

# LILY OF THE MOHAWKS

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Fr. Leonard Baldus, O.M.I.

## Anne Scheuerman Produced Super 8 Film For Congress

One feature espoused by the Tekakwitha League at the Eucharistic Congress was a Super 8 Movie put together by Tekakwitha Award '73 Recipient Mrs. Anne Scheuerman of Pittsford, N.Y. It was shown and commented upon by Father McBride during the Lily of the Mohawks Events Program.

The film gave the story of the principal places in the life of Venerable Kateri, starting with her birth place at Auriesville, N.Y., then to Fonda, the place of her baptism, to Caughnawaga, Canada, where she died.

From Caughnawaga the sequence focused upon a few shots of St. Regis, Hogansburg, N.Y., where the head and right arm of Kateri's body were taken and later cremated when the church burned.

The concluding frames show the National Kateri Center at Auriesville and scenes of Indian History as depicted on paintings and displays in the Rochester Museum of Indian Lore.

## Kateri League Honors Four

From Sisseton, So. Dakota, came Fr. Leonard Baldus, O.M.I., from Syracuse, N.Y., Miss Agnes Gibbons, and from Marcus Hook, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, to receive the Tricentennial Kateri Tekakwitha Awards for 1976, at the Martyrs Shrine, Sun., Sept. 5.



Miss Agnes Gibbons

Father Baldus has carried on the work of his predecessor since 1969 which involves the management of the Tekakwitha Indian Mission, Inc. The Mission comprises an Orphanage, a Hospital, and a Nursing Home, all bearing the name of Tekakwitha.

"It really made my work a much more fulfilling and happy task," wrote Father Baldus describing how he became interested in the life of Ven. Kateri. So many people have written telling him of their own experiences, the favors they had received, the problems they now have, their need for prayers, that Father had printed for distribution the monologue of Mary-Eunice which capsulizes the life of Kateri. His constant promotion of Kateri's cause rightfully merited the Award.

A modern Kateri is Miss Gibbons. Not only has she conducted numerous pilgrimages to Auriesville but her life, now in the late seventies, reflects Kateri's love for the Mass and for her neighbor. Her ample contribution enabled the Kateri Center to take root last year. She is an active Third Order Dominican and a vivacious parishioner of St. Brigid's Parish, Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace wrote how thrilled they were in receiving the Award: "After lovingly and always willingly working 21 years for Kateri and giving out thousands of leaflets and novena pamphlets, giving away over 300 Kateri Statues, rebuilding our church hall, naming it Kateri Tekakwitha Hall, and in 1959 inserting a 4" Kateri



Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace

Statue in our school's cornerstone with a letter stating we would work the rest of our lives for Kateri, we never in our wildest dreams thought we would reach such a high reward on earth as this, the Kateri Tekakwitha Award."



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of

## Kateri's Answers

### UNION PENSION PAID

I was having trouble getting my union pension, so I immediately started praying to Kateri to help me. I promised to send this offering if my prayer was answered. - *Minersville, Pa.*

### CHEM PROBLEMS SOLVED

I was very confused about a particular section of Chemistry and was to take a test on the following morning. That night I prayed to Katherine Tekakwitha. The following morning I went to class still doubtful. Every time I said her name she helped me as answers seemed to come from nowhere. I thank her for the fine grade I received. - *Rochester, N.Y.*

### MARRIAGE SAVED

Three years ago my marriage was breaking up as a result of my husband's problem and job situation. A friend in my home town sent us a membership in the League. Thanks to Kateri's intercession my husband now has a good job and our marriage is stable. - *Los Angeles, Ca.*

### WHEAT CROP EXCELLENT

Some months ago I saw pictures of the "dust bowl" conditions in the mid-West and consequent fear for the crops. That very day I included in my prayers to Kateri a prayer for the farmers and a good wheat crop. The other day I read in the paper

that the wheat crop for the area was excellent. - *Beverly Hills, Ca.*

### FAST SALE

Enclosed is in thanksgiving to Ven. Kateri in helping our son in Alaska sell his home, which was sold sooner than expected. - *Springfield, Ill.*

