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**POPE TO PILGRIMAGE
OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS**

Blessed Kateri a symbol of your heritage of faith

The Holy Father received in audience in the afternoon of 24 June a pilgrimage of Indians from North America, who had come to Rome for the Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha.

The group of 600 persons from 20 tribes dressed in their traditional attire was led by Cardinals Krol, Flabiff and Carter. Among them was the Mohawk Chief Andrews Delisle, who is also Chief of the Federation of all the Indian tribes of North America, who delivered a speech of greeting to the Holy Father.

The Pope addressed the group as follows:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is a joy for me to meet today with all of you, representatives of the North American Indians of Canada and the United States. I greet you in the peace of Christ, and through you I wish to extend my greetings to all whom you represent, to all the Indian people of your continent. When you return home, please tell your families and friends that the Pope loves them, and that he invokes upon them joy and strength in the Holy Spirit.

You have made this long journey to Rome to participate in a special moment in the history of your people. You have come to rejoice in the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha. It is a time to pause and to give thanks to God for the unique culture and rich human tradition which you have inherited, and for the greatest gift anyone can receive, the gift of faith. Indeed, Blessed Kateri stands before us as a symbol of the best of the heritage that is yours as North American Indians.



But today is also a day of great happiness for the Church throughout the world. All of us are inspired by the example of this young woman of faith who died three centuries ago this year. We all edified by her complete trust in the providence of God, and we are encouraged by her joyful fidelity to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In a true sense the whole

Church, together with you, declares in the words of Saint Paul: "Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever" (Eph 3:20-21).

The Church has declared to the world that Kateri Tekakwitha is blessed, that she lived a life on earth of exemplary holiness and that she is now a member in heaven of the Communion of Saints who continually intercede with the merciful Father on our behalf.



Her beatification should remind us that we are all called to a life of holiness, for in Baptism God has chosen each one of us "to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence" (Eph 1:4). Holiness of life—union with Christ through prayer and works of charity—is not something reserved to a select few among the members of the Church. It is the vocation of everyone.

My brothers and sisters, may you be inspired and encouraged by the life of Blessed Kateri. Look to her for an example of fidelity; see in her a model of purity and love; turn to her in prayer for assistance. May God bless you as he blessed her. May God bless all the North American Indians of Canada and the United States.

"Blessed Kateri . . . is now a member in heaven of the Communion of Saints who continually intercede with the merciful Father on our behalf."

— JOHN PAUL II: 24.6.80



His Holiness, Pope John Paul II greets Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany after he beatified Kateri Tekakwitha, Sunday, June 22, 1980.

Reminiscences of Rome and of Kate

EDITOR'S NOTE: Not all scenes, persons, tours can be recalled in the following columns. The pilgrimage was memorable in every way and worthy of many reflections which you may have of the moments that stand out in your memory. There follows an attempt at what most of us will long remember.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1980

At the Teresian House, Albany, N. Y., pilgrims begin to gather around 11 A. M. — the Bushes from Ohio were there from an early hour. At Noon we still awaited the arrival of the group from Syracuse. Finally they arrived and the media crowded around them to see what the Indians made for the Holy Father and to hear their Tekakwitha song. Off we went in a bus and station wagon at 12:25 P. M. to JFK on Long Island. Msgr. Norbert Kelly, Bishop Gibbons' secretary and long associated with the Cause, was in his wheelchair and Mother Mel with many of her staff waved goodbye.

At JFK it was a reunion with the crew that was at the Eucharistic Congress in 1976 — the Wallaces from Marcus Hook, the McCauleys from Phoenix, Arizona, the Spagnolas from Belford, N. J. and many old and new acquaintances. We were 81 now.

5:00 P. M. — The flight was announced for boarding. Really it was a call to get moving to the security check. Another waiting room and another wait. I (Father McBride) lit up the radar lights going through the check point. I had to be frisked because time after time when asked to go back the sound showed I was armed. Frisking over, no weapons were detected and I was allowed to pass.



FRIDAY, JUNE 20 — At the Wagner reception: Fr. McBride, Terence Cardinal Cooke, Bishop Hubbard, and Msgr. Lenz.

6:45 P. M. — The Boeing 747 Jet took off. The sun is lowering in the sky, but still very bright. The flight is to take seven hours and ten minutes. A tasty roast beef dinner was served, a small bottle of Italian wine enhanced it. By 10:30 P. M. most on board had succumbed to sleepy slumbers.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1980

A continental breakfast was served. At 8 A. M. (It was 2 A. M. in New York.) we arrived at Da Vinci airport in Rome. The day is bright, clear, and warm — the kind of weather which stayed with us all the time in Rome. Usual wait for baggage, then through the Customs after a passport check. Sights of Rome came into view . . . EUR, the Olympic ultramodern city of 1942 never used for the Olympics because of WWII, St. Paul's Outside the Walls, the Pyramid, the Arch of Constantine, the Coliseum, the Forum, and hundreds of blocks of con-

temporary, medieval and ancient Roman apartment houses.

