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Known as the "*Lily of the Mohawks*," Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 to a Catholic Algonquin mother and a Mohawk chief. When she was four years old, her parents and brother died of smallpox. Kateri was also affected by the disease, which left her legally blind and badly scared her face. She was taken in by her aunts and uncle, who was strongly opposed to Christianity.

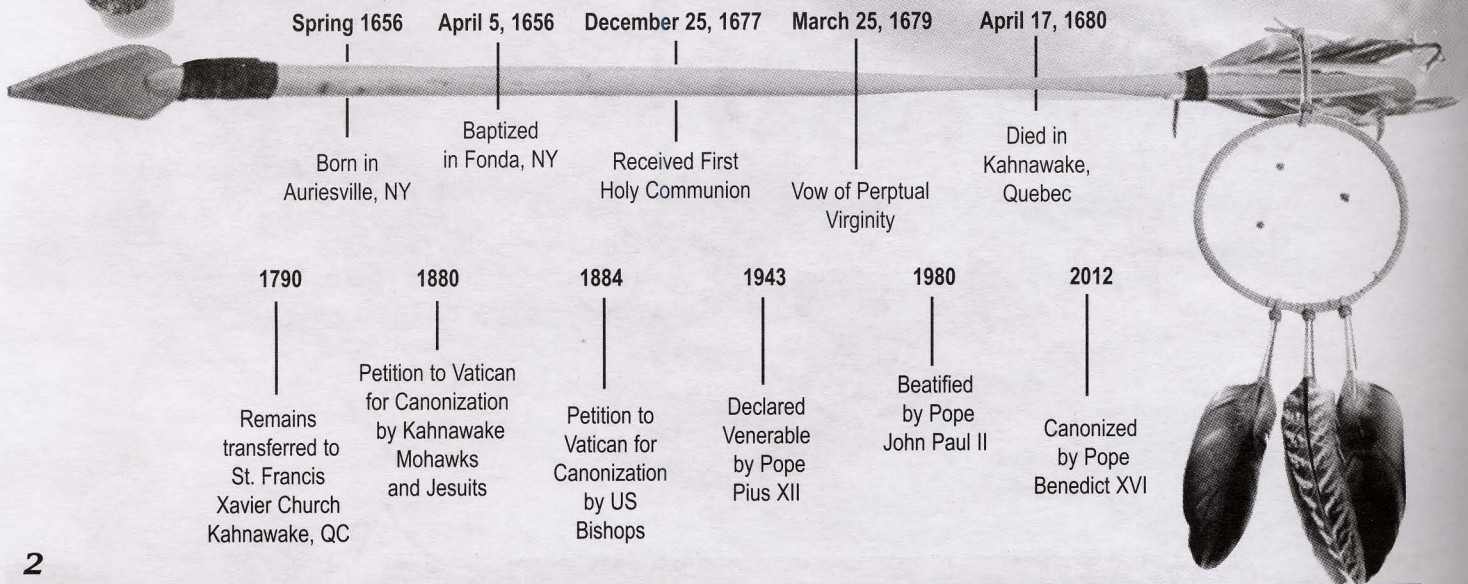
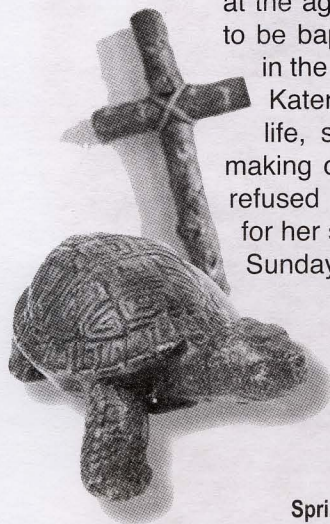
As a teen, Kateri received her first formal knowledge of Jesus from the Jesuit Fathers who visited her village. In 1676, at the age of 20, her uncle allowed her to be baptized providing she remained in the village. Following her Baptism, Kateri lived a pious and faith filled life, spending hours in prayer and making crosses out of twigs. She also refused to marry, desiring only Jesus for her spouse and refused to work on Sundays. Her family and village be-

gan to taunt and ridicule her – she even received death threats.

She never intended to leave her home, until fearing for her life, she fled to a Christian Mohawk village in Kahnawake, Quebec.

There, she received her First Holy Communion on Christmas Day, 1677 and later professed a vow of Perpetual Virginity, in 1679. Kateri was known for her deep spirituality, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, teaching prayers to the children and caring for the elderly and the sick.