### PNEUMONIA CURED

My son was ill with pneumonia. He recovered. I prayed to the Lily of the Mohawks as always. - *Allison Park, Pa.*

### RUSSIANS BEATEN

Perhaps you will think I'm some kind of a nut. When our wonderful Flyers played against the Russian Team I was a wreck until it was over. When the Russians walked out (I knew they'd come back because of the money.) Mr. Snider told them off. He really called their bluff. I went in and prayed before Kateri's picture and I asked her to let Reggie Leach make the first point. He did. I said he was a full-blooded Indian. What an honor for him to make the first point against the Russians! Please don't think I'm silly, Father, but our honor was at stake. We beat them. - *Warminster, Pa.*

### POSITION BETTERED

I have been out of work for seven months and frankly, I was at the end of my savings and my self-esteem. When your package

arrived, I immediately donned the medal and read the prayer that came attached. Not being Catholic, I burst into tears at the end because the card says to say the rosary. I calmed down and said the Jewish prayers of my youth. Less than three hours later I received a call that resulted in a job that offered more money and an advancement in position. - *Rego Park, N.Y.*

### COMMISSION SHARED

In April I picked up an Old Leaves magazine and re-read an article about Kateri. Being of Indian descent (Osage and Kaw) I have been interested in Kateri. I had just re-activated my Real Estate license and thought that if I made any money I would like to send \$100.00 out of my commission check. Within a week I sold a condominium and although my commission was only \$179.00 I'm delighted to send the enclosed money order for \$100.00. - *San Clemente, Ca.*

### DISCOURAGEMENT GONE

I want to tell you that recently I was seriously ill and asked Kateri for her help. After continuous prayer to her I came out of my illness with an even better condition of health than I had before. - *Mechanicville, N.Y.*

### SATISFACTORY PURCHASE

I petitioned Kateri Tekakwitha to help me buy a house. I bought one that is very satisfactory to any needs and I'm very grateful. My fondest dream is that Kateri will soon be declared a saint. - *Toledo, Ohio*

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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.

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## AFTER THE CONGRESS . . . ON THE WAY BACK HOME

**JOSEPH INGATIUS MC CAULEY**, born July 31, St. Ignatius Day, in Phoenix, Arizona, is the youngest ever to participate in a Eucharistic Congress. He with Mom and Dad, three brothers and two sisters after 2500 miles of travel arrived just in time for the August 3rd Kateri Program. He played Kateri as a baby in the McCauley Puppet Play on Kateri. On Saturday in Old St. Joe's, Philadelphia, he was baptized.

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**GOLD MEDAL ACCLAIM** went to the Caughnawaga Mohawk Indian Choir for two outstanding performances at the Mohawk Liturgies. The famed Choir turned down an invitation to sing at the closing of the Olympics in Montreal so that it could sing at the Eucharistic Congress. Applause rang out after each liturgy for the excellent singing.

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**THANKS TO MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WALLACE** League Members who tended the Kateri Exhibit had their energies sustained by the tasty sandwiches brought from Marcus Hook, the Wallaces' home.

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**HUNGER FOR PROFIT** gnawed away at the Civic Center - a cup of chopped ice with a dash of cola was \$ .60, a ham sandwich \$1.20, a half-pound of candy \$ .60 (This was the minimum quantity you had to buy). Adding to these squeezes was the impoliteness of the sellers. To enter the Center it cost \$1.00 per person. One family man said: "This is what we want our children to see (the exhibits) but who can pay a buck each for a family of seven or eight?" This hunger was well satiated.

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**PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS** bearing Paul VI's words: "The Eucharist . . . the most outstanding

gift of the Heart of Jesus.", were distributed by the IIHJ. Over 100,000 were paraded throughout Philly in the hands of the people. But came the First Friday, August 6, the day Our Lord asked for special observance of His Eucharistic Heart, there was no outstanding celebration. One wonders what happened to the program submitted by the Apostleship of Prayer for this First Friday at the Congress!

