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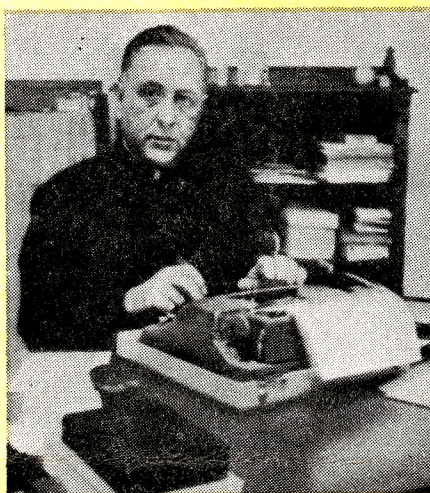
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## “Kateri’s” Author, 85, Dies at Weston, Mass.

The effluent author, Father Francis X. Weiser, S.J., of KATERI TEKAKWITHA, a life story, died October 22, 1986 in the Jesuit Infirmary, Weston Center, Mass., at 85.

Father was born at Vienna, Austria, in 1901, entered the Jesuits in his native city, studied philosophy and theology at Munich and Innsbruck. Later he gained a doctorate of Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

After a six-year absence from the United States, he returned in 1938, became an American citizen and served as a curate, then as pastor at Holy Trinity in Boston until 1950. Then he held teaching posts at Emmanuel College and Boston College during which he



Father F. X. Weiser, S.J.

wrote many articles and books in English and German.

He was widely known as lec-

turer and author, concentrating especially on Cultural History. Six books have been published in the English language including a seventh, the one about the famous Indian Girl, published in 1971. The latter has sold hundreds of copies, acting as a forceful promotional piece for the Kateri Cause.

In recognition of his scholarly and literary achievements, he was awarded the citation of Honor and the Jubilee Medal of the University of Innsbruck in 1970.

Illness confined him to the Infirmary until his death. His Mass of Resurrection was offered in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Weston. He is buried in the Jesuit Plot there.

## Eudes Center, Erie, Pa., Chooses Kateri as Patroness

Kateri has been made a special patroness of Eudes Center, Erie, Pennsylvania, which tries, through the street ministry of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, to help boys and girls (adults if they wish the services) who are involved in prostitution, drugs and alcohol.

Sister Mary Teresa Dame, OLC, writes: “This precious virgin can beseech Almighty God for these poor kids who are runaways or ‘throw-aways’.”



For Christmas, the girls on campus, at Cannondale, received the story about Kateri. Again, Sister remarks: “Kateri’s approach is just the absolute opposite to which most of our residents have experienced. May they be motivated by Kateri’s life to view their own future lives differently and want to be pleasing to our dear Lord.”

The LILY notes that this is another of the many institutions putting themselves under the name of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

**NEXT ISSUE: 4-Day Celebration of Kateri’s Feast Day At Auriesville & Fonda**



# KATERI'S INTERCESSIONS

happy death gained

kawasaki conquered

difference dissolved

deal closed quickly

ill to health

academics up

## HAPPY DEATH GAINED

I am writing to you in gratitude for the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I made a novena to her to obtain a happy death for an old friend. He was ninety-nine years old and in the hospital with a broken hip — in much distress. So I asked that the Lord might take him home. I asked Blessed Kateri to intercede for him. The day after I finished the novena my old friend died quietly in his sleep. I am very grateful. — *West Harwich, VA.*

## KAWASAKI CONQUERED

Our son Daniel was suddenly stricken in June of 1986 with Kawasaki disease. The disease is a rare disease that can damage the heart. The echocardiograms at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York showed evidence of how Daniel's heart was on its way to the development of aneurysms. He had fluid around the heart and the arteries were dilated.

Our family has had a relic of the bones of Blessed Kateri, given to us by the Cloistered Nuns of Riverrdale approximately 50 years ago. We placed this relic on Daniel's heart a few times during the illness' acute stage. Daniel was discharged in June. However, the electrocardiogram that would show the expected damage was to be in July. The cardiologist prepared my doctors for the development of many aneurysms.

