

Tekakwitha Notes

Native American Committee of
Saint Lucy's Church
432 Gifford Street
Syracuse, N.Y. 13204

SPRING 1984

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Shekon, Tawatateken
Greetings, Brothers & Sisters

NORTHEAST REGIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St. Lucy's Church, has been honored again by being chosen to host the 1984 Northeast Regional Tekakwitha Conference to be held on June 15, 16 and 17th at LeMoyne College. Fr. Frank Haig, President of LeMoyne, has been most gracious in inviting us to use the College facilities for the conference.

Our Committee will soon be mailing out registration forms and information on workshops. We hope you will make plans to attend this Third Annual Northeast Tekakwitha Conference.

For information, contact Peg Bova
455-2827 or Della Ann Chartrand,
475-2188.

HOME VISITATIONS

Home visitations to Native American families in the Syracuse area continues by Della Ann Chartrand. Della's office phone no. is 475-2188.

Mohawk pronunciation of the name:
KATERI TEKAKWITHA
(Gaw-de-lee' De-gah-gwee-ta)

CANONIZATION OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Tekakwitha has answered many prayers and performed many miracles through her inter-session. All miracles should be reported to:

Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J.
Office of Vice Postulator
Auriesville, New York, 12016

Phone: (518) 853-3153

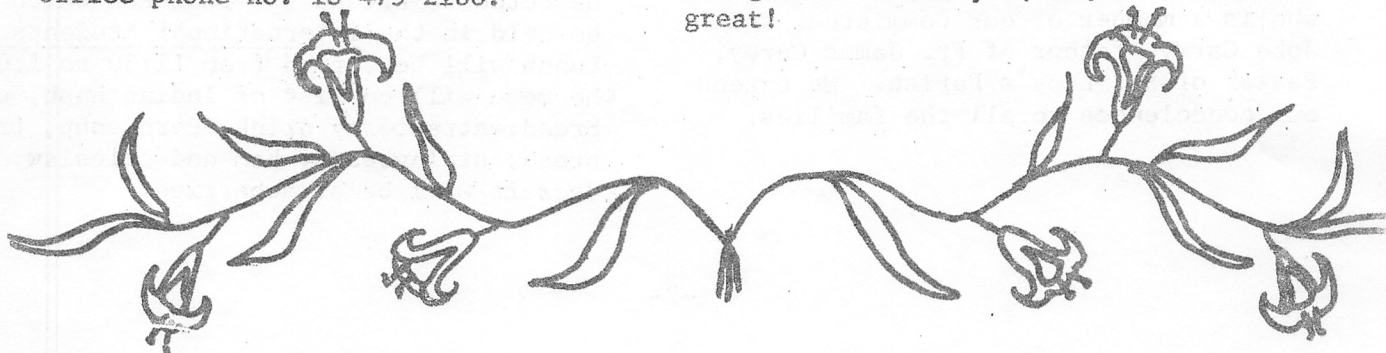
In Canada, write to:

Fr. Henri Bechard, S.J.
1673 Rachel St. E.
Montreal, P.Q., Can. H2J2K6

Phone: (514) 525-3611

KATERI'S FRIEND

Our Committee member, Eddie Conolly has encased the Sunburst Basket weaving, which hangs in the Kateri Chapel in St. Lucy's Church, in plexiglass to preserve it. The background is of natural woodgrain. Thank you, Ed, it looks great!



FATHER JAMES CAREY

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee is very pleased that Fr. James Carey will continue as Pastor of St. Lucy's Parish for six more years.

The Indian community was very fortunate when Fr. Carey came to St. Lucy's Church six years ago. He immediately set out to bring Indian people back to the Catholic Church by having an Indian Mass.

In 1978, the first mass in honor of our Blessed Kateri was held in St. Lucy's Church the year Fr. Carey became Pastor. From that first mass began the Indian Ministry Program. A few years later, the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee, the Kateri Chapel, the Northeast Regional Tekakwitha Conference, the Indian Higher Education Committee and other services and programs followed.

We feel that Fr. Carey is a blessing to the Indian community in Syracuse and we look forward to his guidance, support, advice and encouragement for the next six years.

NIAWEN, SKAWIROWANE, KWANORONKWA!

RESTING IN PEACE...

Since our last newsletter, two members of our Indian community passed away and our Committee was honored with requests to pray and sing in the Mohawk language at their wakes. The deceased are; Grace Jacobs Ruggieri and Tammy Benedict.

We also mourn the passing of George Arquette, brother of Betty Weismore, who is a member of our Committee, and John Carey, father of Fr. James Carey, Pastor of St. Lucy's Parish. We extend our condolences to all the families.

SISTER MARY ELIZABETH LEGOY

Sister Mary Elizabeth sends her love and best wishes to the Native American community in Syracuse. Sister touched many people while working in Indian Ministry at St. Lucy's Church. She gave of herself above and beyond what her job required. The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee is indebted to her for so much and she was a great loss to the Indian community when she left to pursue other endeavors.

Sister Mary Elizabeth is working in New York City with a travel agency as an accountant. Her company is sending her to California for one month's training in computers.

Sister has given us permission to publish her address since she would like to hear from all the people she came to know and love. Her address is:

Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lagoy
3315 Nostrand Ave., 2E
Brooklyn, New York 11229

NATIVE AMERICAN LUNCH DAY AT S.U.

Syracuse University has set aside April 1984 for Native American Lunch Day.

Just as last year, Gary Gordon, president of Student Affairs for Native Americans at S. U., has again asked the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee to prepare traditional Indian dishes to be served at this year's luncheon.

Two hundred and fifty students will be expected to attend the luncheon which will be held in the International Students Bldg. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1:00. The menu will consist of Indian hash, corn bread, strawberry drink, corn soup, fried bread, stringbeans, ham and coleslaw. The dessert will be strawberries.

The Story of
BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA
by Little Peacock

In a small village, that consisted of twelve longhouses, not much could happen that escaped one's ears for long. On her way to the fields or to fetch water, Tekakwitha would need only to pause and listen, to learn parts of what the blackrobes taught.

They were telling the most interesting story about how Sonkwaiatison (The Creator) made His Son become a man. That's easy to believe, after all, Sonkwaiatison made us and could do anything. Indians already knew Sonkwaiatison made the skies, our grandmother the moon, our mother the earth and man to live on the earth to enjoy and thank Him for all His gifts.

These blackrobes also said that The Creator's Son, whose name is Jesus Christ, had actually lived on the earth with men and had taught them kindness and love for one another. Love, even for your enemies. Tekakwitha must have hid and listened to these stories with fascination. Perhaps she even started to understand why she must have felt different. Different in that she could not bear to see anyone hurt, not even the captives.

How her heart must have ached with longing to learn more, but right now, someone might see her listening and tell her uncle, who hates the blackrobes. As one of the leaders of his Nation, Tekakwitha's uncle never had great love for the Aseroni, Ax Makers (French). Bad blood between the Rotinonsonni (Iroquois) and the French started from their very first meeting. About 165 years before, when the French shot and killed three Iroquois Chiefs, several warriors caused twelve men to be captured by the Adirondacks (Bark Eaters, called by the French, Algonkins or Algonquin), and one of them was burnt alive.

The French and their leader, Champlain, arrived in the Indian's country and immediately wanted all fur trade with the Algonquins and their allies. They assisted them in battle without bothering to find out that the Iroquois were at war with the Algonquins, because they had murdered six Iroquois men. In 1667, the Iroquois were forced to make peace with the French. In the name of peace, or as a sign of good will, they were forced to accept the blackrobes and their teachings.

New, Christianized Indians soon left the Mohawk country to go and live at Sault Saint Louie, a new Indian settlement near Montreal, where they could practice their new religion undisturbed. Each man that left meant one less fighting man to help protect the villages. For these reasons, Tekakwitha's uncle hated the French and would go to great lengths to keep his people from listening to them.

In 1674, Father James de Lamberville was placed in charge of St. Peter's Mission. Tekakwitha was eighteen years old. The arrival of the blackrobe would stir one's curiosity. People would go to see, if for nothing else, what he looked like. The Christians in the village would help him settle into whichever house he was allowed to stay.

Iroquois hospitality, and the respect for the peace terms made by their Chiefs, would require the people to be courteous, but not friendly. The Iroquois Indians (Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas and the Senecas) placed great emphasis on love for one's family and respect for his elders. These Nations' government was structured on close family relationships. Its clan system made them all brothers. The greatest punishment for an Iroquois was to fall into disfavor with his people.

BLESSED KATERI Continued....

The love and respect Tekakwitha had for the uncle who raised her and the need to suffer, rather than see someone else suffer, caused her great fear of offending him. Knowing her uncle's feelings, the greatest hurt and insult that Tekakwitha, the daughter of a Chief, could possibly inflict upon him would have been to be seen talking to the black-robe. Yet, a time was near when she would have to choose between her uncle's feelings or to satisfy the burning desire to learn more about the love of Sonkwaiatison's Son, Jesus Christ.

To be continued in our next Tekakwitha Notes.....

KAREN BOVA

An article and picture of Karen Bova, written by George S. Baldwin, appeared in the Albuquerque Tribune on Feb. 2, 1984, which read:

"Because she wanted to help Indians and practice in a state where Indian law is important, Karen Ann Bova came to UNM to get her law degree. She graduated in 1983, passed the State Bar exams and is with Luebben, Hughes and Tomits here. Karen, 27, got her undergraduate degree at St. Lawrence University at Canton, New York. She is from the Mohawk Tribe in New York, Quebec and Ontario. Her parents are Margaret Peggy & Art Bova of Syracuse. Her mother teaches the Mohawk language and culture. Karen Ann was impressed by the attention given to Indian law at UNM."

We are proud of you, Karen!!!

BULLETIN!!! BULLETIN!!! BULLETIN!!!

The church, with its 369 year history in this part of the country, has not encouraged Native American participation in the administrative roles within the church.

Consequently, throughout the years, most of the work performed honoring Kateri, and any awards given, were done so by Non-Native American people. However, the work that was accomplished by these friends of Kateri did not go unnoticed by the Native Americans.

It is with great pleasure that we report, the Native Americans of Syracuse, New York, are planning an annual Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Award Presentation. For the first time since the death of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha 304 years ago, maybe even in the History of the church in North America, it will be our turn to say Niawenkowa, GREAT THANKS to these devoted workers.

It is impossible to award the deserving people all at one time, and in the future, names of candidates will be most appreciated from anyone.

The number of recipients to receive an award each year, and the place of presentation is still in the planning stages.

More news about this to come later.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Tekakwitha Notes will be sent the first week in July. If you have an article you would like included in our next newsletter, please call Sarah Hassenplug 622-2996 or Julie Daniels 458-7006 before June 30th.

GOODBYE TO GOOD FRIENDS

The Kateri Committee surprised Madeline and Noah George with a farewell party on March 18th. They are going home to Akwesasne in April after having lived in Syracuse for about thirty-five years.

The party was held at Gladys' and about thirty friends and relatives were there. Plenty of good food was prepared by the Committee members. The cake was decorated with the caption "Paddlin' Madeline Home" with the sketch of a canoe with "Noah's Ark" written on it. The cake was a big hit. With a "mike" hook-up, some of the guests expressed their feelings to Madeline and Noah. Most remarks were funny and some very touching, but all were heart felt.

Though some of us will see them from time to time when we visit Akwesasne, it is hard to say good-bye to old and good friends. They will be missed. We wish them peace and happiness.

INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

The Indian Higher Education Committee of Syracuse has recently met to establish their By-Laws and Guidelines for service to the Native American community of Syracuse and vicinity.

One of the main concerns of the Committee is to make available to our Indian people and youth of high school age, the information needed to pursue higher educational studies. The Committee has representatives from some of the surrounding colleges.

The Committee welcomes new members. If you are interested in higher education for all Indian people, please contact Della Ann Chartrand at St. Lucy's Church for time and date of the next meeting. 475-2188.

DR. SOLOMON COOK LECTURES AT LEMOYNE

On March 27th, Dr. Solomon Cook, from the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation, gave the opening lecture on Iroquois Studies at LeMoyne College. Dr. Cook gave an historical review of the early beginnings of the Akwesasne (Mohawk) People, which proved to be most interesting to all who attended. This was the beginning of a series of lectures on Iroquois Life and Culture sponsored by the John Ben Snow Grant at LeMoyne College.

BENEFIT DANCE

On Friday, May 18th, the Kateri Committee will be having a dance to help defray expenses for those who are planning to attend the National Kateri Tekakwitha Conference in Phoenix, Arizona from August 1st thru the 5th.

The dance will be held in St. Lucy's gym with music, dancing, beer, food and raffles. Watch for our posters and radio announcements in coming weeks.

It is important that Syracuse Native Americans be represented at the National Kateri Conference. We hope you will support us and attend our dance. Everyone is welcome!

COFFEE HOUR

After the 9:30 mass on Sundays, the St. Lucy's Church provides a coffee hour in the church basement.

Our Committee members have been asked to serve the coffee and doughnuts every 4th Sunday during the course of the year. It's a very enjoyable experience for us to meet other members of St. Lucy's Parish. Come down and see us sometime!

BILL MERCHANT

Bill Merchant was born during the great Depression in a small town in Michigan. When he was around the age of two, he was sent to live with his grandparents on the Algonquin Ojibway Reservation Ontanogan in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Winter was a time of life-threatening situations, and survival was a primary concern. Bill recalls eating not much more than dried venison. It wasn't until some forty years later that he was able to truly enjoy the taste.

His grandmother, Linnie Winnago, once saved Bill's feet from a serious case of frost bite, after he had trekked through a snow storm wearing thin, badly worn shoes. She took her long thick hair and gently rubbed his nearly frozen limbs until the life blood once again flowed freely through them. It is in this spirit that Bill Merchant remembers the nurturing love his people had for one another.

Back in the thirties, people Anishinabe (Native Americans) were treated as second class citizens. His grandparents had experienced such treatment for many decades and felt that learning to speak good English and getting a job off the reservation was a way to escape this. Evidently, others also believed this and soon so many had moved to jobs in the large cities of Detroit and Chicago that Ontanogan was destined to become a ghost town as far as the Native American population was concerned. People lost touch with both their families and sense of identity.

Coming to New York State fifteen years ago, Bill and his family began a new chapter in their lives. His career as a popular morning radio announcer and local personality was becoming quite successful. For Bill, however, there was always an element missing.

As Dr. Solomon Cook, of Akwesasne, pointed out at LeMoyne College recently, Indian people seem to want to come home to the reservation as they grow older.

Ontanogan Reservation was no more. Bill had learned, with great sadness, of the passing of the last elderly Ojibway woman, on the reservation, just this past summer. "Coming home" for Bill was a spiritual and emotional journey amongst the members of the Kateri Takakwitha Committee, The North American Indian Club and all the many Iroquois whom he calls "friend". (Welcome home lugani)

by Victoria Merchant-Lewis
Bill's daughter

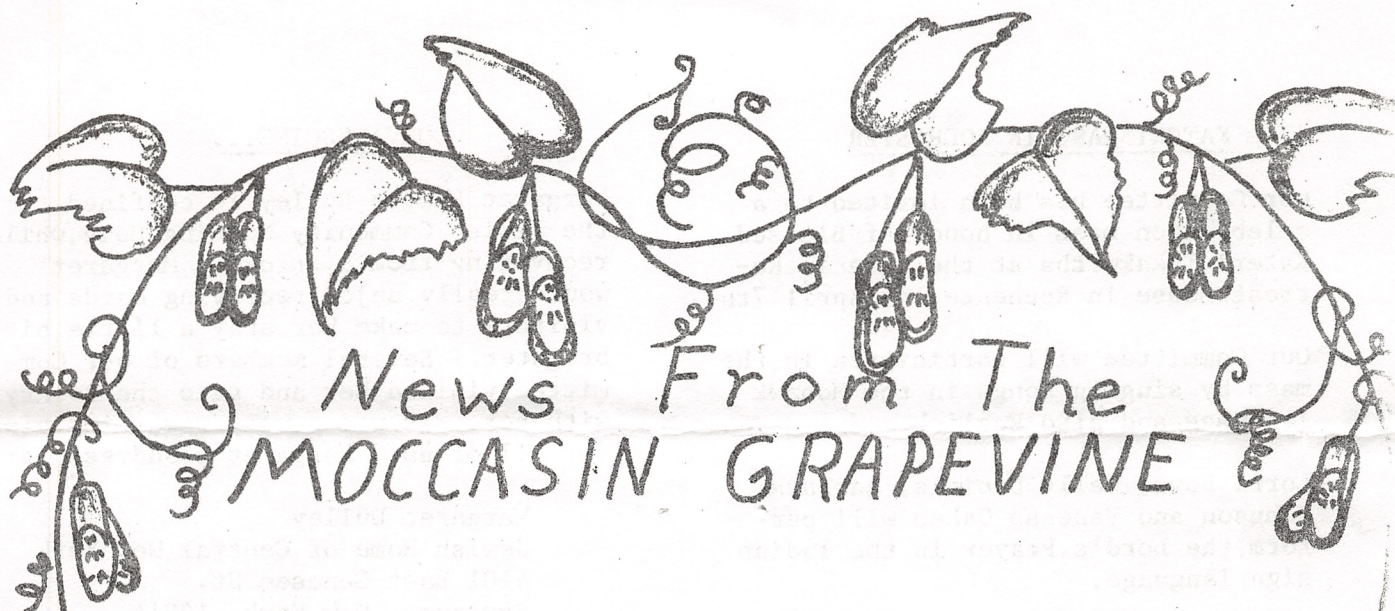
PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meeting, headed by Della Ann Chartrand, has been changed from Monday to Wednesday night. At 7:00 p.m., in the Kateri Chapel at St. Lucy's, we pray the Kateri Chaplet for special intentions, we discuss the daily bible reading and we sing Mohawk and English hymns.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us. Do you have a special intention you would like to pray for?

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers:

Margaret Lazore Dulley, Spin Tarbell, Red Burke and his nephew Frank, Bessie Cree, Harriet Sielawa, Mary Sequin, Joe Cook, Marcel Buckshot, Frank Wolfe, Doris Farmer, Sarah Gonyeaw and Kateri Chartrand.



Anna Dyer was presented with a "Runner's Friend Trophy" at the Solvay Shuffle Race on March 11th at Vadalas Restaurant in Solvay for her outstanding help in cheering the runners in that and other races in the past, by local running clubs.

Did you know that Gladys Honyoust is in Florida again? She plays bingo at the Seminole Indian Reservation.

Hope you win, Gladys. Enjoy yourself and come home safely.

After the celebration of our Kateri Mass on April 27th, Henry George, from Utica, N. Y., will be playing his fiddle, guitar and squeeze-box during the feast. We can't wait, Henry!!!

Our Committee was asked to participate in the St. Patrick's day parade this year. About nine of our members braved the cold weather and marched for a little while and became Irish for a day. The parade was huge and successful. We have been invited to march again next year. Well, we'll just have to wear more buckskins!!

Billy Buckshot was home visiting his family during Spring break from the White Mountain School in New Hampshire. We are pleased to find out that Billy is doing well in his academic pursuits. WAY TO GO, BILLY!!

Sarah and Pat Hassenplug have quit smoking! This may not seem like a big deal to some, but to those who smoke and are trying to quit, it's an accomplishment to be commended. Sarah has quit smoking for six months and it's seven months for Pat. We thought we would share with you how they did it. They prayed to the Blessed Mother by saying the Rosary everyday for her intercession to the Lord to give them strength not to smoke. They each were smoking two and a half packs a day!!

Henry George, Mohawk, of Utica, N. Y., along with Alex and Lena Mitchell of the St. Regis Akwesasne Mohawk Indian Reservation, will be the recipients of the Kateri Tekakwitha awards given by the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha League of Auriesville, N. Y.

The awards are given each year to persons who have distinguished themselves in their devotion to the cause of our Blessed Kateri.

KATERI MASS IN ROCHESTER

Our Committee has been invited to a celebration mass in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha at the Cenacle Retreat House in Rochester on April 7th.

