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From the Director

Friends of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,

2012 has become quite a year of celebrations for us as members of the catholic family, and especially the indigenous catholic community. It is a journey bringing us full circle in the life of our Kateri Tekakwitha experience.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise echo throughout the land. What a graced time for us. The news of the canonization has brought new hope and a renewed faith as many of you have communicated to me. God's love for the people who pray unceasingly is a powerful message. Our Creator hears all and responds in God's time when it is most needed. In fact, I say quite often that God's time is also 'Indian time'... and many of us know what that means.

We had a wonderful 2012 Annual Tekakwitha Conference "Walking in Her Footsteps in Kateri Country". As many will agree the highlight was walking in Blessed Kateri's footsteps on her homeland in both Auriesville and Fonda. For so many walking on the sacred ground was a time of healing and blessing. Many who went to the spring, blessed themselves with the holy water and filled bottles to take home for others and for themselves. For some, they surrendered their holy water to the security screening TSA agents in Albany - may they too be blest.

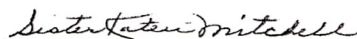
Excitement continues as our Kateri Tekakwitha who has become known worldwide, becomes a Saint. To all the pilgrims who traveled to Rome and to all who viewed the ceremony on TV and/or listened to stories that family members, friends and neighbors shared upon returning home, we pray that this historical long-awaited event be one that will forever increase our faith, and at the same time experience the universality of our Holy Mother Church, as one of our own, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha has been raised by the Universal Church by Pope Benedict XVI. Her holiness and faithfulness as an instrument of Christ's healing power and love for the people of God have proven to be extraordinary.

May we celebrate in El Paso, Texas on July 17-21, 2013 when as a Tekakwitha Conference family we will for the first time in 74 years officially and publically say and pray the words SAINT Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

We have entered this Year of Faith as faithful members of the Church, let us pray for one another that we all be proclaimers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and reflect more deeply on our mission as members of the Tekakwitha Conference. May we continue to walk in the footsteps of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our own model as an evangelizer among her people.

Blessings of peace to all,

In Kateri Tekakwitha,



Sister Kateri Mitchell

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Announcements

New Board Members

2012-2015

Congratulations to:

Gail Rando will serve Region 1

Marjorie Creel will serve Region 6

Pierre Solet will serve Region 4

by acclamation (beginning second term)

Contest Winners

The regional groups at the 73rd annual Tekakwitha Conference in Albany, NY voted. The votes were tallied by the board of directors and presented to the board chair.

New Kateri Image:

Jordan Thompson

New Kateri Prayer

Harold Caldwell

The image and prayer can be viewed on the top of page 4, or on our website at http://www.tekconf.org/Kateri_Prayer

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Saint Kateri Prayer

By: Harold Caldwell



Image By: Jordan Thompson

O Saint Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks,
Your love for Jesus, so strong,
so steadfast, grant that
we may become like you.
Your short and painful life showed us
your strength and humility.
Grant that we may become forever
humble like you.
Like the bright and shining stars at night,
we pray that your light may forever shine
down upon us, giving light,
hope, peacefulness and serenity
in our darkest moments.
Fill our hearts, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
with your same love for Jesus
and grant us your strength and courage
to become one like you in Heaven.

Amen.

Prayers for Healing and Special Intentions

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- † Tonya Largy- Open Heart Surgery, prayers for healing/recovery, friend of Sheila Carel
- † Garrison Garrow- Celiac Disease
- † Kitty Belle Riggs, Broadus, MT, niece of Geraldine Fisher
- † Steven Fisher Sr, Ashland, MT, son of Geraldine Fisher
- † Alba Jane Gonzales- Kidney Failure, prayers for her journey home to heaven
- † Rosa Yearout- recovering from injuries from falling off horse
- † Andrea Toledo- Health Problems, Granddaughter of Rufina Toledo, NM
- † Dennis DePape- Cancer, WA
- † Annette Tsosie- Diabetes, Kidney/Liver Infection, prayers for healing, Akimel O'otham Kateri Circle, Sacaton, AZ
- † Nicholas Poskart, serious illness, son of Arkadinz Poskart, prayers for healing
- † Mike Valdo, healing and recovery from back surgery, Acoma, NM
- † Lupe Espitia, prayers starting dialysis and needs kidney transplant.
- † Arlene Schurz - Hospitalized in Rome from a fall.