July came and Daniel was given the echocardiogram. While we were in the room doing the test with the technician, the screen which showed the picture of the heart includes a statement for "Patient's Name". I brought the technician's attention to the fact that it was not Daniel's

name. Instead it read "Kateri . . ." It was not until later when the cardiologist informed me of how completely returned to normal Daniel's heart was that I realized how Blessed Kateri truly interceded to save our Daniel. I pray the Church recognizes her as Saint Kateri so that many others may pray for her blessing. — *Yonkers, NY*

## DIFFERENCE DISSOLVED

Enclosed please find \$10.00 for a favor received. In a particular situation a decision had to be made trying to satisfy 2 people involved. It was rather difficult. I prayed to Bl. Kateri and sure enough everything turned out well and both people were satisfied. Thanks to Blessed Kateri who interceded and helped. — *Fall River, MA*

## DEAL CLOSED QUICKLY

Enclosed please find a check for \$100. I promised it to Tekakwitha if my petition was granted. It was — on the ninth day of my novena, my attorney called and said the problem that was changing the buyer's mind about purchasing the house and three acres of land is going to be corrected, so he decided to close the deal within the following week.

Again my prayers have been answered and I will continue to promote and spread devotion to her as well as having her in my daily prayers. — *Florence, KY*

## ILL TO HEALTH

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is known for helping the sick. I read about her life when I was in the 4th Grade. Now I am a teacher and always have a picture of her

in my classroom. Whoever is ill, becomes well.

I knew a small boy about 4 years of age who had leukemia. I have seen him — just bones covered with flesh. I didn't believe that he would live through the summer. He couldn't walk at all. He had to be wheeled. I prayed for him to Kateri Tekakwitha and in the fall I saw the child skipping, running, and riding a bicycle. To me it was a miracle.

Another third grade child had blood poisoning throughout his body due to appendicitis. He recovered beautifully. — *Rockville, MD*

## ACADEMICS UP

Many years ago my sister had a picture of Kateri Tekakwitha in her mass book. This picture always fascinated us as Kateri was Indian and so beautiful. Some years later my Mother began receiving the Kateri magazine and became interested in the Kateri Cause. Three years ago I had difficulty in school with Math and my Mother gave me Kateri's picture and prayer. I failed the Math paper at Christmas and the teacher advised me to take the lower course. However I felt confident that Kateri would help me and she did. I said her prayer every day, keeping it in my pencil box. At the summer state examination I got a C and was thrilled.

In June I got my final state examination and got a B on my paper which the teacher was pleased with but I'm sure she was surprised. I attribute my success to Kateri and also to my grandparents who both died a week before my tests. I continue to pray to Kateri and hope that through my experience more people will pray to her and that one day she will be canonized. — *East Longmeadow, Mass.*





**PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN** — Scene above shows main participants in the blessing of the American Indian Ministry Center of the Diocese of Gaylord, namely, Nellie Webb, Pelliston, Mi., with flowers, Bishop Robert J. Rose of the Gaylord Diocese, Arlene Nagasashe, Petosky, Mi., Wilna Henry, Traverse City, Mi., and Father Andrew Buvala, OFM, director of Indian Ministry of the Gaylord Diocese. **RIGHT**, the Ministry's new Blessed Kateri Statue. Banner imprint: Blessed Kateri — Lily of the Mohawks — Ottawas from the Land of the Setting Sun.



The event took place, Sunday, July 13, 1986, a day before Blessed Kateri's Feast day so that as many people as possible could attend. The two Kateri Circles with the diocese were present along with many others including Gaylord's Bishop Robert J. Rose.

Led by the cross and two banners of the two Circles the procession entered the site where the customary woodland sweet grass blessing (smoking) as also an offering of tobacco by one of the elders took place. During the procession the Kateri Song was sung and an Ottawa Indian Song, "O Gwanatch Marie." Interspersed in the singing was the recitation of the Kateri Chaplet. "50 chaplets were ordered, one to every family present but we ran out of them" according to Father Buvala, OFM, the Ministry's Director. The ceremony was followed by a dinner served in the Center.

The statue appears to be the famous Bouvier one, 40" high, of concrete, with Kateri dressed in a blue shawl, a buckskin dress and a red skirt.

The Center was purchased three years ago and is used to accommodate the Indian Health Services Department when they come with their equipment to do dental work for the local Indian population. Father Buvala indicated many meetings are held in the Center and plans for enlarging it depend on the demands arising.

Summing up, Father Buvala said "All in all the Day of Blessing was just that for all the people in attendance."

## LILY Trivia

1. He was the youngest Bishop in the U.S. when ordained; he spoke in the North American College the day after Kateri's beatification. What position does he hold today relative to Bl. Kateri's Cause?

