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LEFT TO RIGHT — Monsignor Paul Lenz, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Affairs, Archabbot Leopold Krol, O.S.B., of LaTrobe, Pa., Fr. Joseph McBride, S.J., and Father Bernard O'Malley, pastor of St. John Evangelist, Bellefonte, Pa., are shown at the blessing and laying of the cornerstone, a first in the United States, for a church to be named after Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, in Coburn, Pa., Diocese of Altoona.

Archabbot Leopold was the celebrant of the celebrated Mass and Father McBride gave the homily. Our Lady of the Mount Choir from the Rockview Prison sang for the occasion. Several hundred parishioners attended the ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 26.

Note the symbols on the cornerstone used so often in connection with Blessed Kateri's outstanding loves.

Dedication of the Church is expected to take place in Spring, 1983, after Easter.

THE WINNER!

Julia E. Honan, 83-60 Vietor Ave., Elmhurst, N.Y., is the owner of the 1982 Chevrolet Monte Carlo given away at the final session of Century II Sweepstakes, Friday evening, Nov. 12, 1982.

When told by phone at 10 P.M. she appeared stunned and hardly believed the news. Julia has visited the Shrine and thinks the ticket was gotten through the mail. With her nephew, more excited than she, the prize will be received Tuesday, Nov. 16.

At the conclusion of the presentation Father McBride commented that "a million thank you's would not be enough" to express the League's gratitude to those who worked so hard all summer long to promote the Sweepstakes.

Shrine Cafe Manager Ed Etzkorn was the head of the Entry's Committee.



KATERI'S INTERCESSION — SOME ANSWERS

ANOTHER JOB FOUND

Our daughter was laid off from her job. We prayed to Kateri and last week she found another job. We have a deep love for Kateri and are very grateful for the many times that she has interceded for us. — *Albuquerque, N.M.*

NO MISTAKE, FUNDS RAISED

Last summer our Altar and Rosary Society of which I am a member, ran a fund raising project. I put Kateri in charge and was completely confident in her keep. Beyond our expectations were the results, even though, on the morning of the event, we were told that we had made a mistake which would be detrimental to our project. Not so. Thanks to Kateri. — *Buffalo, N.Y.*

QUIET DEATH

Enclosed please find check for one hundred dollars which is the bequest made in the will of my Mother. I am extremely happy to send this money to you. My Mother was devoted to Kateri Tekakwitha for many, many years. She granted her many favors, perhaps, one of which was a very quiet, quick, peaceful death, in her own home with her priest, her doctor, her family present. How blessed she was, and how thankful we are to God. — *Hyannis, Ma.*

NOW A BEAUTIFUL BABY

We have enclosed a donation in thanksgiving for our adopted little girl. We were told 3 years ago that we would not have children. That was a horrible blow to us. When all medical treatment failed and I began to lose faith I prayed to Kateri. Kateri came through for us and we have a beautiful daughter who is named after her. We are extremely thankful. — *Harvey, La.*

NEPHEW GIVES UP DRUGS

There were different incidents where Blessed Kateri came through, but this one is the most important. My nephew started taking drugs a year ago. We tried very hard to take him to any place for help, but when the moment came he always had an excuse for not going.

Thank you, Blessed Kateri, one week after I started praying, he went to my sister, and asked her to take him to the rehabilitation center. He is doing wonderfully now. — *North Bergen, N.J.*

BACK PAINS GONE

I've had problems with my back for the last 25 years. You can imagine what a liability this has been for me being a truck driver.

On February 14, 1982 my wife and I attended a Charismatic Day of Healing and Prayer. The priest told us that the Lord doesn't always answer our prayers directly. Instead, He may give another healing that we are unaware of. On this day we were praying for a little 13 year old friend who had Leukemia. Unconsciously I was hoping that the Lord would heal me also because I was in a great deal of pain this day. However, I felt my problem was secondary compared to my little friend's.

The following day I returned to work and was sent to Syracuse to deliver a load of groceries. I should've gone to my Chiropractor first because I knew something was out of place in my back.

After unloading my trailer, I wrote my wife to make an appointment with the chiropractor. At this time I was sure that the pain wasn't going to go away without his working on me.

My return home was a nightmare because I could feel every little bump on the thruway. While passing Auriesville, I asked Blessed Kateri and our dear Lord Jesus to take away the pain in my back. At that moment I was healed. I haven't had one moment of pain since.

