

COFFEY PAMPHLET REVISED

Father Thomas Coffey's pamphlet, *America's Marvelous Maiden*, the life of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, has been revised and is now for sale from the League Office. The popular 32-page life has been expanded by four pages of pictures of the beatification days in Rome, several places have been rewritten, and Bishop Hubbard's imprimatur obtained. The official picture of the Blessed with the prayer for canonization is also carried.

Check elsewhere in this LILY for an easy order blank.

Northeast Tekakwitha Conference

The Northeast Regional Tekakwitha Conference will be held at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N. Y., on June 25, 26, 27, 1982. All Catholic Indians from the Northeast region are invited to attend this first regional conference. Others interested in the Native Americans are most cordially invited to participate.

This session will be a spin-off from the National Tekakwitha Conference held annually. This year the annual event will take place on August 9-12 at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, OFM, Cap., is president of the Conference.

The general theme of the Syracuse Meeting is "Coming Together in Unity and Harmony." Workshops and presentations will be on: Indian Leadership, Indian

and Christian Spirituality, Alcoholism — can Indians do anything about this disease? and Parenting — training and techniques to help parents work with their children and teenagers.

Headquarters for the regional conference is at St. Lucy's Church, 432 Gifford St., Syracuse, N. Y., 13204.

Father Thomas Egan, S. J., former Martyrs Shrine Director at Auriesville, N. Y., is expected to attend and represent the Blessed Kateri League.

LeMoyne College is named after Fr. Simon LeMoyne, S. J., a Jesuit missionary who worked among Native Americans living in the eastern part of New York State and Canada during the mid-17th century. The college is easily reached by plane and auto.

Contemplative Kateri In Art

Frederick Shrady, called the greatest contemporary religious sculptor by the New York Times, found Kateri Tekakwitha a difficult subject because she didn't perform great works. Kateri's spirituality is all in the face, she completely surrendered herself to God. Mr. Shrady's latest work shows Kateri, her head reverently bowed, postured in a position silently proclaiming "your Will, O Lord, your Will be done."

Mr. Thomas Constantino, Mohawk Valley Kateri promoter, has viewed the sculpture and began to include it in his projected plan for redo-

ing the grand esplanade overlooking the Mohawk Valley on the Shrine Grounds.

The tall, thin artist of Eaton, Conn., claims pale religious figures don't fit into his art mold. He leans toward a life of activity rather than tranquility, and this preference is reflected in his masterpieces. All his subjects are active, few are tranquil. It is interesting to note that the 73-year-old artist finds activity in spirituality as he depicts this virtue in Blessed Kateri.

Shrady began his studies, specifically art and history, at Oxford University in the 20's. A



Contemplative Kateri In Art

KATERI'S INTERCESSION — SOME ANSWERS

EVERYTHING TURNED OUT WELL

I was praying to Kateri Tekakwitha that if I would not have cancer and no surgery I promised to write to the League in thanksgiving. Thank God and Kateri Tekakwitha everything turned out all right. — *Detroit, Michigan.*

SON'S BACK TO WORK

My son was operated on in July for a serious operation. We were not given much hope for his recovery. I started a novena to Blessed Kateri. My prayers were answered. He had some complications but made a good recovery. He is now back at work and I thank God and Blessed Kateri for his recovery. May Blessed Kateri soon be a saint. — *Utica, N. Y.*

STATE BOARD EXAM PASSED

Please find enclosed \$20. that is being sent for two promises that were made and received through Blessed Kateri. My Mother-in-law and I made the same promise, that of passing my National State Board of Nursing. I am happy to announce that I passed and my results were sent in September — from July it was a long wait. I never lost faith in Kateri Tekakwitha. — *Paramount, Cal.*

POSITION SECURED

We are interested in promoting Kateri's Cause. Prayed she would help us in securing a position. Kateri heard our prayers. Send pamphlets and holy cards. — *Fort Mitchell, Ky.*