2. Often appearing in TV commercials to keep America litter-free. He is a Cherokee Indian. Who is he?

3. Name the president of an outstanding Catholic college in New York State who is well-known for his help to the Mohawks. He was awarded a recognition plaque at the Tekakwitha Conference last year.

4. Who were the two Native Americans who participated in Pope John Paul II's World Day of Prayer last October?

5. Now 75 years young this nun actively manages a Kateri Center for Western New York Native Americans. Who is she?

Answers on p. 6.

**MOVING?  
PLEASE SEND  
OLD AND NEW  
ADDRESSES  
THANK YOU**



## Book Review

**MIRACLES: A CATHOLIC VIEW**, McInerny, Dr. Ralph M., Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., Huntington, Ind., 46750, 153 pp, \$6.95, 1986.

What miracles mean to Christians, especially Catholics, and League Members praying for a miracle to gain Kateri's canonization, is the aim of this book. The author confronts the modern mind which, "because of the age of sophisticated technology and humanism, views miracles as a form of superstition, as a diversion for the easily led, or as an anachronism that should go the way of passing fads."

The Church, the Doctor declares, must present what miracles really are and what their purpose is amidst an atmosphere of unbelief. To this challenge he leads his reader through three phases.

In the first, various miracles in the Bible are described manifesting the power of God to his chosen people and as manifestations in the preparation for the new dispensation, e.g., the manna in the desert to prefigure the Eucharist.

Phase 2 shows Jesus to be in possession of a power that can only be called divine. The episodes: 1) those involving spiritual substances, as in the casting out of demons; 2) those involving heavenly bodies; 3) those involving humans; and 4) those involving lesser creatures. In these Jesus Himself is depicted as looking like a man among men, but what he does is not doable by mere men.

Lastly there are miracles resulting from visits to shrines, use of relics and uncorrupted bodies, and apparitions of Mary. Special attention is given to Marian features of the devotional practices of Christians over the ages.

Dr. McInerny, the Grace Professor of Philosophy and director of the Jacques Maritain Center at Notre Dame, succeeds through clear, understandable language to describe what he set out to do.

## Tekakwitha Is

Katherine Tekakwitha's help has been invoked under many titles — "Genevieve of New France", "Lily of the Mohawks", "Wonder-Worker of the new World", "The Holy Indian", and most beloved of all, "Kateri".

There is still another name to which she may lay claim — "Patroness of the Poor". Kateri's poverty was outstanding, even in an age when it was the order of the day in New France. When she died, her belongings would hardly have covered the bottom of her coffin. But it was voluntary poverty, not inherited.

According to Iroquois standards, Kateri was born rich and secure. Her father was the ruling war chief of the Mohawk Village of Ossernenon and his daughter was a princess, surrounded with power and plenty. The Mohawks were so powerful at the time of Kateri's birth and during the early years of her life that they were always the aggressors, never the attacked. In her father's longhouse, Kateri was well fed, her bed was lavishly supplied with beaver skins and she owned and wore on ceremonial occasions, as her birthright, much valuable and beautiful wampum.

Even growing up, an orphan in her uncle's house, Kateri was surrounded with comfort. Her uncle considered her a valuable possession, for it would be easy to find a young brave to marry her and so add his hunting and fighting skill to the cabin. Anyone would be glad to have a wife like Kateri, whose hands were skilled at all the work required of an Iroquois wife.

Great was the wrath of her uncle and aunts when Kateri refused to marry any of the suitors who came to present their suits. She was deprived of all but the bare necessities and made to work like a slave with the hope of breaking her to their will. But it was all in vain.

That was the first time she chose poverty.

Again, when she became a Christian, no food was left in the longhouse for her on Sundays, when she refused to do manual labor on the Lord's Day. Her aunts were sure that she would follow them to the fields when she got hungry enough. Kateri hungered and stayed in the longhouse.

The third and final time she chose poverty was at the Mission of the Sault when once again she was urged to marry, so that she would have a husband to provide her with the necessities of life. The matter

## Some Commandments

"There is but one Great Spirit. He is eternal, omniscient, omnipotent, invisible. Reverence Him and respect all worship of Him by others, for none have all the truth, and all who reverently worship have claims on our respect. So also, show respect to such things as are held sacred by others."

"Hold thy word of honor sacred. To swear falsely in the name of the Great Spirit is a sin worthy of death."

"If you would be a good member of the community observe the customs of your people. For many of these things are the wisdom of the Ancients and your fathers in the long ago."

