



CANADA'S KATERI COMMEMORATIVE STAMP backgrounds Father Ronald Schultz, OFM, Conv., of Fonda. Father Joseph McBride, Mr. Gilles Lamontagne, Minister of National Defense, and Chief Andrew Delisle, Chief of the Indian Councils of Canada. Story →

Canada Issues Kateri Stamp

Hundreds of people witnessed the launching of a new stamp in memory of beatified Kateri Tekakwitha by Mr. Gilles Lamontagne, Minister of National Defense, in the St. Francis Xavier Church, Caughnawaga, Sunday, April 26.

The unveiling of the new stamp was preceded by a concelebrated Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Bernard Hubert, bishop of the St. Jean Diocese. Concelebrating with him were: Most Rev. Andre Marie Cimichella, auxiliary bishop of Montreal, retired bishop of St. Jean Most Rev. Gerard Marie Codere, Most Rev. Gilles Belisle, auxiliary bishop of Ottawa. Fifteen priests including Fr. Thomas Egan, S.J., Auriesville Shrine Director, Fr. Joseph McBride, S.J., vice postulator for the United States, and Fr. Ronald Schultz, OFM, Conv., Tekakwitha Shrine Director in Fonda, N.Y., and Fr. Henri Bechard, S.J., vice postulator for Canada.

In an emotional moment, Mr. Lamontagne and Chief Andrew Delisle unveiled the stamp. On the previous Friday Postmaster General Andre Ouellet announced the issue of two 17-cent stamps in honor of Kateri and Mere Marie de l'Incarnation, both beatified on June 22, 1980, by Pope John Paul II. Mr. Ouellet was unable to attend the ceremony due to illness.

Statues of the subjects by sculptor Emile Brunet were used for the design of the stamps. The designer, Laurent Marquart of Montreal, used high-contrast photos of both works in appropriate colours combined with

Sacred Congregation Approves Mass Text

Vice-Chancellor of the Albany Diocese Father Edward C. Pratt forwarded the following release contained in the NEWSLETTER of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, 1981, Vol. XVII, February:

MASS OF BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

At its November 1980 meeting the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the translation of the Opening Prayer of the Mass of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The text, prepared by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, was confirmed by the Sacred Congregation for the

Sacraments and Divine Worship on December 30, 1980, in a letter signed by James Cardinal Knox (Prot. CD 2224-80).

Blessed Kateri's feast occurs on April 17, and in the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America holds the rank of memorial. The Opening Prayer is the only proper liturgical text for her celebration. The Prayer Over the Gifts and the Prayer After Communion are taken from the Common of Virgins as given in the Sacramentary. The readings are chosen from the

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KATERI'S INTERCESSION — SOME ANSWERS

DEAL COMPLETED

In November, my brother and I put our parents' home up for sale. It was a bad time of year for this and because of the high interest rates, we really didn't feel that we would be successful, but I began praying to Kateri and within a two month period the house was sold and all business completed. — *Brook Park, Ohio.*

HIRED ON THE SPOT

Twice within the past six months I have been unemployed with absolutely no hope of any job prospects and down to my last dollar. I am writing this because, although I am not Catholic, I have prayed to Catherine Tekakwitha for a job. Each time, before one week was up, a job opened up to me immediately and I was hired on the spot. I am convinced God answered my prayers through her intercession. — *New York, N.Y.*

TWICE RETURNED TO HEALTH

Please accept the enclosed donation as an offering for a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of Blessed Kateri. A recovery from a recent illness was surely due to her intercession on my behalf. This is the second time within the year that my recovery from an illness was due to her prayers. — *Parkersburg, W. Va.*

A CONVERT MADE

Let me add my word of witness to the intercessory power of Kateri Tekakwitha. In the early 1940's while a seminarian I heard of Kateri and resolved to ask her to bring my father, a non-Catholic, into the Church. In 1945 as a deacon I had the joy of baptizing my father as a Catholic and giving him his first Holy Communion. I attribute to Kateri this great family grace. — *Meriden, Ct.*