Rooms not ready at the Nova Nord Hotel, we stopped for Mass at St. Mary Major Basilica — Fr. Walter Kern and the tour priests concelebrated — using the votive Mass of the Sacred Heart — with our group participating. This was the first patriarchal basilica in which we prayed. The first gold from America was used for the ceiling decorations. The huge rectangular hall was lined with tall columns. The relics of the Manger from Bethlehem are under the main altar. After Mass most of us walked to the hotel while Fr. Kern and Fr. Jim Rallahan of South Dakota boarded Bus 64 for St. Peter's Basilica. The clean, air-conditioned rooms were delightful after the plane trip and walk from the Church.

In the evening we were invited to a grand reception hosted by President Carter's personal representa-

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tive to the Vatican, Hon. Robert Wagner, former New York City Mayor. Members of the various American and Canadian tours to the beatification were also invited. Cardinals Baum, Cooke and Krol were there. Several dozen Indians in native dress were also present. (President Carter is staying at the same hotel, the Grand Hotel. Soldiers with automatic weapons are seen in sizable numbers). The President's speech writer approached me, asking if I would help with Jimmy's speech to be given tomorrow morning. Knowing Fr. Tom Egan's knowledge of history I invited him to join us. The speech writer and his staff were very young and knowledgeable persons. The only item we helped on was the pronunciation of Kateri's name — Gad-e-lee Teg-ag-quee-ta. When the President pronounced the name the next morning he got a hand. He said that he and His Holiness had been practicing it.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1980

The two buses took us to St. Peter's Square early enough to shop. Bargains made, the usual high-pitch salesmanship winning in some cases. Then we waited in line outside St. Anna's Gate to get into the Clementine Hall for the audience of President Carter with Pope John Paul II. The group was high in anticipation since many Indians hoped to shake hands with the Pope after presenting gifts to him. Many Italians stopped to stare at those in native dress. Some wanted pictures, especially of Little Peacock. Fr. Kern befriended two Sisters from

India who were asked to pose for pictures. Since one audience ticket was left Father Kern gave it to the Nuns. Both slipped by the first two check points but one was turned back at the third. Several Sisters and Mohawk Indians without tick-

ets didn't get beyond this point either. Security was particularly strict because of President Carter's presence.

A delay of an hour in a warm, packed room was most difficult. Everyone had to stand. Tall people in



SATURDAY, JUNE 21 — President Carter (back showing) with Pope John Paul II. Can you tell the Indians were there?



PREFECTURE OF THE PONTIFICAL HOUSEHOLD

PERSONAL PERMISSION FOR ACCESS TO THE
CLEMENTINE HALL ON SATURDAY JUNE 21 AT
11 AM ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF HIS
EXCELLENCY JIMMY CARTER PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO HIS HOLINESS
JOHN PAUL II

ENTRANCE: PORTA SANT'ANNA (VIA DI PORTA ANGELICA)

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22 — His Holiness as celebrant of the Mass of Beatification, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.

front of you made it hard to see. A high platform for the President and the Pope could have been used. At long last the Pope, President Carter, Mrs. Carter and Amy appeared. The Native Americans had been placed at one side and the dignitaries came over to greet and talk with them. Going down the 200 (200?) wasn't as bad as the ascent. Back to the buses. Entire tour group had supper together. Those who shook hands with the Pope and Carter had much to talk about for the rest of the evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1980

This is the great day of the beatification of the first Native American ever! Although four others would be beatified this is what we came so far to participate in. Before leaving the hotel, Machismo, the Rome Travel Company's Guide, and I had an argument-discussion over getting a heart case and a lame person to the back of St. Peter's without going up stairs and walking a long distance. He insisted that there's no back to St. Peter's. I called it absolutely absurd, there

had to be a back. What Machismo meant was that no buses were allowed to enter the back road to the back of the Basilica. Mr. Wallace and Miss McGuire got to the back in a taxi.

Our buses left the Hotel at 8 A. M. and by 8:45 A. M. we were seated in the left transept of St. Peter's Basilica, others near St. Peter's statue. Excellent view of the baldachino and the square white

PEACE TO JULIA EGAN !

The Tekakwitha League extends sympathy and a promise of prayers to Father Thomas Egan, S.J., Martyrs Shrine Director, and his brother Dick, upon the death of their Mother. Julia Egan passed into eternal life on Friday, July 18, 1980 and the Mass of the Resurrection was offered by Father Tom, Tuesday, July 22, 1980. May her soul, so full of charity in this world, have its fullness of love with the Lord forever !

marble directly over the tomb of St. Peter for most. We even had chairs. We followed the rite with the help of nicely designed and printed missalettes. The five to be beatified today are: Fr. John Anchieta, S.J., (1534-1597); Peter de Betancur (1619-1667); Mother Maria of the Incarnation (1559-1672); Bishop Francis de Montmorency-Laval (1623 - 1708; and Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680).