"Honor and obey thy father and thy mother, and their fathers before them, for age is wisdom; and above all their love for you is everlasting."



# For The Poor

was referred to Father Cholenec, who pointed out to her the spiritual and worldly reasons why it seemed wise for her to have a husband. But he left the final decision to her — and she said, “The thought of poverty does not frighten me. My work will always supply the food I need, and a few rags are sufficient to cover me.”

With these words, Kateri ranged herself beside the poor forever. They who are dear to the heart of God are especially loved by Kateri and she showed this by practical means shortly after her death. The poor country people from around the Mission were the first pilgrims to her grave and her first miracles were performed for them. We have Father Cholenec’s word for that. He says in 1682 hardly a week passed that great miracles did not take place through her intercession. And he adds: “It was noticeable, however, that Katherine limited herself to the country and the poor people for several years, without entering into the cities.”

Her own people knew her kindness — the wife of Hot Ashes experienced the healing power of her blanket when she lay dying in childbirth. The women who were tending her, went to the Church to pray, and on their return, found her completely cured. Kateri’s blanket had been the visible means of a miracle.

Father LeBrun tells a charming story of a woman who was frantic with worry because her only cow became “vastly swollen” and was of no further use to her. She then called out to Kateri: “O, good Katherine, have pity on me! Save my poor cow!” Her prayer was answered, for God understands the cry of His little ones for their daily bread — and so does Kateri, Patroness of the Poor, who chose to be poor herself.

If Kateri could give the world a message this year — it might well be this:

“Do not let the thought of poverty frighten you; your work will feed you. And as for the security which the twentieth century was raised to the status of a golden goddess, forget her and concentrate on eternal security with your Father in heaven. Put first things first and leave the rest to him. He who marks the sparrow’s fall, will not fail you.”

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## ents Of The Indian

“Be chaste in thought and deed.”

“Be not greedy of great riches. If you have an abundance of wealth . . . share it with those who do not. Do not forget it is an honor to work for your own welfare and for others. Work should be a joy.”

“Do not indulge in too much firewater . . . It robs man of his strength, and makes wise men turn fools. Touch not nor taste any food or drink that robs the body of its power or the spirit of wisdom.”

“Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life; glory in your strength and beauty. Rejoice in the fullness of your aliveness. Seek to make your life long and full of service to your people. And prepare a noble death song for the day when you are about to cross the Great Divide. The Great Spirit looks forward to your return to Him.”

## Litany Of Kateri Tekakwitha

Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.  
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.  
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Kateri, lily of purity, pray for us.  
Kateri, consolator of the Heart of Jesus, pray for us.  
Kateri, bright light for all Indians, pray for us.  
Kateri, courage of the afflicted, pray for us.  
Kateri, lover of the Cross of Jesus, pray for us.  
Kateri, flower of fortitude for the persecuted, pray for us.  
Kateri, unshakeable in temptations, pray for us.  
Kateri, full of patience in suffering, pray for us.  
Kateri, keeper of your virginity in persecutions, pray for us.  
Kateri, leader of many Indians to the true faith through your love for Mary, pray for us.  
Kateri, who loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us.  
Kateri, lover of penance, pray for us.  
Kateri, who travelled many miles to learn the faith, pray for us.  
Kateri, steadfast in all prayer, pray for us.  
Kateri, who loved to pray the rosary for all people, pray for us.  
Kateri, example to your people in all virtues, pray for us.  
Kateri, humble servant to the sick, pray for us.  
Kateri, who gave joy to the angels with your love of humility, pray for us.  
Kateri, your holy death gave strength to all Indians to love Jesus and Mary, pray for us.  
Kateri, whose scarred face in life became beautiful after death, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.

### Let Us Pray

O Jesus, who gave Kateri to the Indians as an example of purity, teach all men to love purity, and to console your Immaculate Mother Mary through the lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, and your Holy Cross. AMEN.

Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.



# NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

Trivia answers: 1. Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, bishop of Albany, is the episcopal head of the Kateri Cause. 2. Iron Eyes Cody, a Cherokee. 3. Father Frank Haig, S.J., president of LeMoyne College, Syracuse, N.Y. 4. Burton Pretty On Top and John Pretty On Top. 5. Sister Marcella O'Donnell, SSMN.

Replacing Father Fleig as treasurer of the Tekakwitha League is an old friend, Father Joseph Moltesz, S.J., who holds the same position for the Retreat House and Shrine.