REPORT IS NEGATIVE

My son Donald underwent serious surgery on Feb. 22. The "Lily" answered my prayers. My son's tests for tumor on the back of the sinuses came back negative. We went thru 4 months of agony not knowing what they were going to find during the operation. We were so ecstatic. I cried with tears of joy for a change. I know the "Lily" answered my prayers. Please tell your other followers to have faith and believe. — *Allison Park, Penn.*

NO NEW SEIZURES

I wish to thank Kateri for helping my son who has neurological problems. He hasn't had any seizures since 1979, and his last E.E.G. report showed some improvement. — *Gloversville, N. Y.*

LOVE NOTE TO KATERI

Since it is St. Valentine's Day I am writing a love note to you and our Blessed Kateri.

Seven years ago some one left a small pamphlet describing the Blessed Kateri at my hospital bedside. I was at that time dying from an unknown stomach ailment, drowning in a sea of alcohol and pills and a non-practicing Jew who hated and feared God.

The first thing Kateri did for me was remove all fear of the surgery I was facing the next day. She got me through the long night and somehow I knew that no matter whether I lived or died I would be alright. Obviously I lived and I began a very feeble prayer life, praying for things, asking for jobs, health and my own ends to be served. At least it was prayer — something I hadn't done in years.

I wrote to you several times, always under the influence of alcohol and pills and you always answered with love. And I began to receive the "Lily of the Mohawks." Two years later Kateri led me to our Lord Jesus Christ and through Him, A.A.

Through A.A. I have remained sober and drug-free for the past five years. As a result of the A.A. teachings I now have a prayer life, I have converted to the Roman Catholic Faith and I love the Lord with all my heart. I also love the Blessed Kateri, and whenever I can, I promote her cause.

I am once again sick with this stomach of mine but now have 3 things going for me: 1) I'm sober by God's grace; 2) I have Jesus and 3) I have our little Lily of the Mohawks. I can't lose even when I think all is lost.

I wish my donation could be more, yet I know there isn't enough money in the world to pay

for what I have received. Keep up the good work, only God knows how many lost and lonely souls you have reached. — *Mahwah, N. J.*

DRIFTER RETURNS

I drifted away from my devotion to "Little Catherine." My sister enrolled me in Kateri's League and urged me to solicit her aid for our son-in-law. I began my novena to Kateri last Monday, Jan. 4, for financial help for our daughter and son-in-law. All utilities were to be turned off Friday, Jan. 8. They were desperate.

Most unexpectedly aid was obtained: light, gas, etc., were kept on so their 3 children will not suffer in our present zero temperature. These bills are all paid — a real miracle! I publicly wish to thank Catherine Tekakwitha for her intercession in our behalf. I will not drift away from her again. — *Little Rock, Ark.*

CONVERSION AT 82

My sister and I owe Kateri for many favors, one of which was our grandmother coming into the Catholic Church at the age of 82. She lived five years after her conversion. Through Kateri we are bringing many more souls in our parish back to the Lord. — *Potsdam, N. Y.*

BADLY NEEDED JOB GOTTEN

I prayed to Blessed Kateri for a special favor. My son applied for a job he needed badly. Before I finished the Kateri Novena he had his job. I'm sending a small offering. — *Port Arthur, Tx.*

KATERI IS LEANING POST

Enclosed is a check for many favors received. What a wonderful leaning post Kateri has been for me. — *Somerset, Mass.*

TAX EASED, HOUSE SOLD

I went to file my income tax and the man said I didn't make enough. He didn't charge me so thanks again to Kateri. My Mother died and left me her home which Kateri helped me to sell. Kateri has been helping me with financial aid for many years. — *Angola, N. Y.*

Blessed Kateri's Feast Day noted in United States, Canada

Marking his fifth year as bishop of Albany, Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, D.D., will celebrate the Feast Day Mass in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Sunday, May 2, in the Martyrs Shrine Coliseum at 4 P.M. Bishop Hubbard, as episcopal head of the Kateri Cause in America, petitioned Kateri's beatification before the Holy Father on June 22, 1980, in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.

