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

I am writing to you in thanksgiving to Kateri Tekakwitha for a favor received. I will send you a check later on when I hear from you, as I am not certain of the address or where to send this recognition of this great favor.

In June, my brother phoned me to say he would have to undergo an operation on his left eye. I promised Kateri, that if the operation was a success, I would make it known. Last night he phoned me, he has his contact lens and his vision is 20/20. Now you see; my brother is a diabetic fifty-six years old and in a wheelchair, he has been a very sick man for over fifteen years. He is not able to do physical work, but has devoted his time, painting, carving, making toys for children, etc. and his eyes are very important to him. I am so grateful and thankful to Kateri Tekakwitha for interceding for me in this great demand. I told Kateri that night that I would immediately let it be known if Paul's operation was successful. To me, it is a miracle, as he was able to come 600 miles to a family reunion on my Mother's 90th birthday, and he thoroughly enjoyed his trip. Please send me a prayer in French for my Mother, and one for me in English.

(Kelowna, B.C.)

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

This is a five-dollar donation. I wish to renew my subscription to the magazine **Kateri**. The Lily of the Mohawks granted me a special favor. I lost something and I found it after praying to Kateri for her aid and to Our Lady of Czestochowa.

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KATERIGRAM

IN THANKSGIVING for the beatification of Kateri, as the
year comes to an end, a year different from the others,
is it not fitting that we lay our offerings at the feet of the
Child Jesus like Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna, and
the Magi and the Holy Innocents did?

As Mary and Joseph, let us offer Him our complete
dedication, which is worth far more than mere sentiment,
more than fragile human words whether they be English,
French, Iroquois or Telugu. This couple, the most perfect,
the most admirable that ever existed, lavish on Him food,
raiment, warmth, refreshing coolness and protection. All
this without respite, on the desert roads leading to Egypt
and back, with their swirling sands, their bandits and the
great unknown.

At the temple, Simeon and Anna, supported by a long
life of prayer and penance, under the influence of the Holy
Spirit praise the Lord Jesus.

And then there is the gold, the incense and the myrrh
piled up before the Little One by the Magi. These riches
are a token of their immense desire for a search always
more and more intense of the Christ Child in their lives.
They are also the unquestionable proof of their faith,
related to that of Abraham, "Father of believers."

As for the Holy Innocents, they shed their blood for
the Child. They are the first flowering of martyrdom, the
first martyrs of Jesus Christ. "That is to say, the flowers
that produced the other martyrs. At the very beginning
of April, they are the rose flower of the peach tree. In the
middle of April, at the very beginning of May, they are the
white flower of the pear tree. White and red... They
are the flower of the hawthorn which blossoms during
Holy Week..." (Péguy)

During the Christmas Season, to appropriately thank
the Father, His Son, the Man-God, and the Holy Spirit for
having given us the immense joy of Kateri's beatification
during the tercentenary of her holy death, let us offer to
the one and indivisible Trinity, along with our praise, our
complete dedication, our stripping off of self in faith and,
if needs be—through sickness and death—simply our love,
red with blood.

HENRI BECHARD, S.J.
Vice-Postulator

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*May the Christ Child, His Mother
and Blessed Kateri
bring you gifts
of Peace
Love and Happiness
during the Christmas Season
and throughout 1981!*

Henri Béchard. S.J.

EACH NEW MOON



CELEBRATIONS IN HONOR OF BLESSED KATERI ...

AT THE VILLAGE-DES-HURONS



ON THE OCCASION of the annual meeting of the Quebec Bishops, it was decided to honor Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha at the Huron Village of Loretteville. This year its parishioners are celebrating the 250th anniversary of its historic church. On the evening of September 11, Cardinal Maurice Roy, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, with some thirty-two Bishops gathered together in the tiny church. Bishop Jules LeGuerrier, Ordinary of Moosonee and President of the Episcopal Committee for the Indians and Esquimaux of Quebec, officiated at the Eucharistic Celebration in the company of his fellow bishops. (His excellent homily appears on p. 29 of this issue of **Kateri**). When the time came for the Kiss of

peace, Chief Max GrosLouis, head of the reservation, offered the pipe of peace to the concelebrants, who all took a few puffs. At the end of the Mass, Cardinal Roy recalled the fidelity to the promises of their baptism which the Hurons and Iroquois had abided by for nearly three centuries.

AT ST. REGIS, P.Q.



On September 21, at the Mission of St. Regis, P.Q., a counterpart of the festivities at Caughnawaga on June 29 took place honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Bishop Eugene P. LaRoque of Alexandria, Ont., one of the three Ordinaries of St. Regis, was the principal celebrant at the Eucharistic Celebration. In his homily, he focussed on Kateri's message for our times, in particular for youth.

At the Offertory, corn, beans, and squash—the three sisters—were offered, a symbol of the desire of the Indian people to live in harmony with God and nature, “as Kateri did during her lifetime.” Towards the end of the Mass, a group of children in full regalia danced a round at the altar, their way of expressing their joy at having a Blessed of their own.



