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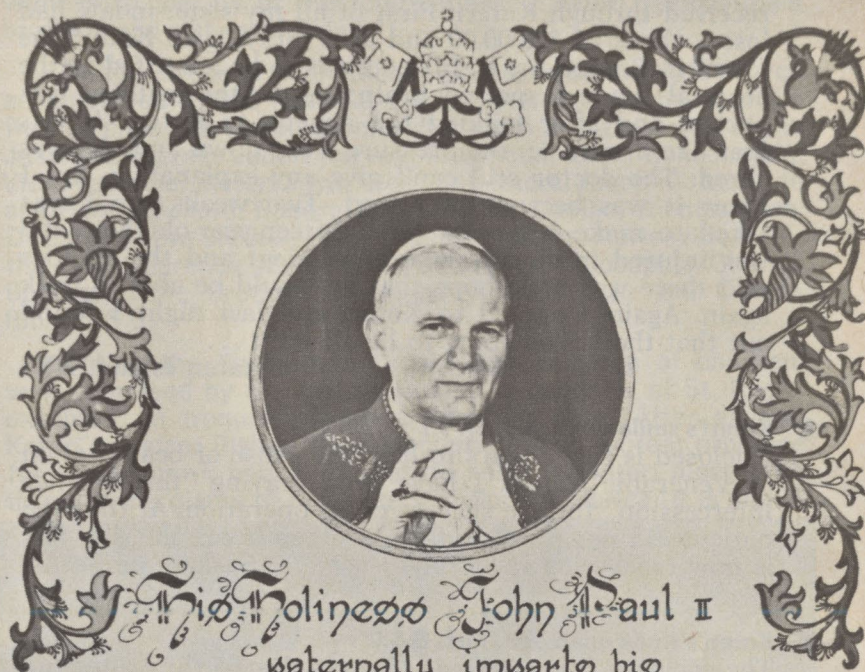
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✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. T.P.!**

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars for favors received through Kateri. First of all my sister-in-law had lost a check of \$2,000.00 and after praying to Kateri she found it. Second my girl friend was to be admitted to the hospital for a suspected brain tumor, the suitcase was packed and after making the novena to Kateri, it was just like a miracle, the pressure went down and she was cured. The doctor still can't give any explanation, but I know it was because of Kateri. Two weeks ago I was asked to make a novena for a fifteen-year-old boy who was injured in an automobile accident and the doctors said there was little hope that he would be able to walk again. Again I prayed to Kateri and last night I found out that the boy is going to be all right . . .

(Staten Island, NY)

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

Enclosed is five dollars to help the cause of beatification of Venerable Kateri. I have been praying "through her intercession" for the success of an operation. At first the patient did not re-act but when taken home she did. She is now recovering favorably.

(Saskatoon, Sask.)

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

The enclosed five dollars is to thank Kateri for protecting my daughter and for her safe return home. I pray every night for the beatification and canonization of Kateri . . .

(Cairo, Egypt)

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

I am sending fifty dollars for a favor received. I was praying for my husband to get a better job. One he really had worked hard to get. We were happy to get the news a few months later that they had chosen him for the job. Thank you Kateri! We pray to you always.

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THE JESUIT CURIA or headquarters in Rome is close to the Vatican, so close indeed that it begins at a few hundred meters from the end of the left wing of Bernini's colonnade. From my window, as I look out at the magnificent façade of St. Peter's, radiant in the warm sunshine, I cannot help but marvel at the ways of God.

Tomorrow morning, His Holiness Pope John Paul II will beatify five of the Lord's chosen ones, who somehow or other were so interested in the Amerinds that they dedicated their lives to them out of pure love: Blessed François de Laval, Kateri's bishop and first bishop of North America north of the Rio Grande; Blessed Marie of the Incarnation, O.S.U., one of the first distaff missionaries if not the first one in the history of the Church, who after devoting her life to the Indians, died as she offered it up for them; Blessed Joseph de Anchieta, S.J., who, among other things, cared enough for the Brazilian aborigines in the late fifteen hundreds to compile a dictionary of the Turpi-Guarani language; Blessed John St. Joseph de Betancur, a Franciscan third order layman, who dedicated himself to the poor of his country, especially the Indians, during the seventeenth century. And, of course, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the Mohawk maiden, who led a life of penitential love to draw her compatriots to the Lord, the Heart of her heart.

With deep emotion, I jot down these lines. Tomorrow afternoon after Pope John Paul II has formally declared Kateri "Blessed," I may be too emotionally drained to be able to do any writing.

As of now, I am convinced Blessed Kateri's beatification will be of deep significance to the Amerinds of Canada and of the United States; indeed, to those of all three Americas. Also, to the poor and downtrodden everywhere, in particular to the ethnical minorities scattered throughout the world. Finally to the middle classes and wealthy who are poor in spirit.

Since Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, in the face of illness, hardships, a whole motley of suffering, did correspond so generously each day to God's saving grace, should we not be ready to admire her, to imitate her and ask her as a close friend to intercede for all of us?

Rome, June 21, 1980.

HENRI BECHARD, S.J.
Vice-Postulator



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The Most Reverend Robert Lebel, Bishop of Valleyfield, P.Q., presides at the Eucharistic Celebration.

The Tercentenary Celebrations

AT ST. REGIS

AT ST. REGIS on the occasion of the tercentennial celebrations in honor of the holy death of Kateri Tekakwitha on April 17, 1680, Bishop Robert Lebel of Valleyfield, P.Q., began his homily in the Iroquois language:

"Te wakatonhontsioni nakwarori tsiniwakatsennoni ken lkes nonwa nakawenisera ne Kateri Tekakwitha."

