

# Lily of the Mohawks



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## Father Schlaerth Dies At 69



**FATHER "BILL" LIKED** the movies. This was no secret. He looked for good direction in the ones he carefully selected. How applicable this was to his life! He was able to give direction as he did in the offices he held as a member of the Society of Jesus - twice rector, professor, shrine director, and vice postulator for Ven. Kateri's cause.

He looked for direction in his own life and knew how important it was to give it. Those who knew him testify that His Leader was Christ. Faithfully Father followed His guidance and tried to give it to others as he favored the meditation on the Kingdom while giving the Spiritual Exercises. Today he rejoices in heaven for having been an ardent follower of the Lord.

## National Prayer Day, May 5, In Washington

May 5, the first Sunday of May, is National Prayer Day for the cause of Ven. Kateri's beatification and canonization.

The event will take place at the Franciscan Monastery in the nation's capitol and will be

sponsored by the Catholic Committee of Camp Fire Girls under the leadership of Mrs. Dolores L. Clay of Chevy Chase, Md.

Beginning at 3 o'clock in the  
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## Kateri Workshop Suggested A Study of Ways and Means To Make Her Better Known

A Kateri Workshop has been suggested by Mr. Joe O'Brien, Cleveland, Ohio, Award Recipient '73.

Purpose of the gathering would be to deepen the knowledge of the life of Venerable Kateri and to survey possible plans to better disseminate this knowledge along with formulating some program for an adequate commemoration of the 300th Anniversary of Kateri's baptism in 1976.

Deeper study of Kateri's life and that of her people would also provide ideas of how to use this material in civic celebrations of the 200th Anniversary of the founding of our country also in 1976.

Upon hearing of the idea Father Michael Jacobs, S.J., submitted an intense agenda to be covered during the sessions. Others, like Sister Winifred, Chet Adams, Mary-Eunice and Joe Spagnola and Father Ron Schultz, OFM, Conv., have expressed keen enthusiasm over having an event of this kind.

Possible times - week after Easter, a week in June, a few days before the annual Kateri weekend - and locations - Fonda, Detroit, Auriesville, St. Francis, So. Dakota - have all been proposed.

"The workshop definitely will be a reality.", said vice postulator Father Joseph McBride, "but it can hardly take place this year because of other commitments I have."



## FAVOR AFTER FAVOR

Please accept the small gift enclosed to further the cause of our beloved Kateri. We have received her aid at least six times not only for our own favors, but for friends and relatives as well. She has seen us through home-buying, selling along with a home transaction and a teaching position for a non-Catholic friend, as well as two serious operations in the family. She never turned a deaf ear to us. - *Short Hills, N.J.*

## NO MORE FIDDLING OVER ROOF

To give thanks for a special favor I write. Last Spring, after the winter rains, a strong wind blew the shingles off the roof of the house we occupy. Our landlady did not replace these shingles. When she did not repair the roof I began to petition Ven. Kateri for help. After the third rain this autumn, our landlady put on new shingles and completely repaired the roof. Thanks to Ven. Kateri. - *Azusa, Cal.*

## NEIGHBOR HELPED

Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 in gratitude for a favor my neighbor and I received through prayer to Tekakwitha. - *Erie, Pa.*

## CHRISTMAS THANKS

Christmas time again and time to say a special thank you to our dear Kateri for many favors received. Enclosed please find a check to be used towards her beatification. - *San Jose, Cal.*

## SON-IN-LAW GETS RAISE

Just a word of praise and thanks for

*Some  
of*

a favor received, namely, my son-in-law was in line for a raise but time after time someone else got the raise. After a long time of praying he got the raise. Now I am trying to sell a store building. Please pray for me. - *St. Louis, Mo.*

## BUCK FOR BUCK

My sixteen year old son came to me the other day and said: "Mom, I don't know where to send this but I promised a buck for a buck." He got his buck on the opening day of the deer season and his dad got a buck two days later. It was quite a thrill for me to find the third generation's prayers to Kateri are being answered. - *Anonymous.*

