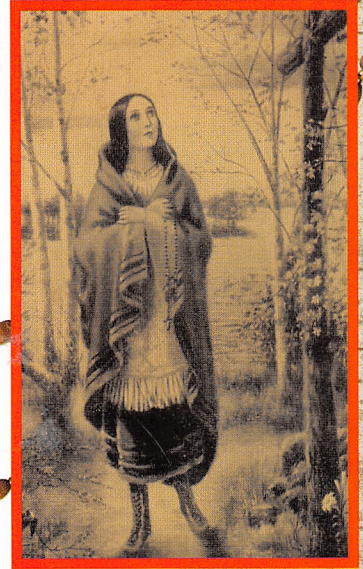
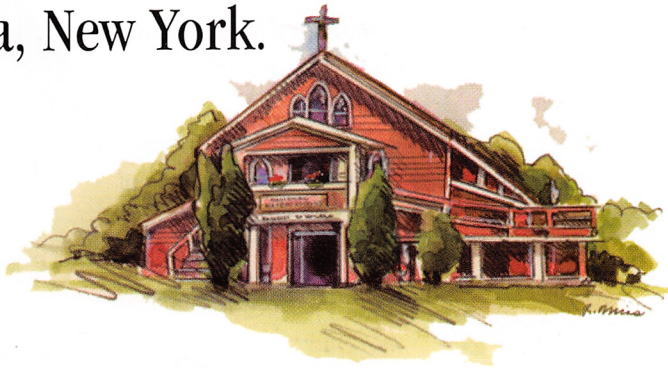


The Pathway to Sainthood for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha...

...starts here at the National Shrine
of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha,
Fonda, New York.



**MAJOR
IMPROVEMENTS
ARE NEEDED AT THE
KATERI SHRINE.**

*God has given you
many gifts in your
lifetime—will you
give GOD just one
gift back now in the
name of Blessed
Tekakwitha soon to
be the first Native
American Saint in
the United States.
Will you help God's
work with your gift
of love.*

MESSAGE FROM THE SHRINE DIRECTOR

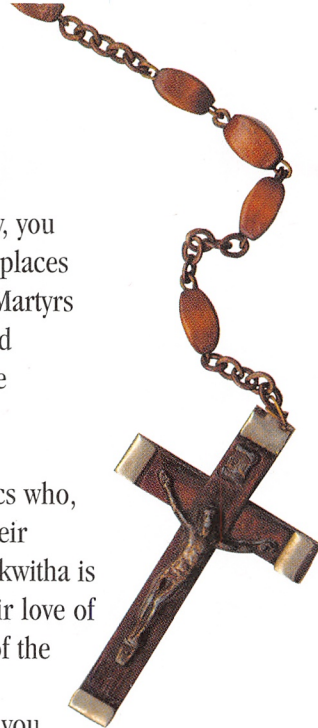
If you travel through the beautiful and historic Mohawk Valley, you will not find more spiritually uplifting and historically significant places to visit than the shrines where Kateri lived. The North American Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, the site of Kateri's birth, is a spectacular and heroic monument to her importance. The little Kateri Shrine here in Fonda (Caughnawaga) is a simple tribute to the site of her conversion and baptism.

The Fonda Shrine is also a tribute to Native American Catholics who, even today, as in the days of Kateri, struggle heroically to keep their Catholic faith and traditional practices. The Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha is a place where Native American Catholics come and celebrate their love of Jesus and Kateri and celebrate in the ancient style and tradition of the Haudenosonne (Iroquois people).

I hope you will listen to Joey Caruso's appeal as he speaks to you about the various ways in which you can help to promote the cause of Kateri and her shrine, which we call "Kateri's home." Thank you , Joey.

Father Kevin Kenny, O.F.M. Conv

Shrine Director



BLESSED KATERI CHAPEL

PRAYER
for the Conversion of
CATHERINE TEKAKWA
"Lily of the Mohawks"

Almighty God who hast
illuminated the world by
examples of extraordinary
every station of life and hast
Thy servant Catherine Tekakwitha - a
model of purity and steadfastness in the
faith notwithstanding opposition and
trials, if it please Thy Divine goodness
that Thy servant be glorified on earth as
we believe him to be glorified in heaven -
deign we beseech Thee to manifest Thy
power by heavenly favors through her
intercession, especially the favor I now
humbly ask: (Pause) Through the
merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ Thy
Son, unite with Thee and the Holy Ghost
truth and respect world without end.
Amen.

