



“Lily of the Mohawks”

Daughter of the turtle clan,
Seed of Martyr's blood,
Embryo of infant land,
Bloom from sacred bud.

Cradled by a heavy cross,
Alone without her kin,
Heart-pierced with bitter loss,
Left dark by vision dim.

Uprooted from her mother earth,
Transplant to pagan soil
Marred face could naught hide her mirth,
As nimble hands did toil.

Blind to worldly ways around,
In darkness saw a light,
Found peace in war drums' serpent sound,
Blackrobes brought new sight.

Rawennio...God of love,
Echoed midst the blight,
Cleansed by water and His dove,
Her soul did soar full height.

A cross weighted with abuse,
Lightened by an angel sigh,
Scorned...by her own accused,
Reborn...to never die.

The clandestine moon cast its spell,
As shadows stole away,
Kateri bid a sad farewell,
To see a better day.

Through virgin path the trio fled,
By foot and then canoe,
To a distant field where lambs did tread,
Our lily shone anew.

Prayerfully sang the rosary bead,
To spread God's love among,
From this saintly flower seed,
A pristine lily sprung.

Barefoot babe of winter wood,
To the cross of bark did trod,
Enduring pain as great she could,
Adoring Son of God.

Radiant soul...God's bride,
Lost herself to find,
Him...wherein all life abide,
To love and serve mankind.

Soon this fragile flower fell,
Midway in passiontide,
A glow transfiguring her face did tell,
That Christ was at her side.

Just before her soul took flight,
She made a sweet bouquet,
Of words for you...so pure and white,
“From Heaven I will pray!”

Kateri Tekakwitha,
Precious gift to man,
Oh, venerated Mohawk,
Breathe fragrance on our land.

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Some of KATERI'S ANSWERS

HEALTH RESTORED

Please accept this check for the shrine of Kateri. She has answered so many of our prayers, She gave our daughter, Donna's, health back for which we will be grateful forever. - *Dorset, Ohio.*

SKIN CLEARS

I had some kind of skin trouble. I prayed and used the Kateri relic, now the trouble is gone for the present. - *Wernersville, Pa.*

BODY RECOVERED

I lost my husband in a helicopter accident in 1978. We were all adjusting a little when our oldest son lost his oldest son in a drowning accident while working on the rivers. He was 18 years old and engaged to be married. They could not find his body so I promised Kateri Tekakwitha (who by the way has helped our family many times before)

that I would send \$100.00 for her cause. Billy Joe's body was found a few days later. - *Salix, Iowa.*

GRAND DAUGHTERS EMPLOYED

I want to thank Kateri for answering my novenas for my grand-daughters got jobs and an apartment. - *Boulder, Col.*

CRISIS WEATHERED

We have a picture of Kateri in our club. We took on a little project for a friend who had cholesterol. We said special prayers for a long time for this woman who had only a limited time to live. And it seems she has weathered the crisis. She is still living. I tried to get certified statements and scientific proof both before and after, but I guess I wasn't very successful. - *Seattle, Wash.*

CHILDREN UNHURT

My son, 16, was in an accident. His car went out of control and hit a pole and he had just picked up the rest of my children. They were shaken a little but nobody got hurt. Thanks to God through Kateri's intercession. - *Houston, Texas.*

INCREDIBLE HELP

Many thanks to Kateri for her intercession for us before the throne of God. Her help is inexplicable. She has procured so many favors for us. - *Horsham, Pa.*

LUMP GONE

As I told you they found a lump in my daughter's breast. I immediately started a novena to Venerable Kateri. Both the Gynecologist and x-rays found same. This A.M. an examination and x-ray found nothing present. - *Hamilton, Ohio.*

NOTES FROM THE BARK

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LILIA MOHAWKOW - Sister Placida sent KALENDARZ 1980, a publication on the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, in which an article about Kateri appeared in polish. It brought find reaction from readers according to Sister. Thank you for the promotion!