The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to Canada, Archbishop Angelo Palmas, speaking at Quebec City Hall; to his right, Cardinal Maurice Roy, Primate of Canada, and to his left, Mayor Jean Pelletier.

The concelebrants with the Bishop were Fr. Gerard Lavigne, S.J., pastor of the Mission; Fr. Jean-d'Auteuil Richard, S.J., former provincial of the Society of Jesus; Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J., first Iroquois Jesuit; Fr. Georges White, first Iroquois Oblate of Mary Immaculate; Fr. Ronald Schultz, O.F.M. Conv., director of the Kateri Shrine at Fonda, N.Y.; Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J., Kateri's vice-postulator; Fr. Paul Emile Beaudoin, S.J., of Caughnawaga, P.Q.; Fr. Paul Hamel, S.J., of Montreal; and Fr. Roland Menard of Fort Covington, N.Y. Worthy of mention are the two Jesuit Brothers, Bertrand Girard and Eustache Savard, whose cooperation helped to insure the beauty of the Liturgy.

After the final blessing, dinner was served at Kateri Hall in Hogansburg, N.Y. Fr. Hamel then showed the slides he had taken at Rome during the beatification of Kateri to all the guests. Mrs. Ann Scheuerman of Pittsford, N.Y., had done likewise on the previous evening with her 250 transparencies of the great event.

To conclude this happy day, Mr. Tom Constantino of Amsterdam, N.Y., presented to Bishop LaRoque a beautiful statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, and to Fr. Lavigne a picture of her, signed John Steele.

AT QUEBEC

To commemorate the beatification of François de Laval, Mary

of the Incarnation, and Kateri Tekakwitha, under the auspices of Cardinal Maurice Roy, the Diocesan Committee set up for the occasion organized a series of celebrations for September 22 and 23. Two busloads of Iroquois from Caughnawaga and St. Regis were in Quebec for the happy occurrence. Accompanying them were Chief Andrew Delisle and Dr. Solomon Cook, Chief at St. Regis, who was to read the Old Testament text in English at the Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday, September 23. The Lorette Hurons joined them with their chief, Mr. Max GrosLouis.

On Saturday evening, the chiefs were invited to dinner with about a hundred other guests in Bishop de Laval's ancient but beautifully restored refectory at the **Séminaire de Québec**, by the Minister of Cultural Affairs of the Province and Mrs. Laure Vaugois.

The next morning, cool but sunny,—the historic capital seemed more beautiful than ever—a Solemn Mass of thanksgiving was concelebrated at the Pavillion of Physical Education and Sports of Laval University by Cardinal Roy, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, Cardinal Léger, Archbishop Angelo Palmas,

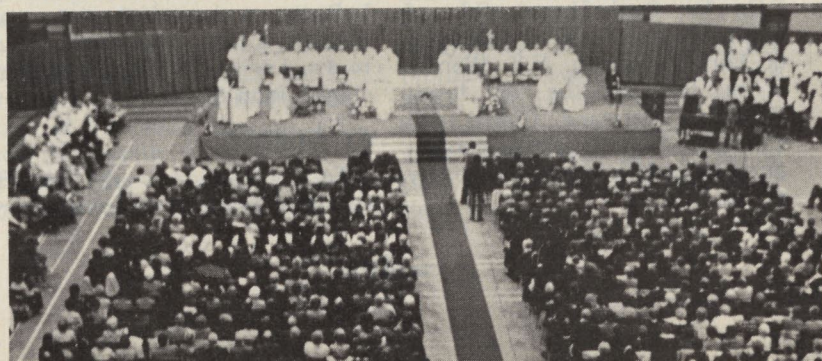
Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre, former Ordinary of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-de-Québec, and by the Bishops and numerous priests of the Province. In his homily, which was very much appreciated, Cardinal Roy praised the three new Blessed. Lasting exactly an hour, the Eucharistic Celebration was televised from coast to coast by Radio Canada.

Immediately afterwards followed a reception and lunch at the Pollack Pavilion on the campus of the University, hosted by Cardinal Roy and Mr. Jean-Guy Paquet, Rector of Laval University. The principal dish was quail, perhaps a symbol of Blessed Kateri's life in the wildwood.

For the afternoon were scheduled a guided visit of the old monastery of the Ursulines and a pilgrimage to Blessed de Laval's tomb in the seminary he had founded. At five o'clock, the Mayor of the city and Mrs. Jean Pelletier held a reception at city hall "so as to lay emphasis on the beatification of François de Laval, Mary of the Incarnation and Kateri Tekakwitha." No better way could have been found to end this glorious day of thanksgiving.

Solemn Eucharistic Concelebration at the Physical Education and Sport Pavillion of Laval University.

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At the Mass of Beatification

The Missionary Spirit of the Church Embodied in the New Beati!