RIGHT DIRECTION GIVEN

I have been praying for a way to help Kateri's people whom I have lov-

ed for many years. On March 19 I got an opportunity through a Vista Volunteer Program through DePaul U. in Chicago to go to the Blackfoot Indian Reservation to do manual labor for them. When we arrived there, exhausted, cold and shelterless, they gave us a home, food and friendship. I learned many things from them mostly to respect every form of life, to take time to be happy, enjoy every moment of my life and to be interested in every human being. I love Indians even more now and I know Kateri allowed this to happen to me — this wonderful experience. — *Antioch, Ill.*

FRIEND HELPED

Connie, my friend, operated on Aug. 11, 1980. After the surgery (4 days later) she was informed that the tumor was localized, there wasn't any more cancer. I had given Connie the prayer and medal. She did pray and every day I had asked Kateri to cure her. I strongly feel my prayers for this woman were answered. — *New York, N.Y.*

JOB & SECURITY

I have been praying to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha for a job. And last Thursday my prayers were answered and I got a fantastic job. My sister gave me a picture and prayer on it. I am so very grateful for this job. It means not only money but security which means more than anything to me. — *Neptune, N.J.*

SACRAMENT FOUND

I prayed for a special intention at our church for a favor to be granted and in 6 weeks my prayers were answered — the Blessed Sacrament was recovered from a stream bed in the next town over and many people were thrilled and happy with its return. — *Windham, N.H.*

FANTASTIC CHANGE

This check is to help support the

cause of Blessed Kateri. I believe her intercession was responsible for a fervent request granted. My son, 22, had been in several accidents, three times in four years hospitalized with a broken leg, broken foot and broken back. He did not have a work history and he did much 'hanging out' at home and the bars at night. As the sole support of a home and some help with expenses from another son it was very distressing to me. It's like a miracle! After I began praying to Blessed Kateri his attitude changed and he did get a good roofing job with fantastic money. May she soon be canonized! — *No address.*

BROKEN, NOW MENDED

Kateri has been very close to me through the years, and I have spoken of her to the women of my diocese as a 'special person' of interest to the youth of today. And now I am speaking of her more enthusiastically than ever, because of her intercession in my own life. This is the story — a true story of a miracle in our family.

Last June, my grandson, Bob, 16, fell off Garret Mountain, seventy-five feet into a quarry. He was very badly damaged. Brought to the hospital immediately, he first underwent a four hour operation to correct his damaged spleen, replace organs that had been disturbed, removal of debris (earth, stones, leaves, etc.) that had been lodged deeply in various parts of his body. His pelvis was broken, several ribs of course, and his left arm very badly mangled. Little hope was given that he would ever be able to 'function' as a complete person again. . . . He asked Kateri, whose beatification was in process, to beg healing from the Lord . . . Our prayer was granted. Several operations on the arm seemed hopeless, but to the amazement of the doctors, he had made a complete recovery! Incredibly, he went back to school, does not need crutches or any support, is able to write with that hand, once so badly mangled. Thanks to Kateri, Bob is a whole person again, renewed not only in body but in his spirit, too. — *Clifton, N.J.*

First Public Mass For Blessed Kateri's Feast Held At Shrine, May 3

Blessed Kateri's Feast Day was noted on the opening Sunday of the Auriesville Shrine Season, Sunday, May 3, at a 4 P.M. Mass. Permission was granted by the Albany Diocesan Chancery to transfer the Feast from April 17, which was Good Friday.

Fr. Joseph McBride, S.J., vice postulator, concelebrated with Fr. Donald Schultz, OFM, Conv., director of the Fonda, N.Y., Kateri Shrine, and Fr. Robert Boyle, S.J., Jesuit Bureau Director of Buffalo, N.Y. The homily was given by Fr. McBride. A votive Mass honoring Kateri was used, parts of which were taken from the Common of Virgins with the new Opening Prayer.

Mr. Matthew Cinquanti arranged the music and engaged Miss Sandra Tatlock as soloist.

In the welcome Fr. McBride expressed the hope that the opening day

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Lectionary for Mass, nos. 731-736. The preface of the Eucharistic Prayer is appropriately chosen from among: P 68 (Virgins and Religious), P 69 (Holy Men and Women I), and P 70 (Holy Men and Women II). Following is the English text of the Opening Prayer approved for use in the Dioceses of the United States.

Lord God,
you called the virgin, blessed Kateri Tekakwitha,

to shine among the Indian people
as an example of innocence of life.
Through her intercession,
may all peoples of every tribe,
tongue, and nation,
having been gathered into your church,
proclaim your greatness
in one song of praise.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.

