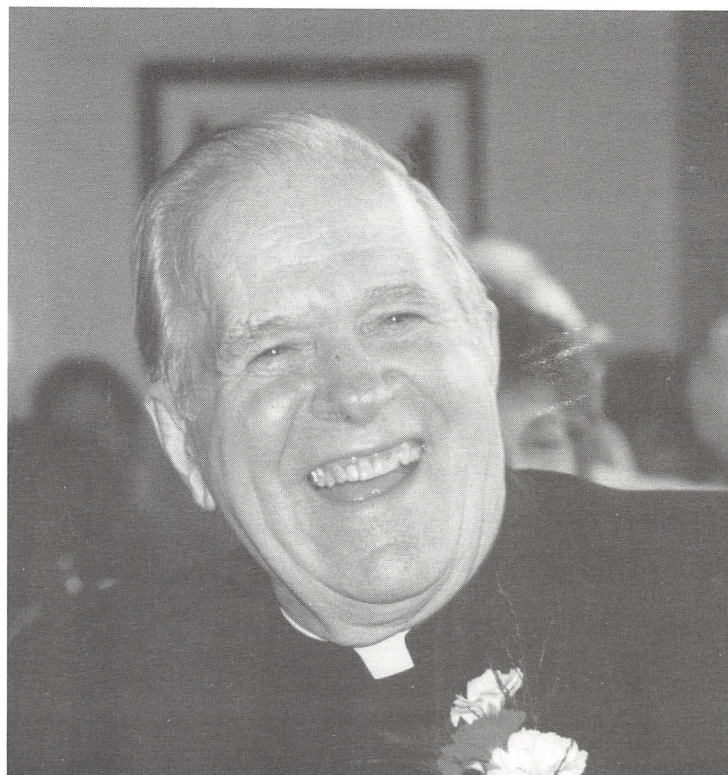


## THE INTERNATIONAL TOUCH!

This year's recipient of our annual Blessed Kateri Award is Father Jacques Bruyere, S.J., the Vice-Postulator for Canada, who served for many years in Taiwan and the Philippine Islands before receiving his current assignment.

Father Bruyere is a native of Manitoba, Canada, who joined the Jesuits in August of 1942. He left for the China Mission in November of 1946, and after spending two full months at sea arrived at the Chabanel language school in January of 1947. Since the Communists expelled him from the country in 1949, he returned to Montreal for the study of philosophy and theology. He was ordained in 1953 and went back to the China mission – this time to Taiwan – and spent six months learning the Taiwanese language. He was in charge of the Taiwanese parishioners from 1958 to 1975, as chaplain both in jail and at hospitals, choirmaster, and professor of French in the normal school there, in addition to normal parish work.

Then in 1973 he was transferred to the Philippine Islands, where he labored until 1985, most of the time as hospital chaplain on the island of Cebu. Heart trouble occasioned his return to Canada in 1985, but he was not idle there: he served as Mission Procurator in Quebec City and was Superior of the Jesuit Garnier Residence. In 1991 he became the Vice-Postulator for the Blessed Kateri Cause, and has worked zealously for her canonization since that time, in spite of rather uncertain health. We are grateful for all he has done to bring about Blessed Kateri's ascent to the ranks of Sainthood, and naturally, wish him success in those endeavors! We are, then, very happy to present this year's award to Father Bruyere!



### PHOTOS:

1. Father Jacques Bruyere, S.J.
2. Father Bruyere in the old rectory at Kahnawake.
3. Father Bruyere in a mountain chapel in Taiwan)



## FEAST DAY

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*You Are Invited To Celebrate the National Observance of the*

### **FEAST DAY OF BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA**

Sunday, July 11, 2004 • 12 Noon Mass

**MARTYRS' SHRINE COLISEUM**

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**REV. JACQUES BRUYERE, S. J.,**