IN A SOLEMN ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday, 22 June, Pope John Paul II proclaimed five new Blessed in the presence of thousands of the faithful from all over the world. After the Gospel the Holy Father preached the following homily.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever" (Ps 135 [136], 1).

1. This exalting invitation of the Psalmist to unite, all of us, in glorification of God, for his infinite goodness and mercy, is taken up today by the whole Church, overflowing with joy because she can bow to venerate five of her members raised to the honours of the altars by means of Beatification and, at the same time, can present them to the imitation of the faithful and the admiration of the world. They are a Jesuit, the "Apostle of Brazil", **Joseph De Anchieta**; a missionary mystic, Mary of the Incarnation (Guyart); a Franciscan tertiary, the founder of the Bethlehemite Congregation, Peter De Betancur; a bishop, Francis De Montmorency-Laval; and a young Redskin maiden, Kateri Tekakwitha.

God lavished his kindness and his mercy on them, enriching them with his grace; he loved them with a fatherly, but demanding, love, which promised only hardships and suffering. He invited and called them to heroic holiness; he tore them away from their countries of origin and sent them to other lands to proclaim the message of the Gospel, in the midst of inexpressible toil and difficulties. Two are children of Spain, two of France, one was born in the area that corresponds today to the State of New York and then spent the rest of her life in Canada. Like Abraham, at a certain point in their lives, they heard—persuasive, mysterious, imperious—the voice of God: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you" (Gen 12:1). They obeyed, with

an availability that is inexplicable on the human plane, and they went to unknown areas, not to seek riches and worldly glories, not to make their lives an interesting adventure, but merely to proclaim to their contemporaries that God is love, that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah and Lord, the Son of God incarnate, the supreme Saviour and Redeemer and the definitive Liberator of man, of every man, of the whole man.

Their earthly existences took place altogether within a span of about 150 years, between 1534 and 1680: a period characterized by complex social, political, cultural and economic phenomena, and in the ecclesial field, among other things, by the Council of Trent and by the institution of the Congregation **de Propaganda Fide** by Gregory XV, in 1622, which animated the great reawakening and irrepressible missionary impetus of the Church in the modern age.

"Apostle of Brazil"

2. **Joseph De Anchieta** is an indefatigable and brilliant missionary. At the age of seventeen, before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Cathedral of Coimbra, he makes a vow of perpetual virginity and decides to dedicate himself to the service of God. He enters the Society of Jesus, and in 1553 he leaves for Brazil, where, in the mission of Piratininga, he undertakes many pastoral activities for the purpose of bringing closer and winning over to Christ the Indians of the virgin forests. He loves with immense affection his brothers, the "Brasis", he takes part in their life, studies their customs and realizes that their conversion to the Christian faith must be prepared, helped and consolidated by an appropriate work of civilization, for their human advancement. His ardent zeal impels him to carry out innumerable journeys, covering immense distances, in the midst of great dangers. But continual prayer, constant mortification, fervent charity, fatherly goodness, deep union with God, filial devotion to the Blessed Virgin—whose praises he sings in a long poem of elegant Latin verses—give this great son of St. Ignatius superhuman strength, especially when he has to defend his native brothers against the injustices of the colonizers. He draws up a catechism for them, adapted to their mentality, which contributes greatly to their Christianization. For all this he well deserved the title of "Apostle of Brazil".

Missionary, Founder

3. Born of a poor family, engaged in farming and cattle

rearing, Peter de Betancur has only one aim in his life: to bring the Christian message to the "West Indies". At the age of 23 he leaves his country and arrives at Guatemala, sick, without resources, alone, unknown. He becomes the apostle of negro slaves, of the Indios subjected to inhuman labour, of the emigrants, without work or security, of abandoned children. Brother Peter, inspired by the charity of Christ, became everything for everyone, in particular for little vagabonds of any race and colour, for whom he founds a school. For poor sick people, discharged from hospital but still in need of help and assistance, Peter founds the first hospital in the world for convalescents. He died at the age of 41.

The Child of Bethlehem, in whose name he founded the Bethlehemite Congregation, was the assiduous subject of the spiritual meditation of the Blessed, who was always able to see in the poor the face of "the Child Jesus": for this reason he loved them with delicate tenderness, the memory of which is still alive in Guatemala.

Mother of Catholic Church in Canada

4. Mary of the Incarnation (Mary Guyart) was rightly called "Mother of the Catholic Church in Canada".

At the age of seventeen, she marries Claude Martin; at eighteen, she is a mother; at twenty, she is already a widow. Mary refuses a second marriage that her parents propose to her and, at the age of thirty-two, she enters the convent of the Ursulines at Tours. God granted her the privilege of realizing the ugliness of sin and the need of redemption. With a deep devotion to the Heart of Jesus and meditating assiduously on the mystery of the Incarnation, her missionary vocation matures: "My body was in our convent", she will write in her autobiography, "but my spirit could not be shut up. The spirit of Jesus took me to the Indies, Japan, America, the East, the West, to the parts of Canada and the Huron area, and to all inhabitable land where there were rational souls that I saw belonging to Jesus Christ". In 1639, she is in Canada. She is the first French missionary Sister. Her catechetical apostolate on behalf of the natives is indefatigable: she composes a catechism in the language of the Hurons, another in the language of the Iroquois, a third in the language of the Algonquins.

