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New Kateri Chapel Opens May 6, To Be Dedicated Sept. 16

Five months in the making the quiet, peaceful place for worship, the new Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel opened Sunday, May 6. During the Shrine season running from May 6 to Oct. 28 the chapel will be opened for private prayer and meditation to all pilgrims.

Thanks to the painstaking craftsmanship of Bill Bush of Bush Carpentry, Amsterdam, N.Y., the layout of the rebuilt section of the near century-old open-air Martyrs Chapel provides a functionally liturgical oratory. The project called for strengthening the rear section of the old structure and the creation of a modern chapel complex.

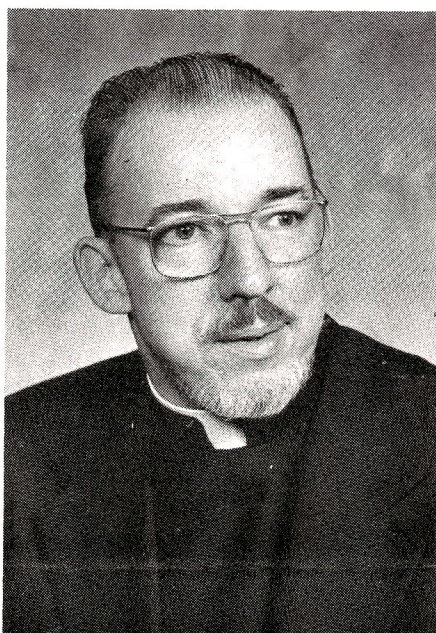
In addition to the chapel section there is a well arranged sacristy on the right with ample vestment table space and roomy cabinets. Entrances to the outside deck, private lavatory, the chapel, and reconciliation room are allowed.

On the left are the power room and a conference room from which one may exit to the deck and to the chapel.

Centered in the chapel proper are the altar of repose and altar of sacrifice crafted from virgin red oak by Bill Bush. Behind the altars is a stained glass window of a full size figure of Blessed Kateri executed by Chapman Stained Glass Studio of Albany. 10 pews also personally fabricated by Bush will provide a seating capacity of 50 to 60 persons.

15 Stations of the Cross mounted on red oak squares grace the

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Fr. Walter M. Abbott, S.J.
... Celebrant & Homilist



HAND MADE from red oak are the altar of repose and the altar of sacrifice before a set of windows opening on a scene of the Mohawk Valley.

Noted Jesuit Scholar Is Homilist At Kateri July 14 Feast Day Mass

Main celebrant of the celebrated Mass and Homilist of the Blessed Kateri Feast Day liturgy will be Father Walter M. Abbott, S.J., of the Campion Center, Weston, Mass.

Transferred to a summer date, July 14, 1984, last year the event will take place at the 7:30 P.M. Mass in the Martyrs Shrine Coliseum, Auriesville, N.Y.

Father Walter Abbott, born 1923, ordained 1956, teaches Sacred Scripture in adult education courses in the Archdiocese of Boston. For 12 years (1966-78) he was an official of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity in charge of promoting new ecumenical Bible translations in 150 languages around the world. That project was recommended by the Second Vatican Council, which Fr. Abbott attended at the invitation of Belgian Cardinal Leon-Joseph Suenens. Fr. Abbott was editor of the Council's documents in English. For 8 years he was religion editor (1958-66) of AMERICA, national Catholic weekly review published by Jesuits of the USA and Canada.

In mid-November, 1976, Father Abbott experienced restoration of partial vision in his left eye whose optic nerve had been severed as a result of a fall. He still has the restored vision in all but the "upper quadrant" of the eye. Two U.S. specialists wrote letters testifying to the unexplainable situation and Fr. Abbott submitted the

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KATERI'S INTERCESSION — SOME ANSWERS

