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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;
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3. The account of favors due to her intercession;
4. News concerning the native peoples of America, with special reference to the Caughnawagas and their friends.

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Now that the Marguerite Tsonnontouan Roll of 200 names is complete, 100 Masses for the souls of these people shall be offered. For every five subscriptions to *Kateri*, you may inscribe at no extra cost the name of one of your departed ones on the new Francis Xavier Tonsahoten Roll.

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KATERIGRAM

ON OCTOBER 13, 1917, at Fatima in Portugal, took place the last great apparition of Our Lady—the day the sun danced, witnessed by more than 70,000 people. Lucy, Jacintha, and Francisco, then saw the Holy Family: St. Joseph with the Child Jesus on his arm to the right of the sun and, to the left, the Blessed Virgin. Why this heavenly visitation? Wasn't it to attract twentieth-century Christians not only to the Immaculate Heart of Mary but also to the entire Holy Family?

When we speak of the role of the Holy Family in the life of Kateri Tekakwitha, we should look upon it in the light of Fatima, in other words, as something that concerns us, also. Now on Easter Sunday 1678, the very day of her second Holy Communion, Kateri was admitted to the Confraternity of the Holy Family.

"We can hardly imagine the devotion which Kateri had for Mary," wrote Fr. Claude Chauchetière, "when she was received into the Society of the Holy Family."

Among other things, Vatican II teaches that in the lives of the saints, we should look for models to follow. Obviously, we cannot consider Kateri's joining of the Confraternity of the Holy Family as an example to be taken literally. Only at Caughnawaga is there to be found a remnant of the seventeenth-century Society of the Holy Family. Perhaps, also, at the Basilica of Quebec. There is something better to be done. Particularly praying to the Holy Family, even if one is not a member of a pious association dedicated to honoring it. Putting together before it one's problems. Discussing them with it. Where could one find more competent counsellors? Taking their advice and then forging ahead. Thus, little by little, if one proceeds seriously, a transformation of self takes place. One does not associate with Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Joachim and Ann without being affected.

A close acquaintance with the Holy Family will inevitably lead one to the Holy Innocents. Let me stress the point. We detest Herod. We detest Hitler, who killed thousands of little children. "The wealthy can be avorted at will; why not the poor?" vociferate the chairwomen of many feminine organizations. Our Lord Himself gives us the answer, "Yes, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." Christ did not make an exception for the wealthy woman who aborts. The poor have no call to envy her.

Henri Béchard, S.J.
Vice-Postulator



Graciously authorized by Fr. John P. McSpirt, S.T.

Alleluia!

"CHRIST GLORIFIED," a sculpture by Jewish artist Luise Kaish hangs in the chapel at Holy Trinity Mission Seminary in Silver Spring, Md. It has been described as a "strong, potent risen Lord, who seems to come in a Herculean way from the very material in which it is embedded. The arms are strong, imaged in Old Testament Mosaic strength and bold courage."

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. I.B.!**

I hope this note will find you in good health. I promised Kateri some subscriptions last May. I lost a stone off my diamond ring and on November 1 I found it in a place I never thought of. I want to say thank you to Kateri.
(Bradenton, FL)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. M.D.!**

I am enclosing ten dollars I promised Kateri I would give towards her cause for the favor received. I asked for Kateri's help for my wife's successful operation. Well, it was successful and I thank Kateri for her help.
(Caughnawaga, Que.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Fr. G.M.!**

How is your apostolate? I pray daily to Kateri. Thanks for putting a few words in the Kateri magazine about me. When I was on farewell, from my last parish (I was sent her last June by the Archbishop) our seventh grade in the school produced a play on the life of Kateri. It was written by one of the Sisters. You would have been very proud. Look after your health and say a prayer for me. A very holy Christmas.
(Victoria, Australia)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.C.!**

Enclosed you will find a check. In Australia it is worth \$11.00. Please, Father, ten dollars are for a favor I asked Kateri. She helped my son sell his car. Please send me a colored picture of Kateri. Father, pray for me and my family, I pray every day to Kateri for safety.
(Melbourne, Australia)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss C.G.!**

I am sending a clipping from the Free Press about a fellow lost for almost two years. The police gave up the search at the beginning of October. I made a novena to Kateri. I finished my novena on Friday. Two boys went to play in the field in Charleswood and found the body on Saturday. I am sending a donation in thanksgiving...
(Winnipeg, Man.)

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

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss B.F.!**

I wish to offer my long delayed but ever grateful thanks to Venerable Kateri for favors granted to me. My nephew, his family, and my niece were very keen to come to Canada, and their papers had been put in from here by my brother, but we had been given very little hopes of their being accepted. Somebody gave me a magazine called the "Lily of the Mohawks." After reading it, I started a novena to Venerable Kateri, visited the Church in Caughnawaga, and heard Mass there. Within a few days I got news that my nephew and niece had been accepted. They are here now and have settled in Toronto. I also prayed to her to help another nephew who is in Germany. I've had news to say that he has a job, but is anxious to migrate to Canada. Please say a little prayer that he may succeed. I'd like to subscribe to the "Lily of the Mohawks" and would also like a book on her life. Kindly let me know what I should do and the amount to be paid. I have tried to say a Hail Mary regularly for her beatification. Enclosed is a money order for sixteen dollars. Ten dollars are a thanks offering for the favors granted to me; five dollars are from my sister, who is in Pakistan. The remaining dollar is for postage and a touch relic of Venerable Kateri, which my sister has asked for.
(Mississauga, Ont.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss K.B.!**