A deeply contemplative soul, engaged however in apostolic action, she makes a vow to "seek the greatest glory of God in everything that would be of greatest sanctification", and in



PHOTO FELICI, ROMA

Following the ceremonies of the beatification, Fr. Paolo Molinari, S.J., Postulator General for Kateri's Cause, without whose help she would not yet be beatified, shows the Indians' gifts to the Holy Father. Note the beautiful monstrance-shaped reliquary of Blessed Kateri in the lower center of the photo.

May 1653, she offers herself interiorly as a sacrifice to God for the good of Canada.

A teacher of spiritual life, to the extent that Bossuet defined her the "Teresa of the New World", and a promoter of works of evangelization, Mary of the Incarnation united contemplation and action admirably in herself. In her, Christian woman was fulfilled completely and with unusual balance, in her various states of life: wife, mother, widow, business woman, religious, mystic and missionary, and all that in faithfulness to Christ, always in close union with God.

Bishop, Missionary, Founder

5. Francis de Montmorency-Laval, a noble son of France, also animated by missionary charism, could have aspired to the most promising human careers, but he preferred to respond generously to the invitation of Christ, who had who sent him to proclaim the Gospel in distant countries. Elected Vicar Apostolic in "New France", invested with the episcopal character, he settled in Quebec, and dedicated himself with indefatigable zeal to the expansion of the Kingdom of God, realizing in himself the ideal figure of the bishop. He devotes to the Indians the primary part of his ministry. He travels incessantly through-



PHOTO FELICI, ROMA

Pope John Paul II listens to Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J., Vice-Postulator for Kateri's Cause from Caughnawaga, P.Q., thank him for the Beatification. To the Holy Father's right, stands Fr. Paul Molinari, S.J., Postulator General; in the background, Bishop Bernard Hubert, Bishop of Saint-Jean-de-Québec, and to the extreme left, Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., Vice-Postulator from Auriesville, N.Y.

out the immense region, half of the North American continent; he founds the seminary of Quebec, which will then become "Laval University", one of the first Catholic universities of modern times. He devotes special care to priests, men and women religious, he obtains from the Holy See the institution of a seminary in Paris for the "Foreign Missions".

Mary of the Incarnation who had preceded him in Canada twenty years earlier and who is beatified with him today, wrote on his arrival: "He is a man of great merit and outstanding virtue; it is not men who have chosen him; I will say in all truth that he lives like a saint and like an apostle".

"Lily of the Mohawks"

6. This wonderful crown of new Blessed, God's bountiful gift to his Church, is completed by the sweet, frail yet strong figure of a young woman who died when she was only twenty-four years old: Kateri Tekakwitha, the "Lily of the Mohawks", the Iroquois maiden, who in seventeenth-century North America was the first to renew the marvels of sanctity of Saint Scholastica, Saint Gertrude, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Angela Merici and Saint Rose of Lima, preceding, along the

path of Love, her great spiritual sister, Thérèse of the Child Jesus.

She spent her short life partly in what is now the State of New York and partly in Canada. She is a kind, gentle and hard-working person, spending her time working, praying and meditating. At the age of twenty she receives Baptism. Even when following her tribe in the hunting seasons, she continues her devotions, before a rough cross carved by herself in the forest. When her family urges her to marry, she replies very serenely and calmly that she has Jesus as her only spouse. This decision, in view of the social conditions of women in the Indian tribes at that time, exposes Kateri to the risk of living as an outcast and in poverty. It is a bold, unusual and prophetic gesture: on 25 March 1679, at the age of twenty-three, with the consent of her spiritual director, Kateri takes a vow of perpetual virginity, as far as we know the first time that this was done among the North American Indians.

The last months of her life are an ever clearer manifestation of her solid faith, straight-forward humility, calm resignation and radiant joy, even in the midst of terrible sufferings. Her last words, simple and sublime, whispered at the moment of death, sum up, like a noble hymn, a life of purest charity: "Jesus, I love you. . ."

Prayer to the Blessed

7. Full of deeply felt joy we thank God who continues to bestow bountifully the gift of holiness on the Church, and we bow reverently to venerate the new Blessed, whose spiritual portrait we have sketched briefly. Let us listen docilely to the message they address to us by the power of their witness. Really, by means of faith their hearts opened generously to the Word of God and they became Christ's dwelling, and, rooted and based in charity, they reached a particular depth of knowledge and understanding of the mysterious divine plan of salvation, and knew the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge (cf. Sph 3:17-19). On this day of glory they remind us that we are all invited and bound to pursue the holiness and perfection of our own state (cf. **Lumen Gentium**, 42), and that the Church, which lives in time, is missionary by her very nature and must follow the same path followed by Christ, that is, the way of poverty, obedience, service and self-sacrifice until death (cf. **Ad Gentes**, 1:5).