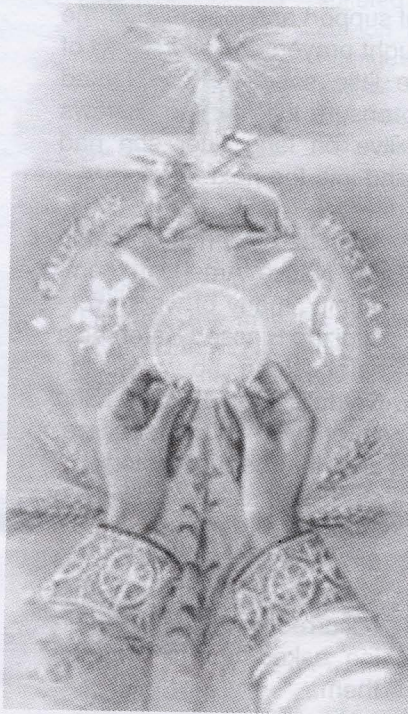
Kateri's health deteriorated in the last year of her life. She was only 24 years old when she died uttering the words "Jesus, Mary I love you." Witnesses said that within minutes of her death, her smallpox scars disappeared and her face became radiant with beauty.



The Road to Sainthood

CANONIZATION

The process by which someone becomes a saint is called canonization. This process is quite lengthy, often taking decades or centuries to complete.



TO BE DECLARED A SAINT:

- One must have been martyred for the faith and/or live a life of heroic virtue.
- A local bishop investigates the candidate's life and the information is sent to the Vatican.
- A panel of theologians and the cardinals evaluate the candidate's life.
- If the panel approves, the pope proclaims that the candidate is venerable.
- The next step toward sainthood is beatification. In order to beatify a candidate a posthumous miracle must be attributed to the venerable person. (A panel of doctors, theologians, lawyers and skeptics conduct a thorough investigation. It must prove to be spontaneous and lasting with no logical explanation for a cure.)
- If approved, the Pope declares the candidate "blessed."
- In order for the candidate to be considered a saint, there must be proof of a second posthumous miracle. (Additional miracles were required for canonization until Pope John Paul II simplified this very lengthy and complex process, in 1983).
- If the second miracle is approved, the Pope will then issue a declaration for sanctification



Alma Ransom speaks to members at Kateri Conference.

KATERI CONTROVERSY

by Katherine Indovina

The canonization of Blessed Kateri is not only a cause of celebration for all Roman Catholics, it is also looked upon as an event to heal some of the rifts between Native Americans and the Catholic Church. As with all reconciliation, it is not without differing viewpoints.

Mohawk leaders such as Elder Tom Porter, founder of the Mohawk Community of Kanatsiohareke near Fonda, New York, has voiced concern over the veracity of Blessed Kateri's conversion. In an article of *The New York Times*, he stated that, "She was raised mostly by our tradition, so her spirituality was mostly of the real old faith."

Alma Ransom, many times elected chief of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and key figure in organizing the Kateri Tekakwitha Conference, begs otherwise. In her

article, *Tekakwitha Acted of Her Own Free Will*, Ransom explains that

Kateri would have been brought up to be a clever, resourceful, and shrewd woman by the women of her village. If such a woman declared that she chose to worship Jesus Christ, she surely did it of her own free will.

Blessed Kateri embodies a synthesis of many things that could be considered irreconcilable, such as between the spirituality of her ancestors and the Catholic faith, between the vitality of youth and the struggle with disability, between saying no to old ways so she could say yes to new ones. Blessed Kateri stands as a woman to remind us all that reconciliation is possible with a little patience, a dose of honesty, and a heart full of faith.

Kateri Vignette

THE MAKING OF A SAINT

by Katherine Indovina

What makes a Saint a Saint? We grasp that he or she lived in such a way that they brought people closer to Jesus in their lifetime and beyond. We hear about their exemplary behavior and their miracles. In all this, it is easy to forget that these saints started out as ordinary people. With the coming canonization of Blessed Kateri, we have to wonder – what was the path that took her from an orphan known for her scars and bumping into things to the woman that graces the name of our parish today?

Blessed Kateri, known as "the Lily of the Mohawks," was born to a Christian Algonquin mother and a Mohawk father in 1656 along the Hudson River. Smallpox came to their village and tragedy struck.

The smallpox that consumed her parents and brother spared her. Her face was scarred and her sight weakened by the illness.

In this fragile state, Kateri was sent to live with her uncle. In defiance of her family, she converted to Christianity at twenty. She died when she was only twenty four. In four short years, Kateri left such an impression on the lives of those around her that she is still remembered four hundred years later.

