

God Has Given Us Kateri — A Way To Follow

(Homily of Deacon Steven Red Elk, September 3, 1978)

TODAY, WE ARE HERE TO PRAY and to praise our Heavenly Father. We need His power and strength in our lives as Christians.

I am an Indian. The history of what it means to be a Christian Indian has been written with great difficulty. From ancient to medieval times, through dim glimpses of memory, and the handing on of our way of life, we are able to visualize, to determine and see the work of the Holy Spirit. He is at work among us and within each of us. From that day, a prayer was learned: "Our Heavenly Father." Using this prayer, many people have been brought together as His relatives and as our own. We are all his children. We are all brothers and sisters under the one Heavenly Father. Because of this call of God to be His children, and to be related to all peoples, many accomplishments have been done.

Each of us has our own conscience. We want to do what is right and good. We seek to know God and to be related to Him in love. God is near to us when we pray.

There are many parables God has used in the lives of his servants to show them and all of us the right road to life with Him. Because temptations come along in our lives, we find at times that life is very difficult. Many roguish persons, rich in appearance can attract us, and make life look easy and pleasure-full. We must stop and think. We must understand that "earthly love" someone has for us is dangerous. Because Evil is so strong, it can easily trick us. When this temptation comes, we can control it by the power of the Sign of the Cross. The Holy Spirit is with us at that moment. When the Great Spirit controls us, that is, when by this sign we place ourselves under His power and protection, we are strong and His joy gives us peace of mind and heart. Jesus opens our hearts and we find success in being more closely united with Him in love.

To be a Christian is very difficult with us. I am an Indian. I understand the struggle that Kateri had among her own people. The love I have for my own Indian people is

earthly love. Earthly love is the common way to live. The Christian way is the way of mortification.

I want to talk with God. I want to seek Him about the best way to fulfill and live my life as His son. I want my own intentions to be one with His, so that I can truly grow as Christian. I have a special place to go to: there I pray. And that prayer has been answered: "Love your neighbour; love your enemy; blessed are you, even if you suffer persecution for my sake, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to you."

So the same is true in the life of our sister Kateri. Kateri Tekakwitha wished in those days when she lived here on earth to give herself up in love, to be a servant of Jesus. We have others today who wish to give their lives to God — other girls, giving their lives for Jesus, to serve Him in His people. Kateri also had hopes that there could be some Indian nuns. Today her wish is fulfilled. There are Indian girls who are nuns. There are also today several Indian priests and Indian Deacons serving their own people on the reservations, and in the cities.

Kateri Tekakwitha is a living lesson to us, a parable. She had to struggle in her own life with temptation. She had to choose between earthly love and the love of God. She heard the call of God to be one with Him, and she moved through difficulty from her own people, and temptations and doubts within, to find Christianity. To be a Christian we must pray and struggle too. Kateri has left us to find that way also. We love her and we know that through her many have come to find the Faith. Many have come to accept the call of our Heavenly Father to be his sons and daughters.

God has given us, in her, a spiritual way to follow. Her example is like a rock for us — firm, because it is founded on His love. And upon that rock He will build His Church. He will plant us, that built upon love we might know the way, and follow the call of our sister Kateri: "never give up mortification . . . take courage! I will love you in heaven. I will pray for you."

Indian Lord's Prayer Given Center



MRS. WATIE (LITTLE DEER) AKINS is a Penobscot Indian living in Old Town, Maine. She has been, and is a very busy woman. At Auriesville she has done several Indian dances. At home she has THE INDIAN ROOM for tourists. It is a private collection from different Indian tribes.

Her oldest son, Joseph, has his Masters in Civil Engineering; oldest daughter, Mary Theresa, is a nurse; second son, Andrew Xavier, has a degree in Biology; third son, Michael Anthony, is an accountant, plays the piano and composes; youngest daughter, Anne Marie also has a degree in Biology and is now in nursing school. Husband Watie died earlier this year.

In all her activities Kateri is the center and therefore, Little Deer merits the '79 Tekakwitha Award.