Neki oni kaskaneks n'akwekon aionterennaïen n'éto naontawe iosnore akonwaiatokentiste Kateri Tekakwitha, n'onkwehonweke Katsitsaraken."

En English it reads:

"I wish to express the great joy that is mine at being with you today to honor Kateri Tekakwitha."

I also hope all the faithful will pray so that the White-Flower (Lily) of the Indians may be called St. Kateri Tekakwitha."

Before her canonization, her beatification must take place. The faithful of the Mission were jubilant at the news that Pope John Paul II would elevate "the fairest flower that ever bloomed among the redmen" to the glory of the altars. Many Indians are planning to go to Rome at their own expense on June 22 for the ceremony.

A crowded church colorful with the traditional Amerindian

attire, handmade banners proclaiming the virtues of Kateri Tekakwitha, and joyful with hymns in the Iroquois language, bore witness to the joy of the future Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's brothers and sisters of today.

On the stroke of noon, Bishop Lbel entered the little church accompanied by the Rev. Gerard Lavigne, S.J., Pastor, and the Rev. Michael Karihaton Jacobs, S.J., with a dozen or so of his Jesuit confrères: Julien Harvey, Provincial, Louis Sanschagrin, Vice-Provincial, Kateri's two Vice-Postulators, Joseph T. McBride and Henri Béchard, Robert Fleig, John M. Doolan, Thomas Egan, Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville, N.Y., the Rev. Clarence M. Devan, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Bombay, N.Y., Brothers Raymond Whelan, S.J., and Claude Richer, S.C.

During the Eucharistic Celebration, a group of children, well exercised by Sr. Kateri Mitchell, a daughter of St. Regis, executed an Iroquois dance around the altar. After singing Kateri's praise, Bishop Lebel declared: "It is a great privilege for the Mohawk nation to see the name of Kateri along with those of the giants of our history in North America; it is signif-



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During the Holy Sacrifice, the children danced round the altar.

icant that Bishop François de Laval, first bishop of America north of Mexico, and Mother Marie of the Incarnation, the greatest mystic of her day, who dedicated her life to the Indian people, are to be honored this June together with the Lily of the Mohawks."

Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification is also a tribute to the

early Jesuit missionaries with whom her life was linked, particularly St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and their Companions, whose 50th anniversary of canonization is being celebrated this year.

After Mass, a joyful community dinner was served to more than three hundred of the future **Beata's** friends, among them Mr. Thomas Constantino, Amsterdam, N.Y., and Mrs. Anne Scheuerman, Pittsford, N.Y., at the Kateri Center in Hogansburg, N.Y., the American section of the Mission of St. Regis. Because of his health, Father Jacobs was unable to join the happy throng. His absence was the only shadow cast on an otherwise totally festive meal.

AT KAHNAWAKÉ

At Kahnawaké or Caughnawaga, Sunday, April 20, was dedicated to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

During April of the last two years, festivities spotlighted the holy death of the Iroquois maiden at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in 1680. Since the 17th century, she has been known as the "Guardian Angel" of the Mission, and the Indian Knights of Columbus wanted to honor her as much as they possibly could. The news that Pope John II would beatify her next June heightened their resolve to do so.

Following the schedule of the last two years, Bishop Bernard Hubert of St. Jean de Quebec celebrated a Solemn



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. O'Brien, signal benefactors of Kateri's Cause from Lyndhurst, Ohio; the Vice-Postulator; the Most Reverend Bernard Hubert, Bishop of Saint-Jean-de-Quebec; and Miss Mandy Montour at the luncheon served after the Eucharistic Concelebration.

Mass at a quarter past twelve. Concelebrating with him were the Revs. Edward Sheridan, S.J., Regional Assistant to the most Reverend Peter Arrupe, General of the Jesuits, Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor of the Mission, with most of the same priests who had taken part in the Eucharistic Celebration at St. Regis.

As usual, the Iroquois Mixed Choir sang in their beautiful language. From Markstay, Ont., had come the Rev. Albert Burns, former pastor of the Mission, to sing with old friends.

Great devotees of Kateri like Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. O'Brien, Mr. Thomas Constantino, and Mrs. Anne Scheuerman had travelled from as far as Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsford, and Amsterdam, N.Y., to take part in the celebration. About seventy-five Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from the United States, Ottawa, Montreal, Caughnawaga and the vicinity, along with a representative group of Daughters of Isabella from the town and the neighborhood, accompanied by their chaplain, the Very Reverend Canon Antoine Rémillard, brightened up the little church with their colorful regalia.

On the walls of the sanctuary among the banners and streamers could be seen in block letters the names of the Indians of the Reserve: Dell, Delorimier, Diabo (D'Ailleboust), Dearhouse, etc. People with these names filled the mission church to capacity.

In his homily, Bishop Hubert congratulated the Iroquois on Kateri's oncoming elevation to the glory of the altars. He said all the faithful of the diocese of Saint-Jean-de-Quebec would now be able to take pride in having the sacred remains of Kateri in their midst. He invited as many as possible of her people to go to Rome for the ceremony of the beatification on June 22. He promised the diocese would help defray some of the expenses. Caughnawaga Indians generously responded to his invitation. What greater joy could be theirs than attending the beatification ceremonies?

At the beautiful Kahnawaké Knights of Columbus Hall, somewhat larger than the parish hall in St. Regis, from five to six hundred friends of Kateri joyfully broke bread together.

