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Bishop Donald Pelotte is pictured blessing the plaques which were awarded to the 1989 Tekakwitha Awardees at the liturgy honoring Kateri's Feast Day. Pictured with Bishop Pelotte is Fr. Boyle. The vestment worn by Bishop Pelotte was presented to the League as a memorial to Father Joseph S. McBride, S.J. It was a gift of Msgr. Paul A Lenz and Ann Scheurman.

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, consoler of the Heart of Jesus, pray for us.
 Kateri, bright light of 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 of 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.

Native Americans Participate In Liturgy At St. Patrick's

Native Americans were praised for maintaining a model of social living during a Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on May 21 as part of a commemoration of the Marquette League.

Cardinal O'Connor of the New York Archdiocese was the principal celebrant of the colorful liturgy. Mohawk children from the St. Regis-Akwesasne Reservation on the United States-Canadian border performed an Indian Friendship Dance during the procession before Mass. Accompanying the dancers was an Indian song sung to the beat of a rattle and a drum.

Representatives of Catholic agencies which minister to Native Americans throughout the United States were participants at the Mass.

Cardinal O'Connor noted in his homily that Native Americans have struggled through the years to overcome numerous injustices which have deprived them of their true heritage.

The cardinal also underscored the respect and reverence for the environment which has been a hallmark

of the Native Americans throughout their history.

At the presentation of gifts, Cardinal O'Connor accepted from the Mohawks a basket handwoven of sweetgrass, from the Lakotas a peace pipe, from the Arapaho a beaded sunburst pendant and from the Navajos a sand painting of Our Lady and a priestly stole in typical Navajo weave.

During the presentation of gifts, a hymn to Blessed Kateri was sung in the Mohawk language.

Father Thomas Egan, S.J., pastor of St. Regis parish at Akwesasne accompanied the Mohawks on their trip to New York and concelebrated the Mass along with Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; Fr. Robert J. Boyle, S.J., Vice-Postulator of the Kateri Cause in the United States; Fr. George White, O.M.I., a Mohawk; and Fr. Thomas A. Modugno, archdiocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Assisting at the Mass was Deacon Ronald Boyer, an Ojibwa who is married to a Mohawk.



Pictured outside the great door of St. Patrick's Cathedral which bears the image of Blessed Kateri are young people from St. Regis-Akwesasne performing a Friendship Dance as they prepare to join the procession before the special liturgy.

KATERI'S INTERCESSIONS

ANSWERED PRAYERS

Please accept this small check for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause. I am sending it in thanksgiving because Blessed Kateri came through again and answered my prayer. She never fails me. I pray every day for her canonization. — *North Bergen, NJ*.

I would like to thank Kateri for all the help she has given me for the past 40 years. — *Lafayette, LA*.

I am enclosing a check in thanksgiving for answering my prayers. Thank you, Blessed Kateri, very much! — *St. Louis, MO*.

The enclosed check is in thanksgiving for a favor received from Blessed Kateri. I feel she is my great friend and protectress. — *Lakewood, OH*.

I am sending five dollars for my answer to my prayers. My son is doing so much better. Thanks to Blessed Kateri! — *Paramount, CA*.

EXPLOSION AVOIDED

I want to thank Blessed Kateri for her intercession in behalf of my son. He was out of work four years and I felt like I was at the explosion point. He is now enrolled in a school, starts March 31. I call this a real miracle! Thank you, Blessed Kateri! — *St. Louis, MO*.

FINANCIAL CRISIS

Enclosed is a check of \$10.00 for Kateri's League for she has helped me in my financial crisis and I know she will continue to help me and also my son in his financial crisis. Thank you

Kateri. May you some day soon be a saint! — *McKeesport, PA*.

SHE NEVER FAILED ME

Please accept this small donation in thanksgiving for still another favor I have received through Kateri's intercession. I have been praying to her and for her canonization for over 35 years. In all that time she has never failed me. It seems the dear Lord cannot refuse her anything! — *Livonia, MI*.