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**PRELUDING HER CONGRESS** performances in behalf of Ven. Kateri, Mary-Eunice appeared on the previous Sunday in CBS' "The Way To Go Program."

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**WORTHY OF SPECIAL NOTE** was the self-sacrificing Tom Constantino, president of the Noteworthy Co. of Amsterdam, N.Y., and his administrative assistant Gary Bruce, who worked two days in the stuffy, non-air-conditioned hall setting up the attractive Kateri Exhibit.

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**GENUINE HOSPITALITY** was given the Kateri Committee at St. Joseph's College where we stayed. And hospitality with efficiency met us at Old St. Joe's where the Mohawk Liturgy was celebrated.

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**WELCOME WERE THE WORDS** of Bishop Stanislaus Brzana, bishop of Ogdensburg, N.Y., at the 5 PM Liturgy. He gave credit to the various ethnic groups who came to this country and contributed to its greatness. "How much more should we be indebted to the Indians for all they did long before settlers arrived here?"

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**AFTER THE NOON LITURGY** Alma Gargan, long-time friend of the Martyrs Shrine, and her committee served a welcome lunch to the Choir and some League

Members. This thoughtful and considerate gesture of brotherly concern is deeply appreciated and long to be remembered.

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**UNABLE TO ATTEND** was Chet Adams' wife, Ceil, who fell ill the morning of departure from Detroit to Philly. Chet kept us informed on her progress back to health. Every morning Mass included her and Princess Esther's brother, Joe, who died in mid-July.

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**CENTERFOLD PICS** in this issue were taken by Fr. Ron Sams, S.J., whose help was indispensable during the entire Congress. More of his photos will appear in the next LILY.

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**"ARE YOU REALLY INDIAN?"** was a frequent question asked of the Mohawks. "No," answered Princess Esther, "I was made in Japan." How strange that the uneducated, prejudiced Hollywood concept of our First Americans still is embedded in many Americans!

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**ABSENT FROM THE KATERI EVENTS** was Father Henri Bechard, S.J., vice postulator for Canada. He was missed. After an attack at Christmas time he has been recuperating slowly. Tiredness plagues him. He should be back to normal health soon.

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**REQUIRED TICKETS** for one liturgy and not the other, failure to include the 5 PM liturgy on the official program generated more of the usual confusion. Happily almost 1800 attended both services.

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**LONG LIVE** Msgr. Conway, chairman of the 41st Eucharistic Congress, Dave Schafer, Sister Fitzpatrick, Jim McCarvil, and their helpers! Who could have done a better job? Congratulations!

**NOVENA OF MASSES**

**FOR ALL  
LEAGUE MEMBERS**

**OCTOBER 11-19, 1976**





Expert exhibitor Tom Constantino poses with two favorites - his litter bag and Kateri.



Marcus Hook's Wallace and Belford's Mary-Eunice welcome a Philippine prelate at Kateri Booth.

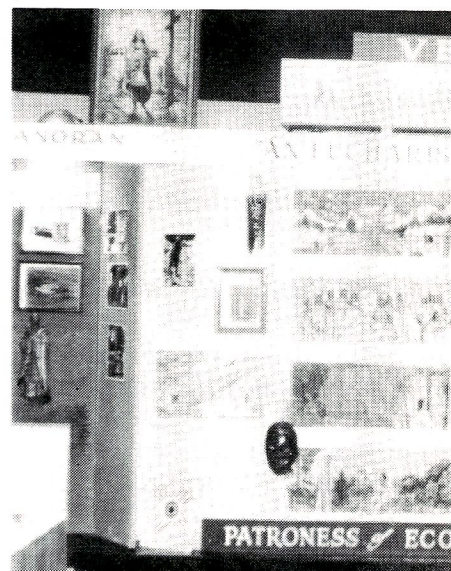


Tom Deer and Colon Philips from Caughnawaga gave excellent support to Rakeni Karonhiio.