In St. Regis as well as in Kahnawaké, the tercentennial of the holy death of Kaiatonoron (Lady-of-quality: Venerable) Kateri Tekakwitha was fittingly observed in anticipation of her beatification.

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HER BROTHERS AND SISTERS GO TO ROME

ON the evening of June 18, at the international airport of Mirabel, forty-eight kilometers northwest of Montreal, arrive from all sides 450 pilgrims on their way to the beatification of François de Laval, Kateri's Bishop; of Marie of the Incarnation, O.S.U., who gave up all things, even her little son, to dedicate herself to the indigenous peoples of Canada; as well as Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks. Among the travellers are more than eighty Iroquois from Caughnawaga and more than sixty from St. Regis, P.Q. These two groups are particularly important, for the first one comes from the Mission where Kateri died in 1680, and the second from that founded in 1756 by Indians from the Mission of St. Francis Xavier of Caughnawaga. There are also about twenty Hurons from Lorette, P.Q., whose trip was paid for by the Government of the Province of Quebec, and many others from Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick along with those from the Western Provinces, even as far as British Columbia, including two Eskimos, Mr. Bartholomew Nerlongayok, who can speak neither English nor French, and his wife, who is able to make herself understood in English. They came from Pelly in the Northwest Territories.

The crowd is happy and excited. Fr. Leon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor of Kateri's Mission and organiser of the indian pilgrimage, weaves his way among them with a good word for all. He congratulates Mr. Murray Sayres, an ordained deacon, and his wife, Srs. Eva and Priscilla Solomon, Dorothy Lazore and two if not three Srs. Kateri Tekakwitha on their decision to take part in the celebrations in honor of Kateri at Rome.

The chartered airplane takes off at 12:15 A.M. and after a quiet trip lands in the early afternoon at the Leonardo da Vinci international airport at Fiumicino. Spanking new air-conditioned busses await the pilgrims, who fill them up in a jiffy. None of them budge, however, for two or three Indians who were told before leaving Canada, "You can fix things up in Rome!" have no passports. Fr. Gérard Lavigne, S.J., Pastor of the Mission of St. Regis, must act as a go-between for them with Canadian and American authorities. He ends up by obtaining the necessary permission for them to enter the country, but the next day he will have to spend quite a bit of time at the two embassies.



Sr. Dorothy Lazore, S.S.A., and her niece
Agnes Sharrow at the Trevi Fountain.

PHOTOS PAUL HAMEL, S.J.

Most of our Indians have their rooms at the Midas Hotel on the Via Aurelia and are delighted with them. The rest of the pilgrims, in particular Chief Max Gros Louis and his Hurons, are accomodated at the Princesse Hotel, not too far away.

Rome, Friday, June 20

After breakfast at their respective hotels, the day is spent visiting the catacombs, the great basilicas, and other monuments of the Eternal City. The beauty and charm of Rome entuses the visitors. During the morning, at St. Paul's Outside the Walls, built in 388 by Valentinian II and Theodosius, burnt in 1823 and reconstructed, Archbishop Jean-Marie Fortier of Sherbrooke, P.Q., presides at a Eucharistic Concelebration in French.

In the evening, Mr. Robert Wagner, former mayor of New York and personal representative of the President of the United States, entertains the American Indians and their white friends at the Grand Hotel, Via del Parco.

Saturday, June 21

By midmorning, the news has spread that the Holy Father

is granting a private audience to President Carter as he passes through Rome on his way to Venice. For an hour and three minutes the Pope and the President discuss the great problems of our days before proceeding to the Clementine Hall where a crowd of American citizens are awaiting them. His Holiness and the President are welcomed by Cardinals Terence Cooke of New York, John Krol of Philadelphia and William Baum, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education, by quite a few Bishops, Priests and Seminarians from the American College in Rome, and of particular interest to us, by the delegation of American Indians.

While addressing the Pope, President Carter mispronounces the name of Kateri Tekakwitha. "The Holy Father and I," he quips, "have been practising how to pronounce this name!" He then adds that Kateri's Beatification is a source of joy for all Americans of every persuasion as well as for Catholics and Indians.

The Amerinds thus get a close view of the Pope. Their Canadian cousins anxiously ask themselves if, before returning home, they will have the same privilege. Their anxiety disappears when they are told that pressure is being brought in their favor upon the powers that be.

Most of them pass the time of the day visiting ancient Rome. During the afternoon, a short trip to Tivoli, or to Monte Cassino, founded by St. Benedict towards 529 is proposed to the pilgrims. For half past five o'clock in the afternoon, the Quebec Government has invited the pilgrims to a symposium on the new Blessed at the Gregorian University. The great hall adjoining the front entrance is soon full. His Eminence Cardinal Roy, His Grace Archbishop Jean-Marie Fortier, Bishops Gerard-Marie Coderre, Bernard Hubert, Marie-Andre Cimicehella, Jules Le Guerrier and other prelates, official representatives of Canada and the Province of Quebec, many members of the clergy and laity, and also the Indians in tribal regalia now pack the Aula Magna. Though English-speaking, the Mohawks have turned out in full force to honor their sister Kateri. As His Eminence must absent himself before the end—it is being bandied about that he has an appointment with the Holy Father—the Indian choir members present, along with Fr. Albert Burns, S.J., their former pastor and good friend, are invited to commence the meeting instead of concluding it according to the program. They sing Mozart's **Ave Verum** and **Jesu dulcis memoria** in Iroquois.