SISTER SAVE

As promised, I am writing to tell you that I asked Blessed Kateri for a favor — an immediate one and it was fulfilled. I have been praying to her on a daily basis but an emergency came up today and I resorted to her aid and I was answered. My sister in California had a break-in in her apartment and was staying on there and we hadn't heard from her and as soon as I prayed she called! I pray Blessed Kateri is elevated to Sainthood — I will continue to pray as her sweet intervention to Jesus Christ is indeed heard! — *New Britain, CT*.

SURGERIES SUCCESSFUL

Blessed Kateri did it again! This time she helped me through an eye surgery. I was afraid as the doctor only gave me a fifty-fifty chance. The operation took 3 hours, but the actual surgery only took 45 minutes. You can't imagine how relieved I was when the doctor took off the eye patch. Now I feel whole once again. Thanks to Blessed Kateri, I can see with both eyes! — *Brownsville, TX*.

For the last few years I have been praying to Blessed Tekakwitha. In December I had

an operation on my shoulder for a fracture that did not heal. I prayed especially to Blessed Tekakwitha and although I have a long way to go, the operation was successful. I hope someday to visit her shrine and will continue to pray for her canonization. — *Susquehanna, PA*.

ORDER RESTORED

My donation is in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for helping me put my life into order. I thank God and dear Blessed Kateri for helping me and my loved ones. — *Plattekill, NY*.

BUYER FOUND

Enclosed you will find a ten dollar donation in honor of Blessed Kateri for a favor answered. My daughter has been looking for a buyer for her house for two and a half years. She found a buyer but the sale has as yet not been completed but I know it will close soon with the help of Blessed Kateri. — *Irving, NJ*

24 HOUR SERVICE

In thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for 46 years she has been my best friend. Always there for me, 24 hour service. — *Denver, CO*.

PETITION HEARD

I wanted to report as a matter of thanksgiving and courtesy to Blessed Kateri, a favor in which Blessed Kateri seemed definitely involved. My wife, a teacher, has had an ongoing vexing anxiety in her school during the past year. On June 10th we were passing Auriesville and dropped off for a brief visit and (left a) petition at the Kateri Chapel. Within two days, the problem cleared. Remarkable! Thanks. — *New York, NY*.

Tekakwitha Conference Has New Director

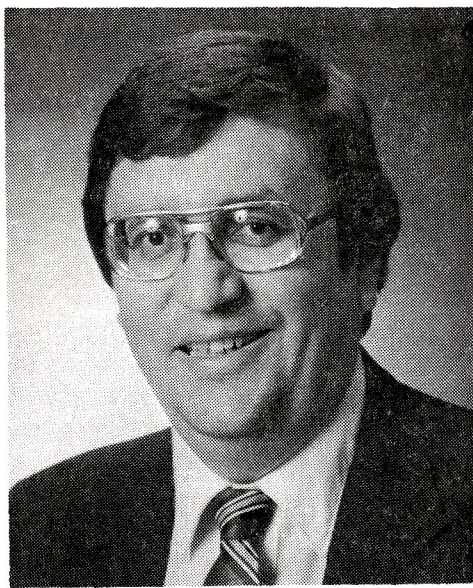
Native Americans in the Catholic Church celebrate a new milestone with its Board of Directors hiring of the first Native American Executive Director for the Tekakwitha Conference National Center.

Mr. Frederick "Fred" A. Buckles, Jr., will become the new Executive Director effective September 1, 1989. He will be serving his internship under the direction of Fr. Gilbert Hemauer at the Tekakwitha Conference National Center during the summer months.

Mr. Buckles, the son of the late Frederick A. Buckles, Sr., and Lorena P. Buckles of Wolf Point, Montana, was born and raised on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. He graduated from Poplar High School in Poplar, Montana.