*Canadian Vice-Postulator for the Kateri Cause*

Celebrant and Homilist

*Presentation of the*

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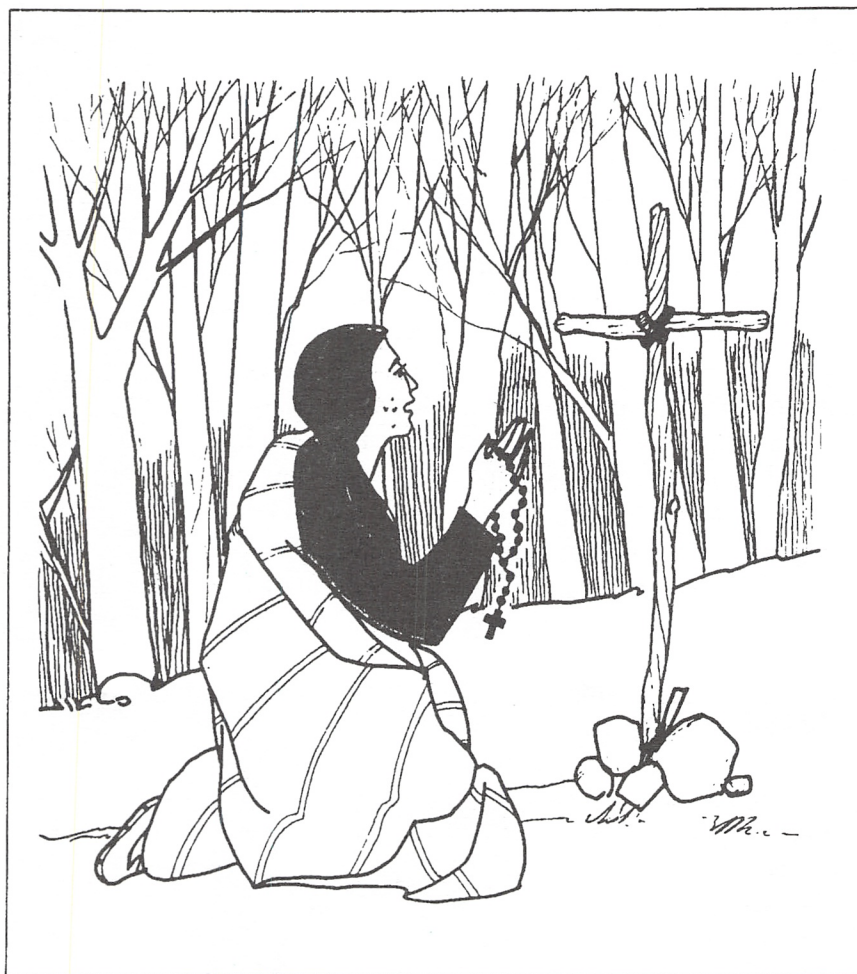
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Refreshments in the Shrine cafeteria  
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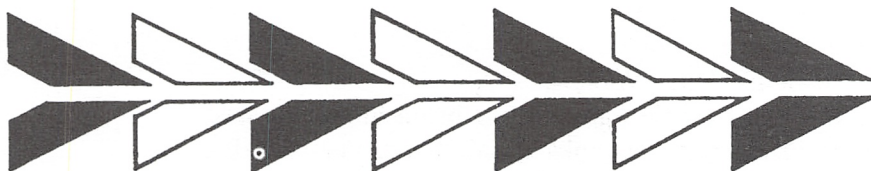
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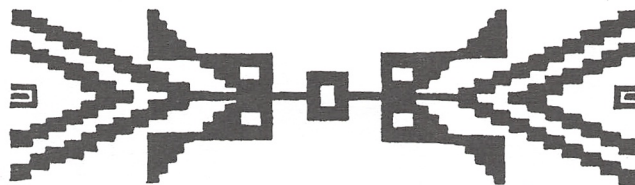
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## A Mother's Prayer

*May 9, 2004*

Jeanie Gibson

Help me, Lord, to accept the limitations that plague us as human beings.

I can't foresee the future, I can't totally remedy the past.

Grant that I may do my best in the present  
and not expect total recognition of my effort.

Guide my children, O Lord; Let them see beyond their shortcomings  
to the love that I have for each of them.

Give me a healthy respect for their independence and for this precarious stage  
of their growth and development.

Assist me as I try to keep in focus my mission  
as a very human and limited mother  
who can give only what first I possess.

Fill me with the humility I need to admit my mistakes and to learn from them.

Give me the strength I need to forgive, and grant me a sense of humor  
so that I can laugh at my blunders and share my life

In that joy that comes from recognizing that only You are perfect,  
only You can fully satisfy my expectations.

Thank You, Lord for making me a mother and for giving me children  
to help me realize how much I too need to grow.

## The Lily of the Mohawks

By Sister M. Fides Glass

Rise up, O flame!

Red flame!

From the martyr's breast,

From Isaac's grave!

Scour the land

With the light

that is your vision,

With the blaze

that is your passion,

With the warmth

that is your heart!