Dom Guy Oury from the Benedictine Abbey of Solesmes, a specialist on the life of Mother Marie of the Incarnation,



Mr. Max Gros-Louis, Chief of the Lorette Hurons, Mr. Andrew Delisle, Chief of the Caughnawaga Iroquois and Grand Chief of the Indians of Quebec, with his wife, Gladys, and Miss Marie Baboyant, devoted auxiliary of the Kateri movement for more than a quarter of a century at the Eau-Vive Restaurant.

thereupon brilliantly tells the story of her life. Then follows Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J., Vice-Postulator for the cause of Kateri, who is wearing a beautiful leather jacket of Indian make, a gift of Chief and Mrs. Andrew Delisle of Caughnawaga. He evokes that great "saint" of New France, Kateri Tekakwitha, known as the "protectress of Canada" since the late 1680's. To Fr. Lucien Campeau, S.J., a well-known historian, is reserved the honor of summarizing the lifework of His Lordship François de Laval, first bishop of Quebec, whose jurisdiction extended to most of North America. By way of conclusion, Mrs. Mae Montour of Caughnawaga, in a short extempore speech in Iroquois draws tears from the eyes of her people, tears of joy, to be sure, the joy of having at long last a Beata of their own!

Invitations to dinner that evening at the Eau-Vive (Living Waters) restaurant have been sent out by the Province of Quebec in honor of tomorrow's Beati, Bishop de Laval, Mother of the Incarnation, and Kateri Tekakwitha. Messrs. Andrew Delisle, Chief of the Caughnawaga Iroquois and Grand-Chief of the Indians of Québec, and Max Gros-Louis, Chief of the Hurons from Lorette, are among the guests. On arriving before the doors open at half past seven, they are are treated to the sight of a bevy of pretty Vietnamese, African, Indian (from India), and French girls, elegantly dressed in their national costumes,

on their way home from Mass as they enter the Living Waters. These girls are known as the **Travailleuses Missionnaires**, the Working Missionaries, and run first-class French restaurants in many large cities of the world.

Each table is adorned with white lilies in honor of Kateri. Carefully prepared, the eight-page menu carries on the flyleaf an exquisite cover-girl: Kateri beside the spring of living waters. A miniature lilly stands out in relief at the feet of tomorrow's Beata. At eleven o'clock, the music and words of two hymns to Our Lady of Lourdes are passed out to the guests. In all the Eau-Vive restaurants, it is the custom, every night, to sing the praises of the Blessed Virgin. Everybody joins in. Then after a moment of silence, conversations continue in a low voice. An hour later, all return to their hotels, happy at the thought that in the day that is about to begin, Kateri Tekakwitha is to be raised to the honors of the altar.

Sunday, June 22

Early in the morning, sunshine and a few clouds fill the Roman sky. The Pontifical Mass is scheduled for half past nine. Ticket in hand, Kateri's friends must be at St. Peter's at least an hour beforehand. From all quarters the faithful flock to the Mother Church of Christendom: Romans, naturally, but also men, women, and children of every race and every nationality. Most noticeable are the Brazilians devoted to Fr. Joseph Anchieta, the Guatemalans to Peter de St. Joseph Betancur, Canadians to Francis de Laval, Marie of the Incarnation, and Kateri Tekakwitha. Many American friends, too, as the Iroquois maiden was born in New France in that region which is today part of New York State.

On entering, the Swiss Guards check the tickets, before allowing the ushers in tails to lead each one to his place. In all there were about twenty Indian chiefs from Canada and the United States. The Indians, in striking tribal regalia, especially those of the Kateri's Mission and their white friends, have places close to the ancient bronze statue of St. Peter.

Before the altar with its immense canopy and wreathed columns by Bernini, the conspicuous red and violet zucchetti or skullcaps of thirty cardinals and some sixty archbishops and bishops attract attention. Among the Canadians, most prominent are Their Eminences Cardinal Maurice Roy of Quebec, Gerald Emmett Carter of Toronto, and George Flahiff of Winnipeg, The Most Reverend Joseph N. MacNeil and Henri Légaré, President and Vice-President of the CCCB., Bernard Hubert Bishop of Saint-Jean-de-Quebec, Jean-Marie Coderre, his predecessor and fervent apostle of Kateri for more than a quarter

of a century, as well as about twenty other prelates. Among the Americans, Their Eminences Cardinals Terence Cooke of New York, John J. Krol of Philadelphia and William Baum, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, and The Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany, N.Y., and Stanislaus J. Brzana of Ogdensburg, N.Y., in whose diocese is to be found the American section of the Mission of St. Francis Regis.

Close to the front of the altar, to each side, the members of the diplomatic body in full dress take their places. Prominent among them are His Excellency the Ambassador of Canada to the Holy See, Mr. Yvon Bealne, accompanied by his wife, and the Minister of Defense, the Hon. Gilles Lamontagne as well as two Ministers of the Quebec Government, Messers. Camil Laurin, and Denis Vaugeois. To honor Bishop de Laval and Mother Marie of the Incarnation, France elected to send its Minister of Health, the Hon. Jacques Barrot, while the United States or rather President Carter (there is no American ambassador to the Holy See) chose Mr. Robert Wagner to stand for him.

Formerly beatification ceremonies were quite simple. For the Canadian or North American Martyrs, in 1925, Fr. James Fajella, S.J., Postulator General for their cause, invited the Cardinal Vicar of St. Peter's, Rafael Merry del Val, to read the decree of beatification. His Eminence did so and the crowd applauded. The painting of the Holy Martyrs, the work of Mother Nealis, R.S.C., was then unveiled, and the relics of the new Beati exposed as the **Te Deum** was chanted. Only later in the afternoon did the silver trumpets herald the coming of His Holiness Pius XI as he entered the basilica. Fr. Wlodimir Ledochowski, General of the Society of Jesus, thereupon offered a magnificent reliquary to the Pope, containing relics of Sts. John de Brébeuf, Gabriel Lalemant and Charles Garnier.