The Opening Prayer may also be used in the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. Other texts and prayers for the Office are from the Common of Virgins.

June 21, A Time for Reunion At Martyrs' Land

From Marlene McCauley

The Summer LILY, 1980, told about the new Kateri Statue and Shrine erected and blessed at St. Francis Xavier Church, Phoenix, Az. Shortly after the event the jewelled feather valued at \$3,500 was stolen. This year the statue is now restored for a Mass honoring Kateri, April 20. A new glass encasement and an alarm system is now planned.

Marlene McCauley composed the centerfold verse describing the beatification days in Rome. The McCauleys are a beautiful family of eight and have long promoted Kateri's Cause in many areas of the United States.

Calling all pilgrims who went to Rome last year for Blessed Kateri's beatification and who came to Auriesville to celebrate the event! Come to Kateri's birthplace, Sunday June 21, and join in the concelebrated Mass to mark the 50th anniversary of the blessing of the Coliseum and the first anniversary of Kateri's beatification.

The time is 12:30 P.M. Bishop Howard Hubbard will be the main celebrant. The Homily will be given by Fr. Vincent Hart, S.J. of the St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset, Long Island.

Correcting a listing in the last LILY the Editor now points out that Prof. Charles Lower, organist and choir director of St. Mary's Church, Amsterdam, N.Y., not Hugh P. Donlon, will conduct the choir which will sing the Mass of the Martyrs written by Mr. Donlon for the occasion of the blessing of the edifice fifty years ago. Mr. Donlon will be in the audience.

The original choir was an all-male group and many have been asked to sing this year. This singing coterie sang for 37 shrine seasons at the Sunday Masses.

Fr. Thomas Egan, Shrine Director, points out that the double anniversary ceremony is an ideal occasion for all who went to Rome and came to Auriesville last year to have a reunion and to greet each other once again, and to enjoy being at the Martyrs' land so filled with meaning about the Martyrs and Blessed Kateri.

June 21 is the exact date when the Coliseum was blessed by Bishop Gibbons 50 years ago and is the one year day-before, June 22, of Bl. Kateri's beatification. Bishop Gibbons was the prime mover of introducing the Kateri Cause in Rome and won its approval in 1943. Bishop Hubbard petitioned for Kateri's beatification in Rome, 1980.

of the Shrine would in the future mark Kateri's Feast Day since it usually falls in the closed period. May 3 was an ideal shrine day, cool and plenty of sun.

After the Mass a meeting attended by 20 Mohawk Valley residents interested in forming the Kateri Associates was convened in the Shrine Cafeteria. Miss Eloise Etkorn of Randall, N.Y., is the acting person in charge of the new group.

Another meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, when a Mass honoring Kateri will begin further deliberations about future programs. Also approved was a short session of meditation on Kateri's life at each meeting.

The June 2 gathering will make definite some of the proposals tentatively on the table. One activity accepted was the availability of Sister Mary Catherine Rich of the Sisters of St. Joseph's Mother House, Latham, N.Y. to give a slide lecture on Blessed Kateri. Sister said she would be able to do this twice a month.

Any resident in or near the Mohawk Valley may join the Associates and come to the next meeting on June 2. Further information may be obtained by calling the League Office, 853-3153.

Membership Goal Remains 10,000

"The Beatification c

Heaven's bells pealed a tune,
On the twenty-second day of June,
Of a nineteen-eighty glowing moon,
To exalt a humble maiden soon!

T'was three hundred years this soul
took flight,
To be born of eternal light,
Her promise, "I will pray for you,"
Heeded to many the centuries
through.

Generations twelve, prayed for this
day,
Marked by God's providential
ray,
The sun delivered a golden beam,
Kateri elevated . . . was it a
dream?

Exultant hearts did overflow,
As toward Mother Church their
steps did go,
Native Americans resplendently
dressed,
To see their sister at last made
"Blest!"

Swiss guards at St. Peter's door,
Meeting people by the score,
Standing stately . . . sword in hand,
Pilgrims passing from every land.

Twenty-five thousand flocked to see,
An outstanding moment in
history,
To each a missalette . . . then a seat,
The Kateri group . . . left
transcept did meet.