The Tekakwitha Conference, begun in the Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota in 1939 as an association of missionary priests ministering with the Indian people, remained primarily a support group of priests into the late 1970's.

Fr. Gilbert F. Hemauer, entrusted with the leadership in 1977 and confirmed in 1978, incorporated the Tekakwitha Conference in 1979 and expanded the Board of Directors in 1980. He served as founder of the Tekakwitha Conference National Center and as its first President and Executive Director. In the early 1980's, Most Reverend John F. Kinney, Bishop of the Diocese of Bismarck, was appointed Episcopal Moderator and serves as a liaison



Frederick "Fred" A. Buckles, Jr.

between the Conference and the USCC and NCCB.

As a step toward full Native leadership within the Tekakwitha Conference, in 1986, the leadership roles were shared by Fr. John Hascall, OFM Cap., Native priest and Medicine Man, as President and Fr. Gilbert Hemauer as Executive Director. Both will continue to serve in these capacities until August 31, 1989.

The Tekakwitha Conference, today, is a growing unity of Native Americans in the Catholic Church. In the Conference, priorities and goals are strengthening native voice, presence, identity and leadership; social justice; alcoholism and chemical dependency awareness; youth and family ministry; inculturation of native and Catholic ways; spirituality; catechesis; and native ministry preparation.



Pictured are: Chet Adams, who accepted the award on behalf of Michael Whorf; Sr. M. Juliana Haynes, of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; Fr. Robert J. Boyle, S.J., Director of the Kateri Center; Most Rev. Donald E. Pelotte, auxiliary Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico; and Mrs. Catherine Bolsenga of Evanston, Illinois.

Father Timothy O'Dwyer, S.J.

A familiar and beloved fixture on the Shrine scene will be sorely missed. Father Timothy O'Dwyer, S.J., stationed at the Shrine since 1970, died following a stroke on July 29th, 1989. He was 82 years old. His warm smile and friendly greetings endeared him to the pilgrim visitors. He was a popular confessor and his homilies stressed how much God loves us and our need to love our God and our neighbor. His devotion to Our Lady led him to preach about her often. During the Sunday Eucharistic processions, he led the hymn singing and Immaculate Mary was always featured.

The liturgy of the Resurrection was celebrated on Wednesday, August 2nd in the Coliseum. Fr. Francis V. Courneen, S.J., Superior of the Jesuit Community, was the principal celebrant and homilist and presided at the prayers of final commendation. Many priests and religious and a large congregation participated in the liturgy. Father Tim is buried at Auriesville. May his great soul rest in peace!

Deceased Members

Herman Tocacelli - Derby, CT

Sr. M. Augustine - Buffalo, NY

Bernice Johnson - Broadalbin, NY

Rev. P. J. Roebrocks - St. Louis, MO

Hedwig Lucasewitz - Ridgewood, NY

Chet Igermann - Kenosha, WI

Ruth Rossney - Belmont, NY

Mrs. J. Rodusta - White Castle, LA

J. Andrew Smith - Yonkers, NY

Rosetta Francis - Los Angeles, CA

Mrs. Edith Jackson - Thousand Oaks, CA

Louis Vost - St. Louis, MO

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Fifty Years of the National Tekakwitha Conference

Fargo, North Dakota — 1939 — First meeting of the National Catholic Indian Conference — about ten missionary priests met at the suggestion of Archbishop Meunch to discuss the missionary apostolate and effort.

Fargo, North Dakota, 1989 — one cardinal, six bishops, more than 80 priests, more than sixty



National Kateri Conference Grand Entry. St. Lucy's Kateri Group and Father Robert J. Boyle, S.J.

ordination; a native deacon, John Cavanaugh, was ordained to the diaconate by the Bishop of Fargo, North Dakota. His eminence, Francis Cardinal Arinze, Secretariat for Non-Christians, Rome, Italy, participated in the grand opening dance, many of the ceremonies, gave the keynote address, and was principal celebrant at the closing Liturgy.



