

CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA,  
FAIREST FLOWER OF THE REDMEN

-A Photo Story

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It was with you in mind that I  
designed this photo album. Please  
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many people.



# America needs a Saint

# of its own



DO YOU KNOW. . . .that this great Country of ours is one of the few nations on the face of the Earth that does not have a Patron Saint of its very own? One born from amongst us. . . .on American soil???

Indeed, America needs a saint of its own, a saint who will depict and portray the hopes, ideals, aspirations, and our way of life.

Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, the marvelous saintly Indian maiden, born in the State of New York, known as the Lily of the Mohawks, and hailed

amongst her tribesmen as "the fairest flower that ever bloomed among the redmen," because of her heroically virtuous life, fulfills the mold for a truly American saint. Born out of strife, she strove all her life to promote love, peace and understanding. America needs her intercession before God to grant us a miracle of universal peace.

Kateri savoured Nature as God created it. We need her pleading before our Creator to give back to us our blue skies, clear air, green forests, and clear water.



IN A  
VILLAGE  
HIGH ON A  
HILL ABOVE  
THE BANKS  
OF THE  
MOHAWK  
RIVER IN  
NORTH  
AMERICA, A  
SPECIAL  
CHILD WAS  
BORN IN  
1656.



Auriesville, N.Y.

THE TWO  
LARGEST  
FAMILIES OF  
THE CONTINENT  
WOULD NOW  
BE FOREVER  
UNITED.  
CATHERINE  
TEKAKWITHA'S  
FATHER  
BELONGED  
TO THE  
IROQUOIS  
NATION AND  
HER MOTHER  
WAS ALGON-  
QUIN.



Coliseum Church. Auriesville, N.Y.





Indian Village Site. Auriesville, N.Y.

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Martyrs' Chapel. Auriesville, N.Y.

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St. Isaac Jogues.  
Jesuit martyred  
at this Site  
in 1642.



Auriesville, N.Y.



Kateri. Auriesville, N.Y.





Village Site. Auriesville, N.Y.

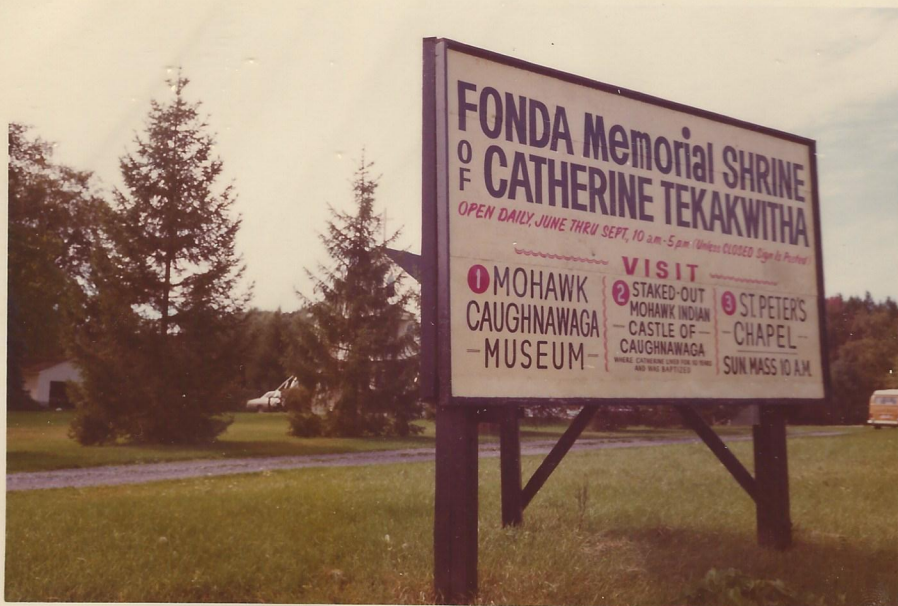
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Kateri. Auriesville, N.Y.

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KATERI, WITH  
GREAT DETERMINA-  
TION,  
CLAIMED HER  
CHRISTIAN  
INHERITANCE  
BY HER  
BAPTISM IN  
1676 AT  
CAUGHNAWAGA  
(THE  
NORTHERN  
PART OF  
FONDA).

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Mohawk  
Caughnawaga  
Museum

Fonda, N.Y.





Fonda, N.Y.

The site of the  
Indian village  
of Caughnawaga  
has been  
reconstructed  
by Fr. Thomas  
Grassmann.