On November 26, I sent you a letter and some money, telling you I've said the prayer to Kateri for years without asking her for anything. Now I am asking her help for my eyes. Today I took my eye tests. My eyes are healthier, my glasses do not have to be changed. For many years, each examination meant different lenses. It was sixteen months since the last checkup and my eyes are no worse. Father, it seems incredible. Kateri helped me. I told the people at the doctor's office my little Indian Saint helped me. I've told quite a few others today. I just can't believe it. What an experience. I promised Kateri there would be Masses for the Poor Souls if she heard me, so for the glory of God, with gratitude to Kateri, I am sending the offering for seven Masses for the Poor Souls in order that God will ease their suffering and they will intercede for us. I read the magazine faithfully and ask Kateri's help for others. She has helped me. This is truly a minor miracle...
(Necedah, WI)

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EACH NEW MOON



GOLDEN JUBILEE

On November 19, 1977, at the Mission Church of St. Francis Xavier, the Golden Jubilee of the Caughnawaga Iroquois Mixed Choir and the annual celebration in honor of St. Cecilia were held. Fr. Paul Emile Beaudoin had the happy thought of honoring the couples of the mission celebrating their 25th and 30th anniversaries at the same time.

The Solemn Mass of thanksgiving began at four o'clock with the *Hymn to Christ the King* from the English psalter, but was sung in Iroquois, as all the rest. For the occasion, the choir had chosen Gounod's *Missa brevis*, to which were added Fr. Alfred Bernier's *Hymn for the Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha*, and Gounod's *Ave Maria*, which Mrs. Annie Lahache sang as beautifully as I had first heard her sing it in 1945.

The celebrant was Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J.; the co-celebrants, Fr. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y., and his friend Fr. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J., Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor of the Mission, and Fr. Henri Béchard,

S.J., Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha. Fr. Beaudoin, Master of Ceremonies, briefly explained the meaning of a Christian marriage, and Fr. Egan in turn recalled the links that united Caughnawaga to Auriesville, where Kateri was born.

After the High Mass, in honor of the silver wedding couples, dinner was served at the Caughnawaga Knights of Columbus Hall.

The feast of St. Cecilia and of the Golden Jubilee of the Choir was feted at Kateri Hall, beginning at 8:00 P.M. The choir members, old and young, filled the hall: friends of the choir also, who had helped prepare the celebrations. Some seventy-five in all. Later on in the evening, the younger singers put on a variety show. Fr. Egan, Fr. Fullam, Mrs. Esther Phillips, Mr. James Foote, and Fr. Béchard were designated as judges. Mr. Eddie Cross was chosen as the best of an excellent cast. To top off the festivities, a cold buffet was served at midnight. Far into the night, memories of fifty glorious years were recalled, among them the names of choir directors who had particularly left their mark—Fr. Conrad Hauser, Fr. Alfred Bernier, and Fr. Martial Caron. At two o'clock in the morning, Fr. Egan, Fr. Fullam, and Fr. Béchard shook hands with their friends and retired. At their age, it was the best they could do.

CONGRATULATIONS !

On December 4, the following couples celebrated their silver wedding anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Peter K. Beauvais, Mr. and Mrs.

Peter H. Deer, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Fazio, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lafleur, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. William Meloche, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Montour, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Skye, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Skye. Married couples celebrating their 26 to 30 years of wedded life were also honored: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Diabo, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Percy McComber, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meloche, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stacey, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Trudeau, and Mr. and Mrs. Duke Chiara. A single widower and several widows were not forgotten: Mr. Earl Dailleboust, Mrs. Louise Jacobs, Mrs. Ida Goodleaf, Mrs. Johanne Leborgne, Mrs. Dorothy Decaire, Mrs. Patricia Mayo, Mrs. Louise Montour, and Mrs. Annie Skye. Our congratulations to the Jubilarians and, also to Father Beaudoin for actively promoting the Mass, followed by dinner in their honor at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

FR. EMILE LALONDE, R.I.P.



On July 1, 1951, the Kateri quarterly announced that Fr. Emile Lalonde, S.J., who had been ordained a priest three days before, would celebrate his first High Mass at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. Today it is my sorrowful duty to

advise our readers that this calm, good-natured religious died at St. Jerome, P.Q., on January 5 at the age of 59, after 39 years in the Society of Jesus. Since 1968, he has worked as librarian at the *Université du Québec* at Trois-Rivières, P.Q. Although he spent little enough time in Caughnawaga, the Iroquois population would have been happy to welcome him there as one of its priests. "Little Lalonde should stay here," Mrs. Annie Montour used to say. As there is no "L" in Iroquois, the words would come out, "Ritter Raronde!"