Our Committee will participate in the mass by singing songs in the Mohawk language and also English.

Lorri Bova, Kelly Daniels, Barbara Johnson and Vanessa Oakes will perform the Lord's Prayer in the Indian sign language.

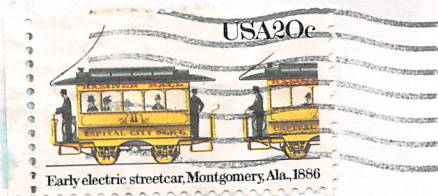
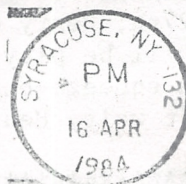
CONVALESCING...

Margaret Lazore Dulley is confined to the Jewish Community Nursing Home while recovering from a stroke. Margaret would really enjoy receiving cards and visitors to make her stay a little bit brighter. Several members of our Committee visited her and said the Rosary with her. It was a very rewarding visit for all of us. Margaret's address is:

Margaret Dulley
Jewish Home of Central New York
4101 East Genesee St.
Syracuse, New York 13214

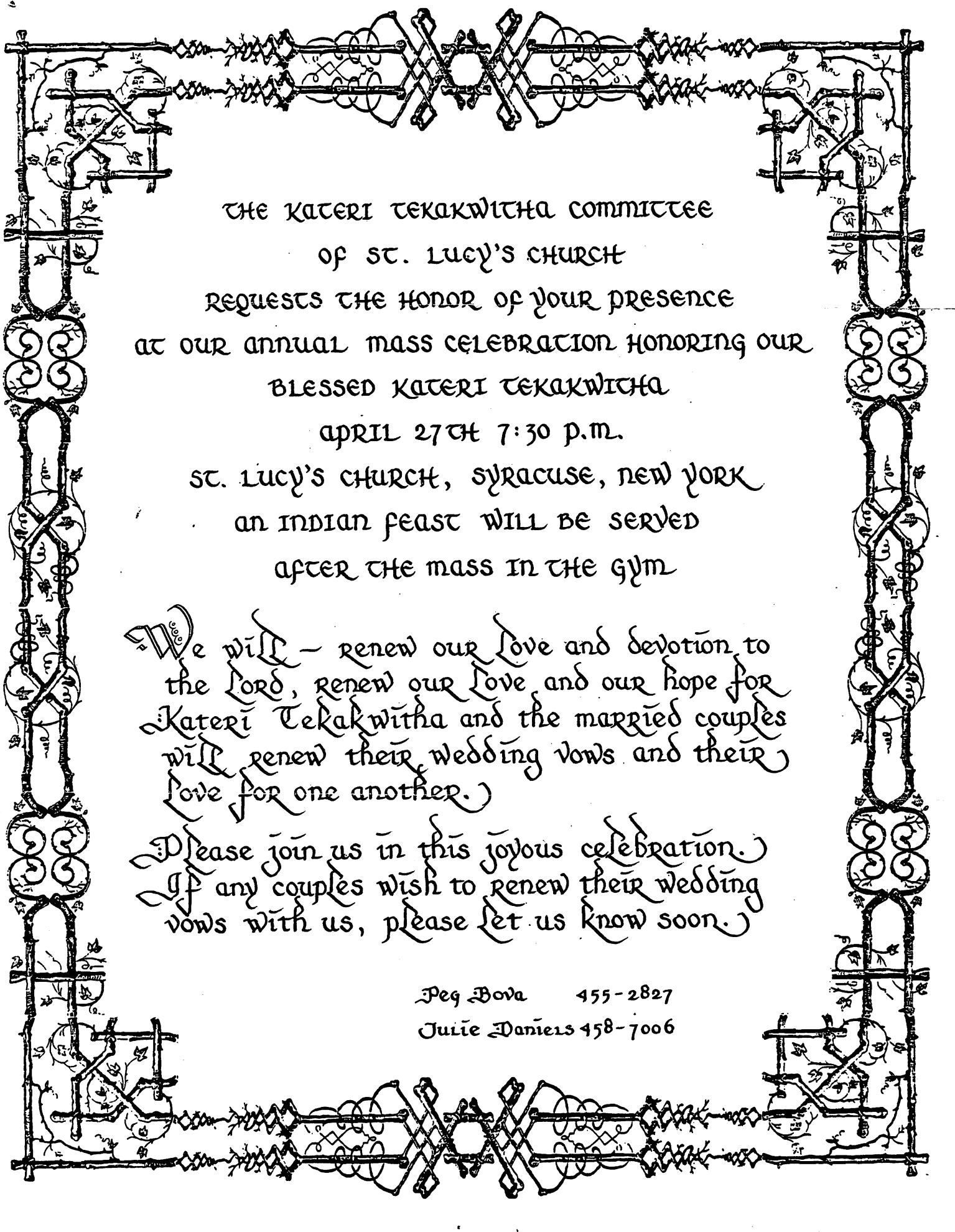
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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA COMMITTEE
OF ST. LUCY'S CHURCH
REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT OUR ANNUAL MASS CELEBRATION HONORING OUR
BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA
APRIL 27TH 7:30 P.M.
ST. LUCY'S CHURCH, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK
AN INDIAN FEAST WILL BE SERVED
AFTER THE MASS IN THE GYM

We will - renew our love and devotion to
the Lord, renew our love and our hope for
Kateri Tekakwitha and the married couples
will renew their wedding vows and their
love for one another.)

Please join us in this joyous celebration.
If any couples wish to renew their wedding
vows with us, please let us know soon.)

Peg Bova 455-2827

Julie Daniels 458-7006

Tekakwitha Notes

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GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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NATIVE AMERICAN LITURGY

THE "FALLEN LEAVES" TRADITION-MEMORIAL MASS

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee wishes to announce that the annual Memorial Mass, in the "Fallen Leaves" tradition will be held on Sunday, November 18th, at 3:00 p.m. in St. Lucy's Church.

Each leaf is symbolic of a deceased loved one. Family members place the leaves on the memorial tree to show that we have not forgotten and our prayers are still with them.

Our own choir, together with members of the St. Regis Akwesasne Singers, will sing hymns in the Mohawk tradition.

The leaves may be purchased from Anna Dyer, 478-7273, Peg Bova, 455-2827 or Sarah Hassenplug, 622-2296. The price for each name is \$1.00. Our committee members will be visiting homes in the immediate area of St. Lucy's Church to take orders.

If you purchase the leaves before November 18th (which is ideal), please bring them to the Mass and hang them on the memorial tree before the Mass. Make a list, also, of the names on your leaves and give it to the committee members so the names can be read during the chanting.

Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mohawk Indian pronunciation of the name
KATERI TEKAKWITHA
(GAW·DE·LEE' DE·GAIL·GWEE'·TA)

Home of the first chapel dedicated in honor of
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

HE IS WITH US IN SPIRIT

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee, of Syracuse, was saddened at the loss of their friend, Alex Mitchell, who died on October 1st.

For years, Alex has been devoted to the cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Distance was no factor as he travelled across the country to attend the National and Regional Conferences.

Whenever the Kateri Takakwitha Committee celebrated special masses, we could always count on Alex to be there. He will long be remembered for his leadership among his people. Quick to tease to make others laugh, his humor will be missed.

I will personally miss Alex's surprise bags containing his home made pickles. That old man's pickles were just as good as the pickles my grandfather used to make.

Sarah Hassenplug

DRAMATIZATION

Sarah Hassenplug is working constantly on the dramatization of Kateri's life. The story will be expanded to have speaking parts. She asks that if anyone is interested in being in this dramatization to contact her at 622-2996. This drama will be filmed and made available to all interested Indian communities and all religious functions.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS

The following people are recovering from operations and illnesses; please keep them in your daily prayers:

Nancy Hopps, Don McGovern, Elizabeth Taylor and Pauline Boots and Agnes Jacques also Bill Sollecito.

Please pray, also for these little angels:

Kateri Chartrand, Hillary Cook and Triska Sunday.

GOD IS NEVER BEYOND OUR REACH

God is never beyond our reach
He's only a prayer away,
Trust Him always, look to His love
He's watching and waiting today.

When trouble comes and things go
wrong,
And you've reached the end of your
rope,
Just tie a knot and hang on tight
Look to God for with Him there's
hope.

When skies above seem dark and
gray,
And clouds hold promise of rain,
Count your blessings, trust in the
Lord,
Soon the sun will shine forth
again.

by:
Mary E. Harrington

ED CONNOLLY

Ed came to us in 1982. We always say that Kateri must have sent him because when we were preparing to do the dramatization of her life story we had to have someone do the lighting for the stage. Alice Thompson introduced him to us as they both worked for the same company. He immediately declared what he could do for us concerning the stage lighting. We couldn't believe his unending devotion and generosity of his time and energy for the cause of Kateri Tekakwitha.

He has joined our committee and has travelled with us whenever we are called upon to present Kateri's life story. We've been to the St. Regis Reserve, Minnesota, Rochester, Utica, Whitesboro, Fonda, Central Square and to the LeMoyne College of Syracuse.

His wife, Mary, has also travelled with us and has been very supportive. She and Ed came with us to Midland, Ont. to see the Holy Father. They also hosted a picnic at their home in Marcellus. Fr. Carey also went and we had a Mass in a clearing in their woods. How beautiful it was and what a great time we all had.

Ed has retired from the Lamson Corp. after working for them for 45 years. He was an electronic group leader. During all these years, he also did stage lighting, as a hobby, for churches, schools and theatres. Alice told him about our dramatization which led him to our group.

We have given Ed an Indian name, Tehoswathe, which means "he who has bright light".

We thank you, Ed, and we appreciate all the time and energy you have given our committee. We love you. Niawen, Tehoswathe.

JINGLE BELLS!!! JINGLE BELLS!!!

Christmas is coming and St. Lucy's Church is preparing for the big event by having their annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 1st and 2nd. Our committee will have an Indian booth there. We are making some Christmas items at Peg's house. If anyone is interested in helping us, just let us know.

Josie Schenandoah's daughter, Patricia Haumann, is making some tree decorations for us. She made some beautiful decorations last year and donated boxes of them to our committee. We were so thankful to Patricia for that.

Josie also wants to start a craft night at her home on Thursdays. Give Josie a call at 478-1533 and give her some support.

RENEW

Weekly prayers will be continued again at St. Lucy's Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel, conducted by Della Chartrand.

It will be held on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please come. It is a very rewarding experience.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL KATERI
TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE AT
LEMOYNE COLLEGE

Over 100 people joined us in "Continuing our Journey with Kateri Tekakwitha" at the third Northeast Regional Tekakwitha Conference held at LeMoyne College this past June.

The conference opened with a warm welcome from Fr. Carey, Pastor of St. Lucy's Church, and Fr. Hemauer, President of the National Tekakwitha Conference, followed by a healing service by Fr. John Hascall.

Fr. Bechard, Canadian Postulator and Fr. McBride, American Postulator, spoke of numerous favors Kateri has granted.

A panel on Child Abuse was presented by Marcia Steele and Margaret Burnam.

Dr. Ray Fougner of Cornell University, presented a youth panel utilizing some Indian youths from our Syracuse schools to answer vital questions concerning youth today. They were: Charles Honyoust, Kelli Daniels, Lorri Bova and an adult student, Steve Fadden.

The last panel dealt with spreading Kateri's devotion among all people. Dr. Solomon Cook, Sr. Dorothy Lazore, Arnold Lazare and Anne Scheuerman were the panelists.

During this conference, the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee presented the first annual Indian Kateri Tekakwitha awards. It was difficult to choose from so many deserving people that the following 15 persons were selected:

Fr. Henri Bechard, Peg Bova
Fr. James Carey, Tom Constantino, Julie Daniels, Anna Dyer, Fr. Thomas Egan, Fr. Gil Hemauer, Albert Lazare, Msgr Paul Lenz, Fr. Joseph McBride, Anne Scheuerman, Fr. Ron Schultz, Mary Eunice Spagnola and Agnes Sunday

Whenever Indians get together, a pow-wow is inevitable. The Standing Arrow Singers of Akwesasne, provided the music, and the lead singer, Gesso Thomas, recited the thanksgiving prayer and said a few words about a need for unity among people. The dance contest was held with prizes donated by the Mohawk Arts and Crafts and the Kateri Tekakwitha Comm. We would like to thank all the members of the Standing Arrow Singers for making the pow-wow a success.

On Sunday, we were blessed with a nice day so the outdoor mass went beautifully. The Akwesasne Singers joined the Kateri committee in singing the mass with Steve Fadden on the guitar. The Mohawk Kateri Song, which was translated into English by Sr. Mary Katherine Rich, C.S.J., was sung by Cheryl Cummings and Vicky Lewis accompanied by Lorri Bova on the flute.

Farewells followed the seemingly three very short days.

COME JOIN OUR COMMITTEE

Our next committee meeting will be held on Sunday, November 4th at 1:30 p.m. in St. Lucy's church basement. If you would like to join our committee, we'd love to have you. Come to our meeting to see what it's all about.

HOME VISITATIONS

Home visitations will be done by Peg Bova and any person willing to volunteer their services. We are moving our office into the church basement. When our phone is all hooked up, you can reach us between 9:00 and 12:00 a.m. You may also leave a message and we will return your call. (475-2188)

INDIAN TIME

The Akwesasne Mohawk Reserve of Hogansburg, N.Y., has a community newspaper serving Akwesasne Mohawk people and eventually all Iroquois communities. It is full of current events on the Reserve. For further inquiries, phone (518) 358-9531 or 358-9535.

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Della Ann Chartrand

Due to health reasons, Della Chartrand will no longer be coordinator of the Native American Ministry. Thank goodness, however, she will still be active in our Kateri Tekakwitha Committee. She has enriched our committee with her great ideas.

We wish to thank Della for her services in the Native American Ministry. She has given us great leadership and guidance.

May your health continue to improve with God's blessings, Della, and may Kateri always be at your side to help you.

Esther Bonaparte

Emily Butterfield, who has a food column in the Herald Journal, interviewed our committee members Julie Daniels, Anna Dyer and Esther Bonaparte. On July 31st, a nice long article about traditional Indian foods was featured in the food section along with five Indian recipes: Mohawk corn soup, boiled corn bread, Indian hash, baked pumpkin and sassafras tea.

Also featured in the paper was a nice large picture of Esther husking corn. Very nice picture, Esther. May we have your autograph?

NATIONAL KATERI TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE - 1985

NEXT SUMMER, IN AUGUST, THE BIG NATIONAL KATERI TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT LEMOYNE COLLEGE IN SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THIS IS A CONFERENCE THAT NO ONE SHOULD MISS. IT IS A COMING TOGETHER OF INDIANS FROM NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST AND CANADA ALONG WITH CLERGY AND FRIENDS OF KATERI FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

MEMBERS OF OUR COMMITTEE AND OUR FRIENDS FROM THE ST. REGIS MOHAWK RESERVE HAVE ATTENDED THE NATIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCES IN DENVER, ALBUQUERQUE, SPOKANE, MINNEAPOLIS AND PHOENIX.

IT WILL BE OUR TURN (NORTHEAST INDIANS) TO SHOW THEM OUR LIFE STYLE AND LEAD THEM TO THE PATHS WHERE KATERI WALKED THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE, WHO MET AT AURIESVILLE ON OCTOBER 5TH, WOULD LIKE PARTICIPATION FROM ALL THE IROQUOIS AND ALGONQUIN NATIONS OF THE NORTHEAST TO HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. THE EXACT CONFERENCE DATE AND MORE DETAILS WILL BE IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER. IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE, PLEASE WRITE TO OUR COMMITTEE AT ST. LUCY'S CHURCH SOON AND WE WILL INFORM YOU OF OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING. OUR ADDRESS IS ON PAGE 1.

KATERI MASS

We had our annual mass celebration for our Blessed Kateri on April 27th at St. Lucy's Church. We renewed our love and faith to the Lord, our love and hope to Kateri Tekakwitha and our love to one another. Ten couples renewed their wedding vows to one another during the mass. As part of the ceremony, they exchanged Indian baskets in the Iroquois tradition. The baskets contained items symbolizing the gifts from the creator that each will give to the other to make their life's journey harmonious.

The sons, daughters and grandchildren of our committee members who signed the "Our Father" in Indian sign language were: Barbara Johnson, Vanessa and Tommy Oakes, John Kilbourn and Charles, Summer and Mya Honyoust.

Traditional Indian food was served after the mass. Our family and friends from the St. Regis Reserve came to help us sing and celebrate.

FASHION SHOW

Have you ever been to a jewelry fashion show? Well, we had great fun at the one we had at St. Lucy's to help us raise more money for our trip to Arizona. We had live models to entertain us. We had Boom-Boom LaMerritt, Adorable Anna, Electrofying Ellis and Picturesque Pat. The pearl necklace and earring set we raffled off was won by Eva Okun, one of our senior citizens.

NATIONAL KATERI TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

The National Kateri Tekakwitha Conference in Phoenix, was held from August 1st to the 5th of this year. Eight members of our committee went and enjoyed every minute of it. They were: Kate Merritt, Esther Bonaparte, Ed Connolly, Bernice Jacobs, Anna Dyer, Sarah Hassenplug, Pat Cook and Peg Bova.

From the opening ceremony to the workshops, the dancing and singing, the healing service, the sunrise prayer, the talent show, the presentation of the Miracle of Roses, the pow-wow, the exchanging of friendships and the closing liturgy, this conference was something never to be forgotten.

On the last evening of the conference, we were invited to the home of Dr. and Marlene McCauley. Ann Scheuerman and some members from the St. Regis Mohawk Reserve were also invited for a dip in the pool and dinner afterwards. What a way to end a conference! We had a marvelous and relaxing time. Our committee members wish to thank the McCauleys for their fine hospitality.

Our committee members stayed for two extra days in Phoenix. One day was spent on seeing the sights of the Grand Canyon. How beautiful and vast it is!

We spent the last day just shopping and looking around. We missed our families back home, but our week in Phoenix was most memorable.

PAPAL VISIT SEPTEMBER 15TH

Members of our Kateri Tekakwitha Committee and other friends went to see the Holy Father in Midland, Ontario on September 15th. Though it was a long wait in the fields by the Martyrs' Shrine, it was well worth it when the Pope arrived and waved to us as he flew above us in his helicopter. Soon, he arrived in his Popemobile and the services began with a sweet grass blessing. A gift of an eagle feather was presented to the Pope and a message was delivered from Chief Mike Mitchell of Akwesasne. Eight Indian Deacons were honored by the Pope as he stressed Indian leadership. He mentioned Kateri Tekakwitha and her strong devotion to Jesus in spite of obstacles. THE POPE'S MESSAGE TO OUR INDIAN LEADERS WAS THAT THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE AND CHRISTIANITY WERE FULLY COMPATIBLE AND CALLED ON THEM TO BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM. We couldn't help but swell with pride after hearing him speak to us.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR TRIP TO MIDLAND TO SEE THE POPE

.....Sarah Hassenplug brought enough food for an army and started eating as soon as the bus left Syracuse.

.....Anna and Burt Dyer spent the whole time keeping warm under their survival blanket.

.....Eleanor Falter and Catherine May kept nice and cozy while waiting for the Pope to arrive. They had a secret weapon in a fruit jar.

.....Peg Bova kept her secret weapon in a brown bag.