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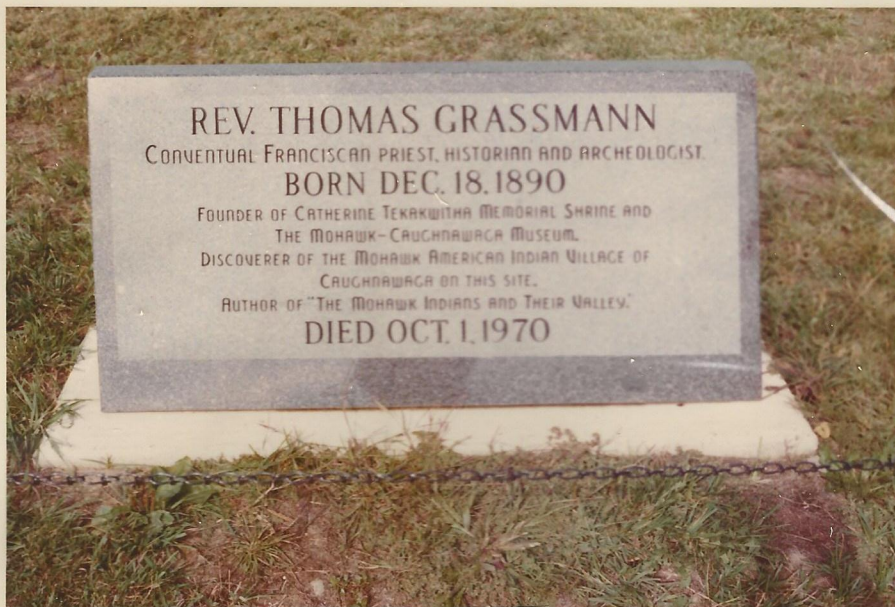
The Caughnawaga  
village  
reconstructed.  
Double rows of  
stakes were  
placed around the  
village as a  
protective wall.  
The white stakes  
mark the site of  
the long houses  
in which the  
Iroquois lived.



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REV. THOMAS GRASSMANN  
CONVENTUAL FRANCISCAN PRIEST, HISTORIAN AND ARCHEOLOGIST  
BORN DEC. 18, 1890  
FOUNDER OF CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA MEMORIAL SHRINE AND  
THE MOHAWK-CAUGHNAWAGA MUSEUM.  
DISCOVERER OF THE MOHAWK AMERICAN INDIAN VILLAGE OF  
CAUGHNAWAGA ON THIS SITE.  
AUTHOR OF "THE MOHAWK INDIANS AND THEIR VALLEY."  
DIED OCT. 1, 1970

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KATERI  
PRACTICED  
HER CHRIST-  
IAN RELIGION  
WITH GREAT  
LOVE AND  
DEVOTION.  
HOWEVER,  
SHE WAS  
TREATED  
WITH  
HOSTILITY  
AND ABUSE  
FOR LIVING  
THIS  
VIRTUOUS  
LIFE.

Site of Kateri's baptism.



St. Peter's Chapel. Fonda, N.Y.

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Overlook from  
the Indian  
village. The  
white building  
in the center is  
St. Peter's  
Chapel.

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Fonda, N.Y.

SHE FLED TO  
CAUGHNAWAGA,  
CANADA,  
TRAVELING  
OVER THE  
WATER BY  
CANOE AND  
OVER LAND  
BY FOOT.



Caughnawaga, Canada



CAUGHNAWAGA,  
CANADA, WAS  
A CHRISTIAN  
INDIAN  
VILLAGE. A  
HAPPY SPIRIT  
ANIMATED  
THE COMMUN-  
ITY. THE  
INDIANS  
RULED AND  
LIVED IN  
PEACE,  
KEEPING  
WHAT WAS  
BEST OF  
THEIR OWN  
TRADITIONS.

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Caughnawaga, Canada



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KATERI  
ANSWERED  
THE INNER  
VOICE OF  
GRACE AND  
GREW IN  
HOLINESS.  
SHE WAS  
CALLED THE  
CHRISTIAN  
BY HER OWN.  
SHE WAS  
KNOWN FOR  
HER  
PRACTICE OF  
VIRTUE AND  
PENANCE IN  
HER LOVE  
OF JESUS.

IN 1680,  
KATERI DIED  
A HOLY  
DEATH.  
PEOPLE HAVE  
VENERATED  
HER FROM  
THE DAY OF  
HER DEATH.