In accepting the invitation to give the homily Vice Chancellor of the Albany Diocese Father Edward C. Pratt wrote: "I would want to do Kateri justice in presenting my personal thoughts and reflections upon this great personage and spirit-filled person who has blessed our land and our diocese."

An excellent musical program for the Liturgy is prepared by the Rainbow Music Ministries of Albany. A misunderstanding abroad has linked this group with the Young Rainbow Clowns who will perform earlier at 2 PM on the Coliseum stage. There is absolutely no connection between the two groups.

Young students ages 8 to 15 form a dramatic ensemble called the Rainbow Clowns from North Troy, N.Y. Each of the 15 thespians will display the 15 letters in Kateri's name on large drawing



BISHOP HUBBARD visited Blessed Kateri's birthplace many times during his five years as Albany bishop. He will come again on May 2.

cards and then give a short exhortation on each letter which tells something about Kateri's life.

A procession to outdoor devotions before Blessed Kateri's statue will follow the above per-

formance. The entire program has been arranged by the Mohawk Valley Blessed Kateri Associates under the leadership of Eloise Etzkorn, the group's chairperson.

Canadian Celebrations

In St. Regis Mission Church, Hogansburg, N.Y., at 4 P.M. on Saturday, April 17, the actual Feast Day, the Mohawk Indians will have a Mass and a Pow-Wow.

On Sunday, April 18, the Iroquois Knights of Columbus will honor their "sister Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha" with a high Mass of thanksgiving at 12:15 P.M. in the St. Francis Xavier Mission Church, Kahnawake, Canada. Bishop Bernard Hubert of the St. John's Diocese will be the celebrant and the Indian mixed Choir will sing. Refreshments will follow in the K of C Hall.

Other commemorations of Blessed Kateri's Feast Day are being held in various parts of the country but are not listed here for the lack of details.

Bishop Hubbard has initiated the process to ask the Holy See to transfer the Feast Day from April 17 to the day of beatification, June 22. April 17 usually falls during Lent or during the Easter Week and outside of shrine seasons. The Auriesville May 2 event coincides with the opening of the Martyrs Shrine season for 1982.

Hairy Chin, a Sioux Indian of the Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota, will be ordained a permanent deacon, Thursday, April 29, 1982, by Most Rev. Harold J. Dimmerling, D.D., bishop of the Rapid City Diocese in western South Dakota.

Mr. Chin has been very active in organizing and conducting conferences connected with the Bureau of Catholic Indian Mis-

Popular Sioux Ordained Deacon

sions of Washington, D.C., especially the annual meetings. He was one of the Native Americans from the West who presented gifts to the Holy Father

at the beatification Mass in June, 1980.

The new deacon trained under the Jesuit Fathers at the Sioux Spiritual Center in the Rapid City Diocese. There are ten Sioux Indians who have been ordained deacons since the program began. They serve in the various mission stations throughout the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations, South Dakota.

"The occasion of this declaration by our Holy Father is an opportune time for all of us to recall the antiquity and beauty of the Indian culture from which Blessed Kateri comes. We are also afforded the opportunity of rededicating ourselves to the cause of eliminating the injustices which still plague so many of our Indian brothers and sisters."

—From Bishop Hubbard's statement on the announcement of Blessed Kateri's beatification, June, 1980.

Ioragode Sails into Port, Beached on Mohawk Shore

'Twas two days before Christmas, 1981 when Father Tom Egan, S.J., and Father Joe McBride, S.J., went to the Comstock Correctional Service to attend a Legion of Mary Meeting during which a home-made galleon made of match sticks was presented to the National Kateri Center.