Far more solemn is the Beatification of today's five Venerables, Joseph de Anchieta, S.J. (1534-1597), Peter de St. Joseph Betancur, (1619-1667), Marie of the Incarnation, O.S.U. (1599-1672), François de Laval, (1623-1708), and Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680). At the hour mentioned above, the Holy Father accompanied by his suite, among whom figures Fr. Pedro Arrupe, present General of the Jesuits, entered into the huge edifice. As the pontifical procession proceeds to the altar, the 25,000 assistants burst into loud applause.

An elegant 94-page missalette, prepared for the ceremony and distributed at each place, allows the participants to follow

closely this great moment of historic and religious truth. The Gregorian Mass is chanted in Latin according to the recommendation of Vatican II. Immediately after the Kyrie sung by the choir and the faithful, comes the rite of beatification.

Under the great dome, erect upon his throne and wearing his white miter, John Paul II listens to the petitions of Cardinal Avelari Brandao for Fr. de Anchieta, of Cardinal Marius Casariego for Peter de St. Joseph Betancur, and of Cardinal Maurice Roy for Bishop François de Laval and Marie of the Incarnation. For Kateri Tekakwitha, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, in whose territory was born Kateri Tekakwitha, reads the petition.¹

The Holy Father now reads the formula of beatification and assign a feast day to each of the new Blessed: June 9 to Blessed Joseph de Anchieta, April 25 to Blessed Peter de St. Joseph Betancur, April 13 to Blessed Marie of the Incarnation, May 6 to Blessed François de Laval, and April 17 to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

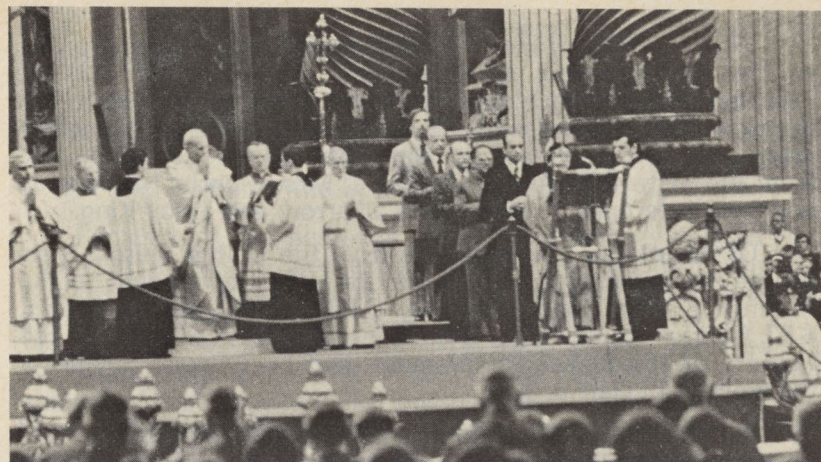
The Pope then entones the Gloria, taken up by the faithful with an enthusiasm easy to imagine. The first liturgical prayer offered to the Lord in the name of the new Blessed follows:

1. In the missalette, are to be found biographies of the five Venerables to be elevated to the rank of Blessed. Kateri's, written in English, mentions the Amerindians and the Eskimos of Canada and of the United States. In the formula used in the beatification ceremonies, it states that, at the request of the Most Reverend Paul Grégoire, Archbishop of Montreal, and of the Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany, and of many other bishops, Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification is taking place. An Iroquois woman from Caughnawaga in Canada is to offer one of the Prayers of Intercession. After the pontifical mass, from his window, the Holy Father will implore the Lord to bless the Indians of Canada and of the United States. In a special audience for Indians, the Pope will also mention both Canada and the United States.

As a result of all these statements, many questions arise, questions that the Indians themselves will ask. Why is it that Archbishop Grégoire of Montreal is named rather than Bishop Bernard Hubert of Saint-Jean-de-Québec in whose diocese Kateri achieved sainthood? The answer is simple. The Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification was launched in Montreal or Albany. "*Marianopolitana seu Albanen. in America*". The diocese of Saint-Jean-de-Québec was then part of the diocese of Montreal. The name of the diocese in which a Cause is instituted is retained until the canonization.

Why is Bishop Hubbard designated instead of Bishop Hubert to read the petition concerning Kateri's beatification to His Holiness? A cause of this sort generally belongs to the Ordinary of diocese where the Saint dies. But during Archbishop Bruchesi's illness, Archbishop Gauthier, Administrator of the diocese of Montreal, turned the Cause over to the Right Reverend Gibbons, then Bishop of Albany, in whose territory Kateri was born. It is thus quite normal for Bishop Howard Hubbard to petition the Holy Father to beatify Kateri.

And now, one more question, somewhat more complicated than the others. Why was it that no Canadian Bishop was invited to concelebrate with the Holy Father in honor of Blessed Tekakwitha? This question seems all the more pertinent if one takes into consideration the opinion of Fr. Hippolyte Delahaye, S.J., Bollandist, concerning the whereabouts of a saint's death. (*Cinq leçons sur la méthode hagiographique*, Brussels, 1934, p. 13). Ninety years from now the Vatican archives may give historians the right answer. We can only conjecture. Without raising a windblast, let it suffice to say that a few grains of sand thrown into the intricate Vatican machinery put it out of gear. Fortunately, it seems, with no ill will on the part of anyone.