May they Rest in Peace

- † Samuel Tso, Lukachukai, AZ
- † Alvina Allen, Great Falls, MT
- † Peter Lincoln, Phoenix, AZ
- † Marjorie Butler- Tucson, AZ
- † Sister Laura Fucita, OP, Lodge Pole, MT
- † Father of Reverend David
- † Clara Kozlowski, Chippewa/Ojibway, Grand Portage, MN
- † Alex Clingman, Muskegan, MI
- † Cory Lazure
- † Percy Francis- Husband of Shirley, Brother of William Francis- Cornwall Island, ON
- † All of our faithful Departed

November

National Native American Heritage Month

Remembering our Deceased

1. All Saints Day
2. All Souls' Day
9. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
11. Veterans Day
21. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22. St. Cecilia—for our dedicated musicians
22. Thanksgiving Day

24. St. Andrew

25. Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

December

2. 1st Sunday of Advent
8. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9. St. Juan Diego
9. 2nd Sunday of Advent
12. Our Lady of Guadalupe
16. 3th Sunday of Advent
25. The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
30. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January

1. Mary, Mother of God—New Year's Day
6. Epiphany of the Lord
13. Baptism of the Lord
20. 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
27. 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Blessing to all for good health, peace, and hope in the new year.

Saint Kateri Celebrations Around The World

October 28: St. Francis Xavier Church in Burbank, CA

Diocese of San Bernardino, CA

November 3 : 10:00 AM Blessed Kateri Parish in
Beaumont

November 11: Soboba Reservation

November 18: Pechnaga Reservation

November 24: 10:00 AM Diocesan Celebration—Our
Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in San Bernardino

November 3: Archdiocese of Santa Fe at Sandia Pueblo, NM

October 21: St. Augustine's Winnebago, NE

Diocese of Tucson, AZ: Blessed Kateri Parish

Diocese of Milwaukee, WI

Montreal Canada Nov,4 St Joseph's Oratory

Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY: November 18

October 21, 2012 Rome, Italy

Canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Numerous other celebrations in various locations across the country

