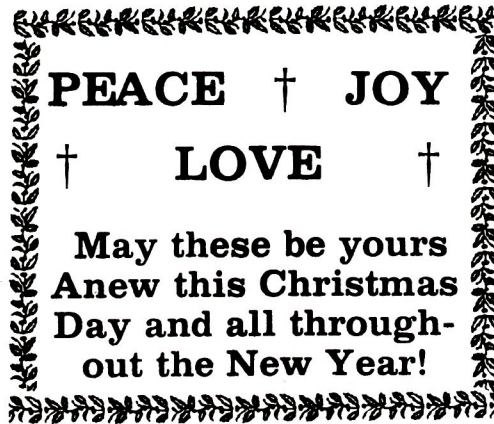


Add to this picture a finished floor, exterior walls resurfaced, partitions erected, electrical outlets installed and you have a fair idea of the progress accomplished since Sept. 2 towards the work on the new Blessed Kateri Chapel. The work is being done by Bush Carpentry, Inc., Amsterdam, N.Y., William Bush, president.

Thanks to the Sweepstakes '82, the 3-basket raffle and Wampum '83, and the frequent donations made in the continuing moccasined fund raisers, bills mounting to \$65,000 are being met. Funds allotted to expenses connected with the canonization have been drawn upon and will have to be replaced.

Awaiting acceptance are the following memorials: carpeting - \$2,000; lights - \$2,000; sacristy cabinets - \$1,000; Conference Room furnishings - \$1,000; 4 chapel windows - \$950. each. Donors may contact the League Office at Auriesville, N.Y. 12016. Plaques listing donors' names

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Mary-Eunice Honored By John Paul II's Legion

The League's foremost dramatic agent, Mary-Eunice Spagnola, now of East Keansburg, N.J., recently was presented with the following award: "Pope John Paul II's Legion of America Society hereby proclaims Miss Mary-Eunice Woman of the Year for her work as actress, writer and producer of Lives of the Saints and her dedication to the cause of Catholicism which has brought her international recognition."

Prior to the presentation Mary-Eunice gave her monologue on St. Maximilian Kolbe for TV Channel 5. The Award was given at Shun Lee West Restaurant in New York City by the Honorable Leonard Connors.

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John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia and president of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Affairs, met Anne Scheuerman, the League's representative, at the 1983 Tekakwitha Conference in August at Collegeville, Minn.

Anne's super enthusiasm for Kateri's canonization urged the Cardinal to ask the Holy Father to canonize the Indian Maiden next year as he visits Canada. The Cardinal gently reminded her: "Anne, one more miracle!"

Over 2,000 attended the annual conference which deals with the Church's concerns for Native Americans. Largest contingent of Indians from the East was the Mohawks from the St. Regis Reservation, Hogansburg, N.Y.

Canadian vice postulator Father Henri Bechard gave an inspiring talk on Kateri's spirituality.

Archbishop Pio Laghi, the personal representative of the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, in the United States, honored the conference by his participation.

Terence Cardinal Cooke, archbishop of New York, was remembered by the Blessed Kateri League in a Mass offered for his soul on October 19 at Auriesville, N.Y. Cardinal Cooke's phone call when the beatification was announced is often recalled. He was as happy as we were over the news. His friendship here and in Rome has long been cherished. May his soul be at peace!

Kateri Debuts in France, Spain, Portugal

In keeping with Pope John Paul's announcement of the Holy Year of Redemption, a special pilgrimage was planned to visit selected shrines in Spain, France and Portugal. As part of this pilgrimage, Anne M. Scheuerman of Pittsford, New York, planned to promote the cause of Kateri using materials in Spanish, French, and English.

With research completed and her special rosary from the 1950



Anne Scheuerman, left, and Mireille Moreu meet in Barcelona to prepare Kateri literature for their pilgrimage.

Holy Year and promotional literature in tow, in July she boarded a jet for Madrid. Upon arrival, a rented car with a standard shift was picked up to drive a circle tour of 3,300 miles in 30 days. Mireille Moreu of Barcelona, who plans Kateri celebrations in Spain, joined the journey.