Mrs. Esther Kane Phillips of Caughnawaga reads one of the Prayers of the Faithful in Iroquois.

"Almighty and eternal God, who through the glorification of Blessed Joseph, Peter, Marie, François and Catherine lavished on us ever new proofs of your love, grant us the favor of faithfully imitating your Son, of putting our trust in their intercession, and of being stimulated by their example. Through Jesus Christ your Son, Our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen."

After the two readings and the Gospel, remaining seated, Pope John Paul II eulogizes the five new Beati. As most of the Indians are English-speaking, he speaks to them in this language. "This marvelous crown of Blessed," he concludes, "whom God in his goodness, offers to His Church, is enhanced by the sweet, frail, and yet strong figure of a young woman who died in her twenty-fourth year: Kateri Tekakwitha, 'the Lily of the Mohawks'..."

The Prayers of the Faithful are read in Portuguese, Spanish, French, Polish, English, and Iroquois. Mrs. Esther Kane Phillips, a member of Kateri's own Mission at Caughnawaga, P.Q., prays in her tongue: "For peace in the world: so that the thought of the message of Christ may be a leaven of love in the hearts of all men and inspire them to build together a life that shall be more just and more human, wherein shall be recognized the rights of the oppressed and the ethnic minorities respected and loved." Mrs. Phillips is the first woman to take part with the Pope in one of the liturgical ceremonies at the Vatican.

With their offerings of Indian workmanship—peace pipes, feather headdresses, woodcarvings, etc.—take part in the Offertory Procession, along with some American Indians, a few Iroquois from the Mission of St. Francis Xavier of Caughnawaga, Mr. Stuart Beauvais and Mrs. Eileen Lefebvre; and from the sister-Mission of St. Regis, Mrs. Mrs. Monroe-Hassenplug and two little ones, Agnes Marie Sharrow and Tracy King.

Of the eleven Indian priests from the United States, present at the ceremony, five distribute Holy Communion to the faithful: Fathers John Hasecale, O.F.M., Cap., Joseph Brown, S.J.,² Charles Leute, O.P., Donald E. Pelotte, Provincial of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament, and Fr. Edmund Savilla of the diocese of Gallup, N.M.

But the Holy Father himself gives communion to many of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's compatriots: Mr. Albert Lazare, secretary at the Kateri Cener for more than twenty-nine years, and his wife, to Miss Brenda Rice, to the Mmes Cynthia Diabo (Dailleboust), Josie Moon-Delisle, Agatha Foote, Annie Two Rivers, Annie Lahache, Mae Montour, and two children, Stephen Montour and Jennifer Delorimier, all of Caughnawaga. And, also, Mmes Josephine Angus and Messrs. Russell Phillips and James Caldwell of St. Regis.

With the Holy Father's blessing, the grandoise ceremony comes to an end. Blessed hours which those who were fortunate enough to enjoy will never forget!

A Private Audience

Immediately afterwards, in the Chapel of St. Sebastian, John Paul II holds an audience for the representatives of the official delegations from Brazil, Guatemala, the United States, France, and Canada. On a long table are disposed presents for the Pope. Mr. Andrew Delisle, Chief of the Iroquois and Grand Chief of the Indians of Quebec, and his wife, Gladys, offer a Mohawk family doll made of corn husk with faces fashioned with dried apples. Sr. Kateri Mitchell of St. Regis has prepared an elegant Indian jacket for him. Letters³ accompany

2. At the end of Mass, Fr. Brown learns that his mother has just died and that he must fly back to the United States. In 1951 he came to pray before Kateri's relics in Caughnawaga. It was then learned that he was the eldest of a family of twelve children and that he had a sister named Kateri. The Vice Postulator offers him his sincere sympathy with the assurance of prayers for the repose of this mother's soul.

3. For instance, letters from the Quebec Caughnawaga and St. Regis Indians, the Carriers of Tachie, B.C., the Objibways of Northern Ontario, the Micmacs of Prince Edward Island, the Navajos of Window Rock, Ariz. and the Papagos also of Ariz., the Ottawas of Sutton Bay, Mich., the Caddos of Anadarko, Okla., the Umitillas of Pendleton, Oreg., the Sioux of Marty, S.D., etc.

most of these tokens of the donors' presence at the beatification of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

At the end of the audience, stalwart Huron chief, Max Gros-Louis' eyes are full of tears, so great is the impression the Holy Father has made upon him. Film star Iron Eyes Cody can think of no better name for the Sovereign Pontiff than "Talking Eyes."

Because of the audience, the Pope's Sunday talk to the people in St. Peter's Square is delayed for half an hour. From the window of his apartment with its red velvet antependium, he speaks to 45,000 people who have patiently awaited him. Thanks to a good microphone, his voice strong and clear is easily understandable. The virtues of the new Blessed are the subject of his talk, which he concludes with these words: "May God bless the Indian people of Canada and of the United States!"

A Lunch and a Reception

During the next few days, dinners and receptions succeed one upon the other. The Indians are invited to them either as a group or in the person of their chiefs. Immediately following the beatification, the Canadian Ambassador to the Holy See and Mrs. Yvon Beaulne serve a luncheon to about seventy-five people at their beautiful residence on the Via di Porti San Sebastiano. Three tables, exquisitely set, have as guests of honor Their Eminences Cardinals Roy, Carter, and Flahiff. With his back to the picture window looking out on flower beds and greensward, extending to imposing ruins of ancient Rome, Ambassador Beaulne has at the other end of his table the Cardinal-Archbishop of Quebec. At the latter's right, is seated the Hon. Gilles Lamontagne, Minister of Defense, a native-born Quebecer. At the same table take place Fr. Paolo Molinari, S.J., Postulator General for the Cause of Blessed Kateri, and Chiefs Andrew Delisle and Max Gros-Louis. If Mr. and Mrs. Bartholemew Nerlongayok, Eskimos from Pelly Bay in the Northwestern Territories, were there, they would admire a collection of delightful carvings by their own people on the wall of the dining room. As the other guests, they would also certainly appreciate the warm hospitality of their distinguished hosts.

