

A PROGRAM IN HONOR OF

Bishop Donald E. Pelotte

Coadjutor, Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico



July 12th, 1986

National Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine — Fonda, New York

July 13th, 1986

National Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs — Auriesville, New York

Welcome to Bishop Donald E. Pelotte

It is with feelings of great joy that the people of the Mohawk Valley, home of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, welcome newly ordained Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S. We are grateful that the Bishop has honored us with his visit.

As a representative of Native Americans, the great ancestors of this country, and as the first Native American Bishop of the Catholic Church, we proudly invite Bishop Pelotte to join us in the glory of the historic Mohawk Valley and in our everlasting aspirations of hope and peace. It was here, in Auriesville, that the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was born and in the Mohawk Valley town of Fonda that she lived most of her earthly life.

Bishop Pelotte has often quoted Black Elk, the Lakota Medicine Man. We join with the Tekakwitha Conference in their offering of Black Elk's prayer of spring and new life with and for the Bishop:

Grandfather, Great Mysterious One, you have been always, and before you nothing has been. The star nations all over the universe are yours, and yours are the grasses of the earth. Day in, day out, you are the life of things. You are older than all need, older than all pain and prayer. Grandfather, all over the world the faces of living ones are alike.

In tenderness they have come up out of the ground. Look upon your children with children in their arms, that they may face the winds and walk the Good Road to the Day of Quiet. Teach me to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that live. Sweeten my heart, and fill me with the light. Give me the strength to understand and the eyes to see.

Help me, for without you, I am nothing.

*Black Elk,
Lakota Medicine Man*

We thank Bishop Pelotte for joining us during these days of celebration in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Many thanks as well to those who participated in the planning of this event.

We also express our great esteem for and appreciation to Pope John Paul II, who proclaimed Father Pelotte our new Bishop.

The People of the Mohawk Valley

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My Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure for me to offer a few words of greeting to all who will gather in order to commemorate the Feast Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha at both the National Shrine devoted to her honor in Fonda and at the birthplace of this holy woman in Auriesville, New York. At the same time, I understand that this year's observance will be particularly significant as the Most Reverend Donald E. Pelotte, Co-Adjutor Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico and the first Native American Indian Bishop will be the celebrant for the liturgies.

Our Holy Father in speaking to the native people of the North American Continent emphasized the "fact that recognition of their identity and of their ability to participate in shaping their future" is an indispensable element in the enrichment and promotion of the community and the culture that sustained this community of native Americans. With the nomination of the Most Reverend Donald E. Pelotte to the rank of Bishop, the significant role which Christianity has played in the lives of your people is clearly recognized.

I rejoice with you as first you recall and revere the woman who loved Christ even to the point of loving her persecutors and spending herself in serving others in the daily generous giving of herself. In fitting tribute to God who inspired Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, one who has been called from among your people to the fullness of priesthood will lead you in rendering appropriate thanks for this wonderful gift of faith.

May your days of celebration be graced with happiness and renewed spiritual vigor.

With cordial best wishes and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Apostolic Pro-Nuncio

Feast Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
National Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha
Fonda, New York

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

222 N. 17th Street

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Office of the Cardinal

July 3, 1986

Mr. Thomas B. Constantino
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Dear Mr. Constantino:

It is a pleasure to join you and all who assemble on July 12 and 13 at the national shrine in Fonda and in Auriesville, her birthplace, to honor with His Excellency Bishop Pelotte, the Feast Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

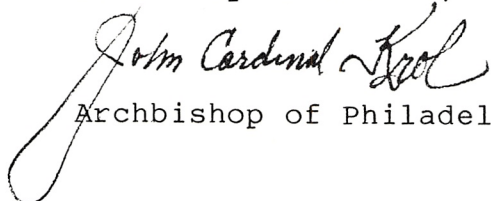
It is most fitting that Bishop Pelotte, who takes pride in his Indian ancestry, should lead the ceremonies honoring the "Lily of the Mohawks" who is the pride and joy of the Catholic Church in the United States.

May the prayers offered at this celebration strengthen and spread the faith and increase vocations to the clerical and religious life among the native Americans.

May the beautiful virtues and faith of Blessed Kateri, through her intercession, inspire all Catholics to respond to their vocation to holiness. Today the Church, more than ever, needs saints.

Invoking God's blessings upon all participating in the ceremonies and assuring you of my affectionate esteem for all native Americans and for all the people of God, I am

Devotedly in Christ,


Archbishop of Philadelphia

Biography of Bishop Donald E. Pelotte...

May 6, 1986 was an historic moment for Native American Catholics. On that date, the Very Reverend Donald E. Pelotte was consecrated as the first Native American Bishop in the United States. He brings to the Gallup Diocese his personal experience with some of the greatest concerns facing Native Americans today.

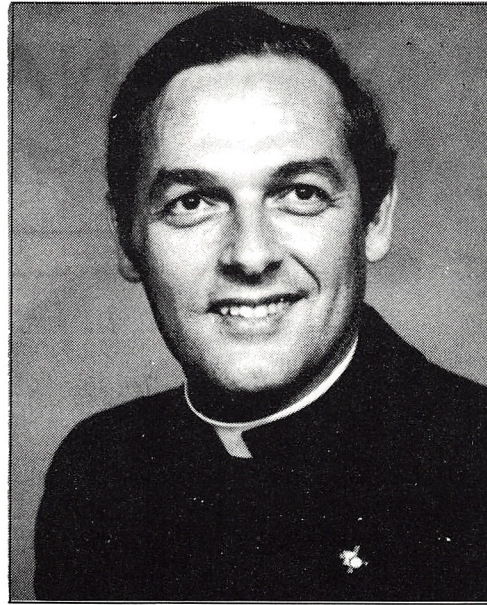
During the 19th century, an area designated as "frontier" was so named because it was occupied by fewer than two people per square mile. The Gallup Diocese can't claim that distinction since it has 355,000 people living on 55,000 square miles (6.5 people per square mile). The Diocese, however, consists of only 45,000 Catholics, 20,000 of whom are Indians from Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Laguna, Acoma, White Mountain, Apache, and other tribes.