From everywhere . . . all came to see,
Five "Venerables" made
"Beati,"

Two sons of Spain . . . two of France,
All of missionary stance.

Lived within hundred-fifty years,
Filled with faith, they had no
fears.
Each accepted Christ's invitation,
Peter Betancur to Marie of the
Incarnation.

In their souls His grace did fill,
Joseph Ancieta . . . "Apostle of
Brazil,"
Bishop Laval . . . the "first" of
Quebec,
Kateri Tekakwitha . . . of the
Mohawk "sect."

Heroic virtue was their call,
Proclaiming Christ's gospel to all,
In distant lands and Indian soil,
Midst suffering, they did toil!

Winning souls . . . their story,
To give God, His greatest glory,
To be one with Him . . . a life's goal,
Heaven's gain . . . sainted soul!

Americans and Guatemalans,
Canadians and Brazilians,
Assembled for beatification,
A Pontifical celebration!

St. Peter's Basilica . . . awe-inspiring,
Spaciousness . . . wreathed col-
umns spiraling,
Canopied altar . . . the golden throne,
A b o v e w h i c h s o a r s
Michaelangelo's dome.

Imposing edifice . . . Christendom's
rock,
Crypt of St. Peter . . . under this
spot.
Antiquity-rooted . . . apostolic succes-
sion,
Introducing the solemn procession!

Included were concelebrants,
Father Arrupe and Monsignor Lenz,
Bishops, "Arch," and Cardinals too,
Took their places on cue.

Wearing red and violet zucchetti,
Soon they knew the moment was
ready!
Lights went on . . . the organ resound-
ed,
Pope John Paul II, to the altar
mounted.

An endearing soul . . . filled with lo
Missionary spirit . . . Poland's d
Christ's vicar . . . the Spirit's prize
Pope John Paul II . . . with "t
ing eyes!"

T'was an impressive, stirring sigh
At the penitential rite,
When the members did arrive,
To petition their candidates fiv

Silence reigned . . . Bishop Hubb
did talk,
"Please count as "Blessed,
Kateri, a Mohawk!"
Hearts beat in anticipation,
For the Holy Father's declaratio

In robes of glimmering white
gold,
The silver mitre, his hand did ho
Just before the Gloria rite,
Announcement made from
altar's height.

"By apostolic authority,
Declare that Venerable Kater
May henceforth be called, "Blesse
By the world . . . be addressed

"April seventeenth . . . her feast,
When her heartbeat ever ceased
A thunderous applause ech
through,
Hearty clapping only grew!

Yielding to a mighty roar,
Vibrations heard outside the d
Tears welled in each one's eyes,
Ecstasy was no disguise!

Indian people burst with pride,
To see their own beatified!
Hearts cried in exultation,
On this day of jubilation!

f Kateri Tekakwitha"

Blessed Kateri . . . God's love she'll
bind,
Gifts from Him . . . for you she'll
find,
Her virtues . . . jewels for emulating,
God-filled "lily" . . . self-effacing!

The Sistine choir . . . Gregorian sang,
In Latin phrases their voices rang!
"Missa de Angelis" . . . ethereal
cadence,
Heavenly tones . . . mystical
radiance!

A Seminarian from Albany,
Gave the reading splendidly,
"Your love and works are your worth,
You are the salt of the earth!"

"Princess White Dove" from
Caughnawaga,
An Iroquois mission in Canada,
Spoke the petition in Mohawk tongue,
Her chanting tones strongly rung!

"Let Christ's love be your leaven!"
Her beautiful voice reached to
Heaven!
From St. Peter's . . . an innovation,
In native dialect . . . this recitation!

Our Holy Father's homily,
Completed for our Kateri,
Praised her purest charity,
Her solid faith and humility.

"Through suffering, she did impart,
Resignation and joyful heart!"
"Last words as she bid adieu,"
"Jesus . . . I love You!"

Presentation of gifts . . . a spectacular
sight,
Indians dressed in regalia bright,
From United States and Canada,
In two's approached the altar.

Fathers Bechard and Joseph Mc
Bride,
Observing this filled their pride,
Vice-Postulators for Kateri's side,
Whose devotion will ever abide!

