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KATERI'S INTERCESSION IS POWERFUL

Knowing that we are in search of one more miracle, effected through the intercession of Blessed Kateri, people frequently ask about miracles already granted through her. Many remarkable favors, all of which would not qualify as miracles by Rome's exacting standards, have been obtained by prayers to Kateri, both in our own day and shortly after her death. In the belief that some of our readers might be interested in a few of the first cures granted through Kateri's intercession, we relate here some excerpts from the letter of Father Peter Remy, written in 1696.

Father Remy, a Suplician priest, was the pastor at Lachine, a village opposite the Indian Mission of Sault St. Louis. Devotion to Kateri in this village was wide-spread and fervent, but Father Remy was skeptical until he himself was blessed with a remarkable cure. We quote Father Remy himself:

"About eight or nine years ago I was attacked by a deafness in the right ear which prevented me absolutely from hearing confessions on that side — an inconvenience from which I did not recover, although I tried several remedies for three months. ...One day a virtuous woman ... came to ask me to say a Mass in thanksgiving for the cure which she had received from God through the intercession of Katharine Tegakwita (sic). While preparing to say this Mass, an urgent thought came to me that I should also invoke the aid of this good young girl to obtain through her from God the cure of my deafness. I vowed to

say three Masses ... the third in honor of Katharine, in whom I began to confide with the hope that I would receive my cure from God through her. In fact, after the Communion of this Mass I suddenly felt an improvement and when the Mass was over the deafness ceased entirely, so that I have never had another attack."

Father Remy then relates several miracles granted to children through the intercession of



Julienne Montour

Blessed Kateri: "In 1681, Rene Fortin, two months old, was seized and attacked for several days by panic fears that made him cry dreadfully day and night, so that his face became black and blue. ... I advised his mother to make a vow to Katharine T. and to make a novena at her grave. As soon as she had made the vow her child was delivered from his affliction and since then has never felt another attack.

"In 1689 Francis Rolland, then three years old, was affected in the thighs and limbs so that he could neither stand up nor walk. His mother offered him to Katharine, took him to her tomb, had a Mass said there for her intention, and had a novena made there by an Indian woman. After the novena the child walked and still walks well.

"In 1694 Jacques Paré, aged seven, was extremely ill and had been eleven days without eating or drinking. I gave him Extreme Unction. Then his father, his mother, and I consecrated him to Katharine, making him swallow water in which I had soaked some earth from her grave and some ashes from her clothing, and

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as he was about to give up his soul on the day of the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, his father made a vow that during his life he would have a Mass of thanksgiving said each year on that same day, in the church where her bones repose, if God through the merits and intercession of this His Servant would restore life to his son. That very night the child asked his mother for some Indian corn to eat, and since then he has been well.

"In 1692 Marie Matour, then twenty-two, suffered for two years without relief from a condition following confinement. She had recourse to Katharine to obtain a cure and promised God that if through her merits and intercession she should obtain a cure, she would go and have a Mass said in the church of St. Francis Xavier at Sault Saint Louis, where Katharine is

entombed, and that she would there offer her devotions. She was, in fact, cured in a short time without taking any remedy...

In 1694 their daughter, named Marie, then five years old, was ill with scrofula of the throat, which was swollen. Her mother had taken her to the city where she had her treated several days by the surgeons, but without receiving any relief. She finally had recourse to Katharine and promised God to take her child to the tomb. This she did, had a Mass said, and had a novena made, after which the child was entirely cured of the scrofula, though it is a disease incurable in this country."

There are several other such cures related in this letter that Fr. Remy wrote to Father Cholenec, S.J., who he knew was preparing to write a biography of Blessed Kateri.

DECEASED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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Frankfort, NY

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Mr. Thomas Cox, Port Charlotte, FL

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Mr. Garrett Ward, Broadalbin, NY

Mrs. Beverly Ward, Broadalbin, NY

*Almighty and loving Lord, have pity on my deceased friends and relatives
Through your infinite mercy and goodness raise them to everlasting joy and
union with you. To them and all who have passed on, grant happiness, light
and heavenly peace. AMEN*

Let's Pray For:

*Jaime Edson • Mary Dauvin • Loretta Lewis • Ashley Kateri Socci
Mrs. Donofrio & Granddaughter.*

KATERI'S INTERCESSIONS

SOME ANSWERS

Dear Father,

Three years ago my sister called me and said she found a shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville and she also found out that Kateri Tekakwitha was born there.