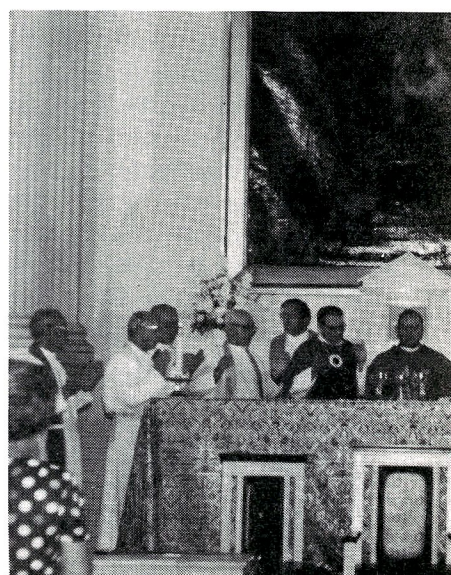
# EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS



Fr. McBride thanks John Cardinal Wrigley for his book.



This is the attractive Kateri exhibit at the

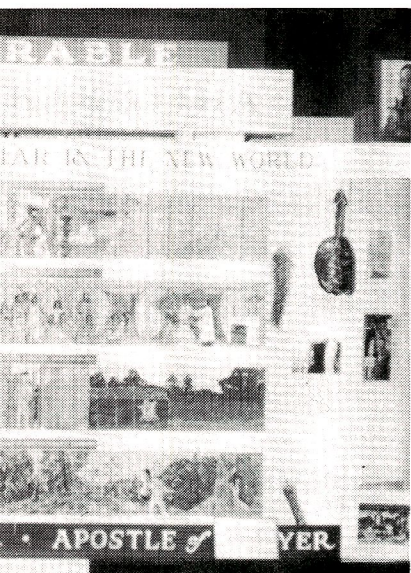


Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J., Mohawk Indian, performing liturgies.





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Bishop Broderick of Albany welcomes Joseph Ignatius McCauley, youngest Congress delegate.



Part of the Mohawk Indian Choir from Caughnawaga, Canada, wait to enter Old St. Joe's.



Chief Running Wolf and Dr. Sol Cook, from St. Francis and St. Regis respectively, jolly the crowds.



## SACRED MUSIC AMONG THE IROQUOIS by Francis X. Weiser, S.J.

This article offers an answer to the questions: How did the Catholic Iroquois, especially the Mohawks, accompany the sacred ritual of the Church with elements of their traditional native celebrations? Did they perform songs, dances, instrumental music, symbolic gestures? Did they dress in the distinctive costumes and ornaments of their ancient festive rites?

The Jesuit Fathers who brought the Faith to the Hurons and Iroquois in the seventeenth century became quickly aware that these Indians had no genuine musical instruments; their traditional celebrations consisted of crude, one-syllabic "song-words" without melody or harmony, accompanied by heavy stamping of the feet, turning and twisting of the bodies, sudden outcries, beating of drums and shaking of rattles. Such practices, of course, did not fit the solemn beauty and dignity of holy liturgy. It was impossible to adapt the wild rhythm of Iroquoian "singing" to the words or phrases of liturgical chant. Thus it seemed that the divine worship would have to be celebrated without music or singing on the part of the converted Indians, unless they could, perhaps, be taught the true art of singing, which had been utterly unknown among them.

### Liturgical Chants

Before long, however, the Fathers made a surprising discovery; the catechumens showed a truly genuine delight in the Gregorian chants which the priests used in their sacred functions. The missionaries, to their great astonishment, noticed that the Iroquois - especially the Mohawks - eagerly and skillfully imitated the liturgical tunes and also manifested a marvelous talent for pitch, melody, rhythm and voice culture. Thereupon some of the Fathers wrote translations, in the native languages, of the liturgical hymns for Mass and Benediction, which

the Indians learned to sing to the tunes of Gregorian chant. "The Mohawks," wrote Pere Cholenec in 1676, "love to sing our religious hymns both in church and at home. The Frenchmen who occasionally visit our mission, are amazed at the beauty and perfection of our children's choir."

