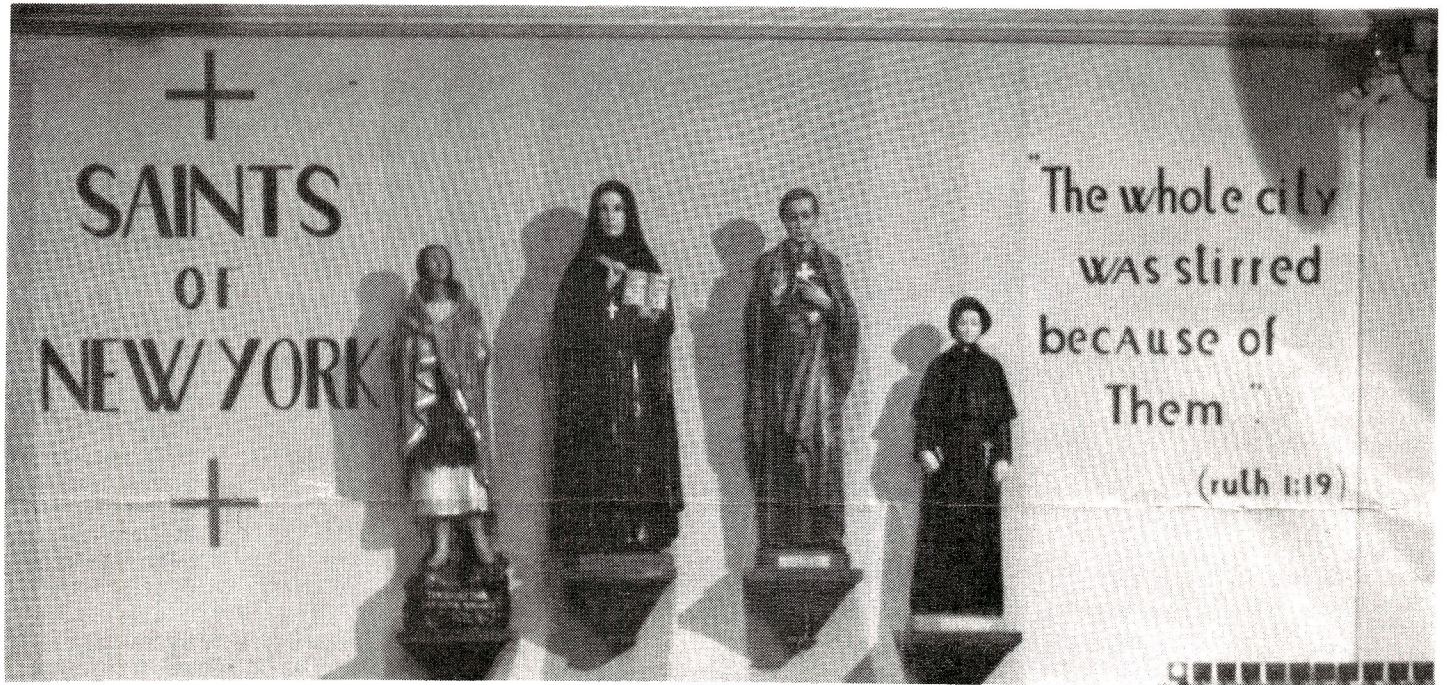


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"TODAY, WE HAVE TREMENDOUS NEED OF SAINTS," the bishops reported to the Holy Father at the end of the World Synod. "They meant ordinary men and women," a Vatican spokesman said, "They didn't mean more priests and nuns."

The same message is embodied in a new shrine in Our Lady of Victory Church in the Wall St. area of New York City. Left to right are Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, a lay person, Frances Cabrini, John Neumann, a bishop, and Elizabeth Ann Seton. Saints Cabrini and Seton were active lay persons before they became religious.

According to Msgr. Edward Mitty, pastor of O. L. of Victory, the idea of the shrine came about as a result of renovation and painting work in the chapel. The four statues were already in the chapel but scattered in many different areas and not as visible as they should have been, therefore many people did not have the opportunity to pray at the statues. The staff is impressed with the large numbers of people today visiting the shrine who honor these saints.

