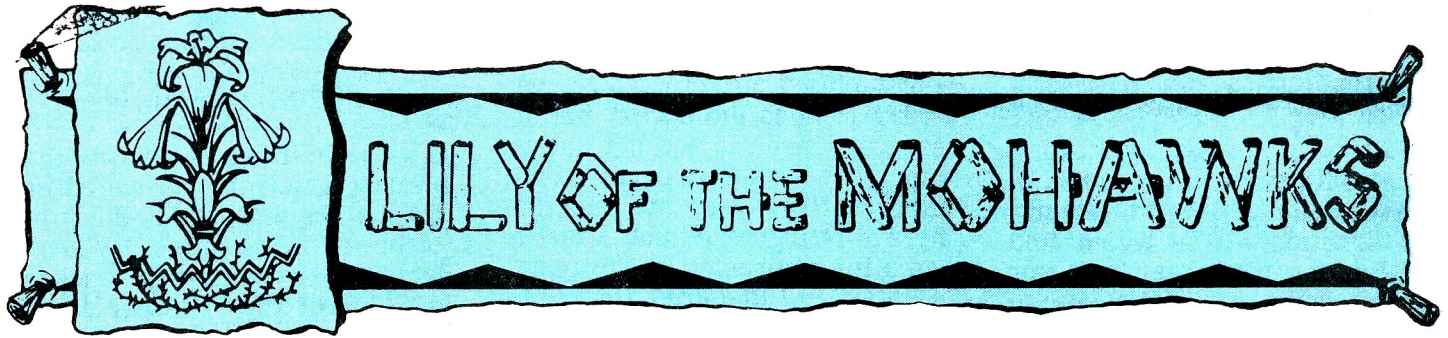


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"I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and commend you on the occasion of the new chapel dedicated to Blessed Kateri. I was most impressed with this beautiful worship space that was formally dedicated last Sunday. Truly the Tekakwitha League should take justifiable pride in this new chapel. As we recognize the close of another pilgrim season at Auriesville, know of my best wishes to the Jesuit Community there and for the grace that you are on behalf of all who come to the shrine of the North American Martyrs." — Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany, to Father McBride, S.J., September 21, 1984.

KATERI'S INTERCESSION — SOME ANSWERS

KATERI IN TAHITI

I'm writing to present you with a \$25 donation for the cause of Blessed Kateri. I promised her this donation if she would find housing for my sister and her family. I make the Novena to Kateri and now I want to keep up my promise. My sister had to be out of rented farm house by Sept. 1. She will lose her 3,000 square foot of garden vegetables since she has to move. No one will take care of the garden and she won't be able to can anything. I asked Kateri to find her a house and she came through and found her a nice duplex house, and she can keep her animals, too! Thanks Kateri for all you are doing for my family. A note of interest! In my Seventh Grade religion class next year I'll have a student by the name of Tekakwitha Mamatui. Her father is organist-choir director at our parish in Fa'aa. He fell in love with Kateri long ago and has named his 3 girls, Tekakwitha 11, Kateri 9, and Kahenta 5. So you see Blessed Kateri is known and loved here in Tahiti. I'm in the process of making a 'montage' in French with the filmstrip of the Daughters of St. Paul. — *FAAA, Tahiti, French Polynesia*

RELIC EFFECTIVE

This was told to me by a lady from our parish. This was about her daughter . . . when a small child, Karen had seizures which continued until about a year and a half ago. She had been praying to Blessed Kateri. One evening, the Archbishop was blessing people with Kateri's relic and Karen received it . . . she has been cured since. Thanks to Kateri! — *Santa Fe, N. Mex.*

EYE STRAIGHTENED

About a year ago, one day I looked in the mirror to find my left eye

nearly closed and crossed to one side. I went to the doctor, had a few tests made to see if I had a tumor. My tests were negative, no tumor. After about two months my eye straightened out. I feel I had a little miracle after praying to Kateri. — *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

