



2013 Calendar of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Over 80,000 pilgrims came to Rome for the celebration by Pope Benedict XVI of the elevation of holy men and women on their path to Sainthood.

(Photos by Anne M. Scheuerman)



Of interest to the 2,000 Native Americans from the U.S. and Canada, was one of their own culture who would be elevated to Sainthood -Kateri Tekakwitha.



Sr. Kateri Mitchell, Director of the National Tekakwitha Conference, carried the relic of Kateri. She wore a ribbon dress of purple and white colors.



During the Mass, the Holy Father declared Kateri Tekakwitha to be among the Saints. She was declared
SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA.



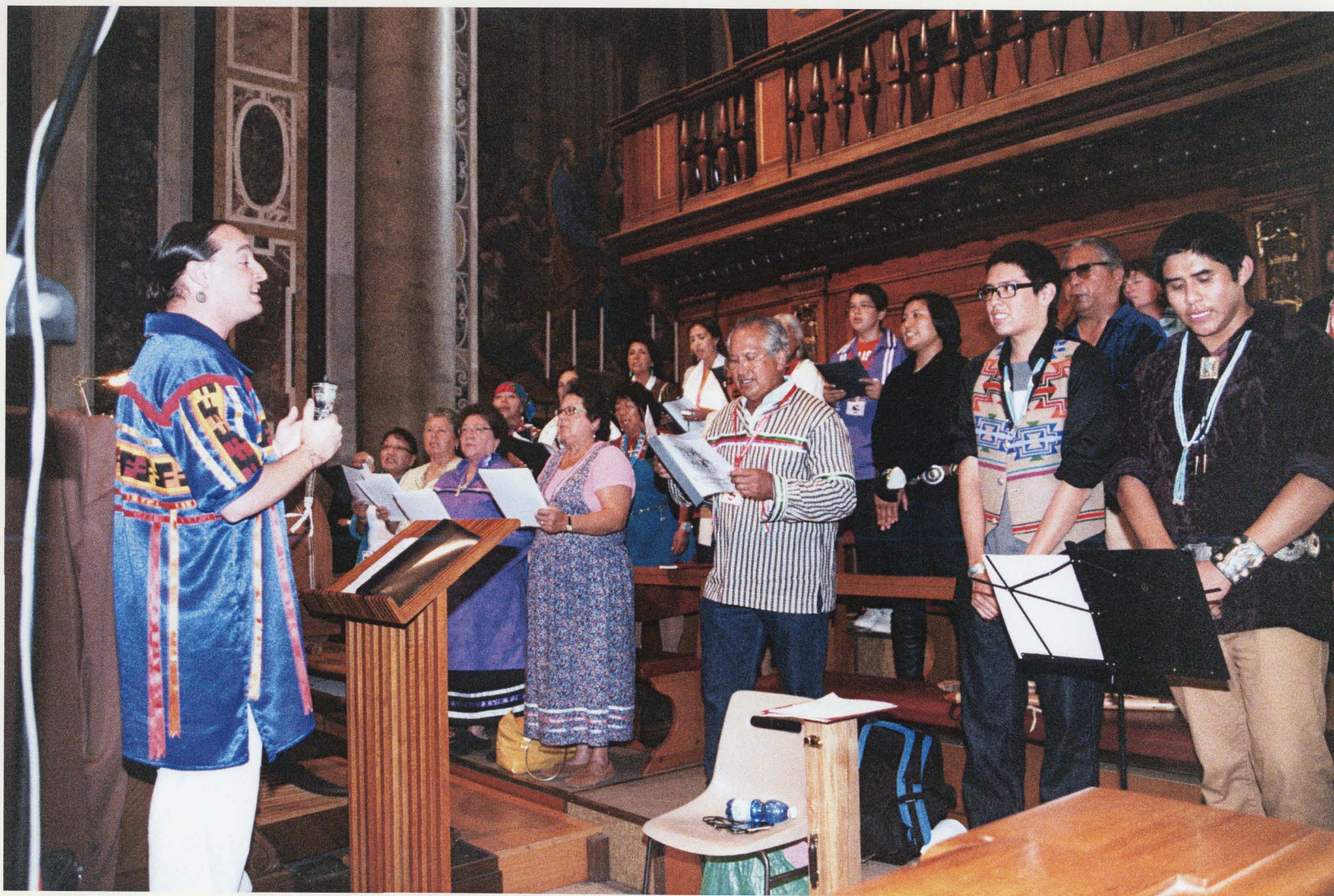
The MIRACLE accepted by the Vatican to elevate Kateri to Sainthood was the healing of Jake Finkbonner (kneeling) of a serious bacterium disease.



Having completed Holy Mass, Pope Benedict XVI walked to his popemobile in order to mingle with the pilgrims.



From his popemobile, the Holy Father blessed the people in attendance.



On October 22, 2012 in the apse of St. Peter's Basilica, the Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated. A jubilant Native American choir provided the music.



Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, PA celebrated the Mass. Many priests devoted to Kateri from the U.S. and Canada were Concelebrants.



The North American College in Rome, which educates young seminarians, graciously hosted a Reception for friends of Kateri.



At the end of the Vatican celebrations, the Native Americans were deeply grateful that one of their own, after many, many years was elevated to Sainthood.



Native Americans will remember October 21, 2012
when Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed
"SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA".