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- 1. Our quarterly bulletin, Kateri, published by the Kateri Center, intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Beatification will thereby be hastened.
- 2. It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Beatification.
- 3. It seeks also your donations, for without them practically nothing can be done to make Kateri known and to have the important favors attributed to her intercession examined and approved.

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Each issue of "Kateri" contains:

- 1. One or several pages on Kateri's life and virtues:
- 2. News from Kateri's friends everywhere;
- 3. The account of favors due to her intercession;
- 4. News concerning the Indians of America, with special reference to the Caughnawagas and their friends.

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- 5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's Beatification.

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THE LOUIS ATERIATA ROLL

One of the first Indians to settle down at the mission of St. Francis Xavier with Catherine Ganneaktena and François-Xavier Tonsohaten was Louis Ateriata, an Onondoga. On November 14, 1666 Colonel Henri de Chapelas, Sieur de Salières, returned to France with several Indians, who volunteered for the voyage. Ateriata was one of them. During the year he was baptized. His godfather was no other than Louis XIV, who gave him his Christian name as well as a silver medal carrying his effigy.

During the twenty years of peace that followed. Ateriata lived at the mission. He was present when the foundress Catherine Ganneaktena and Kateri Tekakwitha died. Although there were misunderstandings between him and some missionaries, he was always true to the Christian religion.

In 1690. Louis Ateriata had become one of the most influential chiefs of the mission and, when his friends in Onondaga invited him to be their chief, he turned down their request by inviting them to come to live with him at Caughnawaga as praying Indians.

The following year, he died on the battlefield for the Faith the missionaries had taught him.

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"The idea of launching a Prayer Campaign to hasten Kateri's beatification seems to me truly excellent, and I hope with all my heart that these prayers will obtain for us the miracles that are needed for Kateri's beatification...
...Naturally I shall take part in your Prayer Campaign..."

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For this hundredth and seventh issue of *Kateri*, I appeal to our friends for help in spreading devotion to the Iroquois Maiden by attaining our objective of 10,000 new subscribers to the *Kateri* quarterly. If each subscriber found from three to five new subscriptions, our aim would be achieved. The subscription rates have not changed since 1949, and I do not intend to change them: \$1.00 a year, which, obviously, only covers the addressing and mailing costs.

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EACH NEW MOON



THREE CENTURIES AGO. . .

THIS YEAR, EASTER falls on April 18. Exactly three centuries ago, April 18 was also Easter Sunday. For all the friends of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, this date is important, for it is the tercentenary of her baptism.

In this issue of *Kateri*, you will find the story of Kateri's christening, written by Father Pierre François Xavier de Charlevoix, S.J., in his monumental *History of New France*, first published in 1744. After teaching grammar at Quebec from 1705 to 1709, he was ordained priest in Paris in 1713. Later, so as to research his history of the Canadian colony, he returned to New France and even spent a few weeks at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in 1721.

In 1676, the Iroquois castle of Gandaouagué (Fonda, N. Y.), where Kateri was baptized, stood on the north bank of the Mohawk River. The well from which the water was drawn for her baptism still exists. The Mohawk stronghold faces the Martyrs' Shrine on the south bank of the same river, at

Auriesville, N.Y., where three of the Jesuit Martyrs shed their blood for the Faith and where, ten years later (1656), Kateri was born.

This issue of *Kateri* aims to spotlight this tercentenary and to invite one and all to celebrate Easter joyfully in union with the Lily of the Mohawks, the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

A TIDAL WAVE

How should Kateri's friends celebrate the tercentenary? It seems to me that they should do their utmost so as to hasten her Beatification. In order to do so, there is no better way than prayer.

The Venerable Mother Mary of the Incarnation, a mystical contemporary of Kateri Tekakwitha, wrote from Ouebec to her son in France: "The Eternal Father revealed to a person I know [herself] that if she asked Him something through the Heart of His Son, He would give her anything she wanted." So, through the Heart of Jesus, ask the Eternal Father to grant us Kateri's Beatification. With the same purpose in mind, staunch fidelity to the daily Our Father and Hail Mary, which most of our subscribers have promised in writing, is one of the better means of properly celebrating the tercentenary of Kateri's baptism.

Another means of the same sort consists in finding new friends who are also ready to promise in writing that they, too, shall offer each day a prayer for Kateri's Beatification. Surely, among your relatives and acquaintances, there are at least five or six who, did they know about it, would gladly sign the Kateri pledge. It may take a little doing on your part to approach them; still, it's worth the trouble. For the last eight years, the Kateri Center has obtained a wave of some 12,000 signed pledges. It's up to you to make a tidal wave, a Hawai 5-0 wave of it.