The Gallup Diocese has one of the nation's highest concentrations of Native American Catholics. But the great poverty and the problems that come with it are all too familiar on this frontier, and the Diocese truly has a mission here.

Born to Poverty

Poverty, however, is no stranger to Bishop Pelotte. He was born on April 13, 1945 on a destitute farm in Waterville, Maine. The house had no running water. It was often necessary to stuff rags into cracks in the walls to keep out the wind. To provide warmth for one another, the family slept in one room. Three or four boys often slept in the same bed to keep warm. When Donald Pelotte was three months old, his parents divorced. His French-Canadian mother, Margret Yvonne La Brei, was left to raise him, his twin brother Dana, and their three older brothers. His father, Norris Pelotte, was from the Abenaki tribe in Quebec, Canada, part of the Algonquin Nation. Like many Native Americans his father suffered from alcoholism, and died of the disease.

As a child, Donald and his twin, Dana, were closely involved with the church, serving as altar boys in the chapel used by the Blessed Sacrament



Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.

Fathers. At 14, he entered the Blessed Sacrament's Eymard Prep Seminary in Hyde Park, New York. It was during this time period that he formed some of his ideals about peace and justice while visiting Dorothy Day at the Catholic Worker Farm located in Tivoli, near the seminary. Pelotte received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from John Carroll University, located outside Cleveland, and his Doctorate in Theology from Fordham in New York.

Living His Ideals

In 1978 at the age of 33, Father Pelotte became the youngest Provincial Superior ever appointed to the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and Brothers. Headquartered in Cleveland, the Blessed Sacrament has 260 priests and brothers in eight states, England, Ireland, East Africa, the Philippines and Viet Nam.

While holding this post and several others, including national board member of the Tekakwitha Conference since 1980, Pelotte was appointed coadjutor bishop of the Gallup Diocese by his holiness Pope John Paul II. Bishop Pelotte serves the Diocese with Bishop Jerome J. Hastrich, 71, and will automatically succeed Bishop Hastrich on his retirement.

Philosophy

The interlaced arrows on the Coat of Arms for Bishop Pelotte summarize the motto "Strengthen One Another," taken from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans (Chapter 14:19). The Arms consist of a white shield, a symbol of peace, and interlaced black arrows, representative of Bishop Pelotte's Indian ancestry and heritage, that form a cross. The cross of arrows also recalls the words of the Prophet Isaiah calling the people to peace (Chapter 2:4).

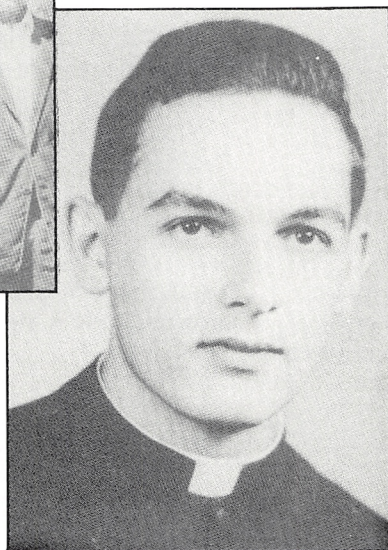
The chalice with the host is adapted from the insignia of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in deference to the custom of placing the religious order's symbols on the Arms of members who are raised to the episcopate. Behind the Arms is a gold processional cross and above it a pontifical hat with its tassels, dating back to an old Church custom indicating rank.

Bishop Pelotte has always supported the causes of peace and justice for the Indian people. In addition to serving on the Tekakwitha Board, Bishop Pelotte has served on the Justice and Peace Committee of the Major Superiors Conference for seven years representing Native American interests.

The community of Bishop Pelotte is dedicated to the eucharist, and is challenged to work for justice at the service of the people who are poor and with marginal means. Bishop Pelotte is a man of sweet spirit, kind and quiet ways, a helping hand, and an easy laugh, one who will bring hope and light to his diocese and to Catholics everywhere.



Eymard Prep Seminary, Hyde Park, New York, 1960; Donald is in the first row, extreme right.

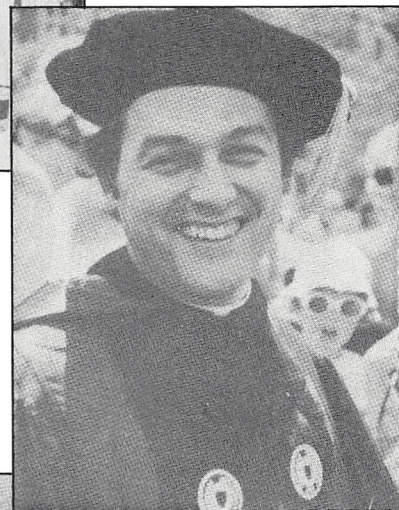


As a novice, 1965-67



At his ordination, September 2, 1972, with his mother and Bishop Edward O'Leary.

Doctorate from Fordham, June, 1975



At the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha in Rome, 1980: Father Pelotte, Sister Gloria Davis, Cardinal Cooke, Father Ed Sevilla and Sister Rosita Shiosee.



Pope John Paul II greets Father Pelotte during beatification ceremonies.

Pictorial Review of Bishop Donald Pelotte's Ordination

May 6, 1986



Here Bishop Pelotte is seen with His Eminence, John Cardinal Krol, who presided with Archbishop Robert F. Sanchez, the principal consecrator.



Father Thomas F. Egan, S.J. Pastor St. Regis Mission, Father Robert Boyle, director of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville and Father Henri Bechard, Vice Postulator, Cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Canada.



Many Bishops were present to welcome Bishop Pelotte into the hierarchy.



