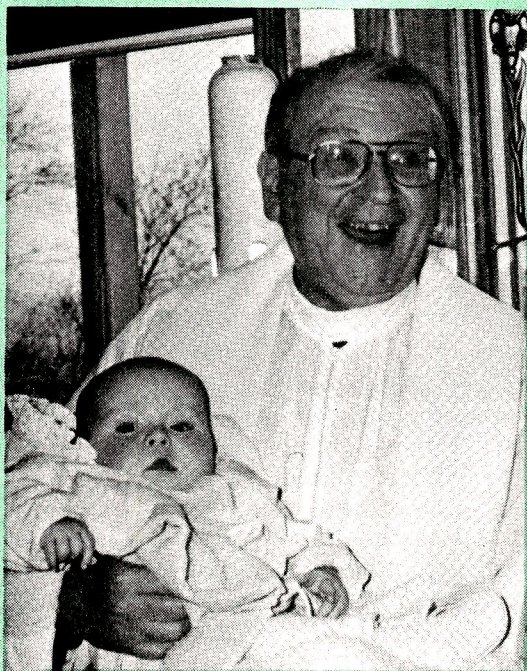
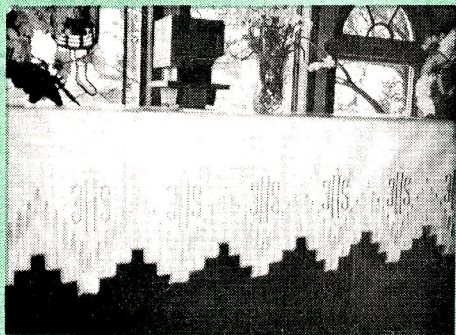


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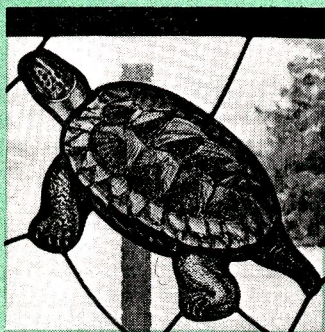
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# KATERI'S INTERCESSION — SOME ANSWERS

## OFF TO PROGRAM

I am seven years old. I was sick for two days and I was supposed to be in a program. So I prayed to Blessed Kateri to get me well. I was well one hour before my program. I sleep with her picture on my body, her pin on my pillow. I sleep real well. Thank God for Blessed Kateri. — *Walnut Park, CA.*

## HELP CONTINUES

Please accept this donation in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It's in appreciation for what she is continually doing for my family and I. — *South Hadley, MA*

## NOVENA ANSWERED

This \$5.00 check is a very small token of my appreciation to Blessed Kateri. Throughout my life since I first heard of her about 15 years ago, when things have looked darkest she has brought light into my life. Recently a very close friend of mine admitted her husband into the hospital with viral meningitis. Throughout his illness and during his recovery they contacted the state disability office and the workmen's compensation office. Six weeks later they were told it would be months before anything was done for them because each office thought the other should handle his case. I started a novena to Blessed Kateri and one week later they received a check. If that check hadn't showed up at that time they were going to give up their apartment and move in with her sister. Thank you Blessed Kateri. — *Vallejo, CA*

## TWO FAVORS APPRECIATED

Please accept my small donation in appreciation of favors which were granted to me. One was for a pink eye which finally

left me, and the other is that after nine years, my son's wife is pregnant. That is just great as they were going to adopt. Thanking my Blessed Kateri. — *Chicopee, MA*

## SON STOPS SNIFFING

I have a son who since school started has been sniffing paint. This causes mental retardation. I have been praying extra hard for him because he is having problems. I learned of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha through my church. I bought a book about Blessed Kateri. I wrote you to be a member. They wanted the court to send my son to boys school. I prayed that they would not. They said if he would go to a center for treatment of alcohol and drug abuse, the cost of which is \$4300. I have no insurance. I prayed very hard before the sacred altar. I accepted Blessed Kateri in all ways to help me with no fear in my heart she would hear me and help me. That same day my son's medical bill will be paid by the health center. Thanks to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. There is another part to be answered — my son's recovery. I will pray and leave it in Blessed Kateri's hands. — *Salem, Ore.*