HELPED, HELPING OTHERS

A very kind co-worker passed along a prayer card to me recently. It was a prayer to Kateri Tekakwitha. I am writing to tell you that I have received an answer to a prayer which I thought impossible. I have been in a financial dilemma for quite some time and through this remarkable woman's intercession, I was granted a favor. I have also received favors for my sisters and want to do something to spread devotion to her. I thought that perhaps if I could order 100 or so prayer cards, I would pass them out or leave them for people. New York City is an incredibly huge resource for prayer. If you can suggest any other way, I would

be more than happy to do it as it is good to know we have 'friends' who help through life and lead us closer to God. I would like to know more about her and her life and I hope that the Indian community is proud of her. I think for too long the Indian people have been cast in an unfavorable light . . . and people always need someone to look up to. I hope something is being done in that regard. Please know, that you have a friend here and that I shall pray for people who are praying to her and I need never know who they are . . . but perhaps one more added prayer on their behalf would help. — *New York, N.Y.*

PRACTICAL KATERI

There have been so many times when I seemed to have lost or misplaced something, or an item needed repairing and I didn't exactly know how to go about it, but after praying to Kateri, she has always helped me find those lost items and provided ideas for the repairs. — *Grand Rapids, Mi.*

A BAPTIZED KATERI

Many years ago when I first heard of Kateri, I felt myself drawn to her. So much so that I baptized one of my aboriginal Santal girls Tekakwitha. Today she still proudly bears that name — she is the only one and she knows it. — *Bihar, India*

COURAGED

Blessed Kateri has been marvelously helpful in finding employment for my two sons-in-law, and I am grateful. She has also been instrumental in granting the favor of offering courage and, indeed, assistance to my sister afflicted with Parkinson's Disease. — *Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.*

TUMOR SHRANK

Just writing this note to fulfill a promise. I am writing in gratitude for the answers to prayers I have received from Kateri Tekakwitha. A fibroid tumor shrank to nothing some time ago and just today I went to the doctor

expecting to have a twenty-four hour heart monitor (which upset me greatly) but thanks to Kateri, my EKG showed nothing and he felt the monitor wasn't necessary. — *Westchester, N.Y.*

ALL AROUND BENEFITS

Enclosed please find my personal check for a Mass I promised said to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, in thanksgiving in helping my son find a job. After completing my novena he found a job with a company that has potential and good benefits and I ask Kateri to help him perform well and advance. I also want to thank Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha for my husband surviving a terrible accident two months ago. He is recovering very nicely after 1 month in the hospital with a broken pelvis, ribs and right arm. He is now home getting therapy. — *Pueblo, Colo.*

KATERI LISTENS

I prayed for 20 years, but nobody listened to me. But Blessed Kateri did. I'm very thankful for her help. — *Hinckley, Ohio*

104 FEVER REDUCED

Enclosed is my thanksgiving to Kateri for my numerous favors and gifts, I received from Tekakwitha. She has been a very big help to me. I just got over a very sick spell in bed for a week with a fever of 104 degrees and my heart is very bad. But thankful to

Kateri she pulled me through. I'm not myself but with the help of God I just hope things turn out. I'm praying for Kateri for God to receive her among the blessed in heaven. Thank you, Father McBride, for all the beautiful literature about Kateri. I'm very grateful, Father McBride, I just hope I stay in the position to help her. — *Pittsburgh, PA*

PEACED IMPARTED

The enclosed \$4.00 are the dues for league membership for my husband and myself for 1983. We look forward to visiting your shrine again this year to renew our devotion to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. We take several days each year to visit the shrine. We make it our vacation and it brings us peace that we carry with us through the following year. Kateri has helped us this year to find peace after my husband's mother died. She has helped my mother through great illness and operations and near death this year also. She also is now helping my brother-in-law who is near death but starting to recover with her help. Now my sister is also critical in the hospital but with Kateri's help we will find peace in this situation also. Pray, please, for the illnesses that have beset our families, particularly for the mental problems it has caused for both the sick and ourselves. — *Quakertown, PA*

NY Jesuit Gets Kateri Stole In Japan

"I want a Kateri stole to be left in Japan so she will be known there." These words were the expressed sentiments of Sarah Hassenplug of Liverpool, N.Y., when she found out that her friend Anne was to visit Japan. Sarah, an expert in the art of beadwork as her Mohawk ancestors were, works diligently to make Kateri known among all people. She presented John Paul II with an exquisitely beaded stole at Blessed Kateri's beatification Mass.

