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Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa

Summer 2014 - Quarterly Newsletter



Congratulations to all the graduates of the 2014 Aboriginal Pastoral Leadership Formation Program!

[Participants Feedback](#)

"The session was very helpful for me and giving ideas and sharing with one another." - Participant

"I will affirm that there is much to be done in my faith community. People need to help in many ways." - Participant

"I enjoy the sharing from the diverse group who come from many parts of Canada." - Participant

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Aboriginal Pastoral Leadership Formation Program

Participants from across Canada travelled to Ottawa to participate in the 3rd Annual Aboriginal Pastoral Leadership Formation Program held the week of May 25th. The Program is designed to prepare Aboriginal lay leaders for Ministry in their own communities. This year, participants were able to experience spirituality through a one-day retreat called "Embracing Our Spiritual Paths" lead by Flavie Beaudet of the Centre for Pastoral Formation and Spirituality at [Saint Paul University](#). As well, a second session was added in Religious Education. The Religious Education session helped to expand participant knowledge of religious



16th Annual Healing & Reconciliation Conference (Pembroke)

(May 19) For many years, the healing conferences attract many individuals far and wide, seeking worship, healing and faith based community. The weekends are filled with love of god, each other and community.



Keynote Speaker, Lisa Raven, speaks at the Healing & Reconciliation Conference

This year, the Conference featured many guest speakers, including Lisa Raven, Trainer at [Returning to Spirit](#), Dr. John Kelly speaking on Christianity and Culture and Deborah Williams, Ojibway, gave us an insight into addictions. As well, the Youth gathered for a sharing circle on Saturday evening and performed a travelling song for the participants on Sunday. The youth were also gifted with beautiful handmade Native rosary pouches handmade by the Elders at the Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa.



communities.

Thank you to all our benefactors, volunteers, professors, guest speakers and many others that have helped to make the program a great success! Miigwetch!



A gift presented to the Aboriginal Pastoral Leadership Formation Program by Deacon Frank Martel.



Elder's Forum

(April 22, 2014) Community Elders gathered for an Elder's Forum organized by the Kateri Native Ministry on April 22, 2014. There were 9 elder's in attendance from a variety of backgrounds including Cree, Ojibway, Scottish and Algonquin. The purpose of the Forums is ensure that Elder's have a safe place to share, teach, heal and bring forth ideas and concerns that affect them. Some of the Elder's shared personal experiences with being a Native Christian and some shared ideas on healing. Overall, it was a great experience and a lot of brainstorming that was shared will help guide Kateri's



Handmade rosary pouches created by the Elders at Kateri and presented to the Youth in Pembroke.

The Healing & Reconciliation Conference is an annual event held on May long weekend every year. We welcome your feedback, thoughts and suggestions. Please contact us the Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa.



The youth perform the Traveling Song in the Chapel at the Marguerite Centre.

Message from the Executive Director

Aanii, greetings, hope you all are enjoying the summer months, and I hope you are taking a break from the hustle and bustle of your normal routine.

Great things are happening, and I encourage you to visit our website www.katerinativeministry.ca and Facebook to keep yourself informed of the programs that the Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa is offering and reports of past events.

As you can see, we have come a long way since our beginnings in 1998.

We give praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessing of many volunteers and sponsors who build us up and encourage us to continue moving forward bringing Healing &

Miigwetch to the Elder's that have participated. The next Elder's Forum is scheduled for the Fall of 2014.

M'No Bimaadiziwin "Living in a Good Way"

Denise Anne Boissoneau, Ojibway heritage

I am honoured to submit a witness statement based on Anishinaabe guiding principles: wisdom, truth, love, respect, humility and bravery. A subject expert facilitated an Aboriginal process and ensured relevant information on specific topics such as bereavement, shame, relationships and boundaries. The Lead person generated a dialogue on preserving the sacredness while respecting human being and contributions to the circle. Everyone offered blessings, life lessons and shared experiences and storytelling.

The Kateri Tekakwitha Native Ministry of Ottawa offered the Journey to Wholeness Workshops held from the Fall 2013 to Spring 2014. The uniqueness of this program was participant willingness to learn from each other; educating on post-residential school experiences; addictions and trauma. Each workshop inspired insight for positive changes and reflection relating to a personal faith. These courageous steps were a testament to human dignity. Spirituality interconnected these dialogues fostering a healthy community.