Blessed John, a Jesuit, is called the "Apostle of Brazil" and did much to promote the Sacred Heart Devotion; Blessed Peter, a layman, is from Guatemala; Blessed Marie brought the Ursulines to Quebec and had visions including some of the Sacred Heart. Bishop Laval was the first bishop of Quebec. Kateri was "US" and Canadian — the Lily of the Mohawks. The brief biography of each Blessed was read by the Pope in every modern European language — at least the one of the blessed.

The readings and prayers of the faithful were also in various languages. Princess White Dove, from Caughnawaga, noted for her beautiful, strong voice read the petition in Mohawk. Wonderment occurred that she be allowed to appear on the altar but vanished when the person in charge said "She's a Princess! What can we do!" Little Peacock from our group presented the Holy Father with a stole she made showing a Lily, bear, wolf, and turtle (Indian clans) in brilliant bead work. "I made this for you, Holy Father," she said, "see the Lily." The Pope thanked her, gave her a blessing and one for her family. The Mass was beautiful and impressive, but rather long. After many years, recalling our days in seminar choirs, many of us old

timers were able to join in the antiphonal Gregorian Chant.

With great dispatch those to have a private audience, 20 for each blessed, were ushered to a curtained off section of the huge edifice, lined up in a circle. The Holy Father soon appeared, neat and trim as if he had not just finished the long ceremony. Each had a few words with the Holy Father and kissed his ring. I thanked him for beatifying Kateri.

Only a handful returned to the hotel. The rest were off sightseeing — the Coliseum, St. John Latern, the new subway, and other historical points of interest. Later that evening two of the group were missing causing alarm for one was young Peter McCauley. Later his father found him jogging his way back to the hotel. The other just decided to tour Rome on foot without notifying anyone. Then it was discovered that Tom Constantino missed the private audience with the Pope. He was sad and heartily disappointed. He had the ticket but didn't realize it allowed him to go to the section

reserved for those to see the Holy Father. What a privilege to have missed!

At 6:30 P. M. a reception for invited guests was tendered by Jesuit Father General Pedro Arrupe in Loyola Lounge. I met Cardinal Bafile, head of the Congregation for Saints, a gently, priestly man. I expressed hope that he would stay around until Kateri is canonized. He is to be replaced by a younger Italian Cardinal. Also, at the reception I learned that Cardinal Pignedoli, a supporter of Kateri and a member of the League, had died in his sleep.

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1980

At 9 A. M. our group left for the special liturgy at the North American College where students from the U. S. are educated for the priesthood. John Cardinal Kroll of Philadelphia was the chief celebrant. Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany gave the homily without using a note. It was superior in every respect. Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York concelebrated with eight bishops and thirty priests. The stu-

dent choir, soloist, folk group and community singing made it a beautiful liturgy. Deacons from Indian Reservations also participated. A reception in the garth and a luncheon followed.

In the evening Bishop Hubbard and Bishop Clark of Rochester had the 20 priests on the Albany tour out for a lengthy Italian meal at Cecilia Matella's near the Church and catacomb of St. Sebastian.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1980

A special audience with the Pope was arranged this morning. Ticket of admission would be Indian dress. Up the 200 stairs (200?) into Clementine Hall. This time the Holy Father was on a throne so everyone could see him. Chief Delisle spoke, then the Holy Father responded. (Cf. page 2.) The Mohawk Choir sang "Ave Verum." Many were able to shake the Pope's hand but not all. There were just too many (370 was one count) and the audience was squeezed into the Pope's lunch hour.

Later a group went to St. Mary Major for Mass, then back to the hotel for dinner and more chatter. Fr. Kern and Fr. Rallahan went on their own way around more noted sights, taking up their entire day. Had they joined the Indians I'm sure they would have been allowed in because Fr. Bechard, Fr. Schultz, Fr. Molinari, and I had to pass on all entries. One Jesuit in civilian clothes was stopped and when Fr. LaJoie from Caughnawaga gave an okay the guard told him he should dress like a priest.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1980

Fr. Kern writes about the trip to Assisi: "Our bus left at 8 A. M. The day is lightly cloudy but warm and pleasant. We drove North on



AFTER THE BEATIFICATION gifts for the Holy Father were displayed at the private audience in St. Peter's.



MONDAY, JUNE 23 — Special liturgy at the North American College showing Deacon John Spears reading the Gospel.



IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE the huge crowd gathers after the beatification ceremony and awaits the Sunday homily by Pope John Paul II.

the Autostrada into the lovely countryside of Latium and Tuscany. The hillside villages, farming and green hillsides were lovely. Todi was especially interesting with its 13th-14th century buildings. The city of Assisi eventually came into view. The old castle is on the peak of the hill on which the city is built. The Portiuncola or little church given

by the Benedictines to St. Francis was visited first. A huge basilica now covers the spot, as well as the place where he died. The rose garden in which he rolled during a violent temptation is also there.

"A group of priests concelebrated Mass in the middle of the Romanesque Church. The tomb of St.

Francis is below the church and the later Gothic one is above. The upper church contains the priceless frescoes by Giotto. The clothing of St. Francis, first rule, etc., are to be found inside the doorway of the middle church. I (Fr. Kern) walked the streets after lunch. All the antique shops were closed. After a while I entered the city square with the site of the chapel where Francis received his inspiration for a life of poverty. Also the old temple which was made into the Church of S. Maria Sofia Minerva. Francis preached from the steps of this church. A fine fountain adds color to the square. A few yards beyond is the house in which Francis was born. Our visit was pleasant, but too short for the sanctity and beauty of this holy place."

Back in Rome seven of the group toured the Vatican Gardens with Fr. Egan as guide. Around 2 P. M. we had Mass in the Jesuit Curia, a few paces from St. Peter's. In the evening the entire group gathered for dinner given by the Tour Agency.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1980

Departure. Early Mass was offered in St. Mary Major by Father McBride. His short homily expressed thanks to Blessed Kateri and the Lord for six eventful days. Luggage had to be at the door at 8 A. M. Buses left for the airport at 9:30 A. M. At the airport the Bushes left for Poland and two others for the Passion Play while Bishop Hubbard and Bishop Clark, Fathers Glavin, Fleig, and Egan rejoined the group. Delays, etc., ensued. At 1:15 we took off — just 15 minutes late on an Alitalia 747 Jet. Uneventful all the way, thank the Lord.

At 4:10 P.M. N.Y. Time (10:20 P. M. Rome's) we touched down at JFK. Again there were goodbys as the group separated for their home bases. The Albany-bound bus got us back to the Teresian House at 9:16 P. M.

The end for now. If you recall some person, some event, some place that was noteworthy, send it in. More will follow in future issues.

Blessed Kateri, pray for us!



MONDAY, JUNE 23 — Cardinal Cooke poses with Indians from the West in the garden at the North American College.

Kateri Comments From the Press

"If Kateri Tekakwitha was not literally unique, she was preeminent. Like any saint, she was shaped by her own age but rose above it to provide an example that is timeless . . . The beatification ceremonies in Rome must surely mean that in the judgment of the Spirit, Kateri Tekakwitha in Heaven continues to have something to say to the earth."—America—June 21, 1980.

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"Kateri's beatification is a glory to God who found in her such a will to love; she is a sparkling gem among her people whose nobility and goodness she reflects in her deep and brilliant faith.

She mirrors, too, in her suffering, the history of her people, of people everywhere whose lands have been 'discovered' by those who considered their power and technology a sign of divinely given dominion. Yet through the mirror of tragedy she shows the will and the grace to rise above, far above circumstances that by all natural reckoning are crushing."

— Trinity Magazine—June, 1980.

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"Although she lived in another age and under vastly different circumstances, she is a model Christian for our times as we strive to respond to God's call to holiness.

Her life was a powerful message for each one of us. In a changing world where the institutions of family and community were changing and constantly being threatened, she put complete faith in God and in the message of love which is the Gospel of Jesus.

"Although she experienced a desire to enter religious life, it was as a totally dedicated laywoman that she lived and died. Prayer, loving kindness to others, and adherence to moral values were the realities that sustained her and in which she found union with God. How remarkably true this is for the rapidly changing period in which we live, especially for the young people today who are searching for a true meaning in life.

The world, now as then, needs young people, ready to accept the teaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, willing to give themselves in service to their fellow human beings, and courageous enough to pursue the vision of faith which inspired those who have gone before us, as faithful laity as well as religious."

— Family Magazine—June, 1980.

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"The Indian maiden born in what is now Auriesville, New York, lived only 24 years. But missionaries who knew her left testimonies of her courageous faith despite fierce opposition from her family and tribe. They recounted her self-denial and service to the sick, her ardent devotion to the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament and the total gift of her life she made to God through a vow of consecrated virginity."

— Long Island Catholic
—June, 1980

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Sister Marcella, Her Auxiliaries Receive Awards

Western New York, in the town of Kenmore, the 1980 Kateri Awards were presented to Sister Marcella O'Donnell, S.S.M.N., and to her faithful group of Marian Auxiliaries, Sunday, April 20, 1980, at the 12:30 P. M. Mass in St. Andrew's Church.

Rev. Msgr. Richard Graeber, pastor, was the celebrant and Father Joseph McBride, S.J., homilist. The event commemorated the 300th anniversary of Kateri's death.