The ship measures 3½' high, 4½' long, and 1 ft. wide and took five months to build. Its maker is David Pumarejo, an inmate of the correctional facility.

David is 33 years old and a native Puerto Rican. He is president of the Legion of Mary whose chaplain is Father James Hayes.

The third vessel made in honor of Blessed Kateri is named Ioragode, Little Sunshine, the name given the baby because she brought much joy to her parents at birth. It is a gift of the Legion of Mary to the National Kateri Center.

A Kateri medal on the steering wheel, a carved wooden turtle on the prow, emblems of the bear, wolf, and turtle, one on each of the sails, the lily on the top of the middle sail - all these mark the ship as a Tekakwitha vessel. Visitors who have seen it in the League Office while it is waiting to be carried to the Center have marvelled at the painstaking efforts of its fabricator. Many more will be awed by it as they will view it in the Kateri Center this year.

Evidence of devotion to Blessed Kateri at the Legion meeting was clear as the members prayed the prayer for her canonization and honors her with a picture on the wall and making literature about her available.

Present for the presentation were Legionnaires from a neighboring parish, Joyce Smith, Marge Dubrule, 20 local Comstock inmates, and Father James Hayes.

Fathers Egan and McBride returned to Mohawk Land overjoyed at the love for Kateri at Comstock and felt deep gratitude to all there as they gingerly carried the work of David into the League Office.



SMILES OF JOY, not just because it was two days before Christmas but because Father McBride, right, and Father Egan, left, received the hand-made galleon from David Pumerajo, president of the Comstock Correctional Facility's Legion of Mary.

CONTEMPLATIVE KATERI

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visit to Paris lasted ten years because the French Capital was more exciting. After the war he came back to the United States with his wife and made

his home in Connecticut. His wife, Maria Likar-Waltersdorff, is a Catholic scholar and author.

The virility of his genius is seen in St. Peter, a tough sinewy fisherman, who casts his net over the crowds on the Fordham University campus.

Father Thomas Coffey's Pamphlet

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BETH KEPHART was recently confirmed in St. Patrick's Church, Malvern, Pa. She sent this picture to Fr. McBride since as she wrote "I took your advice and put the picture on. The one beneath the name (Kateri) is St. Catherine of Alexandria's symbol, a spoked wheel. On the other side, the heart with the cross, is St. Catherine of Siena's." Beth is an active Kateri promoter and has run penny sales, proceeds from which she contributes to the league. Best wishes, Beth, and congratulations on your Confirmation!

"She (Kateri) is a person for singles, the marrieds, the orphaned, for teenagers who suffer disappointment, for the sick determined to keep on living, for those who yearn to receive the sacraments but must wait, for the missions, for those who teach, for travelers and those who work to preserve the environment and for those who strive to unite the cultures and races of the world."

— Fr. Bernard Christman,
Editor of the
North Country Catholic

Blessed Kateri Brought To Shrine City, Japan By 98th Div. Artillery

Rev. Richard A. Malloy, C.S.P., former chaplain of the 98th Division Artillery, now an associate pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church in New York City, forwarded an interesting account of how Kateri Tekakwitha went to war.

"In September of 1945, one of the Forces of Occupation that went into Japan was the 98th Division from New York. It was known as the Iroquois Division, and wore the shoulder patch of the head of an Iroquois Indian Brave. I am enclosing the patch. The Division was activated in 1943 at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. It was inactivated in Japan in February 1946.

"I was the Catholic Chaplain with the Division Artillery. In September 1945 the Division occupied the City of Osaka, and the Division Artillery moved up and occupied the City of Nara and its environs. Nara was the original capital of Japan, and is known as the Shrine City. It was spared bombing during the war."

This contingent had Tekakwitha as its patroness and her name was given the weekly paper to the men by Chaplain Molloy who explained its name: "Therefore, because every paper must have a name, and this is to be a Catholic paper, we think that we are very fortunate to have Blessed Catherine's own name which will serve as a link between our Faith and the Catholic men of the Artillery of the Division which bears the name of the great Indian Nation which gave to the Catholic world the 'Lily of the Mohawks'. Under her protection and guidance we place this paper and all of you."