## SHARP PAIN STOPS

Enclosed is a small donation. Several years ago my daughter who lives in the Adirondacks was bringing me up to her home from my home in New Jersey. At that time I was having a lot of trouble with my right knee. I recall explaining to my daughter that because of the pain I could not enter the church. However I prayed to the Lily of the Mohawks when all of a sudden the pain left me. I attribute this wonderful act to my prayers because I found it easy not only to visit the church but was able to do quite a bit of walking. Since my daughter does not attend the Catholic Church she

was not as excited as I was and I constantly pray to Blessed Tekakwitha. I am just a month short of being 82 years old. I pray that Kateri Tekakwitha will soon be granted a miracle and then become canonized. — *Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.*

## FATHER KNOWS BEST

My father says that his prayers to Blessed Kateri have always been answered and that is why I should say thank you in a small way. — *Utica, N.Y.*

## KATERI OPENED HER ARMS

Some time ago I visited a nursing home near by to cheer an old woman we knew from town and met her roommate. She (the roommate) was bedridden and almost totally paralyzed and in extreme pain. While talking to her we learned that although she was not a Catholic she had a deep faith in Christ and accepted her suffering. We gave her a Kateri Tekakwitha prayer card and promised to pray for her recovery. She asked that we pray to the Lord to take her. We promised to pray to Kateri for her recovery or a peaceful death whichever God wished. We returned about 2 months later and learned that Jesus had chosen to take her with Him within weeks of our beginning a novena to Kateri. We wish to publish our thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha for her kind intercession and make an offering of \$10.00 as a token thank you. — *Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.*

## NO SURGERY NEEDED

Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 for the building fund as a thanksgiving if my brother did not have to have surgery. After tests he did not need surgery and just has to have a checkup every 6 months to be sure there is not another blockage. — *Hazelwood, MO*



# 2nd Annual Blessed Kateri Pilgrimage June 1, 2

Visit the 3 places that were important to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha by making your reservation now for the second Annual Blessed Kateri Pilgrimage, the weekend of June 1st and 2nd, 1985, sponsored by the Kateri Associates of the Mohawk Valley and the Tekakwitha League.

The pilgrimage will begin at Blessed Kateri's birthplace, The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville, New York with a Mass in the new Blessed Kateri

Chapel followed by a visit to the National Kateri Center. The next stop on the pilgrimage will be the National Kateri Shrine at Fonda, New York, the site of her baptism. The third pilgrimage visit will be the St. Francis Xavier Church in Caughnawaga, Canada where Blessed Kateri's tomb is located. In addition on the evening of June 1st the group will visit the Mohawk-Akwesasne Indian Reservation, Hogansburg, New York, and St. Regis, Canada. Highlights of this will be a tour of

the St. Regis Mission Church, the Akwesasne Museum and dinner at the Kateri Center.

The cost which includes bus transportation, motel room, 2 lunches and 1 dinner, and admission to the Akwesasne Museum ranges from \$62.00 to \$74.00 per person depending on the room accommodations. Two meals on Sunday are not included in the per person cost and will be at each individual's expense. The pilgrimage will end upon return to Auriesville at about 8 P.M. Sunday evening. If needed, overnight accommodations at additional cost are available in the Auriesville area for Friday and/or Sunday evenings by contacting the Valley View Motel, Rtes. 5S and 30, Amsterdam, New York 12010, phone (518) 842-5637. They offer a discount to Shrine visitors.

Complete the reservation form on the bottom of this page and mail it along with a \$30.00 deposit per person reservation to Rev. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., Tekakwitha League, Auriesville, New York, 12016. Bus seating will be assigned as reservations are received.

## COVER — 1984

**Upper left:** Builder Bill Bush met Bishop Hubbard at Chapel dedication.

**Upper right:** Off they went on the first Kateri Pilgrimage, June 2.

**Left middle:** Memorials like these adorn the new Chapel.

**Middle middle:** Sarah Hassenplug gives merit awards to friends and favorite priests, Syracuse, New York.

**Right middle:** On his last visit

John Sysmanski, cured by Blessed Kateri in the 30's, poses with his wife, left, and Mary-Eunice, right.