An anthology of the Lord's Prayer in 36 languages of the North American Indian compiled by Father Robert Fleig, S.J., associate Shrine Director, has been presented to the National Kateri Center and is now on display.

An example of one prayer in the Potawatomi language shown on this page has the following description

tion: "... the concerned Christian of today has the opportunity — and even the responsibility — to respect the proud legacy of the North American Indians, to honor the apostolic courage of those who tried to bring the spirit of the Gospel into the wilderness here, and hopefully to spread these attitudes among others, so that we might bring about the

POTAWATOMI INDIAN.

Nos'nan ein shpumuk kishkok: Ketchnentaqut k'tishnukasoon. Ktokuman'oon kupiémkit. Notchma ktenentumoon knomkit shotí kik, ketchooa shpumuk kishkok. Mishinak otí n'kom ekish'kicouk etso kishkuk, eshooisíniak. Ipi ponentumooishnak mshnukimaniú ninanke eshponenmukít meshitot'moiímit, mesnum-oiumkeshiik. Ipi keko shonishikak ketshí qu'tchítipeumukoiak. Otapínish'nak tchaiek meanuk. Kin ktupentan okumauoon, ipi k'shke-coosoon, ipi ioo k'tchínentaq'suoon, kakuk. Emen.

A sample of the Lord's Prayer in Potawatomi language.

opposite it in Father Fleig's collection: "the POTAWATOMI are of Algonquian stock, very closely related to the Ojibbewa and Ottawa, and settled in Wisconsin and around Lake Huron. They fought against the colonists in the Revolution and against the British in 1812. Today there are about 5,000 of this tribe in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Kansas and Ontario." This arrangement follows throughout the compilation.

A map of Canada and the United States locates the various tribes. Meaty references listed at the end of the booklet indicate the research accorded this edition.

Editor Fleig writes in his Introduc-

Christian community envisioned by Our Lord when He said: "Go, therefore, and teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Miss Eloise Etzkorn, Shrine Facilitator and Organist, cooperated in this publication by arranging artfully the Indian texts and preparing clear copy for reproduction.

Plans for quantity copies of the booklet have not yet been announced. Further information about obtaining a copy may be had by writing to Father Fleig, S.J., Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y. 12016. Only several folios are now in existence.

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Rev. Msgr. Paul A. Lenz
... BCIM Director

Latest Painting Done By Free Lance Artist

Now on view in the Kateri Center is the latest painting of Venerable Kateri executed by free-lance artist Roy N. Meadows who is on the staff of Excentric-Observer newspaper which covers all of the Detroit suburbs.

Roy was introduced to Kateri by Chet Adams, League Board vice president, who showed him several pictures of Kateri. Chet asked Roy if he would paint his version of Kateri based on the pictures he was shown.

In the final work Kateri appears with a slight smile, portraying peace, tranquility, piety, and love of God. Tilted on its side the artist unintentionally depicts Kateri's face in death.

Beneath the exhibited painting a silver plaque carries these words: Star of the New World, KATERI TEKAKWITHA, — Lily of the Mohawks —, Patroness of Ecology, Peace and Prayer, Youth and of the Missions, 1656-1680.

Roy, although not a Catholic, was deeply fascinated and intrigued with the Kateri story. He declared that this commission was the most pleasant and gratifying one he ever

Two Prominent Priests Figure In Mohawk Mass

Two prominent priests, Father Joseph C. Towle, S.J., vice provincial of Social and Pastoral Apostolates of the New York Jesuit Province, and Monsignor Paul A. Lenz, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions in Washington, D.C., figured as the main celebrant and homilist, respectively, in the annual Mohawk Indian Pilgrimage Mass, Sept. 2, at 12:30 p.m. in the Martyrs' Shrine Coliseum.

For a high Jesuit superior Father Towle has expressed an exceptionally deep interest in this annual event and in the Kateri Cause. Last year he attended the Mass and joined in the Indian dances after the outdoor ceremonies. He has urged participation in Indian congresses such as the Tekakwitha Conference held in August at Yankton.