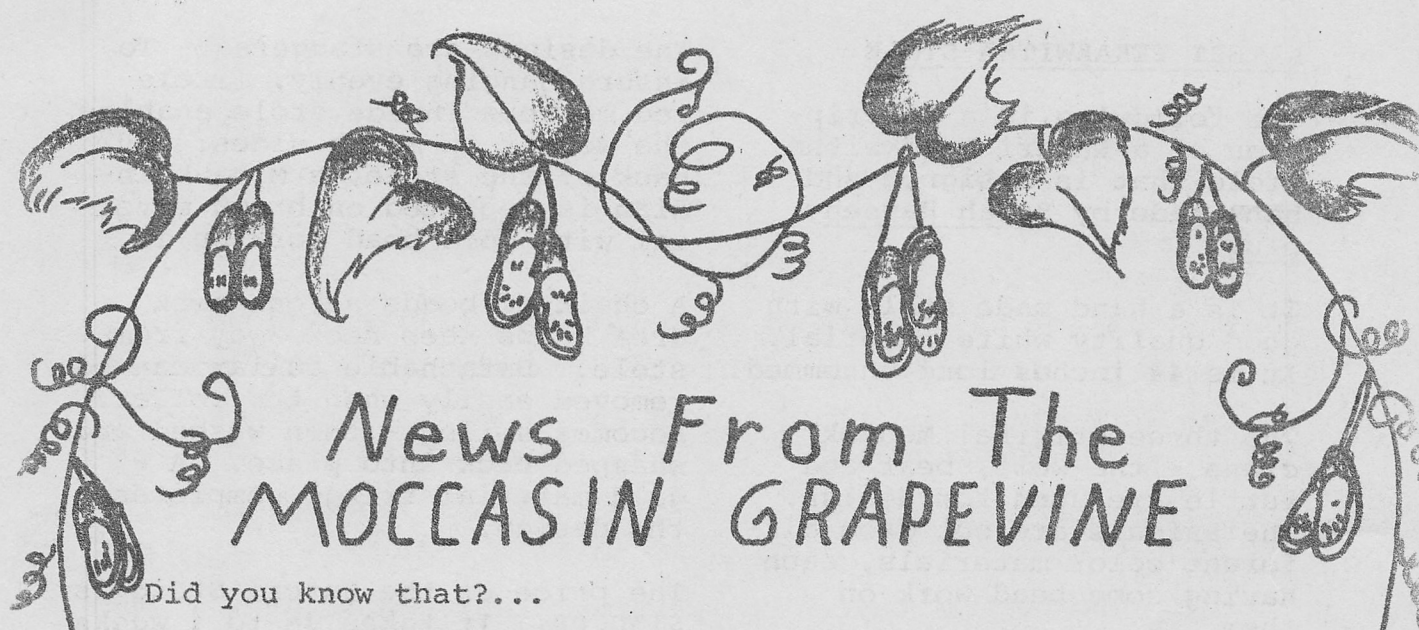
.....Gladys Honyoust's cardboard chair collapsed in the rain.

.....Julie Daniels got stuck on the shuttle bus. She was caught between a lawn chair and two nuns. Poor Julie!

.....Ed McEnry couldn't leave Midland until he had a chance to wave goodbye to the Pope in the helicopter. Just kidding, Ed. We love you.

.....Loretta Harris lost her mom and sister, Doreen, the whole time we were in Midland.

.....The Andrew sisters entertained everyone on the bus trip home. Dell, Peg and Harriett Andrews.



News From The MOCCASIN GRAPEVINE

Did you know that?...

Betty Weismore is a Gypsy? We can't keep up with her. Just when we think she is back in Syracuse to stay-- she leaves again! We are always so happy to have her home again. We all love you, Betty.

We have another Gypsy. Her name is Eleanor Edwards. She heads for the hotter climates in the fall and we don't see her again until spring. She could be in Haiti, Florida, N.Carolina or Virginia. But we don't blame her. We'd go, too, if we could. Eleanor contributes a great deal to our committee. We miss her a lot when she is gone.

Thanks to her therapist, Margaret Hughes is now walking minus the walker. She was even seen dancing the "twist" using lots of "body language"!!

We are going to miss Bernice Jacobs when she moves to her new home on the Mohawk Reserve. We will always remember the funny stories she told us during our basket making sessions. We hope that you will love your new home, Bernice, and that you will think of us often and come back to see us often.

FLASH!! FLASH! FLASH!

Father Mike of St. Lucy's, has a new clan name given to him by one of our committee members. His new name is Count Tsikera-wistak (Gee geh law wees duck).

Loretta Harris has a new granddaughter. The parents are Philip and Melanie Gibson. Congratulations, Loretta.

Harriett Ellis will be a grandma again next year. That makes two for her. The parents are her daughter Brenda and Dennis Obrist.

KATERI TEKAKWITHA STOLE

The following is a description of a Kateri Tekakwitha stole that is designed and hand made by Sarah Hassenplug.

It is a hand made stole with good quality white material. It is 44 inches long unhemmed.

The three original Mohawk clans - the wolf, bear and turtle are used for design. The animals are cut from different color materials, each having some bead work on them.

On the top left, over the heart, the symbol of Kateri's purity, a lily with a cross over it, is beaded in gold, different color greens and the cross is silver with a black border.

The designs are staggered. To insure hanging evenly, little red markers inside stole enables the wearer to match sides. In back of the stole, a Mohawk Indian is depicted on brown material with some bead work on it.

A chain of beads across neck area helps keep neck away from stole. Detachable collar can be removed easily when the collar becomes soiled - then washed and snapped back into place. A 6" gold material fringe completes the design.

The price of the Kateri Stole is \$150.00. It takes 3½ to 4 weeks to make it. With a \$75.00 deposit, the rest to be paid upon completion, the stole can be ordered by writing or calling the designer and maker.

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"ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN MEMORIAL MASS"

Pray for the Souls of Our Departed Loved Ones.

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee wishes to announce the Annual Memorial Mass, in the Fallen Leaves Tradition.

Each leaf hung on the tree, that is placed on the Altar bears the name of a deceased loved one. The price for each name is One Dollar, and can be purchased NOW from any committee member. You may call Julie Daniels, 458-7006, Anna Dyer, 478-2737, Harriett Ellis, 668-6841, or Sarah Hassenplug, 622-2996, for information.

Leaves must be purchased by October 26, 1985, in order to print the names of the deceased relatives in the Mass Booklet.

The Mass will be held at St. Lucy's Church, 2:00 P.M. November 3, 1985.

St. Lucy's Native American Choir will sing in Traditional Mohawk and English throughout the Mass.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE MASS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

COME SHARE IN THE BLESSINGS

An Invitation to Our Lady of Lourdes Church

The Kateri Committee has been invited to join in the Crusade for Peace at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Utica, New York.

The 7th Annual Family Rosary Crusade for Peace starts at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, October 13, 1985.

Mohawk Indian pronunciation of the name

KATERI TEKAKWITHA
(GAW·DE·LEE' DE·GAK·GWEE'·TA)

Home of the first chapel dedicated in honor of
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Invitation Cont.

The Kateri Committee has accepted and will make final plans at our next meeting, October 6, 1985, 1:00 P.M. So be there, especially if you want a ride to Utica. Indian dress required.

More Prayers Are Needed

Please continue praying for Bob Cook, he is doing much better and able to go fishing everyday.

Lorri Bova is miraculously recovering from her accident. She is doing very well, keep the prayers coming.

Joseph Thompson, infant son of Genevive and Albert Thompson, needs your prayers.

Please remember Jean Connors in your prayers too.

Peter Burns suffered a back injury and is also in need of your prayers.

Donation

Blessed Kateri's friend Tom Constantino from Amsterdam, New York recently donated \$25,000 to LeMoyne College. This donation is to help Native Americans pay their tuition to go to school and further their education.

Nia wen Tom! We love you!

College Entrance Assistance

If you need assistance in filling out the right forms to enter college, you may contact Vicky Lewis, 476-6558. She can help you with grant deadlines.

Crafts for Bazar

If you are interested in making crafts for the St. Lucy's bazar, contact Josephine Schenando 478-1533. She has many ideas and needs your help to get started.

Tekakwitha Notes

If you have news to share, or just want to be heard, please call Tekakwitha Notes, 668-6841.

Bill Sharrow attended one of our meetings and we were just amazed with Bill. He's experienced the thrill of piloting a plane, downhill skiing, hunting, softball, volleyball, a C.B.er and so many more activities. Bill is a Mohawk Indian and he's also blind. We hope Bill will continue to attend our meetings; he's truly a remarkable man!

Peter Buckshot would like to thank Blessed Kateri for the reduction in his daughter, Amanda's medicine. Peter is deeply devoted to Kateri.

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee would like to thank Dorothy Burke for her generous donation of ring binders for our song books. Thank you Dorothy!

LECTURE BY DOUGLAS M. GEORGE

On March 25, 1985, LeMoyne College held a reception and dinner in honor of Douglas M. George. That evening, in Shanahan Chapal, Mr. George delivered The John Ben Snow Lecture on Iroquis Life And Culture.

The Rebirth of the Mohawk Nation, was the title of the lecture given by Mr. George, a Mohawk from Akwesasne.

One way in which Mr. George said his people are making themselves heard is through education and communication to those who do not understand what the Native American is all about.

During his lecture Mr. George showed a short film written and produced by people at Akwesasne. The film shows traditional living and gives some insight into their lives and culture.

Mr. George received his Bachelors Degree at Syracuse University and his Law Degree at Antioch University, Washington, D. C.

From Mr. George's lecture we were very optimistic that Christians and Traditionalists can live in harmony with each other and respect each others beliefs.

THANK YOU

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee would like to thank Gladys Honyoust for cooking and providing all the food for the Conference Meeting in April. Thank you Gladys, it was delicious.

BENEFIT DANCE

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee held a benefit dance on May 18, in St. Lucy's Auditorium to help defray costs for the National Conference. The dance was a success due to the many people who donated their time and items for raffles and door prizes.

We are very appreciative to those people who came to the dance and gave us their support. To those who didn't come we hope to see you next time. A special thank you to Bill Merchant who donated his services as Disc-Jockey and his sound equipment.

AMSTERDAM CENTENNIAL

On June 1, 1985, Peg Bova, Sarah Hassenplug and Julie Daniel traveled to Amsterdam, New York to march in a parade, celebrating Amsterdams Centennial year of incorporation.

Tom Constantino constructed a beautiful float with a statue of Kateri Tekakwitha and they felt honored to walk beside it.

Amsterdam was also honoring Kirk Douglas, who was born in Amsterdam on Lark St. and graduated from St. Lawrence University. Kirk Douglas went on to achieve a successful career in films.

The ladies had hoped to get a snapshot and autograph of Kirk Douglas, but he had departed soon after the parade began.

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Bésides being in the parade with the Kateri float they stopped at Fonda, the home of Kateri and walked through the excavated Mohawk Indian Village. They picked wild strawberries and reflected on how it must have been when she lived there. It was a moving experience.

WINNERS' CIRCLE

It bears mentioning that along with Jim Thorpe, we should look to Alwyn Morris and Billy Miles, who also won gold medals at the Olympics.

Alwyn Morris, a Mohawk from Kanawake, Canada won a bronz and a gold metal in the 1984 Summer Olympics for Kayak Racing in Los Angelus.

Billy Miles, a Sioux won a gold medal in 1964 in the Olympics in Japan for running the 10,000 meter race. If you have the opportunity to see the film "Running Brave," it is the life of Billy Miles and we recommend it.

You don't have to win gold medals but, as Bert Dyer, did you can over come obstacles of physical pain and personal self doubts.

Bert is a member of the Syracuse Chargers Track Club and its goal for its members is to run 5,000 miles for as long as it takes. Bert, 50, and the husband of Anna Dyer, completed his 5,000 miles along with another member of the Club last year. They were the first members of the Club to reach the goal.

When Bert was 42 or 43 he said he wanted to stop smoking

and drinking and he had to use up all that energy he was using in bars. He decided on running in recognition of the completion of silver trophy to add to his other awards.

Bert ran in the Boston Marathon, and has qualified to do so again this year. He had run in New York City, Hawaii, Toronto, the Empire State Games and many other races.

"When I tell people I ran 5,000 miles and logged 6,300 miles they say, 'Thats impossible.' Well at one time, I would have thought so too. I've surprized a lot of people, especially myself."

These Indian men are very inspiring and lends truth to the motto, "If you have it in you to dream, you have it in you to succeed."

FATHER MINEHAN

On June 30, a mass was celebrated at St. Lucy's for Fr. Mike Minehan and a reception was held after the mass in his honor. Fr. Mike is leaving St. Lucy's to go to St. Ceceilia's Church in Solvay, New York.

Fr. Mike has been a supporter of the Kateri Tekakwitha Conference since he came to St. Lucy's and he touched many people in the Indian Community. We will miss Fr. Mike and to quote him "Solvay is in for rough times ... Allied is closing and Fr. Mike is going to St. Ceceilia's."

NATIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Our Sacred Journey- Walking in the footsteps of Blessed Kateri, was certainly a memorable one! Opening day commenced at LeMoyne College, with the unveiling of a statue of Blessed Kateri created by Duke Epalito of Syracuse. The Navajo dancers led the grand procession, with the Eagle dance, followed by 4 Knights of Columbus; members of the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation. They carried the statue of Kateri throughout the procession and placed it on the stage in the field house. About 2,000 people marched in the procession. The opening prayer was followed by the blessing of fire, water, the place and the people. Sr. Mary Jose Hobday gave a keynote address. The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee presented every family with a memento of the conference. This memento consisted of a woven splint Mohawk basket made by the Mohawk Indians of Syracuse and of the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation. The basket contained a small sack of dirt taken from the sacred grounds of Fonda, New York and a second class relic of Kateri Tekakwitha. A million thanks from our committee to those who helped us in making those baskets.

The welcoming speakers were followed by a healing prayer service led by Fr. Hascall.

Thursday's journey to Fonda, baptism place of Kateri, continued with the presentation of the play of Kateri's life by the St. Lucy's players. After lunch the journey continued to Auriesville, the birthplace of Kateri.

A panel presentation about the spirit and message of Kateri today took place in the colosseum followed by a mass celebrated by His Excellency Most Reverend Pio Laghi STD, JCD Apostolic Pro Nuncio - the personal representative of Pope John Paul II. The living rosary began outside the colosseum and led to the back with a celebration of the Blessed Sacrament. Between each decade, the "Our Father" was recited in different Indian dialects. The candles carried by each person in the Rosary formation, was a beautiful sight against the dark sky.

Friday's journey was another great experience. The problems with the buses were minimized by the wonderful hospitality of the two reservations - St. Regis and Kahnawake. The food they prepared was delicious and the made everyone feel welcomed. Our brothers and sisters, both Christian and Traditional worked together in harmony. Kateri Tekakwitha was of the traditional beliefs most of her life and learned many values from it. She turned Catholic during the latter part of her life and again learned many values. Kateri would be pleased to see our people work together and pray together.

Saturday started leisurely with a youth panel featuring 4 different tribes directed by Vivian Juan. A Deacon Communion Service celebrated by all the native deacons present. A native fashion show directed by Richard Kane and a host of other Special Interest Areas.

The highlight of the evening was the POW WOW with singing and dancing in honor of Blessed Kateri. Indian youths from the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation demonstrated the many Iroquois dances and asked

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the others to join in. The song of "Kateri Tekakwitha" was very ably sung by Mark Hart and comedian Mathew Herne made us laugh with his joke antics. Master of Ceremony for the evening was our friend, Bill Merchant.

The sunrise liturgy on Sunday, celebrated by Fr. Hascall, was very spiritual and moving. Even the slight sprinkling from the heavens seemed appropriate; as if a message from God.

The goodbys after dinner were difficult, as always. Next year, we will definitely see them all again.

KATERI FEAST DAY

On July 13, and 14, the Feast Day of Kateri was celebrated at Fonda, and Auriesville and St. Lucy's Church, Syracuse, New York.

At Fonda, New York on July 13, the St. Lucy's Kateri Tekakwitha Players performed the drama on the life of Kateri Tekakwitha at 3:45 and 8:30 P.M. in a church in Amsterdam, New York.

On July 14, the committee performed at the 12:00 mass at St. Lucy's Church, Syracuse, N.Y.

We hope you will remember to say a prayer for the canonization of our Blessed Kateri regularly.

DONATIONS

The Kateri Tekakwitha committee wishes to thank Bill Connors, Dorothy Tharpe, and Eleanor Edwards for their donations of money. Nia wen!

UNUSED SPONSORSHIP

The Kateri Tekakwitha committee were happy to be able to sponsor people who would otherwise not have had the opportunity to attend the National Tekakwitha Conference. Many people expressed a desire to go, and made a commitment to do so. However, some of these people did not attend the Conference at all. The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee had to pay for each person they sponsored, whether they attended or not. The people who did not showup missed a great conference.

APPRECIATION

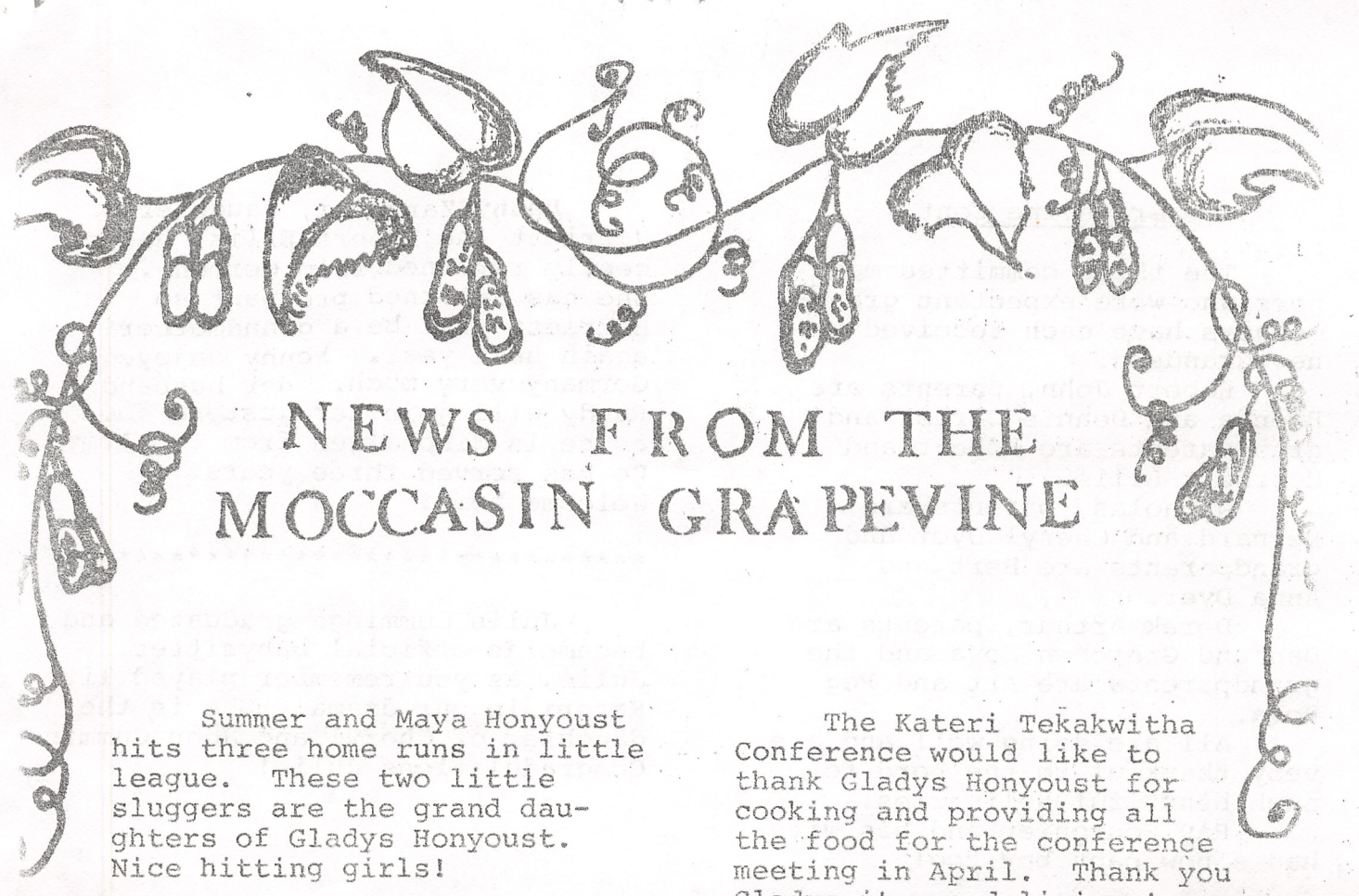
I wish to thank the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St. Lucy's Church for presenting me with the Kateri Tekakwitha award.