A CALL TO ACTION

Even if prayer is essential, it is not enough. One must set to work under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. Begin by reading a biography of Kateri so as to be able to speak or write about her pertinently;
- 2. Make her known and loved by the little ones, by the older ones, too; by the ill and the healthy; and most of all by anyone suffering in any way;
- 3. Get five new subscriptions to the *Kateri* quarterly. It only costs one dollar a year per subscription, just about the cost of stamps, stencils and mailing (See above p.
- 4. Don't delay in reporting favors, particularly cures obtained through Kateri's intercession. If this had always been done, Kateri would certainly be canonized today:
- 5. For the upkeep of the modest Kateri Center (rent, lighting, water tax, typewriter servicing, paper, etc.), make an offering to Kateri's Cause, if you can afford it.

THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

Easter is the celebration of the birth of Christ the Man to eternal

glory. If our good actions are offered to Him, Christ accepts them, no matter how humble they may be, and joins them to His own to offer them to the Father of Love.

In each issue of *Kateri*, for several years now, I have been urging our readers to participate in one of the many pro-life movements in the country and to offer up the merit of the effort it takes in order to accelerate Kateri's Beatification.

Dilly-dallying is now out of the question. If one considers the situation, it soon becomes apparent that it is not all that difficult.

If someone were to ask me how to proceed, I should answer: "Do you know the name of your federal deputy? (In U.S.A., representative)... You don't? Do some research and, when you find it, please let me know. Then write to him and tell him that you would not approve of the abrogating of the present abortion law. Nowise. Then write the same letter to the Prime Minister whether you like him or not.

Whatever you do in order to prevent what Vatican II calls "a heinous crime," offered to God for the Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, redounds to her glory.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To our American subscribers, whose letters to *Kateri* were returned to them because of the forty-three-day mail strike in Can-

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November 29, 1975

Mr. Frank Sinatra Tamarisk Country Club 70-240 Frank Sinatra Drive Rancho Mirage, California 92270

Dear Mr. Sinatra:

Please find attached information pertaining to the American Atheist Convention to be held at the New York Sheraton on April 9th, 10th, and 11th of 1976.

We would appreciate it very much if you would do a benefit at the above mentioned convention. If this is not possible, then a small donation for the support of this convention would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

Atheist Spokeswoman

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FRANK SINATRA

December 9, 1975

Ms. Madalyn O'Hair Atheist Spokeswoman Society of Separationists Inc. P. O. Box 2117 Austin, Texas 78767

Ms. O'Hair:

I will not attend or perform or contribute to your Atheist Convention to be held at the New York Sheraton on April 9th, 10th, and 11th of 1976, thank God.

Frank Sinatra

ada, and who took the trouble to readdress them and remail them to the Center at double cost, our sincere thanks!

NOVENA TO KATERI

From April 9 to April 18, nine Masses shall be offered for Kateri's Beatification and for all her friends everywhere. Why not join in with the Vice-Postulator by making a novena of prayers or communions for the same intentions?

WPIX, NEW YORK

Thanks to Father Peter J. Madori, producer of the program "Contemporary Cathoic" on Station WPIX for the Office of Communications of the Archdiocese of New York, Iroquois Father Jacobs of St. Regis, P.Q., Mrs. Esther K. Phillips of Caughnawaga, P.Q., and the Vice-Postulator were invited last November for an interview on the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. It was broadcast on the morning of December 1, 1975.

A JOYFUL EASTER TO KATERI'S FRIENDS AND BENE-FACTORS EVERYWHERE!

READ THE STORY OF HER LIFE!

In order to know and love the Lily of the Mohawks, I wish to receive an autographed copy of KATERI TEKAKWITHA, the exciting biography by the Rev. F. X. Weiser, S.J., of Boston College, with a Prefatory Note by John Cardinal Wright.

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INFLATION

Since January 1, 1975, in Montreal and its suffragan dioceses, the former one-dollar Mass stipend is now two (\$2.00) dollars, and the former five-dollar stipend is now seven (\$7.00).

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. N. B.!

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars with sincere thanks for favor asked and received. I promised this when asking Kateri for help in my husband's trouble with his eye. Thinks have worked out well. God bless all!

(Trenton, N. J.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G. T. C.!

Enclosed is a donation of ten dollars that I promised to Kateri's cause for favors again received. In desperation I always turn to our little darling. Thank you Kateri — my husband had a successful operation; my two daughters have kept their positions (state budget troubles) so far, all because Kateri came to our rescue. Now I am asking for prayers for a daughter. She needs help. (Bath, Me.)

* Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. M. V.!

I have prayed to Kateri to hasten her beatification and also promised her ten dollars if my heart condition would improve. This has been about one year. My heart is behaving and I am off my pills. Please thank Kateri for this grace so now I can perform my duty as a principal of C.C.D. Class. (Cleveland, Ohio)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. M. A.!

Enclosed, you will find a check for one hundred and thirty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for more favors received. We wanted to sell our business so that my husband could partly retire and get a much needed rest. He cannot collect old age pension for another five years, so while we weren't asking an unreasonable price, we still needed a substantial amount to keep going till he reaches sixty-five.

We promised Kateri to send at least one hundred for her cause if we sold our business. We sold it in October and we feel it was a fair deal on both sides. We are most thankful to our friend Kateri, as we know that it was through her intercession that everything went so well. My husband has increased the amount to one hundred and twenty five and I am adding an extra ten dollars for two special favors received from my dear friend.

I am starting a novena to Kateri to ask for spiritual favors for my family and vocations for my sons, so please remember us in your prayers. (Winnipeg, Man.)

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W. L. W.!

As a result of daily prayer for a year, to Kateri Tekakwitha, a young woman, victim of alcoholism, has improved to the extent that she has now married, and making a home for her husband.

She is Jewish and does not profess a faith, so I could not get a testimonial from her. But you have mine, and I am still saying the one Hail Mary you asked of us when you were last at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Lomita, Ca.

(Palos Verdes Pen., Ca.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M. Z.!

Enclosed find a check for fifty dollars from my sister Margaret and me. We promised Kateri this offering for a favor received. A friend of ours had a malignant growth on the inside of his lower lip. He had it removed and the report came back that they had removed all of the malignancy. Thanks be to God and also to dear Kateri! While our good friend was in the hospital, they found a spot on his thyroid, and they were going to operate, but after many consultations, they ruled out the operation, and he is now on medication, and he goes for check-ups. They X-rayed his thyroid and it seems the spot is getting smaller. Thank God!

Kateri has helped me, too. I have this problem of dizziness which comes and goes, but I must say it is better than it was this time last year, so Kateri is really helping me and I am grateful for being as well as I am.

My sister Margaret seems to keep well. I know she has days she does not feel up to par, but she never complains... (Silver Spring, Md.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. F. M. R.!

I was just about to write this letter when I received your Christmas card, for which I thank you, and return your good wishes.

Since I last wrote you, I have received many favors, which I attribute to the powerful intercession of our mutual friend and benefactor, little Kateri.

The enclosed check for twenty-five dollars is for the cause of Kateri's beatification and canonization, either directly or indirectly, and/or your personal use.

I have asked Kateri's help on a current project and I hope to have a successful report for you later on.

I wish you and all those connected with Kateri Center, a happy Christmas and New Year. (Renfrew, Ont.)

KATERI'S BAPTISM

By P. F. X. de Charlevoix, S.J.

M EANWHILE Father Jacques de Lamberville arrived at Gandahouhagué, with orders to found a mission there. Tekakwitha then felt her former desires to become a Christian revive; but she was still for some time without mentioning it, either from respect to her uncle, who did not relish our religion, or from simple timidity. At last an opportunity came for avowing her conviction, and she was not wanting. A wound in the foot, which she had received, kept her in the cabin while all the other women were busy harvesting the Indian corn. Father de Lamberville, compelled to suspend his public instructions, which no one would attend, took this time to visit the cabins, and instruct those whom age or infirmity detained there. One day he entered Tekakwitha's cabin.

Unable to dissemble the joy which this visit caused her, she did not hesitate to open her mind to the missionary in the presence of two or three women, who were in company with her, on her design of embracing Christianity. She added that she would have great obstacles to overcome, but that nothing appalled her. The energy with which she spoke, the courage she displayed, a certain modest vet resolute air that lighted up her countenance, at once told the missionary that his new proselyte would not be an ordinary Christian. He accordingly carefully taught her many things, which he did not explain to all preparing for Baptism. God doubtless infuses into hearts, of which He has especially reserved possession, a sort of purely spiritual sympathy, forming even in this life the sacred bond which will unite them hereafter in the abode of glory. Father de Lamberville, whom I knew, was one of the most holy missionaries in New France, where he died, at Sault Saint Louis, spent with toil and austerity, and, if I may use the expression, in the arms of Charity. He often declared that in His first interview with Tekakwitha, he thought he could discern that God had great designs for that virgin; yet he would not exercise any haste in conferring Baptism on her, and he adopted in her case all the precautions that experience has counseled as necessary, to make sure of the Indians, before administering the Sacrament of regeneration.

