

March 1988 Newsletter

MEMORIAL MASS ON APR. 10TH
FOR SR. MARCELLA O'DONNELL

There will be a Memorial Mass celebrated for beloved Sr. Marcella O'Donnell, late Director of the Kateri Center and friend of all, on Sunday evening, Apr. 10, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. at our Center. Many did not have the opportunity to participate at our Mass as soon as Sister's death was announced. Please make every effort to come with your family.

MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING
HELD ON FEB. 29, 1988

A very good planning meeting was held on the last Monday in February with Dick Kane chairing the meeting. Many ideas were discussed. One is to have a monthly planning meeting every second Sunday of the month. Because we have not used the Kateri Center too much in recent months, questions were being asked if we were going to keep going. The end such questions, there will be someone at the Center some afternoons and an evening a week to show that we are alive and active. The monthly meeting will be another sign of our determination to go on and even grow. The Calendar of Events is listed below.

A cake was served in honor of the **30th Anniversary of Father Walter Kern's Ordination**. A gift was presented to him: "The Sacred Pipe: Black Elk's Account of the Seven Rites of the Oglala Sioux" by Joseph Epes Brown.

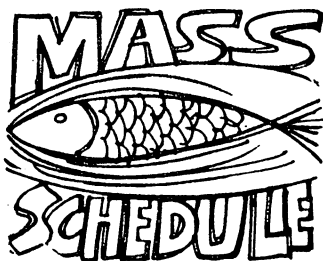
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 10:00-2:00 Center open.

Thursday, 10:00-2:00. Center open.
7:00-9:00 Evening.

Apr. 10. Memorial Mass, 7:00 PM.
Monthly planning meeting.

June 5. Indian Day, a Sunday, at the Center. Registration - 9-11; Mass - 11:00 AM, followed by refreshments. We will all try to learn a social dance for use at our affairs.



Monthly Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the Center on the **second Sunday** before the monthly planning meeting at **7:00 PM.** Fulfill Sunday obligation.



ANCIENT ARAPAHO INVOCATION

(suitable before meals)

O my Father, Holy Spirit,
O Four Old-Men, and keeper of the Sacred Pipe,
O Morning Star and all good things of creation - -

I mention these good things:
the light of dawn, the good wind,
the timber, the soil,
and the animals,

Listen - -

All you creatures under the ground,
All you creatures above the ground,
and in the waters.

May this People be long in life
and increase.

May our boys and girls of all ages...
May our grown men and women,
and all our elders...

May they increase and be strengthened.

O Father Creator,

We ask this blessing
upon our food.

And we ask for all your people
the growth of loving hearts
and the happy life
and harmony.

(Courtesy: Wind River Reservation)



This drawing is the official Logo of the St. Augustine Indian Mission, Winnebago, Nebraska 68071. Fr. Dick Whiteing gave us permission to use it. Each detail has meaning; it will be explained next month.

WHAT MOON IT IS IT?

March is the "Moon of Lightsnow" (Cheyenne); "Windy Moon" (Arapaho); "Bud Moon;" "Melting Snow Moon;" "Moon When the Grain Comes up;" "When the Ducks Come Back;" etc.

"WHAT IT MEANS TO ME TO BE A NATIVE AMERICAN"

Janet (Smith) Collura offered to be the first to write a little on this topic for the benefit of our little ones. "When I think of the words AMERICAN INDIAN, these are some of the characteristics that come to mind: cleverness, politeness, friendliness, honesty, forgiving, honor, beauty, trust, strength and courages." I would like to submit the following....

THE TREATY OF WILLIAM PENN

In the summer of 1682, a small ship named the Welcome sailed from England bearing William Penn, a member of the Quakers. In October, the ship reached Delaware Bay from which stretched a large piece of land that had been granted to Penn by the crown.

In November, Penn went to Shackamaxon, now Kensington, a suburb of Philadelphia, where under the branches of an ancient elm, on the banks of the Delaware, he made a remarkable treaty with the Indians, not for their lands, but for peace and friendship.

Penn said "We meet in the broad pathway of good faith and goodwill; no advantage shall be taken on either side, but all shall be openness and love. I will not call you children, for parents sometimes chide their children too severely; not brothers only, for brothers differ. The friendship between me and you I will not compare to a chain, for that the rains might rust, or the falling tree might break. We are the same as if one man's body were to be divided into two parts; we are all one flesh and blood."

The Indians were delighted with this doctrine which was very different from that of the Puritans and Cavaliers. "We will live in love with Penn and his children as long as the moon and the sun shall endure" they said.

Later Voltaire said, "William Penn began with making a league with the Americans, his neighbors. It was the only treaty between those nations and the Christians which was never sworn to and never broken."

NATIVE AMERICAN WISDOM

Ohiyesa, a Santee Dakota physician and author, wrote this in 1911.

P R A Y E R

"In the life of the Indian there was only one inevitable duty, - the duty of prayer - the daily recognition of the Unseen and Eternal. His daily devotions were more necessary to him than daily food. He wakes at day break, puts on his moccasins and steps down to the water's edge. Here he throws handfuls of clear, cold water into his face, or plunges in bodily. After the bath, he stands erect before the advancing dawn, facing the sun as it dances upon the horizon, and offers his unspoken orison. His mate may precede or follow in his devotions, but never accompanies him. Each soul must meet the morning sun, the new sweet earth and the Great Silence along!

"Whenever, in the course of the daily hunt the red hunter comes upon a scene that is strikingly beautiful or sublime - a black thundercloud with the rainbow's glowing arch above the mountain, a white waterfall in the hearts of a green gorge, a vast prairie tinged with the blood-red of sunset - he pauses for an instant in the attitude of worship." (From "Touch the Earth: A Self-Portrait of Indian Existence" by T.C. McLuhan, p. 36).

The Catholic practice of praying in the

morning the MORNING OFFERING PRAYER can harmonize with this Indian practice. Sr. Marcella was a great promoter of devo-



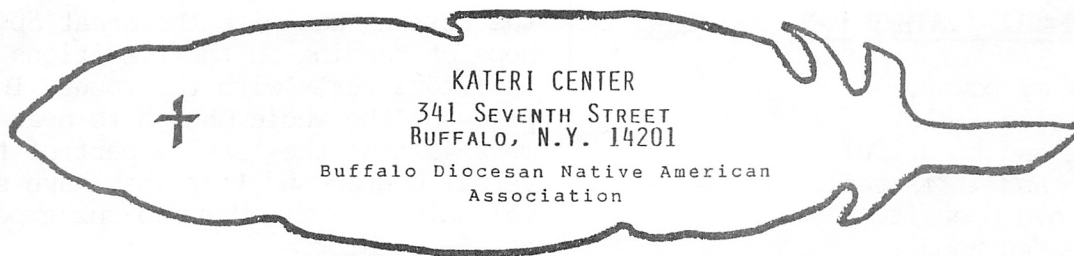
tion to the Sacred Heart and the Morning Offering, which gives all our day in union with the action of his Sacred Heart in every Mass around the world.