The designer of the statues is not known. The work itself was part of the renovation process. Kateri Tekakwitha was painted in a grotesque orange color which was very unattractive. A call to Auriesville, Kateri's birthplace, provided some in-

formation about the proper dress of an Indian Maiden.

A nifty folder giving brief biographical data of each saint is available at the shrine with this prayer: "God our Father, You raised up great men, women and children in the United States with gifts of faith in You and compassion for their needy brothers and sisters, Guide us now by their example and prayers.

"Help us to seek You always with constancy, openness and dedication. Help us to reach out to those without benefit of virtue or wealth and in doing so, grow in love for You. May all of us Americans build a world where compassion is the cherished prize and love of God our first treasure.

"We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

"New York Saints, pray for us."

Tekakwitha is not canonized but beatified meaning that human testimony declares her to be in heaven. She qualifies as a lay person for sainthood. The Wall St. Shrine will hasten the day of her canonization because there many people will be praying for such an event.

The Mesa Runners: Tradition Conditions

Jogging has become a great leisure pastime to many Americans, and the last decade has seen a boom in interest in long-distance running. However, to the "sky people" who live in the ancient pueblos of the American Southwest, long-distance running is "old hat". In fact, marathon length runs have factored in the age-old religious and social rituals of many Southwest nations.

To this day, pueblo youngsters almost universally display a precocious talent for running. Many of them set unbelievable high school records in track while students. The Indian youths clamor for the long-distance events and excel! Jerry Tuckwin, track coach at the all-Indian Haskell Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas, commented on these runners: "They're so tuned in to running they aren't aware of how good they are."

How do these Native Americans become so "tuned in to running"? I was once visiting the Acoma ("Sky City") Pueblo of New Mexico. The searing heat, the blistering dryness, and the mind-boggling steepness of the terrain, for me, seems to make it nearly suicidal to run. However, the pueblo people have indeed taken to running amid these inhospitable tracts. Tradition has conditioned. What are these traditions?

The Taos used to stage the "world around race" in which nearly naked

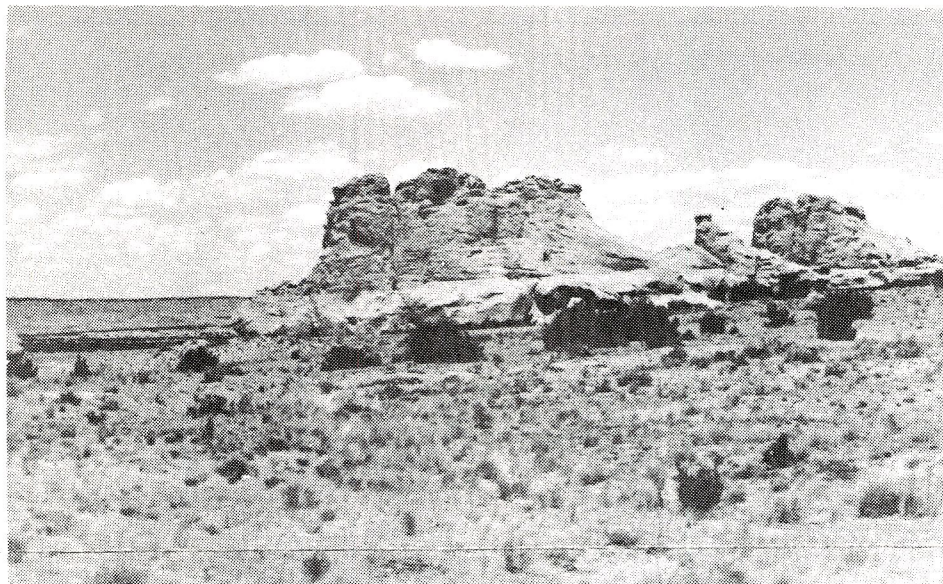
braves would run twenty mile courses through the snow-covered Snagre de Cristo mountains to mark the winter solstice. This traditional run has been replaced by semi-annual relay races. Like the sun's course, the track always runs east to west. The Hopi and many others did the grueling long-distance

runners factored significantly in the success of the 1680 Pueblo Uprising which drove all of the Spanish colonists out of New Mexico.