Fr. Emile came from a fine old Canadian family, as people used to like to have them before the Lazure and Morgentaler period. "We are thirteen children," he often said, "and thirteen has not been unlucky for us." Two of the girls became Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. One of them, Sister Yvonne, is now doing a year of spiritual *ressourcement* at the community House of Prayer at St. Hilaire, P.Q. The other, Sister Marie Emma, died from an attack of meningitis in 1920. Four of the boys became Jesuits, the youngest of whom was Father Emile. Armand, the eldest was killed in China on March 18, 1943, for his strong defense of the Catholic schools. Fr. Réal, the next in line, devoted himself to the faithful of Caughnawaga from 1938 to 1951. It was during his term of office that he invited me to work with him in Caughnawaga after my Ordination. He encouraged devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha everywhere he went. From the summer of 1951 to 1954, he was Superior

at the Mission of St. Francis Regis. Then followed his nomination as Superior of the Jesuit Retreat House at Chicoutimi, P.Q., where he died on April 8, 1959. The third Jesuit, Fr. Henri, besides being assistant pastor at Caughnawaga from 1965 to 1969, was choir director. After his assignment to St. René Goupil in Longueuil, P.Q., as long as his health permitted, he continued with his choir work at the Mission. He died at St. Jerome on October 26, 1974. How happy Emile, Henri, Réal, and Armand must have been to meet Kateri in Heaven!

A LITTERBAG FOR KATERI

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VEN. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

LILY OF THE MOHAWKS
PRIDE AND GLORY OF THE NEW WORLD
PATRONESS OF ECOLOGY



1656 1680

- 1656 - BORN AN ALGONQUIN-MOHAWK INDIAN AT OSSERNENON (AUBURNVILLE) STATE OF NEW YORK
- 1676 - BAPTIZED ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5th, AT ST. PETER'S MISSION NEAR FONDIA, N.Y. (NOW FONDIA, TEKAKWITHA, SHIRENE)
- 1677 - PERSECUTED FOR HER FAITH KATERI FLED TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MISSION CAUGHNAWAGA, CANADA. THERE SHE RECEIVED HER FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON CHRISTMAS IN 1677
- 1679 - SHE PROFOUNDED HER VOW OF VIRGINITY. THE FIRST OF HER RACE TO DO SO, ON MARCH 26, 1679.
- 1680 - KATERI DIED ON APRIL 12, AT THE AGE OF 24
- 1943 - PROCLAIMED VENERABLE BY POPE PIUS XII ON JANUARY 3, 1943
- 1976 - TRICENTENNIAL OF HER BAPTISM
- BORN OF STRIFE KATERI PREACHED AND PRACTICED LOVE, PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING ALL HER LIFE
- KATERI SMILE UPON YOU!

Mr. Thomas Constantino, president of the Noteworthy Co., Amsterdam, N.Y., and inventor of the litterbag, never forgets Kateri Tekakwitha.

STAMPS AND SUNDRIES

The price of stamps increases in April. So the Postmaster General in Ottawa has decreed. If only he had decreed the postal service should improve correspondingly! A benefit

of this sort is not foreseeable in the near future, for there are too many communistic tendencies among union members in the major Post Offices of Canada. Of course, I won't be up in arms against any Canadian subscriber who inserts a few uncanceled stamps in his letters to the Kateri Center. In 1977, the Kateri Center spent \$4,625.95 on stamps alone.

During the past year, quite often letters were not answered as quickly as I would have liked. I have now resolved to acknowledge all my Kateri correspondence within a fortnight. It is just possible I might keep my resolution, for I have recently hired two extra secretaries. It is possible, also, that a rapid, effective service, not too unworthy of Kateri, may help the Center to achieve the 10,000 subscribers it has been seeking for so long.

Last December, 8000 copies of the English *Kateri* and 6500 of its French counterpart came off the press. Each one cost 22¢, plus the price of the stencil, the handling, and the mailing, more than a dollar and a half for the four yearly issues. As our readers know, the subscription is \$1 a year since 1949. The Kateri Center is not trying to feather its nest; it is simply doing its best to make the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha better known, loved, and prayed to. Still, it must pay its bills.

Friends have reached out a helping hand. I wholeheartedly want to thank all of those, rich and not so rich, who have completely forgotten the price of a subscription and sent in far more than was requested.

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AFTER CHRISTMAS AND THE EPIPHANY...

(Continued.)



AFTER Christmas and the Epiphany, life went on as before. The time had come for the customary winter hunt. The Indians "have their wives and children accompany them on their pursuit of game," wrote the Venerable Mother Mary of the Incarnation in 1668, "and they are the ones who skin the quarry, dress the pelts, cure the meat and fish, cut all the firewood, and, finally, do all the chores." Kateri was not keen about leaving the village and its little church, the dwelling-place of her Lord; yet, to please her adoptive sister and brother-in-law, she made up her mind to accompany them. Did they head for Fort La Mothe as the Great Mohawk and his young cousin Martin Skandegonrhaksen had done barely two years before? If so, they certainly talked about the three apparitions of Our Lady to Martin before his death in the heart of the forest on December 22, 1675.

In the wilderness, conditions were much easier than at the village. Still, Kateri did not modify her daily schedule. She kept on with her devotions and, for those she was unable to do, made up with others. Before daybreak, clear and cold or snowy and grey, while most of her group slept on, she went to our Lord in private meditation, completing it with the common morning prayer.

The Iroquois had only one meal together each day, generally very early in the morning. As the hunters ate, Kateri would slip away at the very time the Holy Sacrifice was being said at

the Mission. She quickly directed her steps to a small oratory she had contrived in the woods. It was as simple as could be, a cross cut out on the trunk of a tree close to a frozen brook. There, in spirit, she joined the Indians at the village and united her intentions to the celebrant's. The devotion of Theresa Neuman and of Padre Pio to the holy angels in our times is well known. Kateri's devotion to her guardian angel seems to have equalled theirs. She begged him to attend Mass in her place and to come back with the merit.