The Jesuits described Blessed Kateri as a woman of remarkable intensity and passion. Kateri inspired other women to form a small group. Together, they

gave each other spiritual support and looked after the sick and elderly. She taught prayers to children. All of these actions were like little seeds Kateri planted within her community to ensure that the Good News of Jesus Christ would live on long after she had passed from this world and into the next.



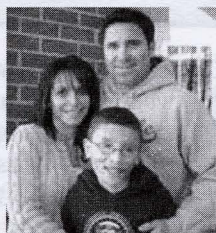
We see evidence of that in the Native American community, many of whom recognized Blessed Kateri as a saint long before the Catholic Church did. "She taught that you must share, and that is being Indian," said Anna Dyer, 84, a Mohawk. Blessed Kateri's devotion to Jesus Christ is seen in the miracles that occurred when those suffering asked her to pray for them.

What makes Blessed Kateri a Saint? Perhaps it is not that she exhibited powers or abilities the average person does not possess. Perhaps it is because she was able to use her humble human nature to be a living embodiment that everything is of secondary importance to loving God and loving one's neighbor as thyself.



Kateri Miracle

IMPACT ON FINKBONNER FAMILY



Jake with mom and dad. Dad is Lummi Indian.

In 2006, five year old, *Jake Finkbonner* suffered a little cut on his lip during a basketball game. By that evening, Jake was in a hospital fighting for his life. He had contracted a deadly strain of Strep A, also known as the "flesh eating bacterias" or Necrotizing Fasciitis. The mortality rate is 40%. The doctors did everything they could, but the outlook was grim. Fr Tim Sauer was called in to perform last rites for Jake. At Fr Sauer's urging, the family prayed to Blessed Kateri and kept a relic by his bedside. After nine days in the hospital, Jake

took a sudden turn for the better. Jake's recovery was deemed a miracle and provided the second miracle necessary for the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha.

The canonization of Blessed Kateri, is a momentous event. But how has this impacted the family since Jake's recovery?

Since then, the family has set up a web site (www.jakefinkbonner.com) Visitors can read updates on the Finkbonner family. There are also pictures of Jake through his illness and through the subsequent years as doctors have reconstructed his face with the latest advances in modern medicine.

Six years later, Jake's mother, *Elsa Finkbonner* told MSNBC that Jake is very much a normal little boy who loves to play video games. ABC News

reports that Jake Finkbonner said, "I was in Heaven and spoke to God."

Jake Finkbonner says he felt as if he was floating up above himself and his family while they were praying for him. His mother, Elsa recalls, "Jake just laying there in the hospital bed and he sat straight up and said, 'I've been raised'."

The family reports on their web site that they will be going to Rome to attend the canonization of Blessed Kateri. One has the sense of a family trying their best to return to and maintain a sense of normalcy. "To us, it's always been a miracle whether the Church recognizes it or not," *Donny Finkbonner* told ABC News. "It's not up to us, but in our hearts, we know that Jake is a miracle."

TWICE BLESSED

by Elizabeth Leavy

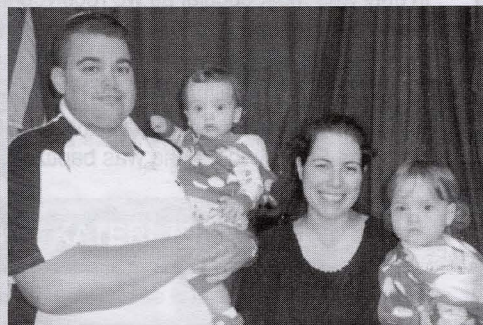
Brian and I have been blessed with beautiful twin daughters, Kateri Anne and Cecilia Marie. When we became pregnant, we received support and encouragement from our parish, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. We fell in love with the name Kateri and already loved the name Cecilia. The more we learned about Blessed Kateri's love of God and commitment to purity, the more we wanted her to be our daughter's patron saint. We wanted to honor our new patroness and let the parish know how blessed we were to be part of its founding members. Our prayer was that through our children's special name connection to the parish, they would aid in unifying the new parish.

Our choice of names was announced at several Masses. On our first Sunday home from the hospital, Fr. Joe pointed us out so people would know our girls. At each church site people were so excited to meet our children. Several people even cried! We were overwhelmed by the response!

The parish coordinated and delivered ready to eat meals to our home. Some parishioners stayed awhile to help us with the babies so we could eat a hot meal with our arms free! The encouragement continues at Mass. People turn and smile if the girls make noises. One site even welcomed us to their "Cheerio Section." In a way,

the girls were adopted as the parish's twins. My heart is overflowing with love and gratitude. I am so blessed that I will be able to share with my children how they have been a part of the parish when they are older.