With the prospect of carrying the stole to Japan, Anne Scheuerman of Pittsford, N.Y., was troubled since she didn't even know a catholic in Japan, much less a priest who was devoted to Kateri.

While Anne pondered the situation Father McBride phoned her and solved the problem. "Anne," he said, "would you be going to Tokyo on your Japan trip? And would you look up a fellow Jesuit from my home town?" After listening to Anne's problem Father responded "By all means take the stole to Father Flynn."

In Tokyo Father Flynn was not

at Sophia University as had been intimated. Another one of "Kateri's Miracles" occurred. After New Year's Day Mass at the Marine Base Chapel in Iwakuni near Hiroshima, Anne decided to speak to two friendly-looking nuns. Sr. Margaret and Sr. Mary were Notre Dame nuns teaching at a girl's school in Hiroshima 30 miles to the north. The sisters knew about Kateri when they were living in the U.S. and were devoted to her. After giving them some prayer cards and medals, Anne felt prompted to inquire if they happened to know a Jesuit Father Robert Flynn.

"Oh, yes," they said. "No, he's not at Sophia University, but now he's at Fukuoka on Kyushu Island 200 miles to the west. We use his English textbook. Call us at our convent and we will give you his phone number." Anne blinked her eyes. With 117 million people in Japan, in a small chapel in a small town, she had been led to two English-speaking religious who knew the priest!

The first trip to Fukuoka was fruitless. On the phone, a



IN JAPAN Fr. Robert Flynn, former Buffalonian, receives a Kateri stole from Anne Scheuerman.

Japanese-speaking man insisted Father was at Kobe. Disappointed, Anne returned to Iawkuni. However, believing that the Notre Dame Sisters were correct, another call was made to the Jesuit High School in Fukuoka, Success! Father Flynn came to the phone — an appointment was made to visit him in a few days.

Boarding a fast train and a few city buses later, Anne arrived at Tai Sai (Star of Peace) Jesuit High. She met Father teaching religion to a group of 30 fifteen-year-old Japanese students. Later, Father recounted how he became acquainted with Kateri at Canisius High in Buffalo, how he was drawn to enter the Jesuits, how he came to know Father Robert Boyle at the Jesuit Novitiate in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and how he with Father Boyle and Father McBride were young teachers at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City.

Father Flynn was ordained in Belgium, 1950. Having volunteer for mission work several times, not until 1952 was he permitted to go to the Asiatic country. He never returned to the U.S. in the 32 years he has served in Japan. He taught at Kobe for 29 years; then last year came his assignment to organize and teach at the newly-organized high school. The 600 students know Father for his expertise in Religion and English. At present another English textbook of his is being published for use with Japanese students.

TE IO NI TON NI

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Answers found in "Notes From the Bark", p. 6.

French and Spanish Indian Missions Went Different Roads

By Father Francis X. McQuade

The Catholic missions among the American Indian nations were established nearly simultaneous to the arrival of European "discoverers" and settlers. The missions often were set up by the mandate of the European crown supporting the colonial endeavor. Cynics would say that the history of the missions was a history of arrogant miscalculations that made the Church an unwitting agent for the conquest of the Indians by the Europeans. The opposite pole would maintain that the missions were sincere and self-abandoning dedications for the glory of God. Historically, the truth lies in the "via media", that gray area of good intentions tempered by human limitation.

There is some evidence that there was a Norse Catholic mission established in the eleventh century at the site of present-day Newport, Rhode Island. The English had one Catholic mission, in Maryland, until 1644. However, the vast majority of Catholic mission efforts among the Indians was sponsored by the Spanish and the French. The Spanish colonized the southern and south-western United States area, while the French were in the north and east (from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Coast, until expanding into the Louisiana territory).