In Agreda, 200 miles northeast of Madrid, was found the convent of the Immaculate Conception where Venerable Sister Mary of Jesus, (whose body is incorrupt), in the 1600's received private revelations about the hidden life of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Breakfast in the convent with an English-speaking missionary priest home on leave opened the door to a private visit with four angelic cloistered sisters. One of the nuns excused herself for a moment, only to return with the Kateri beatification prayer card put out by Father McBride at Auriesville. She had received it

from an Augustinian sister in Massachusetts.

At Zaragoza, where the small and very ancient statue of Mary called "Our Lady of the Pillar" is enshrined and at Montserrat, the solitude monastery where is found the Black Madonna, people readily accepted Kateri literature.

In France, at Tarascon (near Avignon), site of St. Martha's tomb, a mix-up in lodging reservations brought the two pilgrims to a convent seeking lodging. No lodging was available there, but the thirty charismatics who were holding a meeting that night welcomed news of Kateri. At the 12th century St. Martha's Church, a custodian eagerly asked questions about Kateri.

LePuy is the site of the beloved Black Virgin. Here four popes have prayed, as well as Charlemagne and St. Louis, Dominic, Vincent Ferrer, Anthony of Padua, and John Francis Regis. Now LePuy knows about Kateri.

Two nuns in charge of the Visitation Convent gift shop at Paray-Le-Monial, helping to pick out a suitable gift for a priest-friend devoted to the Sacred Heart and unable to make this pilgrimage, also heard of his devotion to Kateri. They both now possess a love of Kateri and with a smile agreed to touch the special rosary to St. Margaret Mary's tomb.

The center of Mary Magdaleine is a convent in an old castle-like building and provides lodging for ladies visiting the Church of the Saint. A lady shop-keeper now honors Kateri, as well as two of the sisters.

Nevers, where St. Bernadette's incorrupt body is kept at St. Gidard's Convent, and Lourdes - both know about Kateri.

The Jesuits at Loyola, Spain, birthplace of St. Ignatius were reacquainted with the life of Kateri. Two scholastics, who work at the gift ship also found out about her.

Wampum '83 Winners

July 13 — 800
July 20 — 214
July 27 — 829
August 3 — 521
August 10 — 590
August 17 — 787
August 24 — 148
August 31 — 476
September 7 — 405
September 14 — 169
September 21 — 480
September 28 — 207
October 5 — 657
October 12 — 085
October 19 — 679
October 26 — 665

The winners live in these towns: Brielle, N.J., Philadelphia, Pa., Gloversville, N.Y. (4), Bloomfield, N.J., Amsterdam, N.Y., Fultonville, N.Y., Auriesville, N.Y. (3), and Detroit Michigan.

Covadonga, surrounded by the very high Europa Peaks, contains the Grotto of Our Lady. This beautiful statue of Mary is credited with driving back the Moors in ancient Spain, thereby preserving the Catholic Faith in that country. The keeper of the treasury and museum listened attentively to the Kateri story.

Two young priests at St. Steven's Church in the city of Santiago de Compostella on Spain's northwestern coast where St. James the Apostle's tomb is located, now have the prayers to Kateri and are asking for an increase in the spiritual life of their parishioners.

In Portugal, Coimbra, which is the city where Sr. Lucy, the remaining live witness to the visions of our Lady at Fatima, is cloistered in the Carmelite Convent also heard about Kateri at the museum attached to the church containing St. Isabella's remains in the person of the keeper. The gentle shopkeeper and his wife who lovingly packaged seven of their well-made religious statues at Fatima now know the story of Kateri.

The travelers, well-prayed and a bit journey-weary returned to

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Do Come Again!

From the end of June until the last day of the Shrine Season the National Kateri Center scored good crowds coming from all over the States and many other countries in the world.

What do you do now? The League Office remains open 24 hours a day. A bit of hyperbole, please.), tending to ordinary business and even welcoming guests when passing through Auriesville. Drop in!



