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Layette Gift-Away Marks Feast Day

Join in the baby layette Gift-Away! Only identification, no involved rules, will provide a layette for a new-born child.

A layette is a set of infant garments needed for a young child. The layettes to be given away will contain: a crib blanket, 2 receiving blankets, 2 shirts, 2 kimono-sleepers, 2 towels and washcloths, 2 dozen disposable diapers and 2 bibs.

The child must be a Native American, boy or girl, from any tribe. Proof of date of birth which must be on or closest to the Feast Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, July 14, 1988, must be submitted by July 30th by mail to the Tekakwitha League Office, Auriesville, New York, 12016. The layettes will be mailed out as soon as the entries are received.

If possible, a picture of the infant is requested and will appear in the next issue of the LILY.

**ALL ROADS NOW OPEN TO
KATERI'S BIRTHPLACE**

**EAST-WEST + WEST-EAST
THRUWAY ALL CLEAR**

**ROUTE 5-S OPEN
BETWEEN AMSTERDAM
& FULTONVILLE**

COME & ENJOY



Feast Day — July 14, 1988

*Purest Lily - Humble Maiden, by
the river you are waiting. Help us to
the other side. God sent you for our
guide.*

*Your holy life here on earth was a
path to our new birth. God took you to
his heavenly home at the time the lilies
bloom.*

*He knew we needed you up there for
our intercessory prayer.*

*O Plant a cross in each heart so we
never will depart.*

*When we see the lilies bloom on that
Glorious Easter morn we will look to
the cross you loved.*

*Blessed Kateri from above hear our
prayer.*

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A Report

Whither The Cause?

What happens when a cure or healing is reported to the Vice-Postulator? The report is carefully read and then follows a number of very important steps.

Initially the writer is sent a form to be filled out indicating the nature of the cure and/or healing. Verification that Blessed Kateri was asked to intercede must be made and all medical records must be made available and submitted along with a statement about the incident from the attending physician.

All medical records from the physician and the hospital are then examined by local authorities. X-rays or similar documentation showing before and after the cure or healing must be studied. Statements are then collected from any witnesses to the cure or healing or from those who have learned about the facts from friends or relatives of the person involved.

Duplicates are made of all statements, films and documents submitted

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BOZEMAN, MONTANA

AUGUST 17-21, 1988

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KATERI'S INTERCESSIONS

compensation granted

tumor fear leaves

explosion avoided

mom suggests novena

jobs, housing found

COMPENSATION GRANTED

I prayed to Blessed Kateri that she would help me get my workman's compensation, which I did receive and am very grateful since I've been out of a job 11 months. — *Pueblo, Col.*

TUMOR FEAR LEAVES

I have deterioration of 2 vertebrae in my neck and lower back problems, also 2 artificial hips from deterioration. The last 2 years I have had terrible pain and pressure in my head and ears. One chiropractor wanted me to have tests for fear of a brain tumor.

On Saturday, July 25, 1987, I was given a prayer card of Kateri Tekakwitha. I placed it in my shirt pocket and when I closed the store at 3:30, went home and taking off my shirt, the prayer card fell on the floor. I picked up the card and showed my wife the picture of Kateri. She asked what the prayer said. I turned the card over and when reading the second line of the prayer I felt very weak and stumbled. My wife said, "You are sick, aren't you?" I replied, "No, I just feel funny." I bent down and picking up the prayer card I had a burning sensation in both of the bad spots in my neck. I turned my head several times. The pain and the pressure in my head and neck was gone. I have had no more pain or pressure since that day. — *Mechanicville, N.Y.*

EXPLOSION AVOIDED

I want to thank Blessed Kateri for her intercession on behalf of my son. He was out of work 4 years (age 27) and I felt like I was at the explosion point. He is

now enrolled in a school. He has no self esteem. I call this a real miracle. And my daughter's kitty was ill for 4 days — the vet thought it was leukemia. I prayed to Blessed Kateri because I was sure she loved animals and sure enough the cat is healthy as ever. — *St. Louis, MO.*

MOM SUGGESTS NOVENA

My first introduction to Kateri was through my mother. About 5 years ago, Mom was fighting a case of Lymphatic cancer when she came across an article in the Universe Bulletin published in the Cleveland Diocese. This article referred to Mr. Joe O'Brien, a Cleveland Chevrolet Dealer in Lyndhurst, Ohio, who had a personal campaign to further the cause of canonization for Kateri. Mom developed a personal devotion to Kateri that seemed to ease her malady.