After the men went out to hunt, she would rejoin her companions and work with them all day long. Her main occupation consisted in making firewood, an occupation she liked, because she was thus useful to all. Besides, this occupation, in isolating her, allowed her to converse familiarly with God. An occupation that also offered her the means of more mortification. Every morning she quietly left the hut while the cauldrons of sagamité were still simmering, and returned only at dusk. Even then she ate little enough and secretly added to her food a pinch of dirt or of ashes filched from the nearest firepit. Her director, Fr. Cholenec, would never have tolerated such a penance, which, on the other hand, was certainly agreeable to our Lord, because of the young woman's good intentions.

When she was not busy felling wood, she would go, sometimes six or seven miles afar, to pick up the game the hunters had shot down: deer, roebuck, beaver or marten. With a small party of women, in one of these excursions, Kateri came upon a frozen marsh. Allowing the others to proceed, she went unshod on the slippery surface. Her friends, noticing her absence, halted, while her adoptive sister retraced her steps in order to help her in case of need. To her surprise, she saw the girl walking barefoot on the ice. Kateri was so embarrassed that she would have walked on her hands in order to stop her from thinking she was practising mortification.

If the weather was bad, seated close to one of the fires in the lodge, she made up exquisite belts of elk-hair. Soon she had the women about her singing hymns or relating interesting events taken from the lives of saints, heard in church on Sundays and holy days.

Her many tasks did not lead her to forget her little prayer nook, where she was to be found now and then during the day and in the evening before retiring. Despite the near-polar cold, she ended her last visit by scourging herself with switches. Notwithstanding her great fatigue and her debilitated condition, she then spent the better part of the night in prayer.

Kateri did not find this woodland existence very pleasant, though it proved to be a source of merit for her. She felt herself constantly drawn back to the Mission, where the Savior in the Blessed Sacrament awaited her. She missed the Masses in the bark chapel, the sermons, and the instructions. Finally, a serious misunderstanding completely disgusted her with the hunt.

Late one evening, a hunter, who had been trailing an elk since morning, returned to the hut. The half burnt out fires hardly lightened its interior. Worn out, without taking any food or drink, he threw himself down at the first place he could find and immediately went to sleep. This man was one of the oldest Christians of the Mission, who had never given the slightest reason to think evil of him since his baptism twenty years earlier. He had gotten along so well with his wife that he could boast having never quarreled with her.

On the following morning, she was surprised not to see him next to her. Her surprise increased, when, glancing about in search of him, she saw him stretched out close to Kateri Tekakwitha's mat. What had happened? Had he sinned with the young woman? The thought came to her that this girl often left the shelter every day and disappeared into the forest. Had she been meeting her husband secretly? Despite her pock-marked features, with her sweet and engaging manners, had not Tekakwitha seduced her man?

To complicate matters, on that same day, the husband spoke about a canoe he had been making, which would carry them a part of the way home, and added he needed a capable woman to help him take it out of the woods. "Kateri will come!" he said, for he knew her to be most obliging. He did not realize how much these words upset his wife.

Now as this person was a good Christian, she did not throw down the wampum belt of her suspicion before the band. Instead, on returning to the Mission a week or so before Easter, which fell on April 10, she revealed the whole affair to Fr. Frémin. He was aware of Kateri's good reputation; on the other hand, taking into account human frailty, a fault of this sort was not impossible, all the more so because the accuser was one of the most reasonable and most virtuous women of the village. He decided to question Kateri Tekakwitha.

In the corner of the church, where the missionary received the faithful, he told her what was being said about her. Was it true? At all costs, she must avoid unchastity! Without fuss and without changing color, Kateri denied everything. This



André Soboska de Groot

Kateri's Second Communion, Easter Sunday 1678

extraordinary calm should have justified her in the sight of the Jesuit. Anastasia Tegonhatsiongo, also, had her say on the subject, strongly advising her to set her conduct to rights, or if this was unnecessary, to forestall any improper behavior. The unhappy wife and a few other women who had learned of the accusation still considered her guilty.

In the Mohawk Canton, one of her aunts had falsely charged her with incestuous relations with her uncle. She had never imagined, though, that in a mission town she would be caught up in so sorry a story on the word of a fervent Christian. Never did she suffer so much as then. What hurt her most was the priest's attitude. He did not seem to believe her, even to the point of treating her as a culprit.

Kateri Tekakwitha had already quit her relatives, her country, and all the advantages of a good marriage, which she could easily have contracted. There still remained the sacrifice of her honor and of her reputation to complete her gift of self to God. She gave them up heroically.

With time it became apparent that she had not complained about anyone and had only said what was strictly needed to make the truth known. Her revenge consisted in praying for her accuser. And this was enough to undeceive those who had rashly passed judgment on her and the fine man who had fallen asleep close to her mat. The marvels following on Kateri's death a few years later gave them the opportunity of calling to mind her charity, patience, devotion, and the good example she had shown on all occasions.

The suspicious wife wept over her error for three years. She could not console herself, thinking that our Lord would never forgive her. It took all the missionary's doing to rid her of her fears and to restore her peace of mind.