JOB FITS NIECE

Please note that Blessed Kateri's intercession has been felt in my life. My niece WAS OUT OF WORK FOR 8 MONTHS and after I wrote to you asking Kateri to help, Margie got a wonderful job she likes very much and she fits the position. This was a miracle, and I want to say 'prayer changes things.' LET GO and LET GOD is something I've learned. — *Salinas, Cal.*

RECONCILIATION

The enclosed offering is in thanksgiving for Blessed Kateri's intercession, which obtained the wonderful reconciliation of a friendship that had become seriously estranged during the past year. — *Scarsdale, N.Y.*

COLON CLEARED

I want to thank Kateri, too. An infection that I had in my colon has cleared. You could put this in the LILY. — *Lyndhurst, Ohio*

CALM ENSUES

In thanks for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's help in my prayers for my head. The spells of lightheadedness and disorientation have become fewer and far between. When occurring they have shortened to seconds. I'm able to think of Blessed Kateri and keep calm and continue working. — *So. San Francisco, Calif.*

OUT OF THE BLUE

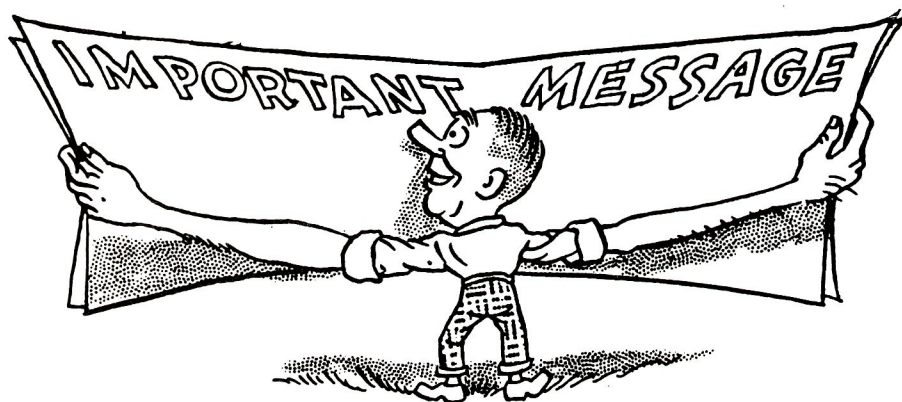
I wish to make it known that Blessed Kateri has answered my prayers. My husband had lost his job due to a back ailment. When it got better he could not get back into his line of work. Prospects were looking very bleak and he was getting very depressed. I started praying to Blessed Kateri for a job for my husband in his line of work. I promised Kateri to publish a thank you in the paper and to pray for her sainthood. The day before yesterday he got a phone call out of the blue in regard to an audition and was hired the same day. Today, I published a thank you in the local newspaper. — *South Jersey, N.J.*

NO CYST SURGERY

This \$100 is in thanksgiving for a speedy cure from a cyst that would have required surgery but thanks to Kateri's powerful intercession, I was spared that ordeal and the cyst rescinded within the hour after I applied Kateri's holy card to it. It was on the day that I received your LILY OF THE MOHAWKS newsletter that I reminded myself of Kateri's power, as I had been suffering all week with that painful cyst. Just wanted you to know that I appreciate receiving the newsletter and think publishing favors granted is a good idea, as it gives people hope. — *New York, N.Y.*

DOCTOR'S REPORT GOOD

Please accept our offering of \$25 in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in answer to a nine hour Novena made for a good doctor's report of my husband's serious pain in the back and hip. Thanks to Kateri, it was good! — *Denver, Col.*



"Wait for the news about forming a Kateri Club!" was a notice appearing in the last LILY. Here it is. Designed to enable young and old to sharpen their talents and to emulate the virtues of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the "K" Club is now being launched.