Saint Kateri has become a part of our lives. We watched the process of Kateri becoming a saint with anticipation and excitement. We pray every night for her intercession for our parish, our family, and our daughters. If we could all follow Kateri's commitment to purity and love of God — what a loving community we would create.



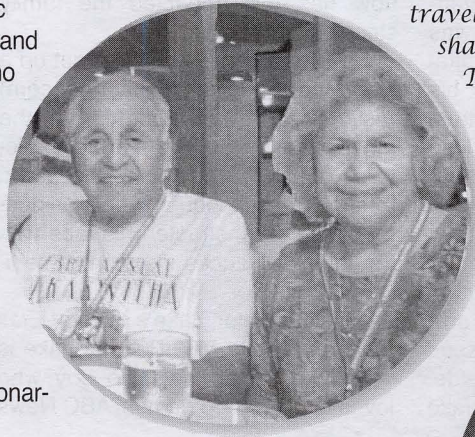
God said, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
Jeremiah 1:5

73rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference

THE POWER OF PRAYERS

by Urban Giff, Pima Indian Tribe
of the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona

Hundreds of years ago, Catholic Missionaries came to the lands and homes of the Native People, who became known as American Indians, teaching about Christ, prayers, and Christian values and virtues. The Native People were very spiritual. They used prayers and lived by high values and virtues similar to Christian values and virtues. Many Native People learned and accepted the missionaries teachings of Christianity.



Urban and Cindy Cliff

Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Indian girl of the present day New York region, who was converted into Christianity of the Catholic religion many years ago, is a cherished person among today's Catholic Indian people of all generations of Indian Tribes and Indian Nations in all states of what is now the United States of America.

My wife, Cindy and I, members of the Phoenix Inter-Tribal Kateri Circle, have attended many annual Tekakwitha Conferences. Along with other Kateri Circles, we have prayed for the canonization to Saint of Kateri Tekakwitha.

The Tekakwitha Conference in Albany, New York in July was most special as we received the glorious news that the people of Irondequoit in New York State were inspired to name their Parish to honor Kateri Tekakwitha. The joy continued as we visited and walked in Auriesville where she was born and Fonda where she was baptized.

Oh, the powers of prayers!

The Tekakwitha Conference was started in 1939 as Missionary Fathers working to unify Catholic Americans across the United States. In 1977, laypeople were allowed in 1980 with the Beatification of Blessed Kateri, the establishment of a National Center in Great Falls, Montana. Each year, members travel to a different U.S. city and members come together for sharing, networking, and workshops under the patronage of Kateri Tekakwitha and for the benefit of her canonization.



Sr. Kateri Mitchell,
Conference Director
and Jake Finkbonner
address conference
members

Auriesville, NY

FROM THE EDITORS

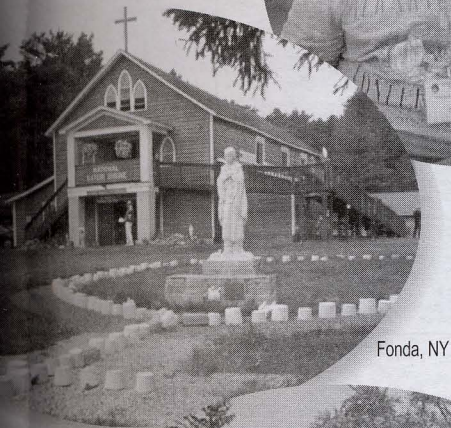
Last summer while researching the web for information about Kateri, the 73rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference popped up on the computer screen. The conference of Native American Catholics was being held in Albany, in July – five days of workshops, liturgies and pilgrimages to Fonda and Auriesville – the birth and baptismal places of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. What a gift of the Holy Spirit to represent our parish as we joined 800 Native Americans gathered on the eve of Kateri's sainthood. To the conference members, Kateri has always been the Native American saint. But now she is being properly recognized by the Church and becoming a saint of the world. We knew the conference agenda would answer many questions we had about our new saint, but meeting Kateri's people taught us more than we could have ever learned in any book or classroom. We saw sincere devotion, reverence and

faith. We listened to their stories and walked, prayed together. We saw the sacred complexity of Christianity.

Members follow Kateri's path, moves around the world, Catholics "the Church. Next year to El Paso, Conference year first year of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. Pat Gambacorta

Annual Conference 2012

as a support group for American Indians from allowed membership and the Conference established each year the Conference come together for prayer, the protection of Kateri mission.