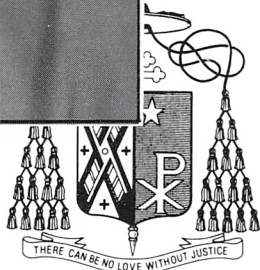
The Eagle Dancers of the Zuni Pueblo were interesting participants in the procession.



Salesian Father Larry Lorenzoni of San Francisco, Bishop Pelotte and Monsignor Lenz following the consecration.



Anna Dyer and friend led the Mohawk Tribe delegation from Syracuse, N.Y.



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July 12, 1986

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I recently learned that Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., Coadjutor Bishop of Gallup, will be in the Diocese of Albany on the occasion of the Feast Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, "Lily of the Mohawks." I wish to add my warm welcome, along with many native Americans, to Bishop Pelotte as he adds his presence at both the National Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha in Fonda and Kateri's birthplace at Auriesville, New York.

Let us join together in prayer for the cause of Blessed Kateri, and continue our efforts to preserve the dignity of every human person, for we are all made in His image and likeness and, therefore, are very precious to Him.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

+ J. Cardinal J. Connor
Archbishop of New York

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July 12, 1986

Mr. Thomas B. Constantino
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Dear Mr. Constantino:

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., Coadjutor Bishop of Gallup to the Diocese of Albany on the occasion of the Feast Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, "Lily of the Mohawks." I can think of no greater way in which we could honor Blessed Kateri than by his presence at Auriesville and Fonda as he now comes to us as the first Native American Bishop.

I am sure that all will warmly welcome Bishop Pelotte to the Mohawk Valley. Bishop Pelotte is no stranger to us, however, for he has often visited our diocese and has truly blessed us with his priestly ministry many times over. As we together pray for the cause of Blessed Kateri, may we also use the opportunity that her feast offers to pray for a world that looks upon all persons with the dignity and respect that is their due, especially our Native Americans. I am sure that such a prayerful petition is close to the heart of our honored guest, Bishop Pelotte.

With assurance of every prayerful best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Howard J. Hubbard
Howard J. Hubbard
Bishop of Albany



TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE NATIONAL CENTER

A growing unity within Native Catholic Communities
with the special protection of Blessed Kateri

July 12, 1986

Dear Bishop Pelotte,

All of us in the Tekakwitha Conference join with you in spirit as you walk in the footsteps of Bl. Kateri early in your sacred journey as our first Catholic Native Bishop in the United States. To come to the Land of Bl. Kateri in your beginning days as Bishop, to breathe the fresh air, drink the clear water, and be warmed by the brilliant sun of the Eastern Woodlands situated in the Mohawk Valley will bring many blessings upon you and your ministry with the native peoples throughout the land.

We pray that Bl. Kateri will intercede in a special way for you so that your episcopal motto, "Strengthen One Another" will always find you with the Lord's special strength under the protection of Bl. Kateri as you share your life and ministry. We pray that your visit in the Land of Bl. Kateri will be a source of renewed growth and sensitivity within the Church's ministry with native peoples. We pray for a generous outpouring of the spirit for each day of your ministry and pray that it will bear much fruit in the development of native leadership in the Church and world today. We pray that, by your example, many native men and women will choose a life of service in the Church. We pray that your new responsibilities will strengthen you in your walk with the native peoples in pursuing justice in the light of the Gospel and the Church's social teachings.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for your support and involvement with the Tekakwitha Conference National Center. We are honored to have you serve on our Board of Directors. We look forward to your presence at the Annual Tekakwitha Conference at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, during August 6 - 10th, 1986, and your celebration of the Corpus Christi Liturgy on the closing day of the Conference.

May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord be with you always!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Gilbert F. Hemauer, OFM Cap.
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Dear Mr. Constantino:

May 6, 1986 is a day of memory for the Church of the United States and a date that will stand out in the archives of the Catholic Church. The occasion was the episcopal consecration of the first person with Native American blood as a member of the hierarchy of this land.

Bishop Donald E. Pelotte of the Abenaki Tribe of Maine, through the centuries old ceremony of the Church, became the Coadjutor Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico and the advocate of all Native people with the Church. He will now interact, on behalf of the Church, with Native people everywhere.

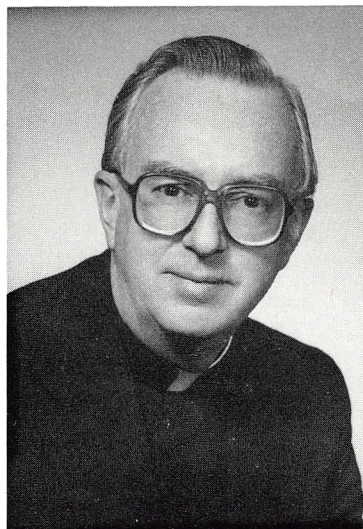
The Beatification of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha June 22, 1980 has done more for the evangelization and dignity uplifting of the American Indian, Aleut and Eskimo communities than any other program within or out of the Church. I am firmly convinced that Bishop Pelotte, as a member of the hierarchy, will continue the thrust forward in remarkable and dramatic ways.

In this light I complement you for arranging the visit of Bishop Pelotte to the land of Blessed Kateri the week-end of July 12-13. I am grateful for the invitation to be present, and, God willing, I shall be with the good Bishop, with you, Thomas, and the entire Kateri family to welcome him, pray with him and encourage Bishop Pelotte in his new role.

With best wishes,

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Monsignor Lenz
Monsignor Paul A. Lenz
Executive Director



St. Regis Mission

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Dear Bishop Pelotte,

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Let me express the sentiments of all the members of our parish here at St. Regis-Akwesasne. We were thrilled and deeply grateful at the news that you had accepted the invitation to spend the weekend before the feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha at Auriesville, the site of her birth, and Fonda, the site of her baptism.