During these trying days, Kateri found comfort in the nearby church at the foot of the tabernacle. As Holy Week was about to begin, she resolved to make the most of it. It was the first time she participated at the Mission in the ceremonies preparatory to the Resurrection. The terrible sufferings and the death of Jesus moved her deeply. She felt such fervor that she shed abundant tears, especially on Good Friday, as the missionary preached on the Passion of our Lord. She reverently kissed the Cross, and, her heart filled love and gratitude, decided to carry the mortification of Christ in her body for the rest of her life.

On Easter Sunday, with the permission of Fr. Cholenec, her confessor, she received Holy Communion a second time,

as devoutly as on Christmas, and with the same spiritual profit. She was also granted a special favor by her director, a favor never before granted to one so young: she was told she could join the ranks of the Confraternity of the Holy Family and of the Slavery of the Blessed Virgin.

In 1663, at Montreal, Madame Louis d'Ailleboust, widow of the former governor-general, Mother Judith de Brésolles, R.H.S.J., Blessed Margaret Bourgeoys, C.N.D., Father Gabriel Souart, P.S.S., and Father Peter Mary Chaumonot, S.J., had founded the Holy Family Association in order to renew spiritually the Christian homes of New France. Not long afterwards, Kateri's bishop, the Venerable Francis de Laval, elevated it to the dignity of a confraternity and authorized it for his vast diocese.

As early as 1672, Father Philip Pierron had definitely set it up in the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. A manuscript I have before me, probably written in the eighteenth century in Iroquois with French headings, gives us the program of the meetings, offers a choice of prayers such as the litanies and the rosary of the Holy Family, and specifies about fifteen charitable services the women were called upon to perform, for instance, taking care of the ill and sitting up with the dying.

The three-decade chaplet of the Holy Family rapidly became popular. Before each decade, a brief meditation on the life of our Lady was prescribed. On the large beads, a Hail Mary was said; on the small ones, the ejaculatory prayer, "Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Joachim and Ann, help us," with the response, "Holy Trinity, one God, have pity on us!" each decade closing with a Glory be.

The new Holy Family candidates were carefully culled, generally from the ranks of the most fervent man and women of a certain age. Once they were admitted to the Holy Family, their compatriots held them in high esteem. To say a saint or a member of the Holy Family Confraternity was one and the same thing. Only six or seven months after coming to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, at a relatively early age, Kateri, who protested her unworthiness, became a member of this estimable assembly.

Far from provoking envy and criticism, the village rejoiced at this choice. The Holy Family as a group was convinced that she could sustain the association by her good example alone. Kateri profited spiritually from the moment of her admission. Her love for the Blessed Virgin increased; it strongly marked her spirituality and brought her closer to our Lord.

About this time, a "wise and prudent man"—no doubt Father Frémin—came to the conclusion that the new Holy

Family associate had achieved union with God, because of the bliss in which she was plunged. Ordinarily, the Christian called to this perfection must pass through the purgative and illuminative ways before coming to the unitive way. Under the particular guidance of the Holy Spirit, who was not in the least concerned about theology manuals, Kateri entered the last way before going through the first two. In her communications with her Maker, she felt herself flooded with brighter lights than hitherto, more ardent lights also, which illumined her intelligence and inflamed her will. She discerned the beauty of the Christian virtues emanating from their true source, Christ Himself, and wanted to conform herself to Him inasmuch as it lay in her power.

According to the great seventeenth-century spiritual master, Father Louis Lallemant, S.J., in the twinkling of an eye, these illuminations sometimes manifest to the soul already in union with God, its entire life as it will appear on Judgment Day. They spotlight all its sins from childhood on, and reveal the divine scheme of things in the government of the universe. From this knowledge follows perfect submission to the Will of the Almighty. So it was for Kateri Tekakwitha. She discovered in her past life new motives for loving God more tenderly, for loving Him to the extreme limits of her capacities strengthened by grace. At the same time, she found incentives to think less and less of herself, imagining that her slightest faults committed in the Mohawk Canton were crimes against her Savior. This self-criticism was one of the main causes for her hungering for penance.

Anastasia Tegonhatsiongo also had much to do in developing Kateri's taste for penance. She often spoke to her of hell, of the terrible mortifications practised by some saints to avoid it, and of those that the Christian Iroquois should do for having offended God in their homeland.

Shortly after Easter, an accident, which could have been fatal, intensified Kateri Tekakwitha's desire to live a penitential life. One day in the woods, as she was felling a tree, it toppled over sooner than she had expected. She managed to avoid the heavy trunk, but not a large branch, which struck her on the head and threw her unconscious to the ground. When she came to herself, she quickly arose, grasped her ax and set about working. Her friends obliged her to rest. They never forgot how she had cried out in gratitude: "My Jesus, I thank you for having protected me in this accident!" She resolved to go much further on the way of identification with Christ in her sufferings.

(To be continued.)