Monsignor Lenz is a highly qualified missionary himself having served in the Paraguay mission field and as a Diocesan Director for the



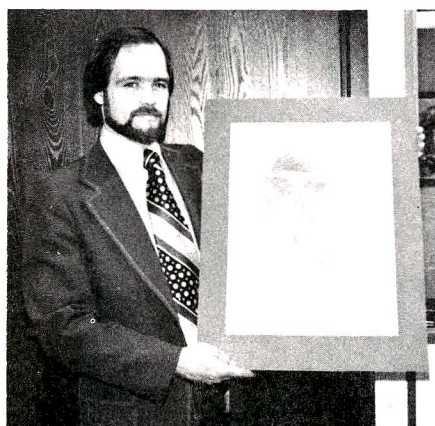
Father Joseph C. Towle, S.J.
... Vice Provincial

Propagation of the Faith. As Executive Director of BCIM he is a much-traveled priest. Since June he has attended meetings in Thunder Bay, Canada, Minneapolis, Yankton, and Pine Ridge Reservation — each dealing with Indians.

His homily showed his love and concern for Kateri against his wide knowledge of the Indians' position in America today. Title of the talk was: "Kateri Tekakwitha — Her Significance for the Church of North America."

Monsignor Lenz blessed the '79 Kateri Tekakwitha Plaques and Father Towle presented them to the awardees.

The day would not have been the same had not the great Mohawk Indian Choir sung.



Roy N. Meadows

fulfilled. He lives with his wife and children in South Lyon, Michigan.

The painting was appropriately chosen as a backdrop for the homily of Deacon Red Elk given on the front page of this LILY.

"Depending on the reactions culled from those who view it in the Center will determine if it will be the official picture for next year's commemoration," Fr. McBride affirmed.

1979 Tekakwitha Awards

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40th Tekakwitha Conference in Yankton, S.D.

Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota, hosted the 40th Annual Tekakwitha Conference sponsored by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Washington, D.C., August 6-10.

Opening session featured the keynote address of Most Rev. William G. Connare, D.D., Chairman of the Missions Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. This talk was followed by a reception in honor of Kateri to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BCIM and the 40th Anniversary of the Tekakwitha Conference.

During the reception Father Joseph McBride, Vice-Postulator, gave some reflections on the Kateri Cause. He was very happy this year to introduce Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.A., principal-teacher of the Cornwall Indian Day School, Canada. Sister is a Mohawk Indian from the St. Regis Reservation, Canada. Her father, Alex Mitchell, also attended the Conference. Present also was Mrs. Anne Scheuerman, chairperson of the Activities Committee of the National Kateri Tekakwitha League.

In his remarks Father McBride told of the preparations going on since 1976 to prepare for the 300th Anniversary of Kateri's entrance into

eternal life in 1980. He urged the representatives from the many Indian Tribes present to start now to have a celebration next year giving great emphasis to praying for the miracles needed for Kateri's beatification. The filmstrip on Kateri's life was also viewed.

The Tuesday program was packed with stimulating discussions following the addresses by Bishop Thomas J. Murphy, Bishop Harold J. Dimmerling, and Bishop Paul V. Dudley, and Bishop William G. Connare. Dialogue with these bishops awakened the delegate's knowledge of the Catholic Bishops in the Indian causes.

Present and future directions were thoroughly thrashed out in the conference's concern over the development of the Native American Ministry, catechesis, liturgy, family life, education, evangelical liberation,



FIFTEEN YEAR OLD BERNADETTE BROWN is the second youth to receive the League's Youth Award, the Certificate of Grateful Recognition. She is in 9th grade at Broadway Jr. High in Wellsburg, N.Y., majoring in art and business. Bernadette was written up in the last LILY. Here it is enough to say she has her Kateri Club in high gear and has rightful claim to the Kateri Youth Award.

urban ministry, and ecumenical cooperation.

Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, Capuchin, president of the Tekakwitha Conference, promised in advance that the assembly would be an action workshop conference. Participants now feel that it truly was and that many advances are to be made in the concerns deliberated over during the four-day session.