These are the main points eventually to be drawn up in the constitution: AGE GROUP - any age, but best to keep a similar age in each club or society; PURPOSE - to use member's talents, which might be speaking, sewing, cleaning, cooking, dancing, singing, math or science, writing, etc., and use it for others; MEETINGS - set a time to meet - once a week, once a month. Tell how each one has used his or her talents. Get suggestions from members where there are new places to use their talents such as: helping younger children, entertaining in nursing homes, writing letters for elderly, participating as a lector at Mass, gathering newspapers, distributing literature to those who are ill or bedridden.

Meetings should be opened with

Father Tom Egan Is Kick-Off Dinner Speaker

Drawing upon his wealth of history of the shrine and the Mohawk Valley former Shrine Director Father Thomas Egan, S.J., now pastor of the St. Regis Church, St. Regis Reservation, Hogansburg, NY, won over an audience of 250 at the Shrine's Centennial Kick-off Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Shrine Cafeteria.

Brilliantly Fr. Egan related the

a prayer followed by reading aloud something about the life of Blessed Kateri, follow the agenda, draw up same for next meeting, close with the prayer for Kateri's canonization, serve refreshments.

Elect a president, vice-president, and a secretary to keep the minutes and notes of the group's activities. More will be given in future LILIES about each position and duties in order to provide a smooth-running club.

To win a charter from the League Headquarters each group must view the filmstrip on Kateri's life either purchased

Albany Diocese Bids Farewell to Bishop Maginn

Bishop Edward J. Maginn, who during his years as administrator of the Albany Diocese appointed Father Joseph McBride, SJ, as vice postulator, was given a farewell by hundreds of citizens at the Mass of the Resurrection, August 24 in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Albany.

high points in each of the 16 shrine directors terms since 1885, encompassing it all in 35 minutes.

Kateri Associates Frank Kwiatkowski and Bill Janeski worked on the Dinner Committee and experienced what it is like to maneuver an affair at the Shrine.

Shrine Director Father Robert Boyle and former director, 1951-1960, Fr. Louis Devaney, imparted some welcome remarks.

from the Daughters of St. Paul, Boston, Mass. or loaned by the League Office. Then one of the projects given in the booklet accompanying the filmstrip must be engaged in and a write-up of the project must be submitted to the League Office in Auriesville, NY., 12016. No fees are exacted for affiliation.

What has been stated above is a preliminary outline for this latest League Project. Readers, especially those interested in forming a "K" Club, are asked to contribute their suggestions so that a genuine, active, productive organization might be initiated and workable.

Consultors for this project are: Anna Marie Adach, former teacher of Gloversville, NY, Mary-Eunice Spagnola, actress, writer, and teacher, and Father Joseph McBride, S.J., president of the Tekakwitha League.

Official opening date of the project and a picture of the charter will be given in the next LILY.

Most Rev. John J. O'Connor, archbishop of New York, was the main celebrant with more than a hundred priests concelebrating.

In his homily, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, bishop of Albany, explained Bishop Maginn's mark on the history of the diocese and in his own life. Noting that the bishop's career spanned more than 40 per cent of the diocese's history, Bishop Hubbard said "there was nothing of significance that happened in the diocese during these years of which Bishop Maginn was not an important part."

The Bishop was first and foremost a man of God, a brilliant preacher, and an excellent administrator.

Clergy and laity gathered at St. Mary's Cemetery in South Glen Falls to offer final prayers for Bishop Maginn.

Holy Father Mentions Kateri Three Times In Canada Homilies

"I recall that beautiful day when Kateri Tekakwitha was beatified in Rome where several of you were present." — Pope John Paul II at Sainte Anne de Beaupre, September 10, 1984.