I found myself out of a job because the company had closed its doors. Mom suggested that I make the novena to Kateri and gave me a copy of her prayer. Taking the prayer, I didn't start my novena for about 4 weeks because I was too busy looking for a job. After I had exhausted many of my employment resources I decided to take my approach to the novena seriously and said the prayer for the next nine days. On the ninth day I received a call from a prospective employer to whom I had earlier sent a copy of my resume. The job was offered after a scheduled interview and my employment now has been steady and rewarding till this day.

I have since shared this prayer with a friend who was also out of a job and he too was then offered a recall and transfer and finds himself, although relocated,

employed and enjoying the benefits of full seniority with the same company.

If you have her life story and perhaps a small picture I would be honored to continue to share her memory and try to promote her love to Jesus and His cross for deserved canonization. — *Stow, Ohio.*

JOBS, HOUSING FOUND

On 10/20/87 I received my membership to the League and received a financial blessing. Jobs for my husband, son and myself were found in September. My sister, daughter and aunt found housing. Enclosed is \$20. Thank God and Kateri. — *Morena Valley, CA.*

"BLACK FLY" GOES AWAY

I feel I must share this with you. I am nearly blind — with a limited amount of vision in my right eye. This eye has many little floaters in it, which distorts my vision even more. Last Thursday I developed "out of a clear blue sky" a large black floater in this eye, the size of a fruit fly! My heart sank, as the "fly" continually appeared flying back and forth in my line of vision. I'm aware of the fact that when a floater appears it doesn't leave.

I'm devoted to Blessed Kateri, the patroness of orderliness, and whenever I want to get things done in an orderly fashion, I sit down quietly and say 3 Hail Marys to her. Guess what? Sunday morning, when I awoke the black "fly" was removed! Need I say more? — *Kenmore, N.Y.*

FAVORS GRANTED

Donation of \$20 for favors granted — *Phila. PA.*

HOLY FATHER FULFILLS PROMISE TO RETURN TO FORT SIMPSON, CANADA

4,000 Indians came by canoe, car, and float plane to join the Holy Father for Mass, Sept. 20, 1987, in Fort Simpson, Northwest territories, as he fulfilled a promise to return after his plane in 1984 was prevented from landing because of dangerous weather conditions.

The Pope moved freely among the visitors even though countless hunting weapons abounded in the area giving security men no concern in contrast to the demonstrations and threats made while the Pontiff toured the United States.

"To proclaim your dignity and support your destiny is why I have come," said Pope John Paul. He offered backing to the demands that the Leaders of Canada's 500,000 Indian and Metis people have made for the return of their ancestral lands and for the right of self-government. Once again, "I affirm your right to a just and equitable measure of self-government along with a land base and adequate resources for developing a viable economy for present and future generations.

As Chief Shepherd, he warned: "For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? (Mt 16:26) What would become of the 'life' of the Indian, Inuit and Metis peoples



POPE JOHN PAUL EMERGES from a tipi for Mass at Fort Simpson, Canada, Sept. 20, 1987. Robes were handcrafted by Native Americans, made of white leather and trimmed with beaded flowers.

AP/Wide World Photos

if they cease to promote the values of the human spirit which have sustained them for generations? If they no longer see the earth and its benefits as given to them in trust by the Creator? If the bonds of family life are weakened, and instability undermines their societies? If they were to adopt an alien way of thinking, in which people are considered according to what they have and not according to what they are?"

This is a decisive time in their history, the Pope told his Canadian friends. He remarked that the soul of the native peoples of Canada is hungry for the Spirit of God, because it is hungry for justice, peace, love, goodness, fortitude, re-

"USE YOUR TALENTS TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH AMONG YOUR PEOPLES."

sponsibility, and human dignity. He assured his audience that they must be spiritually strong and clear-sighted as they build the future of their tribes and nations, adding assurance that the Church would walk with them.

The Holy Father appealed to all his listeners, especially the young people, to accept roles of responsibility and to contribute their talents to building up the Church among their peoples. He asked all the elders, leaders, and parents to encourage and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In this way the Church would become ever more at home in their cultures, evangelizing and strengthening their traditional values and customs.

When leaving for Rome, the great traveller prayed: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, grant you, (the Aboriginal peoples of Canada), a spirit of wisdom and insight to know Him clearly. May He enlighten your innermost vision that you may know the great hope to which He has called you (Eph 1:17-18)."

"In the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I bless each one of you, and pray for the peace and happiness of your families, your bands, and your nations. God be with you all!"