O Blessed, whom the pilgrim Church glorifies and exalts

today, give us the strength to imitate your limpid faith, when we find ourselves in moments of darkness; your serene hope, when we are disheartened by difficulties; your ardent love of God, when we are tempted to idolize creatures; your delicate love of brothers, when we would like to shut ourselves up in our selfish individualism!

O Blessed, bless our countries, those of your origin, and those given to you by God, like the "Promised Land" to Abraham, and which you loved, evangelized and sanctified!

O Blessed, bless the whole Church, a pilgrim that is awaiting her lasting Country!

O Blessed, bless the world, which is hungry and thirsty for holiness!

Blessed Joseph of Anchieta, Blessed Mary of the Incarnation, Blessed Peter de Betancur, Blessed Francis de Montmorency-Laval, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

Oss. Romano, June 30, 1980

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

Little Kateri has heard my prayers for I just received a telephone message (from my married sister) that my great-niece is to be baptized in the Catholic Faith this coming Sunday. The baby is now five months old and I am so very happy I could cry. I have been praying for this miracle since the baby was born. Please offer two Masses in thanksgiving for this miracle from Little Kateri. Remember me with a Hail Mary. (Baltimore, MD)

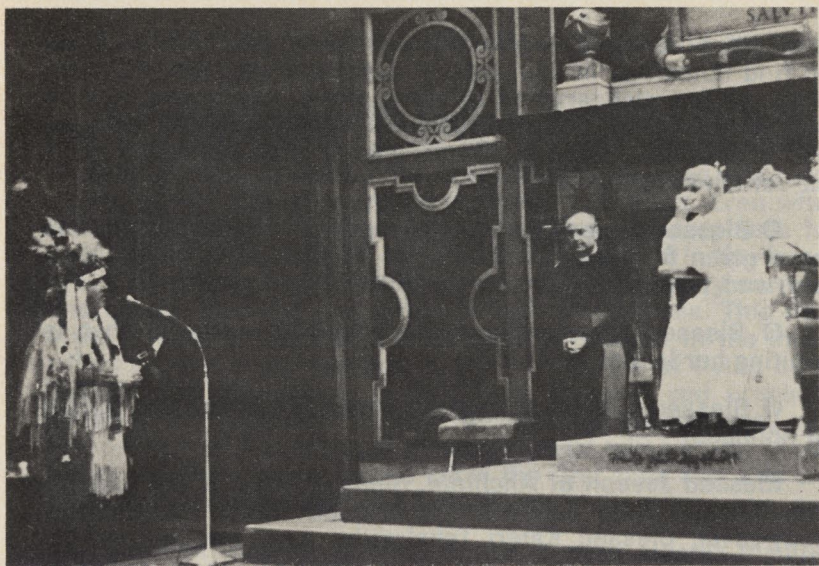
✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. H. W.!

Yes, Kateri did smile on me and my young relative. Her premature baby's recovery was to put it in her words "terrific" and Katie came home today having gained the required weight. Thank you for your prayers.

I am petitioning that I can be fitted with proper glasses at the end of April when the specialist is available. God bless you and all up there for your prayers as I do for your continued success in Kateri's Cause.

(Queens Village, NY)

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



TEXT OF PRESENTATION
TO HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II
AND HIS CARDINALS
ON THE OCCASION OF A SPECIAL
AUDIENCE GRANTED TO THE INDIAN
PEOPLE OF CANADA AND THE
UNITED STATES ON JUNE 24, 1980
BY CHIEF ANDREW T. DELISLE
GRAND CHIEF OF THE MOHAWKS
OF KAHNAWAKE
&
GRAND CHIEF OF THE CONFEDERATION
OF INDIANS OF QUEBEC
ON BEHALF OF THE INDIANS OF CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES

Your Holiness,

We come here in Honor and Dignity to thank you and the Church for the Honor and Dignity that you have bestowed on one of our own, namely Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks.

We now ask you, Holy Father, and Kateri Tekakwitha to plead that the Creator protect our People so that our Spiritual, Cultural and Political Ideals may be taken into consideration, especially in the present, when the powers that be are discussing matters that will affect our future, and to make certain that we are involved in all the deliberations.

Now I will say a prayer of Thanksgiving using the same words that have been used by my People for many centuries. A prayer that precedes all meetings amongst ourselves or with people of other Nations.