Kateri Debuts

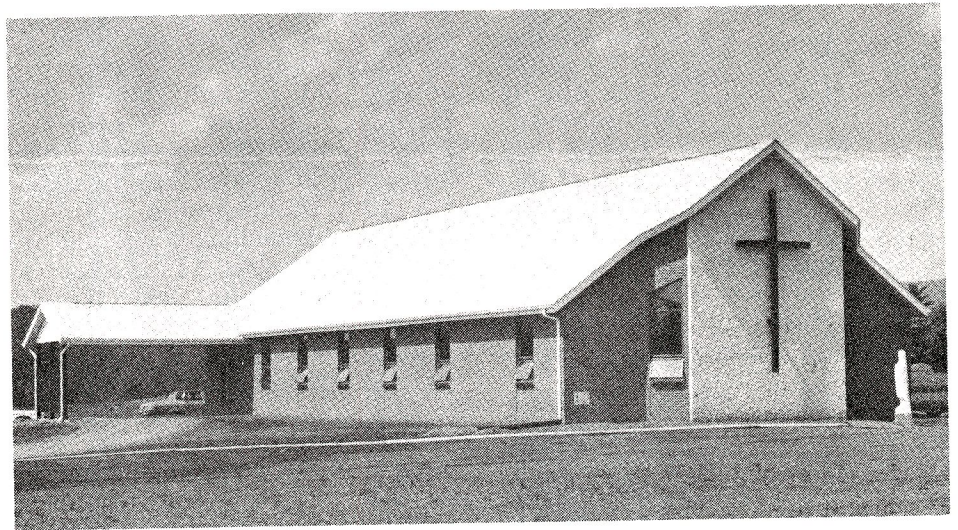
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Spain, leaving Kateri literature at the Parador (former castle) in Guadelupe. A patient lady clerk who spoke excellent English at the Cathedral in Toledo received Kateri pamphlets in English.

In the last city visited, Avila, birthplace of St. Theresa, the gentleman who so kindly provided containers for purchases that would never find space in already-overstuffed suitcases graciously received Kateri materials.

And so the Holy year pilgrimage came to an end. There were final prayers of thanksgiving for the privilege of daily Mass and rosary. There was humility for being permitted to pray at tombs of saints for the needs of friends and self. There was gratitude for the many kindness extended to two pilgrims in unfamiliar surrounding. Finally there was special thanks given for all the doors Kateri opened so her story could be told.

Kateri Stars: l to r - New "Miss Kateri Tekakwitha" is Patricia Cerna, a Papago from San Xavier Mission, Tucson, Arizona; Ruth Anna Johnson, outgoing "Miss Kateri" of Phoenix; Charlene Maguel, new "Miss Kateri" of Phoenix. Congratulations to all!



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission Church, Penns Valley Spring Mills, Pa., was dedicated June 5, 1983, by Bishop James Hogan, bishop of Altoona, Pa. Assisting in the ceremony were Father Bernard J. O'Malley, pastor, Msg. Patrick V. Fleming, and Msgr. Roy Kline, of the Altoona Diocese. The church was the fulfillment of the efforts of the people in Spring Mills.

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Life At The

The love and faith towards Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is seen every day at the National Kateri Center. Each summer people come far and near to Auriesville, the land of her birth. Grateful are we to her Mother and Father, Chief Tsaniton-gowa (Great Beaver) and Kahontake. Their union brought forth Blessed Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks. People having devotion to her seem to keep it for a lifetime. Everyday we here of the many favors bestowed on those asking her help in their prayers. People of every age come to visit the Center, to brouse, to see the exhibits from many parts of the country. Most every nationality expresses a fondness for her.

JOHN SZYMANSKI RETURNS. Those familiar with the life of Kateri recognize the name of SZYMANSKI. He was one of Fordham's best football players. It was Nov. 20, 1931, that he and six other players lined up at the Polo Grounds. Their team was undefeated and they were hoping to go to the Rose Bowl. John and his friend, Connie Murphy, charged down the field into the Bucknell carriers and were



Pretty, petite Diane Fuller paid two visits, one early May to bring displays from Holy Family School, Hicksville, N.Y., and later in July with her family. Her Father was her chauffeur.

injured in the pile up. Both were carried off the field. John was found to be paralyzed and his own family thought he was dead. Connie Murphy was unconscious, having come to, he signed out of the hospital. Several days later he died as result of injury. Fr. John Wynne of Fordham University and vice postulator for the Tekakwitha Cause urged students and friends to pray for intercession of Kateri. They did so including several leading colleges. Three months later John left the hospital on Easter, 1932. John could walk again! Small wonder he pays tribute to Tekakwitha.