THE HOLY FATHER greets Micmac Indians on his arrival at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"A young woman of Algonquin and Mohawk ancestry also deserves special recognition today: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Who has not heard of her outstanding witness of purity and holiness of life? It was my personal joy, only four years ago, to beatify this woman of great courage and faith, who is known by many as the 'Lily of the Mohawks.' To those who came to Rome for her beatification, I said: 'Blessed Kateri stands before us as a symbol of the heritage that is yours as North American Indians' (June 24, 1980)!! — Pope John Paul II, at Huronia, Ontario, September 15, 1984.



WHERE'S THE POPE? He's there in the midst of the Native Americans at St. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec.

"We wish to pay tribute as well to all those who joyfully embrace the Christian faith, like Blessed Kateri, and who remain faithful despite many trials and difficulties."

"These men and women not only professed the faith and embraced Christ's love, but they in turn became evangelizers and provide even today eloquent models for lay ministry."

"As we go forward, let us commend ourselves to the intercession of the North American Martyrs, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, and all the saints, together with Mary the Queen of Saints." — Pope John Paul II at Huronia, Ontario, September 15, 1984.



MOHAWK PILGRIMS plus one pale face with camera gather to greet the Pope at St. Anne de Beaupre.

NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

Father Robert Bogan, OFM, Conv., is recuperating at Our Lady of the Angels Rectory, 183 Central Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12206. He appreciates prayers.

Seen in Fr. Boyle's Letter to Shrine Friends and Pilgrims, Summer, 1984: "The Kateri Association, benefactors of the Shrine with this generous and creative gift (New Blessed Kateri Chapel), are to be congratulated and thanked for their enthusiasm and their sacrifices."

Also seen in the PILGRIM, Summer, was a shot of the new lettering identifying the chapels, Our Lady of Martyrs and Blessed Kateri Chapel. This handiwork was done completely by Associate Tom Walker of Scotia, N.Y.

Often asked is the question about memorials in the new chapel. Yes, they are still available but special items unless one suggests something are mostly taken care of. However, donations towards the total cost of the chapel are welcome and help to reduce what was taken from the general fund used for promotion of Bl. Kateri's canonization.

Skillful planning for, and chairing the morning session of the Oct. 6 meeting were done by Sister Mary Catherine Rich, CSJ, of Latham, N.Y. Father Gil Hemauer asked Sister to write up the minutes, send same to him with names and address of those attending. As a result of this meeting Fr. Gil indicated that the National Tekakwitha Conference for 1985 would assemble in

Syracuse, N.Y. with a day trip to Auriesville.

Where's the plaque? It went back to the drawing board and may be here before the closing. When it does arrive it could be viewed for it will be under cover.

Ben Cichy and his wife donated a microphone for use in the new chapel, hooking it into the system which services the outdoor chapel as well. Ben donated also his time and know-how in wiring the new area and installing the fixtures.

Your response to the increase of the annual membership fee was and is gratifying. The League's policy of not hounding you for dues helps us win friends and influence others to join. Bless you all!

Associate Olga Falco is a persevering soul. When on duty in the Shrine Office she tells pilgrims to visit the National Kateri Center without benefit of a path. She dreams of a guideway to the center so that she doesn't have to launch into an involved direction-giving spiel.

Yes, yes, indeed, there will be another Kateri bus trip such as held last Spring. Tour Guides Anna Marie and Dick Adach have looked into another itinerary while including the main stops to places Kateri lived. More will be given in the next two issues.

LILY photographer Anne Scheuerman was in her glory as

she followed Pope John Paul over Canada. She was the only official press representative of the Native Americans. Her pictures appear on p. 4 and p. 1. An album of every stop the Pope made is now one of Anne's proudest possessions.

Correction: the Spring Garage Sale was managed by Ann Criscuolo and Lena Del Costello. Lena was on hand for the week following to see that the stock was liquidated. Faithful workers are these!

The usual annual International Kateri Committee met on Labor Day — few in numbers but gigantic in scope. Members present remain the core of the world-wide group ready to assist those who are promoting the Kateri Cause in Spain, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Africa, India, and Australia.