NIEHWEH SAKOIATISON
(THANK YOU, CREATOR)

Now we give thanks to the Creator.
Now smoke rises, it lifts our words to Him.
We give thanks to our Mother Earth, from
whose breast all things grow.
We thank Sakoiatison for our Leaders, our
Chiefs, the advisors of our People.
We thank Sakoiatison for the little children
he has placed in the arms of mothers to show
that his purpose is still in progress.
Continue to listen, Sakoiatison! Breathe,
smoke and listen, for again we make smoke,
again we speak!
Preserve our old men and women, protect our
little children, guide minds of people that
they may remember Sakoiatison in all their
thoughts and actions.
We especially give thanks to you, Sakoiatison,
to you who oversee all. May you always be
remembered and considered in all of our gatherings.
With all their minds, with all their strength,
the People are giving praise and thanks.
Now smoke arises; He has seen it!
Now we have spoken; He has heard it!
Oneh.

THE POPE SPEAKS TO THE INDIAN PILGRIMS
OF NORTH AMERICA

Blessed Kateri is the Symbol of the Heritage of your Faith

Holiness of life—union with Christ through prayers and good works—is not reserved to a small number of chosen members of the Church. It is the vocation of everyone of us.

In the early afternoon of June 24, the Holy Father granted an audience to the Indian pilgrims who had come to Rome for the beatification of the Iroquois Virgin. The pilgrimage made up of about four hundred Indians with priests and members of the laity who work with them was accompanied by Cardinals Carter, Flahiff and Krol. Chief Andrew Delisle of Caughnawaga, P.Q., and Grand Chief of the Indian Confederation of Quebec, was the delegate of the Missions of St. Francis Xavier and of St. Regis in the Province of Quebec.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is a joy for me to meet today with all of you, representatives of the North American Indians of Canada and the United States. I greet you in the peace of Christ, and through you I wish to extend my greetings to all whom you represent, to all the Indian people of your continent. When you return home, please tell your families and friends that the Pope loves them, and that he invokes upon them joy and strength in the Holy Spirit.

You have made this long journey to Rome to participate in a special moment in the history of your people. You have come to rejoice in the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha. It is a time to pause and to give thanks to God for the unique culture and rich human tradition which you have inherited, and for the greatest gift anyone can receive, the gift of faith. Indeed, Blessed Kateri stands before us as a symbol of the best of the heritage that is yours as North American Indians.

But today is also a day of great happiness for the Church

throughout the world. All of us are inspired by the example of this young woman of faith who died three centuries ago this year. We are all edified by her complete trust in the providence of God, and we are encouraged by her joyful fidelity to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In a true sense the whole Church, together with you, declares in the words of Saint Paul: « Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever » (Eph 3:20-21).

The Church has declared to the world that Kateri Tekakwitha is blessed, that she lived a life on earth of exemplary holiness and that she is now a member in heaven of the Communion of Saints who continually intercede with the merciful Father on our behalf.

Her beatification should remind us that we are all called to a life of holiness, for in Baptism God has chosen each one of us « to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence » (Eph 1:4). Holiness of life—union with Christ through prayer and works of charity—is not something reserved to a select few among the members of the Church. It is the vocation of everyone.

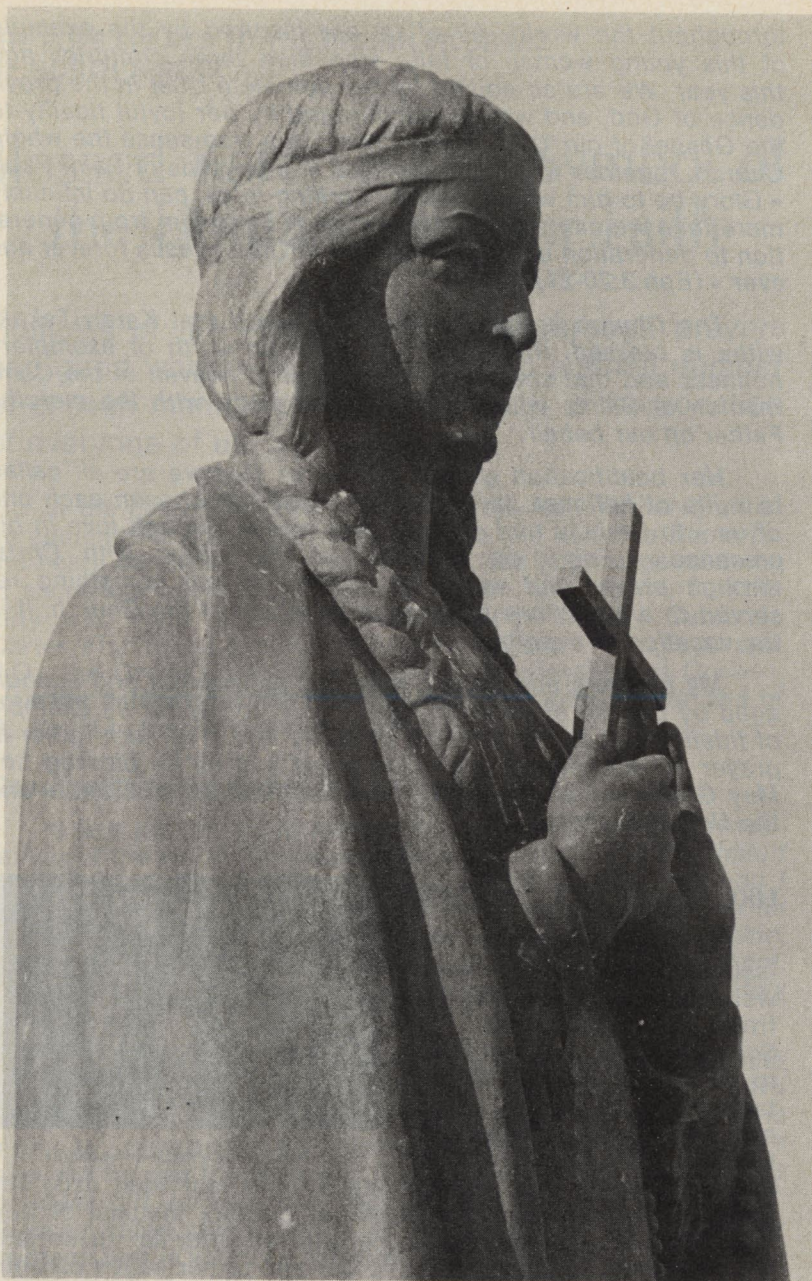
My brothers and sisters, may you be inspired and encouraged by the life of Blessed Kateri. Look to her for an example of fidelity; see in her a model of purity and love; turn to her in prayer for assistance. May God bless you as he blessed her. May God bless all the North American Indians of Canada and the United States.