Stamina is stressed in many Indian customs. It was the object of the traditional races not necessarily to win, but to exert the body to its limits. This exer-

tion would lend one's vitality to a mystical control of the forces of nature: to bring rain, to ensure a good harvest, to assure the sun's "return". Thus, the religious connotation of these traditional races has accelerated the Indian's motivation and natural excellence in long-distance running.

Unfortunately for most Indian teenagers, their meteoric high school careers end before they are able to establish themselves in college and beyond. The severe economic and social real-



ATOP A MESA AT ACOMA, NEW MEXICO — stark landscape may discourage most from running, but has been the backdrop of centuries of marathon races among many of the Native American nations there.

"kicking races" in which barefoot runners would dash across the desert kicking a clay ball ahead of them. The longest known course was forty miles long! The sixteen day Hopi Snake-Antelope ceremony still includes two dawn races of five miles each. The Zuni established a six month racing calendar inaugurated by a twenty mile kick race to correspond with the start of the planting season. The present summer rain ceremony of the Acoma involves a nearly twenty-four hour dash around the seventy acre confine of their mesa top. The stamina of the Tesuque Pueblo

ities in many of these people's lives often call them back from college to take jobs back around the pueblos and reservations. Ironically, for many of the runners, the move from the free-spirit dashes atop the towering mesa tops ends in the cramped subterranean uranium mines where many find work. The irony is poignant. For the call to run, for the pueblo people, is a call that not only echoes across the vast canyons where they live, but comes from across the centuries from among the most ancient of their traditions.

CHANGING ADDRESSES??

SEND OLD

SEND NEW

TO LEAGUE OFFICE TODAY

New Structure Gives Center Unusual Look

From what you see at the right to what you see at the bottom of this page a great leap has been taken. By the time you read this the entire building, old and new will be circumferenced with a log paneling.

Inside walls have been painted and the electrical fixtures are working — all functioning in the large exhibit room, in the audio-visual room, storage and control room.

The unusual look, if a ski slope is 'unusual looking, comes about by providing three large windows in the front, three skylights, and six smaller windows at the top. According to the builder this arrangement will give an air flow and plenty of light during the summer months.

How did the quiet, no-fuss fund raiser work out? Nothing broke the bank but did keep the bills from staring in the League's face. Down playing money getters has left many possible memorials such as audio-visual equipment, VCR setups, display and counter cases, chairs for the audio-visual room, etc. if interested in any of these please contact Father McBride, League Office, Auriesville, N.Y. 12016.

Donations of \$100, \$250, \$500, \$750, and \$1,000 are still accept-



Viewing the unravelling of studs . . .

able. When making a contribution please specify if it is for the building fund.

No definite plan for a memorial has been made but it is sure that another look has to be made about a plaque the cost of which can exceed the amount of donations.

The National Kateri Center is open from the first Sunday of May until the last Sunday of October from 12:20 P.M. to 4 on weekdays during May, June; from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at other times including Saturdays and Sundays.

Well COME Anytime!

Are these all the same — National Kateri Tekakwitha League, National Kateri Center, Office of the Vice Postulator, Headquarters of the Kateri Cause in the United States? YES, all can be reached by using the heading and sent to Auriesville, N.Y., 12016.

Anna Marie Adach is the League Secretary and receptionist and will handle efficiently all office business.

Visitors are always welcome. We boast of 24 hour service — well, give or take an hour or two.



Viewing from the South . . .



Viewing from the North . . .

KATERI'S INTERCESSIONS

a fantastic child
great new job

safe delivery
child protected

helped 50 years
vision corrected

denied check received
home from prison

back to god
off diet

DENIED CHECK GOTTEN

Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 which I promised to Kateri if she would help me to get my unemployment check which had been denied me in March of this year. After about two months I received a letter from the state saying that I had been reinstated and would start to receive my check. I thank Kateri for answering my prayer. I'm expecting my second child in November. I pray to Kateri that I will have a healthy baby. — *Bellflower, CA.*