Each year, certain people are selected to receive the Kateri Award. This year, Aunt Josephine Angus and I were chosen.

No Award could be more meaningful to me, then to receive her Award, the one Indian who loved Jesus and His Cross so much, Kateri Tekakwitha.

What an honor to be awarded by the very descendants of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's people.

You have made my heart most grateful. Niwen Kowa (Great Thank) Sarah Skanaieah (Little Peacock)



NEWS FROM THE MOCCASIN GRAPEVINE

Summer and Maya Honyoust hits three home runs in little league. These two little sluggers are the grand daughters of Gladys Honyoust. Nice hitting girls!

Eva Cook, who was in England for a month, was most improved bowler in her league. Congradulations Eva!

Kate Merritt was so anxious to hear some news about our committee meeting that she broke her toe while running to the phone. Hope it's all better now, Katie. See the kind of spirit our committee members have?

A big welcome back to Ed Connelly, who suffered a heart attack! We missed Ed and our prayers were answered; he's recovered and with us again.

Our prayers also are with Ed's family. His grandson died recently from an accident. May God be with them and help them through these trying times.

The Kateri Tekakwitha Conference would like to thank Gladys Honyoust for cooking and providing all the food for the conference meeting in April. Thank you Gladys it was delicious!

Josie Shenandoah and Ruth Herne were invited to Fort Worth, Texas, in June, to attend the graduation of David Hern's daughter Regina.

While there, they went to J.R.'s Ranch and to Dallas and visited the site where John F. Kennedy was shot. They were disappointed they didn't make it to Gilley's. Perhaps its best they didn't; it would never have been the same.

Bernice Jacobs had to give up basket making temporarily to work on construction. She worked at Manley Field House and Roy's furniture downtown. Women's lib has reached Indian women too. We love you Bernice!

Grapevine Cont.

The three committee members who were expectant grandmothers have each received a new grandson.

Robert John, parents are Brenda and Dennis Obrist and grandparents are Robert and Harriett Ellis.

Nicholas, parents are Bernard and Cheryl Dyer and grandparents are Bert and Anna Dyer.

Derek Arthur, parents are Dan and Gretchen Bova and the grandparents are Art and Peg Bova.

All are doing well and are very thankful to the Lord for such beautiful deliveries.

Ray Fourgnier and his wife had a new baby boy too!

Penny Zarzecki, daughter of Harriett and Robert Ellis, has recently returned from Germany. She has returned pregnant so Harriett will be a grandmother again next year. Penny enjoyed Germany very much. Her husband Randy will join her just as soon as he is discharged from the Army. He has served three years. Welcome home!

Julie Cummings graduated and became an official babysitter. Julie, as you remember played little Kateri in our drama. She is the daughter of Cheryl and John Cumming. Congratulations Julie!

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HCME VISITATIONS

Home visitations are still being continued by our Committee members, Peg Bova, Eva Cook and Sarah Hassenplug. These ladies thoroughly enjoy their visits meeting old and new acquaintances. If anyone needs any information concerning baptism, communion, confirmation or anything else, please do not hesitate to ask one of these ladies.

MILES MCDONALD LEWIS

A new son was born to Vicky and Sherman Lewis on December 26th. He has a carrot top just like his brother, Deric. Our Committee gave her a baby shower in January and we had an opportunity to meet Miles. What a handsome little boy! Eric must be thrilled to have a little brother to play with. Congratulations, Mom and Dad Lewis, Grandpa and Grandma Merchant must be very proud.

PRAY FOR THEIR RECOVERY

The following people are sick from operations, accidents or long illnesses, please remember them in your daily prayers:

Simon Martin, Mary Cayer,
Catherine Tarbell Murray,
Harriet Jacobs, Orlo Ransom,
Mike Boots, Michael Thomas,
Freeman Hopps, Marion Brown,
Anne White (Warasentha),
Rene Doctor, Richard Debo

WAKES

If anyone wishes to have our Committee sing or say prayers at the funeral homes in the Syracuse area, contact one or both of the following:

Betty Weismore - 476-8140

Josie Schenandoah - 478-1533

Mohawk Indian pronunciation of the name
KATERI TEKAKWITHA
(GAW-DE-LEE' DE-GAH-GWEE'-TA)

Home of the first Chapel dedicated in honor of
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HIS PRESENCE

I may never live to see
my life completely trouble free,
or walk a straight and narrow road,
and carry "not a heavy" load.

I'll never see around a bend,
or riches at the rainbow's end,
but I can walk with head held high,
and notice soft clouds drifting by.

See the sunshine's warm embrace,
the gentle breeze upon my face.

I can hear a bird's sweet song
beside each road I walk along.

These things I feel, and hear, and see
more clearly when God walks with me,
for just "His presence" seems to bring
about the best in everything.

Doris A Orth

ANNUAL ELECTION

On Dec. 2nd, our Kateri Tekakwi-tha Committee held a Christmas party. We exchanged gifts and at this time, we held our annual elections. Our thanks to Peg Bova, Pat Cook, Harriett Ellis and Vicky Lewis, our officers of this past year, who did a mighty fine job for our Committee. The following persons were elected as the new officers for the coming year:

CHAIRPERSON - Sarah Hassenplug
CO-CHAIRPERSON - Re-election
SECRETARY - Peg Bova
TREASURER - Harriett Ellis

Congratulations to all the new officers!

CULTURE SHARING

Our Committee was invited by the Hess Department store of Camillus, to participate in their Ethnic Heritage Day. We accepted the invitation and joined other ethnic groups to show some of our Indian foods and crafts. The members made Indian corn soup and fried bread. The craft items were: Indian baskets, leather, quill and beadwork. We enjoyed this exchange of cultures and we were invited back for another Ethnic Heritage Day in March. Everyone is welcome to come. Look for the date in the Hess Department store advertisements.

NORTHEAST NATIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE
LeMoyne College, Syracuse, Aug. 7-11

A planning meeting was held on February 9th by the Board Members of the Northeast National Tekakwitha Conference. Those present were: Fr. Gil Hemauer, Moderator, Fr. Jim Carey and 10 members of the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of Syracuse, Fr. Tom Egan and 8 members from the St. Regis Mohawk reservation, Anne Scheuerman of Rochester and Tony Renna of Schenectady. Illnesses and prior commitments prevented other members from attending.

The Board Members decided that, during the five days of the Conference, we would have: tribal sharing of singing, dancing and praying, a one day trip to Auriesville and Fonda, a one day trip to the Kahnawake and St. Regis reservations, a lacrosse game exhibition, a pow wow and much more. This promises to be the greatest gathering of the North American Indians in the northeast in a long time. Friends who are working for the cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, Bishops, Priests and Sisters will also gather with us and share with us.

DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SO MANY OF OUR INDIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM THE NORTH, EAST, SOUTH AND WEST.

From this board meeting, various committees were formed. Anyone wishing to help out on any of these committees is most welcome. The committees are as follows:

HOSPITALITY & REFRESHMENTS: Vicky Lewis, Anna Dyer
Pat Boots
THEME AND DECORATIONS: Julie Daniels
LOCAL PUBLICITY (press, radio & T.V.): Bill Merchant
T. Constantino
Diocesan Office
VISITING (Indian communities): Sarah Hassenplug
Anna Dyer, Pat Boots
Margaret Terrance
TRANSPORTATION (Airport): Ed Connolly
PRAYER & LITURGY: Fr. Carey, Fr. Egan
Sol Cook, Peg Bova
POW WOW: Veronica Cook & Eleanor Edwards
PROGRAM: Fr. Hemauer, Tom Constantino
Sol Cook, Elaine Cook & Iris Herne
CRAFT: Peg Bova

Any Indian wishing to share any part of the customs of the northeast Indians with our brothers and sisters, is encouraged to contact these committee people - Peg Bova (315) 455-2827.

"LILY OF THE MOHAWKS"
BY JACK CASEY
REVIEWED BY
SARAH HASSENPLUG
OF THE MOHAWK NATION

One does not have to open the book to get an idea of what to expect from Jack Casey's "Lily of the Mohawks".

A quick glance at the first six words at the upper left hand corner of the cover, "Defying her people and their Gods", tells me that what research the author did was not enough. Before Tekakwitha, the Mohawks had and still have, one God. His name is, Sonkwaiatison, which translates, Our Creator.

The author's insensitivity for a race of people and their future saint by fabricating, distorting and twisting their customs and traditions, just so he can worship his false god, the Almighty Dollar, is wrong.

To write that the Mohawk men had more than one wife and also kept concubines; to say that Mohawk men raped their captives; to make up such a degraded character for Tekakwitha's uncle; that marriage meant little to the Mohawk people, and I can go on and on,

is downright slander against me and my race. To try to justify it by calling it a novel will never make it right.

What little is known about Kateri's childhood was recorded by Fr. DeLamberville, who also prepared her for baptism. However, Fr. DeLamberville is not mentioned in the book. Most of the events concerning Kateri's early childhood are complete fabrications. The Mohawks considered their children one of their prized gifts from Sonkwaiatison.

This book is a perfect example of a white man reading a few books written by other white men and thinking he has become an authority on the subject of my people. I will never be able to live with the fabricated, distorted and sometimes filthy scenes contained on almost every page of this book.

If you have the book, I suggest you tear off the cover, cut off the upper left hand corner and you will have one of the most beautiful pictures of an Indian that I have seen in a long time. Drop the rest of the book into the garbage can.



NEWS FROM THE MOCCASIN GRAPEVINE

DID YOU KNOW THAT?...

Miss Suzanne Hill, of Onondaga Nation, made the Dean's list at the Canton A & T College she is attending. Sue is the daughter of Oliver and Maxine Hill and the granddaughter of our Committee member, Gladys Honyoust. Good luck, Sue.

Randy Daniels, Son of Dave and Julie Daniels, was awarded an Associates Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Canton A & T College. We're very proud of you, Randy. Randy's brother, Matthew, is in the Armed Services, stationed in Germany.

Pam Tolone Scheemaker, of Central Square, wife of Michael Scheemaker, also made the Dean's list and maintained a 4-0 average during her two years at Bryant-Stratton Business School. She received an Associates Degree in their Executive Secretarial program. Pam is the daughter of Art and Peg Bova of Mattydale. Good work, Pam.

Terri Bova, daughter of Mary and Wilfred Bova, is attending Morrisville College and Lorri Bova, daughter of Art and Peg Bova, is attending Cornell University. We are also proud of these girls and wish them the best of luck in their future.

One of our Committee members, Pat Cook, wife of Morley Cook, has been attending Bryant-Stratton Business School as a full time student. She is seeking skills in the secretarial field. She is enjoying this new endeavor and is reportedly doing quite well. We wish Pat success and we are so proud of her.

This must be the year of the "Stork". Three of our Committee members are expectant grandmothers. The blessed events will take place this summer and fall. Anna Dyer, Harriet Ellis and Peg Bova are the grandmothers. Bernard and Cheryl Dyer, Brenda and Dennis Obrist, and Danny and Gretchen Bova are the mammas and the pappas. Congratulations to all these happy people.

LIFE'S LITTLE BLESSINGS

So many of life's little blessings today

Will come unnoticed and slip away.

While we continue to grumble and fuss

ignoring the good God who gave them to us.

How much more happy our lives would be,

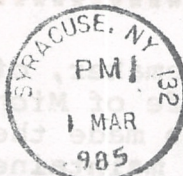
if instead of complaining, we'd just stop to see

The numerous blessings He gives us each day,

Which lighten our burdens and brighten our way.

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MEMORIAL MASS

The Memorial Mass this year will be on November 2, 1986, at the noon mass. Please arrive 30 minutes early for the reading of the names to be put on the memory tree.

Refreshments will be served after the mass.

A donation of a dollar for each leaf will be accepted. Ten dollars for a large family. Call any committee member for your list.

SHARING

October 12, 1986 has been set aside for our special group sharing. The sharing will start at 1:00 P.M. This time Father Carey will explain about the different parts of the mass.

We will share a variety of our favorite foods. After we eat we will play the old fashioned bingo game with plenty of good prizes.

Come and join us and enjoy yourself. If you have a concern and are too shy to mention it, write it down on a piece of paper and drop it in our special box. No signatures are necessary.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Bereavement Committee at St. Lucy's Church will serve food at no cost after funerals upon request. The committee will also aid you in picking out a casket, special liturgy or anything else that you need at a time of bereavement. Donations are accepted, call Joe & Ann Gushlaw 488-2078. This also involves work, so they need at least two people from our committee each time. Many hands make it easy.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee meets the first Sunday of every month unless otherwise notified. 1:00 p.m. St. Lucy's Church basement.

Different times during the year the Altar & Rosary Society of St. Lucy's Church decorate the altar with flowers. They can use donations for flowers and you can call Ann Gushlaw (488-2078) if you wish to do this.

St. Lucy's Bazaar is November 8 & 9 this year. Items for the white elephant sale and crafts are needed. And you are needed to make this Bazaar a huge success, so be there.

Mary wants to start making crafts at St. Lucy's basement either Sat. or Sundays. Call her if you are interested or have some good new ideas. Mary Bova 455-7138.

Anna Dyer is doing home visitations

Vicky Lewis will tutor student who need a little help. Call 475-0572. Vicky will also help anyone on questions about tuition aid for college.

Pat Cook is now teaching Indian Language in the Syracuse schools.

Eva Cook is a substitute teacher. Nice work girls .

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SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers are needed for the following list of people who are sick :

Terry Lodor
Bertha Mc Elwaine
Gladys Nolan
Robert Crotts
Steve Shenandoah
Freeman Hopps
Michael Thomas
Maxine Gonnella
Mary Bero
Woodrow White
Ann Casey

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Thomas Ransom, Tony Tenasco, Peter Buckshot, Joseph Sunday, Marshall Sunday, ~~Jacob Day~~, ~~Mike Boots~~, Please pray for them.

CELEBRATION

On June 29th of this year the Diocese of Syracuse celebrated it's 100th Anniversary. Members of the Kateri Committee were invited to a mass celebration at the State Fair Grounds. The committee members sang a few Indian hymns for the mass at the Miller Court.

KATERI DAY

On July 12th, we celebrated Kateri's Day with a mass at Fonda with our new Bishop Pelotte. The St. Regis Choir sang beautifully, the Kateri Players put on their favorite play, the Woodland Dancers from Buffalo did their famous dances, and the Aztecs from Mexico tripped the lights fantastic with their style of dancing. Princess Palemoon, Esther Deer and Ironeyes Coty were also there. All were treated to a nice dinner at the Holiday Inn, by our friend Tom Constantino.

The following day Sunday the 13th, we celebrated mass at Auriesville and a reception afterwards.

The fifty fifty raffle was won by Jennifer Morgan from Hogansburg.

TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

In August, we the members of the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee once again traveled to the Tekakwitha Conference which was held in Bozeman, Montana. This year we came back all smiles about what a great time we had. We met again the same familiar friends we have known for several years. We also made many new friends and exchanged addresses and gifts.

Montana provided plenty of sunshine and great hospitality. The mass celebrations were so beautiful, prayerful and sacred. Bishop Pelotte attended the whole conference. We found him very friendly, charming and sincere.

Those lucky enough to attend were: Father Carey, Sarsh Hassenplug, Harriett Ellis, Mary Bova, Peg Bova, Art Bova, Lorri Bova, Terri Bova, Ed Connelly, Esther Bonaparte, Bernice Jacobs, Anna Dyer, Terry Steel and Mitch Steele

The workshops, panels, tribal sharing and other presentations were done expertly. The meals at the College were out of this world as well as the Indian meal we had outdoors.

After the Conference, we went to Yellowstone National Park for a day. We were lucky enough to have a special guide, Terry Aldrich who showed us all the highlights of the park. We enjoyed every minute of it, and we are so thankful to Terry for his helpfulness and friendship. We shall always remember him

We also took time out for a Birthday Party for Father Carey. Needless to say that it was another memorable evening.



NEWS FROM THE MOCCASIN GRAPEVINE

Sister Mary Elizabeth was seen dining at Denny's with some of her old friends from the Kateri Committee. She looks great and is doing fine.

And Margaret Buckshot recently became a grandmother. Mathew Mathias was born October 3, 1986 and weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

Evelyne Buckshot has a new grandson, Johnathan Mark, Jr. Born September 14, 1986, weighed 10 pounds and 1 ounce.

LADY OF THE ROCKIES

The people that went to the Tekakwitha Conference this August saw the 90 foot high, 80 ton statue of the Virgin Mary that was built with the Ironworkers help. This statue of the Virgin Mary stands on the cliffs of the Rocky Mountains overlooking Butte, Montana. Its a beautiful sight to see in the daylight and its all lite up at night.

Robert O'Bill prayed to the Virgin Mary for the recovery of his terminally ill wife. Miraculously, his wife recovered. As a sign of gratitude to God, Robert O'Bill decided to build a five foot statue of the Virgin Mary to be placed somewhere like in a city park. Instead the idea drew such support that it blossomed into a project taking five years to complete.

"Faith is the answer."

AWARD

Terri Bova, daughter of Wilford and Mary Bova presented a Kateri Tekakwitha award to Father Haig at the conference.

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KATERI MASS

On Saturday, April 19th, at the 5:15 Mass, we will be celebrating a Mass in honor of our Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Since Spring is the time of new beginnings and the awakening of our Mother the Earth, we will celebrate this Mass with a seed blessing Ceremony. Please bring a small packet of seeds (any kind) to Mass with you so that they may be blessed.

We would like to invite you to a feast after the Mass across the street in St. Lucy's gym.

TUITION AID-ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

Send your children to St. Lucy's school for a quality education. We would like to see more Indian children attending St. Lucy's school. Many Indian families have not sent their children to St. Lucy's because of the high cost of tuition.

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee now has special funding to help you pay for some of those costs. Registration for Fall has already begun and the classes fill up very fast - so please hurry.

The registration fee is \$25. per child. For further information, call Fr. Carey, 475-7273.

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DAY CARE CENTER

Our Kateri Tekakwitha Committee is in the process of providing a day care center on Gifford St. We will provide child care services for infants, toddlers and pre-school children. Look for more information by mail as soon as everything is ready.

BENEFIT DANCE

What a great time we all had at the very successful benefit dance for Tony Tenasco. This was put on by our Algonquin friends in this community. Many carloads came from Canada to pay tribute to Tony. The Tenasco brothers are very talented fiddlers. We danced the night away. Bill Merchant was our MC and DJ. Many great door prizes were given away and the food was terrific. Tony was very happy to see all his friends and would like to say thank you to everyone who helped with the dance in one way or another. A special thanks to Terry Steele for organizing the dance. Some cassette tapes of the fiddle music may be purchased at _____ each. Call

Tony, 428-8790

SAY SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please say special prayers for the following people for their continued recovery from illnesses:

Bob Cook
Tony Tenasco
Nicky Barry
Evelyn LeClair
Freeman Hopps
Red Burke
Dodie Smoke
Mary Cayer
Lorraine Bova
Bill Frank

SPRING CLEANING

Notice how much cleaner the original marble altars are when you come to our Mass. Peter Buckshot and Tony Tenasco have been climbing and cleaning the altars recently and it looks good, guys.

NEW MEMBERS

We are so proud to welcome new members to our committee. These new members have already contributed a lot of input into our committee planning. Welcome to: Terry Steele, Edna Oakes, Joe Gushlaw, Ann Barry, Rose Labelle, Maude Frank, Binky Burnan, Jean and Tony Tenasco, and Margaret Buckshot.

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee

In 1979, the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St. Lucy's Church was formed. We came together because of our love for our Indian people, Kateri Tekakwitha and our Lord.

Our members are not all members of St. Lucy's Parish, but many of us have some ties there. Some of us were married at St. Lucy's, attended mass there during some part of our life, or made our First Communion or our Confirmation there. The members come from Liverpool, North Syracuse, Mattydale, Central Square, East Syracuse, Marcellus and all over. This should dispell the belief that to be a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee, you have to belong to St. Lucy's Church.

Another misconception is that one must be Indian or Catholic in order to become a member. This is not true. The committee welcomes anyone regardless of race or religion. We only ask that you have a desire to support and work for our cause and goals.