FOREVER, FOREVER

Memorials for the living and/or deceased may be arranged on plaques hung in the Blessed Kateri Chapel or in the National Kateri Center at Kateri's Birthplace. Individual neatly imprinted names on 2"x4" (approx.) metal are attached to a larger display. Donation is \$100.00 Arrangements may be made through the League Office, Auriesville, N.Y.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many Christmas cards, beautiful ones, and notes expressing best wishes for the New Year arrived practically every day for a month. These were heart-warming and deeply appreciated. The novena for your intentions went off smoothly even though many didn't write down specifically their needs. Make 1988 a year of prayer for Blessed Kateri's canonization!

Princess Esther Kane Phillips — 1920 - 1987

by Mary-Eunice

"She was an institution but now no more." stated Father Leon Lajoie, S.J., pastor of St. Francis Mission Church, Kahnawake, where the funeral Mass for Esther Kane Phillips was offered on Monday, Nov. 9, 1987. Better known as Princess White Dove, Esther died on Nov. 6 in Montreal Memorial Hospital.

Princess Esther was a special person. My husband, Joe, first met her at Kahnawake when he was gathering information about the then Venerable Kateri in view of making a film on the Indian Maiden. Esther lived two doors from the church and was ever ready to answer questions asked by tourists. When history did not record a name for some of the people she invented them. So as a result many of us writing stories and drama use the same names. I asked her how she knew the names of so many in Kateri's life. She laughed saying: "I made them up. They had to be called something!" At one time the bones of Kateri were in a glass case. She would say: "I'd hate for people to look at my bones and say that is all that is left of Princess Esther!" How she rejoiced when Kateri received a new tomb!

She saved the day when on one occasion one of the Mohawks needed a drum for their dances at Auriesville. The drum was left behind so she borrowed our phonograph case and beat the top of it as though it was the real thing. We still do not know how the phonograph survived but the event was saved.

She was a featured singer in



HER STRONG, beautiful voice has been stilled but this pose will linger forever in those who heard Esther sing.

the famous Kahnawake Mohawk Choir that sang every week in the Mission Church and every year in the Coliseum at Auriesville. She was a choir member for 50 years.

Not only was she a talented singer but like Tekakwitha did outstanding bead work. Pilgrims visiting the Martyrs Shrine would look for her table displaying her beaded crafts. Many carried home beautiful souvenirs made by the Princess — some of which I now cherish in having.

When Fr. McBride and I were made honorary Mohawks, Esther took charge at the St. Regis Mission. She warned Father that he would

have to dance . . . and he did! She passed out cigars. Father Joe sniffed at the one he held in his hand . . . but not wanting to decline: "I'll put it into my pocket until later." The Princess knew he didn't want it but assured him: "You'll get used to them, Mohawks always smoke up a storm."

It was Father Michael Jacobs, then pastor of St. Regis, and White Dove that gave us our names. Father Joe would be known as Rakeni Karonhiio (Chief Blue Skies) and I would be Princess Kasenniosta which means she makes the name of Tekakwitha known and loved. Both of us felt so honored that day

and when we traveled across the country we told our audiences about our names. But Esther told me: "You might be a princess but you still have to do dishes!"

In 1976 the Tekakwitha League selected Esther as

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"She was such a good friend . . . and to think we shall not hear her laugh, sing or joke anymore is so sad. We are sure she is with Bl. Kateri in heaven." — Irene & Chuck Busch, Twinsburg, Ohio.



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1980 AT AURIESVILLE Skypeak (Colin) and his Mother Princess White Dove.

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Chairperson along with Dr. Solomon Cooke to head the planning Committee for the League's activities at the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia. Esther with her son, Colin, distributed thousands of promotional pieces on Kateri. Humor was no small part of her. One day at the booth a youth came up to her and asked: "Are you a real Indian?" "No, I was made in Taiwan," came the Princess'

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"I shall never forget visiting her in Canada with my son. Even though she was in a wheelchair she invited us into her home, made tea, and chatted about all the good past times." — Renee Gendron, Shirley, Mass.

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answer. At the performances she was always commanding

in appearance and people would say: "She has to be the leader of the entire Tekakwitha League."

In 1980 came Kateri's beatification, off to Rome. I can still see Esther sharing the altar at St. Peter's with the Holy Father as she read the petition in Mohawk. She was the first woman to fill this role in the Basilica. After all

## Kateri's "Porta-Pedl-Padlr"

Who is Kateri's "P-P-P?" He is Joe Semanchik of Bridport, Vermont, who studied Kateri's life while working at the Fonda Shrine several years ago. What he learned helped to retrace and draw a map of Kateri's escape route from Fonda to Canada, portaging, pedaling, and paddling.

Joe had a stained glass window of the Indian Maiden installed in St. Bernadette Church, Bridport, facing Lake Champlain as a memorial of the 250-mile canoe rescue by two Christian brothers from Canada, bringing Kateri to safety.