An Intention to Remember
In Your Prayers

December 18, 1977

Dear Friends of Kateri,

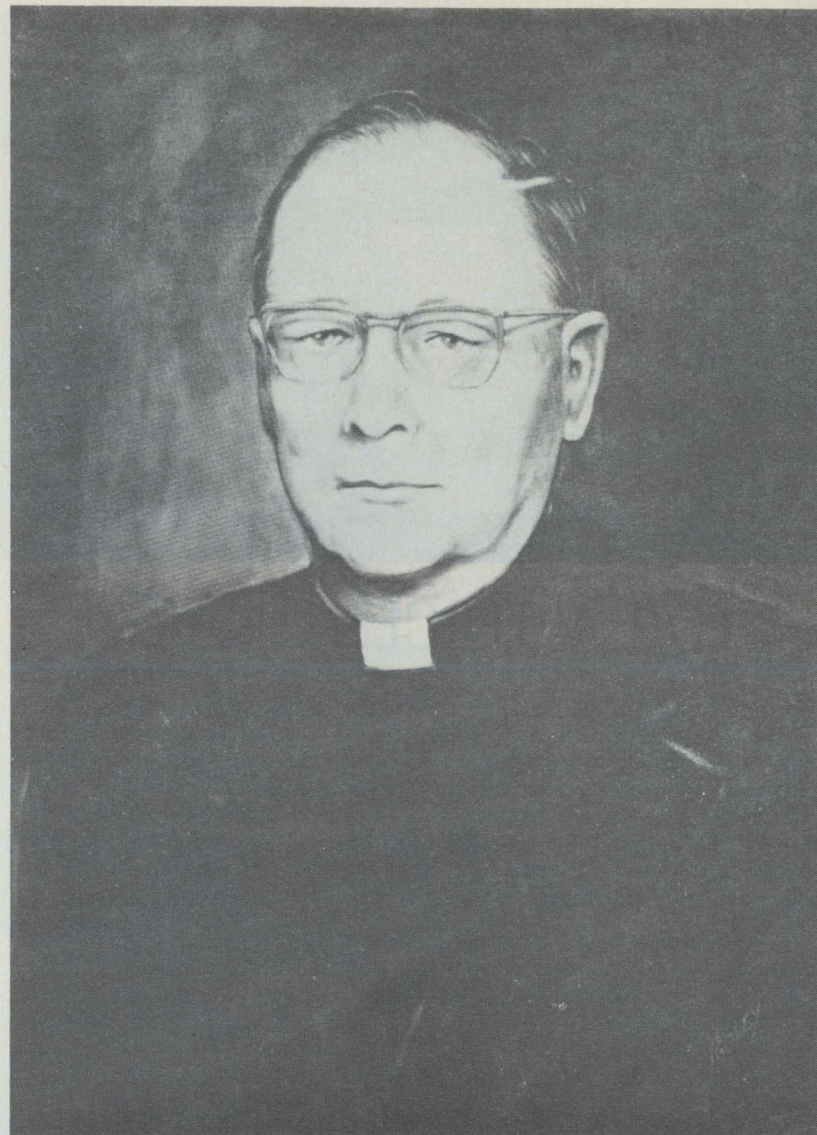
My son Tommy Marshall is dying of a bone marrow disease. He is a North American Indian from the Micmac Tribe.

We live in an Indian Reservation of 1500 people. My prayer is to find a cure for my son, which at this time would be a miracle.

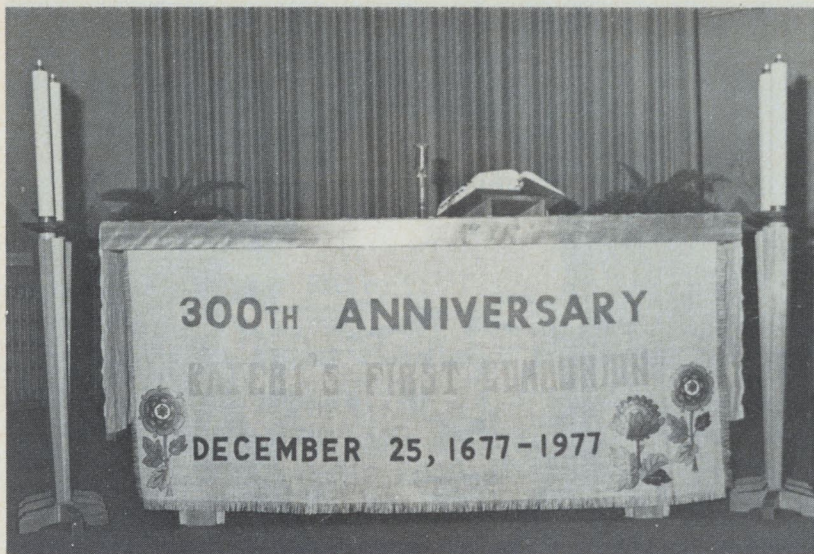
Please pray for him and I will do all I can to develop veneration to our Indian Mediator, namely Kateri, among our Micmac people. If God wills that my son does not survive, I will still pray to her. I am enclosing a donation.

Please pray for him. I am enclosing my signed Prayer Pledge for Kateri's Beatification. Thank you.

Mrs. Albert Marshall
Eskasoni Indian Reservation
Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.



This portrait of Fr. Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., Iroquois Priest, is the work of Mr. Harold Godey of Amsterdam, N.Y. It was commissioned by Mr. Thomas Constantino, President of the Noteworthy Company of the same city, "in appreciation of the many years Fr. Jacobs had spent in spreading devotion to Kateri." On November 17, at a dinner given in his honor, to which Mr. Constantino had invited the members of his staff, he officially presented the painting to him.