The whole winter was spent in these trials, and on her side the young catechumen employed this precious time in render-



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ing herself worthy of a grace, the importance of which she fully comprehended. Before granting it to adults, the missionaries take great pains to inquire privately into their conduct and morality. Father de Lamberville asked all who knew Tekakwitha, and was greatly surprised to find that there was not one, even among those who had given her most to suffer, but sounded her praises. This was all the more glorious for her, as Indians are much given to slander, and naturally inclined to put evil interpretation on the most innocent actions. The missionary accordingly no longer hesitated to grant her what she solicited with such earnestness. She was baptized on Easter Sunday, 1676, and received the name of Katharine.

The grace of the sacrament received into a heart which her uprightness and innocence had so well prepared, produced wondrous effects. Whatever idea the missionary had already conceived of the young Iroquois maiden, he was astonished to find in her, immediately after Baptism, not a neophyte needing to be confirmed in the Faith, but a soul filled with the most precious gifts of heaven, and whom he too would have to guide in the most sublime spiritual ways. At the outset her virtue excited the admiration even of those who were least inclined to imitate her; and those on whom she depended, left her free to follow every impulse of her zeal. But this did not last long. The innocence of her life, the precautions which she took to avoid all that could in the least affect it, and especially her extreme reserve as to whatever could in the slightest degree offend purity, appeared to the young men of her village a reproach on the dissolute life they led, and many laid snares for her intending only to dim a virtue which dazzled them.

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Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. R. G.!

Enclosed is a small offering to Kateri for her intercession for me. I prayed to her when my father was in the hospital dying of pneumonia. He was in a critical state and had to have an emergency tracheotomy in order to save his life. A few weeks later he suffered another setback and suffered a cardiac arrest. He was hospitalized for a period of five months. I feel that Kateri helped intercede in my prayers for my dear father. I know that she heard my heart-filled prayers. Today my father is at home and doing well. To me this was a miracle, for he was almost dead.

(Houston, Texas)

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. McC.!

I am now sending five dollars to Kateri this month and five dollars next month which I promised to her. The State was doing away with some positions in Mental Health, and my husband's position was one of the positions in question. Thanks to Kateri, he has his job which we are thankful for. I am happy to report that they are keeping all positions in his department. (Richmond, Va.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Miss A. E. S.!

Enclosed is the amount of my first payroll check. I prayed for a job; I did specify a certain one, but I feel fortunate that I got the one I have. I do still pray that I can get the job that I asked Kateri to help me get. I turn to Kateri many times for her help.

(Austin, Minn.)

ok Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B. R. L.!

Please find check for Kateri's Cause, in thanksgiving for assistance with employment matters. (Bethlehem, N. H.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. V. M.!

In thanksgiving for a favor received from Our Lord through Kateri, a donation of twenty-five dollars is enclosed as promised. My daughter did obtain a teaching position a week before school opened in September.

(Housatonic, Mass.)

Kateri's smile upon yon, Miss M. O'H.!

Enclosed are five dollars, I promised for a favor I received from Kateri. I gave Kateri until Friday to find the check for sixteen dollars that my mother sent in for her automobile sticker for 1977 to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. She sent the check on September 1; one month went by: no word from the Registry. She had the bank call the Registry to see if the check was cashed. They said they thought the check was lost in the mail. She didn't want to loose her number plate. She has had the same number for thirty-three years. So Wednesday morning, the stickers came in the mail. My mother was so happy! I ran to my room and thanked Kateri over and over again. I say a rosary to her every day; she is wonderful. I wish to renew my subscription for another year.

(West Roxbury, Mass.)

* Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. H. G.!

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars. I was coexecutor of an estate that appeared to be very complicated in arriving at a settlement. However, after asking Kateri to intercede, everything seemed to "click" and was settled according to everyone's satisfaction.

God bless you in your endeavors! (Grenville, P. Q.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D. S. C.!

Enclosed, please find another donation to help you in your efforts towards Kateri's cause. Since last April, I have been a believer in Kateri and have prayed to her often for her guidance along the road of life. Today I feel a better person and think I can see my most requested plea coming true. I will continue to pray to Kateri on a daily basis for her help with this very personal plea.

(Malden, Mass.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Miss E. S.!