Semanchik is determined that Amerindian Day — the fourth Friday in September each year — be not forgotten even though the World Almanac has dropped it from its calendar of events. Last year he greeted visitors to the DAR mansion in Addison, Vt., and explained the many contributions and rich history of Native Americans. His specialty is the re-enactment of Kateri's abduction and rescue in the Lake Champlain region.

Father McBride and Mary-Eunice met Joe 15 years ago in his wild-life camp in Connecticut where they first saw the buffalo head which now hangs in the National Kateri Center. As a lector in his parish Joe prays that Amerindian Day never be forgotten.

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"I always as a youngster had the idea Esther was the one who ran the Shrine. Later I learned a Jesuit was in charge . . . but when I first met the Princess I was 8 years old." — Josiah Dugan, N. Y. C.

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was a Princess.

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Later came the illness and the wheelchair. She still smiled and greeted everyone happily. She gave full support to the Tekakwitha League for many years. Now she is part of the history of making a saint . . . and one who truly loved Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

The Incas: The Sons of Inti Live On

While Europe was crawling out of its "Dark Ages", the Inca Empire of South America was in its zenith. The remains of the Inca culture in Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile are perpetuated in archaeology, history, mythology and most importantly, in the living traditions of the millions of Native Americans who claim descendancy from this nation.

The Inca Empire extended some two thousand miles along the towering Andes mountain range of western South America. At its height, the empire emanated from its capital in Cusco, Peru. The name "Cusco" means "navel", suggesting its centrality. The origins of the Inca are colored with ample mythology, beginning with the legendary Manco Capac, who is said to have risen from

Lake Titicaca to found his people. Legendary as their origin may be, their achievements were factual and impressive! From 1200 A.D. to the mid-fifteenth century, the Inca established a fearsome reputation through a systematic subjugation of neighboring peoples militarily. The dynamic Incan emperors were benevolent autocrats who embarked on establishing an empire that could boast of roads, sophisticated terraced agricultural methods, domestication of the previously feral llama, vicuna and alpaca, effective local administration, impressive engineering of cities, elaborate artwork and uncanny ability in astronomy. Much of their expertise in astronomy came from their religious devotion to

the Sun ("Inti"), which was the center of their pantheistic devotion. Subjugated people gladly accepted the progressive Incan rule rather than face violent subjugation.

Why, then, did the Incas go into decline? Two events tragically coincided for the Inca — one of them feeding off of a long-buried prophecy from their past. After the death of

dreds of thousands. Pizarro was eventually assassinated by partisans of his traitorous confederate, Diego de Almagro, but his brothers re-consolidated the "conquista" begun by Francisco. The period of the hispanization of the Inca had commenced.

Present descendants of the Inca are known as Quechua people, related by

customs, language and history. Largely impoverished, these sierran Indians still form a plurality of Andean South American population. Their blood flows through many more of the "mestizo" people, part Spanish, part native, who are the Peruvians, Bolivians and Ecuadorians of today. They are the "condor and the bull" — the condor being the sacred bird of the Inca, the bull being

the quintessential Spanish animal.

A culture lives when it is dynamic — when it is flexible to the exigencies of the day while remaining reverential to its past. Although the "Inca sun" abruptly set from its zenith by the Spanish "conquista" of the sixteenth century, it was uplifting to see a revival of appreciation of Inca past while I was touring Peru this past year. Native art and folkloric dance and music is being encouraged and developed. Inca ruins are being restored and evaluated in a pluralistic, non-judgmental way. Liturgy is offered in the Quechua language. Sierra Indians have begun forming social and political organizations of indigenous peoples. No-

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QUECHUA DESCENDANTS of the Incas conduct business at the market in Pisac, Peru. Many traditional dress and customs remain.

Huayna Capac, the last of the great Inca emperors, his sons jostled for power and splintered the empire (1525). In 1532, Francisco Pizarro arrived from Spain. It happened that his arrival providentially (for him) corresponded to a prophecy that a white god (Huircocha) would return to the Inca at that time. This prophecy was based, perhaps, on a promise to return by a Norse visitor centuries prior. Whatever the case, Pizarro gained esteem, trust and power in short order. When his ambitions, steep even by conquistador standards, became realized, it was too late. Pizarro executed Atahualpa, the Emperor, and with barely over two hundred soldiers was able to conquer the Incan Empire of hun-

A Cassette Review

KATERI TEKAKWITHA, a Mac-cabees/Whorf Production, 239 Pilgrim, Birmingham, Mich., 48009, 1987, \$10.00, sold at League Office, Auriesville, N.Y.