As I walked through the grounds this wonderful feeling came into me. During my trip to the shrine I purchased medals, rosaries, etc., and gave them to people that were ill. These are two stories that will show how much Kateri has helped in the healing of these people.

A friend who had had heart damage for many years became increasingly worse to the point of needing a heart transplant. During this time she was also diagnosed as having lung cancer. Immediately she was taken off the heart transplant list and was sent home to die. The biopsy showed that the cancer was encapsulated and was not the kind that spread to any other organs. She deteriorated fast and had to return to the hospital to live out her life. During her stay the doctors realized the cancer was not the metastatic kind and put her back on the transplant list. One evening I was on the phone with her and she was interrupted by a nurse telling her that a donor was found and that she was to receive a heart and lungs within the hour. The surgery went well but she had a severe reaction to the anti-rejection drugs and went into a coma. She was in a fetal position and her muscles were deteriorating. All of a sudden, one day, she started to respond to stimulation. She improved steadily, and three weeks ago she drove to my home to visit me!! I must preface this by saying that she had a Kateri relic with her all the time.

Another friend was diagnosed with metastatic brain cancer seven months ago. He had bad headaches, dizziness, etc. I gave him a Kateri rosary. He was given one to three months to live. He is now pain free, taken off all medications, and the doctors are amazed that he is still alive. They are going to do an MRI and CAT scan to see what is happening.

Kateri called me to do her work and I am proud to say that she has been a shining hope in the lives of two very special people in my life. I visited my friend last week and he told us about his new pain free experience and I said "looks like Kateri is doing it again." And he responded by taking her rosary out of his pocket and saying, "she has never left me since you gave these to me." He also told me that he had to have them restrung due to the use he gave them. I am so happy to know Kateri, I love her very much. SEAFORD, NY

Dear Father,

On Sunday, June 28, 1998, an article appeared in the Baltimore Sun entitled "One Miracle Short of Sainthood." At that particular time I was ready to give up on ever getting any resolution to a family problem. I had been praying since April and it appeared that the situation had reached a stalemate.



After I read about Kateri Tekakwitha I began praying. I asked not only for a miracle but a quick one. Within a week my prayers were answered. Though there is still a minor problem, the major one has been resolved and I am hoping for a complete resolution soon. I am convinced that Kateri interceded for me and I was very close to a breakdown.

I promised if my prayers were answered I would visit the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs - so I am looking forward to making a visit in the very near future.

Emotional problems can be as debilitating as physical ones and I feel I was blessed with an answer to my prayer.

OWINGS MILLS, MD

Dear Father,

In 1996 my granddaughter was diagnosed with the condition of scoliosis (curvature of the spine). At that time her condition was considered "moderate." In June of 1997, it was found that her condition had progressed significantly to a point where corrective surgery would need to be considered. Two different spine and orthopedic specialists examined her and agreed that in order to stop her curvature from progressing any further she would need to wear a back brace. The back brace would be used for six months, then after that time she would be evaluated to see if surgery would need to be done. As her condition was so advanced, both doctors felt that the brace would stabilize the curve but would not improve it in any way. Also, at that point in time, it was expressed that for how advanced her condition was, there was little chance of the brace having any real positive effect - her condition was on the "borderline." If her curve

remained as it was, she could live with it, but if it got any worse, surgery would definitely need to be done. So, it was agreed that the brace would be worn for the six-month period.

During that six-month period that my granddaughter wore the back brace, my sister and I devoted ourselves and prayers to Blessed Kateri on behalf of my granddaughter in hopes that surgery could be prevented. The reason we chose to pray to Blessed Kateri is that my granddaughter, as a young girl, always had an interest in the rich history of this saintly person. My granddaughter always enjoyed the stories she read of Blessed Kateri and has kept a small statue of her in her room since making her First Communion.

As of January, 1998, we are happy to report that the most recent set of x-rays evaluated by both doctors revealed A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION of her curve. Both doctors commented that the intent of the brace is to keep a curve from progressing any further but they never expected a correction as significant as this. Furthermore, they could offer no real medical explanation for this outcome.