A genuine pow-wow performance was turned in by Mary-Eunice in the Center this season, guaranteeing her return next year. She was so happy to meet old friends as they were to greet her again.

The League's publication is an attractive booklet combining Mary-Eunice's one act plays, Maid of the Mohawks and A Christmas Star with other features as a map of Kateri's escape into Canada. Cost is \$3.00 including postage; order from the League Office.

Peyote and Tobacco Find Use in Native American Ritual

by Rev. Francis X. McQuade

Traditional American Indian spirituality contains elements that in no way are contrary to Christian spirituality, and in fact can edify greatly the prayer life and repertory of spiritual insights and practices for the Christian. Yet, it is evidently clear that there are elements of aboriginal spirituality that find no parallel to either the content of Christian spiritual practices or to the basic goals of Christian prayer life. The use of peyote and tobacco by some Native American peoples represents such a case of "non-pareil."

Peyote and tobacco are organic substances that objectively are not considered wholesome for the human body. Yet, they factored as important ingredients in various Indian ceremonials. Peyote is the low-lying "button" protruding from the ground of the spineless cactus plant *Lophophora Williamsii*, growing in the southwest of the United States and Mexico. Peyote contains alkaloids related to strychnine and morphine. When this bitter-tasting cactus plant is ingested, it causes extreme sensory distortions and hallucinations. Tobacco, of course, is the broad-leaved plant that when burned gives off an aromatic and pungent odor, desirable to some. Smoking of tobacco is a known cause of various pulmonary and gastric illnesses. Despite the predictable physical and mental irregularities they produce, peyote and tobacco were used for presumed spiritual value.

Peyote had long been used among a number of Mexican Indian nations. From Mexico, peyote use spread to the Tonkawas and Karankawas of Texas. It reached the Kiowas around 1870 and became important with various Plains nations in the mid-1880's. Peyote ritual spread to Oklahoma, north all the way to Canada and west to Oregon. It gathered a number of devotees among the Navajo. Peyote can now be considered pan-Indian. Once used in the context of annual ceremonies, peyote use by those who engage in it increased to the extent that it could be performed at any time of the year.

In modern times, peyote has factored significantly in the Native American Church. (The NAC accepts non-Indians, but discourages white people from joining). Church rituals involve using peyote as a "sacred communion," and involves a curious blend of Christian beliefs with peyote ritual. Surprisingly, NAC participants are often staid types, and the peyote consumption is not accompanied by wild goings-on, but rather by structured and serious ritual.

Carlos Castenada, an anthropology student at UCLA at the time, wrote a complete systematization of peyote-cult teaching in his book *The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge*. The basic

reason that peyote has been used religiously is for the attempt to achieve "heightened reality" ("Non-ordinary reality"), or as Castenada put it, "to become a man of knowledge." It was supposed that through this attainment of non-ordinary reality, the peyote user could commune with the supernatural. Castenada said that the peyote vision climaxes in the vision of "Mescalito," the personification of peyote in the form of a man whose head is a large peyote button. Peyote was called a "power," while its use was coupled with using two "allies: the narcotic *Datura*, Devil's Weed, and the *Psilocybine* mushroom.

Peyote is not illegal by Federal law, but is restricted by the codes of several individual western states. It is permitted for legal use in concert with Native American Church ritual.

Although tobacco was used by a number of Indian peoples in religious contexts, even then most recognized the harmful physical effects of over-use. Therefore, inhalation of tobacco was relatively limited in the past to ceremonial use by the Native American. Among the nations, the spiritual role of tobacco took varied forms. The Winnebago "thanked the Earthmaker for the tobacco received" before engaging in the "pipe-lighting song" and blowing smoke to the four directions. It was consumed as a substitute for meat or corn and beans during the ritual feast of the Menominee Bundle ceremonial. Tobacco was used as incense. According to a Seneca legend, it is a pleasing incense to the heavens ever since the spirit Mature Flowers tripped the heaven world of tobacco when she fell to earth, and the scent would be "appreciated" by those "dwelling above." The Cherokee burned tobacco for the treatment of arthritic or neuralgic pain. In their healing chant, they would refer to the burning tobacco as "Brown Person." They also burned tobacco to gain success in gambling, the smoke being puffed in the direction of their opponent. Tobacco was used merely as an offering, as well. The smoking of a common pipe also became the symbol of sealing a ritual or agreement.