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# NOTES FROM THE BARK

Five or six years ago your correspondent was spending some time at his former parish, the Church of the Nativity, in Lower Manhattan, and went one day to visit the new National Museum of the American Indian. That's American; not North-American. It is a fascinating place with all sorts of Indian artifacts and copious literature about the many tribes represented both here in North America and in South America as well. One thing caught my attention: there seemed to be very little about the tribes in the northeastern part of our country. I do not remember seeing even the name of the Mohawks or the Iroquois. In fact, I was able to find mention only of the Seneca tribe, and there wasn't much about them. I pointed this out to one of the clerks and she informed me that that would be remedied in the main buildings of that museum, to be erected in Washington, D.C. in the early 2000's. I was somewhat mollified with that information.

On a subsequent visit I found something related to Blessed Kateri: a holy card and one other item which I do not now recall, but which was definitely about Kateri. But these objects were not identified! Again I went and explained to the clerk that I thought this was a regrettable omission. She said she could do nothing about that; I would have to communicate with the director of the museum. She gave me his name and address, and I wrote to him. I stated quite strongly that it wasn't just a matter of religion; even if one were not Catholic or even religious, it was to the credit of the Indians that one of their number had been raised to the dignity of being called Blessed in a Church whose members are numbered in the millions. I pointed out that her distinction was one that has been accorded to only a few thousand of the Church's many millions of members, and for this reason it should be featured in a museum about Indians. I do not recall receiving a reply to my letter.

But now this National Museum of the American Indian, which is associated with the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, is about to open its new doors in Washington, D.C. The grand opening will take place on September twenty-first. There will be a "Native Nations" procession, a six-day festival, exhibitions, and architecture and visitor information at the National Press Club in Washington. They announce that "The museum's fall



*New statue of Kateri in Santa Fe, NM, 2003*

debut will be the culmination of nearly fifteen years of planning and collaboration with tribal communities from across the hemisphere. With its Native-designed architecture, exhibitions, and landscaping the museum will be a one-of-a-kind cultural institution dedicated to the cultures, histories, languages, and artifacts of American Indians." It is located directly in front of the U.S. Capitol on the National Mall in Washington, and will take up 250,000 square feet of space.

Our faithful and knowledgeable camera-person, Anne Scheuerman, has assured me that Blessed Kateri will be accorded fitting recognition among the exhibits there in Washington. At the grand opening in September Native communities from throughout the hemisphere are being



# NOTES FROM THE BARK

invited to participate in the Native Nations procession on the National Mall prior to the official opening. This event will begin promptly at eight a.m. and will end at noon. The Opening Ceremonies will take place immediately following the procession and are scheduled for noon until one p.m. The program will include remarks by several prominent individuals, including the Director of the museum and Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, followed by cultural presentations and a Native welcoming ceremony. Then the museum will be officially opened to the public.

A six-day First Americans Festival will kick off immediately following the inauguration of the museum. This festival, free to the public, will pay tribute to some of the most beloved and prominent Native performers, highlighting dance, music, storytelling, and demonstrations from various indigenous communities from throughout the hemisphere.

Five major inaugural exhibitions are being developed that will feature approximately 7,000 objects from the world-renowned collection of more than 800,000 works of archaeological and ethnographic significance. Among these one section called "Our Lives: Contemporary Life and Identities" explores the cultural, social, linguistic and political aspects of Native communities and people in the twenty-first century and will include over 300 objects from various centers, including the Kahnawake Mohawk (Quebec) community. Presumably it is in this last collection that Blessed Kateri will be featured.

Timed free passes will be needed for the museum because of expected crowds and some small gallery spaces. Passes are available at [www.AmericanIndian.si.edu](http://www.AmericanIndian.si.edu) or at [Tickets.com](http://Tickets.com) or by calling 866-400-NMAI (6624) for a fee of \$1.75 per ticket plus a \$1.50 service charge per order.

So Blessed Kateri will get the publicity she deserves!



Here are some encouraging words we received a couple of months ago: "I want to thank Blessed Kateri for her intercession on behalf of my niece and father. My two-year-old niece was diagnosed with cancer a year ago. I prayed to Blessed Kateri for her healing intercession and the cancer is now undetectable. My father was diagnosed with cancer a year and half ago. I prayed to Blessed Kateri for him as well, and his cancer is now undetectable. A month ago he was told that he has diabetes and a bad

heart, and that he would have to have a heart transplant because he could not survive a triple bypass. I prayed yet again to Kateri, and not only was he able to have the surgery, but he was able to have a quadruple bypass and rebuilding surgery on his heart valves. He made a speedy recovery and is doing very well." Wonderful!