LIKE FATHER LIKE DAUGHTER

In the September 1950 issue of *Kateri*, two pages were devoted to a young man from St. Regis, P.Q., Mr. Solomon Cook, the first Indian to get a PhD degree in vegetable crops at Cornell University. Later on he married Miss Mary Jacobs, sister of Fr. Michael Jacobs, first Iroquois Jesuit. This year their daughter, Michele, obtained her MD degree at Upstate Medical of New York. She is now working to become an internist in Buffalo, N.Y. Heartfelt congratulations to her and to her happy parents, fervent friends of Blessed Kateri!



Dr. Michele and her parents



ÉMILE BRUNET SCULPSIT.

PHOTO PAUL HAMEL, S.J.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha at her Mission of St. Francis Xavier in Caughnawaga.



To the faithful of the Church of
Saint-Jean-de-Québec

Dear sons and daughters,

Last Sunday, June 22, in the Basilica of St. Pater of Rome, Kateri Tekakwitha was beatified! This young virgin lived her Christian life in your country and, after her death, was buried on the South Shore of the St. Lawrence River.

Today, you render homage to her in this diocesan pilgrimage. Together with brothers and sisters of her race, you thank the Lord that the "Lily of the Mohawks" has flourished in your land.

The beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha remind us, first of all, of the missionary epic of New France. Indeed, how could she have come to the Christian faith without the admirable action in your midst of the holy martyrs of Canada, of Blessed François de Montmorency Laval, Marguerite Bourgeoys, Margurite d'Youville, Marie de l'Incarnation and of the other founders of the Church of Canada? In the 17th century, your country became a vast and active field of the Mission of the Church. The Indian people as well as the White people established in North America received the Word of God and built a young and dynamic Church.

Down to this day, the Gospel has yielded abundant fruit in your country. The

Church of Canada, particularly that of Quebec, has supplied thousands of missionaries to all continents of the world. After receiving the Good News brought by Christ, your families have prepared for the universal Church men and women who accepted to give their lives to proclaim the Gospel. This generosity is at the source of the vitality of the Church in numerous dioceses throughout the world. May you remain constant in your openness to the Word of God and in your preparation of missionary vocations.

Not only does the beatification of Kateri bring to mind the missionary role of the Church in New France, but it also points out the invaluable contribution made by the Amerindians in the life of the Church community. The liberation brought about by Jesus Christ is for all the peoples of the earth. The salvation given by God is a universal salvation. The Church, which is the visible sign of this divine action in history, must manifest in its members that salvation in Christ is accessible to men and women of every race and of every land.

The public recognition of the spiritual merits of Kateri Tekakwitha brings into light the catholicity of the Church. This young virgin was not conceived in a vacuum. She carries in her being the experiences and values of her people. The life of this Indian woman enriches the testimony of the Church. The Mohawk people, who gave this beautiful flower to the community of believers, is still called today to contribute to the life of the Church. Dear Mohawk sons and daughters, do not hesitate to put your trust in Christ and to place yourselves and your talents at the service of the Church. Count on Jesus to affirm your human and Christian identity. Build

the Church in your midst by living the Gospel of Jesus to the full.

As we reflect briefly on the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, it is also essential that we recall a few aspects which characterized the life of this blessed woman. She shared in the daily chores of the women of her time. She chose to live her love for Christ in virginity. We find her life a message that is most relevant to everyone.