Enclosed you will find an Apostleship of Prayer Leaflet with a Morning Offering and the Pope's Prayer Intentions for the month. The Pope said he relies on our prayers to carry on his work for God, so show your loyalty to the Church by praying for the monthly and mission intention he picked out.

WANT TO LEARN THE "OUR FATHER" IN INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE? Well, Dick Kane wants to know your name and when you could come to learn.

PEOPLE WITH ART ABILITY ARE NEEDED TO HELP PLAN DESIGNS FOR THE WOOD-EN ALTAR TO BE MADE FOR THE KATERI CENTER. These Indian and Eucharistic designs will be burned into the wood of the altar. Call Dick Kane soon at 832-9790, so the project can be started.

WISE SAYING: "Don't ever ask for a lighter Cross. Ask for a stronger back."



APRIL 1988 NEWSLETTER

FIRST MONTHLY MASS: APR. 10, 7 PM

SR. MARCELLA'S MEMORIAL MASS

To help both stress our Catholic Indian identity and bring our group closer together in strength, there will be a monthly Mass in the Kateri Chapel every second Sunday of the month. Father Kern is willing to pledge himself to this providing the Native American Catholic community will participate at such a Mass. This Mass will also satisfy one's Sunday obligation.

This first monthly Mass will be a Memorial Mass in honor of Sr. Marcella O'Donnell. We look forward to a large response in love from all of you by attending this Mass. It will begin at 7:00PM.

The monthly planning meeting will be immediately afterwards.

REFLECTING ON SISTER'S DEATH

Not forever on earth,
But briefly here!
Be it jade, it too will be broken.
Be it gold, it too will be melted.
Not forever on earth,
But only briefly.

- Aztec.

FRIENDS OF SR. MARCELLA
ENCOURAGE US FINANCIALLY

First Letter:

Dear Father Kern,

On Saturday, March 19th, we had our open house to St. Joseph [St. Joseph's Table]. After twenty years it gets better every year.

Donations received go to wherever we wish. This year my part of the donation will go to the Kateri Center. Sister Marcella had such strong devotion to St. Joseph and the Holy Family. The name of Joseph was constantly on her mind and used often.

This donation is to be used for the upkeep of the Center and Indian Day. Please Father - no Convention. I am sending you a check amounting to \$300.00.

The tickets[for the raffle] are going fairly well. With Catholic Charities over we can concentrate more on them.

Sincerely,

JOSEPHINE M. CONNOR

Second Letter:

From old friends of Sr. Marcella:

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE
National Council of Cath. Women

Dear Fr. Kern,

I am happy to forward to you the enclosed one hundred dollars, \$100.00, contribution for the Kateri Center from the BDCCW. We offer this gift in memory of Sister Marcella O'Donnell in thanksgiving for her efforts which helped bring about the founding of the Kateri Center. She showed us through her example what can be accomplished if we are truly filled with a respect for the human dignity of all God's creatures.

The additional seventy dollars, \$70.00, has been gathered through our "Pennies for Sister Marcella Fund" which the BDCCW has been collecting for several years now. As I understand it, Sister has used the "pennies" collected by our Ladies over the years to help sponsor delegates from this area to the National Pow Wows [Kateri Conference].

Of the \$70.00 enclosed, \$43.18 came from the ladies of the St. Leo the Great Rosary and Alar Society, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Buffalo, N.Y. 14226. These ladies hope to have this collection yearly in memory of Sister Marcella.

In addition I would like to say that the DDCCW plans to maintain this as an on-going collection. We would appreciate knowing how the funds will be used in the future to help us encourage the women with their "penny" collections.

May God's blessings be with you always.

Sincerely,
KAY LYONS, Pres.



THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO ASSISTS

After speaking with Msgr. Robert Cunningham, Chancellor of the Diocese of Buffalo, the Diocese will pay the basic monthly rate for the telephone at the Center (with us paying for our toll calls). He also gave \$200.00 for the Annual Indian Day. [Incidentally, Msgr. Cunningham was a pupil of Sr. Marcella, when she was teaching school. He regarded her very highly.] The Diocese hopes that we continue the policy of Sr. Marcella that we try to support our own program as much as we can, as she did. This assistance with the phone and Indian Day is to encourage us by taking the worry of these two expenses off our hands. Hopefully, we can handle the rest.

EAGLE FEATHERS ARE A SYMBOL
OF HONOR, FRIENDSHIP AND LIFE.

THE EAGLE-FEATHER FAN

The eagle is my power,
And my fan is an eagle.
It is strong and beautiful
In my hand. And it is real.
My fingers hold upon it
As if the beaded handle
Were the twist of bristlecone.

The bones of my hand are fine
And hollow; the fan bears them.
My hand veers in the thin air
Of the summits. All morning
It scuds on the cold currents;
All afternoon it circles
To the singing, to the drums.

N. Scott Momaday
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**The Meaning of the Logo
by Father Dick Whiteing**

The Indians pray to the Spirit of the four directions. The little child and the church building face East. East is the source of the new day, the image of waiting for new life, new blessing from the Spirit. It can be the Christian image of resurrection.

The mother faces South, from which direction comes the warmth to nourish and sustain life. The mother carried the disposition of humility, prayer and strength; trusting in the Creator.

The father faces North from where winter comes; symbolic of a time of waiting and hardship which builds strength and endurance. Only his eyes, of the three, are open, perhaps looking for vision of the future or better, visions of how to cope with the problems that face his family today.

The family is more upfront than the church building to emphasize that the Church is the family. The Church lives in the Native American as the Body of Christ. As it is with so many people on our society, the structure of the Native American family needs healing. The Indian family sees the Church as one source of hope to bring strong medicine to make this healing happen.

The young people are the hope of Indian people. They are the ones who are to be nourished, strengthened and tested for the Westward journey of life. The grandfathers and grandmothers have already completed their westward journey into the place of

the setting sun with the Great Spirit. The hope of handing on the traditions of the ancestors rests with the young. The people want the whole Church to hear the message that they are a part of the Universal Church and that they have something valuable to contribute to our experiences of the Creator.

The logo is a vision of what can be. It can be accepted and lived by all Native Americans.

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CONDOLENCES: "The Board, Staff and Members of the Buffalo North American Indian Culture Center, Inc., would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere condolences at the death of Sister Marcella. For more than fifteen years, Sister Marcella remained a staunch supporter and close friend. The sincerity, warmth and spirit she has shared with us over the years will remain with us for years to come. In sympathy we reain,

Yours,

Ruth Montour



LOOK IT UP IN SCRIPTURE:

EAGLES

EXODUS 19: 4 DEUTERONOMY 48:40; 32: 11

PSALM 103: 5 JEREMIAH 48: 40; 14: 16

ISAIAH 40: 30 EZEKIEL 1:11; 10: 14;

17: 3.

REVELATION 4: 7; 12: 14.

WHAT MOON IS IT?

The Ojibwa called April "The Snow Shoe Breaking Moon;" the Oto: "The Moon of the Little Frogs Croaking;" the Kutenai: "Earth Cracks Moon;" the Sioux: "Grass Moon" and "Moon of the Birth of Calves" and "Moon When the Geese Lay Eggs;" the Cheyenne and Arapaho: "Moon of the Red Grass Appearing" and "Spring Moon." (Later, the Arapaho attending mission schools called it "Colored Egg Moon.") For us, "Spring Moon."