50 YEARS HELP

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$100. in thanksgiving for prayers answered through Blessed Kateri. My brother-in-law died in his sleep after one year of cancer suffering. My sister is adjusting to widowhood. Another sister is still holding on to her property after one full year of court appearances. The buyers have two more weeks before final judgment. My daughter's health is improving. My granddaughter's leg injuries are healing and she is once again dancing. Health and peace in the family keeps getting better. Kateri hasn't let me down in fifty years. I pray to her every day. — *Westland, MI.*

SAFE DELIVERY

Enclosed please find a small donation in thanksgiving for my niece having a safe delivery on August 22nd. — *Charlotte, N.C.*

A FANTASTIC CHILD

A piece of information you might be interested in is that a couple of years ago, the half Sioux mother of a little girl I took care of came back to the Church

and had both of her daughters baptized. What do you think the name was? Kateri, of course! I was the godmother. Danielle Kateri is a fantastic girl of 9 now and always at the top of her class at school and a very good horse-back rider. Kateri would be proud of her, I'm sure. — *Santa Ana, CA.*

HOME FROM PRISON

Enclosed is a small donation that I am sending for thanking to Bl. Kateri. My son served 6 months and will be home from prison. I am thankful. — *New York, N.Y.*

GREAT NEW JOB

Blessed Kateri has come through for me again. She has not failed me in over 45 years. The past three years she has been working overtime on my behalf. I made the Kateri novena daily and promised that if my request was granted, I would send you a donation to be used in her name. It took 4 months but I never gave up hope that my prayers would be answered. The new job is great. Enclosed is my check. Finally I hope the June weekend was a great success. I would really like to have been part of the pilgrimage. Some day my family and I will be able to participate. — *Houston, Texas.*

PROTECTED

Enclosed please find a check for \$5.00 in appreciation for the wonderful protection Bl. Kateri has given my sweet granddaughter starting her first year in school with all its trials and tribulations and so many other problems she is confronted with in everyday living. — *Philadelphia, PA.*

EYESIGHT RIGHTED

My little donation carries with it a thank you for the favor I asked of Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha. I had a successful operation on my right eye and feel it was brought about by my prayers to the little Indian maiden. — *Portland, ME.*

BACK TO GOD

It was 30 years ago that I started to pray to Kateri. I am still trying to make up to her that I let my mother's miracle go unheralded. In just the past year I have seen a partial cure for an incurable disease; my father now believes in God and a return to prayer and church. I would like to think that this is all due to Kateri and the Sacred Heart. — *Greenville, N.Y.*

OFF DIET

Our first trip to Auriesville was quite an experience. In the Kateri Chapel we all touched our rosaries to the relic of Kateri. Afterwards we all noticed a strong floral scent on my rosary. We felt moved and my mother told me that I should pray to Kateri for favors and for her sainthood. A few months earlier in my pregnancy, two separate labs had done blood tests for maternal diabetes and both had shown I had a problem. I was put on a diabetic diet. After visiting the shrine that day and praying on my rosary for Kateri's canonization and for a cure to the diabetes, I had blood work done again. My doctor reported to me on my next visit that the tests came out perfect and I could go off the strict diet. The diabetes was gone. I thank Kateri and credit her intercession in curing me. Now my pregnancy is completely normal. — *Clifton, Park, N.Y.*