## LAND SOLD

In thanksgiving for a favor of selling real estate received. - *Garden City, N.Y.*

## A REALLY BIG CATCH

I prayed that my husband who is trying to become a commercial fisherman would make a good catch. This past week he made a really big haul. My prayers were answered. - *Tacoma, Wash.*

## A KATERI WAS BORN

Thirty-two years ago I begged for prayers to save an unborn child developing in a fibroid uterine tumor. One before had been

**Kateri's  
Answers**

mentally retarded. After many novenas our prayers were heard and a healthy child was born to us. We named her Tekakwitha (Kateri). I am now 76 years old and fairly well, thanks to her! - *Marinette, Wis.*

## ULCER INACTIVATED

I really had a wonderful thing happen to me after 14 months of having an active ulcer on my leg, of going to the doctors once and twice per month, of medication, of taking care of the discharge, and of having to dress the leg twice a day. I was blessed with the relic in September, 1973 and the very next day the ulcer had closed and I no more needed bandaging, salve or doctors' visits. I am most grateful and a great promoter of this lovely Indian Maiden. - *Buffalo, N.Y.*

## OPERATION AVERTED

I have a sister who had started with great pain in her knee. I had taken her to a bone specialist, had an x-ray taken. "A little arthritis" was the diagnosis. Some medication was prescribed. After a few weeks we went back and the doctor said she has a torn cartilage and needed an operation. I was then in doubt and started to pray to my little Tekakwitha for help. She has helped so many people. I went to my family doctor who had another x-ray taken and informed me that he thought no operation was necessary. I asked Venerable Tekakwitha not to have an operation performed. I know God granted her my favor. My sister is much better. - *New Orleans, La.*

## JUST PAYING UP

I am an "old friend" of the League, but my husband does not believe in "bribing" for favors requested; but as a favor was received, I want to "pay up." Thanks. - *Anonymous.*

## Monsignor's Will Generous to Kateri Tekakwitha League

In accordance with the wishes and bequest in the last will and testament of Rev. Monsignor Vincent J. Gorski, late of the Town of Averill Park, N.Y., the Tekakwitha League received a sizeable donation.

Monsignor Gorski died on November 1, 1971. For many years

he had a special devotion to Venerable Kateri. He served the Diocese of Albany, Kateri's birthplace and scene of her baptism, during his long priesthood.

League Members are asked to remember the soul of Monsignor Gorski in their Masses and prayers.



# "Kaiatarnoron" In Place Of "Lily Of The Mohawks"?



**Florence Cunningham**

*... made Kateri costumes*

## Designer Of Costumes Is Active Lay Woman

Mrs. Irving Cunningham, known to most of her friends as "Florence," of 32 Montana Ave., Fort Monmouth, N.J., has been responsible for the many costumes worn by Mary-Eunice of Mary Productions.

Florence designs because she has a special talent for costumes, for materials, and for colors.

Three attractive Kateri costumes are the white, blue for TV and this year a new light green. According to Mrs. Cunningham green reminds us of spring. For the Indians spring was always especially welcome for it meant that the earth was once again renewed in all its beauty.

Florence for many years was the Girl Friday of the Christian Bros. Academy, Lincroft, N.J. Presently she does public relations work for the school. A member of the Catholic Daughters, she was responsible for making and designing the costumes for the play about Tekakwitha performed by the CDA at several Courts. She also lectures on Our Lady of Beauraing.

Married to Mickey (Irving) Cunningham, she has two grown children and three grandchildren.

Polls are interesting to conduct even though they don't always prove anything especially when their results are met with much opposition. Let's have one anyway!

Question: would you prefer as a title of the League's publication the name of "Kaiatarnoron" instead of "Lily of the Mohawks"?

When Father Bechard, Canada's vice postulator, and his committee were looking for an inscription for the new Kateri tomb, they wanted a Mohawk Indian word that best describes one who has been declared "Venerable." According to the authorities at St. Francis Mission, Caughnawaga, the word is "Kaiatarnoron" which means "a lady of quality."