SPRING


by Sitting Bull

People with a verbal, non-written, cultures, often produce eloquent speakers whose speech is often very beautiful and poetic. Locally, Red Jacket, the Seneca, was very eloquent; so was Sitting Bull and numerous other Native Americans. A sample...

The spring has come;
the earth has received
the entrance of the sun
and we shall soon see
the results of that love.

Every seed is awoken
and so has all animal life.
It is through this mysterious power
that we too have our being.

And we therefore yield
to our neighbors,
even our animal neighbors,
the same rights as ourselves,
to inhabit this land.



KATERI CENTER
341 Seventh Street
Buffalo, N.Y. 14201

November, 1987

Dear Member,

The summer with its bright days, vacations, surprises, and hopeful plans has become but another memory! Fall, with its nippy weather and gorgeous foliage, is gearing us to face the oncoming winter days. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be the highlights before 1988 bursts upon us.

We are planning to have our Indian Christmas celebration again this year. If you have a special date line which would prevent you from attending, call and let us know so that we can pick the time most favorable to the majority of members. We plan to have a larger tepee for our Nativity scene and the Three Kings will be painted to complete the set. All the other figures were finished last year.

Dick Kane would like to hear from those of you would like to help in constructing an Indian style altar for our Chapel before Christmas...Dick also wants you to know that he donated, in the name of the Center, a small statue of Kateri to the visiting Ugandan Cardinal, rosary beads and prayer cards. This happened when Emmanuel Cardinal Nysbuga was at Blessed Trinity Church - where Fr. Walter Kern serves as pastor - to bless their new woodcarving of Bl. Kateri.

We sent a telegram of sympathy to the Tuscarora Catholic Indian parishioners of Holy Family Chapel when the church was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1987. It was completely burned down. (I feel the loss deeply since I worked there for 15 years before assuming the task of compiling a list and contacting our diocesan Catholic Indian families who can call the Kateri Center their own. The wording of the telegram was: "Sincere sympathy. Supportive prayers for successful rebuilding." (The TV news said that these Catholic families intend to rebuild.)

My schedule at the Center is somewhat altered due to family affairs and doctor's orders. Hopefully, I will be there on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2-4 and Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 AM. More volunteer help would be tremendously appreciated. If any of our members living at a distance, or ill, would like a visit from our Chaplain or a Mass in their home, Father Kern is willing to try to arrange it. No one is too far away for us to come to you.

Father Kern was asked to write an article entitled NATIVE AMERICAN CHRISTMAS for the diocesan newspaper, the "Western New York Catholic." It will be in the December, 1987 issue. (This news-

paper is given out free in all Catholic Churches on the first Sunday of the month. He asked them to use a photograph of the Holy Family painting showing Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Indian clothing which was destroyed in the fire at the Tuscarora Reservation.) You may like to read the item from the "Union Sun & Journal" of Lockport - his hometown - which I am attaching.

Phone Numbers

Sr. Marcella (Convent - anytime before 9 PM): 885-6252

Fr. Walter Kern (Blessed Trinity, 317 Leroy): 833-0301

Dick Kane (home phone): 832-9790.

Priest Uses Print

By Anita Enzinna

(The following is keeping with the theme of Catholic Press Month. Mary Borrelli, associate editor for the "Western New York Catholic Visitor," has written the following article about the Rev. Walter Kern.)

The Rev. Kern is a native of Lockport and the son of Jacob Kern, owner and operator of Kern Jacob and Sons Inc., a wholesale candy store on Nichols Street.)

For almost 27 years Father Walter Kern, pastor of Blessed Trinity Church, Buffalo, has been a friend and contributing writer for the Catholic Press in the Buffalo Diocese.



Anita
Enzinna

In 1959, when the diocesan newspaper was the "Catholic Union and Echo," Father Kern wrote a column, "Missionary apostolate." To date he has contributed 66 articles to the diocesan newspaper.

He has also written 90 articles on the Sacred Heart and edits the "Priestly Heart Newsletter" which is sent to seven percent of all priests in the United States and Canada, and to clergy in 17 foreign countries.

Father Kern has also written three pamphlets and four books, the most recent of which, "Pastoral Ministry With Disabled Persons," was published at the beginning of 1985 by Alba House. Some of his work has been translated into Spanish and French.

"In an age of media, to miss opportunities to use the Catholic and secular media for preaching God's word and encourage people to be more Godly misses a tremendous opportunity," he said.

"Christ said, 'Children of darkness are smarter than the children of light, in their own way,'" Father Kern continued. "I don't want to be guilty of that."

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Father Kern attributes his interest in writing to a professor he had in the seminary. "In the seminary in the 40s, it was unique to have a layman as a teacher," Father Kern related. "The professor was Ernest Collier, a graduate of Harvard University. He had the class do a lot of essays, and I attribute my interest in writing to him."

Reflecting back, Father Kern noted, "My real beginn-

ing with the diocesan newspaper was at the time they ran a 'Homily' series. In 1971, when Bishop James McNulty appointed me director of the Apostleship of Prayer, I asked Msgr. Robert Duggan, who was then editor of the paper, if he could use devotional material. He was encouraging."

Father Kern added, "I became aware that if you learned specifics, a lot of papers consider unsolicited manuscripts and give you a fair shot at it." Father Kern has been published in the "Rochester Courier Journal," "Messenger of the Sacred Heart," "Priest Magazine," "Homiletic" and "Pastoral Review, The Family and the Catholic Evangelist," to mention a few.

"Christ really wanted us to use every avenue available," Father Kern noted. "I feel it is a God-given gift I'm cooperating with. He gives it for a purpose, and I see that's why I write."

Most of Father Kern's writing is done in the evenings after 9 p.m. "On my days off I research material," he stated. "I have an idea and collect material for months. then it comes together."

Father Kern is the archivist for the Buffalo Diocese and has proved many times to be a remarkable source of history and facts for his writing colleagues.

He also hosts "Day by Day," a radio program aired at 6:05 a.m. each Sunday on WBEN-AM (930).

Father Kern is a man of many interests and talents, all of which have been placed lovingly in service for the Lord.

By Mary Borrelli.

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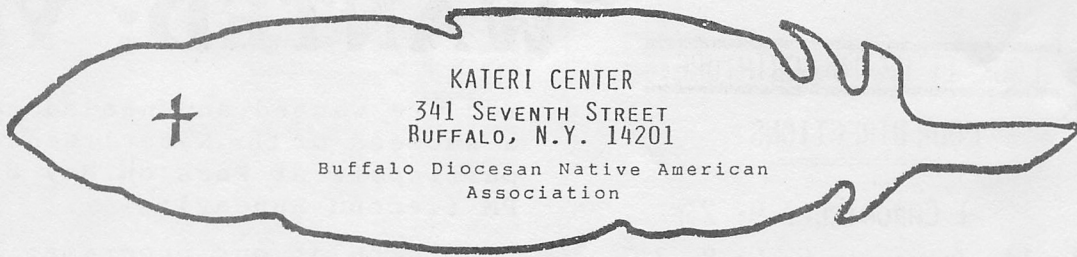
I personally had the pleasure along with my colleagues from 'Speak Lord' cable show of meeting Rev. Kern a year and a half ago at the Diocesan Communication Appreciation Breakfast (hosted by Bishop Edward Head). We had the honor of Father Kern sitting at our table. Needless to say, he kept us spellbound.