Deceased Members

Evelyn Kane, Johnstown, N.Y.
 Rev. Paul Shulte, Indianapolis, IN.
 Lillian Graczyk, Gloversville, N.Y.
 Charles Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio
 Thomas Crusis, Manuet, N.Y.
 Rev. William J. Ehrman, Fort Wayne, IN.
 Catherine McLaughlin, Chicago, Ill.
 Mrs. H. M. Gaudet, Lafayette, LA.
 M. C. Hayden, Buffalo, NY.
 Theresa Sticklemeyer, Cropseyville, NY.
 Rev. Joseph Manik, North Plains, Ore.
 Rev. Edwin Kenny, Mt. Vernon, NY.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Holtzman, Metairie, LA.
 Joseph Fisher, Lowellville, Ohio
 Rev. John Sullivan, OFM, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Sydney Foster, Portville, NY.
 Mrs. J. Goettle, Bloomer, WI.
 Margaret Flanagan, Albany, NY.
 Genevieve Rockwell, Shepherdstown, W. Va.
 Sylvia Fleckenstein, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. Gallagher, Hays, Ks.
 Madonna Bailey, Paramount, CA.
 Rev. Joseph Landowski, Burlington, WI.
 Loretta Leitch, Thief River, Minn.
 Dorothy Westgate, Rolling Hills, CA.
 Sr. Clarita Boland, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 John Coleman, Bethlehem, PA.
 Mrs. F. Berwanger, Alexandria, KY.
 Hortense Hardy, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Edward Foley, Kenmore, NY.
 Joseph Kameen, Forest City, PA.
 Nan Hagan, Landowne, PA.
 M. Stanek, Niles, Ill.
 Most Rev. L. Glenn, Crookston, Minn.
 Margaret Scinta, Buffalo, NY.
 Ovide Duma, Centerville, MA.
 Neil Zoba, Mahoney City, PA.
 Margaret Mary Devlin, Havre, Montana.
 John Doolan, New York City.
 Mary Finn, Broemall, Pa.
 Maria Julia Meza, El Paso, TX.

Please commend these souls and those of all deceased members to the Lord for His mercy.

"Walking in the Footsteps of Kateri" Now Offered in Slide Lecture Form

"A Sacred Journey: Walking in the footsteps of Blessed Kateri" continues in the form of a slide production produced by staff photographer Anne Scheuerman of Pittsford, New York.

The slide production covers a pilgrimage made by Native Americans to the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Shrines in Canada and New York state. It was during the August '85 meeting of the National Tekakwitha Conference at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York, that over 2000 Native American participants journeyed to Auriesville, Kateri's birthplace; to Fonda, where she was baptized; to Kahnawake, where she died; and to the St. Regis Reservation.

The story is told in 266 excellent slides. An accompanying cassette professionally recorded with music contains beep signals for use in automatically changing the slides as the events unfold. The script is clearly typed on 8½" x 11" paper for easy reference.

Permission is included to make photographs from the slides if anyone wishes to do so.

The slide presentation of this historically significant Sacred Journey may be purchased for \$180. including postage and postal insurance. Slide trays are not included.

The package may be bought from the League Office, Auriesville, New York 12016 by sending a check or money order for \$180. payable to the Tekakwitha League. Orders cannot be processed until after February 22nd.

Anne Scheuerman is a photographer par excellence. She journeyed with the Holy Father's press contingent on his Canadian tour in 1984. Many of her pictures have appeared in various issues of the LILY and other noted publications.

Currently she is a physical education instructor at Monroe Community College in Rochester, New York.



THE JOURNEY PAUSES on its way through the Mohawk Valley towards Kateri's Birthplace.

NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

1656 is the year Kateri was born. Recently in a state Lottery, this date was used and eventually picked as a winner. The prize was substantial and contributed to the payment of a large bill pertaining to the extension of the National Kateri Center. See Lottomania, Notes from the Bark, last LILY, p. 6.

We dare you to pursue this trivia: What did the Indians, when they arrived at Sainte-Marie, think pigs were? Answer: 'sɹæɔq ssɛɹɪH

When you fail to notify the League Office of a change in address, this is what happens and costly it is too! Here is what is involved: mailing and printing of the particular LILY, 30¢ paid when your copy is returned for address correction, then if another copy is sent, the cost is doubled. Secretarial work involved is expensive but not computed in the foregoing figures. Only those persons whom we have heard from in the recent past received another copy of the LILY. Others were not sent a new copy but their name remains on the League list.

Who drills the holes for Indian corn rosaries and necklaces available from the League? Who drilled 5000 holes in corn kernels to meet the demand of the requests for these items? 5000 holes were patiently drilled by Kateri Associate Thomas Walker, from Scotia, N.Y. At the Associates' Christmas party, Tom was dubbed Kernel Thomas Walker. There is no uniform to this title, no message of congratulations from the President; he simply has the distinction of persevering through the tedious task of drilling holes in 5000 small kernels of corn. Congratulations, Kernel!

NO VACANCIES this year at

Jogues Manor because it will be closed. The many renovations required necessitated this move in order to eliminate a hazard to possible occupants. Many motels in the area have given good service to Shrine pilgrims and could be contacted for overnight accommodations.