His wife, Frances, who was with him remarked that all during the 46 years of their marriage he told others about Kateri - her life, her saintliness. He knew it was the prayers of others that brought about his cure. He also now prays for Fr. John Wynne, first vice postulator, who did so much to promote the story of the Indian Maiden. John was personally invited by the Holy See to Kateri's beatification, June, 1980. His life has been a busy one. In 1937 he managed a basketball team and an indoor women's softball team. In 1954 John received the bronze Pelican Award for his leadership in Catholic Boy Scout programs. He was also on the advisory board of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, spent 5 years as president of New Britain's Diocesan Bureau of Social Services. Pope Pius XII in 1957 appointed him Papal Knight of the Order of St. Gregory. Veterans of the Foreign Wars chose him "Sportsman of the Year." He is now a retired engineer. He says, "There is no question in my mind, Kateri saved my life, that all the prayers helped me. I have her statue on my bedroom dresser all these years." While John and Frances were in the Center along came Pat Montana of W. Guilford, Ct., with secretary Diane. Pat told John that "It was because of you, John, I've been inspired to work for Kateri."



John Szymanski, Mary-Eunice, and Frances pose after recalling John's days at Fordham when he was injured, then what followed after being cured through Blessed Kateri's intercession.

There was the family from Verona, Italy, known as the Giovanni Montsott Group. They stopped early one morning to ask about the Indian Girl. Italians seem to have a special liking for Indians. We found that out in Rome at her beatification.

Father Franz Mol of Kenya told us he has a Blessed Kateri Chapel. He mentioned that the people in Africa identify with her. Other missionaries visited us from Sudan, Pakistan, India, and Japan.

Marjorie Croteau of Windsor, Connecticut, and a Wampum '83 winner, came to enjoy the solitude and get material for her work.

One Sunday morning Bea and Arthur Harrington of Brookline, Mass., came. Excitedly Bea's husband told me that his wife had been the model for the Kateri statue by Adrienne Bouvier at the age of 13. The statue is a very popular one throughout the United States.

Ann Marie and Dick Adach gave many hours of their time welcoming guests, showing the filmstrip, and answering questions about Kateri. A short pace a way, Olga Falco collaborated by sending pilgrims to the



Center from the Shrine Office, hoping to wear a much needed path from the center of the Grounds to Kateri's Information Center.

One day a young couple in shorts, the man wearing a beard, went from picture to picture studying all the Indian materials. Finally they came to me and asked if I knew where they could get an Indian dress. I heard the girl mention "Like the white on in the corner made by Florence Cunningham?" I thought they were involved in a play. "Oh, no, we are going to get married. I feel I just must have an Indian dress to get married in." Later they told me their names were O'Brien and Duggan.

Kathy Neufeld from Canada and Bob Hare from St. Paul, Minnesota, arrived on bicycles. They had been traveling for six weeks. After enjoying the film on Kateri they left for New York City.

Princess Nescia and her husband, Broken Arrow, from Schaghtocoke heritage, Kent, Connecticut, visited for Indian weekend. She presented Father McBride with a pair of corn beads she made. She is known for her corn dance. Corn was one of the first foods in the New World. In her dancing she thanks God for it.

We met Miriam and Paul Dumas from Norfolk, Mass. They have eight grown children and live on a farm. They recounted how they first visited Auriesville and gave their daughter the name of Maureen Kateri Tekakwitha. She is now eighteen, had a scholarship at the school of performing arts. She was a gifted dancer, especially at ballet. Yet, because of illness she has decided to work in the medical field in order to be able to help others in the years to come.

One day the well-known Father Ralph Di Orio, of the Apostolate of Prayer for healing and



Gert Mullaney, from Lockport, N.Y., and Sister Mary Madeline, GNSH, from Jackson Heights, N.Y., chose the familiar photo-snapping spot for their reunion after 38 years apart. Gert comes every year when the Manor is heated. Sister was making her annual retreat at the Retreat House which is on the Shrine Grounds.

evangelization, Leicester, Mass., surprised us with a visit. He also watched the Kateri film which he found very informative.

Ruth Zacharian, who recently became Miss Teen of America, was in the celebration for the Feast Day activities. She portrayed the part of Blessed Kateri in the liturgical presentation.