Even in the event of Kateri's beatification and canonization the term would apply and does not have to be changed on the marble sarcophagus.

So, what is your choice? Do you prefer the new title or do you want the present one to remain? Please send in your decision as soon as possible to the Office of the Vice Postulator, 6969 Strickler Rd., Clarence Center, N.Y. 14032. The majority vote will prevail.

## Preliminary Report on Cure Sent to Rome for Approval

A Phoenix, Arizona boy can now hear. Doctors had him scheduled for surgery in order to restore his hearing. Medication meanwhile was prescribed but the boy refused to take it.

Through the suggestion of a Jesuit priest prayers began to Ven. Kateri for the boy. This occurred last Easter. On the eve of Kateri's feast day, April 16, Peter was able to hear again. The boy's father remarked when a visit to the doctor was cancelled, "What's the use, we know that Peter can hear."

In thanksgiving for this favor the family made a pilgrimage to Caughnawaga to the new Kateri tomb.

The detailed questionnaire with the answers supplied by the boy's parents is now in Rome for approval. If Rome consents more details will be presented.



**Abp. Donnellan greets Mary-Eunice**

*... at Rosary Rally*

## Visit To Atlanta Opens New Promotion Efforts

Surprises resulted from an invitation to Mary-Eunice to be the main speaker at an Atlanta, Georgia, Legion of Mary Rosary Rally last October.

First, there was the meeting with Archbishop Thomas Donnellan with whom the Spagnolas found a common friendship in Bishop Pernicone of New York and Fr. Mike Jacobs of St. Regis Reservation. The Archbishop, too, readily approved of an Atlanta Kateri Prayer Day.

Then, there were the hours spent with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lammers and their 14 children who live and operate an Indian and Western Goods Store, "Tekakwitha", outside of Atlanta. Among other efforts to promote Catholic activities the Lammers have been outstanding in their area in promoting the cause of the Indian Maiden.

Finally, Chief "Knoc-a-homa", a Chippewa Indian, mascot of the Atlanta Braves, was introduced. His spreading the name of Kateri is spectacular especially in the Braves' ball park.

Conclusion: all promise to accelerate their work for the Kateri cause.



## ***“The Virtues of Tekakwitha Were Heroic.” - Pope Pius XII***

This is another in the series taken from a letter of Father Cholenec's "Life of Katharine Tekakwitha", 1696.

"Her last days were truly precious for Katharine, days of grace and holiness, since she passed them in exercise of all those excellent virtues which she had

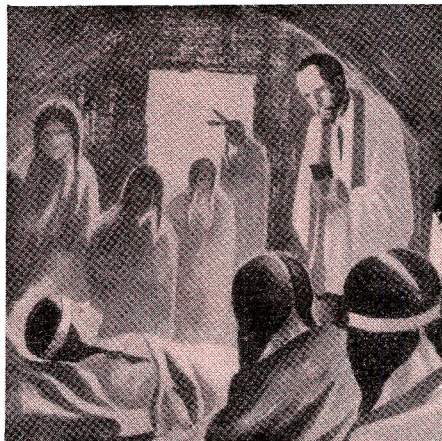


practiced so much during her lifetime, and which had never shone so brilliantly as at the time of her death: her faith, hope, charity, humility, gentleness, patience, resignation, and surprising gaiety in the midst of her suffering. The priest who was then in charge of the sick and who visited her every day, could not admire her enough. He always found her with a smiling face, which clearly showed the peace of her soul and the pleasure she found in her pains. One must not be astonished at this, for this holy girl, having suffered on the cross with her Savior and Spouse, was happy to follow his example by dying on it.

"Moreover, as all the men were at the hunt, and the women who remained in the village were occupied from morning until night in the woods or in the fields, they left their sick alone all day with a plate of sagamite and a little water within their reach. In this abandoned state Katharine passed all the time of her last illness, but was ordinarily a cause of pain and annoyance for the other sick, was for her an occasion of new merit

and even new consolation. As she knew how to profit by all things, and had for a long time accustomed herself to hold intercourse with God, she made use of this solitude to attach herself to Him and to become more inflamed with His love.