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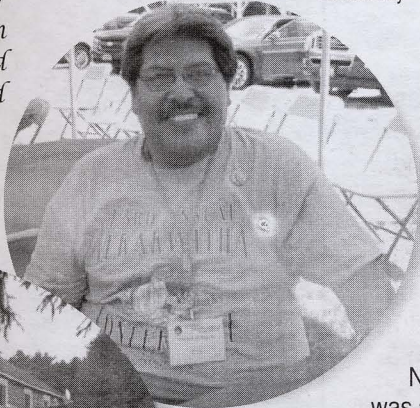
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and genuine we listened to tries as we talked, prayed and ate meals We learned of the beautiful and compatibility between Native Spirituality and ity.

s follow this Conference year after year as it round the country giving Native American "the Voice, Presence and Identity" in the Next year, the Tekakwitha Conference travels aso, Texas. It promises to be the best ce yet with the celebration of Saint Kateri's of Sainthood.

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Herman Ray



KATERI TO THE RESCUE!

by Herman Ray-Aki'mel odham
Phoenix, Arizona

Every Sunday at Mass, **I Thank GOD** for sending Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to my rescue!

I am a baptized Native American and I was a drug addict and alcoholic for about ten years. I wouldn't sleep for days and went without food or water. The devil was fueling my lifestyle of addiction until beer and crack was my only concern.

Sometimes we sat in a car, drinking and using crack. A rosary missing a crucifix hung from the rearview mirror. It always bothered me to see the rosary hanging without a cross and I didn't know why. "Where is the cross?" I wondered. Eventually, I realized it was a sign that Christ was absent in my life. I wanted to stop, but my addictions continued. I was in a deep dark pit of drugs and alcohol and couldn't escape.

One night, I fell to my knees and cried out to God. "You gave me my life and I don't want to die! I don't want to go to hell!" I lay there crying and fell asleep. The next day came. I stayed sober. The second and third and fourth day came. I stayed sober. My mother and

aunt had been praying for me and invited me to the Tekakwitha Conference in Maryland. There, I learned about Kateri.

The last day of the Conference, we went to the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. As we entered the church, I saw a large image of Kateri high on the wall. Already feeling her presence, Mass started and I heard loud drums echo throughout the church. Natives sang in their native tongue. A procession entered and tears rolled down my cheeks as people dressed in their native regalia, bishops, priests and deacons passed by. It was here I felt Kateri touch my heart. I cried, standing there, hearing the Prayer to the Four Directions with all the religious praying together with the native peoples of Canada and the United States. I was convinced God sent Kateri to help me escape that deep, dark pit controlling my life.

Kateri showed me that I can be 100% Native American and 100% Catholic. Because of her, I quit drugs and alcohol. Today, I am now a stronger spiritual person, supported by two intertwined faiths. My heart pounds with joy and I feel butterflies in my stomach knowing I will be in Rome for her Canonization. To see Blessed Kateri raised to sainthood for the whole universal church will be a blessed and spiritual time for me

— The Lord Be With You All!

IN PEACE WITH SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

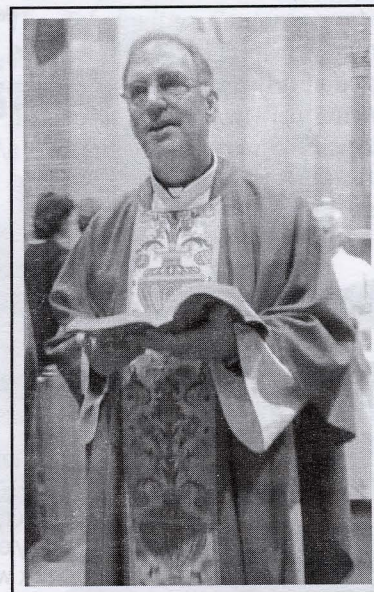
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Fr. Paul English

UNITED IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

On Sunday, October 7, Bishop Matthew Clark, Emeritus Bishop of Rochester presided at the Installation Mass for Fr. Paul English as pastor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

When I was a child, I never expected to be a priest, to be a pastor, to live in Rochester! But now here we all are, members of this parish together, united in our work for the Kingdom of God! In the few months that I have already been serving as your pastor, I have come to know not only individuals and families, but I've been amazed at the level of activity and commitment on the part of parishioners who have served for many years doing things like collecting clothes, food and money for the less fortunate, gathering to come to know God's will and God's word in a deeper way, people who have planned and led retreats of all kinds, women's groups, men's groups, people who clean church buildings, people who fill them with beautiful music and prayer and so much more! Any pastor would be thrilled to receive the call to serve this community, *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish*, and I must say that I certainly am.