Two new names have been added to the "Kateri Chapel Keepers" plaque: Rose Marie Sweeney, Don and Judy Applegate and Family, Iliion, N.Y. At the end of the last season a memorial in honor of Father Robert Fleig, S.J., was added.

A bit late but accomplished was the dispatch of a large box of toys to the Rosebud Reservation from the League for Christmas. This year we'll start earlier to gather some very welcome play-things.

Mary Stampahar of Pittsburgh, Pa., passed away last June. Her membership dated back to 1939, making her the longest to hold League ties. Every year she would send a generous gift to express her love of Blessed Kateri. Her son and husband ask for prayers for Mary's soul and their well-being. Yes, you have them.

Having tasted cold weather upon arriving from Miami enroute to Auriesville, the Wilfredo and Maria Navarro family had to purchase a new wardrobe of warm clothes. The youngsters seeing snow for the first

time romped and played in it and enjoyed it, too. Maria and her husband came for the second time this year to purchase Kateri articles for their promotional efforts in behalf of Kateri in and around Miami. Mr. Navarro is special assistant to the president on Central American affairs.

What, no bus trip this year! Yes, the tour guides decided to pass one year. They'll be busy with their own trips and with many other projects here at League Headquarters.

April 17, the anniversary of Kateri's death, falls on Good Friday, therefore no Mass can be celebrated, usually for the deceased League Members. The Mass will be offered one week from the 17th in the Blessed Kateri Chapel at 7 P.M.

The last guest to sign in on the last day of the past season was from Bolivia. The guest book registered visitors from 15 countries, not to mention nearly every state of the Union.

What was the first mobile home? THE TIPI. (Leapin' turtles, how did that get in here!)

Pope John Paul II will visit the United States this year and will stop in Phoenix, Az., where he will have a special meeting with the Native Americans, Sept. 14, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Further details will be given in the next LILY along with how the League will be represented.

The Western New York Kateri

Center, 341 7th St., Buffalo, N.Y. is opened four days each week featuring cultural activities as sewing, quilting, crafts, beading, carving, and Indian dance and song. Phone: 716-852-7649.

Thanks to the Noteworthy Company of Amsterdam, New York, carpeting for the entire National Kateri Center and seven almost-new display cases have been given to the League. The cases will provide attractive exhibit space. And the carpeting not only will enhance the appearance of the Center, but will also provide necessary sound proofing.

LeMoyne College's president, Father Frank Haig, S.J., will leave the Syracuse school this summer. After a brilliant term as head of the college, Father will return to the classroom where he will teach his choice subject, physics, at Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland.

In behalf of St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, S. Dakota, 57326, an appeal is made for S & H Green and Top Value stamps. Campbell's labels are also very helpful. So far a new van was acquired and now the Mission hopes to redeem enough stamps to cover the operational costs of at least one residence for high school students, this school year. Please send stamps and labels directly to the Indian school.

Pardon the repetition but we must ask you not to send offerings for candles to the League Office but to the Shrine Director; that you immediately notify the League about an address change; that you inform us about favors granted; and that you are valued friends.



## Spirit Houses Shelter Northland Fallen

I found the scene most unexpected. Brightly painted miniature houses of a variety of colors and patterns sprayed over the field of green ringed in by a stand of spruce-covered muskeg.

evangelizing the Native Americans. The mission complex features a church dating from Nickolai's time, hewn from logs and dedicated to Saint Nicholas the Wonder-Worker and Saint

family would erect the spirit house over the grave. The spirit house would be painted in colors traditional and unique to each family. The shape of the house depended on the discretion of the family. Usually the house was to scale with a regular-size house, rectangular, with a peaked roof and little doors and windows. Visits to the grave by family and friends were customary, especially on the occasions of anniversaries of death. A traditional gift to leave at the grave was a bowl of rice mixed with honey and raisins.



**SPIRIT HOUSES COVER GRAVES** at Athabaskan Cemetery at Russian Orthodox Mission in Eklutna, Alaska.

The purpose of the spirit houses is two-fold: There is the metaphysical consideration of having the spirit of the dead person "linger", being "present" in a more graphic way, residing in memory and real spirit-presence in the house; the practical consideration is based on respect for the dead — the house protected the grave-site from people's walking over it or from animals unearthing the body.

I would never have imagined I was standing in a cemetery. However, for the Denaina-Athabaskan residents of Eklutna, Alaska, these "spirit houses" have been the traditional grave markers for generations of their deceased.