The originals of the paper to the artillery men are in the archives of the Paulist Fathers at 415 West 59th St., New York, N. Y., 10019.

Editor's Note: if any reader of the LILY knows anything about this Division or has pictures of it please send them to the League Office, Auriesville, N. Y. 12016.



TWO AMATEUR ARTISTS

Rosemary Lisa and Lee Onorato present their sketches of Blessed Kateri. Their mentor, Sister M. Barbara Anne, F.M.S.C., of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., submitted the drawings and reported that Rosemary made a remarkable recovery from a 5-car auto accident. She lingered with very little hope of living. After taken off dialysis she was out of the hospital within 48 hours.



NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

This time it is a switch back to the old way of acknowledging all communications to the League. The plan adopted at the end of last year and the beginning of the New Year was good but turned out a major operation, more than a small office can handle. The LILY had to go to 12 pages and much space was taken up with names. Forgive us if your name was omitted. Again another effort will be made to keep in touch with you directly and maintain the former policy of answering every letter received. We'll just have to try harder.

Present reports about Father Ronald's health are encouraging. Father Egan and Father Doolan of the Shrine Staff were in to visit our Franciscan friend and found him in great spirits. Father Schultz is in a nursing home undergoing therapy in Schenectady, N.Y. A prayer to Blessed Kateri will be appreciated. Meanwhile back at the Fonda Friary Father Robert Bogan, OFM, Conv., keeps the fires aglow.

Allan and Marlene McCauley, of Phoenix, Arizona, celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary this August and have been invited to renew their marriage vows here at Auriesville. The McCauleys have for many years promoted the Kateri Cause through their plays and writings all over the country. Congratulations!

Joe Spagnola, Mary-Eunice's husband, needs our prayers. Joe has been devoted to the Kateri Cause behind the scenes as it were. Many, many miles he has driven Mary-Eunice to perform the Kateri monologue, many

times he had come with M-E to Auriesville. He is a man of deep faith and genuine concern for others. A physical examination indicates he needs hospitalization but again a man of little faith in doctors and hospitals he hesitates to enter the hospital for treatment. We urge Blessed Kateri to smile upon him.

Neither tons of snow, nor sub-zero temperatures have stayed the efforts of the Blessed Kateri Associates of the Mohawk Valley to keep alive monthly devotion to Blessed Kateri here at her birthplace. And after the liturgical celebrations workshops have been held. Over 150 hand-made tom-toms have been made, ready for sale in the Kateri Center. Headbands are also being fabricated. Publicity for the May 2 event and future Kateri happenings is handled by the Associates. A great group!

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus upon their 100th Anniversary of service to the Church! Annually a large contingent of Knights come to the Shrine in pilgrimage. The Knights of Kahnawake, Canada, support the Kateri Cause by conducting commemorative events in behalf of their "Fairest Flower."

Father Levigne, pastor of St. Regis, Hogansburg, was back in the hospital, after serious heart surgery last year. Please recommend his recovery to Blessed Kateri.

An activity to imitate: The Kateri Club of Phoenix, Arizona, sponsored a seminar on the laws

available to combat pornography and how to promote their strict enforcement and how to meet the challenge by child porn and obscenity on cable TV. Investigate your local scene and then act as the Phoenix Kateri Club does.

Members of the Blessed Katherine Tekakwitha Parish in Buffalo, Texas, want to build a church but need funds. A priest drives 40 miles every Sunday to offer Mass in an old hotel. A new building becomes a must. If you have an extra shilling pass it on to Fr. J.A. Matszinger, Rt 1 Box 205, Buffalo, Texas, 75831.