Soon the small mission chapels in the lands of the Iroquois resounded every Sun - and Feastday with the centuries - old sacred hymns sung in the Gregorian chant and in the Iroquois language. Thus it remained for more than a century, until the Jesuit Order was suppressed (1773) and the missions collapsed through political upheavals and lack of

hymns and other joyful Easter songs. In the 72 volumes of the Jesuit Relations mention is made at various places and many times (in the 17th and 18th centuries) how the Catholic Iroquois beautified the church services by the inspiring performance of community singing and liturgical choirs.

### Prayer Songs

The Jesuits were in no hurry to receive people into the Church; on the contrary, some catechumens had to attend daily instruction for a whole year, before they were admitted to baptism. They had to acquire a solid knowledge of the



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priests. Only in Canada the Catholic mission reservations were able to continue their traditional religious services. The Iroquois - mostly Mohawks - in the "Prayer Villages" of Caughnawaga and St. Regis still cherish and practice this ancient splendid heritage, and their church choirs are famous for the accomplished performance of High Masses and other services in Gregorians tunes and Iroquoian texts.

In the early reports from the Canadian Jesuits we read that at Tekakwitha's baptism in the mission chapel of Ganawage (Fonda, N.Y.) on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1676, a small choir of children sang parts of the Mass liturgy in the Mohawk language. It is also recorded that at Easter, 1678, Kateri received her second holy Communion in the Church at Caughnawaga, at which occasion the Iroquois choir sang the Mass

faith, the prayers and the principles of Christian morality. Thus the blackrobes succeeded in building up communities of converts who remained faithful and fervent in their religious life despite all difficulties and temptations.

The catechumens and baptised families followed the traditional external routine of daily chores and customs, except, of course, the practice of erroneous religious rites, of superstitions and vices. Their life, instead, was now illumined by the light of piety, faith and prayer. The powerful influence of Christian ideals inspired them with generosity, love and service towards God and men. Without external compulsion or pressure most of the adults and children came daily to Mass. They understood neither Latin or French and had no prayer books, since they could not read or write.

(Continued in the next LILY)



# KATERI IN CELEBRATIONS

Kateri Tekakwitha figured in celebrations - bicentennial of the Nation and tricentennial for her baptism.

Sponsored by the Tekakwitha Chapter of CUF of Phoenix, Arizona, the Allan McCauley

Fr. Jacobs, S.J., and Fr. Ronald Schultz, OFM, Conv., attended. Over 2,000 attended the event.

Easter Sunday was the first National Prayer Day at Fonda, N.Y., once the Indian Village of Gaughnawague where Kateri was

Mohawk Indian priest. Another excellent program was given by the Caughnawaga Choir.

A Fourth of July civic celebration again in Fonda staged a parade in which Father Schultz, OFM, Conv., director of the Fonda Tekakwitha Memorial Museum, entered a float. The photo below shows a long house and forty to fifty youngsters as Lilies of the Mohawk. Sarah Hassenplug, Mohawk Indian from Liverpool, N.Y., is immediately next to the long house, center. The float won first prize.

Sr. Mary Dorothy, R.G.S., had Father McBride and Mary-Eunice to assist in the dedication of a new Kateri Center at Collier School, Wickatunk, N.J., August 20. A 7 P.M. concelebrated Mass opened the festivities after which the blessing took place. In the mid-sixties the late Fr. Eddie Allen, S.J., blessed a large Kateri statue on the grounds of the school.

The second National Prayer Day to obtain the miracles for Kateri's beatification and canonization was the Mohawk Indian Liturgy Day at the Eucharistic Congress, August 7. More details about this event will be given in the next LILY.



**KATERI'S 300th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at St. John's Indian Mission in Laveen, Arizona, April 4, 1976.**

Family Theater brought Kateri to St. John's Indian Mission School in Laveen, Arizona, and to the San Juan's Mission in California. Fran McCauley, tallest in the picture at the left and oldest boy of the McCauleys, plays a prominent part in performances.

On April 20 Bishop Sylvester Treinen dedicated a little log building in Fort Hall, Idaho, as the Mission Chapel of Kateri Tekakwitha. Alvina Taney in the Idaho Register wrote: "Kateri Tekakwitha was chosen as patroness of the Mission since, she, like the Indian people, struggled and suffered for a way of life and her faith."

