

**Join the
Novena to the
Canadian Martyrs
Sept. 14-22, 1989
7:30 p.m. at the Shrine
or at home.**

NOVENA PRAYER:

O, God, who inflamed the hearts of your blessed Martyrs with an admirable zeal for the salvation of souls, grant me, I beseech you, my petitions, so that the favors obtained through their intercession may make manifest before me the power and the glory of your name. Amen

Holy Canadian Martyrs, pray for us.

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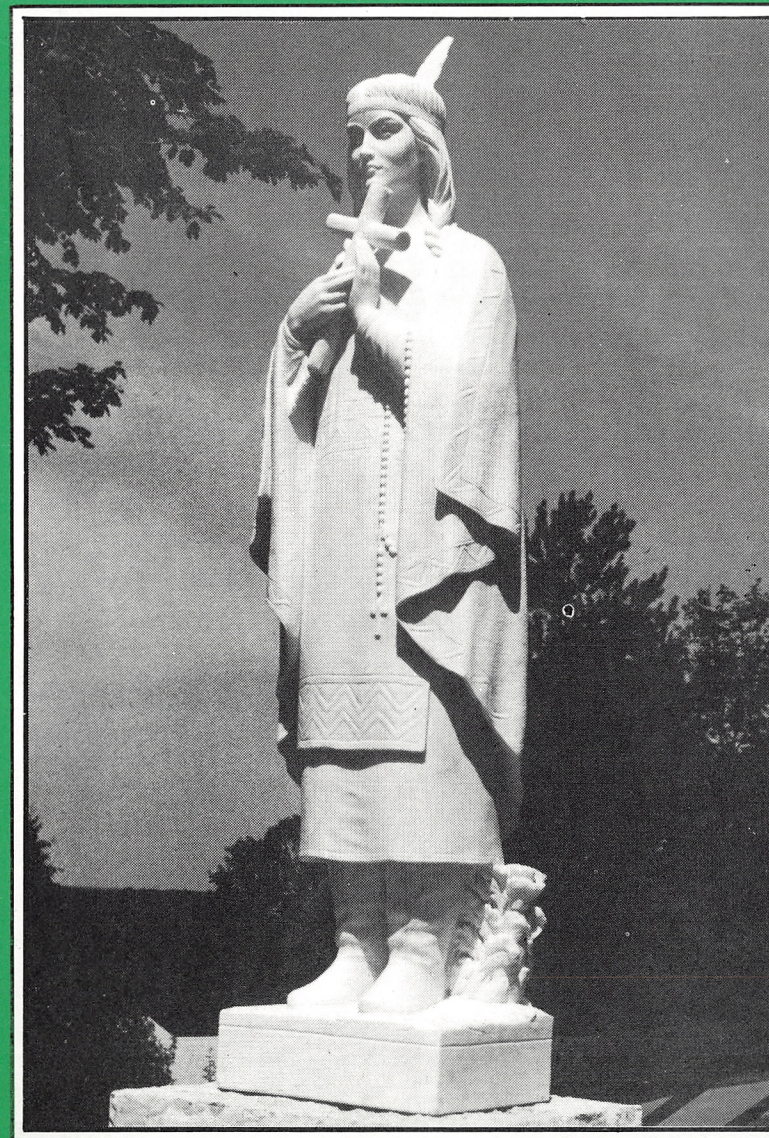
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Retreat Days at Martyrs' Shrine Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7

2:00 p.m. Conference - 3:00 p.m. Devotions

4:00 p.m. Mass with prayers for healing.



Our Cover
THE NEW
KATERI TEKATAWITHA STATUE
Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Tonelli

Pray for **Blessed Kateri's**
canonization

"Brother de Brebeuf, because of ill health, not employed"!

The thousands of pilgrims who have prayed before the great picture of the Martyrs in the Shrine and those who are familiar with the Relations and the many "Lives" of the Martyrs have a very clear image of John de Brebeuf. He was a giant in size, muscular in body, and achiever in any effort that would demand challenge and endurance.

It will come as a surprise for thousands to realize that for a part of Brebeuf's life, he was a physical weakling!

It was mid-term in the year 1620 while teaching Third High in the College of Rouen, France, that the scholastic, John de Brebeuf, became ill. His superior, Father Ignace Armand, ordered him to stop teaching. It seemed to be no more serious than a chronic fever. He was expected to recover quickly under the watchful eye of a Jesuit brother. But his condition grew steadily worse.

He contracted a series of heavy colds. His temperature rose and he knew he had pneumonia or influenza. His huge frame shrunk to that of a skeleton, periodic fevers gripped him, his cheeks hollowed and he was wracked by coughs. He couldn't retain nourishment. He was unable to stand steadily and worst of all, his spirits were depressed. Within days it was obvious — Brebeuf had tuberculosis. The 1620 Jesuit Catalogue for the Province of France read: "Brother de Brebeuf, because of ill health, not employed".

Brebeuf's dreams of labouring in Huronia fostered through his novitiate evaporated in a mist. Within two years of his novitiate, his square broad frame, his frank fearless look, his quickness and elasticity of movement, the proud bearing of his head, no longer distinguished him. God seemed to be refusing Brebeuf the fulfilment of his long nourished dream — to be a missionary in Huronia. His seemed to be the least glamorous of apostolates — that of the sick bed. He knew so well through his Ignatian retreat that sickness was no less a gift than health.

His superior, Father Ignace Armand wanted so much to have Brebeuf ordained before he died. Since he had studied philosophy and some theology before entering the Jesuits, Fr. Armand welcomed the offer of a Parisian Jesuit seminary professor to tutor him in theology, sacred scripture and Canon Law.

On Sept. 18, 1621, Brebeuf, spectre-thin in his white alb, knelt before his Bishop in the Cathedral of Pontoeuse and was ordained a priest.

The rest is common history — miraculous and complete recovery immediately after ordination and his subsequent long and arduous toil in Huronia culminating in his heroic death at the stake.

Truly John de Brebeuf met the challenge of a sick-bed death, and won. He accepted the embrace of martyrdom at the stake — and won.