From Cincinnati came Judee Knapp, her daughter Heater and son Chris. Judee's father Arthur Wesselman was responsible for the Kateri statue outside the Center. It was dedicated to his wife, Marian, for her zealous promotional work in behalf of the Kateri Cause. Judee asked for prayers for her father who is not

well and is putting her trust in Kateri.

Fr. Robert Boyle, Shrine Director, was kind enough to let us borrow a painting of the outdoor chapel so that people might better understand where the new Blessed Kateri Chapel will be.

One Sunday afternoon during a lull, four of us were behind the counter when Father Paul Gampp, of the Shrine Staff, walked in and in his usual humorless manner quipped: "Aren't you overstaffed!"

I hope next year will be a repeat of the many enjoyable hours I've had here in 1983 and that it will be another special experience to welcome all back to the National Kateri Center.

BOOK REVIEW

Finding A Way Home, by Patrick J. Twohy, S.J., The University Press, Spokane, Washington, 992200, 1983, \$10.00 plus \$1.30 for postage and handling.

The subtitle, "Indian and Catholic Spiritual Paths of the Plateau Tribes," very succinctly expresses the underlying theme of this work which skillfully illustrates the parallels between the Catholic teachings and the Indian traditions and beliefs. The author points out the Indian traditions which have a clear relationship to the Catholic practices of Baptism, Confirmation, the Mass, Reconciliation, and other Sacraments of the Faith.

The author's expressed purpose is to portray in tangible and cohesive form for young adult Indians traditional and Catholic values which, according to the author, need to be reemphasized if they are to survive the onslaught of the materialism which pervades the modern world and attracts and tempts them on all sides.

This book, although written especially for Indian youth, has universal appeal in that the feelings, the hopes, the despairs, the joys, touched on are not limited to any one group of humanity, rather they are relevant to all humankind. The page layouts are open, easy to read; the graphics are explanatory; and the style is inspirational and moving - a book cleverly presented, designed to captivate anyone ready to learn.

Fr. Twohy is a Jesuit priest who has lived and worked with the people of Inchelium, Keller, and Nespelem on the Colville Reservation for the past ten years.

— Anne Marie Adach



The Revival Movements Try to re-capture 'The Old Ways'

by Father Francis X. McQuade

Simultaneous to the arrival of Anglo settlers into Indian territories was the establishment of Christian missions. Many Indians embraced Christianity willingly; however, history records that relations between Native Americans and their Christian evangelizers also resulted in tense confrontations.

As many Indians saw themselves assimilated and their cultures collapsing, there was a turn to religion. As the Old Testament Hebrews believed in regard to their exile in Babylon: in worship might be found a cure, or failure to worship might explain the onset of problems. Thus emerged the phenomena of Indian religious revivals. Revivals were enthusiastic reactions to the "new ways" that the Indian nations were experiencing. The revivals were generally led by a charismatic, prophetic "messiah-figure" who laid claims to visions that inspired them to promote the movement. Famous revivalists included: Pope', King Philip, Tecumseh, and the "Delaware Prophet" of Pontiac's Rebellion. Two revivals were the most important, historically: The Code of Handsome Lake and The Ghost Dance.

Handsome Lake, Ga-ne-o-di-yo (1735-1815), was a Seneca chief who reacted against the waning power of the Iroquois toward the end of the eighteenth century. A reformed alcoholic, he experienced a vision that inspired him to promulgate a revival called "The Code" or "Dispensation" of Handsome Lake. He said that the Code would help restore the old ways of the Iroquois and would complete the way one properly worships the Great Spirit. The Code reflects an altruistic regard for fellow man and affirmed marital fidelity, family life, obedience to elders, equal use of the land and reverence for the dead. Morally rigorous, the Code

assailed the use of alcohol, card-playing and thievery. Handsome Lake preached the equality of all persons under the Great Spirit, who allotted to everyone a variety of spiritual gifts. He indicated that there would be eternal reward for the righteous and punishment for the evil, and



Father Frank Inspects the Blessed Kateri statue in the Coliseum on a recent visit to Auriesville. He lives in St. Luke's Parish, Brentwood, N.Y., where he gives lectures on Indian Spirituality.

that the world would be judged after a "parousia" of the Great Spirit. Handsome Lake ordered that a festival of thanks (The Feather Dance) be included every year. The Code of Handsome Lake did not renew the Iroquois to the extent that Ga-ne-o-di-yo hoped, but it did offer to many the means of improving their lives and restoring measures of self-respect. The Code still exists today with a number of followers.