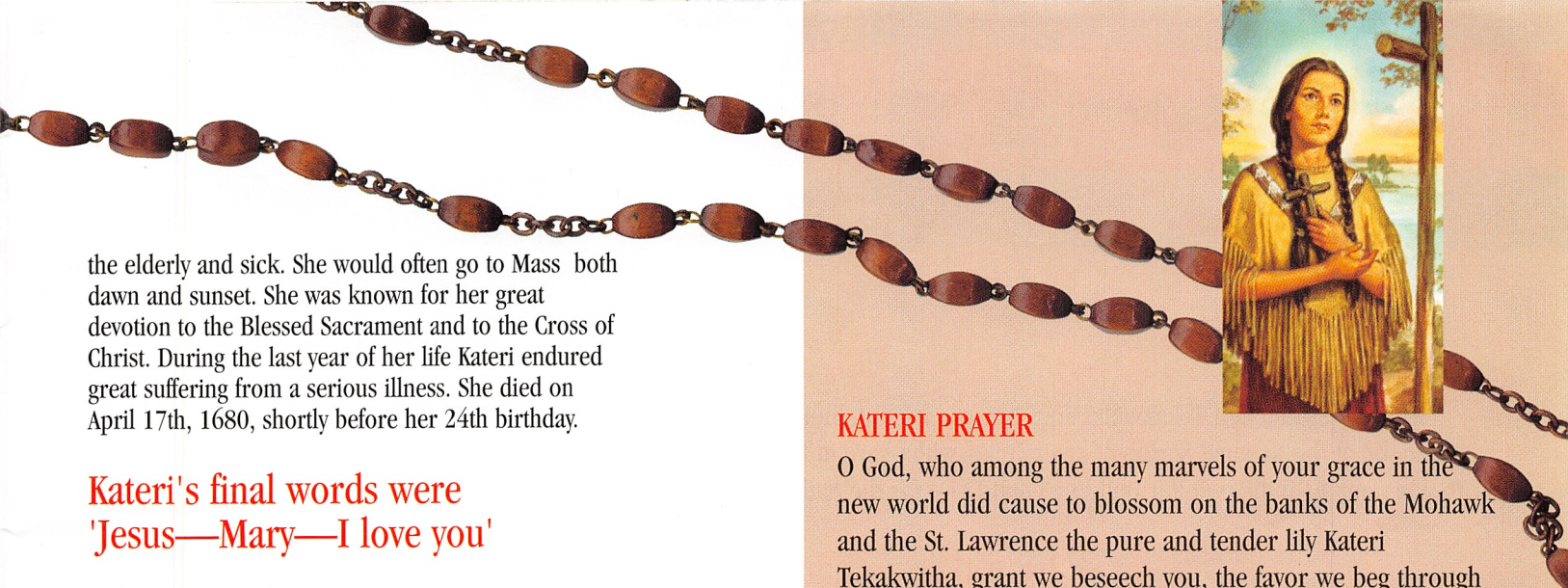


The Pathway to Sainthood for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

MESSAGE FROM JOEY CARUSO



Kateri Tekakwitha was a young Mohawk woman who lived in the 17th century. The story of her conversion to Christianity, her courage in the face of suffering and her extraordinary holiness is an inspiration to all Christians. Follow us as we share with you the life of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, who soon will become the first Native American Saint in the United States of America. Many private miracles have already centered around Blessed Kateri, known as the Lily of the Mohawks and the holy grounds at the National Shrine of Blessed Tekakwitha located in Fonda, New York. The Shrine was founded in honor of Kateri, for it was here that she was baptized on Easter Sunday April 5, 1676, and lived her teenage years. Kateri was born in 1656 here in upstate New York. Her father was a chief of the Mohawks. When she was only 4 years old her parents and brother died of smallpox. Kateri survived the disease, but it left her face badly scarred and her eyesight impaired. Because of her poor vision Kateri was named “Tekakwitha”, which means “she who bumps into things”. Kateri was taken in by her uncle who was bitterly opposed to Christianity. When she was 8 years old Kateri's foster family in accordance with Iroquois custom paired her with a young boy whom they expected she would marry. However, Kateri wanted to dedicate her life to God. Her uncle distrusted the settlers because of the way they treated the Indians and who were responsible for introducing smallpox and other deadly diseases into the Indian community. When Kateri was 18 years of age, she began instructions in the Catholic Faith in secret. Her uncle finally relented and gave his consent for Kateri to become a Christian, provided that she did not try to leave the Indian village. For joining the Catholic Church, Kateri was ridiculed and scorned by the villagers. She was subjected to unfair accusations and her life was threatened. Nearly two years after her baptism at the Kateri Shrine in Fonda she escaped to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, a settlement of Christian Indians in Canada. On Christmas Day 1677 Kateri made her first holy communion and on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1679 made a vow of perpetual virginity. She also offered herself to the Blessed Mother Mary to accept her as a daughter. During her time in Canada Kateri taught prayers to children and worked with