Kateri Circles Registered for 2012

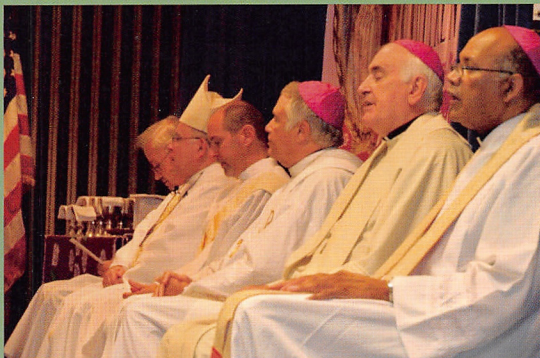
Aurora Lights Kateri Circle	Anchorage	AK	Hays/Lodge Pole Blessed Kateri Circle	Hays	MT
Interior Star Kateri Circle	Fairbanks	AK	Raleigh Area Kateri Circle	Garner	NC
Our Lady of Snow Kateri Circle	Anchorage	AK	St Augustine's Mission Kateri Circle	Winnebago	NE
Ninety-First Kateri Circle	Adamsville	AL	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Circle	Ohkay Owingeh	NM
Akimel O'Otham Kateri Circle	Sacaton	AZ	Ch'oosghai Kateri Circle	Tohatchi	NM
Immaculate Heart of Mary Kateri Circle	Page	AZ	Laguna Kateri Circle	Paquate	NM
Lukachukai Kateri Circle	Lukachukai	AZ	Queen of Angels Kateri Circle	Albuquerque	NM
Phoenix Kateri Circle Association	Phoenix	AZ	Sandia Pueblo Kateri Circle	Bernalillo	NM
Shundiin Kateri Circle	Ganado	AZ	tsix nuuzi nii tii-Cross Bearer Kateri Circle	Mescalero	NM
St Lucy Kateri Circle	Gila Bend	AZ	Walatowa Kateri Circle	Albuquerque	NM
St Michaels Kateri Circle	St. Michael's	AZ	Akwesasne Kateri Prayer Circle	Akwesasne	NY
Tohono O'odham Kateri Tekakwitha Circle	Tucson	AZ	St Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St Lucy	Syracuse	NY
Tse Ho Tso Kateri Circle	Ft Defiance	AZ	St Regis Kateri Circle	Hogansburg	NY
Central California Kateri Circle	Fresno	CA	Pawnee Kateri Circle	Pawnee	OK
City of the Angels Kateri Circle	Los Angeles	CA	St Brigid's Kateri Circle	Tahlequah	OK
Native Americans By The Sea Kateri Circle	Redondo Beach	CA	City of Roses Kateri Circle	Gresham	OR
St Joseph's Mission Church Kateri Circle	San Jacinto	CA	Kateri Friendship Circle	Pendleton	OR
Kateri Catholic Community Kateri Circle	Centennial	CO	Nittany Kateri Circle	Aaronsburg	PA
Caring for Mother Earth Kateri Circle	Dunnellon	FL	Warrior Creek Kateri Circle	Greenville	SC
Many Nations Kateri Circle	Tampa	FL	Cheyenne River Kateri Circle	Eagle Butte	SD
Lily of the Mohawks Kateri Circle NE Iowa	Peosta	IA	Kateri Club	Marty	SD
Nez Perce Kateri Circle	Lapwai	ID	Our Lady of Lourdes Kateri Circle	Porcupine	SD
Miami Lilies Kateri Circle	Ft Wayne	IN	Our Lady of the Sioux Kateri Circle	Oglala	SD
Holy Family Kateri Circle	Dulac	LA	St Joseph & St Mary Kateri Circle	Fort Thompson	SD
St Charles the Roch Kateri Circle	Montegut	LA	St Thomas Parish Kateri Circle	Mission	SD
Eagletown Kateri Circle	Suttons Bay	MI	Wanahcha Ska Win Kateri Circle	Pine Ridge	SD
Marquette Tekakwitha Circle	Marquette	MI	Circle of the River	Memphis	TN
Our Lady of the Rapids Kateri Circle	Sault Ste Marie	MI	Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Kateri Circle	El Paso	TX
Holy Family Kateri Circle	Cloquet	MN	Fort Duchesne Kateri Circle	Fort Duchesene	UT
White Earth Area Kateri Circle	White Earth	MN	Emerald City Kateri Circle	Tacoma	WA
			Holy Eagle Feather Kateri Circle	Tacoma	WA
			Kateri Circle Yakima Reservation	Wapato	WA
			Tacoma Kateri Circle	Tacoma	WA
			St Francis Solanus Tekakwitha Circle	Stone Lake	WI