"Thus in her inmost soul she delighted in her God with an abundance of joy and spiritual satisfaction which were all the more pure because she was detached from worldly affairs. In order to draw these at the source of her delight, and moreover, being unable to forget the center of her affection, I mean the Holy Eucharist, she went to the church every day as long as she was able to move, to adore Him in private and



to pass whole hours, inspite of her great weakness, in the sweet company that held such charm for her. When it became impossible for her to do this, she made her stations there in spirit, uniting to the perpetual Sacrifice of our altars a continual sacrifice of her entire self to our Savior.

"As the time of her last moments approached, her strength was constantly decreasing until the beginning of Holy Week, 1680, during which God wished to take her from the world, that she might go, as we have every reason to believe, to celebrate the following feast days with the angels. Tuesday morning, seeing that she was

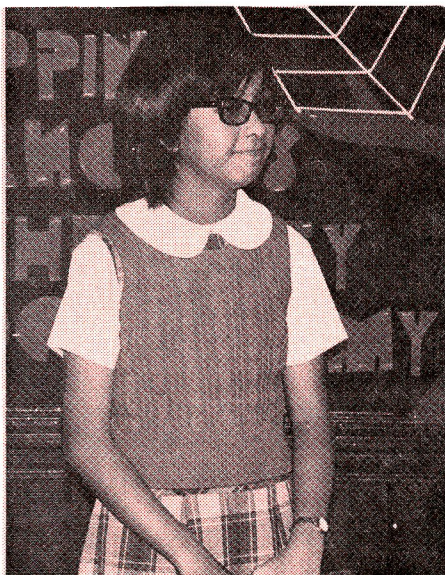
sinking rapidly, we gave her the Holy Viaticum, which she received with angelic love and devotion, as a true spouse of the Lord. The Divine Savior was no sooner with her than she renewed all the offerings she had made Him, expressing deep sentiments of gratitude for the great graces she had received, especially at the Mission of the Sault.

"All of our Indians who were at the village, and who had accompanied the Blessed Sacrament to the lodge, were charmed by such edifying piety. She passed the remainder of that day and the following night in sweet and fervent communion with Our Lord, Our Lady, and her crucifix. Wednesday morning she received Extreme Unction with the same devotion with which she had received the Holy Viaticum on the preceding day. During the three hours after noon she entered into the most gentle agony conceivable. A little later she lost her power of speech while pronouncing the holy names of Jesus and Mary, but as her hearing was still very good and she was fully conscious until her last breath, it was evident that she tried to make, with her heart at least,



those acts which were suggested to her during these last moments. Finally, a short half hour after her agony, she died peacefully, as if she had entered into a light sleep. It was April 17, 1680, at three o'clock in the afternoon."





**CONGRATULATIONS** to Anna Martine Sancho, sixth grader in St. Nicholas School, Passaic, N.J., for winning a school-wide contest on depicting something in Kateri's life!

A rugged outdoor scene forms the backdrop for a superimposed figure of Ven. Kateri which is made out of burlap material. Kateri holds a cross in her hand. Above the figure are the words: "Kateri Tekakwitha, Treasure of the Mohawks" done in heavy cut-out lettering.

Last year the student body responded with such great interest to the Kateri/AP Program that Father McBride offered to give prizes for any drawing submitted to his office.

Sister Dorothy Vespia is principal and supervised the contest.

## PRAYER DAY

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afternoon a living rosary will proceed to the Virgin's statue which will then be crowned.

Immediately after the crowning ceremony Mary-Eunice of Mary Productions will present the monologue on the life of Ven. Kateri in the auditorium.

If time permits a slide talk will be presented by Fr. Joseph McBride, S.J., vice postulator.

Restrictions this year due to gas shortage and speed limits make commemoration of this day more demanding at home.

In making this announcement Fr. McBride stressed having prayers in other parts of the country especially in the home where neighbors could participate.