This letter is long overdue; however, I feel it necessary to give you this information pertaining to Kateri's Cause and how, perhaps, she helped the world combat a dreaded disease called infantile paralysis. Let's go back several years ago — it was at the time of a vast polio epidemic when so many people, especially children, became ill, died. or crippled for life from polio or infantile paralysis. All over the United States many children, with their parents' help and consent, held countless polio carnivals to raise funds to help find a cure for this dreadful sickness. So, I too, decided to have a polio carnival. My little sister and brother helped along with all the neighborhood children. Approximately twenty dollars was given to the local hospital for the polio fund — and a little money to be given to Kateri as not only human scientific knowledge was needed but also spiritual help.

We lived in a predominately Catholic neighborhood. The priest at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier was very much impressed in receiving the donation, in Kateri's behalf, in petitioning her to help find a cure for polio. It was not too long after, I read in the newspaper that a vaccine was found to prevent infantile paralysis. Not only that, but a little later this vaccine was available, free, to everyone. In giving credit where credit is due — could it be that this doctor (unbeknown to him) and Kateri worked hand and mind together? I had this on my mind for a long time and think so. (Fort Wright, Ky.)





The Tekakwitha Memorial Shrine

THE MOHAWK VALLEY



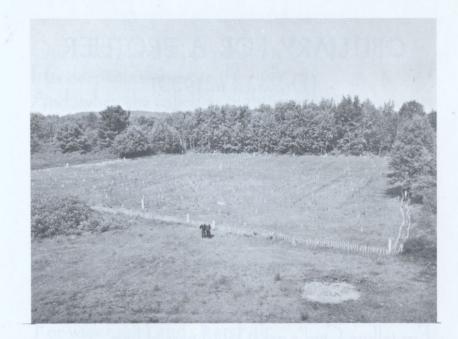
Fr. Thomas Grassman

KATERI TEKAKWITHA was born in the Mohawk Valley at Ossernenon, today Auriesville, N.Y., in 1656. Any of her friends wanting to know more about her times, her people, and the Mohawk Valley could find no better book on the matter than THE MOHAWKS AND THEIR VALLEY by the Rev. Thomas Grassman, O.F.M. Conv., published in 1969.

Fr. Tom was a highly dedicated man. He is the one who founded the Fonda Memorial Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha in 1938. In 1950, with the help of the Van Epps-Hartley Chapter of the New York State Archeological Association, Father Grassman discovered the remains of the Iroquois village where Kateri was baptized in 1676. Fire pits were found as well as arrowheads,

clay pipes, pipe stems, pieces of pottery, and a myriad of other Indian artifacts. Most importantly, the remains of the posts were uncovered in the ground exactly where the Mohawks had placed them when they built the stockade round the village and the long houses inside. Now metal posts mark the exact place where they are, clearly outlining the stockade and the former dwellings of the Indians. For directing this work, Fr. Tom received the Achievement Award of the New York State Archeological Association, which has been given to only six men in its long history.

Fr. Grassman died a year after the publication of his eight-hundred page work on the Mohawk Indians and their valley, for which he received two awards, and which is also considered the definitive work in its field.





Here Kateri was baptized on April 18, 1676, by Father Jacques de Lamberville, S.J.

OBITUARY FOR A BROTHER

(Drowned in 1950) (Found on Kateri's Feast Day, 1951)

It called him all his life from early youth—
The siren song of river, lake and stream.
It echoed something primitive and strong
That was the very essence of his soul.
Its beauty was the canticle of praise
He would have sung himself, had he the gift
For telling God's great lavishness of love
In forming such a paradise for men.

The river was his playground and his friend;
To it he took his sorrows and his joys.
He knew the ways of every living thing
That swam or nested in the river reeds.
He was akin to all the rugged folk
Who from the river took their daily bread;
Like them, he hardly could conceive of life
Lived out of hearing of the river's song.

One voice alone could penetrate
His deep attachment to the river
And, when she called as nighttime fell:
"Come home now, son — the day is done",
He smiled and bent his back and pulled for shore.
And then he'd sit and tell her of his day —
The salmon caught, the boat he planned to build —
The people met and what they said.

A part of him, in spite of later loves,
Still yearned for high adverturous days
In sun and wind and slapping waves,
For wider skies and clearer air
Than he could find on city streets.
It seems to me that on that stormy night
When death surprised him with its call,
He knew no fear of swiftly rushing waves;
He was a boy again and heard the loving call:

"Come in now, son, your days are spent."
With love and faith, he struck out for the shore
To dwell with God in peace forever more.
— Nora Routledge



Father Charles Eberle, S.J., of Falmouth, Trelawney Jamaica, W.I.