Last year, during the funeral of a Cherokee in my parish (one of the few Native Americans in the town), I added tobacco to the Church incense burned, in a cultural deference to the deceased. The Christian use of incense as a symbol would correspond to the Seneca legend, reminding us that our prayers "elevate" themselves to heaven.

A Christian may indeed see the use of tobacco and peyote as elements foreign to his own sacramental symbols and prayer forms. However, to the traditional Native American of certain nations, these plants came to be important spiritual items — and among some, they still are!



Give a Kateri gift. Select one for a friend or a relative:

- Sterling Silver Kateri medal - \$16.50
- Large medal, Kateri on one side, Martyrs on other - \$3.50
- Small aluminum blue Kateri medal - \$.80
- Oval shaped Kateri medal - \$.60
- Kateri chaplet - \$7.00
- Kateri chaplet bracelet - \$4.00
- Touch relic in plastic case with ID card and likeness of Kateri - \$2.50
- Official Kateri picture (Color) in white frame - \$1.75
- Prayer card with Kateri picture in plastic envelope with medal - \$1.50
- Kateri Notepaper, 100 sheets - \$2.00 package.
- Kateri statues: 6" - \$7.00; 7" - \$9.50; 8" - \$13.00
- Plastic standup holder with Kateri picture - \$2.75
- Kateri of the Mohawks, a coloring story book - \$1.50, inc. postage.
- Kateri Tekakwitha, a biography by Fr. Weiser, SJ:

soft cover - \$5.00; hard cover - \$7.00

- New book combining 2 plays by Mary-Eunice - Maid of the Mohawks and A Christmas Star - with several features such as map of Kateri's escape route to Canada - \$3.00
- KATERI IN THE WOODS by Mother Nealis, suitable for framing - \$2.00
- FRAMED 8"x10" KATERI IN THE WOODS picture - \$3.50
- FRAMED 8"x10" black-and-white official Kateri picture - \$3.00
- FRAMED 8"x10" colored official Kateri picture - \$3.25
- PRAYER CARD with official Kateri picture, in color: 5c each; 100 for \$5.00; 500 for \$20.00
- PRAYER CARD, laminated, of "Kateri In the Woods" - \$.50
- KATERI SEALS, 36 gummed stamps - \$1.25
- SMALL KATERI STATUETTES in plastic cover for wallets and purses - \$.85 each.

Mark quantity, mail to League Office, Auriesville, N.Y. 12016.

Alex Mitchell Dead At 76

Countless friends of Alex Mitchell, '84 Tekakwitha Award recipient, attended his funeral Mass, Oct. 4, in St. Regis Church, Hogansburg, N.Y., three days after Alex suffered a severe heart attack. Jesuit Fathers Egan and Fleig eulogized the great Mohawk as a devout Catholic, devoted father, an indefatigable worker, and an ardent supporter of his race's causes. May his soul enjoy eternal peace!

Go For the Big Prizes!

The trek has begun! From \$100 to \$3,000! And you can still join. For \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year you can join the League's Fund Raiser, Wampum II. Every week up to Sept. 25, 1985 you'd have two chances to aid your wallets. Send your entry check to Wampum II, Auriesville, N.Y. 12016.

Richard Adach of Gloversville, N.Y. won the special prize for being a paid-up member by October 15.

At press time these are the winning dates and numbers:

10-3 — 216;
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10-17 — 571;
10-24 — 970.

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