Sr. Marcella

Maude Kearns

For several years Sister Marcella has worked to promote the Kateri Cause in and around Wilson, N. Y., especially among the Tuscarora Indians. Her assistants, the Marian Auxiliaries, numbering in the thirties, have realized a large donation for the new Kateri Center. In recognition for effort and devotion the Awards were made.

Sarah Monroe Hassenplug, Little Peacock, presented the plaques after Monsignor Graeber blessed them.

Miss Maude Kearns, of Lockport, N. Y., received the Award for the Auxiliaries who were well represented in the congregation.

The annual meeting of New York State bishops prevented Bishop Edward Head of Buffalo from attending.



THURSDAY, JUNE 26 — Part of the Albany pilgrimage are ready for departure at the DaVinci Airport.

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"After Kateri's death in 1680 many who had known her or who learned of her sanctity intuited with the instinct of faith her presence with the blessed in heaven. They honored her and sought the benefit of her fervent prayers, now all the

more efficacious because of her presence with the Risen Lord. Again, with the instinct of faith, many who sought her prayers concluded that cures given them took place through her intercession."

— Long Island Catholic

—June, 1980.

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LEAGUE**



GODSPELL WITH KATERI — The Blessed Tekakwitha League in conjunction with the Adirondack Players, a Community Theater Group, will again celebrate Kateri's beatification with a presentation of Godspell Friday, August 29, and Saturday, August 30, at 8:30 P. M. in the Shrine Coliseum. Above, with Rosemary Brzezicki, far right, as Kateri are, from the back, left to right, Gary Zirolì, Dayle Kaminski, Jennifer Perillo, Charlene Gorfán, Terrie Brosch; middle,

Jack Pudney; front, Bill Ziskin, Barbara Berry, Steve Keller and Bill Bonafede.

Cathie Ozug assisted by D. Henry Cisek is the producer and Matt Cinquanti is the director of the two hour performance. Members of the Kateri Reach-Out '80 Committee served on the supporting crews.

Godspell is produced with special arrangement with Theatre Maximus, N.Y.C. Final showing will be on Saturday, October 18, after the anniversary

banquet in the Shrine Cafeteria. Previous shows were the afternoon and evening of Saturday, July 12, before capacity crowds.

No admission tickets are required. Donations are solicited during the intermissions. On October 18 the banquet ticket entitles the holder to the final performance. On this same day the official liturgical celebration of the beatification takes place in the Coliseum at 4 P. M. Bishop Howard Hubbard is the celebrant and homilist.

Director Ciquanti Reveals Cast's Love for Kateri

"To us, the people who have experienced 'Godspell' already, the experience of incorporating Kateri into it, has resulted in one of the most spiritual and moving experiences of our lives, for we have come to know this 'Child of God' not merely through our prayer cards and statues, but through understand and sharing her depth of love for God. She has walked with us and smiled on us at the hour of dusk, here in the Coliseum.

"'Godspell' is the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Nearly word for word, it was created during the time of the Viet Nam conflict, when God and religion were very far from the minds of many men. It is done in a language to be easily understood by the eye, as well as the ear so that men would easier understand and see the good of the word as Jesus spoke it here on earth.

"In March when I first suggested this, the thing in my mind was all the beauty I had known through this 'Godspell,'

to give it to Kateri and have her also share in it with us, to show her following what she so desperately believed in. For us, it has been beautiful — for as she — we are also weak, we are Catholic, Protestant, and Jew, believers and disbelievers, who have been touched forever by this 'Lily,' for we have shared with her, and she with us, the limitless depth of her love for God. She has united us all through this love.

"For those who scorn 'Godspell,' listen, listen with open hearts, for they surrender partaking of the beauty and love that was created by Jesus Christ Himself. Hundreds have been touched by its magic and those who already believe, reaffirm their faith in God and are reminded of his undying love for us.

"For those who turn away, may they turn slowly, for history now has it that 300 years ago they also turned from the frail Indian maiden on this very land when she tried to proclaim her love for God in a way that she knew best."

— Matt Cinquanti ..

KATERI'S INTERCESSION — SOME ANSWERS

PNEUMONIA CURED —

Tekakwitha cured my mother in '32—
Double pneumonia. She lived 19 years.
—*Louisville, Ky.*

TRANSPLANT SUCCESS —

I prayed especially to Kateri for the success of a cornea transplant. After praying to Kateri because of my poor eyesight, a cornea was available to me sooner than I expected. On April 2, 1980, I was given the transplant. The operation was a success, and has restored good vision to my left eye. I believe that through my prayers and devotion to Kateri, she interceded to God for me, and my prayers were answered through her.

— *Menton, Ohio*

PRESSURE DOWN —

I am very grateful to Kateri because I used to take high blood pressure pills for four years 3 times a day. I started praying to her and shortly after my blood pressure fell to normal and I don't have to take the pills any more.