KATERI IN JAMAICA

By Charles Eberle, S.J.

IN 1936, I returned to Holy Cross Church in Kingston, Jamaïca, W. I., after spending my last year of studies in Wales with the English Jesuits. Before I returned home I had an opportunity to visit Lisieux, the home of St. Theresa, called the Little Flower. In October, after my return to Holy Cross, having visited Lisieux, I was more than prepared for the novena of the Little Flower for that year.

We had in Jamaïca, however, in those days a good priest named Father James Harney. He had great devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha and sent all of us pastors — only about eight in those days I guess — pictures of Kateri to hang in our rectories. I then had no rectory, but lived in half the divided sacristy of the Church.

One day I remember distinctly I was trying to write my talk for the evening service to St. Theresa, when my eyes fell on the picture of Kateri. I also had a picture of St. Theresa before me on my desk. The similarities and dissimilarities of these two young girls struck me forcibly. Both held crosses, but oh! what a difference! Theresa held a beautiful crucifix

under which she held a bunch of roses; Kateri had a cross of two rough sticks tied together with dried grass or some such thing. Theresa wore her Carmelite habit, Kateri a coarse dress such as Indian maidens of her time would wear. Theresa was brought up so carefully and sheltered in the midst of a middle-class Catholic French family where she was watched and cared for by a devoted father and sisters, one of whom was already a Carmelite. Kateri, a child of the forest, lived under such far different circumstances.

Today one of them, Theresa, is called the Little Flower; Kateri is called the Lily of the Mohawks. Both names are reflections of their absolute

goodness.

St. Theresa became known in a strange way, not by devoted church goers, but by the soldiers of the first war, who learned about her and sought her protection in the trenches. The French boys spoke to the Canadians and Americans about her, and there at Lisieux in the Convent Chapel is a case filled with medals, which were decorations for bravery and which the soldiers left at Lisieux because they believed they owed their deliverance to little Theresa.



At that time I had an out-mission up in the hills at Garden Town. There one of my predecessors had formed a men's group. They were small farmers whose hands were

rough and tough from the machetes they wielded all day in the hot sun to keep their banana cultivations weeded. They had not a great deal of education, but were good Catholics and varied in ages. What do you think the name of that club was? The Kateri Tekakwitha Club! How similar to St. Theresa and her devoted soldier boys!

That night I spoke of the comparison between these two little girls. I tried to find the sermon I gave among my papers, but it was not there; still the ideas did start me thinking of the mystery of God's Saints, found in every clime, in every class of society, and made me wonder why I was not a Saint myself.



* Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. S.!

Enclosed is a check for ten dollars for a special favor granted. I prayed for an easy delivery and recovery from my pregnancy.

(New Orleans, La.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M. S.!

I would like to let you know my change of address... Also I would like to thank Kateri for helping me! (Therefore, I send a fifty-dollar check.) I got a new job working with the Indian people in this area. I am a Catechist and Pastoral Worker. I needed a car and a driver's license for this new job. I didn't have the money and I failed my road test twice. I gave up, but kept on praying in spite of everything. I've been praying for Kateri's Beatification since I came to Canada about four and a half years ago, and Kateri always seems to listen to my prayers. She seems to pray for my intentions in return. After all my hopeless feelings and hopeful prayers, I passed my road test, got my license, and some friends from home sent me enough money so that I could pay for a car. My prayers were heard thanks to God and thanks to Kateri!

I still have more intentions. First of all, I am very worried about my Indian brothers and sisters who have serious problems with liquor and drugs. Through Kateri's intercession, may God protect them, save them, and heal them from this terrible disease, for they are his good children. Then also I have a very personal request which I don't

want to be published...

Sometimes I get very discouraged. I pray so hard but nothing ever happens. I have to pray harder, so that I will discover the right path God wants me to walk on. Please remember me in your prayers. (Lebret, Sask.)

🦟 Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M. M. !

The enclosed check is in thanksgiving to the Indian maiden. I've had difficulty with Social Security, who withheld my monthly payments for two and a half months because they contended that I had earned too much during the last year I taught. No one (including my attorney) could understand. Well, despite the fact that my income was cut off entirely, I survived and received an unexpected source of money. This was all due to my daily prayers to Kateri. My devotion to her is all due to my brother Joe's influence. May God reward all your efforts in working for Kateri's canonization. Also, thank you for your beautiful Christmas card. (Cleveland, Ohio)

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO OWN...