Pleased were we over the number of renewals sent in as a result of our short notice in the last LILY. This saves postage and letter writing. No new membership card is issued for the renewal unless requested. If you do not want an acknowledgement, please specify, for again postage and secretarial work are saved. For those who missed the last issue, the annual membership dues is now \$2.00.

What is Indian corn? Traditionally Indian corn has great significance to the various Indian tribes and most especially to the Hopi. Indian corn grows in colors and the colors have meanings. The four pure colors of black, white, red, and yellow represent the four directions of the earth — north, south, east and west, and also symbolize the four races of mankind. The speckled kernels represent the areas above and below the earth and additionally symbolize those who have mixed blood.

Often we are told when informed about a deceased League member that he or she was given a first class relic of Blessed Kateri many years ago. If the new relic is not cherished by someone else in the family, may we ask that it be sent to the League office. Many requests are still on file for a relic and one which is no longer being used could be well placed.

The 305th anniversary of Blessed Kateri's death, April 17, 1986, will be observed with a Mass in her honor in the Blessed Kateri Chapel at her birthplace here, Auriesville, N.Y. Even though the Shrine season has not begun, the Chapel will be opened for this Mass. The Mass will be at 7 p.m. and, as is the custom, is offered for the deceased members of the Kateri League.

The League has sent its sympathy to Father Jack Doolan upon the death of his father, John. Father Doolan is a very popular preacher here at the Shrine and has on many occasions helped the League in its work at Auriesville. Please keep his dad in your prayers and remember Father also.

Sister M. Yvonne Kelchlin, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Charity and a native of Buffalo, New York, graciously allowed us to print her prayer to Blessed Kateri which can be found on page 7 of this LILY. Sister Yvonne entered the Franciscan order at Stella Niagara, New York, and when her teaching career was interrupted by illness, she turned to an earlier interest in painting with very successful results. An example of Sister Yvonne's fine work is a landscape scene with Blessed Kateri in it. This painting is hanging at present in the conference room adjoining the Blessed Kateri Chapel.

Your Christmas greetings, cards, prayers filled me with much joy. This year I was up and about and I ask you to join with me in thanking Almighty God as I did during the Novena of Masses at the end of last year.

PRAYER TO BLESSED KATERI

*Longing for the "saving water"
To make you ever God's little daughter,
— DEAREST INDIAN MAIDEN FAIR —
Giving of self, — kindness to all,
Help us to imitate, follow God's Call
JOYFULLY.*

*Gathering wood, endless miles,
The Cross your support — countless trials,
— PUREST LILY OF THE MOHAWK RACE —
Help us to be faithful to duty,
Face life's hardships, in Grace with Beauty
COURAGEOUSLY.*

*The deep dark woods — safest refuge,
Friends, God's creatures — trees so huge,
— LITTLE KATERI, "LADY OF QUALITY" —
Come and put all things in order,
In Jesus Name, 'our Miracle Worker'
INTERCEDE FOR US.*

*Only God can fashion a saint . . .
Your life was truth and free from taint,
TEKAKWITHA, BLESSED KATERI —
Help us away from every sin . . .
Dare to be different to follow Him.
Teach us to trust in God above,
Model example of steadfast love.
— THANK YOU, OH BLESSED ONE —
"KAIATANORON" !*

Amen.

Sister Yvonne
7/14/84

Artist Is Redoing Official Picture

A larger painting of the official Blessed Kateri picture is being executed by the original artist Sister Mary Felicitas, RSM, of Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Her first painting was chosen as the official picture at the time of the beatification and was shown with Bishop Hubbard and Father



Sister Mary Felicitas, RSM

Ronald Schultz on the front page of the Albany Diocesan newspaper.

She was chosen because she would reflect a woman's feeling and understanding in her portrayal of another woman who struggled amidst many difficulties to gain the true faith. Also, Sister has captured some of the Native Indian features marred by suffering and pain. Finally, Kateri is represented as she now is as a beata in the heavens.

A native of Essex, New York, Sister has been a member of the Sisters for Mercy for over forty years. She studied art at the Catholic University of America and received a B.S. in Art Education from Rosary Hill College in Buffalo.