The new cassette on Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, was written, narrated and taped by Michael Whorf, a known and popular Mid-west radio personality who daily broadcasts from Ann Harbor, Michigan and from Windsor, Canada. His program is KALEIDOSCOPE. Whorf orally portrays historical and patriotic figures. In honor of the Holy Father's visit to America he produced this 45-minute cassette, 1987.

It is one of the best narrations I have heard. Mr. Whorf has a melodic voice that lends itself to narration and drama. What I like about the work is that it gives the history of the early Indian, especially the Iroquois nation in the mid-17th century. When the tape begins you hear the sound of birds and then the paddling of the canoe. You can almost see the 2 priests and Indians going to Ossernenon. There they discover small pox has spread and many are dying. It is at this time we are first introduced to Kateri.

Later, Whorf portrays Kateri's friend,

Fr. Cholenec, in an authentic French accent. We get to know more about the North American Martyrs and finally Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil, and John Lalande who were martyred at Ossernenon, Auriesville.

The narrator brings in Anastasia who cared for Kateri in the early years and also her great friendship with Marie Terese, who gave an accurate account of the life of her best friend. She tells us of Kateri's love of the Blessed Mother and rosary, of penances she practiced, and the vow of virginity to God in 1679. We are also present at the Mohawk maiden's death.

This cassette would be excellent for societies but especially for schools and CCD classes. Students would get to know some Indian history plus Jesuit missionaries who planted the seeds of Christianity. Most history books contain information on those early days among Native Americans but how much better to hear the story with a musical background and sound effects . . . that brings to life Blessed Tekakwitha? Chet Adams of Detroit gave ample information to Mr. Whorf. Also I am pleased to have my voice recorded on the tape as KATERI TEKAKWITHA.

— by Mary-Eunice

The Incas —

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tably, the epicenter of revolutionary social thought is located in the Andean city of Ayacucho.

The progress of peoples is a subjective notion. In the case of the Incas, their days of imperial might has forever passed. Ahead is the contribution of the "spirit of the condor" in shaping the politics of modern South America and enhancing the cultural patrimony of the world.

Next Issue: The Mystery of Macchu Picchu.

APRIL 17, 1988
308th Anniversary of
Blessed Kateri's Death

Fire Ruins Tuscarora Chapel

A valuable painting of the Holy Family depicting an Indian Mary, Joseph, and the Child Jesus was destroyed with the entire Holy Family Chapel, Nov. 4, 1987, about 2:19 P.M. The Chapel was the Parish Chapel on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation, Lewiston, N.Y., in Western New York State.

Arson is suspected but no ruling has been made on it. Deputies said the doors to the church were locked at about 1 P.M. following services. No sign of forced entry was evident. All of the doors and windows of the church were ap-

parently intact before the fire.

A fund drive to rebuild will be channeled through Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, which is staffed by the Barnabite Fathers. Preliminary plans call for moving the new edifice off the reservation.

New Inscriptions for "Kateri Chapel Keepers"

In memory of
Raoul and Bella Vallieres
Sister M. Generosa, O.S.B.
Gertrude M. O'Donnell
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beardsley

Tekakwitha League Deceased Members

Sister Mary Jude — Elizabeth, N.J.
 Sr. M. Laurentia — Albany, N.Y.
 Miss Veronica Keuler — Chilton, WI.
 Mary E. O'Donnell Cherkes — Lowell, MA.
 Alex Cherkes — Lowell, MA.
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 Frances Hoffman — Pittsburgh, PA.
 Esther Phillips — Kahnawake, Canada
 Louis Benedetto — Oakland Park, FL.
 Sister Mary Edna — Spokane, WA.
 Mary Dodge — Lakewood, OH.
 Mr. Law — Zimbabwe, Africa
 Jeanmarie Tekakwitha Kress — East Rockaway, N.Y.
 Mrs. Kathryn Gibbons — Cleveland, OH.
 Rev. C. Latour, OMI — St. Albert, Canada.
 Jeanette Unwin — Flint, MI.
 Mr. George Schumm — Columbus, OH.
 Dr. Stefanie De Creudt — Detroit, MI.
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 Rev. Joseph McDonough — Phoenix, AZ.
 Mrs. Mary Kelly — Trafford, PA.
 Mrs. Rhea Nadeau — Cohoes, N.Y.
 Mrs. Barbara Andrews — St. Cloud, MI.
 Mr. George Gaylor — Woodhaven, N.Y.
 August Reiners — Adrian, MN.
 L. Glavin — Chicago, Ill.