We attribute this wonderful change in my granddaughter's condition to the holy intercession of Blessed Kateri. My granddaughter who leads a very active and athletic life faced many physical challenges if her condition had worsened to the point of requiring surgery. She as well as the rest of our family are certain this change in her condition is the result of our prayers and dedication to Blessed Kateri. In thanksgiving, when my granddaughter receives the sacrament of Confirmation she plans to take the name of Kateri in remembrance of this divine and blessed intervention.

NATRONA HEIGHTS, PA

Dear Father,

I wish to thank Blessed Kateri for different prayers answered along the way of my daily life. Please find enclosed a donation towards helping further the Cause for her canonization in the very near future.

Please also accept this in memory of my deceased parents and eldest sister, also deceased.

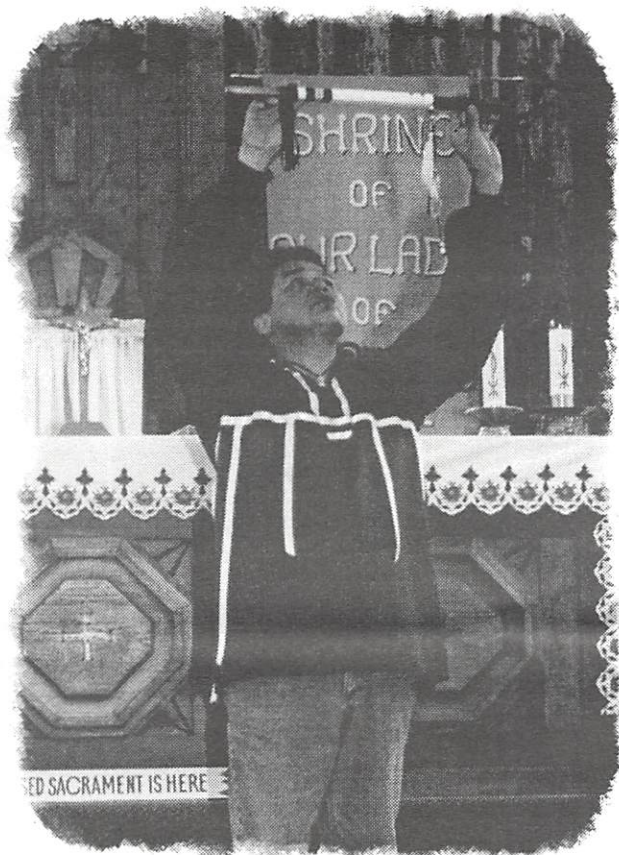
ST. JAMES, NY

PLEASE NOTE: The Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Circle "Lily of the Mohawks" in cooperation with the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy of PA and the Philadelphia Archdiocese will sponsor the Fourth Annual Mass held in honor of the only Native American in line for canonization. The Mass will be held at 11:00 AM at St Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Church which is located at Upsal and Ardleigh Streets on October 25, 1998. Everyone is invited to attend this very special celebration.

Feast Day ...



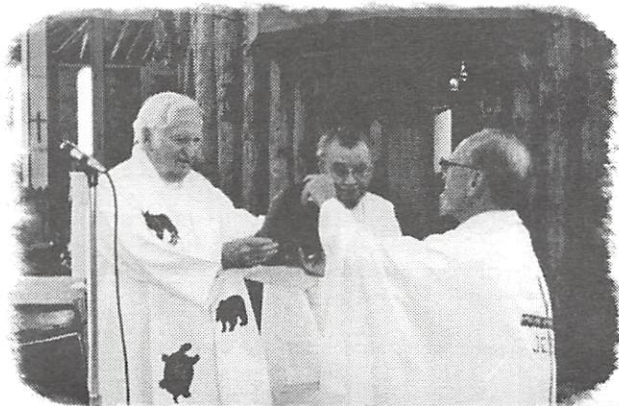
Opening procession: The Knights of Columbus lead the St. Lucy's Committee and the priests into the Coliseum.



Mauri George performs the Sacred Pipe blessing.



Pat Whyland performing the Sweet Grass blessing.



Father Paret presents the Kateri Award to Monsignor Brophy.



Monsignor Charles D. Brophy delivers the Homily.



Julienne Montour's moving monologue.



Julienne Montour, Chet Adams, Chief David Smith, Princess Necia, Theresa Steele, and Sarah Hassenplug at the Mass.

3rd Annual Powwow

in Auriesville, July 1998

The Fourth Annual Powwow will be held July Fourth weekend, 1999. Instead of starting on Friday afternoon, the next Powwow will begin on Saturday, July 3, and run for three days - Saturday, July 3, Sunday, July 4, and will end on Monday, July 5, 1999.