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After fifteen years' research, Vice-Postulator Henri Béchard, S.J., for the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, now offers THE ORIGINAL CAUGHNAWAGA INDIANS to the reading public. The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha is the Indian girl who serenely smiles out from a stained-glass window of Notre Dame Church in Montreal and from the bronze doors of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. In reading about her friends and acquaintances, you will learn more about Kateri Tekakwitha than in any other book written about her. Are you interested? Send your check to —

The Kateri Center Box 70 Caughnawaga, P.Q. Canada JOL 1B0 Dear Reader,

For years, in **Kateri**, with different titles, I have been mentioning a book to be published on the first Indians who lived at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier at Caughnawaga. As early as 1967, it was announced as "Now ready for publication." However, new material and still more new material was discovered, which I felt must go into this book.

"To my knowledge," writes Dr. Lucien Campeau, Ph D., of the Department of History of the University of Montreal, "it is the first book that lists so many well-documented Indians." It tells the story of more than twenty of them, and is illustrated with hitherto unpublished seventeenth-century sketches.

The Original Caughnawaga Indians will, of course, be of interest to the Indians of Caughnawaga, to the other Indians of North America, and, also, to Americans as well as Canadians, interested in the early history of their respective countries.

Only 2000 copies have been printed, and they will soon become collectors' items. Get yours now.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Original Caughnawaga Indians
By Jerome Hart, F. P. M.

The Original Caughnawaga Indians is a very interesting book to read from a Canadian and American historical point of view. as well as from a Catholic one. This volume forms the second book of a triology on different aspects of Kateri Tekakwitha's life, and both books have been written by Rev. Henri Béchard, S.J., who is an eminent authority on this Mohawk maiden. The final book on "The Lily of the Mohawks" is in the process of preparation at the present time by the same author.

The plan of the book is logically arranged, and thus the subject of the Christian Indians is clearly presented to the reader. The volume is divided into four parts: The Founders, The Builders, Kateri's Band, and finally, The Martyrs. A short preface provides a suitable background for the development of the story. The explanation in the preface concerning the mortifications that the Indians inflicted on themselves is excellently explained by the author and it is very useful, especially for a non-Catholic reading this book.

The events related in this work take place during the French Rule in Canada and approximately cover the years from 1653 to 1685. In describing the Jesuit priests at the St. Francis Xavier Mission, the pioneer Indians there, the other Indians who led such holy lives, the unique Indian women who modeled their lives on that of nuns, and finally, the Indian men and women who won the crowns of martyrdom, Rev. Henri Béchard. S.J. weaves the golden thread of Canadian and, also, American history.

There are multiple references throughout the volume to historical facts. One reads of how the French by aiding the Algonkins and the Hurons became the enemy of the powerful Iroquois. There is an examination of the fruit of the mariyrdom of St. Jean de Brébeuf, S.J., and the other Canadian Jesuit martyrs at Huronia, which led to the conversion of many Iroquois. The author points out the true Jesuit philosophy of allowing the Indians to develop their own customs and fit their way of life to their own needs. The influence on

the Indians of the example and teaching of the Ursuline Sisters of Quebec is touched on in this book.

If one wishes to dwell on the chronological data, the opening date of The Original Caughnawaga Indians begins shortly after the foundation of Montreal in 1642. This settlement was envisioned by Iérôme de la Dauversière of la Flèche, France. In 1661, the King of France, Louis IV, decided that he would rule his kingdom by himself. Thus, absolute government was established both in France and New France. There is also found in The Original Caughnawaga Indians an account of the escape of Kateri Tekakwitha from her native Ossernenon to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in order to practise her religion, a description in detail of her intimate companions there, and her holy and edifying death. One becomes acquainted with Comte de Frontenac, Governor of New France, and the first Bishop of New France, Bishop Laval. Their disagreement on the sale of brandy to the Indians is related, and the success of Bishop Laval in having Frontenac recalled to France is noted. The author mentions the massacre of Lachine in 1689, an event that was one of the turning points in the history of New France. Thus, interwoven into the story of the Christian Indians, the reader unconsciously assimilates the important basic facts, both historical and religious, of Canadian history.

