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Kateri's Smile

16 Dec 85

I had been working in Guyana as a priest for more than 30 years. In July 1980 a cerebral blood sickness (<sup>cerebral</sup> <sub>arteritis</sub>) flared up and blinded me in one eye. The eye specialist said it was necessary to go to London to have a brain operation. The kindest of kindness from my fellow Jesuits and 'our man in England' (Tony Montfort) got me to a London brain specialist just a few hours before the other eye would have gone too. The treatment has been long. Two severe illnesses hit me on top of the basic one. Return to Guyana was declared to be impossible. To Kateri, invoking her as a child who loved Our Lady, I left the problem. Eight of my 33 Guyana years had been among her own blood relatives, the South American Indians. At my last check-up, the specialist gave me a clear bill of health. The blood sickness had burnt itself out. The Provincial has given me leave to return to Guyana. To-day I received a letter from the Jesuit Superior in Guyana saying I may now fly back as soon as it can be arranged. Thank you, Kateri, child of Our Lady!

# TEKAKWITHA INDIAN MISSIONS

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August 8, 1996

Mr. Robert Perez  
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Dear Mr. Perez,

I received your letter of August 1, and I am delighted to learn of the favor you received through the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I hope you will continue to experience that relief from pain.

You asked about forwarding information on this matter to our Holy Father. The proper course to follow in a matter like this is to send the information to the person who is in charge of promoting her cause. That is Fr. Jacques Bruyere, P.O. Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada.  
JOL 1B0.

I want to take this occasion also to thank you for your support. My Oblate brothers and I are truly grateful for your help. Be assured we will keep you in our prayers here at the Shrine.

God bless you always,

*William B. Clark, OMI.*

Fr. William P. Clark, OMI

P.S. If you haven't already received the Tekakwitha Arrowhead Pendant, it should be arriving soon.

Dear Father William P. Clark

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I must tell you what I know in my heart was a miracle. My family and I live in Albuquerque New Mexico. We also have a home in Belen New Mexico. A couple of weeks ago I had to go to the house in Belen to check on it. Because no one lives there. On my way back I stopped at St Augustine church for a few minutes of Adoration. St Augustine is located on the Isleta Indian reservation. At this time I had been experiencing an awful Neck Pain. This had been bothering me for some time. I asked Blessed Tekakwitha, whose picture hangs on the wall of the church to please intercede for me for a healing of my very painful neck problem. I also promised Blessed Tekakwitha that if she would intercede for me I would pray for her for the rest of my life for her Saint Hood. Well as I was leaving the church my pain left and I feel much better. As far as am concern it was Blessed Tekakwitha intercessions.

I will keep my promise. To pray for her Saint Hood. Also Father Clark if you wish and would guide me in forwarding this divine healing to Our Holy Father. I will do so.

Thanking You and Blessed Tekakwitha  
now and always.

Robert L. Berg  
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Big Cove, N.B.  
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March 10, 1997

Father Jacques Bruyère, s.j.  
Kateri Center  
P.O. Box 70  
Kahnawake, Quebec  
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Dear Father Bruyère:

Nov. 11, 1996 I have written to you to have prayers said to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, that she would cure my daughter Marcia, 20 years old, who had health problems, abnormal heart functioning.

We've been going from doctors to doctors, you will find enclosed copies of what the medecine has to prove. It is quite evident that she had been cured miraculously.

We, in the reserve hope that it will give more evidence that Kateri is a saint, we know she is, but we're very anxious the Church will declare her among saints. For us Indians, it will be a great honor to have one of ours declared a saint.

Thank you very sincerely.

A mom and her daughter who are very grateful to God through Blessed Kateri and thank you to you Father.

Margaret Ann Milliea

New York July 6 1994

Dear Father Jacques Brugère

I am very sorry I did not answer sooner your very kind letter (June 7) and also did not thanked for your information about Kateri. Just after we had a seminar about Brazilian culture here at our consulate, the first of a series, I enjoyed it very much especially because I met very nice people from Rio de Janeiro, my city, but very tiresome and on my way home every day I had to stand a terrible hot weather. After, I had a flu, with high fever for some days.

Finally I am ready to answer your letter and to send to you my book and some pictures of my paintings and sculptures.

About my story inside the toilet boats - it is a story first published by Harper & Collins "Fathers like a Rainbow" (1989) now out of print sold also in Canada as I received my best royalties from Harper & Collins Canada - <sup>The story was a notable children book 1989 from A.S.A.</sup> It is only a children story but the birds and everything more are absolutely accurate as I did complete research about. From my youth I was suppose to be a naturalist as were some of my ancestor for 150 years, all being directors of Rio de Janeiro Botanical Garden where I lived for many years since my birth.

There was also among them a jesuit priest,<sup>(2)</sup>  
first cousin of my father. He lived for more than  
30 years in Rome as Director? of "Instituto Pio  
Brasileiro de Roma" and was there during second  
world war, being decorated by the Brazilian  
Government because he could protect more than  
1.000 Brazilian-Italians against the Nazis, living  
in Italy at that time. His name was João  
Barbosa Rodrigues de Castro e Costa - Father Costa d.J.  
He died in São Paulo - Brazil as rector of Colegio  
São Luiz the main jesuit educational organization

there  
My story i.e. the Indian tale is very simple appropriate  
for small children but I can assure you  
that it will not harm you absolutely ...