**Lower left:** Baby Jessica Cichy was the youngest to attend the opening Mass.

**Lower middle:** The turtle beneath the stained glass window overlooks the Mohawk Valley.

**Lower right:** New Superior, Father Brady, offers first Mass, April 17, 1984.

(date)

Dear Father McBride,

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) for the 2nd Annual Blessed Kateri Pilgrimage, June 1 and 2, 1985. (\*\$30.00 deposit per person required for reservation; deadline for reservations is May 1st)

I/We wish the following accommodations:

\_\_\_\_\_ \*74.00 - 1 bed, 1 person  
\_\_\_\_\_ \*65.00 - 1 bed, 2 persons

\_\_\_\_\_ \*67.00 - 2 beds, 2 persons  
\_\_\_\_\_ \*62.00 - 2 beds, 3-4 persons

Print each name and address:

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# ***Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Club***

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## **CONSTITUTION**

Article I. Name: The official name of any affiliate is the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Club of the United States. Each local chapter will adopt its own name chosen by its members.

Article II: Purpose: The purpose of the chapter is to promote the Cause of the canonization of Blessed Kateri.

Article III: Officers: Each chapter will have a moderator (advisor), a president, secretary, treasurer and any other officer the local chapter would require. Officers will be elected yearly. Their election should be approved by the advisor. Names of the officers should be sent to the National Office of the Kateri Club.

Article IV: Duties of Officers: The president will conduct meetings. The secretary will take care of all correspondence and record minutes of all meetings. The secretary will also make an annual report to the National Office detailing the activities and projects completed during the year. The treasurer will transact all money affairs and keep a record of all transactions.

Article V. Membership in the National Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Club: To obtain a charter from the National Office the film strip on Blessed Kateri's life must be viewed by all club members. Then one project from the list of projects at the end of the script must be completed and a report sent to the National Office. There are no dues connected with obtaining a charter.

Article VI. Requirements for membership in the local chapter should be determined by the advisor and the officers.

Article VII. Meetings should be scheduled at least once a month by the advisor.

Article VIII. Projects and activities: A. Spiritual activities: 1. recite the prayer for Blessed Kateri's Canonization every day. 2. Sponsor monthly Holy Communion day for club members. 3. Cultivate devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, and the Cross. 4. Open each meeting with the recitation of the Blessed Kateri Chaplet. 5. Set up a special program to celebrate Blessed Kateri's feast day, July 14th. 6. Visit, if possible, Kateri's birthplace (Auriesville, New York), the site of her baptism (Fonda, New York) and her death (Kanawake, Canada). 7. Have an annual day of recollection. B. Temporal activities: 1. Collect clothing for various Indian missions. 2. Distribute literature about Blessed Kateri and arrange to show the filmstrip on her life to interested parties. 3. Visit the sick in hospitals and in senior citizen centers. 4. Stage a play dealing with Blessed Kateri's life.

### **Advisory Board:**

Anna Marie Adach

Father Joseph S. McBride, S.J.

Mary-Eunice Spagnola



# NOTES FROM THE BARK

## by father mcbride

Five active promoters of the Cause and long time League members have gone to the Lord.

Sister Winifred Scholtes, OSF, age 95 of Assisi Heights, Minnesota, died in October. The night she died she told everyone that Blessed Kateri was coming for her. From her age you can tell she gave many years telling others about Blessed Kateri.

Cured from a deadly football injury in the 30's, John Sysmanski of Norwalk, Connecticut, died just before Thanksgiving. He paid a visit to the National Kateri Center about one year ago and again recounted the wonderful snatch from death through Blessed Kateri's help.

George Wallace of Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, went to the Lord during Thanksgiving week. He, with his wife, had constantly informed their friends about Blessed Kateri and were donors to their church of a stained glass window of Blessed Kateri. Both were special helpers at the Kateri booth during the Eucharistic Congress in 1976.

Octogenarian Mrs. Evelyn Smith of Amsterdam, New York, when in the best of health proclaimed the merits of the Indian maiden anywhere and everywhere. She would have given her last penny to have Kateri sainted. She was an aunt of Father Tom Egan, S.J.

Another very loyal promotor was Kay Wilson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her file card indicates that she was an active member in the League way back in the sixties.

The League remains ever so grateful for all these souls and for the countless others like them who had such great love for Blessed Kateri and extends its sympathy and prayers to their friends and relatives.