Director of Indians . . . Monsignor
Lenz,
Happily watched his many
friends,
Arrayed in full ceremonial dress,
Beads and buckskins to feathered
headdress!

Apache, Tewa and Saketon,
To countless tribes, they did
belong,
Cherokee, Choctau and Papago,
Blackfoot, Laguna and Navaho!

The Sioux, Hopi and Mohawk,
Deafening applause as each did
walk!
Ben Black Bear and Chief Delisle,
An entourage through the aisle.

Francis Hairy Chin and Iron Eyes,
Cameras clicking to immortalize!
Big Chief Jim Shot Both Sides,
Expressing homage of the tribes.

"To the great Holy White Father,"
the parchment read,
Then gave him a jewelled band
for the head!
Hopi pottery . . . in sienna and white,
Kachina dolls . . . a colorful sight!

Papago baskets and a peace pipe,
A Navaho rug with a bright stripe,
Jewelry made of brilliant seeds,
Wampum belts of vivid beads!

With no concern for protocol,
The Holy Father talked to all!
"Little Peacock, gave a stole,
"See the "lily," " . . . Kateri's
symbol!"

"There's the turtle, wolf and bear
Thank you for beatifying . . .
Kateri fair!"
Pope John Paul II, blessed her there.
For all . . . a memorable affair!

The Mass was two and a half hours
long,
The entire Basilica joined in song,
"Holy God, we praise Thy name,"
Blessed Kateri forever will reign!

After the Mass, the Pope did greet,
Each representative gathered to
meet,
In the chapel of St. Sebastian,
Energy and spirit . . . never bent!

After the blessings, he left his seat,
To give the homily from the papal
suite.
The Angelus bells o'er Rome were
heard,
"Be it done unto me according to
Thy word!"

Mary's consent to her Father's will,
Incarnate Son . . . a miracle!
Her womb . . . a living tabernacle!
Spirit-filled . . . cenacle!

From the Basilica to the square,
The Pope's message . . . in the
fresh air,
A veil of calm on each one's face,
To know that Kateri, he did
embrace.

Blessed Kateri for all mankind!
"Lily of the Mohawks" . . .
forever bind!
Parting gift . . . our Pope did bless,
The Indians of Canada and the U.S.

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Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha
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NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

When you send in your membership renewal please mark renewal and always give complete address, especially your zip code.

The last mailing of the LILY counted over 8,333 copies — a first. Goal still remains 10,000 members. Many thanks to those who have sent in names for Intro Folders!

A full-length figure of Blessed Kateri done in cloth was designed and made by Sister Mary Felicitas, RSM, of Plattsburgh, N.Y., who did the two large paintings for the Center. The banner now appears at the entrance of the Center. Owen Smith of the Shrine Maintenance Staff built the case in his sparse free moments.

Do you wonder where your LILY is or goes? Beat this: a copy is mailed to the League Office here at Auriesville from the Fultonville Post Office which is 3 miles from the League Headquarters. The Winter LILY was mailed on Feb. 17 and arrived at Auriesville on March 25. How's that for service?

Dedication of a Chapel in honor of Blessed Kateri in St. Lucy's Church, Syracuse, N.Y., by Bishop Frank Harrison, will take place, June 12, 1981, at 8 P.M. Native American artists are doing a canvas mural of Kateri, and a woodland scene. Two circular stained glass windows will be done in Indian motifs, also a natural wood altar, new rug and chairs, a woven tapestry of blackash splint and sweet grass, stripping of woodwork, painting and panelling.

An anthology of newspaper and magazine clippings about last year's beatification has been compiled by

Eloise Etzkorn, former Shrine Felicitator, and is now available for perusal in the Kateri Center.

Father Egan's PILGRIM stubbed its big toe on its 16-page journey (Winter, 1981) beneath a picture caption, p. 4. Chief Blue Skies was named Iron Eyes Cody. Hope the toe never mends!

In a letter of praise for their work in promoting the Kateri Cause Most Rev. Nicholas T. Elko, Archbishop of Dayton, wrote Mr. and Mrs. Spagnola: "I am also pleased that you honor Blessed Tekakwitha. I pray to her daily for she stands out as much a model for today's world that is running away from the faith, while she ran away from dangers in order to keep it."

The Novena of Masses for the intentions of League Members will again conclude this year, Dec. 23-31, 1981.