I've given witness to this many times since and every time I am filled with devotion to Blessed Kateri and our dear Lord Jesus. Every day I praise and thank both for this beautiful healing. I know now that no problem is insignificant to Our Lord. — *Schenectady, N.Y.*

BUSINESS PROSPERS

In these times I have prayed for a small business to prosper. This sum-

mer has been good to the business. — *Sidney, Ohio.*

FINDS MODEL

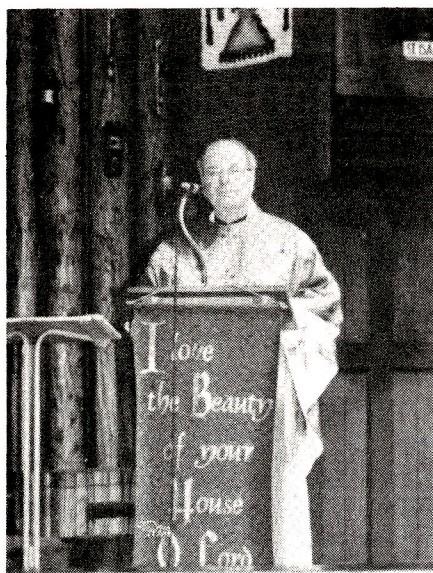
As a newly arrived immigrant to this country from Poland, I have had the grace to come across the holy character of Kateri Tekakwitha in Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation. I got interested when I saw a humble statue in Indian dress in the birch bark niche outside of St. Anthony's Church; when I got acquainted with a small leaflet story of her, I was deeply moved. So much of her story resembles the emigration story — emigration in double sense of the word. At first, she emigrated spiritually from her society even though still living among people of her village. Secondly, she finally and happily emigrated physically to the land where she found herself comfortable to further develop her qualities and to find acceptance of the new society. She was assisted by some one who took the trouble to understand her will and her needs. She was probably granted what we call today political asylum.

After this introduction let me identify my idea. I would like to make the proposal that while praying for her canonization the move could probably be initiated that she become the saint-patron of immigrants. I would like to give a few reasons for my proposal:

1. This is the time now, when many of my countryman leave their country emigrating because of both political and economic reasons. Let the people on emigration have the special protection by the intercession of this particular case of holiness which Kateri Tekakwitha represents by herself.

2. The saint-parton would be the Native American, i.e., belonging to the country which has been built on immigrants and by immigrants.

3. Her example would be so much encouragement to the immigrants themselves to follow her way of availing the opportunity of the new life in the new country in order to make the maximum benefit of their lives and to enrich the society which received them. — *St. Germain, WI.*



RECENTLY APPOINTED Fonda Kateri Shrine Director Fr. Nicholas Weiss, OFM, Conv., preached at the Kateri weekend Mass, September 5.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT



BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

An attractive stand-up plastic easel with an official Blessed Kateri picture — \$2.50. Order from League Office, Auriesville, N.Y., 12016. Send your name, address, city, state, and zip code, with payment. Merry Christmas!

A Joyful Christmas To All!



NATIVITY MEDIATION

A hole in the rock by the roadside,
a shelter for cattle — nothing more —
with only a stable's furniture.
An infant just born,
helpless, feeling the cold,
utterly dependent.
A very young mother
lost entirely in Him.
To the world a picture of misery,
a matter only for pity.
Yet, to the angels, good tidings of joy —
For this day is born to us a Savior —
who shall save His people.
This day is born to us Christ the Lord —
who shall lead His people.
This day is born the life that is
Light —
which shall shine in the darkness.
This day is born to us the Son of God!



Sioux Clothing Appeal Answered Promptly

Ron Ferdico, a Mohawk Valley Kateri Associate, heard the call for shoes and clothing to be sent to the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. From his friends in the Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, and the Jewish Center, in Gloversville, N. Y., fifty boxes of next-to-old articles were collected.

Then, Thomas Constantino, president of the Noteworthy Co., Amsterdam, N.Y., heard the same call, collected several more boxes, and promised to take care of the shrine shipment to the Native Indians.

These two gentlemen deserve the thanks of the Tekakwitha League for completing this project in record time. Those who receive the boxes will be equally thankful to them for their winter days will be much more comfortable.

It's Still International

Anne Scheuerman chaired the annual Labor Day Meeting of the International Kateri Committee, Sept. 6. A resolution was passed to retain the word International in the title of the Committee because there are Kateri groups all over the world, in Spain, Sri-Lanka, Canada, working together with countless assemblies in the United States to gain Blessed Kateri's canonization.

