

# MARTYRS' SHRINE MESSAGE

## ORDER OF SERVICES

FOR

### PILGRIMAGE

TO

### MARTYRS' SHRINE

MIDLAND, ONT.

FROM

### ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL TORONTO

### SUNDAY, JUNE 29th, 1930

(Canonization Day of Canadian Martyrs)

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Solemn High Mass celebrated in the open air by  
His Grace, The Most Reverend  
Archbishop Neil McNeil

Preachers—Right Reverend Monsignor O'Sullivan,  
Reverend M. Carroll.

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Pilgrims are requested to kindly join in  
the singing of hymns.



# **Partial Listing of Events for 1980**

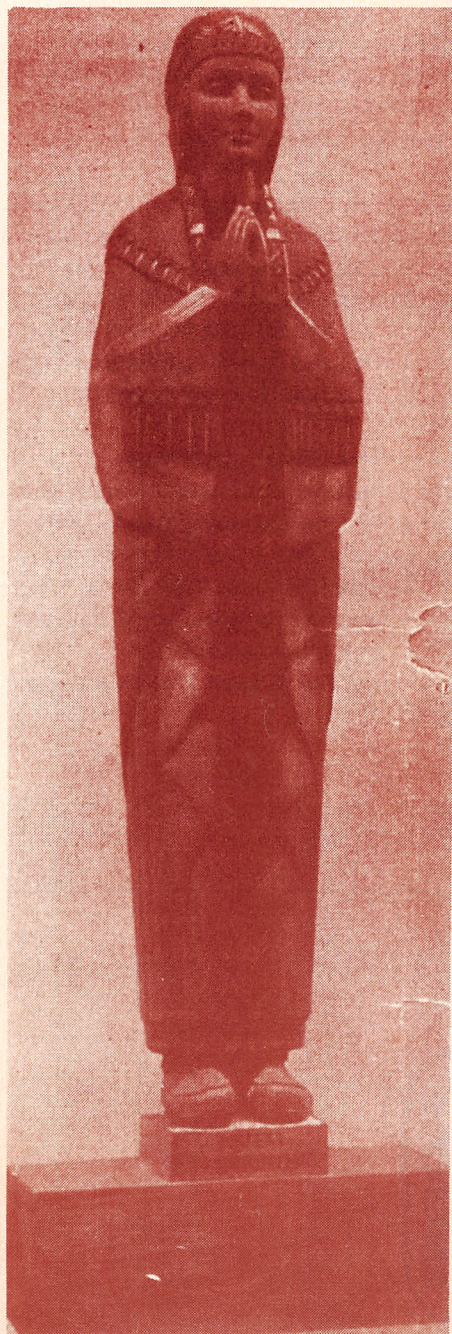
## **at Martyrs' Shrine**

(some events are yet to be confirmed)

- May 17, 1980** **Saturday: Opening Day for the 1980 Season.**
- June 1** Sunday: Annual Czech Pilgrimage
- June 28, 29** Saturday and Sunday:  
French Canadian Pilgrimage
- July 6** Sunday: Annual Slovak Pilgrimage
- July 13** Sunday: Annual German Pilgrimage
- July 20** Sunday: Annual Hungarian Pilgrimage
- July 27** Sunday: Annual Croatian Pilgrimage
- August 10** Sunday: Annual Lithuanian Pilgrimage
- August 17** Sunday: Annual Polish Pilgrimage
- August 24** Sunday: MISSION SUNDAY
- September 7** Sunday: Annual Ukrainian Pilgrimage
- September 14** Sunday: Annual Slovene Pilgrimage  
Annual Peterborough Diocese Pilgrimage
- September 20** Saturday:  
FEAST DAY OF THE CANADIAN MARTYRS  
50th Anniversary of their Cannonization
- September 28** Sunday: Last Sunday of the Season
- September 30** Tuesday: CLOSING DAY of the 1980 Season.



# Kateri Tekakwitha



It is the hope of every Canadian of every race and colour that we should be honoured by the beatification and canonization of one of our own Kateri Tekakwitha. On the 17th of April of this year we celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of her death near Montreal. The devotion to this child of our native races has been manifested in many and various ways from the moment God called her unto Himself. Her first biographer notes that after her death her features, which had been sadly pock-marked by disease, had become remarkably beautiful. Perhaps this phenomenon sparked the immediate rise of veneration and devotion that has continued to the present day. Certainly those who had known her in life began to ask her intercession for their needs. In consequence of the many conspicuous favours obtained through that intercession, there soon sprang up a strong and remarkable devotion to her. As early as 1668 Bishop Saint-Valier, the second Bishop of Quebec, called her "The Genevieve of Canada". This theme would be developed by the famous French writer in his book "Les Natchez". And Father Charlevoix, S.J. in his "History of New France" in 1744 wrote that she was "universally regarded as the Protectress of Canada". As Father Bechard, S.J., the Canadian Vice-Postulator of her cause for beatification notes – "Devotion to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha has spread to Canada, the United States and throughout the world. Each year sees more pilgrimages made to Auriesville, to the Saint Francis Xavier mission at Caughnawaga (and even at the