When Friends Depart

*Be still my soul
 when dearest friends depart
 and all is darkened
 in this vale of tears.*

*Then shall you better know
 His love, His heart,
 Who comes to soothe
 your sorrow and your fears.*

*Be still my soul:
 your Jesus can repay,
 from His own fullness,
 all He takes away.*

(Author unknown)

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, even if he die, shall live." We cannot mourn as those who have no hope.

Apostleship Of Prayer



Ouray

Ouray is remembered for his skill as a peacemaker and politician who succeeded in uniting the diverse and roving bands of Utes. Fluent in Spanish, English and tribal dialects, he sometimes signed his name as Ouray the Arrow. Born about 1820 in Northern New Mexico, he was the son of an Uncompahgre Ute and probably an Apache mother. The Uncompahgres, also known as Tabeguaches, were the most numerous of the Utes, and after Ouray's father died he became chief of this wandering band while still in his twenties. Because of their remoteness from travel routes across the West, the Utes avoided confrontation with whites until after the gold and silver strikes of the 1860's.

Ouray recognized early the power of the strangers swarming into Colorado, and through his friendship with Kit Carson and others he obtained advantageous terms in the Treaty of Conejos which he signed October 7, 1863.

Five years later, dissatisfied with the survey lines for the promised reservation, Ouray journeyed to Washington and arranged a new treaty which was completed March 2, 1868. The acreage and annuities that he obtained were the most liberal assigned to any tribe up to that time. The agreement also united all the Ute bands, named Ouray as chief, and allotted him an annual income of one thousand dollars, a considerable sum for those times.

In 1879, when the White River Utes staged their uprising against agent Nathan Meeker in northwestern Colorado, Ouray demonstrated his leadership by quickly arranging a truce on October 2, and then effecting a peaceful solution to the conflict. Soon afterward, on August 24, 1880, Chief Ouray died on the Ute Reservation in southwestern Colorado.

"We thank you for the beatification of our sister in faith, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. We prayerfully await the day when the Church publicly celebrates Kateri Tekakwitha as Saint Kateri Tekakwitha." — Bishop Donald Pelotte to Pope John Paul II, Sept. 14, 1987, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Tekakwitha Burse

Last year the Tekakwitha League donated \$500.00 to establish a burse in honor of Blessed Kateri for the education of a Jesuit seminarian. A sum of \$8,000 completes a burse, a sum usually used to educate one seminarian. Contributions to this fund may be made by sending whatever amount to the Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau, 39 E. 83rd St., NYC, 10028 or to the League Office in Auriesville, N.Y. Specify your gift is for the Tekakwitha Burse.

Even before ordination to the priesthood some young students pursue the costly trek to higher degrees — masters and/or doctorates better to equip them to staff high schools and universities.

A Report

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and are kept on file here with the League Office, in the Albany Diocesan Chancery Office, and with the Postulator General in Rome.

Father Paul Molinari, S.J., Postulator General and known as the maker of saints in Rome, investigates the reports. Next the documents are submitted to a board of medical experts who are called upon to pass judgment on them after carefully studying them. Finally the Congregation in charge of the Cause of Saints must vote affirmatively that the case in question represents a true miracle before the whole case is brought before the Holy Father for his approval.

Within the past year, data pertaining to several cures attributed to the intercession of Blessed Kateri have been organized, namely, an instantaneous healing of a broken bone, the cure of a liver ailment, the restoration of eyesight, and the disappearance of a cancerous tumor in the bladder.

Besides cures and healings, reports of return to the faith, a deeper spiritual life, more peace in one's life, cure of alcoholism, remaking and strengthening marriages, successes in business and academic life are all on record. Although these are specific and real answers to prayer, unfortunately they would not be accepted as examples of first class miracles by the Congregation in Rome.

It remains, therefore most important that prayers to Blessed Kateri continue to be offered for one sound first class miracle which would immensely hasten, if not conclude, the process for canonization of Blessed Kateri.

Marlene McCauley's Poem Listed in "New Voices — 1987"

"Lily of the Mohawks" a two-page poem by Marlene McCauley of Phoenix, Arizona, is included in "New Voices in American Poetry — 1987" compiled by the editors of Vantage Press, New York City, 1987.

Marlene's opus deals with the life of the Indian Maiden and is not her first attempt in the field of arts. She has sculptured a statue of Blessed Kateri, written and produced plays on various subjects, and has acted in theatrical works. Her talents have produced sketches of Blessed Kateri and motivating banners one of which was used last year at the Tekakwitha Conference and now hangs in the National Kateri Center.

She and her husband, Alan, are parents of six children and often appear on stage together. The family received the 1975 Tekakwitha Award.

The McCauleys' many appearances have been praised as a "living testimony of values" which "brings joy in these troubled times." to which Marlene responds: "It gives us great joy to impart family ideals when the family structure has



Marlene McCauley

deteriorated so. Playing, working, and praying together provides cement for a solid family unity."