The liturgies had as their main celebrants Native American priests and the morning prayer leaders were Native Americans.

The Conference was and is every year open to any religious or lay person who has an interest in the apostolate of the Catholic Church to the American Indian.

Georgia Has Newest Kateri Club

After a recent visit to the League Office, Mrs. Doris Treutlein, quondam resident of the Mohawk Valley, returned to her new home in Hartwell, Georgia, and started a Kateri Club.

Her membership includes daughter Claudia, Father Patrick McCormick, Mrs. Ella Kotal, Rebecca Kotal, and Mrs. Audrey Martin. Gigantic strides are promised to be made in the future for the Kateri Cause.



***YOUTH FOR KATERI** soars above the project of Mr. Doug Anderson's fifth graders of St. Peter's School, Lowville, N.Y. Also shown at the right are two pictures of the cast of the Kateri play staged by the youth in Monaco, Pa. In the background is the "Man in the Maze" featured in the last LILY. A model long house made by an Akwasasne youth can also be seen. At the left are some prints of famous paintings by Frederick Remington. The photo is by Fr. Ron Sams, League treasurer. All this in the National Kateri Center.*

Building Deficit Gradually Diminishes

Since January 26, 1979 fifty four more friends of Kateri have reduced the deficit of the building fund from \$6,107.17 to \$4491.12. During this period regular donations have also come in helping to meet ordinary running expenditures.

The new contributors to the National Kateri Center building are:

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1980 Foreshadowed

Anticipating commemorations of Kateri's Death next year, Fathers Thomas Egan, Shrine Director, Robert Fleig, Associate Shrine Director, and Joseph McBride, Vice Postulator, went North to St. Regis and to St. Francis Missions, on April 22, to participate in celebrations of Ven. Kateri's Feast Day. An enjoyable reunion with Fr. Henri Bechard, Canadian Vice Postulator, and a visit with his office staff fitted into the itinerary also.

Fr. Bechard was the principal celebrant at the evening Mass at St. Regis followed by a social at the Kateri Center. Earlier the women served a tasty fish dinner. Sister Kateri had her group of youngsters sing and dance.

At Caughnawaga Bishop Herbert Hubert, bishop of St. Johnsville, Canada, was the main celebrant. Fr. Egan gave the homily and the Mohawk Choir matched the great sounds of the new organ.

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Only gifts marked for the new structure are added to the Building Fund. Several corrections on the last list have been noted and will appear on the memorial plaque which will go into construction at the beginning of 1980.

Every gift has been acknowledged. If there has been an omission or still a correction to be made, you are asked to bring these to the attention of the Office of the Vice Postulator immediately.



AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA Cecilia M. Carney of Catskill, N.Y., also receives the Tekawitha Award in behalf of her husband, Frank, who passed away last February. Both she and her husband organized many pilgrimages to the Ven. Kateri Tomb in the St. Francis Mission, Caughnawaga, and in doing so always amassed a great number of prayer petitions for the Kateri Cause.

For years Frank and Cecilia were welcomed pilgrims at Auriesville. Frank's humor was a delight. Cecilia's hard work was shown in organizing several big pilgrimages of the CDA Courts of New York State. Cecilia now carries on without Frank but Frank is still with her in spirit and it can be said that both lift Kateri's banner high wherever they are. Congratulations to a sincerely devoted couple to the Kateri promotional efforts!

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HERE IS THE ST. REGIS RESERVATION'S GIFT to the Tekakwitha League and to the world — Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.A. Sister entered the Sisters of St. Ann, August 4, 1959, in Marlboro, Mass.

Since September, 1962, she has taught in parochial schools of Cohoes, N.Y., North Adams and Marlboro, Mass., and Central Falls, R.I. For the past eight years Sister has been back on the St. Regis Reserve and has taught in each of the Federal Schools in Canada. For seven years she has been the teaching-principal of the Cornwall Island Indian Day School in Ontario.