Let us be inspired by Father Kern's example, if you have the gift of writing, I invite again and again guest inspirational/informational articles!!! Write to me c/o Heart to Heart, Union Sun & Journal. Please include address, phone and signature. I reserve the right to edit for space considerations.

Peace and blessings and until next time..."heart to heart!"

I am sending out this newsletter because our dedicated Secretary Janet Smith, has married and is busy settling down after a honeymoon. HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

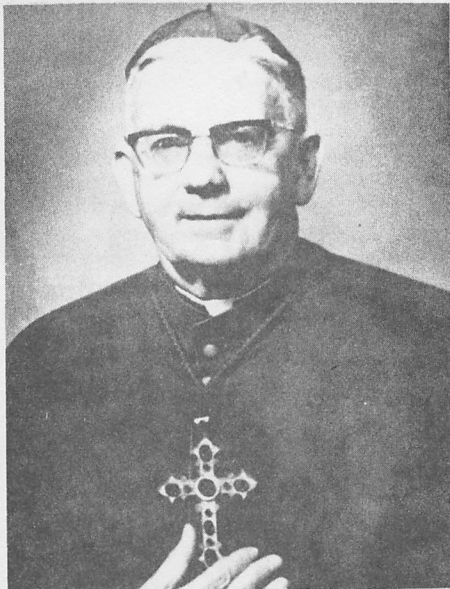
Sister Marcella O'Donnell



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Buffalo Diocesan Native American
Association

MAY 1988 NEWSLETTER

BISHOP McLAUGHLIN TO PRESIDE ON JUNE 4TH INDIAN DAY



Bishop Bernard McLaughlin has graciously agreed to be the main celebrant at our June 4th, 1988 INDIAN DAY. This will be the third time he has participated in our Indian celebration.

We strongly ask all of you to make it a point to be with the Indian people of the Diocese of Buffalo who will gather at the Kateri center for this occasion. Good food will follow the good liturgy. As usual, registration will take place at 10:00 AM and Mass at 11:00 AM.

WORDS FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Father Patrick Peyton of the Rosary Hour and International Rosary Crusade has popularized the saying: "The Family that prays together stays together." Over and over parish priests see how true this is. When our lives are anchored in God and each other, we do what we have to do to keep the family happy, cared for and together.

One of the strongest ways to pray together is to pray at meal times and to go to Mass together. These are important! For practical reasons, particularly distance and convenience, Indian people go to the local Catholic church. They are part of that worshipping community. Also, on the **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**, there is a special Mass at the Kateri Center

to join together as Catholic Indians. At this special Mass it is possible to use Native American ceremonies and prayers. At either place one offers God that highest form of worship which Jesus Himself left us. With the strength He gives us through the Mass and our family prayer, we become a closer, happier, grace-filled family. If you have problems with Mass, why not talk them over with me? FR. KERN.



FRIENDS OF THE KATERI CENTER

MARIAN AUXILIARY: LOCKPORT CHAPTER HAS 52 ACTIVE AND 5 NURSING HOME MEMBERS - MAUD KEARNS IS THE CONTACT PERSON (433-2531); WILSON CHAPTER HAS 8 MEMBERS - JO CONNOR IS CONTACT PERSON (751-6407); KEN-TON CHAPTER HAS 9 MEMBERS - JOANNIE SEGELHURST IS CONTACT PERSON (832-5821). THE LOWELL CHAPTER IS MADE UP OF SISTER'S FAMILY AND FRIEND THERE.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - WITH KAY LYONS AS CONTACT PERSON (694-8800).

THE CENTER IS OPEN ON THESE DAYS AND STAFFED BY: TUESDAYS (LILLIAN KANE AND MARY JANE SMITH) AND THURSDAYS (MAUD KEARNS AND JOANNIE SEGELHURST) FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM. ON THURSDAY EVENING, DICK KANE IS THERE FROM 7:00-9:00 PM.



SERVICES AVAILABLE to the NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

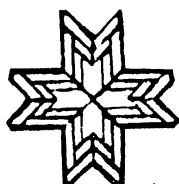
If you are in need of assistance in entering college or a trade school, finding employment, family and youth services, or information and referral, Native American Community Services may be able to assist you.

The NACS office is located at 1047 (R) Grant, Buffalo, and the phone number is 874-4990. Please call for further information about the programs we offer, eligibility guidelines, or to schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor.

We will try to serve you as much as possible; if we are unable to meet your needs, we can refer you to an agency that can properly assist you.

Janet Collura

BOOK: IROQUOIS LAND CLAIMS, edited by Christopher Vecsey and William A. Starna (Syracuse Univ. Press) deals with the origin, nature and importance of those land claims as told by the Iroquois, lawyer for each side, scholars and reporters.



LOOK IT UP IN SCRIPTURE:

FOUR DIRECTIONS

MATTHEW 2: 1 1 CHRONICLES 9: 23f
REVELATIONS 21: 13 ZECHARIAH 6: 5; 8: 7
PSALM 103: 12 ISIAH 43: 6
PSALM 107: 3 PSALM 139: 9-10

OTHER "FOURS"

Four Rivers of Paradise (Genesis 2: 10-14):
Euphrates, Tigris, Genon, and Phison.

Four Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Temper-
ance, Justice and Fortitude (Courage).

Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven
or Hell.

Four Elements: Air, Fire, Land and Sea.

Four Seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn and
Winter.

Four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and
John.

WHAT MOON IS IT?

MAY has these Indian names: "Strawberry
Moon" and "Planting Moon" (Iroquois and
others); "Moon When Ponies Shed;" "Moon of
the Green Grass;" "of Budding Trees and
Flowers" (Sioux and others); "Corn is in
Silk" (Ponca); "Moon When Horses Grow
Fat" (Cheyenne).

LETTER RECEIVED

Mrs. Josephine Angus, Box 199, Ho-
gansburg, NY 13566 sent us her last
letter from Sr. Marcella and her let-
ter to us.

"DEAR JOSIE (CLAN MOTHER), 10-9-87

Thank you for the lovely sweet
grass souvenirs. I hope this check
will cover the cost of the buttons
and key chains!

I hear you got to see the Pope
in Phoenix. I'm happy for you. You
deserve all the joys you find coming
your way.

Remember me to Lena Mitchell and
my other friends on the Reserve.

Love, Your adopted daughter,
Kawenna Noron
SR. MARCELLA."

"TO ALL OF SISTER'S FRIENDS AT THE
KATERI CENTER:

On Jan. 4 I was admitted at the Ho-
tel Dieu Hospital. Just when Sis-
ter wrote me a letter I got better.
It made me feel good to hear from
her. I gave her the name Ka wen no
no. I am sorry I'm late with your
gift. I am not well yet. Not getting
along too good, but I lived 2 more
years. Thank you Dick Kane. Don't
drop Kateri. God bless you all, Ka-
teri's friends."