the elderly and sick. She would often go to Mass both dawn and sunset. She was known for her great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Cross of Christ. During the last year of her life Kateri endured great suffering from a serious illness. She died on April 17th, 1680, shortly before her 24th birthday.

Kateri's final words were 'Jesus—Mary—I love you'

Witnesses reported that within a few minutes of her death the pock marks from smallpox completely vanished and her face shone with radiant loveliness. Before her death Kateri promised her friends that she would continue to love and pray for them in heaven. Both Native Americans and settlers began praying at the Shrine here in Fonda. Several people, including a priest who attended Kateri during her last illness, reported that Kateri appeared to them and many healing miracles were attributed to her intercession. Fifty years after Kateri's death the first convent for Indian nuns was established in Mexico and they pray daily for Sainthood for Blessed Kateri.



KATERI PRAYER

O God, who among the many marvels of your grace in the new world did cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and the St. Lawrence the pure and tender lily Kateri Tekakwitha, grant we beseech you, the favor we beg through her intercession, that this young lover of Jesus and of his cross may soon be counted among her Saints by the Holy Mother church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur: Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, DD

Bishop of Albany New York

Prayer from the National Kateri Shrine in Fonda, New York (Caughnawaga)

\$1 Million Dollar Building Fund



When Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha does become a Saint, thousands of visitors will follow the pathway to Sainthood at the National Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha here in Fonda, New York.

To meet our \$1 million dollar Building Fund Drive for the National Shrine it will take the following:

20,000 people at \$50.00
10,000 people at \$100.00
5,000 people at \$200.00
2,000 people at \$500.00
1,000 people at \$1,000.00

Due to the fact that the Shrine does not have a regular parish community our only means of support is our visitors and friends of the Kateri Shrine. Our mailing list of donors is only 2,000 people so it will take another Blessed Kateri miracle to make our \$1 Million Dollar Building Fund Drive.

God has given you and me many gifts, we are asking you to give back for God's work at the Kateri Shrine.

Kateri's last words were— 'Jesus—Mary—I Love You!'

Kateri is a role model for youth around the world to honor and respect. It's time to preserve and to promote the very best keep secret in the Catholic Christian Faith—Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

**Come follow The Pathway to Sainthood
in the name of Jesus and the Blessed Mother
and in the name of Blessed Kateri.
Our gift of Love is needed now!**



The needs of the Kateri Shrine.

1. Replacing three roofs

- St. Peter's Chapel
- The Franciscan Friary
- Kateri Gift Shop

2. New back stairways to St. Peter's Chapel

3. Four new guest cabins in Longhouse style.

4. New sound systems for the shrine grounds.

5. New Visitors Center

6. New exhibit building that will be built next to St. Peter's Chapel, to create a walk through exhibit on Kateri and Native American spirituality and Franciscan values, and will be open year round.

7. Major work around the Kateri spring.

8. Major repairs to the Kateri Grotto including a new fountain on the level of the Caughnawaga village site for disabled pilgrims.

9. Native American nature paths on the Shrine grounds.

10. Major paving work at all locations of the Shrine

11. Snack bar & restaurant in the log cabin style to service visitors.

12. New perpetual memorial candle chapel.



The needs at the National Kateri Shrine are real. In 2002 thousands of youths from across the world have made plans for a Kateri pilgrimage as they journey to Canada for World Youth Days with Pope John Paul II. How fitting that young children will be visiting and praying to this young Native American girl named Blessed Kateri. In 1980 Pope John Paul said, "May we be inspired and encouraged by the life of Blessed Kateri, to look upon her as a role model of purity and love."