Fr. Paul English, CSB

God bless you!
Father Paul

MORE THAN JUST A NAME

A 17th Century Mohawk maiden, Kateri Tekakwitha, is the first-ever Native American Saint to be canonized in the Catholic Church.

Like many before her, Kateri joins a host of other saints with names we have had difficulty pronouncing. The most common pronunciations by residents in this region are "kuh-TARE-ee" or "kat-er-EE." But Native Americans pronounce it "Gah-Deh-lee." Tekakwitha, more difficult still, is pronounced "Deh-gah-quee-tah."

Her name, Kateri Tekakwitha, holds great significance in understanding who she was as a person, a Catholic and a Native American.

At the age of 20, Kateri was baptized by the Jesuit Fathers who gave her

the name Catherine. The Mohawk translation is Kateri. Tekakwitha, has a more specific meaning given to her by her family. When she was four years old, her parents and baby brother died of smallpox. Kateri survived the disease but was left almost blind and badly scared with pock marks on her face. As she moved about the longhouse where she lived, she was always bumping into things knocking them over or bumping into someone. One evening while observing this, her uncle jokingly laughed, "Look at how she bumps into things." So, the Mohawks gave her the name Tekakwitha which means, "she who bumps into things."

Alive In Our Hearts

WITH THERESA STEELE

by Kris Nachtrieb



Theresa Steele portrays
Blessed Kateri

I have always had a great respect for the Native American people. Having lived in different parts of the country, Arizona and Colorado in particular, I have learned about their customs and culture. I found them to be very spiritual people.

So, with great anticipation, I was at St. Margaret Mary Church to hear about our parish patron saint, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, from **Theresa Steele** of the Algonquin Indian Nation.

Standing before us in her native attire, Theresa was both informative and gracious. She told Kateri's story with sincere humility. Her voice filled with emotion and our eyes filled with tears as she spoke Kateri's words of loving Jesus so much that she defied her Indian tradition to marry. From Theresa's soft spoken voice to her fluid hand movements, she portrayed the life of childhood loss, coming of age and a journey that would test Kateri's faith and change her forever. Now, Kateri was very real and alive in our hearts.

I was compelled to thank Theresa for coming to share the memory of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha with us. In meeting her, for a few moments, I had the privilege and honor to hold the hands of a woman from a great people.

WHO WAS KATERI TEKAKWITHA?

by Virginia McWhinney

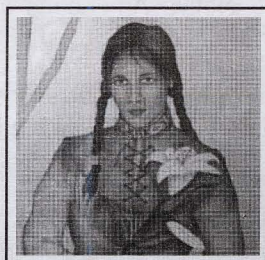
An Indian girl born to a Christian mother and a tribal chief who hated Christianity. She was named "Sunshine" at birth. Her parents died when Sunshine was young and she became a ward of kin. Her aunts tried hard to root out her Christianity. Being unsuccessful, they made a slave of her.

Along the way she met a missionary and was baptized with the name Kateri (Catherine). At the age of 20, Kateri escaped to a Christian community where she grew in grace and charity. Kateri was loving, good and desirous of helping people around her.

Kateri died at 24. She said something about helping from heaven similar to what St. Theresa of Lisieux said centuries later. A priest praying at her bedside after her death, saw her pock marked face become suddenly radiantly beautiful. It was thought she was a saint then and reported this to the Vatican.

Even before she was beautified, a family had prayed to her that God would cure their 4 year old son of deafness. On the last day of their Novena, he

was suddenly able to hear. It was also the anniversary of Kateri's Baptism. News of this cure was sent to the Vatican and years later, the family was invited to her beatification.



Now, there have been many more Kateri stories considered to be miracles which have not been documented. But recently, a little boy cured of a flesh eating disease was officially declared a miracle by the Vatican because of Kateri's intervention. The day for her sanctification has been set at October 21, 2012. On that day, the Town of

Irondequoit, an Indian name meaning "where the land meets the water," and the Diocese of Rochester will have a newly expanded and the largest Parish in the Diocese. It will have the name of a brand new and first American Indian saint known during her years on earth for her kindness, goodness and charity.