JOSEPHINE ANGUS."

WANTED: YOU!

YOU are wanted and needed to make
a success of the Kateri Center: to
participate at Mass on May 8, 7:00
PM (second Sunday);

- to be at our programs;
- to share your talents with us,
- to help work at the Center;
- to plan for the future,
- to write or tell something
which will fill in the
empty spots below;
- to be the best Indian Person
and Catholic you can be
for Jesus.

Native American Wisdom

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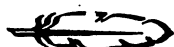
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NEW WOODCARVING OF BL. KATERI

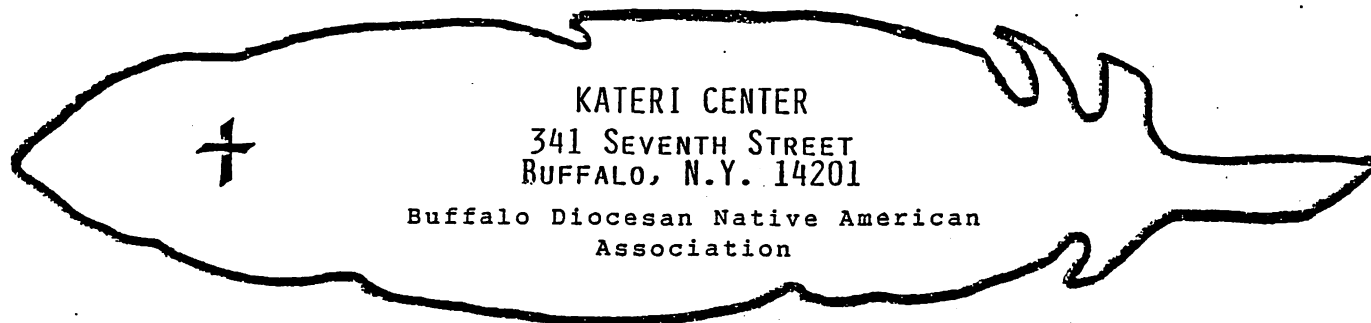
Buffalo. A high relief woodcarving of Bl.
Kateri Tekakwitha was made for Blessed Trin-
ity Church (317 Leroy Avenue - near Sis-
ter's Hospital and Erie County Community
Hospital and Central Park Plaza) by the
South Town Wood Carvers. The carving was
done on 2" thick Bass wood, 24 x 14 inches.

Dick Kane, Ronny Kane and Mary Jame Smith
were present on July 28, 1987, when Car-
dinal Emmanuel Nsbuga, Archbishop of Kampa-
la, Uganda, blessed the woodcarvings. It
is one of a set of four important holy peo-
ple for modern Christians: Bl. Kateri -
saintly lay woman and Native American; St.
Elizabeth Ann Seton - convert, wife, moth-
er and founder of a religious community;
St. Martin de Porres - charitable lay
brother of mixed Spanish and Black ori-
gins; and St. John Neumann - immigrant,
pioneer priest and later, bishop of Phila-
delphia. Fr. Kern invites you to see this
woodcarving of Bl. Kateri. Masses there
are on Sat. (4:30) and Sun. (9 and 11:00).

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March 1988 Newsletter

MEMORIAL MASS ON APR. 10TH
FOR SR. MARCELLA O'DONNELL

There will be a Memorial Mass celebrated for beloved Sr. Marcella O'Donnell, late Director of the Kateri Center and friend of all, on Sunday evening, Apr. 10, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. at our Center. Many did not have the opportunity to participate at our Mass as soon as Sister's death was announced. Please make every effort to come with your family.

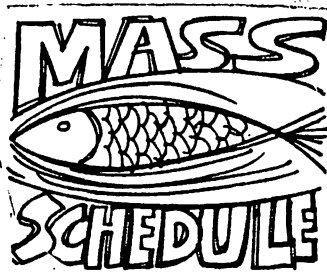
MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING
HELD ON FEB. 29, 1988

A very good planning meeting was held on the last Monday in February with Dick Kane chairing the meeting. Many ideas were discussed. One is to have a monthly planning meeting every second Sunday of the month. Because we have not used the Kateri Center too much in recent months, questions were being asked if we were going to keep going. The end such questions, there will be someone at the Center some afternoons and an evening a week to show that we are alive and active. The monthly meeting will be another sign of our determination to go on and even grow. The Calendar of Events is listed below.

A cake was served in honor of the 30th Anniversary of Father Walter Kern's Ordination. A gift was presented to him: "The Sacred Pipe: Black Elk's Account of the Seven Rites of the Oglala Sioux" by Joseph Epes Brown.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 10:00-2:00 Center open.
Thursday, 10:00-2:00. Center open.
7:00-9:00 Evening.
Apr. 10. Memorial Mass, 7:00 PM.
Monthly planning meeting.
June 5. Indian Day, a Sunday, at the Center. Registration - 9-11;
Mass - 11:00 AM, followed by refreshments. We will all try to learn a social dance for use at our affairs.



Monthly Sunday Mass
will be celebrated
at the Center on the
second Sunday be-
fore the monthly
planning meeting at
7:00 PM. Fulfill
Sunday obligation.



ANCIENT ARAPAHO INVOCATION

(suitable before meals)

O my Father, Holy Spirit,
O Four Old-Men, and keeper of the Sac-
red Pipe,
O Morning Star and all good things
of creation - -

I mention these good things:
the light of dawn, the good wind,
the timber, the soil,
and the animals,

Listen - -

All you creatures under the ground,
All you creatures above the ground,
and in the waters.

May this People be long in life
and increase.

May our boys and girls of all ages...
May our grown men and women,
and all our elders...

May they increase and be strengthened.

O Father Creator,

We ask this blessing
upon our food.

And we ask for all your people
the growth of loving hearts
and the happy life
and harmony.

(Courtesy: Wind River Reservation)



This drawing is the official Logo of the St. Augustine Indian Mission, Winnebago, Nebraska 68071. Fr. Dick Whiteing gave us permission to use it. Each detail has meaning; it will be explained next month.

WHAT MOON IT IS IT?

March is the "Moon of Lightsnow" (Cheyenne); "Windy Moon" (Arapaho); "Bud Moon;" "Melt-
ing Snow Moon;" "Moon When the Grain Comes
up;" "When the Ducks Come Back;" etc.

"WHAT IT MEANS TO ME TO BE A NATIVE AMERICAN"

Janet (Smith) Collura offered to be the first to write a little on this topic for the benefit of our little ones. "When I think of the words AMERICAN INDIAN, these are some of the characteristics that come to mind: cleverness, politeness, friendliness, honesty, forgiving, honor, beauty, trust, strength and courages." I would like to submit the following....

THE TREATY OF WILLIAM PENN

In the summer of 1682, a small ship named the Welcome sailed from England bearing William Penn, a member of the Quakers. In October, the ship reached Delaware Bay from which stretched a large piece of land that had been granted to Penn by the crown.