Liturgy National Kateri Conference

sisters, many brothers and approximately five thousand native Americans gather for the 50th National Tekakwitha Conference. The theme — Walking the Sacred Circle with Jesus Christ.

The Sacred Circle — Life — is fragmented and broken by family friction, alcoholism, drugs, unemployment and strife among tribes.

Healing and making the circle whole is possible through the healing love of Jesus, making Him the Lord of my life, striving to live my life according to his teachings.

The conference days are filled with a schedule of prayer, liturgy, teaching, singing and dancing. Over all there was a sense of friendship, purpose, cooperation and determination. This conference marks a new beginning in the life of the National Catholic Indian Conference. The conference is now led by a layman; up to the present, the president has been a priest. The new head of the conference is a native American, as was his predecessor.

During the conference, Father Gilbert Hemauer, longtime president of the Conference, celebrated a Liturgy of thanksgiving on the 25th anniversary of his

Bishop Donald Pelotte, S.S.S., of Gallup, New Mexico, and Bishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M., of Rapid City, South Dakota, the first native American bishops participated in many of the activities.

The opening dance, led off by the Native Americans from the northeast, circled the vast field house, the North Dakota State University Bison Sports Arena, on the campus — as the participants danced in, a inner circle was formed — and as they continued to file in, a third circle was formed — dancing in peace and harmony — the Sioux, the Blackfoot, the Navajo, the Arapahoe, the Iroquois, the Dakotah, the Lakota, and many other tribes and nations.

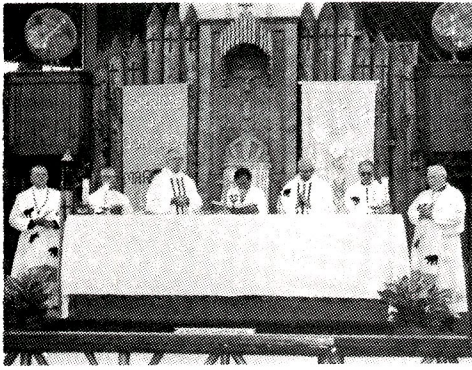
The sunrise liturgy — the principal celebrant,

Fr. Collins P. Jordan, a Sioux . . . Father Gil's anniversary . . . the ordination liturgy of John Cavanaugh, Deacon . . . the closing liturgy with Cardinal Arinze a principal celebrant . . . the Pow-wow — three or four concentric circles dancing in the field house of immense proportions . . . the devotion to Blessed Kateri evident throughout the conference . . . all of these were the highlights of the Conference!

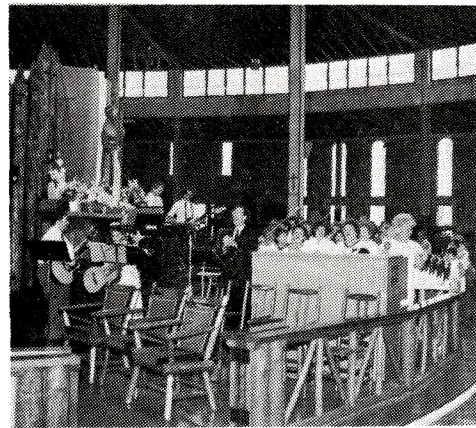


National Kateri Conference Pow-wow. Father James Carey with Native Americans from St. Lucy's, Syracuse, N.Y.

Kateri Weekend At Auriesville



Concelebrants — Kateria Day with Bishop Pelotte in one of the more solemn moments of the liturgy.



The Choir at the Liturgy with choir director Dick Gigante pictured in the center.



Msgr. Paul Lenz, Executive Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions with Bishop Pelotte and Father Boyle.