Even though we would have been more pleased had you been able to extend your journey and spend time with us on the banks of the St. Lawrence, we are honored by your visit to our ancestral home and sense that we share in the blessing which you bring to the Mohawk Valley by your presence there.

Father Bob Fleig and I both have vivid memories of our first meeting with you at the beatification of Blessed Kateri. A number of our parishioners here, who also went to Rome for the great event, recall your taking part in the ceremonies at St. Peter's with His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. Still other members of our congregation, when they saw your picture in the paper after word had come that you were to be a bishop, recognized you at once as the young Indian priest they had met when you came to St. Regis last summer during the Tekakwitha Conference.

Just after the founding of a settlement at Akwesasne in the 1750's the first Mohawks to live here gave refuge to some of the Abenaki people who had lost their entire village through the ravages of war. It is most appropriate then we assure the bishop of Abenaki ancestry that he will always be especially at home here at St. Regis.

We suspect that your new responsibilities for the people of God in the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico will be very demanding. We want to promise you our continued prayers and support.

Devotedly in Christ Our Lord,

Thomas F. Egan

(Rev.) Thomas F. Egan, S.J.
Pastor, St. Regis Mission



Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs

AURIESVILLE, NEW YORK
12016

July 13, 1986

Most Reverend Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.

Your Excellency,

It is a real pleasure to welcome you once again to the Valley of the Mohawks and the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs. In your previous visits you shared in our celebrations in honor of Blessed Kateri and enjoyed the company of your confreres in the Society of the Blessed Sacrament. On this occasion we greet you as you are beginning your privileged ministry to the people of God as Auxiliary Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico.

We thank you for helping to make this observance of the Feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha a memorable one. This visit coincides with the Shrine celebration of a day of pilgrimage honoring Our Lady of the Rosary; be assured that your intentions will be remembered in a special way during our day of intercession.

On this site of the martyrdoms of Sts. Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil, and John Lalonde and the birthplace of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, pilgrims pray for the needs of the universal church. The diocese of Gallup and the needs of our Native American brothers and sisters are included in our petitions.

We look forward to your future visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs. I hope that you will keep us informed of your apostolate in your diocese of Gallup. Our interest will be stimulated because of our association in the past and our participation through our prayers in your work. We ask your blessing and prayers for all associated with the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs.

Respectfully in Our Lord,

Robert J. Boyle, S.J.

Robert J. Boyle, S.J.
Director, Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



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June 26, 1986

Dear Friends of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
and of our Native American People:

It is with great joy that we welcome to the National Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha His Excellency, Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., the first Native American to be honored with the episcopacy. I'm sure that our Holy Father, who has great devotion to Tekakwitha, rejoices that he was able to appoint a Native American as a successor of the Apostles. Surely Tekakwitha herself rejoices with us that Bishop Pelotte is now treading on the very ground upon which Tekakwitha walked when she lived here at Caughnawaga, or Fonda. We know that just as Kateri has blessed the friars and pilgrims here at her shrine for nearly fifty years, she will bless Bishop Pelotte abundantly and will intercede for him and for his people as he labors in the vineyard of his new apostolate in Gallup, New Mexico.

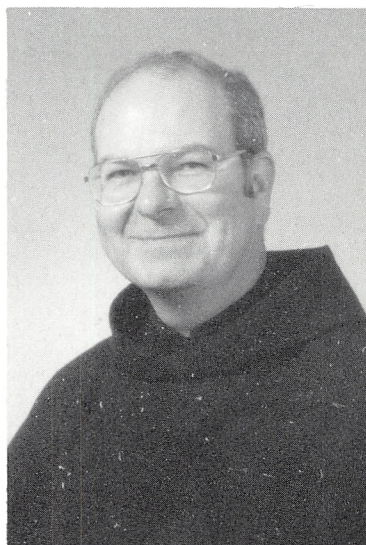
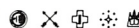
Certainly the fame of Tekakwitha is spreading rapidly across our beautiful country and anyone with devotion to her will certainly receive abundant blessings from Almighty God. It is our wish here that Blessed Kateri may smile upon all of you and fill your hearts with the joy of Jesus.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Fr. Nicholas

Rev. Nicholas Weiss, OFM Conv.
Rector

Site of the Martyrdom of Saints Isaac Jogues, Rene' Goupil and John Lalonde.
Birthplace of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks.





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KATERI TEKAKWITHA

June 27, 1986

Mr. Thomas S. Constantino
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Dear Tom,

How pleased I am that Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., is coming to the land that Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha knew and loved so well! I feel and so do the Catholic Iroquois of Kahnawake, Quebec, that the Lily of the Mohawks will be there spiritually to welcome him. No doubt she will bring with her blessings of all sorts for the faithful of Gallup, New Mexico, particularly the Indian people, as well as for all the other Indians of the continent in whom Bishop Pelotte is interested.

Bishop Pelotte's devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as former Provincial of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers in the United States, is a special link between him and Blessed Kateri. She was a Eucharistic saint, if ever there was one. With her help, he will certainly intensify devotion to our Eucharistic Lord wherever he goes.

Because of his closeness with her, I'm asking him to ask the Blessed Virgin and the good Lord to hasten the canonization of our Beata.

Devotedly in Our Lord and His Blessed Mother,

Henri Bécard, S.J.
Henri Bécard, S.J.

"Every genuine testimony of love which we show to those in heaven tends toward and terminates in Christ, Who is the 'crown of all saints'." (Vatican II)

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June 30, 1986

MR. THOMAS B. CONSTANTINO

Dear Tom,

Bishop Pelotte's ordination as a bishop is another expression of the filial love our Holy Father has for the Native Americans. In welcoming Bishop Pelotte we acknowledge the role Pope John Paul II is enacting in behalf of Blessed Kateri's brothers and sisters.

In 1983 as a priest Bishop Pelotte celebrated the Feast Day Liturgy in honor of Blessed Kateri. Happily again we welcome his return visit to Kateri's birthplace.

The Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha League of the United States wishes Bishop Pelotte every blessing as he assumes his new position. As Blessed Kateri has become a Shining Star in the new world, may Bishop Pelotte shine as the leading light among all peoples of the United States.

Cordially in Kateri's Name,
Joseph S. McBride, S.J.
Joseph S. McBride, S.J.



PROGRAM — JULY 12-13, 1986

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1986

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA
FONDA, NEW YORK**

3:30 P.M. DRAMA

Life of Kateri..... St. Lucy's Kateri Tekakwitha Players
Syracuse, NY

4:30 P.M. CONCELEBRATED MASS

Welcome..... Rev. Nicholas Weiss, OFM Conv.
Rector, National Shrine of Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha

Main Celebrant..... Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.

1st Reading..... Peg Bova

2nd Reading..... Bill Merchant

Gospel..... Rev. Frank R. Haig, S.J.
President, LeMoyne College, Syracuse, N.Y.

Homilist..... Rev. Henri Bechard, S.J.
Vice Postulator, Cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Canada

Communion Hymn..... Lord's Prayer
Princess Pale Moon and Martha Moore

Choir..... St. Regis Mohawk Parish Choir
St. Lucy Parish Choir, Syracuse

Remarks and Blessing..... Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.

Hymn..... Prayer of St. Francis,
Princess Pale Moon

Closing Hymn..... America the Beautiful
Congregation

- Blessing of Newly Created Statues of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
- 4th Degree Color Guard, N.Y.S. Council of the Knights of Columbus

6:00 P.M. ENTERTAINMENT

Introduction..... Anthony A. Renna

Welcome..... Thomas B. Constantino

Master of Ceremonies..... Iron Eyes Cody

Vocalists..... Esther Phillips

Princess Pale Moon

Greetings..... Miss Martha Moore

Native American Dancers..... Aztec Dancers

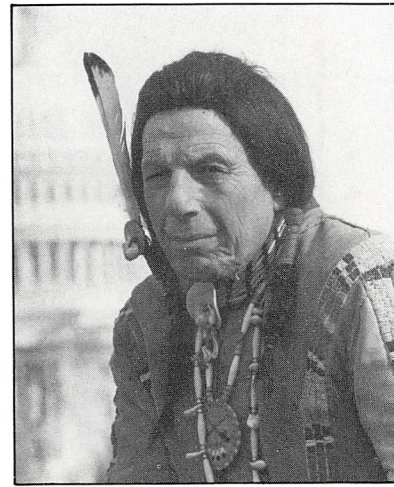
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Rev. Gilbert Hemauer, OFM Cap
Tekakwitha Conference National Center, Great Falls, MT
Closing**Great Spirit Prayer**
Iron Eyes Cody

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. **RECEPTION FOR BISHOP PELOTTE**

REFRESHMENTS

Tent Area

ALL ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 1986

**THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS
AURIESVILLE, NEW YORK**

10:30 A.M. **CONCELEBRATED MASS**

Welcome	Rev. Robert J. Boyle, S.J. Director, National Shrine of the North American Martyrs
Main Celebrant	Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.
1st Reading	Harriett Ellis
2nd Reading	Arthur Bova
Gospel	Rev. Joseph S. McBride, S.J. Vice Postulator, Cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, U.S.A.
Homilist	Monsignor Paul Lenz, Executive Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Washington, D.C.
Communion Hymn	Ave Maria Esther Phillips
Choir	St. Lucy Parish Choir, Syracuse, N.Y. St. Regis Mohawk Parish Choir
Remarks and Blessing	Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.
Hymn	Lord's Prayer Princess Pale Moon and Martha Moore
Closing Hymn	America the Beautiful Congregation

4th Degree Color Guard, N.Y.S. Council of the Knights of Columbus

11:30 A.M. **UNVEILING AND BLESSING OF THE
STATUE OF BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA**
At the National Kateri Center, Auriesville, N.Y.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
National Kateri Center



*Woodland Indian Dancers
Native American Center for the Living Arts, Niagara Falls, N.Y.*



*Aztec Dancers
Native American Center for the Living Arts, Niagara Falls, N.Y.*



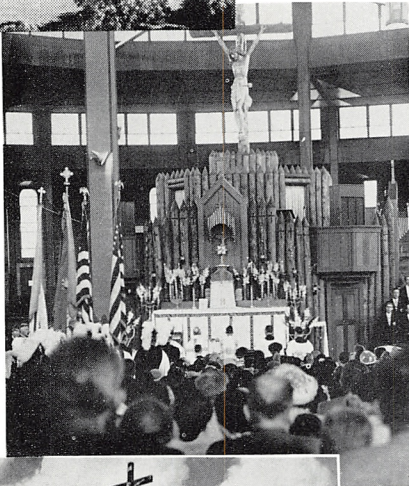
*Kateri Tekakwitha Players
St. Lucy Parish, Syracuse, N.Y.*

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF

The Coliseum church, opened in 1931, a year after the Martyr's canonization, was one of the first circular churches in the United States. It can accommodate 6500 worshippers.



The altar of the Coliseum was built to resemble the palisaded barriers which usually surrounded the villages of the Mohawk and other Iroquois nations.



Saints LaLande • Jogues • Goupil

The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs is the site of the captivity and martyrdom of three canonized saints of the Catholic Church: Saints Isaac Jogues of the Society of Jesus, Rene Goupil of the Society of Jesus, and John LaLande. Saint John LaLande was a *donne* or lay volunteer who helped the Jesuit missionaries in their labors. He pronounced his religious vows during his six-week captivity before he was put to death. Isaac Jogues is said to be the first Catholic priest to set foot in New York State. The Shrine is also the birthplace of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, born ten years after the martyrdom of Saints Isaac Jogues and John LaLande; Saint Rene Goupil had suffered martyrdom four years earlier, in 1642.