Over these 21 years Blessed Kateri has granted many favors to those who have prayed to her. The sick have been cured, sinners converted and private miracles granted. Could Sainthood be now only months away? We have to be ready. Join us on the Pathway to Sainthood today. As we await the final days of Sainthood for Kateri Tekakwitha the Conventual Franciscans invite you to make a "Blessed Kateri Pilgrimage".



Visit:

- St. Peter's Mohawk Style Chapel.
- Kateri Spring and New Fountain.

The holy spring water of Kateri, known to many as the miracle spring.

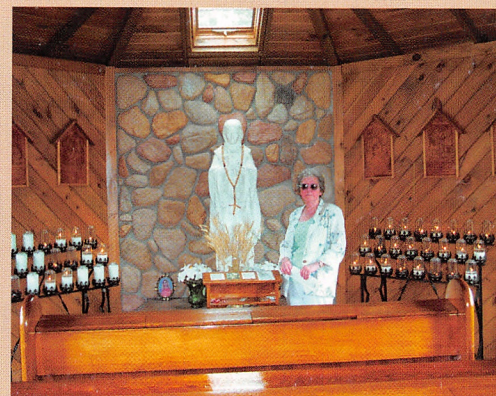
- The Kateri grotto located at the base of the Kateri ravine.
- Caughnawaga Indian Village.

The only completely excavated Iroquois Indian village in the United States.

- The Native American Exhibit.

Artifacts from Caughnawaga Castle Village and New York State and the Americas.

- Native American Peace Grove.
- Stations of the Cross.
- View from the hill of the Saints.
- Participate in the Sacraments.
- Devote private time for meditation and prayer.



BLESSED KATERI NAMING OPPORTUNITIES



*The Very Reverend
Canice Conners
OFM Conv*

1. BLESSED KATERI TREE & CROSS WITH LIFETIME PLAQUE—\$1,000

You even pick your own Kateri Tree anywhere on these holy grounds as a wonderful family event for your children or grandchildren. If you want, the Franciscans Fathers will pick your Kateri Tree for you.

2. BLESSED KATERI'S OPEN CHAPEL IN HONOR OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE COLUMN PLAQUES—\$2,500

Only 18 Kateri columns in the open chapel—total of 72 side columns all life time plaques.

3. PERPETUAL CANDLE CHAPEL-FATHER JAMES PLAVCAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL—\$5,000

Electric candle will burn perpetually for \$5,000 or \$250 for a year.

4. BLESSED KATERI'S GROTTO LIFETIME PLAQUES—\$10,000

The spring waters located at the grotto have been the scene of many private miracles which have been granted.

5. BLESSED KATERI'S ST. PETER'S CHAPEL FRONT DOOR PLAQUES—\$25,000

One of the oldest chapel's in the United States has space for only 4 front door lifetime plaques.





NATIVE AMERICAN PEACE GROVE

*SPEAK EVIL OF NO ONE. IF YOU CAN SAY NO
GOOD OF A PERSON, THEN BE SILENT.*

*LET NOT YOUR TONGUES BETRAY YOU INTO
EVIL. FOR THESE ARE WORDS OF OUR CREATOR.
LET ALL STRIVE TO CULTIVATE FRIENDSHIP
WITH THOSE WHO SURROUND THEM.*

• HANDSOME LAKE - IROQUOIS PROPHET •

SPRING WATERS AT THE BLESSED KATERI GROTTO



6. KATERI VISITOR CENTER ROOM LIFETIME PLAQUE—\$50,000

Soon to be constructed at the entrance to the National Shrine of Blessed Kateri, the projected cost is \$100,000. The Visitor Center will be used by Native Americans and visiting guests as they plan their day at the Shrine. Each room will be named after the donor with a lifetime plaque.

7. BLESSED KATERI LONGHOUSES—\$100,000

The houses will be placed around the Shrine grounds for multi-use during the Shrine season as weekend retreats for youths and families. The longhouses will also be used for church groups and educational retreats. Each longhouse will be named after you, your family, a living memorial for a loved one, your favorite saint, church group, parish community, family business or civic group.