This will cost us something in the neighbourhood of \$30,000.00, at the present estimate. We do not now have the money to pay for this in our operating budget! For this we need urgent and fervent prayers to the Martyrs to "save their Shrine", as well as a sincere appeal to all the faithful supporters of the Shrine to come to our rescue. You can add to this a replacement of the two pumps that are beyond the years of repair and must be replaced this season: that should be about another \$8,000.00 they tell me. Other items on our capital expense agenda for 1980: shelving for the new storage area in the Religious Article Room, a new roof for the Shop, and a new furnace for the Caretaker's house that has been straining this winter at about 60% efficiency.

There is one other item I would like to throw out for consideration at this time. We have been hoping that this occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Canonization of the Martyrs in 1980 would be a splendid opportunity to do something creative about the landscaping at St Ignace, the site of the martyrdom of Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalemant. This of course would be a very special project requiring some imagination and considerable expense to restore this holy ground and make it attractive and pleasant as a place of pilgrimage. If anyone has any suggestions, I would be glad to hear from you.

In closing, an appeal to all the parishes, and especially those dedicated in a special way to the Martyrs, or any one of them, to make plans for a pilgrimage to the Shrine during this 1980 season. If you have any plans you would like to share, or if you need any information for the possibilities of a group trip to the Shrine, drop a line to the Director, at Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, Ontario. Our new brochure will be late getting through the printers, since we have had to make major changes in it this year, but we will send copies of it to you as soon as we can.

May God bless you always, with his peace and joy, and answer all your prayers through the intercession of the blessed Martyrs.

Sincerely,

(Rev) Edwin Merchant, S.J.,  
*Director.*





Martyrs Shrine in Midland her devotion is fostered). Her relics are preserved at Caughnawaga."

But who is, or was, this remarkably saintly person. She is the first of our native people to be named venerable by the Church. She was the daughter of a Christian Algonquin woman and a pagan Mohawk (Iroquois). She was born in Iroquois country (now New York) at a place called Ossernenon.

Her mother, who was brought up as a Christian by some French settlers at Three Rivers (Trois-Rivieres), had been captured about 1653 by the Iroquois. Shortly after she was made the wife (Indian fashion) of a non-Christian Mohawk. In 1660 she, with her husband and her last born child were carried off by small pox. Young Kateri, who suffered pockmarks to her face from the same disease, and whose eyes were badly affected, almost died too. Her uncle, the principal chieftain of the village and a declared enemy of the faith, adopted her into his own family.

On several occasions her relatives tried to marry her off, but to their great displeasure she always refused. Perhaps this refusal was due to the presence of Christian Algonquins and Hurons present in her village of Gandonagué, who may have spoken to her of the beauties of a life of service to God. This is undoubtedly only conjecture.

In 1675 she met a Father Jacques de Lamberville, S.J., to whom she revealed her desire to receive baptism. After due instruction the ceremony took place on Easter Day 1676. Her conversion was displeasing to her relatives and brought

upon her a real persecution. Amidst her trials Father de Lamberville advised her not to slacken her devotions but to pray constantly wherever she might be. He also advised her to go to live at the Saint-Louis (Lachine) rapids. In the fall of 1677 with the aid of three native neophytes she succeeded in fleeing to Canada.

It was not at the mission of Caughnawaga that Kateri could be fully prepared for full participation in a Christian life. A native Indian woman,







Anastasie Tegonhatsiongo, who formerly had been a friend of her mother at Ossernenon, acted as her spiritual guide. Because of a wonderful spirit in Kateri and exceptional adaptation to the Christian Faith, she was allowed to make her First Communion by Christmas of the same year (1677). Added to this her progress spiritually was so rapid that in the spring of 1678 she was received into the Confraternity of The Holy Family – although so very young.

The very foundation and strength of Kateri's spirituality lay in her extraordinary purity of body and soul, and her strong charity towards all. And this amidst the ordinary trials and labours of native life. She even took part in the winter hunts until in 1678 when her love of The Blessed Sacrament took a powerful hold on her spirit, and she no longer wished to be away from the Church for long months, she ceased to

leave the mission. For this and other reasons she had to endure great trials and slanderous lies.