Department of Indetermination: at this writing no choices for the '81 Tekakwitha Award have been made; plans for a memorial of the beatification, a chapel, a grotto, etc., are still frozen.

Participating in a contest the students of St. Francis Xavier School, Buffalo, N.Y. submitted some original works. So hard it was to determine top place winners that a Kateri memento was sent to all entries. Congratulations to all!

A snappy looking brochure "Kateri in the 80's" was arranged and paid for by Anne Scheuerman, chairperson of the League's Special Activities Committee. It contains the official pain-

ting of Blessed Kateri with the prayer for her canonization, the Kateri Novena, Homily of Pope John Paul II at the beatification Mass, speech to North American Indians by the Pope at special audience, and the homily of Bishop Hubbard of Albany at the Mass of Thanksgiving in the North American College, Rome. A one dollar donation will (includes high postage fee) bring one to you. Write to the League Office at Auriesville, N.Y., 12016.

Signs are supposed to help. A new sign will be seen at the Shrine this season, namely, MARTYRS MUSEUM. Greatly does this assist in obliterating the confusion with the National Kateri Center. The Museum is taking on a new look and will be the pride of Father Egan and Tom Constantino and their builders. The League thanks the Shrine for this decision in the making for several years.

To accord with the beatification many articles like letter heads, and publications must be updated. This is a slow process and expensive but will be accomplished. However, since the Coffey pamphlet and the Weiser book already are flawless in telling the Kateri story they will be the last to be brought to date.

Students working on term papers concerning Blessed Kateri and Native Americans often write for information. This Office will do what is possible to assist these Shakespeares after strongly recommending consulting the library first. Increased interest in the Amerinds have produced excellent displays in the houses of books which impart helpful data for term papers, theses, talks.

Farthest Winter guest to visit us was from Poland.

We are delighted to announce that the response to the column has been overwhelming. The National Kateri Center has some wonderful new displays brought up by the boys and girls of Holy Family School, Hicksville, Long Island.

The children at St. Eugene's School, Yonkers, N.Y. put on a very impressive play on the life of Kateri. This play was done also last August in Lake George, N.Y. It was excellently received there also and I think it helps make Kateri come alive to countless people. It was written by Sr. Regina Rosaire of St. Eugene's.

Correction: if you please! My friend Beth Kephart, the young lady that shows the films on the Life of Kateri to Senior Citizens, wrote to inform me that she was not 11, but 10. Never let anyone add a year to your age, Beth, it is a terrible sin, TeeHee! She is so

Youth For Kateri

By Cathy Walton

enthusiastic. We could all use some of hers, I'm sure. What's more, Beth held a little carnival and raised \$61.80 toward the promotion of the Cause of Blessed Kateri and she said that she had so much fun doing it that she is planning another one soon.

Belford, N.J. has a new drama group formed just last year and is named in honor of the Indian Maiden. They are 14 members with a waiting

list of 15. Students are represented from 5th through 8th grades.

Here are a few words about the award. It reads, "Certificate of Grateful Appreciation is Presented to — for enduring loyal and loving effort for the Cause of Blessed Kateri."

At least two adults must submit the candidate's name and verify the qualifications. Names for this year's award should be submitted by the end of June, 1981. They do not necessarily have to belong to a Kateri Club.

I'm sure many of you are stamp collectors. For those of you who are — Great News! The Canadian Government has just issued a new Kateri stamp, so all of you PHILATELISTS out there, be the first on your block to get one. You may obtain them through the Philatelic Service, Canada Post, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0B5.

Stamps

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identifying graphic elements for each stamp: the lily, insignia of the Ursuline order, and the turtle, symbol of Kateri's clan of the Mohawk tribe. 21,500,000 of the 17-cent stamps in four colors are being printed by Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto.

Mr. Lamontage told the audience that the stamp on Kateri was more than a memorial to a saintly woman of the 17th century. She belonged to an ancient and original Canadian culture that is much more relevant nowadays. He mentioned that with the issue of a stamp commemorating beatified Kateri Tekakwitha, the Canadian Post Office Department wished to remind the world of the universal values of the Indian Culture.

Other League members from the United States attended: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, from Cleveland, Thomas Constantino, of Amsterdam, N.Y. Eloise Etzkorn, of Randall, N.Y., Cathy Ozug, of Amsterdam, N.Y., Anne Scheuerman, Rochester, N.Y., and Mary Powers, Utica, N.Y.