Here is an excerpt from a letter we received some time ago: "A one-year old baby girl was very sick in the hospital with bronchio-pneumonia. She had not been christened. I prayed to Kateri that she would be baptized, and that she wouldn't die and would get well. The baby is fine now and I'm the godmother! My little cousin was sick for three days with a throat and stomach infection. I prayed to Kateri and the little girl is fine now. I lost my bus pass. I prayed to Kateri and found it without even looking for it! Thank you, Kateri; I love you!"



One of our recent Kateri Tekakwitha Award winners, PaulaAnne Sharkey-Lemire, who is one of the persons who have put Kateri on-line, tells us that just in recent weeks there have been visitors from Canada, Belgium, Australia, Poland, France, Luxembourg, and Italy. In addition to these countries, the international traffic to Kateri On-line since April includes Hungary, Germany, the Netherlands, Turkey, Uruguay, the Czech Republic, Portugal, Singapore, Austria, the Philippine Islands, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Croatia, Denmark, Japan, Russia, Norway, Israel, Chile, Sweden, Vietnam, New Zealand, and Ireland. So at least something is known about Blessed Kateri in very many places throughout the globe. We're surely grateful for this.

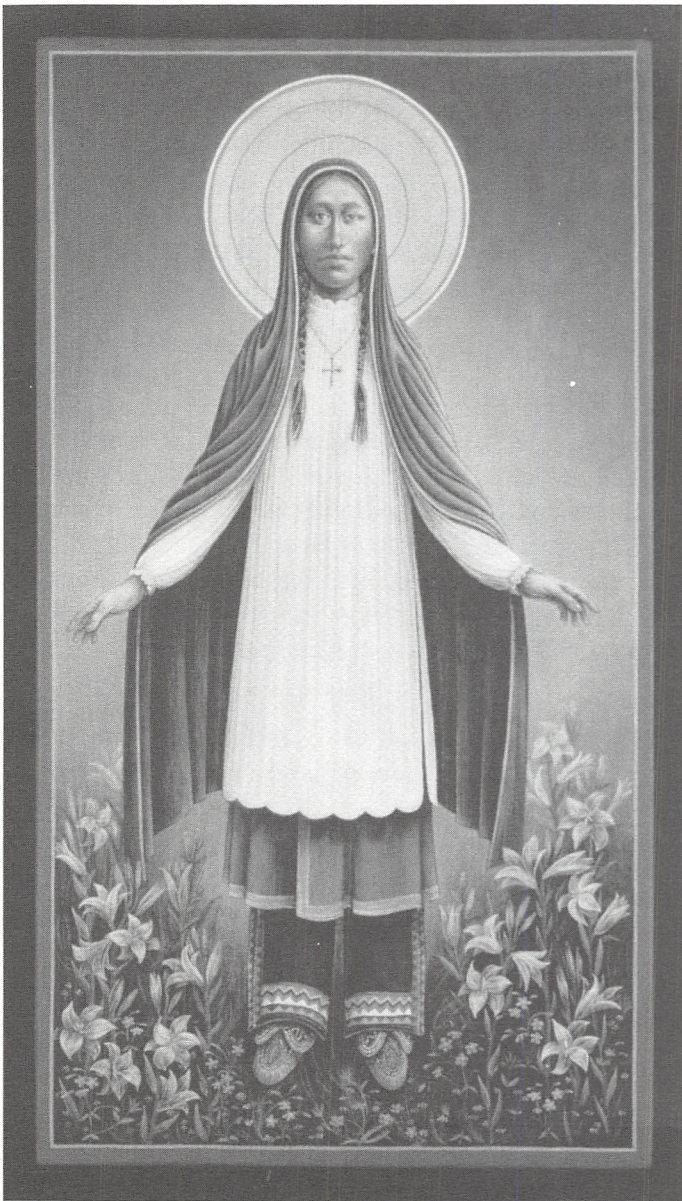
PaulaAnne mentions several different phrases people have used to find the site. These include "Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha", "Blessed Kateri Chaplet", "Kateri, Model Ecologist", "Auriesville New York and Kateri Tekakwitha" "Pictures of Kateri Tekakwitha", and similar titles.



At this time we are moved to express our gratitude to several devoted persons who have been faithful to the Kateri Cause through the years, especially by attending our monthly Mass for her canonization, as well as the monthly Holy Hour in her honor. Since this is not always easy, especially when one is not as young as previously, they deserve this sincere word of commendation. Blessings on them!!!