Another collective role was towards healing and reconciliation. Reclaiming cultural values were of a concern to a generation of people speaking their truth. Enriching each other by role-modelling healthy behaviours in a traditional way was necessary for intergenerational Aboriginal people. The educational workshops offered gathering; singing and drumming to inspire another by original teachings.

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1 Peter 5: 7.....Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.

John Corston
 Founder & Executive Director
 Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa



Native Mass Times

Sept 7, Oct 5 & Nov 2

Mass is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month at 11:00 a.m. at Suite 310 of the Bronson Centre located at 211 Bronson Ave. Officiating is Jesuit Fr. Hasina, a doctoral candidate at St Paul University and native of Madagascar.

Sunday Mass Collections

April 6th: \$127
 April 13th: \$86.80
 April 20th: \$186.25
 May 4th: \$151.25
 June 1st: \$220.25

“The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundredfold.”

Matthew 13:23

Announcements

Kateri Native Ministry held its' Annual AGM on June 1st. If there is anyone that would like a copy of the meeting minutes please contact Angela at Kateri at 613-565-4180.

Community support is needed; respecting cultural beliefs individually, for the family and collectively contributing to the Christian values. Every participant attending the Aboriginal circle may have a spiritual experience honouring their own sacred space and practice. The workshop provided an encouragement to learn about emotional loss related to a cultural gap. Some selected topics reconciling positive role-modelling: Sister, Brother, Aunt and Uncle. Everyone contribution was a compassion of the heart.

Lastly, an Anishinaabe story was shared with the group by one of the workshop participants. This cultural teaching was a traditional dress. Her integrity was a healing journey speaking feminine wisdom and truth. She had smiled eloquently on everyone. Hers lived experiences within a woman's life. Being in the circle, she had opened her heart, listening without judgment, expressing feelings, thoughts and emotions. This dress symbolized Aboriginal healing in a communal and sacred space.

Upcoming Events



Aug 16: [Journey to Wholeness. Healing Through Native Crafts](#), Location: Naatagamaa, Time: 10am to 3pm (Lunch provided)

Aug 23: [Family Gathering](#): Kateri family & friends please join us for food, fun and Family! We will be having a BBQ, karaoke and good laughs. Location: Naatagamaa, Time: 10am to 3pm (Lunch provided)

Welcome to our New Board Member

We are very happy to announce and welcome Debra Williams to the Kateri Native Ministry [Board of Directors](#). Debra is of the Ojibwa Nation and has been working in the helping profession for twenty years. She will serve as Board Member for the 2014-2015 Board Year.

We welcome you Debra, to the Kateri Native Ministry Leadership.



Happy 70th Birthday to Jean!



Happy 41st Birthday to Scott Carson!



Happy 43rd Wedding Anniversary to Nick & Helen Wheesk!

Office (Pot luck Lunch)

Sept 20: [Journey to Wholeness: Residential Schools](#) (All Day event), Location: Naategamaa, This event is for those affected by Residential Schools and are looking for healing. (More information to come)

Oct 4: [Kateri Youth Day](#) at Camp Naategamaa (All Day event), Registration is required. (More information will be posted on our website)

Please [contact Kateri](#) for more information or visit www.katerinativeministry.ca



Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa is a registered non-profit organization committed to the healing and reconciliation of all peoples. Please consider [donating](#) to the Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa. Our [programs](#) continue to provide healing and reconciliation initiatives to all peoples throughout Canada. This work would not be possible without the generosity of donors like you. Your support provides programs for residential school survivors, the Ecumenical Church, Catholic First Nations people and the general public. We are committed to walking with the Catholic church, preserving our cultures and providing education through healing and worship. **Every gift makes a difference.**

Thank you for supporting the work and ministry of the Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa.
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Congratulations to John & Virginia for receiving the [Eugene De Mazenod Medal](#) (February 2014)



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[More Information](#)

Often times, we need people like you to help make a difference in the Aboriginal Catholic community. If you are a student that needs community involvement hours or are a community member and are interested in volunteering please [contact us](#).

Some of the help may include; volunteering as reader at our Native mass, helping with liturgy or the music ministry, teepee building, ceremony preparations, building/construction, grounds cleanup, program preparations, table take downs, food preparations, errands, moving boxes, etc. As well, some of our volunteers sit on various committees such as the Youth Ministry, Elders Forum, and Residential Schools. Please call us at: 613.565.4180 or [send us an email](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

YOUR EFFORTS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED



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