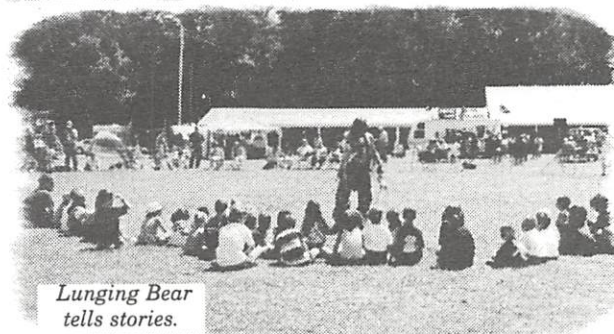
Lunging Bear in full regalia.



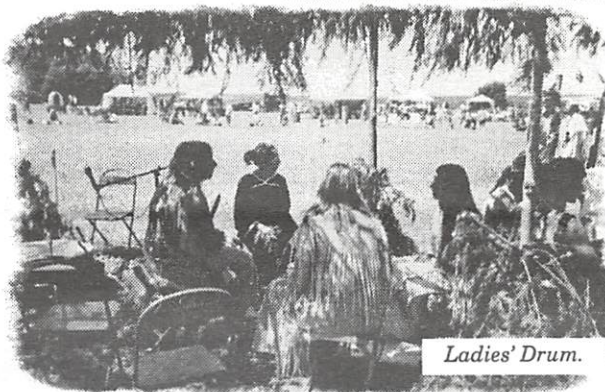
The public participates in one of many dances.



Beatrice Ross snuggles with little Gregory.



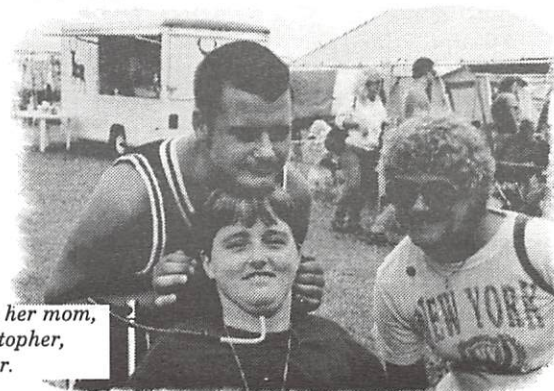
Lunging Bear tells stories.



Ladies' Drum.



Beaver, Canadian Mohawk, Michael Ross, Hawkeye, and Nathan.



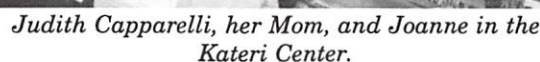
Kateri Hilton with her mom, Jan, and Christopher, her brother.

NOTES FROM THE BARK

A Kateri enthusiast in California has written a musical about her life, calling it simply "The Lily." Actually, he wrote it some time ago, but we just learned the other day that it is in production, in Placerville, California. After the Placerville production, it will be performed in Southern California a week later, with a different cast. In the spring of 1999 it will be performed again, in Stockton, CA, again with a different cast. The composer, Mr. Jim Davis, will also direct the production in Stockton. Let us hope and pray that many people will attend these productions, and that through them Blessed Kateri's fame will spread even farther afield. Mr. Davis writes; "Much interest has been generated throughout California." Thanks be to God ... as well as to Mr. Davis and his many collaborators.

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_____	Sterling Silver medal -	\$25.00	_____	KATERI TEKAKWITHA, by Henri Bechard, S.J. A wonderfully detailed account of Kateri's life in 3 parts. The last part details the miracles following her death -	\$15.00
_____	Gold color Kateri medal with touch relic on reverse -	\$4.25	_____	Wooden plaque with Kateri image and touch relic -	\$10.00
_____	Kateri notepaper, 100 sheets -	\$6.00	_____	8" bisque Kateri statue (painted) -	\$17.00
_____	Touch relic in plastic case with Kateri likeness and ID -	\$4.50	_____	NEW, rectangular patch with Kateri image and lettering (Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks) Approx 3" wide and 4" tall can be placed on jackets, hats, sweatshirts, etc. -	\$6.00
_____	KATERI OF THE MOHAWKS, a coloring story book -	\$2.50	_____	League membership - still	\$5.00
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