# KATERI'S INTERCESSIONS *SOME ANSWERS*



Dear Father,

My mother was told she had a vitreous hemorrhage in her eye after a visit to her doctor. She was told to come back in another two weeks. At that time she was told she would need laser surgery ASAP, at least 150 shots, to preserve her vision.

My children and I have been praying for a miracle to help my mother. After researching information on Blessed Kateri for the children's camp, and reading the literature sent by your office, I realized that Blessed Kateri would be the perfect saint to ask for intervention since she, herself, struggled with eye problems.

My mom was told not to read or bend over until the surgery was completed. On the day of the surgery, she went

into the doctor's room, he warmed up the laser, examined her eye and then turned the machine off. After several tests my mother was informed that she no longer needed the surgery ... and they did not know why! She was told to return in a month. She asked if she could bend over and lift things (as she was told NOT to do before the surgery) and was given an OK.

My mother called and informed me of the doctor's news about not needing the surgery anymore. I told my mom that five minutes before her appointment with the doctor that day my children and I were praying to Blessed Kateri, asking for her intercession to make the eye surgery unnecessary.

My mother recently went for a follow-up visit to the doctor and her eye is fine. The doctor's explanation is that they must have read the test results wrong several times. (Wrong enough to want to rush her into laser surgery!) Anyway, we know the truth that God, through the intercession of Blessed Kateri, healed my mother.

*This story is about Jessica, Bethany, Robbie, and Noelle's grandmother.* E-MAIL

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Dear Father,

I enclose a little help for the canonization of Blessed Katerina. I ask Blessed Katerina to ask Jesus to help me with my health problems. God bless. IRELAND

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Dear Father,

I asked Kateri to intercede for my brother a few years ago. He had his ups and downs and had two good years before he took a turn for the worse. Fortunately, I was able to visit him in the hospital before he passed away. I do believe that Kateri is a very powerful intercessor, and I continue to pray for her canonization. What a caring lady for all of us. May she be canonized soon! SPOKANE, WA

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Dear Father Paret,

Please accept the enclosed check for renewal of my membership in the Tekakwitha League and for five tickets for the raffle of the sterling silver medal and quilt for this season. I have been a loyal friend of Blessed Kateri ever since a visit with my parents to the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville some forty-five years ago, and all these years I have been waiting to celebrate Kateri's recognition as a saint. I truly believe that I have experienced a number of small miracles through Kateri's intercession, yet we must be ever hopeful for the "big one." I hope to see Kateri's canonization in my lifetime.



# KATERI'S INTERCESSIONS *SOME ANSWERS*

I thank Blessed Kateri and her League for all they have done in the past, and surely for much good work in the future. May you be blessed many times over for your great work in spreading the knowledge of Blessed Kateri and in promoting her cause. MALBA, NY



Dear Father Paret,

I am sending a donation for many favors Blessed Kateri has bestowed on me. I pray every night for her. Please pray for my family. AVALON, CA



Dear Father,

Just a little note to thank Blessed Kateri for all the favors that are granted through her intercession. I want to thank you for everything. DERBY, CT



Dear Father,

This is a little donation to thank Blessed Kateri for helping me with some special intentions. PHILADELPHIA, PA



Dear Father,

I am sending a "thank you" to Blessed Kateri for all of her intercessions throughout the year for me. I wish you many blessings throughout the season. SACRAMENTO, CA

Dear Father,

Enclosed is a check for raffle tickets and a donation for my dues. I just love Lily Tekakwitha and pray every day for her to become a saint. FAIRVIEW PARK, OH



Dear Father,

Enclosed please find a donation in thanksgiving for a good health report for our granddaughter. ALBUQUERQUE, NM



Dear Father,

Enclosed please find a small donation for favors received. WELLESLEY, MA



Dear Father,

A little token for the wonderful Lily of the Mohawks. She has helped me again with a favor needed so much. Thank you, thank you. DERBY, CT



Dear Father,

My prayers to Blessed Kateri were answered. Please join my prayers of thanksgiving. ELMHURST, IL



## 2004 QUILT RAFFLE

*Drawing for the quilt and for the sterling silver medal will be on Sunday, October 31, 2004.*

This Season's quilt is a tulip design in pink, green, and white. It was made by Sophia Little Bull, Sioux, from Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

We thank all of you who participate in this fund-raising effort.

The donation for each ticket is \$1.00

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*Receive, O Lord, our prayers on behalf of the souls of Thy servants  
that if they are still soiled by any earthy stains, they may be purified by  
Thy merciful forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN*

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