NO GAS, WILL TRAVEL - If you can't get to Auriesville this year because of a gas shortage, consider the fine pilgrimages conducted by the Carmelites and Franciscans. For information write: Franciscan Family Circle, 125 West 31st St., New York, NY 10001, and Carmelite Pilgrimages, Box 65, Darien, Ill, 60559.

TEK CONF '80 - The 41st Annual Tekakwitha Conference will be held August 4-7, 1980, in Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colorado. The 300th anniversary of the death of Kateri Tekakwitha will be noted in a special way. For more information write: Fr.

Gilbert Hemauer, Capuchin, P.O. Box 166, Medicine Lake, MT., 59247. The Conference is open to any religious or lay person who has an interest in the apostolate of the Catholic Church to the American Indian.

LATEST "K" CLUB - Beth Kephart of Malvern, Pa., has started a Kateri Youth Club. Hope she sends more data as her new organization gets underway. Grats!

MORE MEMENTOS - Evelyn Herlehy of Elmhurst, Ill, is having 7 Masses offered by Fr. Philip Rose in Mexico for Kateri's beatification. Thank you very much, Evelyn!

TO BE AN INSPIRATION - The Sander family presented St. Joseph School, Hawthorne, Cal., with a Kateri statue. They write: "It is our hope that the children - in their own times of frustration - will call upon

Kateri Tekakwitha to lift their spirits and guide them." The Sanders lost a daughter named Kateri. Smile on them, Kateri!

NEW VISUALS - Norman Gendron of Latham, N.Y., sent negatives of some excellent shots he took last shrine season. One is an exterior view of the Kateri Center with the Kateri statue which will be made into a post card. From the others a strip of 5 or 6 slides will also be produced. This strip will deal only with Kateri's birth place, projected ones will depict other places in her life.

SMALL GAIN - Since the last LILY 151 new members were obtained and 80 lost. 7170 received the Winter LILY. After the recent additions and losses League Membership is 7225, 2,783 less from the 1980 goal of 10,000.

LILY OF THE MOHAWKS



BISHOP MATTHEW CLARK, Bishop of Rochester, N.Y., after dedicating the newly decorated Christ the King Church, blessed a photograph of a sculpture of Kateri. The work is by the Dutch sculptor Elstervoort and the framed picture was made and presented to the National Kateri Center by Mrs. Jeanne Sweeney. The parishioners are praying to Kateri for a cure for Kathy Farina, in wheelchair, an eighth grader who is afflicted with a progressive disease in which the tendons do not grow larger as the muscles grow.

Pictured at the left are: Mrs. Sweeney, donor of picture, Mrs. Mary Farina, Kathy's Mother, Bishop Matthew Clark, Mrs. Ann Maiers, eighth grade teacher, and Kathy in the wheelchair.

Kateri's Death Noted By Special Events

Marking the 300th anniversary of Kateri's entrance into eternal life is gaining momentum throughout the country.

First to respond with a program was Mary-Eunice of Mary Productions, Belford, N.J., involving the seventh graders of St. Mary's school, New Monmouth, N.J. Kelly Jones will portray "Life After Death"; Anne Campbell will do "Kateri's First Holy Communion"; Rene Bruce will play "The Early Years of Kateri"; and Alison Bifulco will enact "The Baptism and Escape to Land of the Praying Indians." All presentations will be given before the student body on April 30.

Later on in the year Mary-Eunice will perform herself at St. Anne's Church, Oswego, Ill., and officially present the 1980 Tekakwitha Award to Rev. Clifford Brier, pastor of St. Anne's, longtime a promoter of the Kateri Cause.

Next to check in was the McCauley Family of Phoenix, Arizona. A prayer meeting was held at the McCauley home on Feb. 17 and a Mass in St. Francis Xavier Church on Sunday

April 20. Bishop James Rausch will be the celebrant and Fr. Edmund Smyth, S.J. will be the homilist. A new statue just sculptored by Ted DeGrazia will be unveiled and blessed. The Bishop will present the sculptor with the Tekakwitha Award. Various Indian Tribes form a procession for the occasion. A reception follows the event.