Catholic historian John Gilmary Shea pointed out a striking difference between the organizations of the Spanish missions and those of the French. This difference in approaches to missionary effort reflected a difference in "colonial point of view," that is, how each country perceived their colonial purpose. The Spanish intended to use their New World territories to provide natural resources, food stuffs and special material (gold) for the motherland. They were not so much interested in making very permanent settlements or grand colonial states. The Spanish domain covered vast stretches of inhospitable land, separated by endless tracts of desert and plain. The Spanish missions reflected this expansiveness; they were isolated and widely separated. Consequently there was no central administration collaborating activities among the individual missions and each functioned quite independently.

At first, Spanish missionary efforts were merely individual "padres" venturing into the wilderness. Later, in Florida, missions were conducted among Indians who remained living in their own villages. Eventually, in New Mexico and California, a different model came to predominate. In this system, the mission was included within a complete, self-contained village. In the village, the Indian was completely assimilated into all aspects of town living, learning European crafts and manners as well as the religion. Spiritual and material sustenance was provided to the Indian in the Spanish missions, but consequent to his incorporation into the village came a certain measure of losing traditional tribal ways of life.

The French system was a

markedly different approach. The French colonial plan envisioned establishing a "New France" in North America, and labored to settle towns of a more permanent nature. The French were settling an area not so expansive as that of the Spanish (at least until the exploration of the Louisiana territory). The French domain was more "compact". The model of French missions reflected this "compactness" by the development of a centralized administration. French missionaries answered to a central Superior, who assigned personnel according to the needs of a given mission.

These missionaries took an approach to evangelizing the Indians that contrasted to the Spanish tact. The Indians under the pastoral care of the French were able to seek and find God and to follow Christianity in a manner that preserved elements of their traditional ways. Whereas the Spanish transmitted the faith through modes and trappings of European spirituality, the French priests allowed greater leeway for the tribes in how they expressed their Christianity.

One happy result of this system was the spiritual development of Kateri Tekakwitha. She found Christ through the preaching of the Jesuit Fathers at Ossernenon, but followed Him, by and large, through a personal piety that reflected her upbringing as a Mohawk: communion with God through nature, self-mortification as a spiritual ascetical virtue, and keen contemplative prowess. Such was the dynamic transcultural flavor of her piety. The beatification of this uniquely Indian Christian woman has been one of the truly effective steps toward the development and promotion of a "local" Church that is authentically Indian.

Wampum Winners

Feb. 1 — 129
Feb. 8 — 690
Feb. 15 — 462
Feb. 22 — 127
Feb. 29 — 255
Mar. 7 — 599
Mar. 14 — 099
Mar. 21 — 980
Mar. 28 — 042
Apr. 4 — 064
Apr. 11 — 089

AWARDEES '84

Blessed Kateri's Feast Day, July 14, will be the occasion when the Tekakwitha Awards '84 will be presented to: Chief Henry George of Utica, N.Y.; Josephine Johnson of Phoenix, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kwiatkowski of Amsterdam, N.Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell of Bombay, N.Y.

Henry George, a Mohawk Indian and a direct descendant of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, was born in Niagara Falls, baptized at the St. Regis Indian Reservation in Quebec, and educated in Syracuse, N.Y. A veteran of World War II, Henry worked as a structural steel iron-worker until an injury on the job, 1976, forced his early retirement. He and his wife have two daughters, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Plus being active in promoting the Kateri Cause for many years he zealously participates in the Nocturnal Adoration Society and will become a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus in June.

In accepting the '84 Kateri Award Henry said: "I accept this beautiful award with great pleasure knowing how much she loves Our Lord and His Ways. She dedicated herself to Him and only Him."

Also a native American, a member of the Papago Tribe, Josephine Johnson is an industrious nurse and an ardent devotee of Blessed Kateri. She attributes her present well-being to the intercession of Blessed Kateri when she had to undergo a kidney transplant with her daughter as donor. She was the prime organizer of a large group of her tribe going to last year's Tekakwitha Conference and today works to bring a large contingent to the 1984 Assembly.