Wampum II report: Since the last Lily, these are the winning numbers:

October 31 — 629  
November 7 — 466  
November 14 — 955  
November 21 — 526  
November 28 — 526  
December 5 — 824  
December 12 — 654  
December 19 — 055  
December 26 — 403  
January 2 — 146  
January 9 — 823  
January 16 — 215  
January 23 — 612

Tickets still are for sale. The biggest prizes are yet to be given away. As it stands now there will be a profit even though all the tickets were not sold. This again enters the League's Growth Fund which has replaced the Kateri Building Fund.

Lily feature writer, Father Francis X. McQuade, Associate Pastor of St. Hugh Parish in Huntington Station, New York, will give a 5 week seminar on Native American Spirituality, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28. For details call (516) 271-6081. The course will feature the basic concepts of American Indian spirituality, tracts on the Sioux mystic Black Elk, the story of the Mohawk, saintly Kateri Tekakwitha, Carlos Castaneda's experiences with the hallucinogenic mysticism of Yaqui Indian Don Juan, a historical perspective on Indian spiritual revivals and an application of Native American spirituality to contemporary Christian spirituality.

Around the Mohawk Valley rumors that the Holy Father will visit here and may even canonize Blessed Kateri here abound. The media are already talking about such a visit. No one at Auriesville has had any word about such an appearance of Pope John Paul II. It would be wise to inform your friends about this matter.

Despite the fact that the Shrine and the Blessed Kateri Chapel are closed, the winter months have not prevented the Associates from having several prayer events for my health in the new Chapel.

BOY \_\_\_\_\_ TWO CABBAGE PATCH DOLLS \_\_\_\_\_ GIRL \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my donation of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets enabling me to receive one or both dolls. \*\$5.00 donation — 5 tickets; \*\$10.00 donation — 10 tickets. A receipt will be sent to you immediately. Winners to be announced on Blessed Kateri's Feast Day, July 14, 1985.

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# NOTES FROM THE BARK

## by father mcbride

I was in the hospital during the Novena of Masses and was unable personally to offer them. Thanks to the priests in my community the Masses were taken care of. Extra prayers and, of course, an extra Rosary joined me with all of you in praying for the League members and their intentions.

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While I was in the hospital a student nurse was taking care of an old gentleman next to me. She tried to tell him that I was a priest and that she even showed him my Rosary. I noticed how happy she was. As she left the room, she turned to me and said, "Father, I am taking catechism instruction, and I cannot wait until I receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament." Need I say that this young girl reminded me of Blessed Kateri's longing to receive our Lord in Holy Communion.

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April 17th, 1985 will be the 305th anniversary of Blessed Kateri's death. The annual Mass for our deceased members will be offered in the new Kateri Chapel on that day.

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The new Blessed Kateri Chapel is all paid for. The total cost for construction and memorials is \$90,000. Monies for this project were raised through several avenues including: pledges and memorials, Wampum '83, several dinner-plays, and a large amount taken from the League treasury. Several pledges are still outstanding and those who have them are encouraged to meet them as soon as possible. Instead of the Kateri Building Fund, a Growth Fund has been established which will

eventually replenish the money taken from the treasury.

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Trivia? How much did annual membership in the League cost in 1945? Answer: 60 cents a year — 2 copies of the Lily for a dollar.

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In correcting your name and-or address on the Lily, we would appreciate your not crossing out the information you want changed. Instead, please print the new name or address plainly somewhere on the mailing label and the correction will be made more efficiently.

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871 new members since January 1983 have been sent in by Sr. Marcella O'Donnell, SSMN, of Buffalo, New York. Her goal still remains 1000. Her great zeal guarantees that she'll reach it successfully.

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During the past year the League became the beneficiary of 100 shares of stock from Mr. and Mrs. F. Jerome McKeever of West Lake, Ohio. Also the League was remembered in the will of Kay Wilson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who had been a League member since 1962. These were spontaneous gifts from these two parties. Remembrances like these are deeply appreciated and contribute to the new Growth Fund which will be used to expand every avenue to make Kateri better known.

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Mary-Eunice told us that a

public school in her area had put on her play A Christmas Star. She was so thrilled that she partied the principal characters in her new apartment.

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Through the generosity of the Noteworthy Company of Amsterdam, New York, the League has received 2 Cabbage Patch Kids, a boy and a girl — Raymond Vaughn and Ronni Eleen, who are looking for good homes. A coupon found on page 5 is available should you like to be presented with one or both of the dolls. A donation of \$1.00 is suggested for each ticket. Whatever donation you send will equal the number of opportunities for you to be the recipient of the doll(s). A receipt will be sent to you immediately. The winners of the dolls will be announced on Blessed Kateri's Feast Day, July 14th, 1985.