The parishioners of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha should be proud and humbled to be the precursors of the beginning days of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

Flipping For Kateri

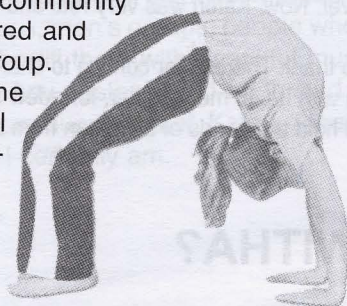
YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

by Vicky Rippel

Director of Youth Ministry

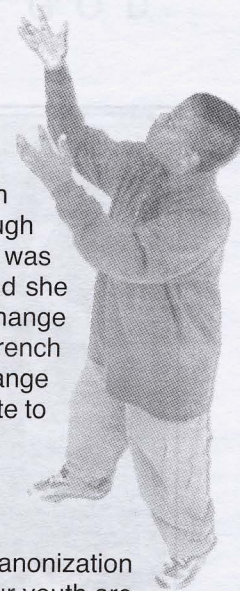
Our senior youth group wanted to mark the canonization of Blessed Kateri with a special event — “Flipping Out For Kateri.” We planned the event with a Lock-In starting at St. Cecilia site the night before Kateri’s special day. The students were very excited and eager to take part. Throughout the evening the group had opportunities to share with each other moments in Kateri’s life on the long road to sainthood. They recognized the challenges she faced with her own disabilities, family expectations and cultural responsibilities.

Morning arrived and so did some hungry parishioners ready to enjoy a free community pancake breakfast prepared and served by our youth group. Then at 7am, everyone gathered to watch the final steps for Kateri (canonization) on the big screen in Newcomb Friendship Center.



The process of canonization is something that many of our youth are growing to learn about through walking the step with Kateri. Kateri was only 24 when she passed away and she grew up in a period of constant change as the Mohawk interacted with French and Dutch colonists. Constant change is something young people can relate to even today.

Our youth group experienced an exciting, fun filled celebration of Kateri, her life, her works and her canonization to sainthood. Flipping for Kateri? Our youth are learning that Saint Kateri is a model of going the distance for their faith.



STUDENTS GET TO KNOW KATERI

by Sister Kay Lurz, SSJ.

St. Kateri School Principal

The Youth Group according to our parish bulletin is: “Flipping Out” over Kateri Tekakwitha’s canonization on Oct. 21, 2012. however, the “younger youth” (Pre-K — Grade 6) at St. Kateri School are learning about their new patron, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, in Social Studies, Religion, ELA etc. Teachers have read her story to students and have explained and discussed, at age appropriate levels, the matriarchal culture in which Kateri was brought up. They have learned the difference between a tribe (Mohawk or Algonquin) and a clan, (turtle or Eagle etc.) and the ways

how the Native Americans lived in our New York State Region. Students will “get-to-know” Kateri through the school year and discover what characteristics along her life journey helped to make her a Saint.

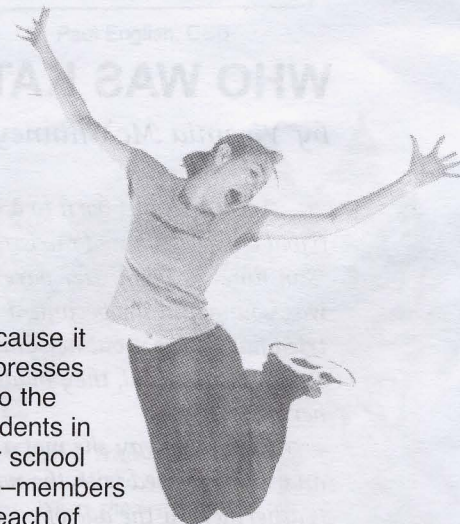
The difficult decision that Kateri made to flee to Canada impresses upon the primary and elementary students the difficult choices that we have to sometimes make as we grow closer to Jesus. They are reminded that there were no airplanes, cars or trains in Kateri’s time. It was *walking all the way*. They will learn about the missionaries who came to NYS to bring the Catholic faith to other peoples.

We as a school were proud to change our name to St. Kateri

because it expresses who the students in our school are—members of each of

our Irondequoit parishes joined together to learn about our Catholic Faith through the Saints of our Church and most especially one who is one of the most recent women to be declared a Saint.

So hopefully, some of our students will join the Youth Group to “flip out” over the canonization and enjoy the pancake breakfast.