St. Peter's Parish, Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., hosted the Mohawk Indian Choir and Mary-Eunice in celebration of the States bicentennial and Kateri's tricentennial. Mary-Eunice presented the monologue "The Life of Kateri as She Might Tell It". Princess Esther managed the dances and arranged for the Choir to sing.

baptized. Fr. Thomas Egan, S.J., preached at the concelebrated Mass at 2 P.M. He tried his best Mohawk in his introduction to the effect that one lady thought he was the



**THE FIRST PLACE FLOAT WINNER in the Fonda civic celebration on July 4. Fonda's Sarah is in center next to the long house with all the youthful Lilies from today's Mohawk Valley.**



# NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

**CHAPLET PRAISE** - Mrs. Bosak who made a supply of the Kateri Chaplets received these words from Ada Russell: "The concept of the chaplet is truly inspired and in execution truly exquisite. You cannot know what tenderness I feel toward you and all the members of the Kateri League when I hold it in my hands." Thank you, Ada, and thank you, Frances Bosak!

**A REAL HUSTLER** - Since last September Sister Mary Edna, S.P., '75 Tekakwitha Award Recipient, has sent in 187 new members. And her prayer campaign goes on as she includes many of her friends, especially those among the Indians with whom Sister worked for many years. If Sister keeps up this pace, she'll be due for another award.

**WHY LATE?** - To run a pictorial coverage of the League's participation in the 41st Eucharistic Congress is the reason why this issue may reach you later than usual. The Spring '77 issue will carry more script about our doings - personalities involved, interesting anecdotes, League members' impact upon audiences, etc.

**TOP COVERAGE** - Again this past year has found Kateri in print all over the world. Two outstanding

pieces have been Monsignor Charles Hugo Doyle's article "Kateri Tekakwitha, Indian Maiden of Purity", First Quarter DIVINE LOVE, 1976, and Father William Greier's piece in German "Die Lilie Der Mohawks", appearing in SONNTAGSBLATT, April, 1976. Magnificent contributions!

**9-DAY PRAYER** - For nine days, Oct. 11-19, Masses will be offered for all League Members' intentions. This is the annual prayer event calling upon Kateri's intercession with Almighty God to hear our prayer and listen to our needs. Please write out your intentions on the attached card and return quickly in the handy envelope.

**MORE ON THE SUPER 8** - See page one for the article on the Super 8 Film. Later a text will be dubbed in on the film enabling it to be used at small groups and meetings where interest in the Kateri Cause is a-glowing. A cassette for a Fairchild projector will also be available.

**THE CENTER** - Visitors have liked what they saw in the improvements made in the National Kateri Center for this season. Scheduled hours especially during July and August and on week ends the rest of the time had very pretty Sharon

Muscatello as the receptionist. The Center is not a museum but a mini shopping center for information about Ven. Kateri. Free literature served as welcome reading matter for the bus tour patrons who looked for something to read on their journey. The filmstrip giving the life of Kateri remained an eye-catcher and heart warming experience for those who viewed it. **NAMES HAVE IT** - Sound the names of Fr. Ferd Schoberg, S.J., of St. Joseph's College, Fr. Hank Butler, S.J., pastor of Old St. Joe's, and Miss Joanne Goetz, St. Joe's College, and you have genuine cooperation! Each helped greatly while we were in Philly.

**SUMMIT JESUIT** - This last note is about a super Jesuit who should have been introduced in the last Lily. He is Fr. Ronald Sams of Buffalo, N.Y. His many talents outdo each other - business ability, management experience, guidance expertise, personality magnetism, a practical accomplisher, friendly faithfulness, priestly dedication, loyalty to whatever he undertakes.

Father Ron is the newest member of the League's Board of Directors, serving as Treasurer. He assisted the entire week at the Kateri Booth in Philly. There's no limit to his contributions.



Kateri receiving Baptism at Fonda, New York, on Easter Sunday 1676. Those present are touched by the modest joy radiating from her.

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