Now to the point. I was always fascinated with  
totem since I bought in Brazil many many  
years ago - around 1944 for my small children  
(I have 6 and four grandchildren in Brazil)  
A "panorama" I believe from Simon & Schuster  
with a story about her - It was something  
we had to cut and mount forming a story,  
wonderful indeed. I was always linked  
to Indians and cradled with Indian stories  
as my grand mother lived inside the Amazon  
forest since a baby, with her father who lived  
there for 19 years with his family, in the end  
14 children all born there but my grand mother -

all surviving till very old age although  
 they had to overcome lots of adverse factors  
 Inside a forest, on the end of XIX century -  
 I believe <sup>true</sup> I can survive alone in this New  
 York wild forest due to my inherited genes...  
 My great grandfather wrote 69 books about  
 botany anthropology, geology etc all in French  
 and Latin and some of his originals, from  
 more of 1.000 paintings, all in <sup>Harvard</sup> ~~Harvard~~  
 (Oakes Ames Museum), N. York Bot. Garden  
 New York Public Library etc. His name was  
 João Barbosa Rodrigues -

Set me return to Kateri after this long parenthesis  
 (Forgive me for this, please)

When I came here 10 years ago the first thing  
 I looked for at St Francis Book store it was a  
 book <sup>about</sup> of Kateri and its manager kindly gave  
 me the book of Father Weiser S.J., a very good one  
 After, I bought some more

And now I think I can put Kateri inside  
 my very ambitious art program I am prepar-  
 ing about the Shrines of our Lady around America.  
 My problem was that I had to link Kateri  
 # with Virgin Mary and when I read in  
 a book - Benson - about our Lady of Fog I  
 began to have made researches about Her with  
 very few results.

At last I am very happy to have your help. (4  
some months ago Father Peret S.J. was here in  
N.York for some weeks at Nativitý Church  
residence where live some of my jesuit friends  
as Father Jack Podniadlo and Fr Mike Dala -  
the chaplain of the Metropolitar Hospital near my  
house where I go to mass <sup>two or three</sup> times  
every week - Fr Mike ask the help of Fr Peret  
but he told it was very difficult to get something  
about, because Our Lady of Toy was hidden  
inside a tree and very difficult to see inside  
it - I was very fascinated with his information  
and even became ~~suspicious~~ suspicious that  
Our Lady was playing "hide and seek" with me!!!  
And now I have good news, great indeed, from  
you, with new hopes.

In the meantime for Katerý day (July 14) I  
am preparing a sculpture of her in my style.  
I must tell you that I make my art using  
the bright colors of Brazil, mixed with Baroque  
the main style of Brazilian religious art, from  
the jesuits, the fathers of our culture, and  
also taking the canons - big heads and short  
bodies from the Indians of Peru and Brazil  
They are Third World icons, a kind of

artistic" pot pourri" (pot pourri) (5)

Despite all this artistic confusion I had success in many European places as museums in Germany and Italy, and now I have the help of American Jesuits.

My art is very much appreciated by the so called simple Third World people - may be the Catholics of next century like in U.S.A. All my paintings tell a story, closed as possible to history - very important for simple people as it was in the past with illiterate people as it is today -- People now in general only see, not read and the visual is very important

For some years I had to stop as I had my husband very ill for around 3 years and he died also 3 years ago, and during that time, and after I was legally blind with cataracts on both eyes and I had from one year ~~the~~ two surgeries with implants on both eyes

Now thanks God I am ready again to resume my work for I am a 77 years old and don't know how long I can still work

I hope after I will finish my project I can go to Canada and visit you and thank you personally

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Forgive me for such a big big letter

The Brazilians usually are very prolific  
and imaginative as all latinos.

You are more French blood, I believe and  
will not be surprised with this although  
the French usually are more practical.

My husband was  $\frac{1}{4}$  French  $\frac{1}{4}$  Brazilian- por-  
tuguese and  $\frac{1}{2}$  English - Irish American

His name was Henry Potter Sage - I have a  
different name because we both were widowers  
when we married for the second time and I did  
not change my name due to all the bureaucratic  
confusions of Brazil - (change the name in all  
my old papers as, states etc etc) with spending lots of  
money and time.

I am 90% Spanish-Portuguese and 10% Austrian  
Irish and Brazilian Indian for more than 150 years.  
He was a wonderful person, a very well educated  
catholic american born in New York City. He lived  
50 years in Brazil after his American education  
at Choate School-Wallingford-Conn. and University  
of Virginia. I miss him very much.

Thank you for all

I ask your blessings

Sove Flora

P.S.

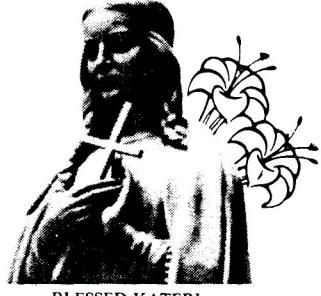
Forgive my bad English



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# National Shrine of the North American Martyrs

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BLESSED KATERI

August 13, 1993

Ms. Flora Ferreira  
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Dear Ms. Ferreira:

You asked me about a picture of the statue of Our Lady of Foy that is mentioned on page 78 of Margaret Bunson's recent book on Kateri Tekakwitha.

We do have a small wooden statue called Our Lady of Foy here. It is enclosed in a rather narrow slit cut into one of the trees on our grounds. Whether it is the same statue that Kateri saw blessed in nearby Tionnontoguen I don't know, but I never heard that it was a replica. Our information says it was found in a tree in Belgium and sent to the Mohawk Mission. So it should be the same one.

If I remember correctly, you asked about a picture of this statue. I don't know whether or not you mentioned a post card. But that would be impractical. The statue is deep enough in the tree that it is difficult to see. I have had people tell me, "I can't see the statue." All I can do is say, "Keep on looking; you'll see it." And they eventually do. But if it is difficult to see with the naked eye, right up close, I don't think an ordinary photograph would show much except the slit in the tree.

I hope this answers your query. If there is anything else I can tell you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely in Christ,

John J. Faret, S.J.