History has recorded that the Rosary was first recited in New York State at the site of the Shrine. In his narration of the death of Saint Rene on September 19, 1642, Saint Isaac Jogues writes "We had just completed the fourth decade of the Rosary. Thousands of pilgrims have joined in the recitation of the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries since the first pilgrimage on August 15, 1885. In the words of the Memorare, "never was it known that any one who fled to your protection or sought your intercession was left unaided."



Inspired by his confidence, the pilgrims come to honor Our Lady, to pray for the intercession of the martyrs and Blessed Kateri for the needs of their loved ones and for themselves. The Shrine is frequently called the hill of answered prayer.

The Shrine of our Lady of Martyrs is also the land of the Crosses. This account by Saint Isaac Jogues is found in *Jesuit Relations*:

How often on the stately trees of the forest of Ossernenon did I carve the most sacred name of Jesus, so that seeing it, the demons might take to flight and hearing it they might tremble with fear. How often did I strip off the bark of those trees and fashion on them the most holy cross of the Lord, so that at its sight the enemy might flee before it and through it. O Lord, my King, you might rule in the midst of the pagans who dwell in these lands and the demons who rule far and wide through all these regions. I rejoiced that I have been led by God into this wilderness in Lent at the very time when Church recalls the passion of Our Lord that I might remember the course He followed, its bitterness and gall.

OUR LADY OF MARTYRS

Visits to the Stations of the Cross have been part of the pilgrim's day at the Shrine from the earliest days. The Stations, the Rosary, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass have been celebrated for nearly a century in this open sanctuary consecrated by martyrs' blood more than three hundred years ago.

Devotion of the pilgrims has been strengthened by the visible reminders of events in the lives of Our Lord, Our Lady, and the martyrs. Depicted at the Shrine are the Stations of the Cross; the Seven Dolors stations; the statues of the Sacred Heart — Our Lady, the martyrs, Blessed Kateri, and Our Lady of Fatima.

Martyrs Shrine had its early beginnings in 1885 as a monument to the first saints of North America to be canonized. The various outdoor shrines and unique Coliseum Church are a reminder that these hallowed grounds are sanctified by the blood of zealous followers of Jesus Christ. Pope Pius XII called Auriesville "nature's own reliquary — the verdant hill that slopes up from the quiet, easy-flowing river of the Mohawks."

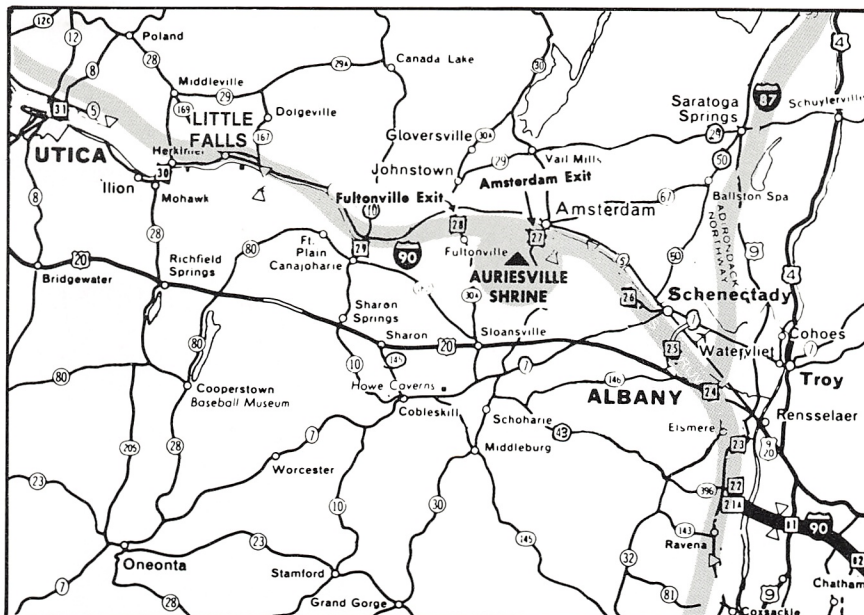


Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Isaac Jogues often carved crosses on a tree during his lonely exile — here memorialized in the beautiful statue on the Shrine grounds.



Stations of the Cross lead to a splendid Calvary atop a hill where Fr. Jogues and Bro. Goupil prayed during their days as captives.

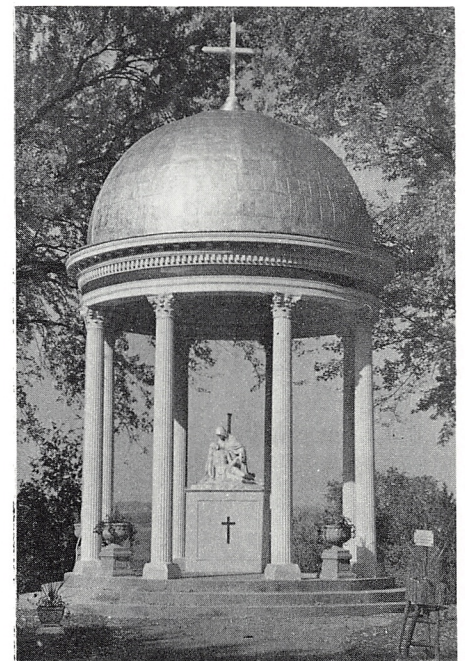


The Shrine of the Martyrs is located in the beautiful Mohawk Valley in eastern New York State 40 miles west of Albany. The following suggestions may be of help:

Automobile: If coming via the Thruway from east, exit at Amsterdam Interchange 27 and continue westward on Route 5-S. If from the east, exit at Fultonville Interchange 28 and continue eastward along Route 5-S. Boston, Buffalo, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, Scranton and Montreal, are all within 260 miles of Auriesville via the Thruway, the Northway, and I-88.

Train: Amtrak to Amsterdam, six miles away.

Bus: Greyhound to Fultonville, three miles away, or Trailways to Fonda four miles away.