In the New York Archdiocese Terence Cardinal Cooke designated Fr. Timothy A. McDonnell, Director of the Propagation of the Faith, to arrange a program. Father has reserved St. Patrick's Cathedral for 10 AM, October 19, and currently is working on further ideas for the archdiocesan celebration.

From St. Mary Mission, Tohatchi, N. Mexico, Father Gormac Antram, OFM, writes: "Every week since Jan. 20 we have been telling our radio audience about the 300th anniversary. Then we tell in English and Navajo a little about Kateri's life. This continues from week to week. Finally we offer a free booklet of Kateri's life to all who write in. The response has been good. Our program, "The Padre's Hour," is broadcast over 3 stations and is heard

in N. Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado."

As an advisor Chet Adams, of Northville, Michigan, is directing the Tekakwitha Circle 924 of the Daughters of Isabella in Detroit in forming their celebration. Chet will present the 1980 Tekakwitha Award to the Circle, the first group to receive one. Mrs. Antoinette Babinski, Head

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KATERI THESPIANS AT St. Mary's, New Monmouth, N.J., are: Kelly Jones, Anne Campbell, Rene Bruce, and Allison Bifulco.

SUPPORT FOR S. 2222 IS NEEDED

April 1, 1980 could be a deadly April Fool's Day! It is the deadline for suits to be filed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Native American tribes and individuals seeking payments of money for their loss of land, trespass, misuse of land and resources such as minerals, timber, water, etc. prior to 1966, as provided in Volume 28 of the United States Code 2415.

After that date recourse can be had only through court actions which will be expensive and beyond the means of most individuals and many tribes.

S. 2222, if it is passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives and then signed into law by President Carter, extends the deadline until December 30, 1984.

Support for S. 2222 is needed! Write to Congress, senators and representatives. Simply say: "I want you to vote for S. 2222. That vote is important for my friends, the Native Americans!"

Donors Plaque

Ready for Hanging

Jerry Lioy Signs of Rochester, N.Y., has completed inscribing and mounting the names of the donors to the National Kateri Center.

Each name has a 1/2" x 4" plate affixed to wood. At top is a drawing of Kateri with the inscription identifying the purpose of the gifts made by those listed. An exterior mounting of the entire work is being considered.



TWO LUCKY VICE POSTULATORS pow-wowed apart during Noteworthy Company's reception celebrating its 25th Anniversary. With Father Henri Bechard, left, and Father McBride, center, are Princess Pale Moon, an Ojibwa, Iron Eyes Cody, a Cherokee, and Little Peacock, a Mohawk. Mr. Tom Constantino, Noteworthy president, staged an Indian Heritage Day, Oct. 6, in connection with the festivities at his plant in Amsterdam, N.Y.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Regent, and Mrs. Ann Ochen, program chairperson, are in charge. A Mass will most likely be in April.

At press time no definite date was set for the celebration in the Buffalo Diocese. It will be held in St. Andrew's Church in Kenmore, N.Y. Two Awards will be presented, one to Sister Marcella O'Donnell, SSMN, and another to the Marian Auxiliaries of Western New York.

A committee has met in Auriesville

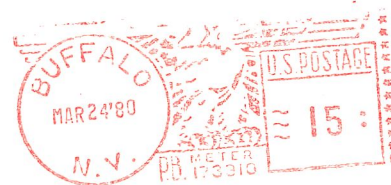
to lay plans, also. A pageant is scheduled for Saturdays, July 12, August 30, and October 18. The first two will be in the Shrine Coliseum and the third will be held in conjunction with a banquet in the Shrine Cafeteria. October 18 is the eve of the Martyrs Feast and will be especially commemorated at the regular 4 PM Mass. Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, bishop of Albany, will be the celebrant. Mr. Bert De Rose, associate principal of Amsterdam High School, will direct the pageant. A commemorative booklet is being planned.

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