JOSEPHINE ANGUS of the St. Regis Reservation in Northern New York State holds a photograph by Felici Photographers of Rome showing her receiving Holy Communion from the Holy Father during the Mass of Beatification last year. It was presented to Josephine on January 31, 1981, at St. Regis by Ann Scheuerman of Rochester, N.Y., who arranged getting the large picture and the simple presentation.

Pilgrimage To The Shrine For Extra Ease And Rest Plus Spiritual Benefits

There's something to a bus ride especially to the Auriesville Shrine. See the beautiful Mohawk Valley, enjoy the peace and quiet of the Mohawk village, refresh yourself with deepening spirituality.

Here are some companies who schedule bus pilgrimages: From New York City: Franciscan Family Circle, 125 W. 31st St., NYC, 10001. Phone 212-736-4685.

From Philadelphia: Filer-Gibson Travel Agency, 1601 Walnut St., Suite 815, Philadelphia, Pa., 19102. Phone 215-561-5636.

From Chicago: Carmelite Pilgrimages, Post Office Box 65, Darien, Ill., 60559. Phone 312-969-9050.

Courteous service, delightful companionship, spiritual features, jovial chaplains, attractive destinations, and unforgettable moments await you on a pilgrimage you shouldn't refuse and never forget. A visit to the National Kateri Center entices you to return year after year.

"The last months of her life are an even clearer manifestation of her solid faith, straight-forward humility, calm resignation and radiant joy, even in the midst of terrible sufferings. Her last words, simple and sublime, whispered at the moment of death, sum up, like a noble hymn, a life of purest charity: 'Jesus, I love you...'"

— Homily of Pope John Paul II, Beatification Mass

Often Asked, Often Answered, Often Asked Again

How can I get a First Class relic?

Persevere. No one dispenses them freely. You might try to get your name on a waiting list.

Is there any kind of relic available?

Yes. A devotional one. Thanks to Miss Balsamo of Dayton, Ohio, a good supply is on hand. Write for one: League Office.

Are there any pieces of Kateri's clothing in existence?

None known of.

Is Kateri's body at Auriesville?

Her remains are entombed at Caughnawaga, Canada. Pieces of bone, first class relics, are at Auriesville, and are used to bless pilgrims.

Where is Caughnawaga?

9 to 15 miles south of Montreal, Canada, reached via the Northway, Rout 87, to 15 in Canada, then right on Route 132, to a right at sign CAUGHNAWAGA, through tunnel then ask for Mission Church.

When will Kateri be canonized?

On the Lord's time table — next year, five years, ten years, thirty years from now. One first class miracle would definitely hasten the day.

Was Kateri a martyr?

No, she died a natural death.

Why is Fonda always connected with Kateri?

Because she was baptized there in 1676 and today there is a shrine and a famous Museum.

Are there any Indians here (Auriesville)?

Not in the immediate vicinity. The nearest reservation would be the Onondaga Reservation, south of Syracuse, N.Y.

What is the PILGRIM?

It is the Shrine's magazine published by Fr. Egan, S.J., Shrine Director.

Is it the same as the LILY OF THE MOHAWKS?

NO. The LILY is the official publication of the Tekakwitha League in the United States.

What is the Tekakwitha Conference?

The Conference holds an annual meeting for anyone interested in the Church's concern for Native Americans. More information may be obtained from Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, Cap, 1818 Ninth Avenue South No. 5, Great Falls, MT 59405.

Is the Conference the same as the Tekakwitha League?

No, they are totally distinct. The League promotes the Blessed Kateri Cause, the Conference promotes interest in assisting the Native Americans in their cares and concerns.

Why don't you increase the League dues? How do you manage on a dollar per year?

a) We don't want anyone prevented from belonging. b) Through the added gifts from members and friends the League survives.

Why don't you publicize the promotional materials more?

To avoid commercialism. However, a list of items for modest donations is available by writing the League Office.

What about candles? Masses to be offered?

Requests for candles at the Kateri altar should be sent to the Shrine Office. Masses, minimum offering today is \$3.00, may be sent to the League Office: \$5.00 or more if Mass is offered here.

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