In November, Penn went to Shackamaxon, now Kensington, a suburb of Philadelphia, where under the branches of an ancient elm, on the banks of the Delaware, he made a remarkable treaty with the Indians, not for their lands, but for peace and friendship.

Penn said "We meet in the broad pathway of good faith and goodwill; no advantage shall be taken on either side, but all shall be openness and love. I will not call you children, for parents sometimes chide their children too severely; not brothers only, for brothers differ. The friendship between me and you I will not compare to a chain, for that the rains might rust, or the falling tree might break. We are the same as if one man's body were to be divided into two parts; we are all one flesh and blood."

The Indians were delighted with this doctrine which was very different from that of the Puritans and Cavaliers. "We will live in love with Penn and his children as long as the moon and the sun shall endure" they said.

Later Voltaire said, "William Penn began with making a league with the Americans, his neighbors. It was the only treaty between those nations and the Christians which was never sworn to and never broken."

NATIVE AMERICAN WISDOM

Ohiyesa, a Santee Dakota physician and author, wrote this in 1911.

P R A Y E R

"In the life of the Indian there was only one inevitable duty, - the duty of prayer - the daily recognition of the Unseen and Eternal. His daily devotions were more necessary to him than daily food. He wakes at day break, puts on his moccasins and steps down to the water's edge. Here he throws handfuls of clear, cold water into his face, or plunges in bodily. After the bath, he stands erect before the advancing dawn, facing the sun as it dances upon the horizon, and offers his unspoken orison. His mate may precede or follow in his devotions, but never accompanies him. Each soul must meet the morning sun, the new sweet earth and the Great Silence along!

"Whenever, in the course of the daily hunt the red hunter comes upon a scene that is strikingly beautiful or sublime - a black thundercloud with the rainbow's glowing arch above the mountain, a white waterfall in the hearts of a green gorge, a vast prairie tinged with the blood-red of sunset - he pauses for an instant in the attitude of worship." (From "Touch the Earth: A Self-Portrait of Indian Existence" by T.C. McLuhan, p. 36).

The Catholic practice of praying in the

morning the MORNING OFFERING PRAYER can harmonize with this Indian practice. Sr. Marcella was a great promoter of devo-



tion to the Sacred Heart and the Morning Offering, which gives all our day in union with the action of his Sacred Heart in every Mass around the world.

Enclosed you will find an Apostleship of Prayer Leaflet with a Morning Offering and the Pope's Prayer Intentions for the month. The Pope said he relies on our prayers to carry on his work for God, so show your loyalty to the Church by praying for the monthly and mission intention he picked out.

WANT TO LEARN THE "OUR FATHER" IN INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE? Well, Dick Kane wants to know your name and when you could come to learn.

PEOPLE WITH ART ABILITY ARE NEEDED TO HELP PLAN DESIGNS FOR THE WOOD-EN ALTAR TO BE MADE FOR THE KATERI CENTER. These Indian and Eucharistic designs will be burned into the wood of the altar. Call Dick Kane soon at 832-9790, so the project can be started.

WISE SAYING: "Don't ever ask for a lighter Cross. Ask for a stronger back."

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RIP: Jan 29, 1988

IN MEMORIAM

SR. MARCELLA O'DONNELL (1912-1988)

The soul of Sr. Marcella, after a lifetime of service to others, went to God like an eagle soaring upward and out of sight. This issue of the newsletter is lovingly dedicated to her memory. She is with God and loves and prays for us. We lovingly pray for her and carry on where she left off.

A Mass was celebrated by Fr. Walter Kern, Chaplain of the Center, with twenty-six members of the association, Marian Associates and dear friends in the Kateri Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 31, 1988 at 7:30 in the evening. Dick Kane tried to get the word around. It was decided that we wished to have a Mass for the repose of her soul as soon as possible. A later Mass may be scheduled when more people can attend. In the meantime, pray often for her: "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

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"She will be deeply missed by all of us who knew her. Through her drive she made possible the start of our Kateri Center. We felt towards her as a family." Dick Kane.

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"Sister will be missed greatly by all and wherever she was she always spread love. The memories we have will be cherished and never forgotten." Janet Smith Collura.

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"Dear Sister: You have been my dearest friend and sister since I'm 5 years old. Please pray for me and Johnny, Eileen, Chris, Mary and Dewey. We love you. God bless you in heaven." Joanie Segelhurst.

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"Sister's last written message to me was sent on Jan. 14, 1988. Much of these lines on a greeting card are for all of us." Fr. Kern.

"J.M.J. 1/11/88 Dear Father, Happy New Year! It was good to hear your voice again over the phone. Here's the check [\$25.00] I told you about and the last bill I paid before getting the Nov. Dec. bill for \$141.00.

"I have no typewriter, but I am bringing the Center list up to date by hand. When finished, I'll send the pages to you for mailing, along with a few labels left over - plus return address labels. I am sure you'll get the newsletter ready for mailing as you have been doing. Mary Jane 885-2106, Lil Kane 832-9790 and Theresa 542-2796 will gladly stuff the envelopes again.

"I wish I could be of more help, but I know you understand.

"If Theresa manages a Board Meeting, be sure she feels them out for a fund-raising project. We need to build up again.

"Take care of yourself. I'm also sending you some signatures [for Father Baker's Cause]. Not all sheets are finished.

"Pray for me someplace in your priestly day. I need support.

"Love & prayers,
Sr. Marcella."

The list was sent on Jan. 16, 1988:

" May Christ fill your New Year
with peace, health, happiness and joy.
Let us pray for one another and keep united
in the Sacred Heart and our Blessed Kateri!
Sister Marcella."

STATEMENT OF THE MOST REV. EDWARD D. HEAD, D.D., BISHOP OF BUFFALO
ON THE DEATH OF SISTER MARY MARCELLA O'DONNELL, SSMN

I am very much aware of the outstanding commitment of Sister Mary Marcella O'Donnell to the Native American Community of Western New York. Sister Marcella served our Native American sisters and brothers with outstanding dedication and commitment. She was an instrument of God's peace and a sign of Christ's love for all of us. In a particular way, she shared her joy and faith and enthusiasm with young Native Americans. Sister Marcella has helped to deepen and strengthen the faith, hope and love of the Native American Community through her ministry.

I share in the sorrow of the Native American Community for we have all lost a dedicated servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, I also share in your hope that Sister Marcella now lives forever in the Kingdom of God where she shares in the New and Risen Life of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Buffalo News/Sunday, January 31, 1988

Obituaries

Sister Mary Marcella, 76, Dies; Teacher, Assisted Area Indians

A memorial Mass for Sister Mary Marcella, 76, who died Friday (Jan. 29, 1988) in a Lowell, Mass., hospital, will be offered at 7 p.m.



Monday in the Mount St. Mary Convent Chapel on Delaware Avenue in the Town of Tonawanda.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday in Lowell, Mass. Burial will be in Lowell.

Born in Massachusetts, Sister Mary Marcella, the former Margaret O'Donnell, entered the order of the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur in 1930 and served with the order for more than 57 years.