Happy-go-lucky Carrie and Frank Kwiatkowski are native



Chief Henry George



Josephine Johnson



Carrie & Frank Kwiatkowski



Mr. & Mrs. Alex Mitchell

AWARDEES '84

Amsterdams and busy Kateri Associates in the Mohawk Valley. Parents of five, they are an inspiration to other couples through their participation in many social and spiritual activities.

Frank is a town supervisor and Carrie, a full-time Master's student at Russell Sage College but they find ample time promoting the Kateri Cause. Last year they gave greatly of their time and energy in netting almost \$1500 in a raffle which benefited the Kateri Building Fund. They are reverberating sounding boards of and for all the League's activities.

"This is Sister Kateri, Lena and Alex Mitchell's daughter," would tell so much about Lena and Alex who live in Bombay, N.Y., on the St. Regis Reservation. Sister wrote how her family at an early age learned the Kateri prayer and said it every day as religiously as having three meals. Alex has never missed a pilgrimage to Auriesville since the late 30's. Never wanting in generosity he has organized bus trips of Mohawks so that they could attend various Indian Conferences. Active as a Fourth Degree Knight he enjoys retirement from the Alcoa Co., in Massena, N.Y.

The awards will be presented at the Feast Day Mass, July 14, in the Shrine Coliseum. Each year the Board of League Directors select from among many qualified those who have manifested fervent dedication to the Kateri Cause.

1972 was the first year the Tekakwitha Awards were presented. Forty-nine Kateri devotees have received the honor since then. Nominations for 1985 Awards can be made by any League Member now. List why the candidate is worthy of the award, then forward name and reasons to the League Office, Auriesville, N.Y. 12016.

NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

Neat! Girls working on the Kateri Award in Pennsylvania wanted to contribute to the Cause so they donated 5 cents for each pair of shoes they had totaling \$3.50. Also, they penned notes to shut-ins and the elderly sharing their knowledge about Blessed Kateri. Neat! Neat!

No big to-do is made over collecting league dues just because you may have so many other bills. BUT we need your help. Dues had to be raised to \$2.00. No one has ever been erased from membership because of failure to pay every year.

Fr. Louis Rinner, SJ, is currently offering the First Friday Masses in Fairbanks, Alaska, once referred to by Pius XI as the most difficult mission field in the world.

Answers to TE IO NI TON NI on page 3: Algonquin, Oneida, Navajo, Ojibway, Cherokee, Seneca, Mohawk, Ottawa, and Tuscarora; Native American Tribes. Thanks to the research of Fr. Bob Fleig, associate pastor at St. Regis Mission, the title in Mohawk was created. Of course, you know it means JUMBLE. TE IO NI TON NI is a combination of ideas supplied by Father's Mohawk friends at St. Regis.

Dr. James J. Preston, associate professor of anthropology at the State University of New York, College at Oneonta, was a guest at the Valley Associates' February

meeting. He is doing research work on pilgrimages and finds Auriesville an excellent field to begin with. Already he has interviewed Associates Anna Marie Adach, Olga Falco, and Bill Janeski. We plan to cooperate with him in every way to complete his study to take several years.

Since its inception the Speakers Bureau under the chairpersonship of Dick Adach has provided its program to five schools and three lay groups in the Mohawk Valley area.

"Any snow your way, Father? You must have tons of it." Contrary to common belief it has been mild, some very cold, some snowy weather. Wonder what it was like here 300 years ago! Brrrrrrrrr!

Father Roberto Matialay, S.J., is responsible for the Intro Folder now available in Spanish also for the Coffey pamphlet in Spanish soon to be ready. He helps in St. Athanasius Parish, Bronx, N.Y. Muchas, muchas gracias! Pams are 75 cents each, folders free.

The inaugural lecture of the Le Moyne College (Syracuse, N.Y.) Lecture Series on Iroquois Life and Culture featured Dr. Solomon Cook, retired educator and Chief of the Mohawk Tribe, March 27. His topic: The History, Present and Future of the Akwesasne.

A most zealous supporter of the Kateri Cause for 45 years, Father

James Thiry, S.J., died suddenly, March 25. R.I.P.