What is Our Cause?

To bring our Indian people together.

To share our spirituality.

To promote Kateri Tekakwitha as a role model and pray for her canonization. Kateri has been our saint since our childhood and it was a surprise to learn she has not been canonized yet.

What Are Our Goals?

To see Kateri Tekakwitha canonized.

To have our Indian people come together regardless of their tribe, how they worship or what their lifestyle is.

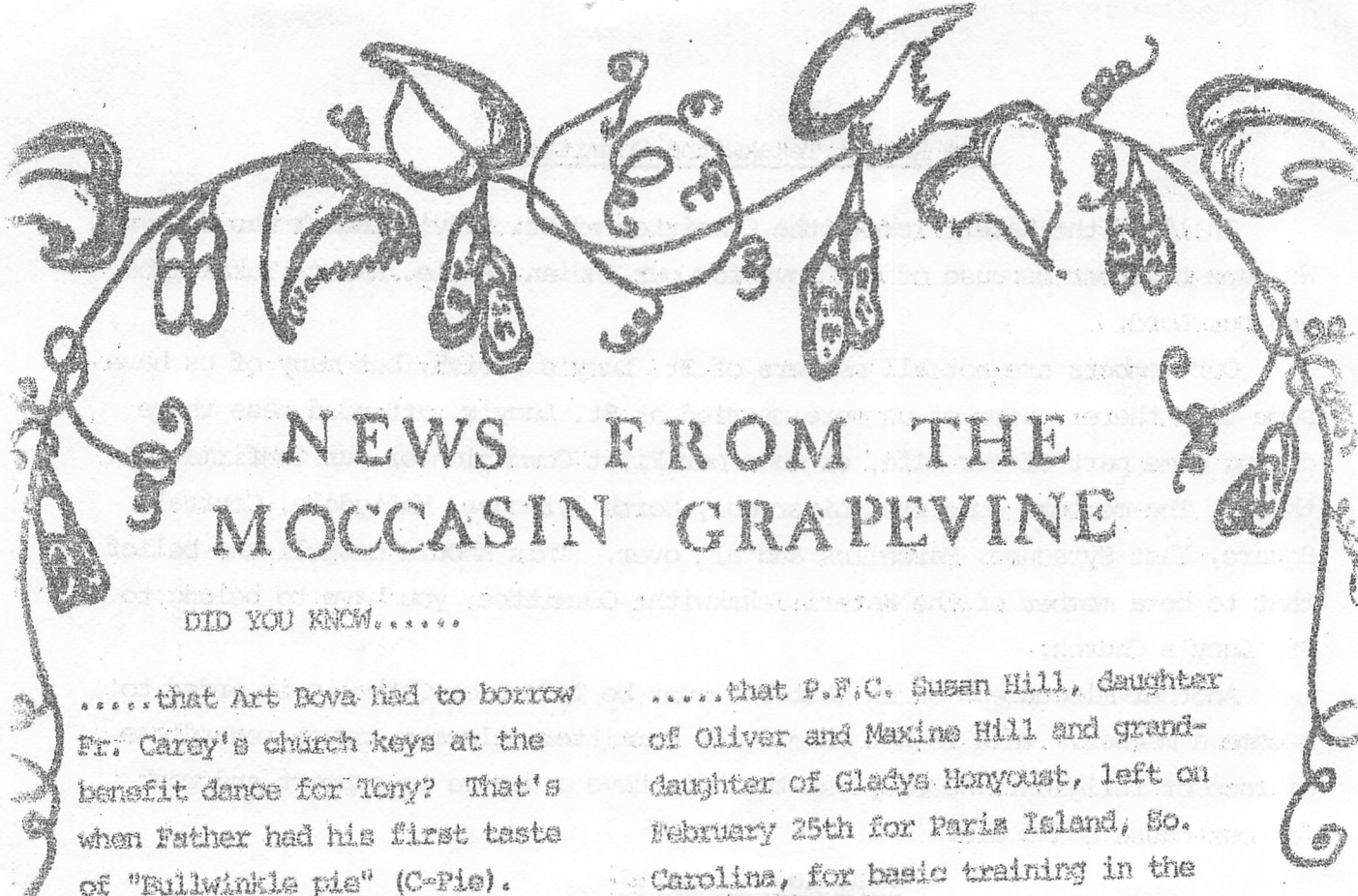
To have a religious order in the name of Kateri Tekakwitha.

To have a Kateri Tekakwitha day care center.

To have a Kateri Tekakwitha Center here in Syracuse.

The spiritual rewards we receive more than compensates the time and work we do to provide these services.

We meet on the first Sunday of every month in the basement of St. Lucy's Church at 1:30 p.m. We hope this article gives you a better understanding of what the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee is all about. If you want to become involved in something meaningful and rewarding, come to a meeting or call Sara Hassenplug at 622-2996.



NEWS FROM THE MOCCASIN GRAPEVINE

DID YOU KNOW.....

.....that Art Bova had to borrow Fr. Carey's church keys at the benefit dance for Tony? That's when Father had his first taste of "Bullwinkle pie" (C-Pie).

.....that Bernice Jacobs is a grandma again? Her daughter, Helena, had a boy and she named him Skylar James. Helena now has a family of four.

.....that Harriett Ellis also is a grandma again? Her daughter, Penny, had her first baby and she named him Jason Steven.

.....that Vicky Lewis surprised everyone by having a baby girl this time? Her name is Alexandra Nicole. She has 2 brothers.

.....Dana, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Nelson has been taking Karate lessons for 2½ years? He holds an orange belt w/3 tips.

.....that P.F.C. Susan Hill, daughter of Oliver and Maxine Hill and granddaughter of Gladys Honyoust, left on February 25th for Parris Island, So. Carolina, for basic training in the U.S. Marine Corps?

.....that Susan's brother, Shawn Hill, reported to Camp Pendleton, California? He has also joined the U.S. Marines. Shawn graduated from the P.O.L. School of Fort Lee, Virginia with an average of 97.9. Nice work, Shawn!

.....that Karen Bova, daughter of Art and Peg Bova, is going to Russia for two weeks in April and May? She was invited by a group called Women in Leadership. Karen and about twenty other professional American women will meet with Russian women. Karen wishes to express her gratitude to Jan Luango who made this rare opportunity possible for her.

FIRST CATHOLIC NATIVE AMERICAN BISHOP

Congratulations to the very Rev. Donald Edmond Pelotte, S.S.S., our newly appointed Catholic Native American Bishop. He was appointed Co-Adjutor Bishop, with the Right of Succession, for the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico, on February 24th, 1986, by Pope John Paul II.

The Bishop Elect will be ordained on May 6, 1986, at the Red Rock Fairgrounds in Gallup, New Mexico.

A special celebration to honor Fr. Pelotte, will be held at St. John's Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio, after his ordination. This was announced by Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop of Cleveland.

Bishop Elect Pelotte's parents are deceased. His father, Norris Albert, was an Abenaki Indian. His mother, Margaret Yvonne (LaBrie) was of French decent. The Abenaki's are one of the tribes of the Algonquin Nation. Kateri Tekakwitha's mother was also Algonquin.

The Catholic Native American have waited a long time to have one of their own ordained a Bishop and the news of Fr. Pelotte's appointment was met with great joy and thanksgiving. The pride and honor that Fr. Pelotte has brought to our Algonquin brothers and sisters must be over whelming. That pride and honor is carried through to all the Native Americans.

Thomas Constantino, president of the Noteworthy Company, has invited the Bishop Elect Pelotte to the Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day Celebrations at the Ponds National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, in July. Hopefully the Bishop Elect will accept the invitation; thereby giving the Northeast Native Americans, who will be unable to attend his ordination, a chance to meet and congratulate him in person.

S H A R I N G

We would like to invite you to our "Sharing". We have had two recently and we will have another one in April or May. We gather together on a Sunday afternoon and Share our thoughts, concerns and joys with Father Carey as our leader. We then Share a covered dish supper consisting of a variety of our favorite foods. After dinner, we play the old fashioned bingo game with plenty of good prizes.

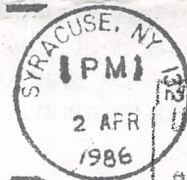
Come and join us and enjoy yourself. If you have a concern and are too shy to mention it, write it down on a piece of paper and drop it in our special box. No signatures are necessary.

For a date of our next Sharing, please call 455-7138.

COLLEGE TUITION AID

Lemoyne College is offering tuition aid to Native Americans for full time or part time students. Lemoyne College is for the serious minded students. Now is the time to look into full time college for next fall. Summer school begins in May. Call Vicky at 475-0572 for further information.

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KATERI MASS

We would like to invite you to our annual Mass Celebration in honor of our Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha on Sunday, April 26th, at the regular 12:00 o'clock mass. We will have our traditional sweet grass blessing and sing our Indian songs to the beat of the drum and rattle.

A feast of traditional Indian foods will be served following the mass in the auditorium. We hope you plan to come.

SHARING

We would also like to invite you to another "Sharing" which will be held on March 22nd, at 1:00 p.m., immediately following the 12:00 o'clock mass. We will be serving spaghetti again, one of your favorites, and we will play old fashioned bingo again with plenty of prizes. Your only cost will be .25¢ for each bingo card. Bring your friends and have a good time.

Remember that this "Sharing" will be held in the auditorium across the street from the church. That means comfortable seats and no stairs to climb.

INVITATION

If you are interested in our Committee and would like to know more about what we do, please come to our next meeting which will be held April 5th at 4:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon. Our meetings are held in St. Lucy's Church basement. We welcome new members.

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NEW OFFICERS

Our Kateri Committee held elections in December and ready to tackle the new challenges are the new officers:

Chairperson:	Eleanor Edwards
Co-chairperson:	Mary Bova
Secretary:	Anne Barry
Treasurer:	Harriett Ellis

Mary Bova and Harriett Ellis were re-elected and agreed to serve for another year.

The former chairperson, Sarah Hassenplug, wishes to express her gratitude for all the support and cooperation the committee has given her for the past two years as Chairperson. Congratulations and good luck to all the new officers.

CENSUS

St. Lucy's Church will be conducting a census for the area surrounding the West side. Much help is needed. If you would like to volunteer, call St. Lucy's Rectory and give the secretary your name and the fact that you would like to help with the census. The phone number is 475-7273. Those people living around the West side of Syracuse should expect a call from these volunteers on the afternoons of April 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th. It will only take a few minutes of your time. Please assist them in getting the census done. All the churches of the Diocese will be conducting the same census

RUMMAGE SALE

The members of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Lucy's Church have been holding a rummage sale in the auditorium on the first Friday and Saturday of each month. Good clothing items are sold at very low prices. Come to the sale and see.

If you wish to donate clothing or other items, please call the Rectory 475-7273 and leave a message for Joe or Anne Gushlaw.

TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE IN ARIZONA

Our Committee members are preparing for a trip to Arizona in September to attend the annual Tekakwitha Conference for a prayerful reunion with all their new found friends and also to meet with the Holy Father. This is a most exciting time for us because it means a once in a lifetime chance to meet the Holy Father for most of us.

The ENCLOSED APPLICATION will help you to register for this Conference. Information for motel and plane reservations are also included.

Everyone is welcome to attend this Conference.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE ???

In October of 1986, Sarah Hassenplug and Peg Bova, travelled to Princeton, Maine, the home of the Passamaquoddy Indians, to attend an informal meeting concerning the 1987 Regional Conference. They had a warm welcome from Fr. Larry Smith who met them at the airport.

A meeting was held on Saturday in Fr. Smith's house. Peg and Sarah explained the the people how our Kateri Committee started in making the plans for the Regional Conference that was held in LeMoyne College. Another meeting was held the next day at Pleasant Point, another reservation about an hour away. Again Peg and Sarah encouraged them to get the ball rolling and begin working on the Regional Conference. The women seemed very enthusiastic about it. They agreed to have more meetings among themselves to get things started. After the meeting, Peg and Sarah were treated to a traditional Indian meal. They said it was delicious and couldn't get over what a good time they both had.

Peg and Sarah stayed at the home of Sonya Dana and her family who were so warm and hospitable. Sarah said they didn't get a chance to go hungry as Sonya and her husband are also great cooks. "What a beautiful place to live!", said Peg and Sarah, "the reservations are surrounded by water and pine forrests".

Our Committee is looking forward to going to this Regional Conference this summer. We are waiting to hear from them as to when this will take place.



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~~A NEW RELIGIOUS ORDER~~

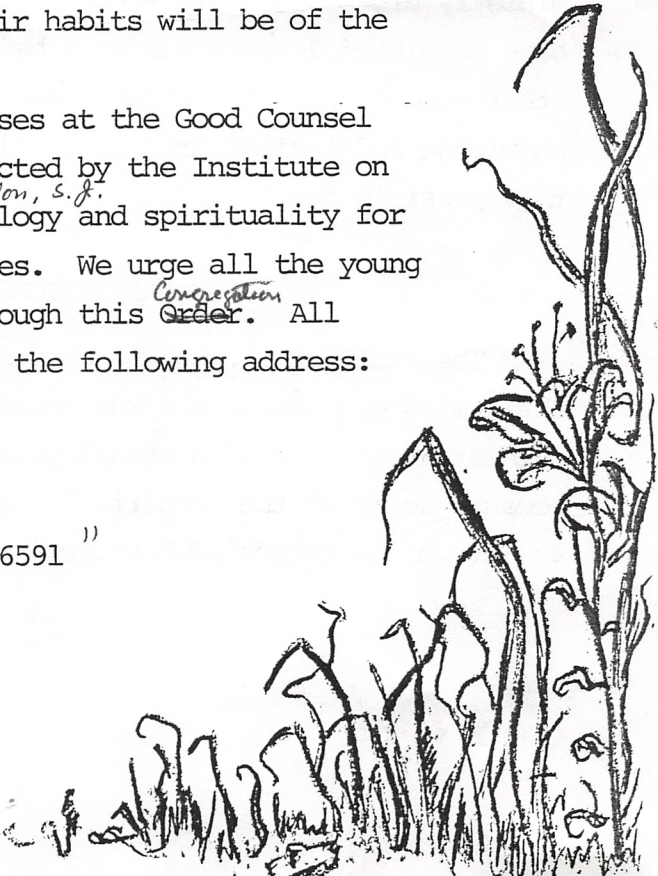
~~Sisters of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha~~

"On Pentecost weekend, June 5th, 1987, the first Native American Religious Order in the name of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha began. The foundress is Sr. Clare Xavier of White Earth, Minnesota. The ^{Congregation} Order began in Waukesha, Wisconsin where Sister Clare attended the workshop of the Fellowship of Catholic Communities. This fellowship was formed to aid new religious orders, who are just getting started, to take the right steps and to avoid making mistakes. Those with experience were very helpful to the newly formed orders and they were very helpful and encouraging to Sr. Clare Xavier.

"The Sisters of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha will work with the poor and will also work with Native Americans. Their habits will be of the Native American style dress.

^{"last summer"} Sr. Clare is ~~presently~~ ^{ed} attending classes at the Good Counsel Summer School, of Waverly, Nebraska, conducted by the Institute on Religious Life, ^{under the direction of Fr. John Hardon, S.J.} This ^{was} is a program of theology and spirituality for novice mistresses and formation directresses. We urge all the young ladies to think about serving the Lord through this ^{Congregation} Order. All those interested may write to Sr. Clare at the following address:

Sr. Clare Xavier
Kateri Indian Mission
White Earth, Minn., 56591 "



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SISTER CLARE XAVIER

Sr. Clare Xavier is an Ojibway Indian from the White Earth Indian reservation in Minnesota. At the Tekakwitha conference last year in Montana, Sr. Clare shared with everyone about a dream she had about Kateri Tekakwitha. She felt compelled to work with her people and to honor Kateri. After the conference in Montana, Sister felt she must do more and this was when the idea of a religious order in the name of Blessed Kateri was born. The Order actually began on the Pentecost weekend of June 5th. After that weekend, Sister came to Syracuse to meet the members of the Kateri Tekakwitha committee and to visit the Tekakwitha Chapel. She also wanted to visit the birthplace and Shrine of Tekakwitha at Auriesville and Fonda. Some of the committee members accompanied her there. On her return, she said she enjoyed her visit tremendously and left with many ideas about the religious order. Sister said her next trip here will be to visit the tomb of Blessed Kateri at Kahnawake. Starting on July 4th weekend until the end of July, she will drive to Waverly, Nebraska to learn about teaching novices who enter the new Order.

LAY MINISTRY

Sarah Hassenplug, Terry Steele and Peg Bova have been attending lay ministry classes to better serve the Indian community. Sarah and Peg have completed 2 years and will be commissioned this fall. Terry has another year to go. The three women say they have derived a great deal of knowledge and insight from these classes and urge others to join them if they possibly can.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. DAN O'HARA

The staff at St. Luby's church and the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee shall miss our Deacon who was ordained Fr. Dan O'Hara on June 13th at the Cathedral. He was with us all year and our committee named him "Arosen" because he is of the "Squirrel" clan. He is now doing his priestly duties at St. John's Church of Liverpool. Good luck to you Fr. Dan.

BL. KATERI TEKAKWITHA MASS CELEBRATION

July 11th will commence the celebration of Blessed Kateri's Feast Day at Fonda and Auriesville.

Saturday at Fonda, July 11th

3:00 p.m. - Pageant of Kateri's life by
St. Lucy's Native American players

4:30 p.m. - Concelebrated Mass at outdoor stage

Sunday, July 12th at Fonda

Masses: 9, 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 & 4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - Prayer-Dance Service in Martyrs' Coliseum
by Liturgical Dancers from Rochester, N.Y.

Monday, July 13th

11:30 a.m. - Mass at Fonda

11:30 a.m. - Mass in Auriesville Coliseum

2:00 p.m. - Chaplet recitation
before outdoor Kateri statue

7:00 p.m. - Organ Recital in Coliseum

Tuesday at Auriesville, July 14th Blessed Kateri's Feast Day

9:30 a.m. - Mass in Kateri Chapel

10:00 a.m. - Monologue presentation by Mary Eunice
in National Kateri Center

2:00 p.m. - Procession and rosary to open air chapel

7:00 p.m. - Concelebrated Mass

Presentation of Tekakwitha awards in Coliseum

Rainbow Music Ministry will sing

Note: Our own Fr. James Carey of St. Lucy's Parish will receive a Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha award for his unending devotion to Bl. Kateri. Fr. Carey is very deserving of this honorable award. He invited our people to start a Mass celebration in honor of Blessed Kateri in 1978 at St. Lucy's and the movement has been unending and growing bigger and better each year. Congratulations, Father, Kwanoronkwa.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Princeton, Maine

The Northeast Regional Conference was held in Princeton, Maine this year on June 26, 27 and 28. It was a very sacred, prayerful and healing conference. A busload of Mohawks from the St. Regis Mohawk reservation and Syracuse journeyed to Maine as well as Algonquins and non-Indian friends. Also enjoying the conference were the nearby Ojibways and Penobscots. Many new friends were made. The Syracuse Kateri Committee members did the pageant on Kateri's life. The viewers were very impressed about Kateri's life story. The players were presented each with baskets made by the native Indian basket weavers. These baskets will be treasured by the players forever.

Fr. Hascall was his usual charming self making everyone feel especially blessed just by being present. A great deal of spiritual healing took place. The pow wow was especially fun with just about everyone dancing. The oldest grandmothers were honored and presented with gifts.

The Kateri Committee would like to thank those who opened up their homes to us. We will always remember their hospitality and friendship. The coordinators of the conference, Sonya Dana and Glenna Levesque, did an excellent job!

The Ojibways from nearby Pleasant Point have agreed to have the Regional Conference next year. That's wonderful news! We will be looking forward to that event and we urge everyone not to miss it.

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BL. KATERI MASS CELEBRATION AT ST. LUCY'S CHURCH

^{The}
~~Our~~ Kateri mass celebration was held on Sunday, April 26th at the 12:00 ^{M.}
~~p.m.~~ mass. We were joined by the congregation of St. Lucy's parish and friends from the St. Regis Mohawk res.^{erve}, the Onondaga res.^{erve}, the Algonquins from Maniwaki and Syracuse, friends from Rochester, Utica, Pittsford and Auriesville.

