelope. Our mail handlers have no mercy on pieces such as these. So, please let us know if your copy arrives in clean, untorn condition. Otherwise, we'll resort to using envelopes.

ADD ONE — Mary - Eunice has added another character sketch monologue to her repertory in which the life of St. Margaret Mary is portrayed. Premiere will be in March at the Visitation Convent, Riverdale, N.Y.

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witha League for distribution to your Catholic relatives and friends who would be interested. Please clearly print names and complete addresses with Zip Code No Charge

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The new cards will be mailed to members as acknowledgements are sent out. Lifelong Members will receive their cards as soon as a determination is made upon a survey of the League's files. The card will also list the year or years of membership validity. The reverse of the card lists the benefits to which the members are entitled.

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