Kateri Tekakwitha has been chosen patron of the North Country Catholic Newspaper subscription campaign. Editor Father Bernard Christman tells why: "The choice of Kateri is unique because she could neither read nor write, she was nearly blind, she was baptized only four years before her death and she hardly entered into the culture dominated by newspapers or by Christianity. Instead, Christian culture became an intrusion into her life ... She is a patron for most of the readers, the people who make newspapers worthwhile."

Department of forever-and-forever reminders: please do not send money for candles to the League, send to the Shrine Office; the League has only one Novena of Masses which occurs at the end of the year, any intentions sent in now are held until then; help eliminate confusion over spellings of names, streets, cities, by printing same. Have a pleasant summer! And thank you, thank you for all your wonderful cooperation!

Wallace Family Have Kateri Window Put In Marcus Hook Church

Upon their return from the Blessed Kateri beatification ceremonies in Rome Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace of Marcus Hook, Pa. had a Kateri window installed in their parish church. The window is perhaps the only modern piece of its kind and is reputed to be the first in the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

The Wallace's parish priest, Father Francis Ciaudelli studied many hours to arrive at what would be depicted in the window. Father contacted an artist whom he knew in Philadelphia, then work began. The window pattern covers most of Kateri's life.

The diamond shapes on each side represent the banner done in red, white, and blue colors that the Wallaces were inspired to make. The lily, turtle for her clan, the rosary in her hand, the rays emanating from the head, the blue blanket, letters reading Patroness of Ecology, are all indicative of virtues and characteristics of Blessed Kateri's life.

The first pastor of the Wallace's parish, the Immaculate Conception of Lourdes Church, 21 West 8th St., Marcus Hook, Pa., was Father Colergio Graziano. For 50 years he served the parish. Before coming to Marcus Hook from the Albany Diocese Father wrote a

How Does Another Century Begin?

After the centennial year — 1984-1985 of the North American Martyrs Shrine at Blessed Kateri's Birthplace—the tantalizing question is How Does Another Century Begin? The Tekakwitha League begins to answer by launching Century II Fund.

For this year, the kick-off year, a car raffle is planned. Contact with the Joe O'Brien Chevrolet Co. in Cleveland, Ohio, has been

made and before long a choice of cars will be made, tickets printed, and off we go.

A formal tee-off dinner-theater party will be held on Saturday, October 16, 1982, in the Shrine Cafeteria. The Sir William Johnson Lyric Theater will present selections from the "Sound of Music" and "A Man from La Mancha." More details on the menu and possibly an announcement about dancing will be made within six weeks.

The League will join the Shrine Staff in efforts to raise funds for opening the new century with necessary repairs, development of the Shrine equipment, and above all a memorial to Blessed Kateri. The Shrine complex must be maintained so that proper devotion to the Martyrs and to the possible sainthood of Blessed Kateri be observed. The Shrine which includes the marking of Blessed

Kateri's Birthplace has not kept it a secret that extensive repairs are needed on all its buildings and that further development is required to secure its status as a National Shrine.

Help give Century II Fund a big boost, please!



Blessed Kateri window in the Wallace's Parish Church, Marcus Hook, Pa.

booklet about Kateri in Italian and as a young priest worked on the Kateri Cause. "How happy he would be to have the Kateri window where he served so long!" Mrs. Priscilla Wallace often exclaims.

Nor have the Wallaces been outdone in their love for the Lily of the Mohawks for they carry on unsparingly promotion and many charitable enterprises in Blessed Kateri's name.

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Other free literature — folders explaining the Kateri Cause, Mary Eynon Scott's verse on the Lily's life and inexpensive prayer cards — may be had at no charge. Quantities however of any of the above require a reasonable donation.