— *Albuquerque, N. Mex.*

FOOT PAIN GONE —

Venerable Kateri came to my aid on several occasions; once when I was unable to put any weight on a very painful foot due to having wrenched it. After using first-aid remedies and praying to our Kateri — woke up in the night without a semblance of pain. I attribute this incident to her intercession.

— *W. Springfield, Mass.*

NO DIVORCE —

I am enclosing a donation to Kateri for her helpful intercession. My son and daughter-in-law were about to be divorced and I prayed to Kateri for her help. — *Reseda, Cal.*

NO OPERATION —

Enclosed check for a favor granted, so my daughter didn't need an operation.
— *St. Cloud, Minn.*

JOB GAINED —

After looking for one year Kateri helped my husband find a very good job. Hopefully she will help us find a great house and adjust happily to new surroundings.

— *Fairport, N.Y.*

RECONCILED —

In the summer of 1976, at an afternoon outing, I had occasion to visit your shrine. Little did I realize that four years later I would be writing to report a favor received through the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

I was first put on to her existence by a Marianist Brother. We shared novitate life in the Marianists for close to two years, and I don't think he would mind my telling that every day he prayed for the beatification and canonization of Blessed Kateri.

Recently I wrote to Brother Jim about a personal problem in my life, and he suggested that I "get in on the goodies" during the celebration of the Beatification. From that point on I started a program of prayer and "investigation" to get to know the person behind the name and to obtain her help with my problem.

Last month the problem, an estrangement from someone I love very much, began to thaw, and on June 22nd, yesterday, a very special step along the road to final reconciliation and union was taken. My first impulse was to make a "pilgrimage" to San Juan Capistrano, where I was able to see and "meditate" on the picture drawn by Mrs. McCauley. My second response is to write you in appreciation for favors received.

— *San Pedro, Ca.*

FUTURE BRIGHTENED —

It is not difficult to tell you that on the third day of my stay at the Shrine I had gained enough knowledge about Venerable Kateri to have it made known

to me to pray for her beatification and canonization. I have done so every day, and she always felt close to me. But here, many months ago (I'll be here six months the end of February) I somehow was made to ask that she be my Patron. I know that this is no coincidence — and since praying for her intercession in my behalf and all my loved ones — the result has been, to me, maraculous. My recovery here knows no bounds and my future, which is now in His hands, leads in many directions. To me, it is like coming baick from a spiritual death.

— *St. Joseph's, N.Y.*

SCHOOL OPENS —

Our daughter has been on a waiting list for a school she wishes to attend for quite some time. Her particular grade was filled. Following our visit to Auriesville on the 22nd, she began to pray to Kateri that a place at the school would open up for her. On Thursday, the 26th, we received a phone call from the school, not only advising of her acceptance but also offering a generous scholarship. We cannot help but be convinced that all of this is due to Kateri's intercession.

— *Bedford, N.Y.*

FAMILY EVENTS

Inclosed \$25.00 check for wonderful "miracles" that have happened to our family: I sold my property; my husband didn't have a heart attack; my grandson has recovered and doing fine; and my sewing business is wonderful.

— *Orange, Texas*

BED AVAILABLE —

When we returned home from Auriesville my mother-in-law was very ill. She went from hospital to nursing home, one that was walking distance for her family. It is incredible that a bed was available when she was discharged. All feel Kateri sustained and helped us. — *Windsor, Ct.*

Tekakwitha Award Goes to D'Grazia For Kateri Statue

His featureless faces are well known to the admirers of the art work done by Ted D'Grazia, a creative genius born of Italian and Indian parents in the small copper mining town of Morenci, Arizona, June 14, 1909. Ted is like his faces for while he was happy to be chosen for the Tekakwitha Award he preferred not to be present and shunned all publicity.

The activity-packed program arranged by the McCauley Family of Phoenix, Arizona, would hardly have been the place for Mr. D'Grazia, Sunday, April 20, in St. Francis Xavier Church for the 10:30 A. M. Mass. Most Rev. James Rausch, bishop of Phoenix, was the celebrant. Rev. Edmund Smyth, S.J., pastor, gave the homily. Two choirs, the Covered Wells Papago Indian Choir and the St. Francis Xavier Choir, sang.

What gives Ted reason for the Award? For several years he worked on the Kateri Statue unveiled on this occasion. And the McCauleys testified to his devotion to Kateri.

Asked about the featureless face on the statue Mrs. Marlene McCauley wrote: "I should have warned you about his style. People here are familiar with his featureless faces. However, many of us see the statue in a symbolic perspective. Kateri was self-effacing. She had no ego, no vanity, but she was filled with God's love. The prescious gems in her feather and lily represent her virtues. They shine resplendent! The essence of Kateri's soul is there — humility of strength. In this style of art much is left to the imagination. It is for the beholder to make features."