It was a very happy and heart-warming celebration for our Blessed Kateri with a ceremonial blessing of the sacred pipe and sweet grass. Everyone was invited to a feast after the ~~mass~~.

THE FIRST AMERICAN RUNNERS
(by Sam Graceffo, M.D.)

(Taken from the Syracuse Chargers Track Club Newsletter, Vol. XIX, No. 5 , May)

It is often said that the running boom began in the United States in 1972 when millions watched on TV as Frank Shorter became the first American in 64 years to win the Olympic Marathon. But long before Shorter, and even before the first white man set foot on this continent, running was extremely prevalent. I refer to the running done by the original inhabitants of this land, the Native Americans, the so-called Indians. For the Indians, running was a way to communicate over long distances, to fight and to hunt. But it was also a game, a way of instilling values, of developing strong wills, and of connecting with the forces of the universe. The book, Indian Running, by Peter Nabokov, provides a fascinating account of the history and mysticism of the original runners of this land and is an inspiration for all of us today.

Runner-messengers were widely used and there are numerous accounts that stagger the mind, such as the 50 year-old Mesquakie who ran over 400 miles in Wisconsin to warn of an enemy attack. These runners lived like messenger-monks, vowing celibacy, observing strict dietary rules, promising truthfulness, and dedicating their lives to the office. They were always willing to undertake a task, were good-natured, fearless, and they possessed a quality of tranquil bravery. They appeared to have a "calling," were trained from childhood, covered 100-200 miles per day, called each other "cousin," and were lean, strong, and swift. The Iroquois Confederacy was able to dominate upper New York State in part because of its organized runners who covered the 240 miles of trails from Albany to Buffalo.

More.....to be continued in our next Tekakwitha Notes.

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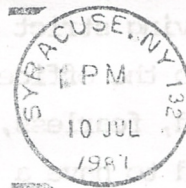
COME AND JOIN US OR WATCH US AS OUR KATERI TEKAKWITHA COMMITTEE MARCHES IN THE JOYGERM PARADE ON SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1987. WE WILL HAVE A KATERI FLOAT AND THE PARADE WILL START AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE 700 BLOCK OF SOUTH SALINA. COME AND HELP US SPREAD JOY GERMS!!

BERIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

As mentioned in our previous newsletters, St. Lucy's church has a bereivement committee for those who do not have room in their homes to receive guests after the funeral mass of their loved ones. A staff of dedicated persons are ready to serve you. A donation would be greatly appreciated if at all possible. Contact Joe Gushlaw at St. Lucy's. No. 475-7273

Also, the Kateri Tekakwitha committee is always willing to say Indian prayers and sing Indian hymns at wakes and funerals whenever they are requested. Contact persons are Chairpersons Eleanor Edwards, 446-9128 and Mary Bova 455-7138.

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HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE FROM THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA COMMITTEE OF
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ANNUAL KATERI TEKAKWITHA MASS

You are cordially invited to our annual Kateri Tekakwitha Mass
Celebration on Sunday, April 10th at the 12:00 P.M. MASS AT St. Lucy's
Church. This will coincide with St. Lucy's Open House.

Our mass celebration will begin with our traditional songs in
the Native American language along with our traditional sweet grass
blessing.

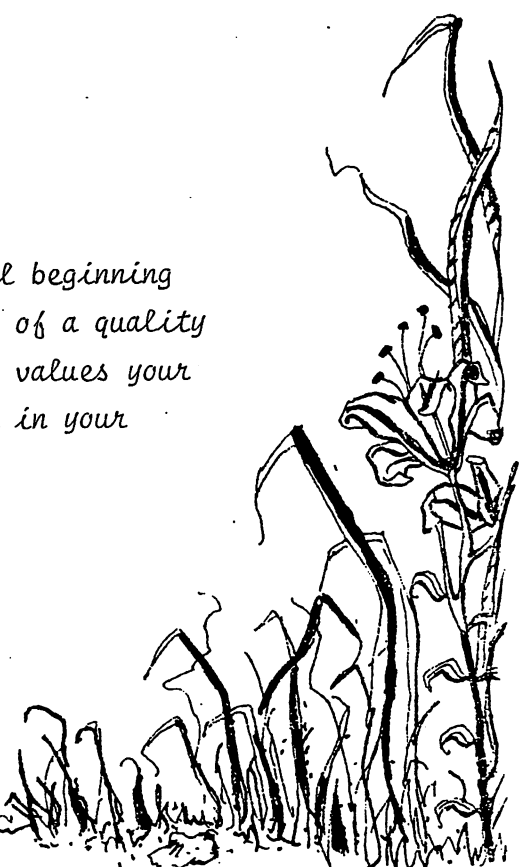
A feast will follow after mass in the gym at no cost. We would
love to see you there.

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REGISTRATION AT ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL

It is registration time at St. Lucy's school beginning
with grades K to 6th. Do not deprive your child of a quality
education. St. Lucy's school provides important values your
child can not receive in public schools. Invest in your
child's future. Call the Rectory now #475-7273.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Our Kateri Tekakwitha committee members got thoroughly involved with the making of a float for the parade this year. Members of St. Lucy's and Christ the King's church also got involved. We made flowers, banners, signs, leprechaun suits, a large globe and clothing for Christ the King and St. Lucy. Our theme was "Wee Are The World". A note of thanks to Art Bova who helped prepare the two trailers for our float and who also made our globe.

Our first float carried people who represented Christ the King, St. Patrick, St. Lucy, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and members of the black and white community. The second float carried all the little leprechauns. After the parade, we all declared it was worth the work. We had a great time putting the float together and working and laughing with one another.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

After the parade, most of the parade goers of St. Lucy's church went to the dance. We again had a great time with lots of food, beer and a good band for dancing. What a way to end a parade!!!

SR. MARY MARCELLA O'DONNELL, SSMN

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Sr. Marcella on January 29th. We will miss her smiling face at the Tekakwitha conferences we attended together. She had an outstanding dedication to the Native Americans of Western New York. The Native Americans of the Buffalo area will sorely miss her presence there.

Sister was received as an honorary member of the Mohawk Tribe at the St. Regis Reservation and was given the name "Kawennanoron", which means Precious Word. May she be at peace now with the risen Lord.

MASS AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

Our Indian mass at Christ the King Church in Liverpool was quoted in our last newsletter as being on January 31; however, it was postponed to May 1st at the 12:00 p.m. mass. You are welcome to come and pray with us.

KATERI TEKAKWITHA AWARD

Anna Dyer has been selected to receive a Kateri Tekakwitha award for her unending devotion to the cause of Bl. Kateri.

It will be presented to her, among other recipients, on July 10th at the annual Tekakwitha Award Presentation dinner at the Auriesville Shrine.

Anna is deserving of this award and we are very proud of her. Past recipients of this award from our committee are: Fr. James Carey, Peg Bova and Sarah Hassenplug.

BROOK CHAUSSI

Brook, who did a wonderful job in portraying Kateri Tekakwitha on our St. Patrick's Day parade float, also had a part in a musical stage play entitled, "Guys and Dolls", at the Phoenix High School. Looks like we may have an up and coming actress in Brook. She is the daughter of Dorsey and Marge Chaussi of Fulton, N.Y.

CINDY LABELLE

Cindy LaBelle, who is the daughter of Rose LaBelle, received a SUNY Minority Honor Scholarship. She was also accepted at LeMoyne College and will major in human development child psychology.

Congratulations to Cindy and best wishes for a bright future!!

SR. MARY JOSE HOBDAY, OSF

Sr. Hobday was the first guest speaker during the Lenten program at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The title of her talk was, "What unites us and what divides us". She brought out a lot of truths about the feelings of the Native Americans people and the wise old traditions of many different tribes.

Sister was such a terrifically delightful speaker. The audience was moved by her interesting delivery delivery and her humorous style. Our committee members are so proud of her and what she stands for. More power to her!

Our members had great fun with Sister in the lobby of Hotel Syracuse after her speech--chicken wings and all!!!

FR. JOHN HASCALL TO BE IN MANIWAKI

Fr. John Hascall, president of the National Tekakwitha Conference, will be travelling to Maniwaki, Canada, on May 7th to 8th to visit the Algonquin people. He will hold a healing mass on the 7th and will be a celebrant in the Sunday liturgy at the Holy Rosary Church in Maniwaki.

After that weekend, Father will travel to the Kahnawake Mohawk Reservation in Quebec, Canada, for a retreat with the Mohawks.

It is always an honor and a treat to attend one of Fr. Hascall's healing services.

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Please pray for the following people who are recovering from an illness or an operation and need your prayers:

Louise Doxtator	Marge Chaussi
Peter Burns	Mary Cayer
Bervice Clarke	Alex Brown

HEART ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Bernard Dyer raised over \$1,600.00 with the help of sponsors to help benefit the American Heart Association in this year's annual heart run. Local runners raised over \$50,000 on February 14th, 1988. Bernard was the top fundraiser and was awarded a silver bowl for his efforts.

Bernard wishes to thank everyone who donated to this most worthy cause. "Fighting the war against heart disease is a tough battle, but it can be won through research, so please keep those dollars coming next year", says Bernard.

NATIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Once again, we would like to remind you of the National Tekakwitha Conference to be held in Bozeman, Montana on August 10th to the 14th. If you have never attended a National Conference, there is a lot of enjoyment in store for you. Contact our committee members for more information about registration.

RUMMAGE SALE

A message to all you bargain hunters. The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Lucy's church, sponsors a rummage sale in the gym on the first Friday and Saturday of the month. The prices are very low and satisfaction is very high.

CRAFT NIGHT

We are still making Indian crafts in St. Lucy's church basement every other Thursday each month for the next Christmas bazaar. Some of you might want to help us. Our next meeting will be on April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING

Our next K.T. Committee meeting will be April 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. If you are interested in the cause of Blessed Kateri, come and join us.

YOU'D BE SURPRISED

*You're never as ill as you think you are so do not be dismayed--
if your mirror tells you you are looking old and frayed.
It's only a passing phase; you'll soon be feeling fit and fine.
Tomorrow or the next day you will sparkle. Eyes will shine...
It's wonderful how a hopeful thought can change your point of view--
so that courage, health, and strength come flowing back to you.
You're never as wronged as you think you are when something you resent--
and never as hurt as you say when putting up an argument...
You'd be surprised how rapidly a grievance fades away--
if you can think of something else and drop it for today.*

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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA COMMITTEE OF ST. LUCY'S CHURCH WISHES EVERYONE
WARMEST WISHES AND BLESSING FOR THE COMING NEW YEAR.

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The new year begins with new officers on our committee. The following people will serve as our new officers for the coming year;

Chairperson: Eleanor Edwards
Co-chairperson: Anna Dyer
Treasurer: Mary Bova
Recording Sec.: Anne Barry
Corresp. Sec.: Peg Bova
Sunshine person: Terry Steele
Ticket person: Loretta Harris

Congratulations to all the new officers, especially Eleanor Edwards for being re-elected for a second year.

A heartfelt thank you to all the out-going officers for doing a wonderful job this past year.

And to the rest of the committee, without whom we could do nothing, thank you for all your support.

SHARING

You are cordially invited to our next "Sharing" which will be held on Sunday, January 24th, after the 12:00 p.m. mass at St. Lucy's church. It will be held in the gym.

The "Sharing" will begin with a free spaghetti dinner, some socializing with your friends and then an exciting game of BINGO will be played with plenty of good prizes to choose from.

Those who have attended our past "Sharings" expressed their enjoyment in our dinners and in the games that followed. So why don't you come on January 24th and bring your friends?

The small fee for the bingo games is very affordable.

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HOW KATERI TEKAKWITHA INTERCEDED FOR A DEAF BOY'S CURE

(Taken from Lawrence Eagle-Tribune, Lawrence, Mass. 9/6/74 by Mary Fitzgerald)

Marlene McCauley of Scottsdale, Arizona, read the book on Kateri written by her former professor at Emmanuel College, Rev. F.X. Weiser, S.J.

When the Jesuit came to Phoenix to lecture in April, 1973, Marlene met him at the airport to tell him how much she enjoyed the book. While they had coffee, the priest wondered why Marlene kept shouting at her little boy, four-year-old Peter. She explained how he was facing surgery since otitis media had left him partially deaf in both ears.

The Jesuit suggested she pray to Kateri. On April 18, the date Kateri had been baptized, Peter's ear problem disappeared. His father had been speaking to his mother in a low voice when Peter astounded everyone by answering him. He could hear perfectly.

Peter's father, Allan McCauley, is a lawyer with a cool, analytical mind. He was dumbfounded. Surgeons who examined Peter declared his hearing was so perfect he no longer needed an operation. They had no explanation for the sudden cure either. Marlene had her own theory. She planned the painting of Kateri in thanksgiving.

Marlene had never attempted anything like the planned six-foot painting of Kateri Tekakwitha. She saw it as Kateri surrounded by children of many nations. She believes that Kateri had a hand in all the fortunate coincidences that enabled her to begin painting July 15th and have the portrait all completed two weeks later. She gave the portrait to Bishop Edward McCarthy of Phoenix for the Yanqui Indians. Marlene wanted them to have it since, if Kateri is canonized, she will be the first North American Indian saint.

Ever since Peter's cure, the McCauleys, with their five children, have become involved both in Kateri's story and Indian lore.

Marlene feels that "Not only is she the first saint from our continent, but her name, 'Tekakwitha' means 'putting things in order'. Right now we need help with putting things in order in America more than ever before".

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The annual Christmas bazaar at St. Lucy's church was a huge success. Our committee always has a craft booth with Native American articles to sell. The proceeds go to St. Lucy's church. We have started making crafts for next Christmas. If anyone wants to help us in any way, our next meeting will be Jan. 21st in St. Lucy's basement at 7:00 p.m.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Lucy's church, sponsors a sale of used clothing (and some new) on the 1st Friday and Saturday of every month from Friday evening to Saturday noon. The prices are very reasonable.

If you wish to donate anything for this or other sales, contact Jo or Anne Gushlaw at 475-7273.

"CULTURAL BARRIERS AND CULTURAL GIFTS" is the title of one of the Lenten series sponsored by the Urban Ministry Board, co-sponsored by the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St. Lucy's Church. This event begins on February 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral on East Onondaga Street.

The keynote speaker will be Sr. Jose Hobday, OSF, a Franciscan of Seneca Iroquois descent. The subject of her speech will be "What divides us and what unites". Sr. Jose has spent 12 years with Native Americans on reservations in Montana and Arizona. In the past years, Sister has lived and worked in the Denver area. In 1985, Sister began full time work with the Tekakwitha Conference National Center.

Everyone is welcome to come, but we are urging all the Native Americans to please mark this date on your calendars and try to attend this memorable event.

The schedule for the Lenten series is as follows:

- Feb. 24 - "Cultural Barriers and Cultural Gifts" by Sr. Jose Hobday
- Mar. 2 - "Divorced and Separated in Our Church" by Angela Gallo
- Mar. 9 - "Dignity Without a Job?" by Rev. Warren Savage
- Mar. 16 - "Mentally Disabled Poor" by Sr. Rose McGeady

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LAY MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

On October 27, 1987, a Commissioning of Native American Lay Ministers was held at St. Lucy's Church.

Bishop Joseph O'Keefe presided over this memorable Native American liturgy with the sacred pipe and sweet grass blessing followed by hymns sung in the Mohawk language.

Peg Bova and Sarah Hassenplug are the first Native Americans to be commissioned to this service to the Lord.

Another Native American, Terry Steele, who is Algonquin, is attending Lay Ministry classes and will also be commissioned in September. Congratulations to these three ladies for their dedication.

PHOENIX - POPE JOHN PAUL II'S AUDIENCE WITH THE NATIVE AMERICANS

(Taken from the Tempe Daily News Tribune, September 15, 1987)

In his first-ever meeting with American Indians, Pope John Paul II said the Roman Catholic Church should do its best to respect tribal customs and work to integrate them with dignity into religious ways.

The pontiff spoke of "one human family" and told his audience: "Within this family each people preserves and expresses its own identity and enriches others with its gifts of culture, of tradition, customs, stories, song, dance, art and skills."

While the papal visit brought a spirit of elation to those assembled, it also served to focus attention on two historic figures critical to both the Indian and Catholic communities.

A Catholic official said Monday that the pope, apparently acknowledging Indians' complaints, will refrain from moving an 18th century missionary to the Indians a step closer to sainthood.

Father Charles Chaput of Denver, who participated in Monday's event, said the pontiff will study Indians' complaints that the late Father Junipero Serra allegedly instituted a system of physical abuse, coercion and forced conversion of California Indians.

The pope had been expected to beatify Serra during a scheduled visit to his grave Wednesday in Monterey, California.

Meanwhile, there was disappointment among the American Indians gathered at Veterans Memorial Coliseum that the pope did not make their most famous Catholic, Kateri Tekakwitha, a saint.

The crowd stood cheering when The Rev. Donald Pelotte of Gallup, N.M. - the only American Indian bishop - suggested the pope canonize the 16th-century Mohawk woman.

John Paul II beatified Tekakwitha seven years ago, and speculation was strong that he would use the historic visit with Native Americans to complete the third step to sainthood.

The pope's warm welcome from an estimated 16,000 delegates to the annual Tekakwitha Conference was dotted with a handful of dissenters, who booed him when he praised Serra. But, for the most part, the conference was a joyous occasion for the representatives of more than 100 tribes across the United States.

Cheers and long applause followed the pope's declaration that tribal cultures should be preserved. "I encourage you, as native people belonging to different tribes and nations in the East, South, West and North, to preserve and keep alive your cultures, your languages, the values and customs which have served you well in the past," said the Holy Father.

HE GOT HIS WISH

(taken from the Tekakwitha National Center Newsletter, Fall, 1987)

Henry George, Mohawk, of St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church in Utica, said, "The only thing in life that I've ever wished for myself was to be able to shake the Pope's hand and kiss his ring. I've thought of that for more than 50 years." Henry George got his wish in Phoenix, Arizona, when he met Pope John Paul II at his visit with the Native communities.

POPULATION EXPLOSION

Some of our committee members are boasting about having new grandchildren this year. The proud new grandparents are:

Joe and Anne Gushlaw had a grandson on July 21st by their proud daughter, Cathy. His name is Joel Alexander.

Art and Peg Bova have a new granddaughter named Valerie Lorraine born on August 7th to their son, Dan and his wife Gretchen. She was born on her mother's birthday.

Harriett and Bob Ellis have a new grandson named Michael Thomas born on November 26th to their son Tom and Renee.

Eleanor and husband Bob have a new granddaughter named Grey Wolf born on November 26th to their son Bobby and his wife, Mercy Afraid of Bear.

Last, but certainly not least, Loretta Harris has them all beat! She had two grandchildren this year! A daughter was born to her daughter, Theresa, on August 6th. Her name is Rhiannon. On December 31st, a daughter was born to her son Philip and his wife Melanie. Her name is Kristen.

Congratulations to all these proud grandparents for the added joy in their lives.

HONOR ROLL

Wesley Bova, son of Mary and Willie Bova continues to be on the honor roll each year. He is a junior at the Cicero-North Syracuse High School and has been enrolled in the National Honor Society. We are very proud of Wesley. He has a very bright future ahead of him.

NATIVE AMERICAN MASS REQUESTED

Our committee has been invited to do a Native American mass at Christ the King Church in Liverpool on January 31st. at the 12:00 o'clock mass.

We will sing our traditional hymns in the Mohawk language and blessings will be done in the Iroquois tradition.

ANNUAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

The 49th annual Tekakwitha Conference will be held this year at the Montana State U., Bozeman, Montana, from August 10th to 14th. Our Kateri committee attended the last conference in Bozeman and we have a lot of memories connected with it. So, naturally we are planning to visit the "Big Sky Country" again.

HOME VISITS

Three people on our committee are doing home visits. Anna Dyer has been visiting homes on a daily basis. Peg Bova and Sara Hassenplug, because of prior commitment, are visiting on a limited weekly basis. They all find their work very rewarding.