Replica of a renowned Pieta is housed in a picturesque outdoor chapel.

National Kateri



THE BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, was so named because of her life of purity. On June 22, 1980, 300 years after her death, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her as "Blessed."

As is the case with many holy men and women honored by the Church, Kateri accomplished nothing extraordinary in the eyes of the world. Christians all over the world, however, can find in her a model of outstanding holiness.

Beginnings

The Lily of the Mohawks was born in 1656 in the village of Ossernenon, now called Auriesville, a town close by the banks of the Mohawk River. Orphaned at the age of three, Kateri lived with her paternal uncle after her parents and brother succumbed to small-pox in 1659.

War and disease caused her whole village to move to Caughnawaga, now Fonda, on the east side of the Mohawk. With the arrival of Jesuit missionaries in the late 1660's, many Indians accepted the Catholic faith and were baptized, including several in Kateri's own village. Although she was moved to attend as the priests instructed the catechumens, she was prevented from doing so by her uncle, an Indian chief and staunch anti-Christian.

Baptismal

In 1675, Kateri met Father James de Lamberville, a recent arrival to her village. She requested instruction in the Faith in spite of her uncle. Kateri's unusual fervor caused the Jesuit Father to commend her to be baptized after only eight months. She was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1676 in Saint Peter's Chapel and received the name Kateri, the Indian equivalent of Catherine.

Although many had testified to her inexpressible joy on the day of her baptism, life was extremely rough for a newly-baptized Christian. Kateri's people, however, did not share and were not sympathetic to her beliefs. She was refused food when she refused to work on Sundays. Drunken men tried to violate her chastity. Throughout these tribulations, Kateri remained true to her baptismal vows.



National Kateri Shrine and Mohawk — Caughnawaga Museum



Tekakwitha Spring

Shrine — Fonda, New York

Living the Faith

In 1677, with the assistance of Christian Indians from La Prairie, Canada, Kateri escaped to Kahnawake, Canada. Kahnawake was a village that had been established for Indians who accepted the Gospel and wished to live their faith openly.

It was there during the Feast of the Annunciation, on March 25, 1679, that Kateri pronounced a vow of perpetual virginity. Little more than a year later, on April 17, 1680, Kateri Tekakwitha died at the age of twenty-four, surrounded by her close friends. Her remains are kept at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Caughnawaga, Canada.

Kateri's Home

In 1932, the Albany Catholic Diocese bought 175 acres of land near Fonda, the site of Kateri's baptism. The land was entrusted to Father Thomas Grassman, a Conventual Franciscan priest and founder of the shrine. It was here, in 1950 that Father Grassman began the work of creating a national shrine to ensure a living memorial to Kateri and monument to her faith.

With the Van Epps Hartley Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association, Father Grassman, an avid archaeologist and historian, unearthed the site of Caughnawage, the village of Kateri's youth. After a number of futile attempts to uncover the village, Father Grassman ended up working on the dig alone. A few years after the initial effort, he uncovered the char-marks of the stockade posts and was rejoined by the archaeologists.

Seven years of digging, sifting dirt and meticulously combing fire and storage pits proved to be rewarding. Father Grassman and the archaeologists uncovered the remains of the 17th century dwelling grounds for some 450 Indians. The settlement originally consisted of 12 longhouses sheltered by a double stockade.

Today, metal stakes outline the stockade around the acre-sized dig and its former longhouses. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, it is the only completely excavated Iroquois Indian village in the United States.

Indian relics, religious artifacts and other archaeological material are on display in the museum at the Shrine. The museum also contains a library of more than 4,500 volumes on Indian, colonial New York State and United States history.

The Shrine

Although Kateri's home has a long history, it was not a shrine to the Indian maiden until 1980, when she was declared Blessed and could officially be venerated.

The post-revolutionary barn on the land of the Kateri Shrine is the heart of the project. The upper floor holds St. Peter's Chapel, commemorating the longhouse chapel in which Kateri Tekakwitha was baptized in 1676. Now a rustic room with rough-hewn beams, the chapel is attended by some 250 worshippers for Sunday services. Nearby on the grounds is a bell tower that was dedicated by Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany in 1983. A small outdoor amphitheater, a picnic area, a retreat house as well as Nature trails, flower beds and a rose garden welcome visitors.

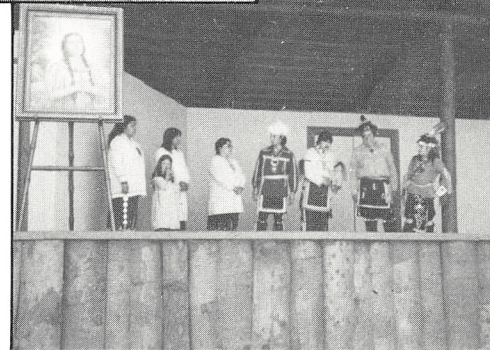
The Hill of Saints at the Shrine is dominated by a statue of Kateri flanked by statues of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Anthony of Padua. Plans by the Franciscan Fathers call for an indoor-outdoor liturgical center, an outdoor performance center in a natural amphitheater, and the eventual reconstruction of the Caughnawaga stockade and longhouse site.

Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, is truly a patroness of peace and of the earth, a model of Catholic faith in today's secularized world. The Shrine of the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is a place of spiritual devotion, learning and reflection.

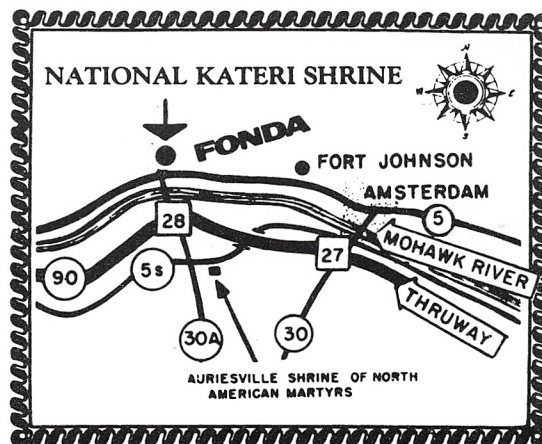
His Excellency, Pio Laghi, and Father Weiss, O.F.M., Rector of the Shrine at the excavated Kateri Indian Village.