The University of Arizona became the discipline for D'Grazia's creative talent and he was graduated with two bachelors' degrees and a Masters Degree in Art. Later training came by working under Diego Rivera and Jose Clemente Orozco in Mexico City.

Kateri Amos, Blackfoot-Laguna In-



ARTIST TED D'GRAZIA shuns publicity. Ruth Anna Johnson, "Kateri of 1980" and Tina Leon step in to unveil Ted's special masterpiece for the April 20 celebration in St. Francis Church, Phoenix, Az.

dian, received her First Holy Communion at the dedication ceremony.

After the Mass an entertainment program featuring a Religious Ceremonial Dance in honor of Kateri, a Reception ("Kateri Cake, Punch and Coffee), and the Covered Wells Papago Traditional Dancers, was presented.

The McCauley Family, a long-time friend of Father F. X. Weiser, S.J., who authored the latest biography of Kateri, has been promoting Kateri in many areas of the country. They and their sons, Jo-

seph Ignatius and Peter whose hearing was restored through Kateri's intercession, were in Rome for the beatification ceremony. The April 20 event was the latest and grandest efforts to proclaim their love for the Lily of the Mohawks.

Alan and Marlene McCauley have many friends, a testimony to this fact is the long list of persons deserving of appreciation on the program. Over one hundred friends worked with the McCauleys to make this commemoration of Kateri's death a magnificent success.

NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

BLASTED —

Answering letters promptly and efficiently used to be a boast of this office but lately the overwhelming influx of mail, orders, and phone calls, has blasted the fine record to pieces. Some of our friends have gotten empty envelopes. But we look forward to retrieving quick, cordial service — every piece of mail answered satisfactorily.

JOURNEY'S JOURNAL —

Sister Mary Catherine Rich of Latham, N. Y., and Fr. Walter Kern of Buffalo, N. Y., sent in diaries of the Albany pilgrimage to Rome. Sister's is a pert listing of events; Father's is a 36-page word picture of the days from JFK to DaVinci airport and back. I'll be using Father Kern's words often. It is worthy to have the marabilia printed. Sister's is a fine keepsake. Both works will be displayed in the Kateri Center.

IT'S OFFICIAL —

Sister Mary Felicitas, RSM, of Plattsburgh, N. Y., not an unknown to Lily readers and Center visitors for her paintings, was asked to do the official picture of Kateri as a Blessed. The front page of this issue carries a black and white of the official league painting for the United States. It is also done in color and available on prayer cards and novena folders. Sister gives Kateri what the Church officially requires for a blessed, namely, a faint radiation and rays emanating from the person. No halo is permitted until canonized. Because Kateri is in heaven the author surrounds her with the heavenly atmosphere. Kateri is in heaven and has left the trees and flowers and streams and the Hollywood touch.

Congratulations, Sister, and thank you once again for an admirable work!

INDULGENCES —

Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, N. Y., has given his imprimatur to the slightly revised prayer for Kateri's canonization and will soon attach an indulgence to it.

PHOTO SNAPPER —

Excellent photos were snapped by Anne Scheuerman in Rome, 22 rolls of slides and black and whites. Many of the black and whites will be seen in the LILY. Slides will be put together for talks.

NEWS BLANKET —

Not a corner of the country was left uninformed about Kateri's beatification, thanks to the Catholic and secular press, radio and television — even TIME outdid NEWSWEEK!

22nd AT THE CENTER —

Father Ronald Sams from Buffalo and Peggie Kane with Lori Muscatello's help kept things hopping at the Kateri Center on June 22nd in my absence. Word around reveals how Eloise Etzkorn with the Shrine Staff left home did a superb job in handling the crowd and the program. How sweet it is to be missed!

NOVENA POSTPONED —

Usually the Novena of Masses for League Members is offered from Oct. 11 to Oct. 19. This year it is postponed to the last nine days of this year, a fitting end-prayer to a spectacular year in honor of Blessed Kateri.

A POSTER BY ITSELF —

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith of the New York Archdiocese has produced a poster depicting Kateri on the doors of St. Patrick's Cathedral along side the important dates in her life including June 22, the day of beatification by Pope John Paul II. It is done in six colors. A copy may be obtained by writing here and sending \$1.50 which includes postage and handling. A special liturgy still is on the calendar at St. Pat's for October 19, Mission Sunday, to commemorate Kateri's beatification.

PROCLAMATION —

New York Governor Hugh L. Carey proclaimed June 22, 1980 as Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Day throughout the state.