Anne was asked to contact the persons in these various areas by keeping them alert to needed activities to further the Cause. Reports will be heard at the next meeting in 1983.

NOVENA OF MASSES DECEMBER 23 - 31, 1982

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Ann Marie & Dick Adach



Peg Bova



Fran & Bill Janeski

Father Boyle Presents 1982 Tekakwitha Awards

Shrine Director Father Robert Boyle presented the 1982 Tekakwitha Awards after Monsignor Paul Lenz, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indians Affairs, blessed the plaques at the 4 P.M. Liturgy, Saturday, October 16, in the Shrine Coliseum.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adach, Father Henri Bechard, S.J., Peg Bova, Mr. and Mrs. William Janeski, and Catherine Ozug, were the acceptors.

Richard and Ann Marie Adach live in Gloversville, N.Y., are instructors in that city's schools, and have zealously supported all of the promotional activities for the Kateri Cause.

Fr. Bechard was also the main celebrant of the Mass. His photo and write-up were run in the last LILY.

A Mohawk Indian, Peg Bova of Liverpool, N.Y., chaired the North Eastern Sectional Tekakwitha Conference last June in Syracuse, N.Y. She leads the Mohawk Community in St. Lucy's Parish in Syracuse in many of their projects.

Salesmanship with a smile marks Bill and Frances Janeski's devotion to Blessed Kateri. They live in Amsterdam, N.Y. Never have they refused a helping hand when asked to assist the Kateri Cause.

All-out support of the Kateri Cause is nothing new for

Catherine Ozug of Amsterdam, N.Y. Two years ago she successfully produced "Godspel" and has contributed her organizational talents ever since to the League's programs.

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Cathie Ozug

Menu & Tunes Score at Annual Dinner-Theater

Happiness filled all during the meal and during the stage production Saturday evening, Oct. 16, and forever after. 240 dinners were served according to Shrine Cafeteria Manager Ed Etzkorn. A cast of 17 and a production staff of 8 presented the beautiful airs of "Brigadoon", all members of the Sir William Johnson Lyric Theater of Johnstown, N.Y.

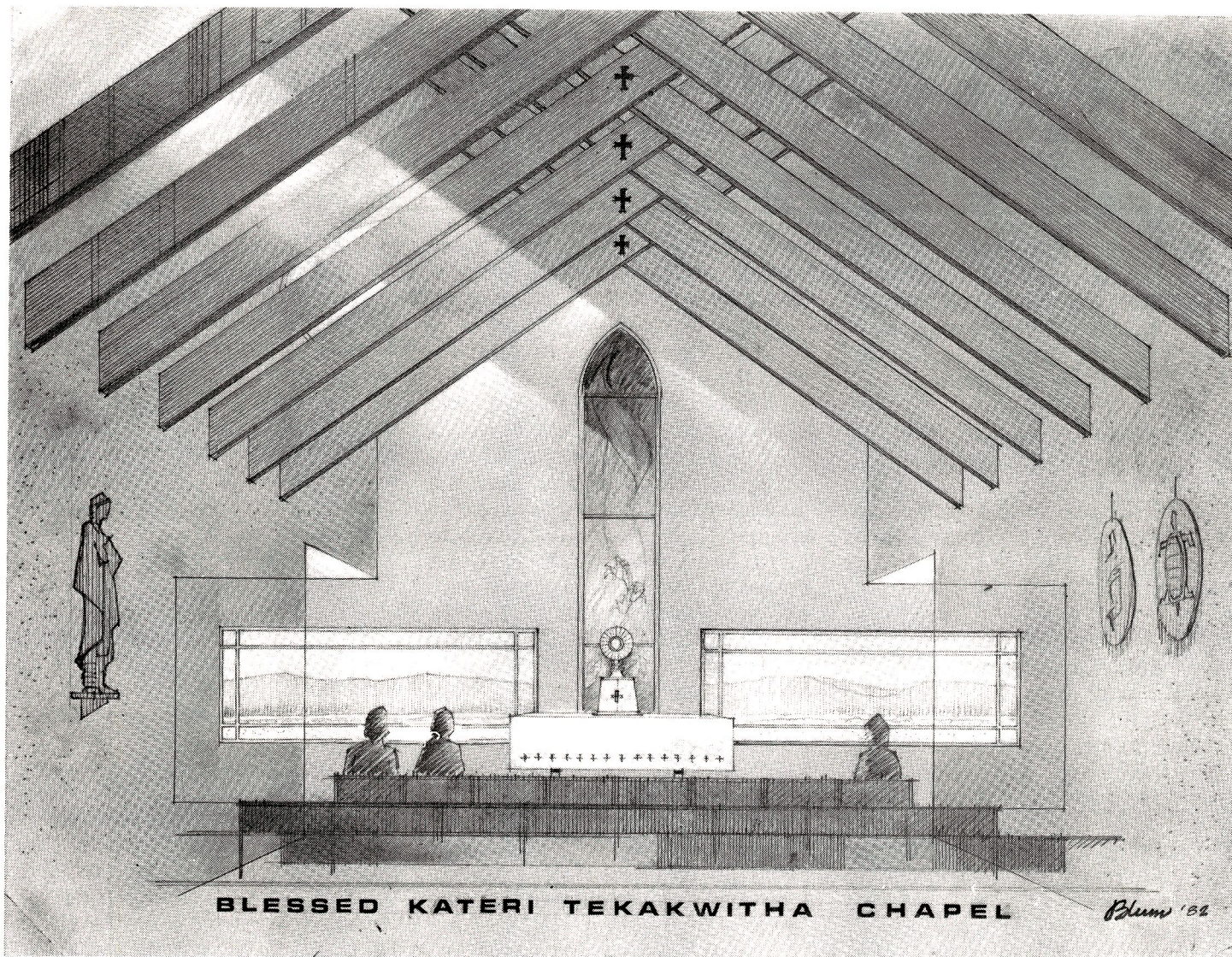
Guests of Honor were the 1982 Tekakwitha Award Recipients named above, Monsignor Paul Lenz, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., Fr. William Cogan, S.J., newly appointed Superior of the Jesuits at Auriesville, and Fr. Dismas Rehfus, OFM, Conv.,