Conference 2012 Highlights

Keynote Speakers



Liturgies



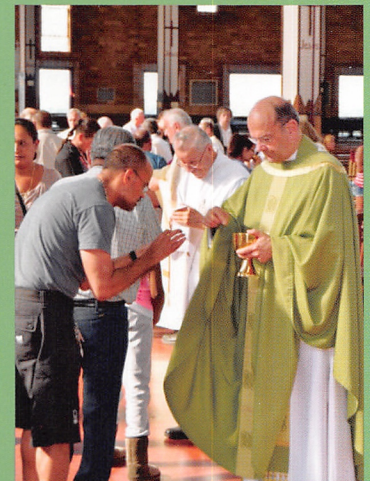
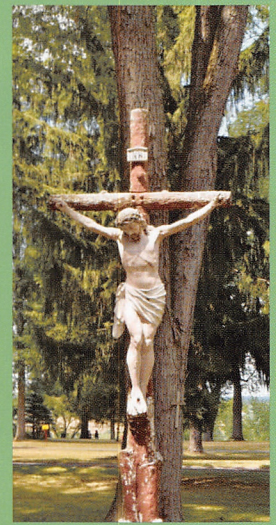
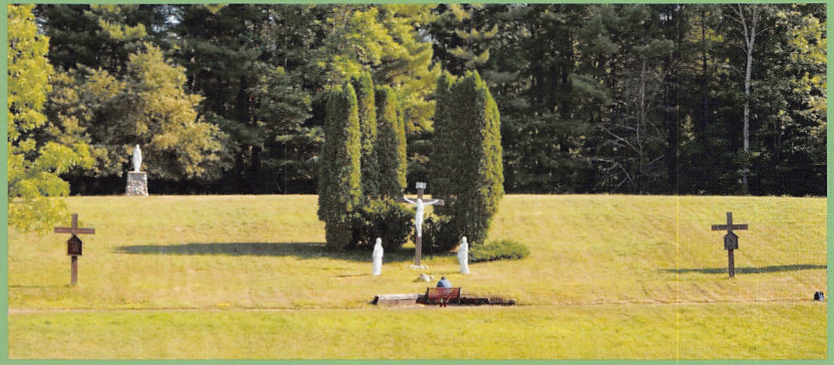
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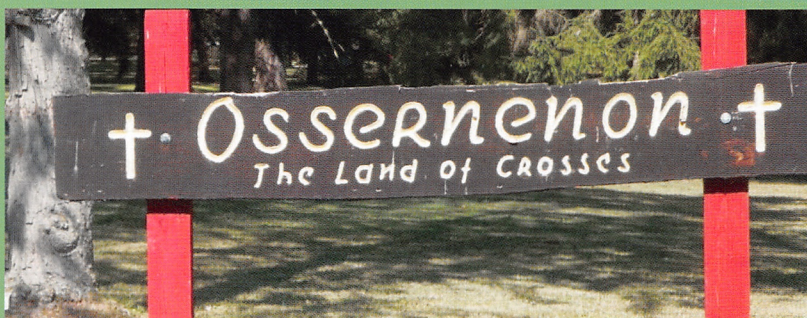
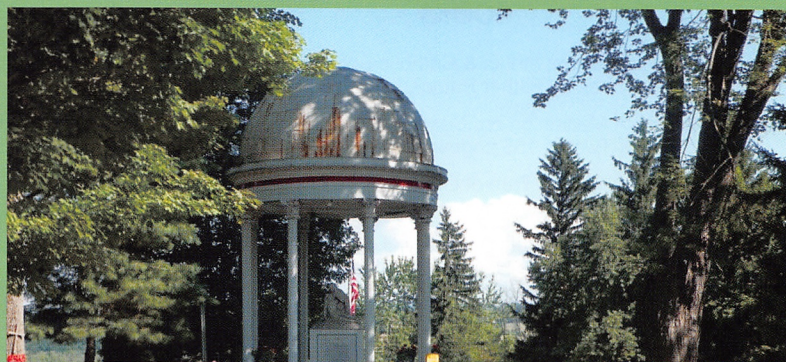
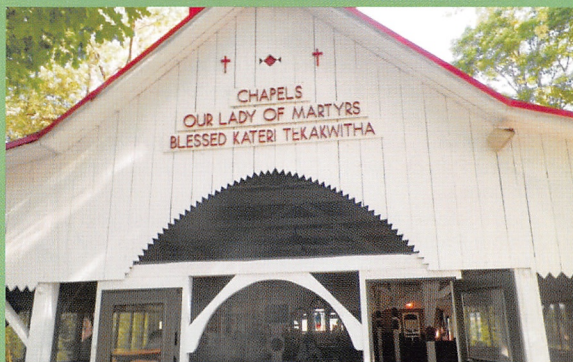
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