## 1973 Tekakwitha Award

Given Father Schlaerth

Posthumously At Shrine

Posthumously awarded to Father William J. Schlaerth, S.J., was the Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha Award '73 at the noon concelebrated Mass, Sept. 2, in the Shrine Coliseum, Auriesville, N.Y.

Father's brother, Robert, and sister, Mrs. Rose Hepp, both of Buffalo, N.Y., received the award.

From 1964 to 1968 Father served as vice postulator for the Kateri cause. The substantial membership in the league is credited to him while in charge for he had a great knack of winning friends all over the country for the Indian Maiden.

Father was buried at Auriesville the afternoon before the presentation. He also was Shrine Director, 1960 - 1964.



**KATERI'S ALBUM** now possesses a picture of three-year old Kateri Valandra, a Cheyenne Indian born in Watonga, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Betty and Tom Valandra who live in Crestwood, N.Y.

Kateri loves Ven. Kateri very much. Above shows her for the second time hugging the Kateri Statue, once before at St. Francis Mission, So. Dakota, and during the Kateri Weekend last September at Auriesville, N.Y.

## PRAYER CRUSADE A Kateri Chaplet

Mrs. Edward Kisela, of Detroit, Michigan, has submitted a description of a chaplet in honor of Venerable Kateri.

There are 24 beads for Kateri's 24 years on earth.

The first 8 beads are brown on which 8 Our Father's are said. The intention is to request the Father to set the world in order again because He gave us the world in perfect order. Tekakwitha means "putting things in order", hence the identity of order with the prayer of this section. Brown is an Indian color.

Moonstone red is chosen for the next 8 beads. It stands for the high form of love all must have for each other. Indians have this kind of love for all mankind as their brothers. Ask Kateri's intercession to form this love in our hearts. Say 8 Hail Mary's, meditating on Kateri's love for Our Lady, and, that Mary is the one who leads all to Christ.

For the next section crystal is used to signify the lakes and streams which recalls how the Indians believe that lakes and stream are the tears of the Great Spirit. Here, a plea is made to Kateri to restore the beauty of the nation's waterways, saying 8 Glory Be's in reverence of the Spirit.

Only a few chaplets are available. Production is a tedious one. More later on its availability.





# AT FONDA



Ronald Schultz, O.F.M., Conv.

**Editor's Note:** Fr. Ron Schultz was introduced in the Spring '73 LILY. He is now making his debut as the Lily's first feature columnist. He will give us all the up-to-the-minute happenings at Fonda. Welcome, Father Ron!

This is my first column for Fr. Joe McBride's very excellent newsletter promoting Kateri's cause, and I am certainly proud to be numbered among those who are helping in this most worthy cause.

I shall be repeating a few things you have most likely read before, but I think it necessary as part of such an introductory piece as this one is.

Our little shrine, on the opposite side of the Mohawk River from Auriesville, contains a museum of Amerindian arts, crafts, and artifacts, and is certified by the New York State Board of Regents as an educational institution. It is worth seeing. Some eight thousand people came to see it last shrine season. Almost twice as many as in the previous summer.

We are proud, too, of our

excavated Mohawk Indian Castle (Village) of Caughnawaga. It was honored this year by the U. S. Department of the Interior by



**Museum's Artefacts at Fonda**

being placed on the National Register of Historic Places, a distinction reserved only for proven historical sites.

It was in this village, built in 1666 by the Turtle clan of the Mohawk Indian tribe, that the saintly Kateri lived for ten years and was baptized a Christian in

1676 by Fr. De Lamberville, S.J. (And don't think that doesn't make us Franciscans a little jealous!). It is the only scientifically, completely excavated Iroquois Indian Castle in the United States - but one of our men did that; namely, Fr. Thomas Grassmann, O.F.M. Conv. who labored here for thirty-two years. He has established the shrine on a very firm, historical, and archeological basis.

If Kateri is beatified, and we pray she will be, her little shrine here could grow like a prairie fire.

Please, come to see us next spring, summer, or fall and say a prayer for Kateri's cause in our St. Peter's chapel, named after the first Catholic House of worship in the Mohawk Valley, built in or near our Caughnawaga in 1672 by Fr. Boniface, S.J. (We just can't get those Jesuits out of our hair!)