Sister has resigned from teaching elementary grades and art in high school at St. John's School, Plattsburgh, N.Y. Recently she is very active in doing pastoral work in the parish. The Tekakwitha Award was presented her in 1978.

The new painting, 21"x28", will grace the new section in the Center which will house pictures and memorabilia of the Beatification.

To Whom Were These Instructions Given?

More trivia — To whom were these instructions given? "Don't stand up in the canoe?" George Washington? "If you pick up a paddle, don't put it down." . . . Father Tom Egan? "Don't wear your hat." . . . Abraham Lincoln? No to all three of the answers.

All of these pieces of advice were given to the early Jesuit missionaries to instruct them on how they should comport themselves when traveling in a canoe with the Indians. The first

axiom cautions against the possibility of overturning the light canoes. The second enlightens the missionary to one of the etiquettes practiced by the Indians, i.e., picking up the paddle meant you intended to help row for the entire journey — not just part of the way. The third suggestion is based on the fact that the Jesuits used to wear the wide flat hat which when worn in a canoe would obstruct the view of the person seated behind.

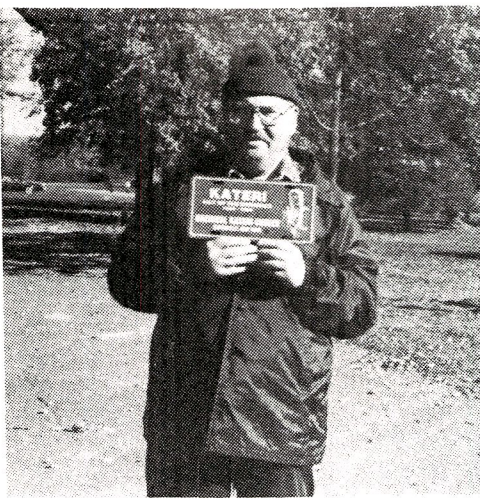
RANDOM NOTES

No longer can the League accept paintings or drawings for the National Kateri Center. The room set aside for the paintings we have is already filled. What we could use would be Indian artifacts or, better still, articles made by today's Native Americans.

Belated thanks to Mrs. Janet McNicholl who has recovered from serious injuries incurred in an automobile accident. She used to make leather crosses for the League but unfortunately cannot continue to do so. The League wishes her well and a total recovery.

Because the leather crosses were a very popular item at the Center, we would gladly welcome volunteers to make more. If you are interested, please contact Anna Marie Adach, League Office, Auriesville, New York 12016.

Another Noteworthy birth has taken place in the home of Tom and Carol Constantino of Amsterdam,



An unknown (Really?) holds the new Kateri auto plate made available last November. A red background carries the lettering in gold with Kateri's head outlined. Send five dollars to the

New York. In early December, the Constantino's second son was born. Congratulations to Tom, Carol and brother Anthony on the new arrival.

Often seen in beautiful downtown Fonda is Father Ronald Schultz, OFM Conv. riding his three wheeled

League Office and an auto plate will be yours in the next mail.

Notice how the plate stands out on the grill of the car. Some cars outside of New York have special places for an extra license plate. If not the auto plate can be wired to the radiator grill as shown in the picture below.



bike. Such a familiar scene caught the eye of a local newspaper which did a fine story of Father Schultz. You recall his fine work done at the Fonda Kateri Shrine until his illness. He is well on the road to recovery and if riding a bicycle is any indication, he may qualify for Olympic competition.

"This love of Katherine for her God was the source of her great love for the Holy Eucharist and the cross, which are indeed the two means by which the Saviour of the world proved His love for mankind most, and in which men owe Him that reciprocity, which Katharine gave in a marvelous manner. It would be difficult to increase the faith, love, and tenderness she felt for the Holy Eucharist. From the time that she had any knowledge of this great Sacrament, she remained devoted to it, and delighted in it until her death. We have seen her assiduity in doing her duty to God, her long prayers at the church, her fervor in her communions, the many tears with which she poured forth her love at the foot of the altar, the entire days she would spend there, even during the coldest weather in Canada." *Positio*, p. 292.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha League

(MARTYR'S SHRINE)

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