Kateri, so we are told, would like to have founded a community of Indian sisters but she was persuaded by her confessor, Father Lamberville, to give up the idea. However, she was allowed on March 25, 1679, feast of the Annunciation, to take a private vow of perpetual chastity. It is easy therefore to see why future devotees have named her the "Lily of the Mohawks".

Because of her early sickness, Kateri did not enjoy good health. In the beginning of 1680 she fell seriously ill. On Tuesday of Holy Week she received the Last Sacraments. The next day April 17 barely 24 years of age, she passed away very easily, with the names of Jesus and Mary on her lips.

Would it not be wonderful if her beatification should take place this year, the tercentenary of her death.



# Happy Easter Kateri Style!



*(Armour Landry Photo)*

## Kateri's Communion.

... Easter was drawing near; and those who were not far from the village, on the hunt, returned to the mission according to their custom, to celebrate the great day. It was the first time

Kateri celebrated it with us for the great good of her soul. She assisted at all the services of Holy Week, and admired all these solemn ceremonies, receiving from them a new esteem for religion. She was so touched by sweetness and consolation that she shed many tears, especially on Good Friday during the sermon on the Passion of Our Lord. Her heart melted at the thought of the suffering of the Divine Savior; she thanked Him a thousand times for it, she adored and kissed His cross with feelings of the most tender gratefulness and the most ardent love. She attached herself to the cross that day with Him, taking the resolution to repeat on her virginal body the mortifications of Jesus Christ for the rest of her days, as if she had done nothing until then. On Easter Sunday she received Holy Communion for the second time, and did so with the same disposition and ardor and spiritual fruits she had on the feast of Christmas...

Pierre Cholence, S.J.  
1678, at the Mission  
of St. Francis Xavier

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## Prayers for the Novena

### Prayer to the Martyrs

Protect our Land, O Heavenly Patrons, which you have bedewed with the rich treasure of your blood. Watch over our Catholic Faith which you helped to establish in this new land. Bring all our fellow citizens to a knowledge and love of the truth. Make us zealous in spreading abroad a knowledge of Catholic teachings, so that we may continue and perfect the work which you have begun with so much labor and suffering. Pray for our homes, our schools,

our missions, for vocations, for the conversion of sinners, the return of those who wandered from the Fold and the perseverance of all the Faithful. Amen.

### Prayer to St. Joseph

O God, Who in Thine ineffable Providence, didst vouchsafe to choose Blessed Joseph to be the Spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may deserve to have him as our intercessor in heaven, whom we



venerate on earth as our protector,  
Who liveth and reigneth world without  
end. Amen.

### Prayer to Our Lady

Glorious Queen of Martyrs, to whom the early missionaries of this country were so devoted and from whom they received so many favors, graciously listen to my petition. Ask thy Divine Son to remember all they did for His Glory; remind Him that they preached the Gospel and made His name known to thousands who had never heard of Him; and then, for Him, had their apostolic labors crowned by shedding their blood. Exercise thy motherly influence as thou didst at Cana and implore Him to grant me what I ask in this novena. If it be conformable to His Holy Will. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary.

### Official Prayer to the Martyrs

O God, Who by the preaching and blood of Thy blessed Martyrs, John and Isaac, and their companions, didst consecrate the first fruits of the Faith, in the vast regions of North America, graciously grant that by their intercession the flourishing harvest of Christians may everywhere and always be increased through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary.

### Prayer of Petition

O God, Who didst inflame the hearts of Thy Blessed Martyrs with an admirable zeal for the salvation of souls, grant me, I beseech Thee (*here name your request*), so that the favors obtained through their intercession may make manifest before men the power and the glory of Thy name. Amen.

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## Litany

In honor of the Martyrs for each day of the Novena (for private use)

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.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
    *Pray for us.*  
Holy Mary, Queen of Martyrs,  
    *Pray for us.*  
St. John de Brebeuf,  
    *Pray for us.*

St. Isaac Jogues,  
    *Pray for us.*  
St. Gabriel Lalemant,  
    *Pray for us.*  
St. Anthony Daniel,  
    *Pray for us.*  
St. Charles Garnier,  
    *Pray for us.*  
St. Noel Chabanel,  
    *Pray for us.*  
St. René Goupil,  
    *Pray for us.*  
St. John de la Lande,  
    *Pray for us.*  
Pioneers of the Cross in a new world,  
    *Pray for us.*  
Heroic apostles of the faith,  
    *Pray for us.*