Novena To

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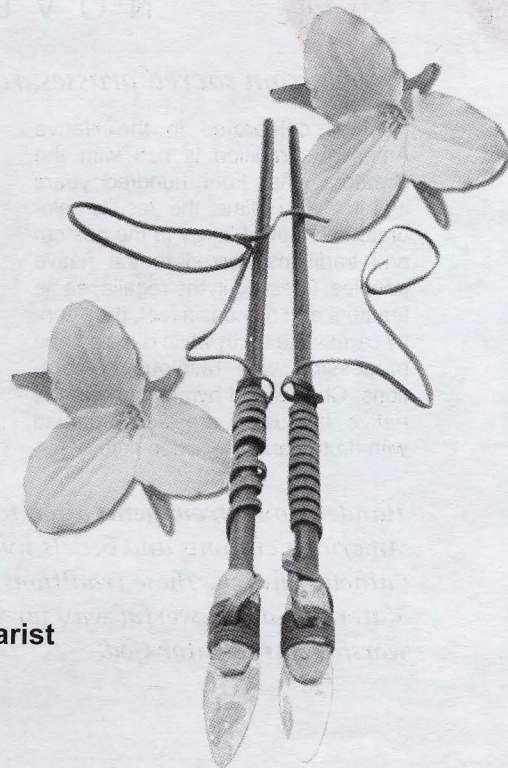
Kateri, favored child and Lily of the Mohawks,
I come to seek your intercession in my present need:

(State your intention here...)

I admire the virtues which adorned your soul:
love of God and neighbor,
humility, obedience, patience,
purity and the spirit of sacrifice.
Help me to imitate your example in my state of life.
Through the goodness and mercy of God,
Who has blessed you with so many graces
which led you to the true faith
and to a high degree of holiness,
pray to God for me and help me.

Obtain for me a very fervent devotion to the Holy Eucharist
so that I may love Holy Mass as you did
and receive Holy Communion as often as I can.
Teach me also to be devoted
to my crucified Savior as you were,
that I may cheerfully bear my daily crosses
for love of Him Who suffered so much for love of me.
Most of all I beg you to pray for me
that I may avoid sin,
lead a holy life and save my soul.

AMEN



In Thanksgiving to God for the graces bestowed
upon Kateri:

(Recite the following prayers...)

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...
(3 times)

Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks,
pray for me.





Native American Mass of Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 10 & 11

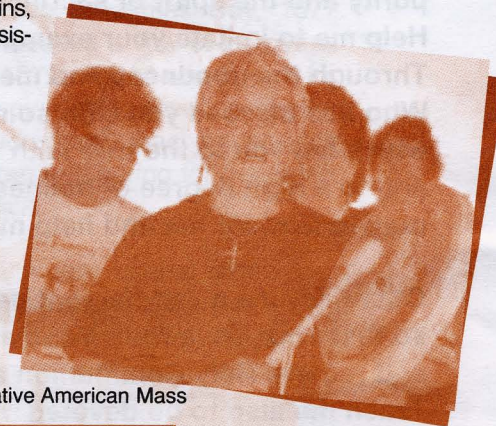
Smoke from sacred grasses; rattles and drums; chanting and Mohawk prayers —

- Mass celebrated in the Native American Tradition is rich with the Creators gifts. Four hundred years ago in Kateri's time, the Jesuits celebrated Catholic Liturgy in the custom and traditions sacred to the native peoples. Dressed in the regalia, eagle feathers and moccasin feet, they gently caress the earth while dancing and processing with religious celebrations. Chants and hymns sung in the native language are accompanied with drums and a wooden flute.

- All pray the Four Directions Prayer honoring the Great Spirits (God) and the Sacredness of all life in the north, south, east and west as well as brother wind, sister water, brother sun and sister moon. To the Indian Nation, the Creator is in everything, believing we are never alone because our surroundings. Mountains, plains, water, air— are our brothers and sisters.

- "Smudging with sacred grasses" becomes the Purification Rite. The gentle smoke from burning of sage, cedar and sweet grasses is fanned through out the congregation by eagle feathers purifying our spirits and carrying our prayers to the Creator.

Handed down from generation to generation, Native American customs and beliefs live on in the 21st Century Catholic Church. These traditions, upheld in the life of Kateri, hold a powerful way for people of all nations to worship our Creator God.



Theresa Steele
beats drum at Native American Mass

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FAITHFUL WITNESS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH 6:30-7:45 PM CHRIST THE KING SITE

(Sr. Janet Korn speaks about Saint Kateri and Social Justice)

NATIVE AMERICAN MASSES OF THANKSGIVING:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH 4:00 PM CHRIST THE KING SITE

(Pot Luck dinner to follow — See Church bulletin for details)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH 8:30 AM ST. CECILIA SITE

(Coffee hour to follow)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH 11:00 AM ST. MARGARET MARY SITE

COME! Celebrate the Eucharistic Supper in the Native American tradition of the Mohawk—Algonquin Tribes with friends from the St. Regis Circle.



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