FOR A TERCENTENARY

THE ST. REGIS MISSION, definitely established about 1755 on Lake St. Francis, a widening of the St. Lawrence River, was made up of more than thirty families from Caughnawaga, who were joined by a group of Mohawk Indians. Their link with the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha is undeniable. So, on December 4, 1977, they held special ceremonies to honor the tercentenary of Kateri's first Holy Communion on Christmas Day, 1677, at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier.

Two Masses were offered in thanksgiving to God for the holiness Kateri achieved here on earth, the first one at 10:00 A.M., with Fr. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y., as celebrant; and, as co-celebrants Fr. Ronald Fleig, S.J., also from Auriesville, and Fr. Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., of St. Regis.

Before the Holy Sacrifice, Mr. Thomas Constantino from Amsterdam, N.Y., gave a short talk on Kateri, stressing her departure from the Mohawk country and her flight to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in the autumn of 1677. He then unveiled an oil painting of Fr. Michael K. Jacobs in appreciation of the many years he had spent in spreading devotion to Kateri.



Mr. Thomas Constantino, Fr. Ronald Fleig, S.J., Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J., and Fr. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., unveil Fr. Jacobs' portrait.



Mr. Constantino brought many statues of Kateri for Bishop Brzana to bless at the noon Eucharistic Celebration. After Mass, he donated one to Fr. Jacobs; later on, another to Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor at Caughnawaga, and still another to Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J., Vice-Postulator for Kateri Tekakwitha.



Fr. F. James Shurtleff, the Bishop's secretary, leads the procession of Knights of Columbus from the St. Regis rectory to the church. These Fourth Degree Knights were from Fort Covington, Malone, Ellenburg Depot, and Massena, N.Y.



Indian children in their colorful costumes follow the Knights.



The Pastor, Fr. Gordon Bazinet, S.J., and the Provincial, Fr. Julian Harvey, S.J.



Chief Paul Horne from Caughnawaga precedes Bishop Stanislaus Brzana with his wooden crozier, carved by the St. Regis Indians.

Bishop Stanislaus Brzana of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, N.Y., which comprises the American section of the St. Regis Mission, solemnly celebrated the second Mass at noon. The Pastor, Fr. Gordon Bazinet, S.J., gave the homily. The Bishop then blessed the new statue of the Lily of the Mohawks, the work of sculptor Charles Pizzani of Medford, Mass. He also blessed a score or more of smaller statue, which Mr. Thomas Constantino had had made from a mold created by Miss Adrienne Bouvier of Brookline, Mass., and which he intends to distribute among friends interested in Kateri Tekakwitha, especially in the New York area.



The blessing of the new statue: Fr. Louis Sanschagrin, Socius to Fr. Provincial, Fr. Fleig, Fr. Shurtleff, Chief Arthur Kerne, Bishop Stanislaus Brzana, Fr. Bazinet, and Chief Paul Horne.

At two o'clock, after the Eucharistic Celebration, Bishop Brzana with the assembled clergy, the Knights of Columbus, and Kateri's friends drove to Kateri Hall in Hogansburg, N.Y., the American section of the Mission. The St. John Baptist and the Altar and Rosary Societies were happy to offer dinner to the Bishop and the other guests.

Before the parting of the ways, Mr. Thomas Constantino donated a statue and plaque of Kateri to Bishop Brzana; Sir Knight James Burlow of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus presented the Pastor, Fr. Bazinet, with a Mass kit.

Grand Master James Barlow, Fr. Julien Harvey, S.J., Bishop Stanislaus Brzana, Fr. Thomas F. Egan, Fr. Gordon Bazinet, S.J., Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J., Mr. Thomas Constantino, and Mr. William Sunday, member of the Parish Council, St. Regis, P.Q.



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

Enclosed is a check for ten dollars. Renew my subscription for a year; the rest is a little thank you for prayers answered. Recently, my very dear friend was quite ill and I prayed to Kateri to ask our Lord to help her recover. She's passed the crises, and I'm sure she's well on the way to recovery. (Syracuse, NY)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.K.!**

Enclosed find a Money Order for fifty dollars to help along the Cause of Kateri. My son and his wife had many problems brought on by alcohol. It looked as if their marriage would not last. They have three small children, very bright and healthy. I promised Kateri that if they were living together in peace by December 1, I would make an offering for Kateri. I made this promise last May. I am now happy to say they are trying to be good parents, but need a lot more help. I pray to Kateri every day. Please say a special prayer that they will get through Christmas and New Year's in peace. (Edmonton, Alta.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M.G.!**

I am enclosing a check for twelve dollars in thanksgiving for favors received through the intercession of Kateri, particularly the safe arrival of my sister and a friend who were driving through a bad storm. Other favors were granted, I am sure, through the intercession of Kateri. Now I am asking a miracle of Kateri. I am retired and my sister who is much younger than I, and with whom I live, works for a company which is transferring most of their employees to Toronto. We were born and brought up in Montreal and love the city—it is our home. We have many relatives and friends here and certain obligations to some of them. It would be a hardship for them if we were forced to leave and a tragedy for us as well. If in some way my sister were able to keep her position and still remain in Montreal, it would indeed be a miracle for us. This is what I am asking of Kateri. I have promised to say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory every day for the rest of my life and have solicited prayers from many friends as well . . . If it is God's will that we should go, I pray for acceptance. Another little problem: I must undergo an operation in the month of March for a cataract in my right eye. (Montreal, Que.)