Presently Sister is involved with an Akwesasne Mohawk Singers and Dancers Group which endeavours to maintain the Mohawk Indian Culture through Mohawk hymns and songs and Iroquois dances in the celebration of the Eucharist. "We are learning as a group and also as individuals to know and love Kateri Tekakwitha more," claims the Kateri of St. Regis. Too late is the '79 Tekakwitha Award given this fine St. Regis Nun.

Pretzels Bagged For New Kateri Statue

Members of the Kateri Youth Club in Phoenix, Arizona, spent hours bagging pretzels for sale at St. Francis Xavier Church. Funds will go for a shrine for Kateri destined to be unveiled on April 17, 1980.

Sardina Cuda is club president and was assisted by Carolyn Garsaiz, Maria and Christine Cuda, Mary Ann and Agnes Bonjovie, and Jamie Seuerence.

Artist D'Grazia has offered to create the Kateri statue.

"Pretzels for God" bags were sold throughout the Phoenix Diocese during the last Lent. The project was given strong support by the Alan McCauley Family which has frequently staged family shows in behalf of the Kateri Cause.

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FROM F.R. MITCHELL, KANSAS CITY, MO.: "This picture shows my KATERI plate. I am often asked about Kateri when people see the license. The children at Redemptorist School, where I am principal, think it is most interesting. They know about Kateri because the 5th Grade did the play "The Baptismal Birthday of Kateri Tekakwitha." I wonder what reaction I will get with I travel through some Indian Reservations in South Dakota and Montana in a week or two. P.S. The Collie's name is Beethoven."

1980 GOAL  **10,000
LEAGUE MEMBERS**

Niagara Falls Roars With Kateri Praises

Increasing the mighty sounds of Niagara Falls were the praises being raised to the Lord in honor of Venerable Kateri. Two special events took place, one on Saturday, July 28, and the other on Sunday, July 29, in Cataract City, N.Y.

Sunday's event was an impressive liturgical celebration with Most Rev. Edward D. Head, D.D., bishop of Buffalo, as the principal celebrant. The Mass was offered on Goat Island which is in the Niagara River just above the Falls. Boys and girls from Holy Family Parish on the Tuscarora Reservation served the Mass and the 50-member Akwesasne Choir from St. Regis Reservation, Canada, sang.

Mrs. Lydia Olenick of the Tuscaroras arranged the setting of the Mass noted for its simplicity — no chairs, only a little bench for the bishop and an altar made out of two crossed logs.

Preceding the Indian Mass the day before a special Indian Program was held at the E. Dent Lackey Plaza in the City of Niagara Falls. Sister Marcella O'Donnell, SSMN, Religious Ed Co-ordinator for Holy Family Parish, and her Marian Auxiliaries were responsible for this participation in the North American Indian Ethnic Day.

At the Plaza there were craft booths, singing, dancing, historical displays, and a food tent manned by Alex Mitchell from St. Regis. His menu included corn soup, corn fried, scones, and other delectable Indian dishes.

DOES THIS FRANCISCAN PRIEST NEED AN INTRODUCTION? Hardly, for whence has there been another like him in the Mohawk Valley? This year marks the 40th anniversary of his ordination and the 45th anniversary of his simple profession into the order of Friars Minor Conventual. Name him — teacher, scholar, lecturer, museum director, pastor, and friend — and you know who he is. Underlined is friend because he was the first to welcome the League back to the Mohawk Valley five years ago. And friend he has been ever since. Today he is the Director of the Fonda National Shrine of Catherine Tekakwitha which commemorates the site of Kateri's baptism in 1676.

Who is he? You must know by now. He is Father Ronald Schultz, O.F.M., Conv. The Tekakwitha League



proudly bestows the honor of having the '79 Tekakwitha Award upon Father Ronald.

Sister Kateri Mitchell, SA, principal-teacher of the Cornwall Indian Day School, was in charge of the choir and the dancing. Rev. Gerald Mahoney of Niagara University provided housing for guests.

