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Toward the canonization of Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha: a free bus will be at the St. Bernadette Church, at 8:30 a.m. on her Feast Day, July 14, to return between 5 and 6 p.m., from her Canadian Shrine.

In about 20 minutes, the bus will be at St. Peter's Church, Vergennes, followed by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, and St. Catherine's Church, Shelburne in 20 minute intervals.

Participants will be accepted by reservation with a limit for each church. Please telephone Mrs. Jeanne Jackman, 877-2603 or 475-2096 for a reserved seat or further information.

An informational slide show will be presented at St. Peter's Church parish hall, Friday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m., entitled the "Tekakwitha Communion Trail."

"Kateri," represented by Sarah Manning, will be transported by canoe, accompanied by Father Ward, up Otter Creek to the falls, where they will be welcomed by Kateri's "foster-mother", Mrs. Jackman and interested participants, at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 10. All will then process to St. Peter's Church for Mass at 5:00 p.m., and commemoration.



Kateri Tekakwitha's birthplace and early years at Auriesville, New York, among the people who were called at that time savages.



Kateri receiving Baptism at Froid, New York, on Easter Sunday 1676. Those present are touched by the modest joy radiating from her.



Kateri receiving First Holy Communion at Froid, New York. The little Inquisit girl is so happy that she feels her heart is going to burst.



Kateri dies at Kahnawake, Canada - April 17, 1680. Her face, which had always borne the marks left by smallpox, suddenly becomes extremely beautiful.

Kahnawake, Can.

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Father Donal Ward accepted an invitation to help commemorate the Feast Day of Kateri Tekakwitha, July 14, at the St. Peter's Church in Vergennes, VT. Since he had a canoe, he offered to represent St. Isaac Jogues, from whose martyrdom Bl. Kateri arose in 1656, at the present-day village of Auriesville, NY., along the Mohawk River in central NY.

Sarah Kateri Manning, from Bridport, depicted again Bl. Kateri, who risked her life to flee Mohawk persecution at the second encampment in modern Fonda, NY. Two fellow Amerindians canoed 250 miles from their Christian village at LaPrairie, Quebec to rescue Kateri. One of the two, a relative of Kateri was portrayed by Joe Semanchik, who has researched, portaged, pedaled, and paddled the "Tekakwitha Communion Trail" of 1677. Father Ward with cassock and broad-brimmed hat; Kateri with headband and tall feather; and Joe with two feathers, created quite a site paddling up Otter Creek to the Vergennes Falls. Mrs. Jeanne Jackman, symbolizing Kateri's foster mother, Anastasia, led a most inspiring welcome for this historic trio for communion at St. Peter's Church. Participants "portaged" by bus to Kateri's Shrine at Kahnawake, Quebec, toward her canonization.

Joe Semanchik, 475-2096



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