8. BECOME A KATERI LILY AT \$1.00 A DAY FOR 365 DAYS.

Blessed Kateri is known as the Lily of the Mohawks. A lily bulb will be planted in your name on these grounds at the Kateri Shrine. This is a wonderful way for your children or grandchildren to have a family day at the shrine. If you are unable to come to the Shrine for planting the Kateri lily, the priests and brothers at the Shrine will be happy to plant the Kateri bulb for you. Also, during the Shrine season in early Spring, Summer, and late Fall, a number of Native Americans may be on hand for pictures during the Kateri bulb planting. Information will be sent to you after your donation is received.

If you wish to make special payment plans, just call the Shrine. You may also want to make special arrangements to tour the Shrine and see your memorial plaque. Our E-mail address is kateri_s@yahoo.com. Our web page is at klink.net-kkenny



Yes,

Joey and the Franciscans Fathers at the National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, I want to help you raise the \$1Million Dollars needed for the reconstruction of the National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Fonda, New York.

Please accept my 'Gift of Love' and donation along with my personal intentions and in memory of the following loved ones:

Names _____

Please have the Franciscans Fathers at the Kateri Shrine remember my personal intentions.

Please accept my 'Gift of Love' for:

☐ Kateri's Lily \$365.00

☐ \$50.00

☐ \$100.00

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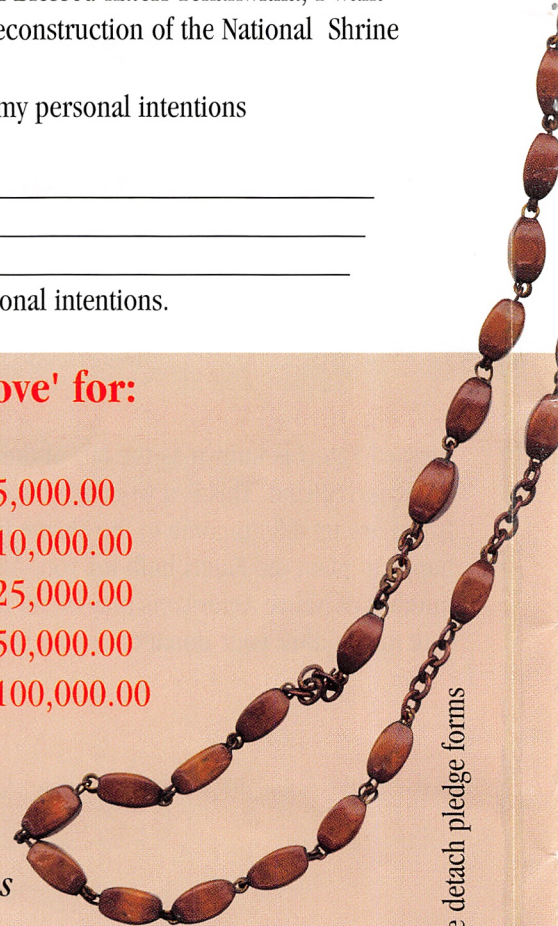
☐ \$25,000.00

☐ \$50,000.00

☐ \$100,000.00

Please see naming opportunities

Please detach pledge forms



Please make your check payable to:

Kateri Shrine

and mail your check
and detach the pledge forms and
return in envelope to:

Kateri Shrine

P.O. Box 627

Fonda, New York 12068



Franciscans Fathers please remember my special
intentions in your Thanksgiving Mass.

Please remember my special intentions of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forgiveness | <input type="checkbox"/> Priests/Religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Remission of Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being Alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Accepting Age |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased Loved Ones | _____ |

As we close please be assured that the Franciscan priest and brothers are remembering you in their daily Masses and prayers. May Jesus along with the Blessed Mother and Blessed Kateri bless you and your family with good health, happiness and peace.

Make plans to visit the National Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha and see for yourself
why the Pathway to Sainthood for the Blessed Kateri starts here.

Directions to the National Shrine of Kateri:

New York State Thruway Exit 28, Fonda-Fultonville

Follow signs to Rte 5 west. Continue 1/4 mile west of Fonda.

Bus tours welcomed.

Private tours are available upon request. You will find maps and information about the 200 acre Shrine at the new Visitors' Center.

Motels, hotels, and dining facilities are only minutes from the Kateri Shrine.

The Kateri Guest House can be reserved and used as a small family retreat house while visiting the Shrine. There is daily Mass with private confessions one half hour prior to Mass. The Kateri Gift Center is open daily from 10 AM to 4 PM and the Kateri Candle Chapel is always open.

E-mail address: kateri_s@yahoo.com

National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Fonda, New York. 12068

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