Earlier than ever, Mr. and Mrs. S. Muttiah from Sri Lanka rank as the farthest visitors to visit the Kateri Center for 1984. They came at the end of January, saw snow for the first time, left for Washington, D.C., and Disneyland in Florida. When they return to their country they plan to build a Kateri Shrine.

Two garage sales — one in Amsterdam by the Kwiatkowskis and Ann Criscuolo, the other in Gloversville by the Adachs — were sponsored for the benefit of the ordinary running expenses of the League. Thank you for this boost!

Often asked is where can we get an outdoor statue of Blessed Kateri? Two sources: Fonda Kateri Shrine, Fonda, N.Y., 12068, will not ship because of breakage; a 33" from Philip Urso, 110 McLaughlin Dr., Union, Ohio, 45322.

Because of the news about the Kateri Tour, p. 8, this LILY had to be rushed. Hence, the final report on Wampum '83 will be given in the next issue.

Associate Bert Ruller has written a pageant presentation on Kateri — a series of tableaux with a running narration. Cathie Ozug, also an Associate will direct and attempt to have it ready for summer production.

Father Abbott

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letters to Fr. Paul Molinari, postulator of Jesuit Causes, in Rome. Hope that this would be the needed miracle for Kateri's beatification was dashed when the Congregation failed to accept it because the cure was not "complete and spontaneous."

Father McBride and Father Abbott have known each other since the early forties at Weston College. Last December they met again for a chat in which Father Abbott's cure and the story of how Kateri was appealed to for a miracle were recounted. In his homily Father is expected to talk about Blessed Kateri's intercessory powers and prayers of intercession in general.

Monologist Mary-Eunice of East Keansburg, N.J., will present her dramatic piece on the life of Blessed Kateri in place of the second reading. No stranger to shrine pilgrims is the work of this talented writer, teacher, and actress. Currently she is producing more scripts on the lives of saints, especially on the life of Saint Maria Goretti, a work which will take Mary-Eunice to Italy for a taping in places where the young Maria lived and died.

Sally Mullin will again direct the St. Joseph's Parish Choir from Broadalbin for the music program. Alexandra McDonald, granddaughter of the Mitchells receiving the Tekakwitha Award will sing a Kateri song.

The plaques will be blessed by Father Abbott and presented to the recipients (see p. 5) by Father Robert Boyle, S.J., Shrine Director.

A reception for the Awardees will follow on the plaza in front of the Coliseum.

As a benefit of League membership, the Feast Day Mass is offered for the deceased League Members.

And Now for a Last Roundup . . .

Fr. Walter O. Kern, Buffalo Diocesan Apostleship of Prayer Director, will preach at the June 9 Western New York Native American Day at St. Stephen's Church, Grand Island, N.Y. Bishop Edward Head of Buffalo will be the celebrant of the Mass. Events begin at 9 A.M. and end at 3:45 P.M. Our energetic friend, Sister Marcella O'Donnell, is in charge.

Our Office has been asked if we have any word about Blessed Kateri's canonization. None at all is the answer. Rumor has it that she will be honored this year with sainthood.

In some of the letters the League receives and in some printed articles Blessed Kateri is called "Saint." In a recent book

"Indian and Jesuit" which showed excellent research throughout called Kateri Saint on the very last page. Oops! An oversight, no doubt.

A private Mass on the 304th anniversary of Blessed Kateri's death, April 17, was celebrated in the new Kateri Chapel. Father Andrew Brady, S.J., recently appointed Superior of the Jesuit Community, was celebrant. How fitting that the first Mass in the new chapel be offered on this Anniversary!

A fine comb went through the mailing list and weeded out many names which have not corresponded in 10 years. This is mentioned again because if you don't receive a LILY check with the Office immediately.

Chapel

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white painted walls. Five Andersen type windows open to the North enabling a breathtaking view of the Mohawk Valley and the nearby Adirondack Mountains. A set of similar windows to the South open a view into the open-air wooden Martyrs Chapel still to be used for pilgrimages.

The chapel ceiling is a richly organized set of cubes contained by red oak beams, meticulously arranged to give the edifice a comfortable banquet room effect reminiscent of the Upper Supper Room where Christ instituted the Blessed Sacrament. Beneath this patterned ceiling is a cushioned carpeting which covers the entire refurbished area. The electrical system was installed by Ben Cichy of Mayfield, N.Y., and gives normal lighting in every room.

Most of the appointments such as the tabernacle are memorial gifts listed on the plaque being prepared for later display this year.

Financed by the Tekakwitha League the chapel project was launched two years ago and must still be supported by contributions. According to Bill Bush, the replacement costs of all his labor, of all the materials, and of the furnishings would exceed \$100,000.

Father McBride, president of the Tekakwitha League, says he owes a big thanks to a good friend, Norbert J. Blum, who gave valuable directions and advice in the embryonic stages of the project.

After the Knights of Columbus pilgrimage Mass, Sunday, Sept. 16, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany will re-dedicate the Our Lady of Martyrs Chapel and dedicate the new Blessed Kateri Chapel. The Mass begins at 3 P.M. in the Coliseum.

Ownership of the new chapel was turned over to the Martyrs Shrine with an indefinite lease granted to the Tekakwitha League which has exclusive use of the chapel.

League Offers Bus Trip To Kateri Sites

Adventurous? Then follow the Kateri Trail!

The Tekakwitha League and the Mohawk Valley Kateri Associates are sponsoring a bus trip, June 2-3, 1984, which will provide an opportunity to visit the places holding great significance in the life of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Beginning at 8 A.M. at Auriesville, N.Y., the birthplace of Kateri, riders will attend Mass in the new Kateri Chapel with Fr. Joseph McBride, celebrant. Following the Liturgy an orientation will give a briefing on the places the trip will encompass. Participants will then board a Wade Tours luxury bus for a short visit to Fonda, N.Y., where Kateri was baptized, now a Shrine run by the Franciscan Fathers Conventual.

On the next stretch the tour will head for the St. Regis Reservation — the Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation, part of which is in upper New York State and a part in Quebec, Canada. The tourists will meet Father Tom Egan and Father Bob Fleig now the staff of the Mission Church there. A buffet supper will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary in the Kateri Center followed by a slide talk on the beatification of Kateri which took place on June 22, 1980, in Rome by Pope John Paul II.

After an overnight stay at Bob's Motel in Massena, N.Y., the group

will continue to the St. Francis Xavier Mission at Kahnawake, Canada, where Kateri's tomb is. All may attend the Mass when the Mohawk Choir will sing, around 10:30 A.M.

The final leg of the trip will take everyone to St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal for a 2 to 3 hour stay. At 3 P.M. the bus leaves for the return ride expecting to arrive in Auriesville at 8 P.M.

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Each person's fee includes transportation, motel accommodation, a box lunch and the buffet supper on Saturday. Sunday's meals will all be at the par-

ticipants' own expense.

Reservations with the deposit must be in by Saturday, May 26, 1984, to the League Office, Auriesville, N.Y. 12016. For information phone League Office, 1-518-853-3153. The balance of the tour cost is due on departure from Auriesville. Due to the limitations on the bus capacity only 47 reservations can be accepted. Early compliance is important.

For persons who live some distance from Auriesville, rooms for Friday night may be arranged on the Shrine Grounds at additional expense by calling the Shrine Cafeteria Manager, Ed Etzkorn, — 518-853-3032.

The most scenic areas will be seen on this trip through the mountainous Adirondack Park and the eye-catching nature areas along Route 87. The St. Lawrence Seaway may be seen at Kahnawake. The City of Montreal, the old and the new, will leave an everlasting memory. You'll love New York after this trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adach, cochairpersons of the Mohawk Valley Associates, will be your tour guides. Both have visited the sites you'll see and are acquainted with their historical value and possess a knowledgeable grasp on the amazing facts of Blessed Kateri's Life.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha League

(MARTYR'S SHRINE)

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