Until the next time, we Franciscans here at the Fonda Memorial Shrine of Catherine Tekakwitha, hope Fr. Joe McBride and all those who love the "Lily of the Mohawks" have had a blessed Christmas and will have a truly prosperous New Year.

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.

New membership cards are sent annually.

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## WINNERS IN KATERI COLORING CONTEST

### GROUP I:

#### First Place:

Herman P. Frank, New Orleans, La.; Michael Jon Kolaso, Gaylord, Michigan.

#### Second Place:

Alice Marie Zappitelli, Conneaut, Ohio; Amy Jackson, Gaylord, Michigan.

### GROUP II:

#### First Place:

Donna Dougall, Clarence, N.Y.; Matthew W. Utse, Gaylord, Michigan.

#### Second Place:

Rehee Carroll, Williamsville, N.Y.; Gina D'Angelo, Glens Falls, N.Y.; Marilyn T. Begay, Houck, Arizona; Irene Six, Houck, Arizona; Barbara Hufnagel, Buffalo, N.Y.

### GROUP III:

#### First Place:

Michelle Bouwhuis, Gaylord, Michigan.

#### Second Place:

Reginald Harker, Houck, Arizona

### GROUP IV:

#### First Place:

Loralyn Antoni Dukart, Billings, Montana.

#### Second Place:

Gina D'Angelo, Glens Falls, N.Y.; Tim Jones, Gaylord, Michigan; David Copenhauer, Gaylord, Michigan; Stanley Pyrio, Watervliet, N.Y.; Tora Baldwin, Houck, Arizona; Leechee Yazzie Junior, Houck, Arizona; Veronica Murphy, Houck, Arizona.

### GROUP V:

#### First Place:

Daniel Christopher Lee, Pleasantville, N.Y.

#### Second Place:

Tanya Wiser, Seattle, Washington; Darin Judware, Wilson, N.Y.; Mary Patricia Crum, Sag Harbor, N.Y.

### GROUP VI:

#### First Place:

Joyce King, Buffalo, N.Y.

#### Second Place:

Kenny Barrett, Seattle, Washington; Kathy Gibbons, Ballston SPA, N.Y.; Donna Klier, Alden, N.Y.

### GROUP VII:

#### First Place:

Robert Lamont Dulin, Buffalo, N.Y.

#### Second Place:

Vincent Brock, Buffalo, N.Y.; Lawrence Bliss, Buffalo, N.Y.; Janna Cleague, Buffalo, N.Y.

### GROUP VIII:

#### First Place:

Cola Cook, Winnebago, Nebrs.

#### Second Place:

Eraine Grayhair, Winnebago, Nebr.; Roxann Mitchell, Winnebago, Nebr.; Leon Cook, Winnebago, Nebr.; Marvin Mills, Winnebago, Nebr.

### GROUP IX:

#### First Place:

Theresa Kerr, Brooklyn, N.Y.

#### Second Place:

Cara Beth Harlan, Winnebago, Nebr.; Arliss Harlan, Winnebago, Nebr.

## 450 Enter Coloring Contest

### All Are Pronounced Winners

"All are winners!", declared Father McBride. "The Kateri Coloring Contest was a huge success.", spoke Father as he announced the winners of the contest which closed on December 31, 1973.

However, the Vice-postulator pointed out that there definitely are some first and second place winners since these displayed superior winning talent. The judges' decisions are given in the companion column of this page.

Are there prizes for all the winners? yes, first, all entries become a member of the Tekakwitha League until graduation from elementary school; secondly, upon sending a return addressed envelope with first class postage attached each will receive a prayer card and a Kateri medal.

As a group of fifty entries arrived each section was given a first and second place winner. Where there were ties the same prizes were awarded. An eight inch Kateri statue was presented to the first placers and a six inch to the second. All prizes were sent by parcel post.

There were nine groups of fifty totaling 450 contestants. Excepting the south western and south eastern parts of the country, all other sections were represented including one entry from Ireland.