KATERI VISITS ASIAN COUNTRIES

By ANNE SCHEUERMAN

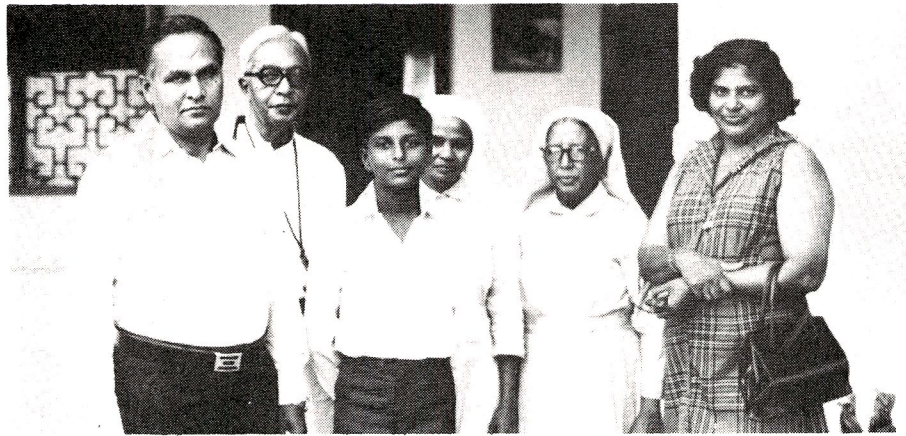
Many of the good people of the Asian nations of India, Nepal and Sri Lanka were introduced to the life of Kateri Tekakwitha early this year. Recently, Mrs. Anne Scheuerman of Pittsford, New York, while touring in this part of the world recounted Kateri's holy life to them. The people were very interested in the life of this holy woman. They readily accepted the Kateri prayer cards and asked for more for their friends until all 500 cards were given away. There were requests for more literature about her life.

In many areas, Kateri was well known. In Colombo on the west coast of Ceylon, amid the challenges of the business world, when there are decisions to be made, a contractor, Mr. S. Muttiah, pauses to pray and Kateri's aid is implored. This man has introduced his relatives and friends to Kateri.

Fr. Pat Ratnaycke, who for years worked at Kandy in the north of Ceylon over the many years of his priestly life, has had great devotion and love for Kateri.

The Jesuits in the city of Old Goa on India's west coast at the Bon Jesus Basilica, where the incorrupt body of St. Francis Xavier lies, were aware of the Beatification of Kateri by Pope John Paul II through their publication Jesuit Missions.

Fr. Paul Wenish of Dindigul, southern India, publishes the pictorial lives of saints. Some of his most enthusiastic readers are Hindus and



AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, SRI LANKA, left to right: Mr. S. Muttiah, Fr. Pat Ratnaycke, Jude Sunl Muttiah, Sr. Francis Xavier, Sr. Mary Magdala, and Mrs. S. Muttiah.

Moslems who are fascinated by the lives of the pious saints. Fr. Wenish has done the life of Kateri for many years and will now bring her story up to date, having dusted off some old copies.

North of Madras at Guntur is Fr. Kakumanu who has known of Kateri for many years. He says, "Kateri's life of prayer and penance shows that these are necessary for the flowering of human nature. It is true that we don't need saints to reach God, but perhaps God uses saints to reach man!"

At the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Delhi, the sisters remembered an old book that has been translated into English that tells of the virtuous life of Kateri.

Mother Teresa at her motherhouse

on Lower Circle Road in Calcutta was aware that Pope John Paul II had beatified Kateri. She gladly received Kateri prayer cards and piously venerated the Kateri relic, which was brought into this area of Asia.

During a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Sebastian Kottaram of Kerala State at St. Thomas Mount in Madras, the Kateri relic was placed on the altar. The altar is built over the spot where tradition says St. Thomas the Apostle was killed by a lance that was wielded by a soldier. After the Mass Fr. Kottaram blessed those in attendance with the Kateri relic.

Kateri has been to Asian countries in the spirit of a missionary. It is hoped that through her intercession, the peoples of these countries be given the gift of True Faith.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha League

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