At the end of the afternoon, the General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Pedro Arrupe, and Fr. Molinari hold a reception in honor of Blessed Joseph de Anchieta, S.J., and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. At the door, the two eminent Jesuits welcome the guests, whether they are prelates, priests, religious, Indian

chiefs or elegantly dressed ladies and gentlemen. Fr. James McGivern, S.J., from the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs at Midland, Ont., is there. A little later on, it is learned that he has a heart condition forcing him to return precipitately to Canada. At the time of this writing, Fr. McGivern's health is much better.

Monday, June 23

Today is what the travelling agencies call a free day. The pilgrims have several choices. As the other Canadians, the Indians break up into different groups: the Lorette Hurons to visit the **Santa Casa di Loreto**; others go to Assisi where Bishop Jules Le Guerrier, O.M.I., offers the Holy Sacrifice in the church where the body of St. Claire reposes; others, among them Mrs. Albert Lazare and her daughter Tammy, in smaller numbers, take the direction of the south to see Naples, Amalfi, the Azure Grotto at Capri, radiant under the Italian sun. Still others, such as Mr. Albert Lazare, prefer to revisit Rome. St. Peter's and the Vatican attract them. Then there is shopping to do, souvenirs to buy.

At five o'clock in the afternoon, for the English-speaking pilgrims, His Eminence Cardinal Carter offers the Holy Sacrifice at Santa Maria di Trastevere close by the Vatican. Most of the Indians speak English fluently. Inadvertently they are not informed about the Mass nor about the reception which follows at the Concordium Hotel, Via del Parco.



"A good expresso will pick us up!"



The Indians from Kateri's Mission after the Audience

About the same time, the special representative for the Province of Quebec in Italy, Mr. Raymond Beaugrand, holds an official reception "to celebrate Quebec's national holiday," the feast day of St. John the Baptist. It takes place hard by the Jesuit Curia at the Columbus Hotel, Via Della Conciliazione 33. During the evening, the possibility of a papal audience the next day is mentioned, an audience open to the Canadian Indians, who were unable to join their counterparts from the United States when President Carter visited the Pope.

Tuesday, June 24

The Indian pilgrims learn the happy news that they are to be at the Vatican before half past twelve: "His Holiness will grant them a private audience!" How did it come about? Fr. Paolo Molinari, eager to help Blessed Kateri's people fulfill their legitimate desire of meeting the Vicar of Christ on earth, suggested this audience to Their Eminences Cardinals Maurice Roy and John J. Krol. They in turn, intervening with the powers that be, and despite the Pope's heavy schedule, carried their point.

A Private Audience for the Amerinds

By half past twelve, before the "bronze door" of the Vatican, some 350 Amerindians in their picturesque garb, along with devoted friends, are waiting patiently. No doubt, other people without any link with the first inhabitants of America, will try to slip in with them. The Swiss guards and the official

ushers are on the watch. With them is Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, head of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions in Washington. Also, Jesuit Fathers Lajoie, Lavigne, Béchard for Canada, and Joseph McBride, Vice-Postulator of Kateri for the United States, Thomas Egan, Director of the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, N.Y., and Fr. Ronald Schultz, O.F.M.Conv., Director of the Kateri Sanctuary at Fonda, N.Y., where Blessed Kateri was baptized.

A walk of ten minutes brings the group to a staircase as high as Jacob's ladder, leading to the Clementine Hall where the audience is to take place. A Caughnawaga Indian, Mrs. Two Axe, suddenly feels ill and in less than no time she finds herself in the hands of a good doctor and an attending Sister. They promptly set her up on her feet and she is also to reach the audience hall before the Pope's arrival.

As they wait, the Indians recognize Prime Minister Trudeau as he comes out of a private audience with His Holiness. He graciously shakes hands with the chiefs and their friends before going on to his car.

Twenty minutes later, a dozen Swiss guards march in, followed by Their Eminences Carter, Flahiff, and Krol, accompanied by four or five other prelates. Finally appears the **Ari8a8a-konko8a**⁴, The great-bishop, the Pope himself, who ascends briskly to his chair. In the name of all his people, Mr. Andrew Delisle reads a short address in English to the Vicar of Jesus Christ. John Paul II affectionately answers the Iroquois Chief and Grand Chief of the Indians of Quebec with praise for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. (In a later issue of **Kateri**, will appear the Pope's talk and Chief Delisle's address.)

Before leaving the hall, His Holiness blesses everyone present. The Iroquois choir breaks out into a hymn. As he goes out, the Holy Father shakes hands with a good number of Indians who are closest to him. Without a doubt, this audience is for the Lily of the Mohawks' brothers and sisters the crowning of the unforgettable days of their pilgrimage to Rome.

Holy Mass at the Canadian Church in Rome

At half past five, His Eminence Cardinal Roy, Primate of the Canadian Church, presides at the Eucharistic Celebration at the Church of the Canadian Martyrs, entrusted to the care of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. The patron of French Canadians,

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His Eminence Cardinal Roy, Primate of Canada, presides at the Concelebration at the Canadian Martyrs' Church in Rome.