Mrs. Olenick made Kateri the focus of the Goat Island Liturgy because she wanted to call attention to the Kateri Cause and because she feels Kateri is a good example to the area Catholic Indians who too often are ridiculed for their faith.

Sister Marcella has been working over a year to raise funds for the new Kateri Center and hoped to realize one thousand dollars to be presented to the League on Mohawk Indian Sunday at the Martyrs Shrine, Sept. 2.

Local Jesuit Superior Stricken, Recovers In Province Infirmary

Father Paul Gampp, S.J., Director of the Auriesville Retreat House and Superior of the Jesuit Community, suffered a minor stroke in June. He is now undergoing therapy in the New York Province Infirmary adjacent to Fordham University on Fordham Road in the Bronx.

Father is secretary of the League's Board of Directors. He glorifies in the fact that he chose the site of the League Longhouse which is the main office of the League in the United States. His urgings also paved the way for the League to be based once again at Auriesville, Kateri's birthplace.

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NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

OOPS! — A good lady pointed out an error in the Polish Kateri prayer and examining it closer another mistake was discovered. Sooooo, off the prayer was sent to Chet Adams who drew up his version and submitted it to Mr. Robert Gerky, Director of the Center for Polish Studies and Culture of the Orchard Lake Schools, Michigan. Copies are not available until a proper set-up job can be made. Meanwhile, the un-polished version must do.

DEDICATED DAUGHTERS — The Daughters of St. Paul of Boston have filmed for closed Educational TV several lives of the saints including that of Ven. Kateri. The actress? None other than Mary-Eunice who spent a week under the lights doing this talk. Hope has it that the films will be available to other school systems in the near future.

JOE'S SECRET — 16,000 readers of the Carroll Alumni Journal had a full page in their April, 1979, issue about Cleveland's top car dealer, Joe O'Brien '31 John Carroll U. grad. He is pictured with his latest award, the Time Quality Dealer Award given only 68 dealers in the entire country. This is about the tops in the many

recognitions Joe has received. Joe's secret he tells everybody? "My Indian Girl." Of course, she is ours, too — Kateri Tekakwitha. But Joe has a special line to her. Congratulations all the way, Joe!

KATERI AT SAN JUAN — Fr. Paul Martin writing from the Mission San Juan Capistrano, Cal., assures the McCauley Family of Phoenix, Arizona, that Marlene's painting done several years ago "is now in the Mission Museum and Gift Shop and is far more attractively displayed than before." The painting depicts Kateri with children of many races under her mantle, a symbol of her desire for peace among all nations. Peter McCauley is there because shortly before the painting was done his hearing was restored through Kateri's intercession.

STAGEABLE — Planning a suitable commemoration for Kateri's 300th anniversary of her entrance into eternal life, 1980, the League would like to have a stage presentation of her life. A very fine dramatic group, the Adirondack Players from nearby Amsterdam, has expressed an interest in doing a production. Possibilities are being mulled over. 1980 is also the 50th anniversary of

the canonization of the North American Martyrs.

FARTHEST GUEST — So far this year the farthest guests to visit the Kateri Center were Matthias and Gertrude Barth from Lobernheim, Germany. Last year Mrs. Mary Mutiah came from Sri-Lanka.

WATCH IT! — Statues, windows, and articles still crop us claiming Kateri is already sainted. There is no authority to warrant jumping the gun, as is said, on this important matter. In fact, this unfounded assumption may well impede the process when the miracles have been granted.

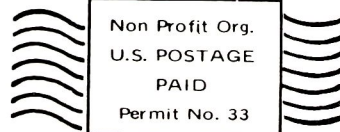
RELICS FROZEN — Requests for first class relics of Ven. Kateri are often made but cannot be filled. Under the most demanding circumstances a relic is sent to a priest to apply it to a severe case of illness where long and devoted intercession has been made to Ven. Kateri. The relic is then returned. A second class relic is readily sent upon request.

FINAL TOCSIN — Loud and clear goes out this urgent appeal to join the Novena of Masses offered for the intentions of League Members. Use the envelope and slip inside and mail early.

Kateri Tekakwitha League

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