new pastor of the neighboring St. Cecilia's Parish, Fonda, N.Y.

The thespians turned in a professional performance, displaying the talents used in their other productions the last several years. Their troupe has garnered donations which are contributed to local charities and their scholarship fund to enable budding artists to pursue theatrical arts.

Mrs. Donald Applegate of Ilion, N.Y., and her assistants were responsible for the table centerpieces and table decor.

Funds gained from the dinner-theater would have gone to the Kateri Chapel Fund but the income didn't match the expenses. The good time had by all was profit enough.



"IF WE WERE TO LOOK FOR THE IDEAL SPOT TO BUILD A KATERI CHAPEL it would be this one," said Architect Norbert Blum as we stood on the brow of a hill at the northwestern corner of the Shrine grounds overlooking the beautiful Mohawk River Valley. But on the spot is the outdoor Martyrs Chapel erected in 1884. The solution? The decision is to build a chapel within a chapel.

The new Chapel in honor of Blessed Kateri is envisioned as being very light and airy, well lit from sunlight above, with broad and expansive views out across the Mohawk River and valley beyond. The open trusses above will modulate the space, providing a lower open — branch and tree-like feeling — as though tree branches, within a woods, and looking outwards. It will be a very woodland type space, like in the

woods, with all visual lines and planes folding around and focusing toward the Blessed Sacrament in the center.

"I think it will be a very beautiful space, strong and powerful in its horizontal and vertical spiritual dimensions, very reflective of Kateri and Auriesville — a spiritual and spatial completion of the Martyrs Chapel built in 1884," wrote Mr. Blum.

Since submitting the above sketch two other floor plans have been drawn showing a sacristy, reconciliation room, maintenance closet, a meeting room, and a lavatory. These prospectuses are to be gone over thoroughly for practical changes until early Spring when construction is expected to begin.

According to Vice Postulator Fr. Joseph McBride no bother-

some appeals will be made to finance the project. Splendid opportunities for memorials will be offered when cost outlays are determined. Two one thousand dollar gifts have been made as far back as two years ago when the idea of a chapel was thought about. Any amount over twenty-five dollars will now be accepted, donors of which will have their names and cities on a special plaque. A sizeable sum has been realized this year from the Century II Sweepstakes and the Boys Town Choir Concert. "Of course," remarked Father McBride, "the final decor and its elegance will depend on funds on hand when actual pick-and-shovel work starts."

The need of a quiet place to pray and meditate has frequently been advanced by the active promoters of the Kateri Cause and by pilgrims to Kateri's birthplace.

NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

Here is Fr. Tom Egan's new address: Box 327, Hogsburg, N.Y., 13655. He and Fr. Fleig are now ensconced in the new positions on the banks of the St. Lawrence River in Canada.