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St. Mary's Institute in Amsterdam, New York, sponsored its annual Christmas play on December 20th. The play, The Christmas Star written by Mary-Eunice, blended the traditional Christmas nativity theme and the local history. Parents and friends were treated to a performance which coupled the account of Blessed Kateri's night before Christmas in the Mohawk Valley of New York state with the birth of Christ.

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Perhaps the biggest response ever to the Novena of Masses occurred during December. Many petitions were submitted and recommended to Blessed Kateri's intercession. Let us continue to pray for these needs, not only for those who responded but for all League members.



# Two Spanish Missions Have Opposite Fates

By Rev. Francis X. McQuade

While visiting the desert stretches of southern Arizona this past summer, I happened upon two Spanish mission churches whose present states reflect two different fates. Just south of Tucson is the Mission San Xavier del Bac, rising eloquently and impressively intact before me. Further south toward the Mexican border, staring at me in a haunting state of disrepair and ruin that seems to plead the present to revive it is Tumacacori.

Mission San Xavier del Bac breaks up the saguaro-dotted desert floor of the Santa Cruz Valley like a splash of light. Its bleached-white walls and towers glisten under the baking Arizona sun, standing in spectacular and seeming unreal contrast to the blue desert sky and the violet skyline of the surrounding Santa Catalina Mountains. It is called provincially "La Paloma Blanca del Desierto" ("The White Dove of the Desert").

The mission site was first scouted by the legendary Jesuit missionary and explorer Padre Eusebio Francisco Kino in 1692. The area called Bac, which means "place where water appears" (referring to the surfacing of the theretofore underground Santa Cruz River in that vicinity), was inhabited by the Sobaipuri nation. They were supplanted in time by the Papagos, aboriginals of the Pima nation, on whose reservation San Xavier presently stands. Padre Kino laid the foundations of the first mission church in 1700, naming it after the great Jesuit "Apostle to the Indies", Saint Frances Xavier. The Jesuits used San Xavier as the northernmost mission of the "Pimeria Alta", a missionary territory that included vast expanses of the Mexican state of Sonora and the American state of Arizona. In 1767, the Spanish crown expelled the Jesuits from both Spain and her dominions, having been swept up in the wave of suspicion against the Company that resulted from the political intrigues of the order's enemies.

The mission was handed over to the Franciscans and the able leadership of Fray Francisco Hermenegildo Garces in 1767. This stand-out figure in early American history consolidated the mission and secured the

and Byzantine influences, along with the local exigencies of material, labor, attitude, artistic perception and craftsmanship of eighteenth century Arizona. The general perception of the church's interior is the heady impact one



SAN XAVIER DEL BAC towers impressively intact under the desert sky.

stability of the surrounding settlements. Such was his accomplishments that he is recognized among the founders of the city of Tucson. Garces died a martyr in the Yuma uprising in 1781, shortly after he was transferred there from Bac. His successors carried on and expanded his work, and between the years 1783 and 1797, they constructed the splendid edifice that now serves as the mission church. The Spanish Franciscans left San Xavier on the heels of the Mexican Independence in 1821. Fortunately, the dioceses that had been formed in the southwest territories developed, maintained and restored the church, preserving it to its fabulous beauty today.

Mission San Xavier is probably the finest example of mission architecture in the United States. It can be described as of the colonial style of Mexico, immediately derived from the late renaissance of Mexico. Mixed in are Moorish

gets poised in a classical European Cathedral. Yet, local color abounds. A subtle piece of homey humor (a provincial parallel of sorts to the Sistine Chapel's "creation" panel in which the fingertips of God and Man remain eternally near, yet apart) has a cat and a mouse clinging to the inner curves of the lower volutes, glaring at one another with endless suspicion. The Papagos assign a saying to these carvings: "When cat catches mouse, the end of world comes."

Although a link to the past, Mission San Xavier del Bac is more than just a piece of the Southwest's historical mosaic. It is a functioning church that is the center of a flourishing Franciscan mission effort that ministers to over eleven thousand Papagos of the region around the rapidly-expanding city of Tucson.