From a Catholic standpoint the reader discovers in The Original Caughnawaga Indians the vital role played by the Jesuit Fathers during the French Rule in Canada. Quoting from personal letters and eyewitness accounts of the Jesuit missionaries, as well as frequently referring to the Jesuit Relations, Rev. Father Béchard, S.J., has carefully assembled facts to depict the portrait of the Christian Indian as a true model of virtue and worthy of the precious grace of martyrdom. Once the Indians were Christianized they became serious in their practice of their Catholic religion. In fact, they surpassed the French settlers by their continual reception of the sacraments. The reader also discovers that the Jesuit missionaries anticipated the renewal of the Catholic Church of today by training the dogiques and involving them in the apostolate of the neophytes at the St. Francis Xavier Mission. Time and again one reads of the zealousness of these praying Indians. The first dogique at St. Francis Xavier Mission was Paul Honoguenhag; The Great Mohawk, Joseph Togouiroui, was one of the many lay apostles who wished to bring more of his Indian relatives to Christ. Hot Powder, Ogenheratatihiens

turn to his native canton to visit his relatives in order to preach the new religion of Jesus Christ to them. The Christian life which the Indians so sincerely practised at St. Francis Xavier Mission during the second half of the seventeenth century is almost incredible. While the historical facts themselves in this book are fascinating, the high degree of perfection achieved by the Indians in the love of Christ through their devout religious practices, impresses this reviewer the most.

With regard to some brief remarks on the literary aspect of The Original Caughnawaga Indians, it is the reviewer's opinion that the story is objectively written, and in a direct manner. These assets make the reading of the book both clear and interesting. Moreover, there are several passages containing descriptions of the seasons, nature, dress and customs of the Indians, which reach such heights of artistry that one appears to be reading poetry rather than prose.

In conclusion, The Original Caughnawaga Indians is a true story rather than fiction. This fact immediately makes the book more

Oneida, risked his own life to re- interesting to avid readers. If one is a Canadian or American and loves history, this volume will reveal the origin of important events. All of the devotees of Kateri Tekakwitha, both American and Canadian, will be delighted to read vet another delightful account of "The Lily of the Mohawks." As the lives of young Indian men and women are so well depicted in this book, there is every reason to believe, due to the modern religious renaissance, that teenagers who are also becoming more and more interested in religion will enjoy the exciting and true accounts of these Indians. Finally, and above all, readers in general and Catholics in particular, will be proud to reminisce on the magnificent and successful apostolate of the Church administered by the brilliant and heroic French Jesuit missionaries in New France from 1633 onwards. Both their exemplary lives and the life of sanctity practised by the Christian Indians at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, as witnessed in this book. are not only practical topics on which to meditate today but they also serve as ideal models, which one can profitably imitate in times of frustration and suffering.

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. T. L.!

Enclosed is a small offering of five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for her intercession for me so many times. I prayed to her that my husband could find help to get his tobacco crop in, that my son would get well, that my little granddaughter would go to Sunday religion classes, and that the little house next to us wouldn't be rented, and she answered all of them. She always answers my prayers. (Springfield, Tenn.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. W.!

On the 12th of November my daughter gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. On the 21st, the doctor found that she had a kidney infection, so was hospitalized for five days. Tests were taken and all proved to be normal. She was then put on antibiotics to cure the infection. We are so grateful. Enclosed check for ten dollars as promised. (New Orleans, La.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. V. W.!

I am enclosing a check for fifty dollars I promised I would send if blessed Kateri would help me sell my house and if she would find me a suitable new one. She did both and I am grateful. (Sun City, Ariz.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Miss C. D.!

Herewith are enclosed ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for favors received. I am a Senior student and in June was in desperate need of a summer job. I prayed Kateri and promised her five dollars if she would guide me. My first and only job application was at a supermarket as a cashier. I was hired the same day on a parttime basis and have been able to work daily after school since September as well. I'm paid \$3.21 an hour, which is superior to my former part-time job. In July, I had my upper teeth removed and a plate inserted the same day. I was petrified; again I called on Kateri and within three days was eating well with no after-

effects. In August I had my lower teeth removed with the same results. I'm sure that Kateri guided me a long time ago to my good dentist and must have helped in the healing of my gums. Ever grateful to Kateri! Please use (Pierrefonds, P.O.) this to further her cause.

Dear Friends,

As Vice-Postulator for the cause of Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, I want to thank all our friends who wrote in, promising prayers for the recovery of my Indian secretary, Mr. Albert Lazare, who has been working at the Kateri Center for twenty-six years. He is now back at the office three mornings a week.

May I also thank you for the "get-well" cards, prayers, and Mass stipends for my own recovery from a recent heart attack which I had while I was in Maine, helping out in my home-town parish? As Red Skeleton used to say: "God bless!..."

(Rev.) Henri Béchard, S.J.

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YOUR INTENTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED TO FATHER ANTHONY ROUSSOS, S.J., ON JUNE 1. HE WILL SOLEMNLY CELEBRATE NINE MASSES FOR YOU IN THE BEAUTIFUL BYZANTINE LITURGY IN THE HOLY LAND.

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