Mary-Eunice will carry on her work of giving monologues dealing with the lives of the saints and of civic figures. At a recent appearance she was referred to as the "Rich Little" of the spiritual circuit.

The U.S. Bishops will vote on a new date for Blessed Kateri's Feast day at their annual meeting in Washington, D.C., this month (November). A possible date is in mid-July which will be ideal for shrine seasons.

Contributors to the building of the National Kateri Center should rejoice to know the fine reactions — Ooohs! Ahs! Just Look at that! Fantastic! — guests make as they view the displays. The galleon made of match sticks and the articles done by Kateri Youth claim much of the interest.

The most frequently asked question in the Center is "How do you pronounce her name?" Simply replace the K with a G and try it or Ga-da-ree Teg-ah-gweet-ha. How are you doing? Well, you won't match the ways the Mohawks pronounce it but keep trying!

Thanks to Michael Terrance, 139 Hastings Place, Syracuse, N.Y., 13206, for the fine carvings, one of Blessed Kateri, now on display in the Center.

From White Quiver and Little Fox, Windsor Locks, Ct., 06096, comes this appeal: "You can help these proud people by mailing a

package of warm clothing or blankets to the Rosebud Reservation. Clothing which your children have out grown or your family has discarded would be a fine gift indeed for some needy Lakota family. These people are in dire need of shoes and warm boots, however anything warm will be greatly appreciated. The cost of mailing one package is under ten dollars for 20 pounds. This is a small price to pay when you compare it to the price the Lakota children will pay as they face the harsh Lakota winter with only plastic bags on their feet for shoes. Send to Development Office, Sinte Gleska College, Rosebud Sioux Reservation, Rosebud, South Dakota, 57570. Att: Don Chalmers."

Fr. Ron Sams, S.J., on a sabbatical, will be replaced temporarily by Fr. Boyle, Shrine Director, as treasurer of the Tekakwitha League.

Kerala, India? Warsaw, Poland? Brazil? Norway? All have this in common, namely, that they are far, far from Auriesville, and that they had their countrymen visit the National Kateri Center this past season. Let's vote Fr. Sebastian Kottaram from Kerala as the farthest visitor this year. He is presently studying at Marywood College in Scranton, Pa. From the States we had guests from California and Florida among ten other States. Do come again, All!

In his new assignment Fr. Egan works in 3 dioceses under 3 different bishops, in two countries, under two Jesuit Provincials of 2 Provinces, and under one Big Chief.

Recording the 356 years of the Catholic Faith in the Western part

of New York State is the recently opened Buffalo Diocesan Museum under the history-searching Fr. Walter Kern, pastor of Blessed Trinity Church in Buffalo and Diocesan Director of the Apostleship of Prayer. The museum is open daily, Monday to Friday, from 9:30 P.M. to 4 P.M. in the library of the Chancery, 22 Lincoln Parkway. An unofficial painting of Blessed Kateri is one of the displays in the museum. Visitors are welcome.

Back in the Valley at St. Cecilia's Rectory, Fonda, N.Y., Fr. Ronald Schultz is very happy and works at his walking ability.

If you receive two or more LILIES, the League's publication, please pass them on to friends or leave them where they might be picked up. It costs more to have the direct mailer change the files. Recently we sent a list marked DELETE DUP, which meant take off the second name. Both names were deleted. See the problem?

Sister Mary Catherine Rich, CS-J, of Latham, N.Y., and Alban Fruth, OSB, of Collegeville, Mn., have sent the songs they have composed in honor of Bl. Kateri. I am unable to decide on the caliber of the compositions since my musical ear lacks quality ring. You may write the authors for a copy, then let me know your opinion.

West Plymouth, Mass., will have a new parish named after Blessed Kateri. A special indult from the Holy Father has established it. Even though the parish has only a plot of land the people are greatly excited over it being one of three churches to be so named. Fr. John Schatzel will shepherd 1400 families in the new Kateri Community.

Joseph Spagnola, 76 Dies in Wife's Arms

Joseph H. Spagnola, for many years an ardent promoter of the Kateri Cause, died August 16, 1982, in the arms of his beloved wife Mary-Eunice as they held a picture of Blessed Kateri.

Early last year Joe became ill.



Joseph H. Spagnola

For a long time he refused treatment and hospitalization until a few weeks before he died in Riverview Hospital, New Jersey. Cancer finally claimed him.

With Mary-Eunice he founded Mary Productions which produced monologues, scripts and tapes on the lives of saints and historical figures.