Caughnawaga, Canada

Original burial site



Caughnawaga, Canada

Original burial site



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Main Altar



Caughnawaga, Canada

Hand-carved altar piece



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Kateri Museum



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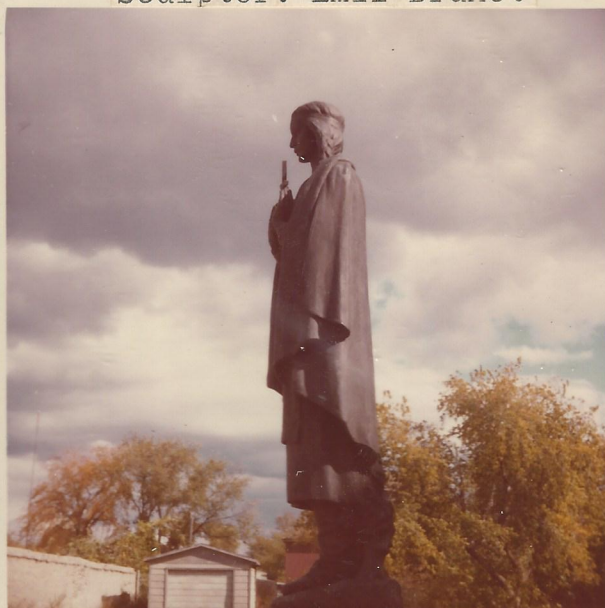


Kateri Tomb



Caughnawaga, Canada

Sculptor: Emil Brunet



Caughnawaga, Canada

THIS QUIET,  
UNASSUMING  
MAIDEN WAS  
A MODEL OF  
CHRISTIANITY.  
SHE LED A  
VERY HOLY  
LIFE AMIDST  
THE MOST  
ADVERSE  
CIRCUM-  
STANCES.  
POPE  
PIUS XII  
DECLARED HER  
VENERABLE  
IN 1943.



Caughnawaga, Canada



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PRAYER OF  
HER FELLOW  
CHRISTIANS  
THROUGHOUT  
THE WORLD  
THAT  
CATHERINE  
TEKAKWITHA,  
THE  
TREASURE OF  
THE REDMEN,  
BE  
NUMBERED  
AMONG THE  
CANONIZED  
SAINTS OF  
THE CHURCH  
ON EARTH.



Caughnawaga, Canada



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### KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Born at Auriesville, N.Y., 1656  
Baptized at Fonda, N.Y., 1676  
Died at Caughnawaga, Canada,  
April 17, 1680  
Declared Venerable by Pope Pius XII  
January 3, 1943

### PRAYER

*for the Beatification of  
Kateri Tekakwitha*

 GOD, who, among the manifold marvels of Your Grace in the New World, did cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant, we beseech You, the favor we beg through her intercession—that this Little Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be raised to the honors of the altar by Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.





Tekakwitha's First Holy Communion-1677  
A Meditation

Rapt in prayer knelt Tekakwitha,  
Prayer she ceased when now the Blackrobe  
Told in sermon of the Birthday  
In this world of Babe from heaven.  
And, when closer came the moment  
For His cradling in her heart-crib,  
Silent framed the maid her welcome—  
Simple words of childlike welcome:  
*I receive Thee, tiny Baby!*  
*I receive Thee, God Majestic!*  
*Baby small, oh, bless Thy sister!*  
*God of all, oh, bless Thy daughter!*  
Ere she knew it, there before her  
Stood the priest, the Host uplifted:

*May the Body of our Master,  
Jesus Christ, protect thy spirit—  
Be it so — to Life Eternal.*  
Silence, silence in the Chapel,  
Sacred silence for this union  
Of her God with Tekakwitha;  
Union close, with grace abounding,  
So that was she erstwhile glowing,  
Now henceforth her transformation  
In the eyes of all her brethren:  
Bright her fire, with fervor burning,  
Fire of love in Tekakwitha.  
And, tradition telleth truly,  
How to catch some warmth of loving,  
Ever, when they made Communion,  
Vied her sisters in the Mission  
For the places near around her.  
So, she brought among her brethren  
Brighter sparks unto their tinder,  
Kindling in them love of Jesus,  
Love of Jesus on the Altar—  
Ever spreading, new-enkindling:  
For, from hence, when on the Feastdays  
Tekakwitha made Communion,  
Still as brightly burned her fervor,  
As her first, that Christmas morning.

KATA NI MAMICIMAKANIWAN  
KISSEMANITO MAWACI ISSPEMIK



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO ET  
IN TERRA PAX HOMINIBUS