Pope John Paul received the McCauleys in a special private audience at the Pope's summer residence two years ago. When the Holy Father came to Phoenix last September Marlene and Alan held a reception in his honor even though the papal guest of honor could not attend personally.

A copy of Marlene's famous poem was run in the Spring LILY, 1980, and may be read on pp. 265-66 of the anthology.

LILY Trivia

1. When Bishop Pelotte asked Pope John Paul to canonize Blessed Kateri, what was the Pope's reaction?
2. Who were the League's representatives in Phoenix for the papal visit?
3. What must be proved for a cure to be miraculous?
4. In Fr. Reilly's homily given last year on Bl. Kateri's Feast Day, with whom did he compare Kateri?
5. What is public veneration allowed for a Blessed and a Saint?
6. Recently a scholarship for a Native American was established at the College of St. Rose in Albany. For whom was it named?
7. What does Akwesasne mean?
8. Who was the first woman to read a petition in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City?
9. Name some reason or reasons for erecting a totem pole.
10. Name any two famous Indian Chiefs and their tribes.

Find answers in NOTES FROM THE BARK, page 10

NOTES FROM THE BARK

by father mcbride

Squeezing into one issue — Winter-Spring — is an experiment. A work crush at the beginning of the year found it difficult to get the Winter issue to press, also making the Spring issue late. With a combination into 12 pages the Summer newsletter can be on time when in past years it always was mailed late in August. Let's see how this works!

Also, a postage increase is about to raise its ugly face. To beat it the combined issues will do so if gotten out by middle of February or the beginning of March.

Up goes the membership fee to \$3.00 per year. Constant rise in costs really causes this adjustment. Communications are necessary and will continue. Don't let this cause you to think your membership in the League will be interfered with if you don't pay on time. You are important in carrying the message to others that you receive in the LILY.

What else is troubling us? When you move please send your old and new addresses to the League Office. Thanks to our computer and its operator, Anna Marie, we are getting a better handle on the mailing list. Your cooperation in this effort will benefit you and our office procedures. Thanks!

Nine boxes of new toys and clothing were sent at the end of November to the Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota. We were told that two persons hopped into

their car one sunny day and distributed the contents where needed and appreciated. The toys were given to Father McBride by Kateri Associates as a Christmas gift. He wished he had time to play with the gadgets for he is a little child at heart although the ticker beats much slower than a child's these days.

Trivia answers: 1.) Gently smiled and softly nodded his head. 2.) Anna Marie and Dick Adach. 3.) That the change is not due to any medication or therapy or any other natural causes. 4.) With Mary. 5.) A Mass or other liturgical celebrations acknowledging a person to be a saint. 6.) In honor of Iron Eyes Cody. 7.) Where the partridge beats its wings. 8.) Esther Phillips, Princess White Dove. 9.) To identify individuals, a family, or a clan; to tell histories of a clan; a nefarious deed would be announced; to act as a final resting place of a deceased by putting his ashes in the pole, etc. 10.) Pontiac (Ottawa); Tecumseh (Shawnee); Chief Joseph (Nez Perce); Sitting Bull (Sioux), Geronimo (Apache); Chief Blue Skies (Oops! How did he get in here?).

Sunday, April 17, is the 308th anniversary of Blessed Kateri's death and will be commemorated with a Mass at 5 P.M. in the Kateri Chapel here at her birthplace. The Mass is the annual remembrance of the deceased League Members.

Will you kindly think of the

League in your will? Consult your lawyer about inserting this gift into the document especially under the 1988 tax laws, Legal title is Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha League of Auriesville, N.Y. Thank you abundantly!

A new set of four wheels with all the accessories on top — not the first such generous gift in the past 25 years — was given the League recently. Please remember the donors in your prayers.

Our good friend and Kateri promoter in the diocese of the Caroline & Marshall Islands, Father Ron Sams, S.J., wrote telling of the destruction caused on Truk by a typhoon. Several people were killed; windows in the cathedral were blown out; multi-damages done around the diocese.

1988 makes 20 years by Father Joseph McBride as vice postulator of the Kateri Cause in the United States. His appointment made by his Jesuit Superior was approved by the apostolic administrator of the Albany Diocese, Most Rev. Edward J. McGinn, D.D. Comment from Fr. McBride: "The experiences of faith on the part of so many is indescribable. Personally, twice downed by sickness, prayers to Blessed Kateri by friends had me back on my feet. What a privilege to be working for such a powerful intercessor as the saintly Indian Maiden!"