She began her career as teacher in elementary and secondary schools in Buffalo, Kenmore, Lockport, Binghamton, and in Canada.

In 1969, she retired from classroom teaching and began her work among the American Indians of the Buffalo Diocese, particularly at the

Tuscarora Reservation. Sister Mary Marcella was the director of the Buffalo Diocesan Department of Indian Affairs for more than 15 years.

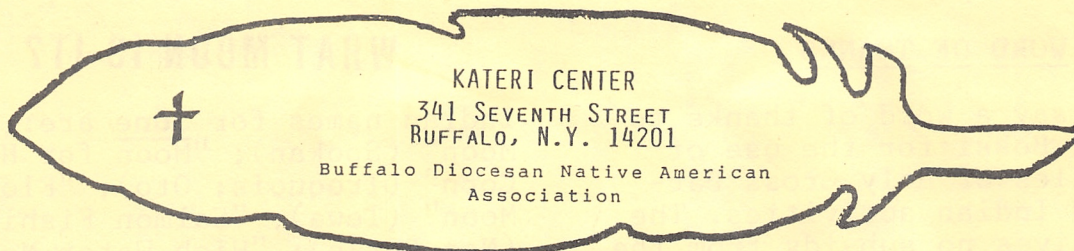
She was received as an honorary member of the Mohawk Tribe at the St. Regis Reservation and was given the name "Kawenna No-Ron," which means Precious Word.

Sister Mary Marcella had served on the Bishop's Committee for Peace and Justice for the past 12 years. She was currently serving as the vice president of the Buffalo chapter of National Catholic Women.

Sister Mary Marcella received a bachelor of arts and a master's degree from Mount St. Joseph College in Buffalo, a citation of appreciation from Niagara University, and a certificate of leadership from the Native American Heritage Foundation in Virginia.

During her lifetime, she also published a book of poetry entitled "Candlelight Musings."

Surviving are her sister, Alice Mahoney, and a brother, William O'Donnell, both of Lowell.



JUNE 1988 ISSUE



R. S. V. P.
ABOUT ATTENDING
ANNUAL INDIAN DAY ON JUNE 4TH

THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS AND FOOD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN OUR ANNUAL INDIAN DAY MASS AND MEAL. PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

LILLIAN KANE ---- 832-9790

MARY JANE SMITH - 885-2106

JANET COLLURA --- 882-5532

REGISTRATION WILL BE AT 10:00 A.M. MASS WITH BISHOP McLAUGHLIN WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 AM. FOOD WILL BE WARM AND READY FOR US RIGHT AFTERWARDS.

IF YOU HAVE SOME OLD INDIAN CRAFT WORK WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, PLEASE BRING IT ALONG TO SHOW.

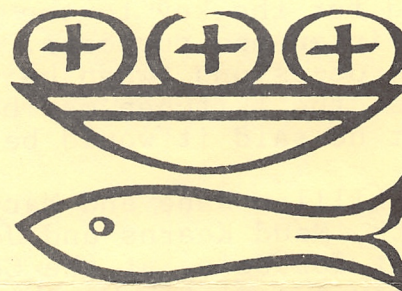


SECOND NATIVE AMERICAN NAMED A BISHOP

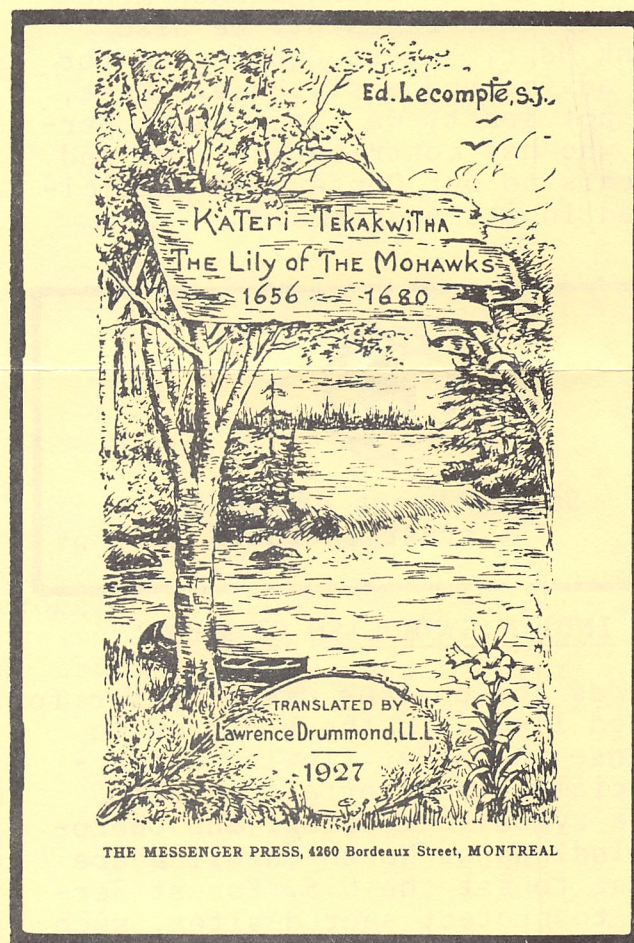
Pope John Paul II has named Capuchin Father Charles J. Chaput as Bishop of Rapids City, South Dakota. He succeeds Bishop Harold J. Dimmerling, who died last December. The new bishop's installation was tentatively set for late July.

Bishop-designate Chaput, who is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe said: "Although I was not born on the reservation and was not raised in a native cultural environment, I have a great love and respect for my native roots. I hope this will help me in a special way to understand the needs of the Native American people of our diocese."

The new bishop-designate has been active in the Tekakwitha Conference. Most recently he was mid-American provincial for his order. (Courtesy of NC News Service.)



Our monthly Mass at the Kateri Center will not be held during June and July, since many people will be away. If a planning meeting can be worked out, we will resume it on Aug. 14 and every second Sunday until the following May. The Center will be open on a schedule to be announced.



Joan Segelhurst was given a 1927 pamphlet on the life of Kateri Tekakwitha by Rev. Edward Lecompte, SJ. The pamphlet measures 5"x7½". The Cause of Kateri gained strength when the Jesuit Martyrs' Cause was moving along. The pamphlet has some fine old photographs of Kaknawake in the early part of this century.

Two maps are included in the pamphlet and are reproduced full size on page two of this newsletter. One map shows the Iroquois Missions on the shore of the St. Lawrence River; the second shows them on the banks of the Mokawk River.

A W O R D O F T H A N K S

We wish to say a word of thanks to Father Paul Bossi for the use of the facilities of Holy Cross Parish for our Indian activities. The parish receives no subsidy from the the Diocese of Buffalo, but he is happy to have us at the parish. He has asked for the key to the kitchen for maintenance purposes. On very rare occasions, when he will inform us, the kitchen may be used, but he said it would be rare.

We thank Lillian Kane and Mary Jane Smith, Maud Kearns and Joan Segelhurst for being at the Center several hours a week. We thank Janet Collura and friends for getting out the newsletter. We thank Dick Kane for serving as President of the Association. Father Kern is pleased to serve as Chaplain. We thank the Marian Auxiliary and the Council of Catholic Women for their financial and moral support. In a special way we thank Bishop Head for his encouragement. We also thank Msgr. Robert Cunningham for his advice and assistance. Last, but not least, we thank every person who has contributed time and talents to our Center and participated in its programs.



Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I trust in You.

INDIAN SYMBOLISM OF WATER

Besides the obvious use of water for needed liquid in the body and to cleanse the body, flowing water - especially at waterfalls - also had a symbolic meaning. (The Cherokee Indians of North Carolina are trying to get the U.S. Forest Service to protect sacred sites, such as certain waterfalls, from developers who want to use them as an attraction and carve up the land around them into little lots.)

Indians use flowing water and waterfalls from the plunging rite. "It's the idea of baptism," said Thomas Rain Crowe, a Cherokee. "You let the energy of the water take your sickness, your anger, your depression and wash it down stream."

Catholics use holy water on entering the church and even at home as a reminder of their Baptism. Wading into a flowing creek or waterfalls could recall the symbolism of flowing water and its natural power to soothe.

WHAT MOON IS IT?

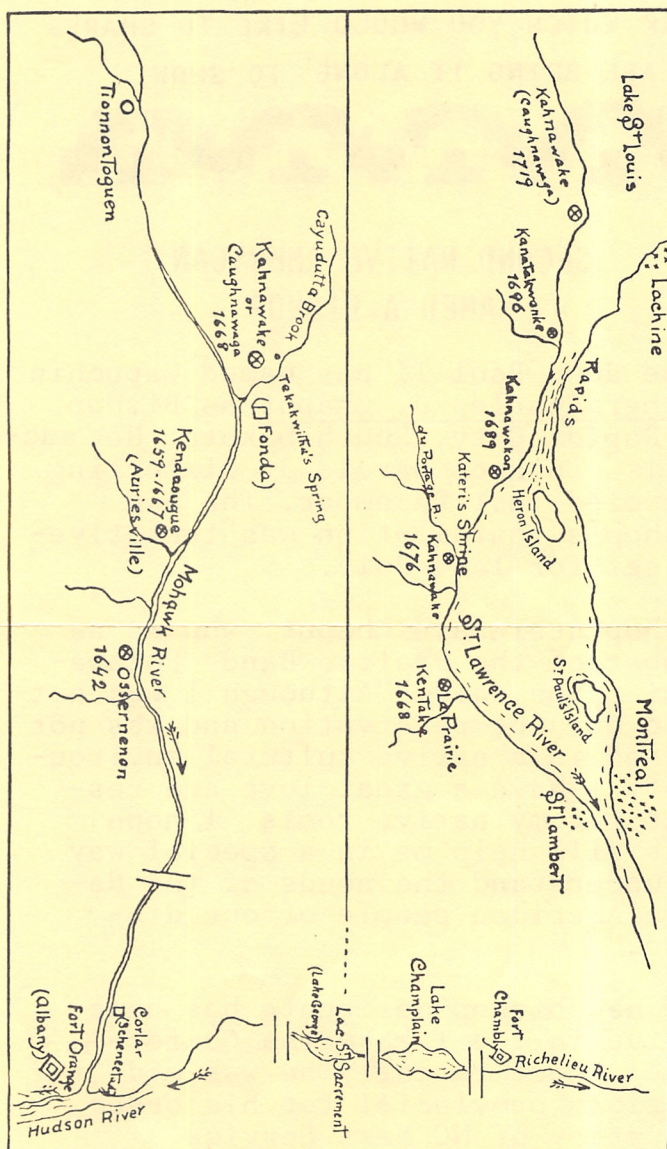
Indian names for June are: "Onion Moon" (Spokan); "Moon for Hoeing Corn" (Iroquois; Oto); "Flower Moon" (Tewa); "Salmon Fishing Moon" (Nez Perce); "High Water Moon" (Arapaho); "Strawberries Ripening Moon" (Some Iroquois, Ojibwa, Kutenai, certain Sioux groups); "Rutting Time of the Buffalo Moon" (Plains Indians).

JULY: "Moon of the Red Cherries,"
"When the Chokeberries Ripen"
(Plain groups; some Iroquois); "Moon
of the Blooming Lilies" (Minnesota);
"Heat Moon" (many groups); "Moon
for Making Fat"(Plains groups).

August: "Summer Moon" (common; Iroquois, Spokane, Nez Perce); "Deer Rubbing Antlers Moon;" "Moon When the Elk Bugle;" "When Buffalo Bugle" (Omaha, Oto) "Moon When the Geese Shed Their Feathers" (Arapaho, Cheyenne).

Native American Wisdom

"Indians were true naturalists - lovers of nature. They loved all things of the earth and the attachment grew with age." ... "The circle stands for tribal unity and a link to the universe."..."The tipi was round in harmony with all the things of the universe."



Above: Iroquois Missions on the shores of the St. Lawrence
Below: Iroquois Missions on the banks of the Mohawk

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Good day,

Another All Souls' Day has slipped into Eternity. Most of us have dear departed ones for whom we pray every day; but especially on November 2. The following interesting excerpt is very appropriate during November:

Commemoration of the Dead: "It is the custom among the Sioux people," writes Brother Benet, OSB of the Blue Cloud Missions in Marvin, S.D., "to commemorate their dead on the first anniversary of death and on Memorial Day by eating a meal at graveside. This is sharing a meal with the spirit of a departed loved one." The Church from the very beginning has urged all its members to pray regularly for the dead to speed their purification, if they are in Purgatory, and so enter Heaven. In every Eucharistic Sacrifice, there are prayers for the living and the dead. November is a special time to remember our departed loved ones and all others who entered our lives during their life time. Many individuals and families like to add this little prayer when they say their Prayer of Thanksgiving after meals: "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen."

Father Walter Kern, Chaplain
Blessed Trinity Church, Buffalo 833-0301

We had the final draft of our schedule printed for your convenience. Please keep it handy.

Our Contest for a Newsletter "Logo" or "Masthead"

Many Native American groups (churches, agencies, associations) have a unique "logo" (design) or "masthead" (rectangular design for the top of a newspaper or publication). We would like to think that one or several of you are talented to design our special one. We will accept design-idea all during November and December. First prize will be a five year and second prize subscription to "Conservationist" magazine, which features historic, technical and popular level articles and colored pictures on the land, animals, reptiles, birds, insects, fish, trees, plants and land of this state. Send your design to Sister Marcella.

Reminder:

November Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday the 23rd serving from 1 to 6 pm.
Adults \$3.50, Children 6-12 \$1.75, and Children under 5 are free.
Obtain tickets at the door.

December 14, Sunday 3:00 pm, "Gathering Around the Indian Crib" plus social hour.

**Thank you everyone who made these events successful: September Rummage Sale and the October Bell's Dinner.

Please be sure to attend our upcoming events; I am sure a good time will be had by all!

Sincerely,

Janet Smith
Janet Smith
Secretary

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P.S. When you call the Center, Sister would like you to allow the telephone to ring about 10 times before hanging up, because the Center is very big and she works in areas other than the office. Thank you.