Mrs. Alma Ransom of St. Regis reads one of the Prayers of the Faithful in Iroquois.

St. John the Baptist, whose feast day it is, takes precedence of Blessed Kateri, but as saints in heaven are not jealous, she certainly doesn't mind. The two other Canadian cardinals present in Rome, a good number of archbishops, bishops, and priests also participate in the Holy Sacrifice. Mrs. Alma Ransom of St. Regis reads one of the Prayers of the Faithful in Iroquois, then in English, and the Caughnawaga choristers sing in their beautiful idiom.

In the evening, the Ambassador of Canada to the Holy See opens his home to his compatriots, there is no better way to finish this extraordinary day.

Prime Minister Trudeau with his young son Justin and members of the diplomatic body are in the first pews.

After the Eucharist, in the Fathers' garden, under the tall cedars, cocktails and tidbits are served to all. Practically everybody, but especially the Indians, make the most of the occasion to shake hands with the Prime Minister and with the three Canadian Eminences.

Wednesday, June 25

Regretfully the pilgrims take the bus for the Leonardo Da Vinci Airport. Their plane takes off at half past one.

For the **Ari8a8akonko8a**, who solemnly proclaimed to the whole world that Kateri Tekakwitha was now Blessed, like an exquisite liqueur, gratitude has welled up in their hearts, now full to overflowing. And Blessed Kateri's people have a message to take with them, an important message they will faithfully deliver: "When you are at home again," the Holy Father told them, "tell your families and your friends that the Pope loves them and that he asks of the Holy Spirit joy and strength for them."

CAUGHNAWAGA FETES ITS OWN BEATA

AFTER the magnificent ceremonies surrounding the Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, at the suggestion of the Most Reverend Bernard Hubert, Bishop of Saint-Jean-de-Québec, the Indians of Caughnawaga and of St. Regis, on returning to Canada, with friends from every corner of the diocese, gathered together at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, on Sunday afternoon, June 29. Her people wished to acclaim their new Beata; they were happy to recall the enthusiasm and pride which animated them at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, as His Holiness Pope John Paul II eulogized Kateri and beatified her.

As the pilgrims arrived, after a prayer of thanksgiving at Kateri's tomb in the church, they visited the museum at the school, before making their way to Kateri Hall, where was shown the T.V. presentation of the Beatification as viewers across the country had seen it on the evening of June 22.

The joy shining on all faces soon found expression in the graceful Indian dances introduced by Mrs. Esther Phillips. Bishop Hubert, who was well acquainted with this parish of his diocese, had requested the cooperation of the dancers and was there to applaud them.

As the church was not large enough to contain all the people, the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, in full regalia, led the way to the school. The Mass of Thanksgiving was concelebrated out of doors by Bishop Hubert; by his predecessor as Bishop of Saint-Jean, the Most Reverend Gérard-Marie Coderre; by Msgr. Gustave Désourdy, Vicar-General of Saint-Jean; by Jesuits Fathers Jean Langlois, Vice-Provincial of the Society of Jesus in French Canada; Henri Béchar, Vice-Postulator of the Cause of Kateri; and Léon Lajoie, Pastor of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. The cooperation of the faithful singing in Iroquois added a fervent note to the religious ceremony. It took eight priests to distribute Holy Communion to the pilgrims and their hosts.

After the Eucharistic Celebration, Bishop Hubert bestowed the Medal of Diocesan Merit on several persons, particularly those who had helped to hasten Kateri's Beatification. Warm applause corroborated his choice of the recipients: Fr. Henri

BISHOP HUBERT AWARDS THE MEDAL OF DIOCESAN MERIT TO:



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Mr. Albert Lazare



Mrs. Vera Goodleaf for
the Daughters of Isabella



Mr. Thomas Lazare for
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Mrs. Annie Lahache



Mrs. Annie Two Rivers

Béchar, S.J., whose quarterly **Kateri** is read by subscribers in Canada and the United States, as well as in Italy, Spain, France, and even India; Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor of the Mission and devoted director of the shrine; Mr. Albert Lazare, who for more than twenty-nine years has daily brought to the Kateri Center his knowledge of English and French, his tact, his fine business ability, and dedication; Mrs. Annie Two Rivers, a parishioner who has won for herself the enviable name of peacemaker; Mrs. Annie Lahache whose exquisite voice has faithfully sung in Iroquois at Sunday Mass for over fifty years; also Mr. Thomas Lazare for the Knights of Columbus, whose president he is, as a token of gratitude for the assistance they gave the Vice-Postulator over the years; and to Mrs. Vera Goodleaf, Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, who never refuse to help Kateri's Cause when called upon to do so. The veneration of Kateri's relic appropriately concluded this day in her honor.

The members of the diocesan delegation expressed deep satisfaction at having been able to join in with their Indian friends to honor Blessed Kateri, our model, our protectress and soon, if we pray to her and love her together, our "Saint" Kateri!

Sr. Evangeline Binet, C.N.D.



CENOTAPH OF BLESSED KATERI

In 1680, the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, where Kateri died, was located at what is today St. Catherine de Laprairie. To celebrate the tercentenary of her entrance into heaven, the parishioners restored her monument. Celebrations lasted from May 29 to June 1. On Saturday evening, May 31, at the Mass offered by Fr. Philippe Burton, O. Praem., Pastor, the Vice-Postulator gave the homily. The next day Bishop Bernard Hubert of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-de-Québec presided at the Eucharistic Celebration and at the dedication of the Kateri Grotto, which he solemnly blessed.

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