Not so happy was the fate of Tumacacori. Built around the

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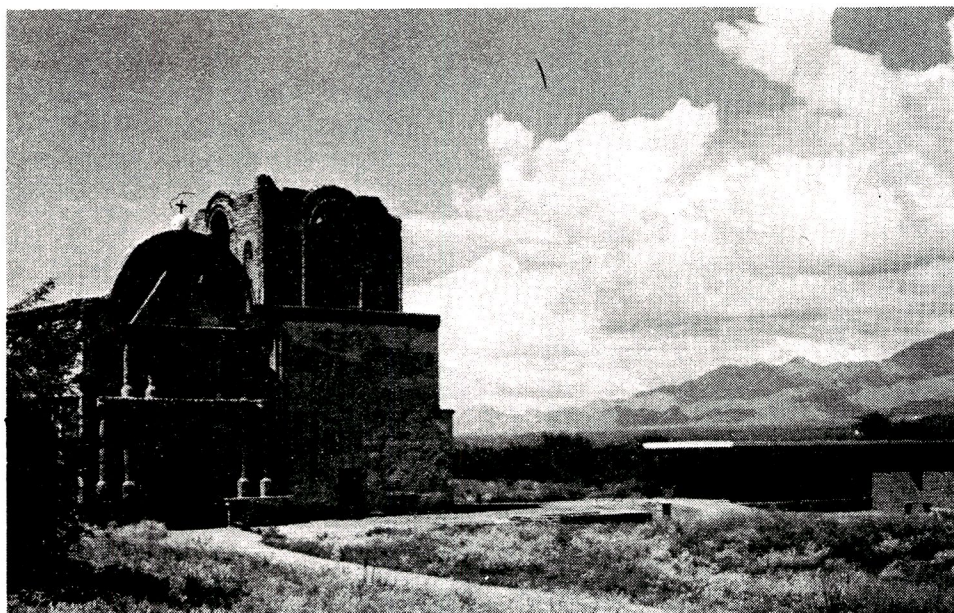


# Spanish Missions

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same period as San Xavier, Tumacacori was completely abandoned in 1840. Since then, weather, looting and vandalism, as well as the processes of time, have reduced the once-grand mission complex to little more than a shell. Yet, its mysterious cloisters, vaulted hallways, broad, barren plazas and interspersed gardens lend silent witness to its dynamic, albeit meteoric past, when its campus buzzed with missionary activity.

An important catalyst to the demise of Tumacacori was the incessant raids of the Apaches. The southwest's missionaries had a chance among the sedentary, village-dwelling, agricultural Indian peoples such as the Papagos of San Xavier and the Pima of Tumacacori. The Pimas welcomed the missionaries of Tumacacori and lived within the mission village, building and maintaining the community. There were times of trouble and revolt; to be sure, the missionaries could be strict disciplinarians. But by and large, the Pima coopted in the Spanish colonial and missionary agenda. However, the missionaries failed to convert the nomadic Indian peoples, such as the Apache. This powerful tribe wrecked havoc by their raids and destabilized the region until the mission at Tumacacori had to be abandoned. San Xavier was able to resist the



TUMACACORI waits in semi-ruin reservation.

Apache raids thanks to the far-sight of Fray Garces, who moved the military garrison to Tucson and constructed his mission buildings with fort-like walls for defense. Tumacacori was far from a major settlement and was subject to the dangerous whims of the Apaches. San Xavier's successful resistance to the Apaches' raids and Tumacacori's susceptibility to the same seems to have been the margin of difference to account for the varied fates the two missions experience today.

After the Apache wars, settlers came back to Tumacacori. Although their church was empty and defaced, the grounds were still considered holy. In 1916, an infant named "Juanita" was

buried in the "Campo Santo" (graveyard) there. Each year on All Souls Day, her family renews her foral wreath. This link with the past had kept Tumacacori "alive" and now the U.S. Park Service, which maintains the mission ruins, is embarking on an ambitious project of restoration.

My time in the Sonora-Arizona desert read to me an engaging page in American missionary history. Stones can tell a story: In the case of San Xavier, the manicured stones of a standing church tell of success and perseverance; in the case of Tumacacori, the crumpling stones tell of pain and frustration, but — in deference to the sacrifices of the authors of that mission — never failure.

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