To celebrate Blessed Kateri's feast day there were Masses in the Kateri Chapel on Friday, July 14, and Bishop Pelotte was principal celebrant of the Mass in the Coliseum on Sunday, July 16th. Concelebrants included Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, Executive Director of Catholic Indian Missions, Fr. Henri Bechard, S.J., Canadian Vice-Postulator of the Kateria Cause, Fr. Thomas Egan, S.J., St. Regis Mission, Fr. Jerry Lavigne and Fr. Robert Boyle, S.J., Vice-Postulator of the Kateri Cause for the United States.

Dick Gigante of Syracuse directed the choir for the liturgy.

Bishop Pelotte spoke eloquently about the needs of the Native Americans, the progress that has been made, but how much remains to be done.

Bishop Pelotte received the cherished Tekakwitha Award presented during the liturgy. The other recipients were Sr. M. Juliana Haynes on behalf of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Mrs. Catherine Bolsenga of Evanston, Illinois, and Michael Whorf of Birmingham, Michigan.

At the dinner in the Shrine Dining Hall the recipients of the award spoke briefly in response. Bishop Pelotte recalled his early years in Maine; Sister Juliana encouraged prayer to the two Katherines — Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and Blessed Katherine Drexel, foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; Catherine Bolsenga shared her experiences with the young Girl Scouts and their growing devotion to the Blessed Kateri through her enthusiasm and dedication. Michael Whorf was not able to attend, but Chet Adams accepted the award in his name.



The Blessed Sacrament Sisters with Catherine Bolsenga at the liturgy of Kateri Sunday.



A picture of Mother Katherine Drexel was presented to the League by Sr. M. Juliana Haynes at the reception for awardees.



Before the liturgy, participants in the processional are pictured outside the Coliseum.

NOTES FROM THE BARK

Congratulations to Father Ronald Schultz, O.F.M. Conv., on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Father Ron's Jubilee celebration took place on June 3rd with a Mass and reception at St. Cecelia's Church in Fonda, New York. For a number of years Father Ron was Director at the Fonda Kateri Shrine. The League extends its warmest wishes to Father Ron for many more years of ministry!

Native American Day was observed in the Buffalo Diocese on Saturday, June 3rd, with a Mass, a meal and a program. The celebrant of the Mass was Msgr. Walter Kern, spiritual advisor to the Buffalo Diocesan Native American Association whose foundress Sr. Marcella O'Donnell, S.S.M.N., was a fervent promoter of Blessed Kateri's Cause and of the Tekakwitha League.

KATERI CENTER NEEDS REPAIRS! One Saturday morning recently the floor of the Kateri Center started to give. The supporting beams had rotted. At present a major part of the older section is roped off for the protection of visitors. We hope to have repairs completed in the near future and the Center floor will be sturdier than before. Better ventilation and reinforcing support beams will assure many years of service for the 14 year old building.

One of the League's promoters and devotees writes of the great devotion of Gerard Capore, the president of her company, to Blessed Kateri. The Irvington, New York, firm bears the name **TEKA PRECISION, INC.** which Mr.

Capore called his company in honor of Blessed Kateri for whose canonization he has prayed for so many years.

Efforts to update the office records and procedures using the computer system purchased by the League within the last several years are moving along quite well thanks to Brother Jim Dennehy, S.J., whose computer expertise is responsible for the progress. His skill and patience have been invaluable to the League's office staff. And yet again the Kateri Associates have stepped forward to help out. Associates, Fran Janeski and Kay Kralovic donate one day each week to enter data from the archived League files. Dick Adach has taken a turn or two at the keyboard and Peg Berecka has done some invaluable preliminary work readying the data. Thanks to all!

A gentle reminder — League membership is renewable annually. Currently dues for League members is three dollars a year. Have you renewed your membership lately? We'd like to continue to send the Lily to all who want to receive it and that can only be done if everyone supports the effort. Thanks!

The Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee recently opened a new parish in the heart of the city at the Siggenuk Center which will have as its parishioners only Native Americans. The Center, named after an Indian leader during the Revolutionary period, has as its pastor Father Ed Cook. Edwin Poulin, a descendant of Apache and

Iroquois ancestors who presently serves as director of the archdiocese's Native American Ministry, will be ordained a deacon in the coming year and will serve in the new parish. The liturgies reflect the Native American culture — the altar cloth is an Indian blanket; a woven basket holds the hosts and the water and wine are in earthenware cups; drums replace the usual organ; the sign of the cross is made with a feather. As in other aspects of Indian culture, respect for the elders is critical and they are relied upon to incorporate the Indian tradition into the church services.

More on Kateri's people — 1989 Tekakwitha awardee, Catherine Bolsenga serves as a volunteer in the Evanston, Illinois, Nursing Home Ombudsman Program. At least twice a week she visits the St. Francis Extended Care Center and makes the rounds of the three floors visiting all 124 residents. Catherine, besides just making social visits to the patients, acts as a patient advocate in which her role is to look for any problems that might exist and then try to find a solution. Probably the greatest result of Catherine's dedicated service is the feeling that she leaves with the residents that she really cares about them.

At the recent Tekakwitha Conference Bishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., expressed his appreciation for the cooperation evident between the priests who are working with Native Americans and his office. The bishop encouraged the continued sharing of plans and activities so that the Bishop feels a part of all that is going on.

Katherine Tekakwitha — Her Religious Fervor

Katherine was not satisfied with an ordinary life; driven by this insatiable desire for good and by her extreme fervor to undertake and accomplish much, she began by embracing what was most perfect.

She took for her principal, or rather for her only maxim, to search in all things for what would be most pleasing to God, not to reserve anything from Him and to make it a rule to give Him everything that depended on her, without any respect for creatures and without any return for herself. So holy a maxim has as its foundation the exalted idea that she was made to the likeness of God, and the extreme gratefulness she felt and retained during her entire life for the great grace God had bestowed on her in choosing her among so many others whom He left in darkness, to see the Light at the Mission of the Sault.

With such beautiful principles, with such powerful and such efficacious motives to inspire her, the first thing our virtuous Katherine did was to attach herself to the holy place and to make the church her dearest and most habitual refuge, certain of always finding Him to whom she had already consecrated her heart and all her affections. In order to converse with Him far from all noise and without any distractions from creatures,

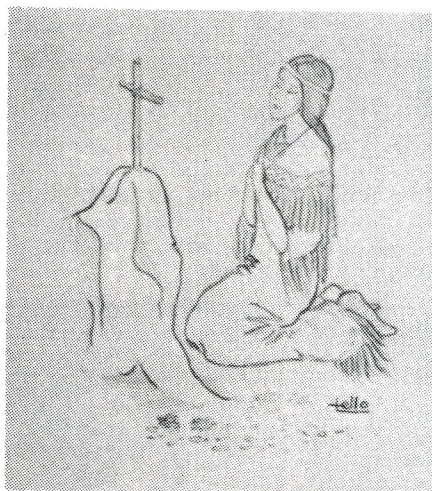
she would go there every morning, as early as four o'clock, even during the severest winter weather. She heard the first Mass at the break of day and the Mass for the Indians at sunrise. She returned often during the day, interrupting her work to satisfy devotion. Finally, her work done, she returned again in the evening, and left only late at night: the first in the morning to enter and last every night to leave.

As for Sundays and feast days, it may be said that Katherine spent them entirely in church, since she scarcely ever left it on those days except to take refreshment.

Her devotion was all the more admirable since it was not one of those idle devotions, where usually there is only self-love, nor was Katherine one of those obstinate devotees, who are in church when they should be at home. In attaching herself to God she attached

herself to work, as to a very proper means of being united with Him, as well as in order to preserve during the entire day the entire day the good inspirations she had received in the morning at the foot of the altar.

(Taken from "The Position of the Historical Section of the Sacred Congregation of Rites on the Introduction of the Cause for Beatification and Canonization and on the Virtues of the Servant of God, Katherine Tekakwitha, The Lily of the Mohawks".)



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