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

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss L.Q.!**

I promised to send a check for fifty dollars to be used for the glory of little Kateri, if the doctors could cure my stomach of an ulcer and hernia without an operation. I was in the hospital for two weeks and was treated. Now I have no more pain, so I am sending my check. The other four dollars are for two Masses to be offered in honor of "The Sacred Wounds of Our Lord" to the Eternal Father for other favors received concerning my health. (Toronto, Ont.)

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

Enclosed you will find a check for five dollars for favor granted that my husband would find a steady job, and he did. All my greatest thanks to Kateri for helping! (Chicopee, MA)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss C.J.!**

Kateri is always good to me and I spread her devotion. In the store where I work, I met this women customer and somehow she started telling me about her granddaughter being in and out of the hospital. The doctors didn't know what was wrong with her. I then gave her the Kateri prayer card and told her to pray to her. Then, didn't she come in on Christmas Eve with her little granddaughter, who is now well. Both thanked me for praying to Kateri. The little girl had a tumor on the brain, so I asked her if I could write to you to tell you about the cure and she said yes. (Warminster, PA)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.N.!**

Enclosed are five dollars for Kateri. I prayed over and over to Kateri for a good report. I promised the above sum if the reports came back good. Well, after a year, I am off chemotherapy, following a three-day session of X-rays, etc. My next appointment at the hospital is in two months. That is progress. I prayed so hard to Kateri, I thought her statue would answer me back. In her own way, she did. (Somerville, MA)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.D.!**

I am sending two hundred dollars to Kateri for selling our house. I have another favor to ask: will you pray for the cure of my husband's leg? (Chicopee, MA)

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

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss G.W.!**

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Four years ago, I was on holiday and visited your beautiful Church and since then have prayed to your little Kateri, whom I place all my trust in. Thank you so much for sending me my copy of the magazine. I have great faith in Kateri, and would love dearly to have some of her touch relics to pass on in my family. Will you please help me to pray to Kateri for all the intentions of my family in general? I pray some day little Kateri will become St. Kateri. Hoping you are well, may God bless you always. I enclose five dollars. Many thanks.

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KATERI, GIVE STRENGTH TO THE PRO-LIFERS!

Early in December an announcement was made, rather quietly, by the Quebec Social Affairs minister, Dr. Denis Lazure, outlining his plans for setting up 20 family planning clinics in the province. These clinics will be equipped with facilities for performing abortions. This seems to be one of the first results of former federal Health and Welfare minister Marc Lalonde's plan, announced last March, to force the provinces to expand abortion facilities in Canada.

There are many things about the manner in which the announcement was made that arouse our suspicions. One of those things is the fact that the English news media did not publish the announcement. Did they, perhaps, hope that if the abortion clinics could be sneaked in unknown to the public they would stand a better chance of being implemented without protest? Strange, is it not, that the same news media claiming that the public has a right to know and protest when the R.C.M.P. carry out actions, to control the F.L.Q., and the Black Panthers, do not recognize the right of the public to know and protest when tax money is being used to promote the extermination of innocent unborn children.

The fact that they fear a protest tells us something about the power of public protest. The majority of the people of Quebec are opposed to the setting up of abortion clinics. If the members of the public protest, the clinics will not be set up. Already

a campaign is in progress all across the province to protest against Lazure's clinics: about fifty organizations in the French community are sending in thousands of letters and telegrams to Dr. Lazure, Mr. Lévesque, and to members of the National Assembly.

We have met with the leaders of those organizations, they include the *Parents Catholiques*, *Médecins du Québec pour le Respect de la Vie*, *Front Commun pour le Respect de la Vie*, and many other groups; they have asked us to join in the campaign, to show that on this issue there is no Anglophone and no Francophone, just people who respect the right of other people to be born and to live. This campaign is crucial, if such clinics are set up in Quebec other provinces will copy the scheme and abortion clinics will be set up all across Canada. We must act now. If possible send a telegram, follow it up with letters to Mr. Levesque, to Mr. Lazure, and to your own member of the National Assembly.

If you can not write in French do not let that stop you; we write regularly to the Parti Quebecois ministers and members in English. Our letters are always well received and we receive replies in English. We are citizens, we have votes, our opinions count just as much as the opinions of any other citizen.

Write to the ministers in question and to your member C/O The National Assembly, Quebec City. Please don't forget and please don't delay, this is urgent.

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Peter Hopkins

The Visions of Bernard de Hoyos

Henri Béchard

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Dear Father Béchard:

Many thanks for those two wonderful books, Fr. Weiser's KATERI TEKAKWITHA, and your own book, THE VISIONS OF BERNARD DE HOYOS.

We are presently absorbed in the fascinating story you have revealed in your biography of the saintly Father de Hoyos. We are so grateful that Friday devotions to the Sacred Heart were begun here in our parish several years ago, for, as you are aware, there is perpetual need of His most merciful tenderness and consolations for which we poor sinners long, not to mention the all important necessity of offering Him our gratitude and human love.

Our deep, heartfelt appreciation to you and to Fr. Weiser! May God direct our paths to cross someday, and may He bring us together forever within His Sacred Heart of Love divine!

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clampitt

PRAYER

for the beatification of
Kateri Tekakwitha

O GOD, who, among the manifold marvels of Your Grace in the New World, did cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant, we beseech You, the favor we beg through her intercession - that this Little Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be raised to the honors of the altar by 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.

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