“KATERI IN THE WOODS” where she often went to find God and to play with His creatures,

drawn by Sister Mary Felicitas, RSM, often seen doing her artistry at Auriesville.

The winds are dark passages
among the stars,
leading to whirling void pockets
encircled by seeds of thought,
life force of the Creation.

I am turtle,
and slowly, my great flippers move
propelling my body through space,
and starflowers scatter crystals
which fall as mist upon my lidded
eyes.

I am turtle,
and the ocean of my life swim
is a single chant in the Creation,
as I pass others of my kind,
my own, unborn, and those,
the holy ancients of my childhood.

My swim is steady and untiring
for great is the burden given me,
the praise and privilege of my
eternity
rests upon my back as a single seed
to which I am guardian and giver.

I am turtle,
and my tribes forever remain
countless,
from the day I first raised my head
to gaze back upon the horn of my
body,

TURTLE

of all these wonderous days.

The wrinkles and cracks upon this
ancient shell
are the natural contours created
by the feel and request of burdened
rock

and soil, blood and sustenance to
clans within clans,

I am turtle,
and the earth I carry is but
a particle in the greater Creation,
my mountains, plains and oceans,
mere reflections in a vaster sea.

Turtle, I am called,
and breathe clouds of rain,
and turn slowly my body to seasons
in cycle with my grandchild, Eagle,
whose wings enfold thunder pulses,

back to back, and
seldom meeting in time.

Patience was given me by
Creation,

ancient song on tomorrow's wind,
this chant that was taught my
tribes

is now unsung by many clans
of a single tribe,

and truly
such pains that exist for this
moment,
which slay so many of the innocent
cannot but end in pain repeated
as all are reflected twins to self.

I am turtle,
and await the council of my tribes,
clan into clan, the merging thought
that evil was never the star path,
and

then the chant to the four
directions,

I am turtle,
and death is not yet my robe,
for drums still throb the many
centers of my tribes, and a young
child smiles me of tomorrow,
“and grandparent,”

another child whispers, “please,
tell again my clan's beginning.”

blue cloud

spring, 1973

National Observance of Kateri's Feast Day — July 9 - 10, 1988

League's + 's & - 's

The income for the Tekakwitha League for the year 1987 amounted to \$74,991.37 while the total expenditures for the same period of time were \$57,300.91.

Approximately two thirds of the income was in the form of donations to the Cause and included several large donations which were earmarked for specific projects such as the carpeting for the National Kateri Center or pads for the kneelers in the Blessed Kateri Chapel. Other sources of income were membership dues in the League, Mass stipends sent in to Father McBride for specific Mass intentions, and articles sold at the National Kateri Center and through the mail.

Postage fees, the costs of printing the LILY and other materials distributed by the League to promote the Cause, and other supplies, from the computer system to the paper used by its printer and from the materials exhibited to the materials sold at the Center represent two thirds of the total expenditures. The other third is expended in

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Events At A Glance

At Fonda, N.Y. — Saturday, July 9
4:30 P.M. Mass

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At Auriesville, N.Y. — Sunday, July 10, 1988
Transferred Feast Day Celebration

Concelebrated Mass — Noon
Martyrs Shrine Coliseum
Celebrant — Father Thomas Egan, S.J.
Pastor of St. Regis Church,
Hogansburg, N.Y.

Homilist — Father Robert J. Boyle, S.J.
Martyrs Shrine Director

Announcements of Tekakwitha Awards Recipients

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At Auriesville, N.Y. — Thursday, July 14, 1988
Blessed Kateri's Feast Day

Masses: 9 A.M. & 7 P.M.
in the Blessed Kateri Chapel.

National Kateri Center open all day, slides shown.

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Further information, call: 1-518-853-3153

Fonda Shrine is on Route 5,
2 miles West of Fonda, N.Y.

Martyrs Shrine is on Route 5-S
between Thruway Exits 27 & 28

Go For A 4.0!

At least two colleges in New York State offer scholarships to Native American youth, one at LeMoyne College, Syracuse, New York, and the other at the College of St. Rose, Albany, New York.

Applications for these grants should be made to the proper dean at the respective colleges. The LeMoyne scholarship is named after one of its presidents, Father William J. Schlaerth, S.J., and is currently being held by a Native American girl.

In honor of Iron Eyes Cody, a Chippewa, the same company which established the LeMoyne College grant instituted a similar award at the College of St. Rose.

Both scholarships were given by Thomas B. Constantino, president of the Noteworthy Company, Amsterdam, New York.

salaries, alms and other necessities such as utilities, insurance and automobile costs.

The difference between income and expenditures is kept in reserve to cover the costs of Blessed Kateri's canonization.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha League

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