Because of the great response to this contest others are being planned for future issues of the LILY.

## Silas Left Hand Bull's

### Talks Aired Again

Radio talks written by Silas Left Hand Bull, active layman of the St. Francis Indian Mission, South Dakota, and Tekakwitha Awardee '73, were on radio for the second time last October 27 through November 24.

The talks describe the life of Ven. Kateri in the Lakota language. In 1970 Silas read the talks but in the second broadcast because of his failing eye-sight Ben Black Bear, Jr., presented the series. The purpose of these programs was to increase the love of the Sioux Indians for Kateri.

All talks were aired over stations in Montana, Nebraska, and the Dakotas and were under the direction of Fr. Bernard Fagan, S.J., superior of the St. Francis Mission.

## RECOMMENDED

The "Wind River Rendezvous" is highly recommended to LILY readers in order to enjoy and understand St. Stephen's Mission and its work, St. Stephen's, WY 82524. The publication is a 100% volunteer effort. Annual Subscription is \$1.50

## MASS For DECEASED

All deceased members of the Tekakwitha League will be remembered in a special Mass to be offered by the Vice Postulator on Ven. Kateri's Feast Day. Wednesday, April 17, 1974, at Clarence Center, N.Y.

## REMEMBERED

Fr. Paul Cantaro, S.J., Ponape, Caroline Islands, is offering the First Friday Masses from March to August, 1974, for the intentions of League Members. This is a benefit of membership and a means of helping a missionary.



# NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

**RECOVERING** - Our great friend in Detroit, Chet Adams, was stricken with a very serious gall bladder attack last October needing immediate surgery. He is well back to his usual dynamic self although discretion keeps him from plunging into his work as he has done for years.

**FINANCIAL** - Last year was a very good year as our year-end tallies reveal. Two large gifts - one from an award recipient and the other from Msgr. Gorski's will - permitted taking out a two year certificate at a special interest rate. This is added to the savings account which is destined for expenses incurred in investigations of cures and for any costs in beatification and canonization ceremonies.

Donations to the cause including membership fees amounted to \$9,271.92. Monies from religious articles are cancelled out almost by their original costs and by increased postage rates.

Expenses embracing office supplies, salaries, printing, and travel amounted to over \$8,000.

This is a general picture. The cause is really being supported. Thanks to all who assisted the League's efforts!

**HOMILY AVAILABLE** - A mighty fine homily delivered by Chet Adams at the award presentations, Kateri Week-end in Auriesville, is available for the asking. To run it in this LILY would entail cutting it here and there. This would be pure mutilation, like destroying a master-piece. If desiring a copy you would send an addressed envelope with the postage, you will facilitate the mailing most expeditiously.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED?** - All mail from our office will carry this on the envelope:



This label presents the symbol and the theme for renewal and reconciliation called for by the Holy Father during the year of preparation and the actual Holy Year 1975. Since the 300th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lord to Sister Margaret Mary coincide with the Holy Year, the Apostleship of Prayer of the New

York Region is sponsoring project Heart '75. The A/P shares offices with the League.

**SACRED MOMENTS** - At last I was able to visit the new tomb of Venerable Kateri in Caughnawaga, Canada. Joining with Father Bechard, Canada's vice-postulator, and a guest, a fervent rosary was offered for Kateri's beatification. Simplicity is the foremost note of the new tomb with a reverence and holiness prevalent only where something precious abides.

**ZIPS GIVE ZIP** - Anything that helps mail go faster these days is welcome. Zip Numbers on all mail to the League aids us in identifying you faster and therefore, being able to get an answer quickly into the mail. On all communications please give your Zip Code.

**NEW SECRETARY** - Replacing Fr. Schlaerth as secretary of the League's Board of Officers is Fr. Paul J. Gampp, S.J., eminent Jesuit of the Niagara Frontier. He has been a professor at Canisius College, former pastor of St. Ann's in Buffalo, and presently director and superior of St. Ignatius Retreat House, Clarence Center, N.Y. His hobbies are: mechanics, golf, photography, and wild mushrooms.

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