The Ghost Dance was the most historically important revival. The movement was generated by a Paiute from Nevada named Wovoka in 1888. His new religion combined elements of Christian ethical ideals with the concept of the coming of an Indian messiah. Wovoka prescribed rituals that

hoped to make the white men disappear from the Plains, that would restore the buffalo, and that would bring back the dead. He spoke of a glorious Indian millenium. The Ghost Shirt was a vision-inspired ceremonial garb worn in concert with the revival. Wovoka claimed that he would eventually rule the "West", that President Benjamin Harrison would rule the "East" and that God would rule "Above". A moral rigorist, Wovoka stressed non-violence.

The Ghost Dance swept the Plains with a great furry! But as the movement grew in support, Wovoka was frequently misinterpreted, and the revival advocates grew in militancy. Many believed that the Ghost Shirt could make the wearer invisible and bullet-proof! War with the white man became an essential teaching in this modified Ghost Dance movement. The revival led to alliances among several Plains tribes, which intimidated the white settlers. Anglo reaction to Ghost Dance zeal led to the murder of Sitting Bull and indirectly to the massacre at Wounded Knee (1890). These events broke the back of the Ghost Dance revival. It is almost forgotten today, except in parts of Nevada.

Although the revivals were reactions against Anglo acculturation, it is interesting that their philosophies included elements of Christianity. Author Joseph Epes Brown describes this phenomena as "non-exclusive cumulative adhesion"

Spanish Sculptress Designs Original Kateri

that is, the capacity of the Indian to cull elements of other spiritualities to edify his own. And although the revivals did not return the Indian nations to their pre-Columban status, nor did they re-establish the pre-eminence of the traditional ways, the revivals do indicate the passionate trust the revivalists had in their ancestral spiritual ways and their desperate hope that their traditions would not disappear.



Alicia Dello of Barcelona, Spain, became so inspired by Blessed Kateri upon learning of her life that she decided to fashion a statue of the Indian Maiden.

The statue is made of the native clay found in that area of Spain - a reddish good quality clay. Working from several drawings and paintings, she instinctively captured the Native American qualities by use of deft lines and proportions in her 20 inch statue.

Alicia is an experienced artist and sculptress of 28 years. She helps Mireille Moreau who promotes the Kateri Cause in Spain to plan special programs in Kateri's honor. The artist also lends her excellent voice in the choir at these singular events.

Mohawk Night was a Success

Thanks again to Mrs. Judy Applegate and her assistants for the sparkle their centerpieces added to the tables at the dinner-play, October 1. The 3-basket Raffle earned over \$1200; the dinner profited \$300. The Sir William Johnson Lyric Theater staged another brilliant performance, "Man of La Mancha."

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For a Christmas gift here are suggestions: League Membership - \$1.00; Weiser Life of Kateri...hard cover - \$7.00, soft - \$4.50; Coffey Pamphlet - \$.80; Coloring story book - \$1.25; Correspondence note paper, 12 sheets with envelopes - \$1.50.

Plastic standup with prayer and picture - \$2.75; 8 x 10 color picture in vinyl frame - \$4.00; Kateri in the Woods pic in frame - \$5.50; plastic prayer and picture - \$.60.

Statues: 6"; \$9.50; 7"; \$9.00; 8"; \$13.50; small statuettes in plastic case; \$1.00.

Postage has been added to the donation request.

Circle item, clip article, send with check to the League Office, Auriesville, NY 12016. Use attached envelope.



Ardent Kateri Promoter Alex Mitchell from Akwesasne Reservation, New York and Canada, leads the Mohawk contingent in the opening liturgy of the 1983 Tekakwitha Conference in Collegeville. Behind him is Father Robert Fleig, S.J., associate pastor of St. Regis Mission, Hogansburg, N.Y.

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and memorials will not be ready until mid-summer, 1984.

Relatively moderate rebuilding the understructure has not been necessary because the pilings are in excellent condition. New X beams in the ceilings were added to straighten out the roof of the 100 year-old

edifice. In addition to eventually having a quiet chapel for prayer and meditation this enterprise is preserving a historical landmark on the grounds of the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs and the Birthplace of the saintly Indian Maiden.

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