COMMITTEE MEETING

If anyone wishes to join our committee or just to see what we do, come to our next committee meeting. There are many ways you can help us. Our next meeting will be held at a member's house on February 6th. Let Eleanor Edwards know if you wish to come and she will give you directions. 446-9128.

JOIN US IN PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING: :

- + World peace.
- + Unity among our people and love for one another.
- + Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.
- + All the lonely, troubled, aged, poor, sick and imprisoned.
- + Special intentions.

BRAVO TO ANNE SCHEUERMAN!

About two years ago, Anne M. Scheuerman from Rochester, N.Y., one of the many promoters of the cause for canonization of Kateri, found out that there was a special tour that journeyed to the Arctic Circle and to the geographic North Pole. During the past year, it was apparent to her that the opportune time had come to take this special journey to bring Kateri to the Arctic region. The extensive and necessary planning to the area 3,100 miles northward to the land of perpetual ice and snow where temperatures of -38°F to 50°F , plus wind chill factors were common, began.

One of the first steps was to locate the Catholic Missions in the region to be visited. The second step involved obtaining Kateri statues and pamphlets for these missions. It was Fr. Joseph McBride, S.J.; Vice Postulator for Kateri's cause in the U.S. and residing at Auriesville, who provided 3 six-inch gold antique Kateri statues. A small Kateri statuette was given by Fr. Henri Bechard, S.J.; Vice Postulator of Canada.

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Anne had determined that this statuette would be sealed in a water-proof container and left at the geographic North Pole in honor of the original peoples of the North American continent.

What a sacred moment within the heart! Photos were taken in a spiritual daze. The statuette of Kateri was photographed prior to depositing it atop a stack of three ice slabs providentially placed together. The ice blocks were of soft blue hue with an outside edging of white frost. Ice blocks are commonly seen. They are a result of the great pressure exerted by the movement of the unfrozen waters below the surface ice.

Anne finished her sacred experience with a final prayer for the needs of Native Americans. She prayed for peace and mercy for all mankind, as she turned in the four directions.... "Yes, it had been cold here, but how can one feel the cold when the heart is so warm?"

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SHEKON TEWATATEKEN GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Our Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St. Lucy's Church, dedicates this issue to Joe Gushlaw, who died on March 11, 1989.

Joe was a member of our Committee for a few years. We miss him very much. He had a way of making you laugh because he had a good sense of humor. He knew what to say to make you feel better, if you were feeling bad. When our members had a disagreement, he would not take sides because he loved us all. He was a sincere and contributing member of our Committee. He travelled with us to Maine, Montana and Arizona to see the Pope. He also took part in our dramatization of Kateri's life.



Joseph E. Gushlaw

Joe always looked for the good in people. He was dedicated to helping his fellow man. He started the Bereavement Committee at St. Lucy's. This Committee would put on a meal after a funeral for those who did not have room in their home. This meal has been requested at almost every funeral--week. There is no charge for this meal and the food is bought from people. This great work of Joe's will be carried on as if he were still with us.

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Joe and his wife, Anne, have been active at St. Lucy's Church for about 30 years. They had four children of their own and provided an emergency foster home for small children. Sometimes they've had as many as eight foster children in their home at one time. Around 1,700 children have been cared for by Joe and Anne.

Because he enjoys helping others so much, we gave him an Indian name, Shakorihwawase (the helper).

Our loss is great here at St. Lucy's. We loved Joe very much, but God loved him more.

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NORTHEAST TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE, JULY 14, 15, 16, FONDA KATERI SHRINE

We cordially invite you to join us at the Northeast Conference in Fonda, New York. This Conference is jointly coordinated by our Committee in Syracuse and by our friends and relatives of the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation of Akwesasne.

This promises to be an exciting weekend. Our program of events is enclosed, along with a registration form and motel listings. A map, if you need it, is also enclosed. Please try to be with us and walk where Kateri walked three hundred years ago.

REGISTRATION: Everyone must register separately and please do so as soon as possible. Extra copies may be duplicated from the enclosed form. There is no fee for registering so do it now!

MOTEL RESERVATIONS: You must make your own motel reservations with the motel of your choice. If you are travelling with campers and tents, there is ground space available without running water or electricity.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT: If you need transportation from the Albany Airport, please indicate this on your registration and specify day and time of arrival and number of people who will be needing transportation. A scheduled shuttle service will be provided on Friday and Saturday, if anyone requests it. Last minute calls may be directed to the Shrine number on top of the registration form. The Albany Airport is about 40 miles from Fonda.

CRAFT PEOPLE: Craft people are welcome to come and sell their crafts. If you need a table, we can provide you with one. The charge for anyone setting up a craft table is \$15. a day.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY HOME WITH KATIE

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

5:00 - 7:00 pm REGISTRATION
 7:00 - 8:00 WELCOMING: Br. Berard Hofmann
 Guest Speaker: Fr. Ron Schultz
 8:30 - 9:30 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE &
 HEALING MASS: Fr. Hascall &
 Ojibway Singers

SATURDAY:

? ? ? am SUNRISE MASS: Fr. Hascall &
 Deacon Ron Boyer
 7:00 - 8:30 BREAKFAST
 9:00 - 9:30 OPEN MEETING & PRAYER:

9:30 - 10:30 FAMILY SPIRITUALITY:
 Mike Terrance
 10:45 - 11:45 ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOGNITION &
 PREVENTION: Gus Pyke

Joe & Tammy Tarbell
 (Youth - Caroline Francis)

12:00 - 1:30 pm LUNCH
 1:30 - 2:30 SATANISM: Dennis McDonald
 2:30 - 3:00 Break for refreshments
 3:00 - 4:00 SATANISM Continued-
 Questions and Answers

4:15 - 5:15 KATERI TEKAKWITHA RELIGIOUS ORDER
 PANEL:

5:15 - 6:00 FREE TIME
 6:00 - 7:30 DINNER - Native American Food
 7:30 - 8:00 FASHION SHOW: Elizabeth Perkins
 8:00 - 12:00 POW-WOW: MCS Henry George and
 Alma Ransom

SUNDAY:

7:00 - 8:30 am BREAKFAST
 9:00 - 10:00 ROUNDUP MEETING: Alma Ransom
 10:00 - 11:30 SUNDAY LITURGY
 12:30 - 2:00 pm KATERI TEKAKWITHA RELIGIOUS ORDER
 DINNER Julie Daniels

Youth activities will be scheduled during all workshops.

REGISTRATION FOR NORTHEAST REGIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Fonda, N.Y., July 14, 15, 16, 1989
 (518) 853-3646

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Please check: (tribe) _____ or (Non-Indian) _____
 (Religious) _____ or (Lay) _____

Your special needs _____

COST: Registration: FREE

Meals, 3 days \$15.00

Children under five - FREE

PLEASE REGISTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Make checks payable to: NORTHEAST TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Mail registration and check to:

Mary Bova, Treasurer
 404 Florida Road
 Mattydale, NY 13211

EVERYONE MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY.

Copies of this form may be duplicated.

INFORMATION FOR MOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please make your own motel room reservations as soon as possible with the motel of your choice.

All motels accept AMERICAN EXPRESS, MASTERCARD and VISA CREDIT CARDS. They need the credit card NUMBER and the EXPIRATION DATE. If paying by check, send them a check for one night's room rate as a deposit.

HOLIDAY INN Phone: (518) 843-5760
10 Market St.
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Thruway Exit #27

Rates per each night

1 Double bed w/wheel chair	\$48. for 1, \$54. for 2
Standard room non-smoking	49. " 55. "
Standard room downstairs	50. " 56. "
Standard room upper floor	51. " 57. "
Standard room city view	52. " 58. "
Standard room city view	52. " 60. "
Special econ. king bed	52. " 59. "
Special econ. parlor	60. " 65. "
King leisure sofa bed	55. " 62. "

(126 rooms available)

Special \$5.00 discount off each room for Conference people.

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SPACE ON THE GROUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TENTS AND CAMPERS AT FONDA SHRINE.

SUPER 8 MOTEL Phone: (518) 843-5888
Route 30, South
Amsterdam, NY 12010

(45 rooms only)

Double rm - 2 dbl beds @ \$48.02 for 2 per night
Single rm - 1 king sz bd 41.60 for 1 " "
Single rm - 1 king sz bd 45.88 for 2 " "

Extra cot in room - \$6.00 + \$4.00 surcharge + tax

VALLEY VIEW MOTEL Phone: (518) 842-5637
Route 55
Amsterdam, NY 12010

(20 rooms only)

(Across from thruway exit #27. Take Route 30 North and Route 5S West.)

Some rooms have 2 double beds and some have 1 double.

Rate: \$38.27 per night for 2 people

Roll-away cots are \$4.00 extra + tax per night.

Toll free no. FOR RESERVATIONS ONLY 1-800-552-4566

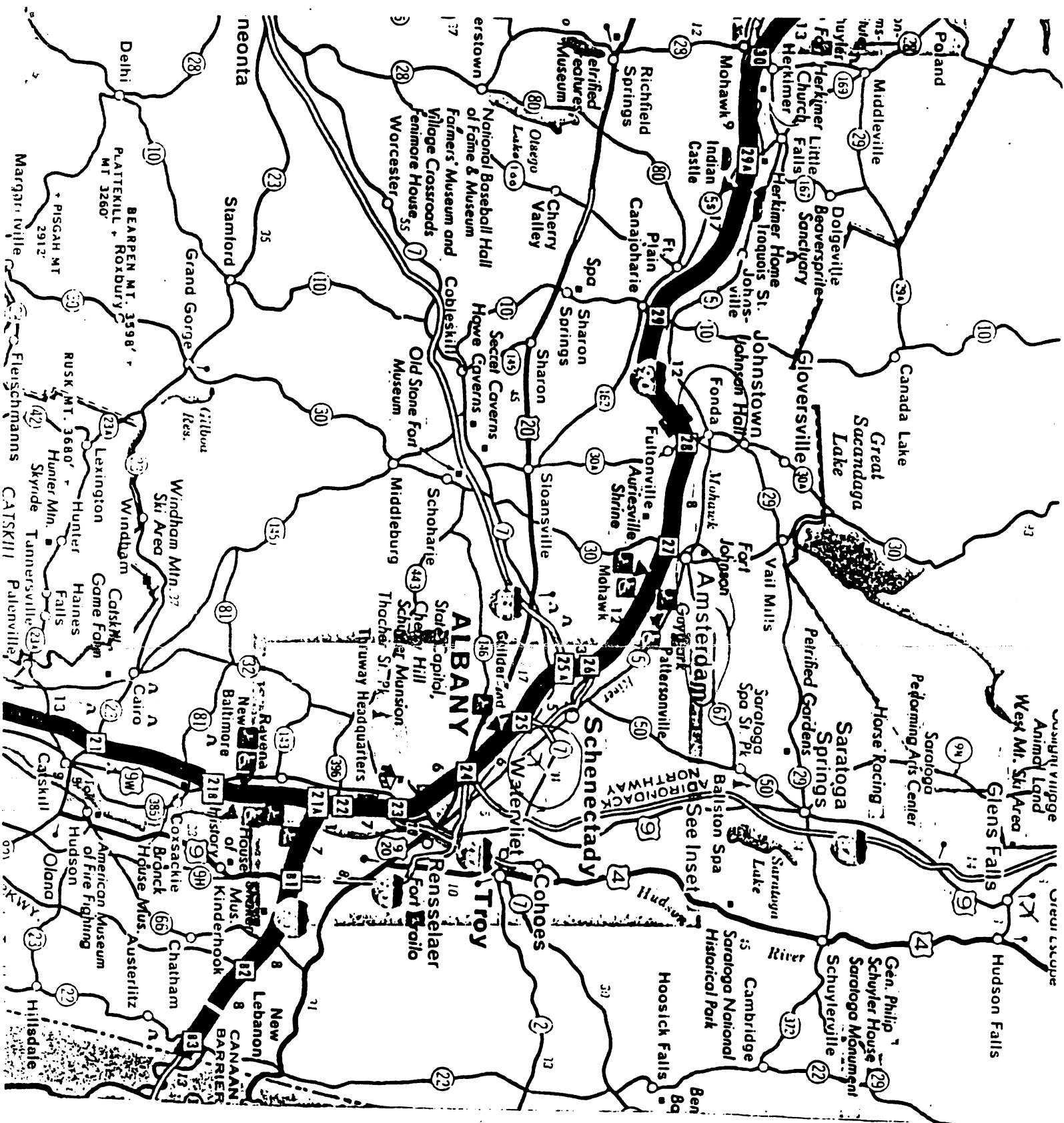
CAMP MOHAWK MOTEL Phone (518) 853-3013
Route 30A, North
Fonda, NY 12068

Take thruway exit #28 to Fultonville, cross the Mohawk Bridge, take a left at the flashing light (Rte 5 West) proceed into village of Fonda, at stop light, take Route 30A, north - 1 mile to motel

5 rooms - 2 dbl beds \$42.80 per night for 2
5 rooms - 1 singl & 1 dbl bed - same rate

Roll-away bed is \$5.00 extra + tax per night

(10 rooms only)



OUR VISIT FROM BISHOP CHARLES CHAPUT

On March 1st, our Native-American Bishop Charles Chaput from Rapid City, South Dakota, spoke at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, here in Syracuse, during the lenten series week.

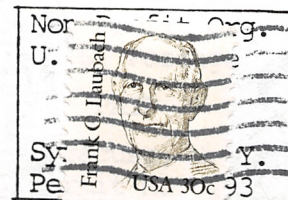
Bishop Chaput spoke about Native-American spirituality and the many gifts that the Native-Americans have to offer. He also spoke about the problems that they face today.

People came from many directions to see and hear him speak. It was an enjoyable as well as informative talk and, afterwards, some of our Committee members had the rare pleasure of taking him to a restaurant for a bite to eat.

We found Bishop Chaput to be warm, witty, caring, aware of the needs of his fellow man and so charming. He's everything we want in a Native-American Bishop.

We are looking forward to seeing him again in Fargo, North Dakota this summer.

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GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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ONE BODY MANY MEMBERS

Spirituality in the Urban Church sponsored by the Urban Ministry Board of Syracuse at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on East Onondaga St., Syracuse. Each program will begin promptly at 7:30 until 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - "Unity of Life - God's Option for the Poor"
Rev. Bill Cutty, Jail Ministry

Wednesday, Feb. 22 - "Black Catholic Spirituality"
Rev. Roderick Brown, O.P.
Black Catholic Center, Buffalo

Wednesday, Mar. 1 - "Native American Spirituality"
Bishop Charles Chaput, Diocese of South Dakota
Rapid City, South Dakota

Wednesday, Mar. 8 - "Hispanic Spirituality"
Bishop Robert O. Gonzalez, Archdiocese of Boston
Weston, Massachusetts

Refreshments will be served.

All programs open to public -
For further information - call 422-1017

KATERI MASS APRIL 15

We are celebrating our annual Kateri Mass at St. Lucy's Church on Saturday, April 15, 1989, at the 5:15 Mass. It will be a Native American Mass with the Mohawk and Algonquin Choir singing their traditional hymns and chanting the Mass to the drumbeat.

We invite you to come and celebrate this happy occasion with us and afterwards, come and enjoy a traditional Indian feast with us in the auditorium across the street.

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Home of the first chapel dedicated in honor of
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HIGH ACHIEVERS AT ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL

On the week of January 23rd to February 3rd, St. Lucy's School celebrated Catholic School week. Celebrations, special events and important people who touched our lives stirred within us memories of happiness, joyous times and warm thoughts.

One of the activities held during that week was an award ceremony. Students who excelled in various subject areas; school spirit, effort, honors, attendance as well as Christian awards were honored.

Our Native American students who received awards include;

Louie Torres, Kindergarten	-	Best Effort
Pam Darwish, "	-	Christian Award Attendance Award
David Homer, 1st Grade	-	Homework Award
Haley Seaman, "	-	Honor Award Reading Award
Talia Gabriel, "	-	Honors Award Reading Award
Melissa Evans, 3rd Grade	-	Religion Award Conduct Award
William Green, 4th Grade	-	Math Award Spelling improvement Reading improvement Effort Perfect attendance

We congratulate these students and wish them continued success.

The week of March 1st is registration week at St. Lucy's School. Our primary aim is for the Christian and academic development of each child to build self esteem. Each child is a gift from God and our program tries to strengthen the potential and abilities of each child. We encourage you to register your child at St. Lucy's Kindergarten through grade 6 School. At that time, you can apply for the tuition assistance program and also inquire about our Bishop Harrison Scholarship. Any questions you may have please contact Karen McCann at the school between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (478-6312).

FREE BREAD AVAILABLE

Bread is available at St. Lucy's School if you can pick it up between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Just ask for Karen McCann.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Don't forget to come to our annual St. Patrick's Day dance at St. Lucy's gym. Irish or not-wear your green jeans and bring a friend. Good music, food and beer will be on hand for the event. We'll be looking for you!!!!

PRAYERS

Please pray for the following people who have been sick or had an operation and need your prayers:

Katie Merritt, Louie Bush, Louise Bush, Peter Burns, Angus Burns, Bernice Clark, Mary Terrance Kimble, Lucy David, Nancy Chaussi, Minnie Lazore, Ann Mitchell, Anna (Warasentha) White, Francis Jock, Rose DeGonzague, Tom Hall and Henry George.

REPOSE FOR THE SOULS OF:

Daryl Mike, Sarah Gardner, Mary Bero, Pauline Chrisjohn, Peter Gray.

50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Here are the lucky winners of our monthly raffle drawings:

November - Paula Kunsman
December - Anna Clement
January - Anne Gushlaw
February - Evelyn Bush

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers elected for the Kateri committee for 1989 are:

Chairperson - Anna Dyer
Co-Chairperson - Diane Light
Secretary - Harriett Ellis or Anna Costello
Treasurer - Mary Bova
Sunshine - Anne Gushlaw

Congratulations to the new officers. May they have a successful year and reach their goals.

A heartfelt thank you to the outgoing officers for a job well done. Thank you especially to Eleanor Edwards who has put her best efforts into this committee as Chairperson and has done an excellent job.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following people were gifted with new granddaughters:

Peg & Art Bova, Maude Frank, Dottie Loder, Shirley McDougall and Mary Oakes.

Grandsons were gifted to:
Peggy Crite and Loretta Harris.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar was a huge success as usual. The work our committee put into it all year to make crafts for our booth really paid off. We had tiny Teddy Bears dressed in Indian clothes, Christmas wreaths of many designs, headdress key chains, scrolls, Indian baskets, quilted and crocheted blankets, jewelry and much more. We will be busy again this year preparing for next Christmas.

KATERI AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

On Tuesday evening, February 7th, members of the Kateri committee were invited to an informal gathering with the Womens' Group of the Christ the King Church of Liverpool.

Christ the King Church is our sister church and their support to St. Lucy's parish is greatly needed and appreciated.

Peg Bova provided information to the womens' group about the functions of the Kateri committee; such as our masses, singing at wakes and funerals, the bereavement committee, sharing, renovating a dismal chapel into the Kateri chapel, home visits, etc, etc. Peg also told them how Father Carey and Anna Dyer started it all back in 1978 with our first Indian mass.

Julie Daniels performed the monologue on the life of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. She performed superbly, as usual, bringing tears to the eyes of many.

To reinforce the monologue, prayer cards and pamphlets on Kateri's life were distributed. To give their support to Peg and Julie, Anna Dyer, Mary Bova, Diane Light and Karen McCann also attended. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening came to a close.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE CLASSES

Four sessions of Native American culture classes were held at St. Lucy's school by Peg Bova and Julie Daniels.

In the first session, Julie and Peg brought Indian clothing, a replica of a longhouse, Indian jewelry, dolls, baskets, drums, rattles, pottery and many more artifacts and explained to the students what each article was used for. The students had many questions for Julie and Peg.

During the second session, Peg explained about the food of the Native Americans and how they were prepared and preserved. Peg brought along some corn bread for the students to taste. Some students said they liked it and a few said they did not.