Hill of Saints

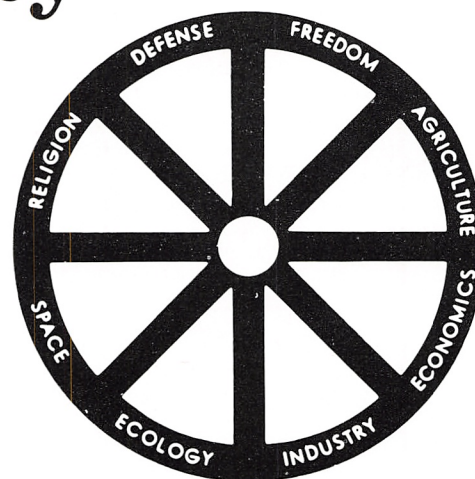


Indian Dancers



The Mohawk Valley

The Mohawk Valley has long been a significant region to the State of New York and to the nation. History of the Indian tribes and European settlers has enriched our culture and added to the rich fabric that is life in the valley.



RELIGION

America was conceived as a nation under God. God's word has played an important part in forming the character and moral fiber of our people, and no event contributed more significantly than the planting of the cross by St. Isaac Jogues at Ossernenon, now the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs at Auriesville. His faith, along with his brothers St. Rene Goupil and St. John LaLande, reached out to touch the lives of Indians and White man alike. Their influence was first highlighted by the conversion of the Mohawk Indian Maiden Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Born at Auriesville and Baptized at Fonda she is called Kaiatanoron by her people, which means "A Lady of Quality to put things in order." She is expected to be America's first native saint. The Martyrs died at Auriesville and their influence continues to spread the Christian word from the heartland of our area to the far reaches of the world.



DEFENSE

Sir William Johnson, an early Amsterdam settler whose descendants still reside in the area, played a major role in shaping the course of America. The westward expansion of colonists in the early 1750's unleashed the fury of the French and Indian traders who resented infringement on their lucrative fur trade. The result was the French and Indian War which, due to the leadership of Sir William Johnson and his influential friendship with the Indians, was won by the English. His impressive victories at Lake George and Niagara brought an end to the war. It likewise extended our influence and territory to its present boundaries and cleared the way for the ultimate development of the Mohawk Valley. Without the leadership of this settler, America might have developed as a colony of France, and French would have been our mother tongue instead of English.



FREEDOM

The American Revolution which established the United States an independent nation represents another important spoke in the wheel of progress that extends from the hub. It is a nationally accepted fact that the battle of Saratoga was the turning point of the revolution and many sons from our valley took part in that battle. Ironically, the final battle of the American Revolution, which occurred after the war was officially over, took place in Johnstown, New York, just 7 short miles away from Auriesville.



AGRICULTURE

Someone once said an army marches on its stomach, and the soldiers of the 13 colonies were no exception. The breadbasket of the American Revolution lies in the fertile lands of Schoharie, a scant 20 miles to the south of the Auriesville hub. This, to a degree, accounts for the many American Revolution battles being fought in New York State.



ECONOMICS

For America to prosper and develop, it was essential to open the West. George Washington first recommended construction of what is now known as the Barge Canal. Once again, the turning point in developing this new era occurred just a few short miles from Auriesville. For the canal to become a reality, a major obstacle had to be overcome. The problem was crossing the Schoharie Creek at Fort Hunter and the aqueducts that were constructed to accomplish this were considered a major engineering feat. With this obstacle solved, the canal became a reality.



INDUSTRY

Another important spoke in the American Wheel of Progress leads to the hub from the Schenectady/Albany area. The tremendous impetus this area contributed to the great industrial revolution is most significant. The genius of Edison and Steinmetz at General Electric Company created a profound impact that was felt the world over. It changed our outlook, our work habits and our style of life. Adding to this, the great iron horse that enabled America to expand her horizons from the Atlantic to the Pacific, were by the American Locomotive Company developed and manufactured first in Albany and later in Schenectady.



ECOLOGY

Ecology is very much a part of the area's history as well as its present and future. Its roots go back to the Mohawk Indians, people of the soil who called the earth Mother, the sun Father and the animals of the forest their brothers. Their special understanding of nature was divinely personified by Kateri Tekakwitha, who was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980. Ecology got its renewed impetus in the area in 1954 with the establishment of The Noteworthy Company, America's first and largest producer of litterbags. Through aggressive and innovative promotions, Noteworthy raised the conscience level of Americans to the dangers of litter/pollution.



SPACE AGE

America's achievement in space exploration and the lunar landings is, in a broad sense, an accomplishment that belongs to all America. But in a very personal way the area is involved in this modern miracle of man. Just as the Martyrs were fated to spill their blood at Ossernenon before the birth of America, it seems providential that a native son, Dr. Rocco A. Petrone, was fated to travel wherever necessary to lead America's effort in this newest era of our lives. So in a very real sense, the area continues to be the hub of a very important 50 mile radius that has had an enormous influence in shaping the destiny of America from one end of its spectrum to the other. This spectrum is far from over. Rather, we are at a new plateau — a new platform of growth — and the Mohawk Valley and America equal to the challenge.



As many lives intermingle and philosophies span the centuries, it is comforting to know that the peaceful determination and glory of the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha has gained recognition around the world and from the Pope. We are proud that this great Native American heritage is continued through the ordination of Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, the first Bishop of Indian heritage.

We look to our future with a firm foundation in the pride of our past.



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved, In liberating strife, Who more than self their country Loved, And mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

MOHAWK VALLEY