NEW KATERI BOOKS —

Fast planning on the part of the Daughters of St. Paul, 50 St. Paul's Ave., Boston, MA. 02139, put on the market in time for Kateri's beatification two new books. One carries the story of Kateri's life as narrated on the Daughters' popular filmstrip: cloth edition \$3.75; paper \$2.25. The second, a children's book by Sister Mary Grace, S.S.M.N., has two styles also: paper \$1.00; plastic \$1.75. If ordered from the League Office please add 60¢ for postage and handling. You may order directly from the Daughters at the above address.

NEWS ITEMS —

Post Card picturing the National Kateri Center in rich colors, 15¢, 8 for \$1.00; small Kateri statuettes in a plastic case, handy for pocketbook or wallet, 75¢; Fr. Fleig's book of 36 paters in Indian dialects, \$2.00. Add 50¢ for postage.



Father Clifford Brier



Sr. Genevieve Cuny, OSF

Pastor, Nun, Lay Group Honored

A pastor, nun, and a lay group complement the six '80 Tekakwitha Award recipients and will receive them in Oswego, Ill., Denver, Colorado, and Detroit, Michigan, respectively.

Father Clifford Brier became a convert in 1947. He was accepted by Abbot Marmion of St. Meinrad's Abbey and took simple vows before transferring to the diocesan priesthood. He learned at the time about Kateri and how prayers were being directed to her in order to secure land wanted for a new Abbey. Later Father was told the land was secured.

Now pastor of St. Anne's Church in Oswego, Illinois, Father has invited Mary-Eunice every year to give her Kateri monologue sketch to his parishoners. On September 28 she will present the Award to Father at the 11 A. M. Mass.

Sister Genevieve Cuny, OSF, will be presented with her Award at the Tekakwitha Conference in Denver, Colorado, by Father Gilbert Hemauer, Cap., president of the Conference.

Sister has really "known" Kateri all

her life. She was introduced to her as a very young child at the mission school but it was her acquaintance with Silas Left Hand Bull (recipient of the Tekakwitha Award and since has joined Kateri in heaven) which deepened her love and devotion to Kateri. Also her involvement in the Tekakwitha Conference for the last five years has offered her many opportunities to promote Kateri's Cause.

By profession Sister is a teacher and is presently a coordinator of a home religion program in Mission, South Dakota, on the Rosebud Reservation.

St. Hedwig's Church, Detroit, Michigan, will be the scene of a grand celebration when the Tekakwitha Circle 924 of the Daughters of Isabella accepts the Award as a group. In charge of the planning and program are Mrs. Anne Ochen, chairperson and Antoinette Babinski, Head Regent. Rev. John J. Mikula, OFM, Conv., pastor, has extended a hearty welcome to the Circle and the Catholics of the Detroit Archdiocese to honor Blessed Kateri in this area. Chet Adams, League coordinator for Detroit, will make the presentation of the Award.

Donors Plaque Seen by Many

"This building has been erected from the generosity of the following people to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of Kateri's entrance into eternal life — 1980." These words appear on the plaque above the 765 donors' names.

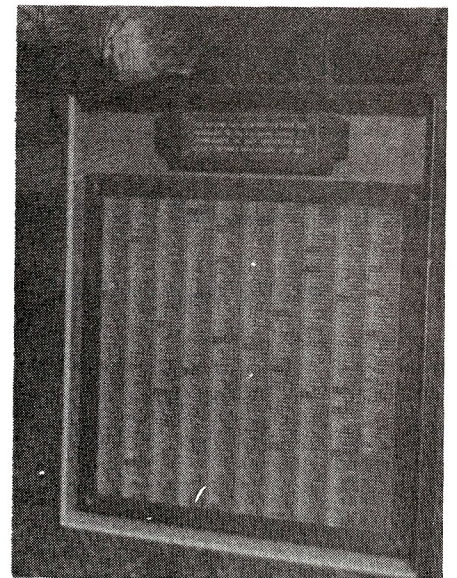
Now completely in view on the north side of the new building, the case, 4'x5', was made by Fred Hess and Owen Smith of the Shrine Staff and was ready for the first Sunday of the Shrine season. The names are on plastic strips attached to a wooden background entirely enclosed against the rough elements, covered with a quarter thickness of plexiglass.

To add new names is possible but cost to do this would be a minimal of ten dollars, excluding a donation to the building fund.

Names on the plaque were made and arranged by Jerry Lioy of Rochester, N. Y.

The entire job, names on the board and the case, will be removed from the exterior wall before winter and stored inside the building.

Shown below is the new plaque and case before being screwed to the Kateri Center. The cost of the completed project was \$1,425.



VISIBLE TO ALL PILGRIMS is this plaque now on the exterior of the National Kateri Center.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1980

Shrine Coliseum

4 P. M. — Official liturgical celebration of Kateri's beatification, the 300th anniversary of her death, and the 50th anniversary of the martyrs' canonization.

MOST REV. HOWARD J. HUBBARD, D. D.
Celebrant and Homilist

Shrine Cafeteria

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