The third session was about Indian games. Peg and Julie showed how the Indian children and adults made their own games and toys using materials around them. Then Peg and Julie showed the students how to play the many games they brought. The boys and girls enjoyed the games but the class was over all too soon.

The fourth and final class was about Indian legends and dancing. Julie told the legend about the "Creation" and about "The Great Spirit's Gift to the Bear Clan". Peg also read the story of "Buck" and Indian boy who overcame his fear of the dark. It didn't take some of the students very long to learn the "Rabbit Dance" one of the social dances of the Iroquois people. They joined Julie and Peg on the floor to the beat of drums and rattles and chanting.

Peg and Julie said they hoped the students enjoyed the classes as well as they enjoyed the students. They were very attentive and showed great interest in the Native American culture. The enrichment of learning about different cultures is enjoyed by the students of St. Lucy's School.

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BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Bereavement committee of St. Lucy's Church is ready to assist anyone by providing a meal after a funeral for the friends and relatives of the deceased if they do not have room in their homes. Contact Joe Gushlaw - 475-7273. Donations are greatly appreciated.

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RUMMAGE SALE

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Lucy's Church, sponsors a rummage sale in the gym of the school on the first Friday and Saturday of each month. Sometimes it is held in the middle of the month, also. Look for the sign on the gym door.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

The Kateri Committee of St. Lucy's Church and the Mohawk community of the St. Regis reservation, Hogansburg, are sponsoring a Regional Tekakwitha Conference at the Kateri Shrine in Fonda, New York on July 14th, 15th and 16th.

They will be featuring a candlelight prayer service, sunrise mass, workshops focusing on the youth, healing service, Indian food, a pow-wow, a traditional Native American mass and more.

More details will be forthcoming in our next newsletter as well as registration forms and prices. Keep this weekend in July in mind for a prayerful experience at the Shrine where Kateri received her baptism. Everyone is welcome.

ATTENTION URBAN NATIVE AMERICANS

AN IMPORTANT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ST. LUCY'S GYM, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK,
ON MARCH 5th AT 3 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MARK GEORGE AND RONALD JONES TO DISCUSS HOW NATIVE AMERICANS MAY BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING INCOME AND PROPERTY TAXES.

WE URGE EVERY URBAN NATIVE AMERICAN TO ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.
DON'T MISS IT!!!!!!

The NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH is currently recruiting for
the MINORITY MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

SALARY: \$27,110 - \$37,790

REQUIREMENTS: Master's Degree and Three Years' Work Experience in
Planning, Policy Analysis, Legislative Development, Fiscal Manage-
ment, Law or Related Area.

The Minority Management Development Fellowship Program is a one-year
program.

Assignments begin September 1989 in Albany, New York

For further information, write: Fellowship Program
P.O. Box 2090
Albany, New York 12220

FATHER JOSEPH S. MCBRIDE, SJ, 1916-1988

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of Syracuse, want to express their sorrow in the death of Fr. Joseph S. McBride, Vice-Postulator of the Kateri Cause, on October 23, 1988.

Fr. McBride was born in Buffalo, attended Canisius High School and entered the Jesuits at St. Isaac Joques Novitiate in Wernersville, Pa. on July 30, 1935. He taught Latin, English and math at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City for three years before his study of theology and his ordination in June 1948 at Weston College, Mass.

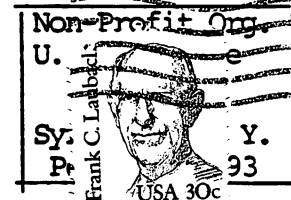
After studies in Industrial Relations at New York University and Columbia, Father McBride was appointed Associate Director and instructor at the Institute of Industrial Relations at St. Peter's from 1950 to 1957 and at Xavier, New York City in 1957 and 1958. For ten years, Fr. McBride taught in Jesuit schools in Buffalo; in 1968, he was appointed United States Vice-Postulator for the Cause of the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

In 1975, Fr. McBride moved the offices of the Vice-Postulator to the site of Kateri's birth at Ossernenon (Auriesville), started the Mohawk Valley Kateri Associated and the National Kateri Center. He also continued to be Regional Director of the Apostleship of Prayer and the League of the Sacred Heart.

Two of the outstanding events in Fr. McBride's life were the participation in the 1976 Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia with display booth and information center on Kateri Tekakwitha. One of the visitors to the Kateri booth was Carol Cardinal Wotyla of Cracow, Poland, who, in 1980, was Pope John Paul II and beatified Kateri Tekakwitha. The beatification was a second memorable occasion in Fr. McBride's apostolate.

Fr. McBride is buried in the Jesuit cemetery at Auriesville, close to the birthplace of the Lily of the Mohawk, Kateri Tekakwitha, and near the chapel and center he built to honor her and make her better known.

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Montreal, Que. H2J2K6

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GARAGE SALE

St Lucy's Gym
Fri. Oct 20th 6-10 p.m.
Sat. Oct 21st 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Real LOW prices!

Hot Dogs
Coffee
Donuts

also

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

Spaghetti Dinner

Sat. Oct. 21st 3 to 7 p.m.

St. Lucy's gym - Gifford St.

\$3.00 per person

\$10.00 per family of 2 or more children

Children under 5 FREE

Benefit of.

Kateri Tekakwitha Committee

Mohawk Indian pronunciation of the name

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Home of the first Chapel dedicated in honor of

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

DOOR PRIZES

THE MONKS MEET THE MOHAWKS

In May of this year, the Kateri Committee had a planned weekend visit from the Benectine Monks of Weston, Vermont. The Monks have a singing ministry singing songs they have written themselves. The blending of their voices produces a quiet and peaceful harmony so easy to listen to. They recently began making tapes of their music and are selling them rapidly.

The Brothers wanted to learn more about Indian spirituality so we spent a day sharing about our culture and our Christian life. We invited our friends from the Onondaga reservation; Audrey Schenandoah, Paul Waterman and Freeman Elijah to share their knowledge about the traditional way.

The Brothers thanked us for our sharing and then they shared with us their gift of singing and dancing. We also showed them a dance or two

We prepared a traditional meal for them and it turned out to be a memorable weekend concluding with the Brothers singing at the Sunday liturgy at St. Lucy's Church.

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A TRIP TO THE WESTON PRIORY

After the above visit, the Monks wrote and invited our Committee to come and visit them at the Weston Priory in Vermont in August for their Solidarity weekend. Four people, Anna and Burt Dyer and Art and Peg Bova, were able to go. The four reported that they had a wonderful weekend sharing in the activities and liturgies.

The Monks sponsor a yearly Solidarity weekend to help create a better understanding of our brothers and sisters of all races. Hundreds of people packed the old barn which serves as a church. Hundred of people went home from the Priory that weekend with a better understanding of how God wants us to treat each other. Bravo to the Monks for their good work!

Bill and Sue Comstock opened their comfortable home to the Dyers and Bovas for the weekend. The Comstocks are very gracious hosts who offer their help to the Monks every year during Solidarity weekend.

The four travellers also met a very interesting Guatamalan family whom we plan to invite to Syracuse in the near future. Three of the youngsters play the marimba beautifully.

The Dyers and Bovas are very thankful for their unforgettable weekend and definitely recommend the rest of the Committee to experience the same.

HELP THE NEEDY

You can bring joy with gifts to a needy family at Christmas. If you are interested and want more information, contact Peg at (315) 668-2115

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The St. Lucy's Christmas bazaar will be held on December 2nd & 3rd. If you wish to donate anything, please contact Mary at 455-7138 or the rectory at 475-7273

TRADITIONAL FALL LEAVES MEMORIAL MASS

Our Memorial Mass will take place on Saturday, November 4th at the 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Lucy's Church.

We will have our traditional Native American Mass with Mohawk hymns and prayers. We will chant the names of all deceased loved ones whose names will be on the leaves of the Memorial tree.

You may purchase memorial leaves for your deceased loved ones from any member of our Kateri Tekakwitha Committee. Each leaf is \$1.00 or, if you have more than 10 people, it will be \$10.00 maximum.

You are invited to a feast after the mass in the gym free of charge.

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WEEKEND RETREAT AT KAHNAWAKE

A weekend retreat is planned on the Kahnawake Reservation, Kahnawake, Quebec, on October 13th, 14th and 15th. Everyone is welcome to attend this eventful weekend. The Ojibway Singing Ministry will be there for a healing service as well as Fr. John Hascall of the Tekakwitha National Conference.

A lot of spirirual healing will take place on this weekend. Don't miss it! This retreat weekend is coordinated by Ron Boyer of Kahnawake.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL MARATHON

On October 1st, St. Lucy's school is participating, as usual, in this year's Annual Catholic Schools Marathon. The goal is to raise more than \$94,000.00 and will directly benefit the participating schools.

St. Lucy's principal, Karen McCann and the teachers, are now collecting pledges for this walk and 75% of all that is pledged will go toward the winning school to do with as they please and 25% will go toward scholarships.

Karen McCann won last year and, with our help, she can do it again this year!

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WELCOME PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The School Committee of St. Lucy's school will have a spaghetti dinner to welcome the families and students to the new school year. Every month, they will have a covered dish supper to encourage family involvement and every Wednesday at 1:30 to 2:00 p.m., there will be a "coffee klutch".

NATIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE, FARGO, N.C.

Nine members of our Kateri Committee, including Fr. Carey, and several friends and relatives flew to Fargo in August to attend the 50th anniversary of the National Tekakwitha Conference.

In spite of the humid hot weather they experienced the first few days, they reported that they enjoyed the Conference. Most of them made a trip to K-Mart and purchased fans. One person said she spent the first night in the shower and one large fan was mysteriously missing from the lobby of the college but reappeared at the end of the Conference.

Fr. Gilbert Hemauer celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest. We will all miss his leadership. He has done much to bring the Indian people to the Conference and encourage Indian leadership. Since he took directorship of the Conference, he has brought life to the Conference. We hope he will come to all the Conferences so we can see him again each year.

The people paid tribute to Fr. John Hascall for his role as president of the Conference. Fr. John has made many friends and has done so much spiritual healing among the people. We sincerely hope we will be seeing more of him at the Conference. We pray that the Good Lord will heal Fr. John so that he can continue his good work.

Our Bishops Donald Pelotte and Charles Chaput graced the Conference with their presence. It was a pleasure to see them again. Bishop Chaput danced all night at the pow-wow. What a great feeling it is to dance at a pow-wow and have the Native American Bishop in his Indian shirt dancing next to you. What a great proud feeling!

Mr. Fred Buckles was appointed our first Native American Director for the National Conference. As he stepped into his new position, he spoke to the people about his hopes and dreams for the future of the Conference. He asked the people for their cooperation in giving leadership and input to make it the kind of Conference they want. Our Committee has confidence in his ability as a leader and wish him the best for his future tasks.

It was nice to see Sr. Kateri Mitchell again and all our friends that we have met throughout the years. We made a new friend from Anchorage, Alaska. Her name is Louise Leonard. We all liked her and thought she was special.

Before our Committee left Fargo, we went to a pow-wow in Fargo and watched the dance contests and had buffalo burgers. It was an enjoyable trip.

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PROUD GRANDMAS

Loretta Harris has added a new granddaughter to her growing family. Her daughter Sheila gave birth to Courtnew Gibson in June. All are fine and grandma is very proud.

Another proud grandma is Esther Bonaparte. Her daughter Tammy gave birth to Donald. Mother and son and grandma are doing well.

Bernice Jacobs also had a new grandson this summer. His name is Delray and he was born to her daughter, Katrina.

SUCCESSFUL NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Our committee feels that the Northeast Conference held in Fonda, N.Y., on July 14, 15 & 16, sponsored by our committee and our friends from the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation, was a huge success.

The Conference commenced with a candlelight human rosary leading to a liturgy to celebrate Kateri's feast day against the background of a tree and wall-hanging of Indian design expressing the theme, "Spiritual Journey Home With Kateri".

Saturday morning began with a very spiritual sunrise service conducted by the Ojibway Ministry. During the day, four workshops were presented with each speaker excellent in his field. Michael Terrance, Mohawk, led the workshops with his presentation on "Family Spirituality". Denis McDonald, non-Indian from Albany, spoke to great lengths about "Satanism". Tammy Tarbell, Mohawk who is famous for her Indian pottery, spoke about "Alcoholism". Gus Pyke, Mohawk and pharmacist, explained about drugs. Sr. Nola Brunner, CSJ, Vicar for Religious of Albany Diocese, gave us guidance and answered many questions about beginning a religious order. Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lagoy was also on hand to help.

Special note: A special prayer group was formed with representatives from Syracuse, St. Regis, Kahnawake, Albany, Maine and Pennsylvania to pray for a religious community in Kateri's name. Through prayers, they hope to have spiritual guidance to help find candidates for the future order. A meeting of the above group will be held in the future for strength and direction.

During the time of these workshops, youthful activities were organized for the youngsters to keep them busy.

A delicious Native American feast was served Saturday evening prepared by our great Native American cooks; Josie Back, Mary Bova, Anne Gushlaw, Julie Daniels and Anna Dyer. Many agreed it was the best meal of the whole Conference.

After dinner, a fashion show was conducted by Elizabeth Perkins showing the latest Native American fashions. The outfits were beautiful and the models were equally charming. The fashion show was an added plus to the Conference.

A pow-wow was held on the hill near the excavated Indian village. The St. Regis Mohawk dancers did a fine job in exhibiting the different styles of dancing. A contest was held to determine the best dancers. The judges had a difficult time in choosing the winners.

A special Native American liturgy was held on Sunday morning. The Mohawk Singers and Dancers of the St. Regis, did a welcoming and thanksgiving dance. The St. Regis choir and St. Lucy's Kateri choir sang the traditional Mohawk hymns, and Harriet Lafrance sang her own translation of the "Our Father". The main celebrant was Rev. Thomas Egan, SJ and the homilist was Rev. James Carey. After the mass, a monologue on the life of Kateri Tekakwitha was superbly done by Julie Daniels. It was indeed an enjoyable and spiritual weekend. A lot of hard work and planning was done by our two committees and Brother Berard of the Fonda Shrine, but it was all done out of love for our Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha.

The following is taken from a letter from a friend telling about a vision at the Passamoquoddy Reservation in Perry, Maine:

"On August 16, 1988 (Tues.), we had a Kateri Conference at the Passamoquoddy Reservation in Parry, Maine. Our theme was "WE SEEK A VISION".

Everyday was a beautiful sunny day. We enjoyed sunrise ceremonies and outdoor masses said by Fr. Diago from New Mexico. Fr. Diago had a procession around the reservation and was helped by a medicine man, Don Goodwin, from out west. Sr. Gloria from Arizona, Fr. Jim from Old Town, nuns from Peter Dana Point, Srs. Carol and Elizabeth and many more different races were there. We had sunrise ceremonies from Wednesday to Sunday and we received Holy Communion using Tomahsis made by one or more of our Passamoquoddy women, which Fr. Diago kept in a basket also made by a Passamoquoddy.

We had many different programs. Fr. Jim had a sweat lodge on an island, helped by Frank DiContie from Old Town. We had Dana Point Choir to sing with our Pleasant Point Choir. We also had speakers. I spoke of my parent's devotion to Blessed Kateri, especially my father's dream of having Kateri's statue on the hill overlooking the reservation.

Thursday, before noon, it was sharing time. Deanna Francis, Joan Dana, Mary Ellen, my mother Margaret Nicholas, who is 92 years young, and our Gov. Melvin Francis spoke. This was an emotional sharing of feelings.

After this, it was gift giving time. Deanna Francis gave everyone a gift, especially those who participated at the Kateri Tekakwitha Conference. It was then Deanna's turn to receive some gifts from Valerie Emery and Clayton Cleaves in behalf of the Passamoquoddy Tribe. A miracle happened - everyone that was there gasped. In the beautiful blue of the bluest sky, a perfect white cross was there. This was so awesome. This was not a cloud formation within a cloud, but a perfect cross which looked like a white marble cross. The cross stayed awhile. People began hugging each other in thanksgiving - some tried to take pictures but the cross did not show up. The cross was so beautiful to the people that were there at the closing - I was in awe, I prayed.

This was an unexpected phenomenon. Our theme was "WE SEEK A VISION" - we were granted a beautiful vision. I pray Kateri will be a Saint soon, with visions like this, she will.

Thank You Jesus and
Our Blessed Lady for
Bl. Kateri,

Rita P. Altvater '88"

THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA STATUE

I would like to share a true story with you that really began after our National Tekakwitha Conference here at the LeMoyne College in August of 1985.

My husband and I were driving on Erie Boulevard and saw two Indian women walking with suitcases. We stopped and asked them where they were going and they said they were going to the bus station to spend the night as one of the women was going to catch a bus in the morning and the other one was going to try and get to the airport to catch a plane. We took them home with us.

They introduced themselves as Sally, a Pima Indian and Sybill, a Popago Indian from Tuscon, Arizona. We talked long into the night about their customs on their reservations and some of the problems of their people. They said they both volunteered their services at the Indian center in Tuscon. They said the building they worked in served as a center and by sliding a screen aside to reveal an altar, their center became their church.

We took them to the bus depot and airport the next day and promised to write to each other, but for one reason or another we did not keep in touch. I never forgot Sybill and Sally or the problems their people had; for example, the terrible water shortage on their reservation and other things.

I saw them briefly in Phoenix, Arizona two years ago when the Holy Father was there, but we were leaving and there wasn't time to visit. I gave them all the sacred soil from the Kateri Shrine in Fonda, N.Y. that I had and we said good-bye again.

This September, my husband and I were planning a trip to Pheonix to visit our son. Don't ask me why I bought a 25 pound 1½ foot statue of Kateri at the Fonda Shrine to take to the Indian Center in Tuscon where Sally & Sybill worked. I didn't know their last names, if they still worked at the center or even if they could use a statue of Kateri.

We carried tha statue in a duffle bag as a "carry-on" on the plane to be sure she wouldn't get damaged.

On our second day in Phoenix, we rented a car and left for Tuscon. We inquired at several places until we were directed to go to the Indian Center in an Indian neighborhood. When we got there, I asked the woman at the desk if she knew a Sally and Sybill. After describing them, the woman said, "Oh yes, we know them." She called Sybill at home and we talked for a while and then she told me we should go to the St. Nicholas Indian Mission which was a few blocks away. We found it easily and when we arrived, they had coffee and melon ready for us and soon Sally and others arrived. It was a tearful reunion and the statue was unveiled. There were more tears. I felt so welcome and warm there. Sally said there was only one statue in the area and they only had it for a few days and then it was taken someplace else. They said all they had was a picture of Kateri and it was stolen three days ago. Then they slid a screen aside and there was the altar.

The statue that had travelled so far had found its home. The Lord works in mysterious ways.....Julie Daniels

MEET OUR ACHIEVERS

Wesley Bova, son of Mary and Willie Bova, who has graduated from Cicero North Syracuse High School, has won a scholarship from Alfred University in the field of Engineering Science. We congratulate Wesley and wish him every success in his future.

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Congratulations, also, to Michael Johnson, son of Sandra Johnson. Michael has won a scholarship from the Knights of Columbus of the Sacred Heart Church in the Valley. He is a graduate of St. Lucy's School and is now a 7th grade student at the All Saints School. We are very proud of you, Michael--keep up the good work!

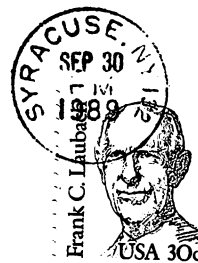
Another person we want to congratulate is Lorraine Bova, daughter of Art and Peg Bova. Lorraine graduated this year from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science degree. She also was on the Dean's list in the field of Agriculture and Life Sciences. In spite of her injuries, Lorraine was determined to work hard and reach her goals.

Congratulations to Lorraine and all our achievers. They set a fine example for other youngsters to follow.

THE FOLLOWING WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR THEIR ILLNESS OR SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Evelyn Bush, Connie Schenandoah, Elsie Hill, Genry George, Ann Barry, Diane Light, Ron Beagle and Tom Tingley.

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