Both made many trips to Kateri's birthplace where they staged Mary-Eunice's monologues about Kateri, the Rosary and the saints. Joe was the manager looking after details and watched with pride as his part-

Syracuse Conf. Success Presages Another

A plucky group of Native Americans, priests, religious and lay workers gathered at LeMoyne College, June 25-27, 1982, for the first Northeast Regional Tekakwitha Conference, an offshoot of the National Tekakwitha Conference which meets annually.

Peg Bova, 1982 Tekakwitha Award recipient, chaired the Conference.

Dr. Solomon Cook, Chief of the Tribal Council of the St. Regis Reservation in Northern New York State and lower Canada, spoke on ways of unifying the Indian People and Native American Leadership. He called it a "seemingly impossible task" but went on to say "However, the only way I can see this accomplished is through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha. I really feel that she is a special gift of God to the Indian people."

Lee Lyons, nephew of the Chief of the Onondaga Reserve, south of Syracuse, in alluding to peace emphasized "the Creator gave a system for achieving peace among

ner portrayed her roles. And these productions were brought by them to many parts of the country, into Mexico and Canada.

Father Joseph McBride, S.J., a great friend of Joe and a verbal sparring partner, gave the homily at the funeral Mass in St. Mary's, New Monmouth, N.J., attended by his immediate family — wife, son Joe, daughter-in-law Judy, two brothers, two sisters — seven priests, and countless friends.

Joe's heart was in efforts to make a Better World by entertaining and inspiring audiences. He wished that Mary-Eunice carry on the work alone.



KNEELING: Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Syracuse, N.Y., Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, Tekakwitha Conf. president. Peg Bova, Mohawk. **STANDING:** Alex Mitchell, St. Regis Reserve, Arnold Lazare, Mohawk, Kahnawake, Canada, Bishop Frank Harrison, Syracuse Diocese, and Fr. Jim Carey, St. Lucy's pastor.

all peoples. This is the purpose of religion." He also felt that man is obligated to have more ceremonies of thanksgiving for all the gifts given him by God.

The final session was an open forum conducted by Fr. Hemauer and Peg Bova. It was agreed that a step had been taken, that this was just a beginning. This was the first time a gathering of this kind met in the Northeast to discuss the important issues of Indian unity and leadership, Indian and Christian Spirituality, and the concern for family wholeness and the disease of alcoholism.

Already plans are being made for

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN THE NOVENA OF MASSES:

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All-American Boys Town Choir Delights Audience With Old and New Tunes

Ranging from the noblest notes to the popular was the tenor of the All-American Boys Town Choir Concert given at Bishop Scully High School, Friday, Nov. 12, for the benefit of the Kateri Chapel Fund and the North American Martyrs Shrine Improvement Program.

The world-famous Choir is making its annual concert tour in November, commemorating the 65th year of service to youth by Father Flanagan's Boys' Home.

It was in December of 1917 that Father Edward J. Flanagan, an energetic young priest, first took homeless boys and provided them with a stable, loving environment. Since then, over 15,000 young men have called Boys Town home.

One of Boys Town own, Frank Szynskie, directed the 36 voices in a fine worked-out program of the best in classical and popular songs.

At curtain time Mayor Mario Villa of Amsterdam, N.Y. presented the Choir Master with the keys to the City of Amsterdam.

Arrangements for the Concert



"HE AIN'T HEAVY, FATHER . . . HE'S M'BROTHER" ended the All-American Boys Town Choir Concert in Bishop Scully High School, Amsterdam, N.Y., Nov. 12. This song reflects the Boys Town Code which enables Boys Town to continue the goals of Fr. Flanagan to help all youth realize their full potential for God, Self, and Society. Frank Szynskie, a Boys Town product, extreme left, directed the 36 voices shown before Fr. Flanagan's monument at Boys Town, Nebraska.

were made by Cathie Ozug, a 1982 Tekakwitha Award acceptor. Mr. Joe Villa was in charge of the Social. The use of the auditorium was a gift of Sister Ann, principal of Bishop Scully High School. Receptionists were members of the Mohawk Valley Kateri Associates.

Syracuse Conference

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a similar conference in 1983, perhaps close to St. Regis, such as Mater Dei College, or somewhere close to Kahnawake where Blessed Kateri's tomb is.

Saturday evening's Pow-Wow with the Iroquois Singers and Dancers from Akwesasne gave fun and enjoyment to all. Corn soup and scones were served as refreshment. Prizes were awarded in the men and women dance competition.

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