Eklutna is twenty-six miles north of Anchorage. It is a small village of one hundred twenty-seven citizens, of which only about fifty are regular residents, mostly Denaina people. Their unique cemetery, one of the most colorful of the Americas, is part of the Russian Orthodox mission complex constructed by Athabascans under the guidance of the missionary Father Igumen Nickolai in the mid-nineteenth century. Father Nickolai (born 1810 in Intambov, Russia) left his homeland to work in its Alaskan colony, travelling around the out-back in wagon and dog-sled,

Herman of Alaska, the first saint from the Orthodox church from Alaska. A new chapel, still in regular use, was completed in 1962. The walls of the chapel are covered with rare icons of various images dear to Orthodox Christians. Candles still are the sole source of light in the old chapel. A miniature log shrine with a small "onion dome", typical of Russian architecture, and made of hand hewn logs, houses icons in honor of "Theotokos" — Mary, the Mother of God. And, of course, there are the cemetery and spirit houses.

According to custom, when an Orthodox Indian is buried, the family places a new blanket over the grave, which is given instead of flowers as is the usual Western European-U.S. tradition. A cross is placed at the foot of the grave, signifying that the fallen was a Christian. On the fortieth day, the

Native American burials differ widely in style, depending on the nation: burial scaffolds, such as on the Plains, the Ojibway custom of burial in a sitting up position, cremation and mortuary poles of the Northwest "totem" nations and the Athabaskan spirit houses. The common denominator seems to be a deep reverence and regard for the dead. The Native American revered the dead and upheld vivid and real memories of generations past. Ancestors continued to "speak." Such a regard for the dead evokes scriptural parallels: the burial ministry of Tobit (Tobit 1:17), Judas Maccabee's exhortation to honor and expiate the fallen (2 Maccabees 43) and of course, the Resurrection of Jesus. His rising from the tomb made holy the resting places of all who sleep in eternal peace.



**BAY MILLS INDIAN RESERVATION, UPPER MICHIGAN, RIGHT,** now has its own parish with Rev. Joseph Lawless, S.J., pastor.

In 1940 Father Paul Prud'homme, S.J., built a church naming it St. Catherine's for the Bay Mills Indians with the mind of changing it when Blessed Kateri would be declared Blessed. Today it is Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church.

At present the parish has 210 people, 71 families. The people worked for a lumber company, fished, were woodsmen and dredgemen, all the while constructing the attractive edifice in



## Deceased Members

Magdalen Fritton — Lockport, N.Y.

Julia Henry — Phoenix, AZ.

Margaret Farrell — Asbury Park, N.Y.

Marion Gaffney — Danvers, MA.

Rev. Aloysius Deimel — St. Clair Shores, MI.

Mrs. Adelaide Niklas — Buffalo, N.Y.

Maria J. Aguirre — Chihuahua, Mex.

James Farrell — Belmar, N.J.

Don Wolf — Hyannis, MA.

Mary Stampahar — Pittsburgh, PA.

John J. Casey — Philadelphia, PA.

Mary Irene Casey — Philadelphia, PA.

Connie Maskewicz — Beacon, N.Y.

this picture.

Parishioners recall with affection many Jesuits who have taken care of them for a long time: Rev. Wm. Gagneur, 1897-1937; Rev. Paul Prud'homme, 1937-46; Rev. J. Lawless, 1946-53; Rev. James Birney, S.J., 1953-59; and Rev. Joe Lawless, 1959-?.

Is Kateri known there? Father Prud'homme had a special devotion to her and talked about her

on many occasions. He possessed a Kateri relic that he used in blessing the sick.

This is one of two parishes with headquarters at Sault St. Marie. Judging from its parish bulletin it ranks with any suburban parish as far as activities are concerned. Father Joe Lawless services both areas.

## Congratulations!

The Kateri League joins the Aylesford Carmelites in saluting Fr. Howard Rafferty, O. Carm., who retires after 18 years as Director of the Carmelite Third Order and the National Scapular Confraternity. Father Howard is a real friend of Kateri and always led his pilgrims to the Kateri Center. Multos dies, multos annos!

## McCauley Family In Car Crash

Over Thanksgiving the Alan McCauley family of Phoenix, Arizona, was in an auto accident causing serious injuries to Alan and son Francis. Mr. McCauley sustained a neck injury which will take seven months to heal; Fran suffered a back condition. Mrs. McCauley and two children in the back of the car were saying the rosary and were unharmed.

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