The consumer society offers all kinds of commodities. It allows you to free yourselves more easily from the constraints of every day tasks, particularly those pertaining to home life. This, however, involves the risk of your being swallowed in the quicksand of material possessions. It could contribute to promote justice among peoples by allowing for development and sharing. It does foster a drift towards the least effort, towards egotism and depersonalization. It is the scene of many struggles for equality and respect of all persons. Too often, it settles for exploitation of the poor through injustice, and exploitation of women through the exaltation of sexuality.

By responding to the grace of God, Kateri asserted her own personality in a remarkable way, which calls for our admiration and, again, offers an example that is most beneficial for our time. She manifested a spirit of solidarity with her people by accepting the tasks that were hers within Indian society. She refused, however, to let her life be determined for her by the morals of her time. She freely chose to become a Christian and to live in accordance with her Baptism. She loved Jesus profoundly, to such a degree as to consecrate her whole life to him in virginity. This did not prevent her from

serving her people with joy and tenderness. She is a model for any member of a Christian family.

At the same time, she is a model of a virgin consecrated to God and, for all Christians, a model of intimate union with Christ with whom she lived in constant prayer, constant offering of her existence, and serene acceptance of the cross. In God must be sought the secret of her strength and of her radiating joy.

Next fall, in Rome, there will be a Synod of the Bishops of the universal Church. Together, we shall study the role of the Christian family in today's world. I invite you to help your bishops to prepare this important event by offering your prayers to God for this intention and by informing your pastoral leaders of your experience of a Christian family as the Lord grants you to live it.

Pray God. Pray Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Live according to your Baptism as she did in faithfulness to the Lord and the service of others. Thus, you shall contribute to giving families stability and joy and you shall build the Church of Christ which is in Saint-Jean-de-Québec.

In this hope, I give you most affectionately my Apostolic Blessing. I give it first to your Bishop Bernard Hubert, who is the "Shepherd of your souls," to the priests collaborating with him, to the men and women religious, to the lay people of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-de-Québec, fathers and mothers of families, young people and adults. May God strengthen all of you in faith, through Christ, in the Spirit!

Joannes Paulus PP II

From the Vatican, June 24, 1980.

Bishop LeGuerrier's homily to the Hurons.

THE LITTLE CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE-DES-HURONS BECAME A CATHEDRAL...

For the evening of September 4, the historic church of the Village-des-Hurons became a cathedral. With Cardinal Maurice Roy, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, more than thirty bishops took part in a Eucharistic Concelebration in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

My Lord Cardinal,
Dear fellow bishops and priests,
Dear brothers and sisters of Kateri,

THIS EVENING in the historic church of Lorette, we are celebrating an extraordinary event. On Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17, 1680, while invoking the names of Jesus and Mary, she who has been called the Iroquois Virgin, quit this earth for heaven, leaving behind the memory of a well-filled life despite its shortness.

On June 22 last, with great triumph Kateri Tekakwitha was beatified and proposed as a model by the Church in the company of two other founders of the Canadian Church.

This is the event that brings us together, we, the Bishops of the Province of Quebec, and you, dear Amerindians, who joyfully welcome us with a great spirit of faith. It behooves me then to draw out the meaning of this celebration and the lessons of this event. In the name of my fellow bishops, you will allow me to look back upon the past and to rejoice with you, and also to look forward to the future so as to draw motives of hope for our Canadian Church.

1. Our reasons for rejoicing

We rejoice with you, dear Amerindian friends, for Kateri is genuinely one of yours. But she no longer belongs completely to you. Pope John Paul's gesture in beatifying Kateri proposes her to the veneration of the entire Church. This is a

gift, the most beautiful gift the Amerinds gave to the Church. This gift is accompanied by your 350 years of fidelity to the Church. Kateri appeared in our land a few years after the death of our Jesuit missionaries, whose fiftieth anniversary of canonization we are celebrating this year, thus verifying what was said of the first Christians, "Blood of martyrs, seed of Christians."

We marvel as we become acquainted with the events of Kateri's life, so simple, short, but so very well occupied in spite of its brevity. Almost unconsciously we compare her to the Little Flower, Therese of the Child Jesus. Both died at the age of twenty-four. In little time both made immense progress in charity and union with God. In her cloister, Therese deserved to be proclaimed patroness of the missions equally with the great missionary of modern times, St. Francis Xavier.

We rejoice with the thirty million Amerinds in the two Americas. She is the first **beata** whom you have offered to the Church, thus proving that all men are called to holiness.

2. Our reasons for hoping

Let us now try to draw from this gathering of ours a few lessons for our lives, a few lessons that would at the same time be for us reasons for hoping.

Vatican Council II tells us that "every genuine testimony of love which we show to those in heaven tends toward and terminates in Christ, Who is the 'crown of all saints'" (Constitution on the Church, ¶50). When we recite the Creed, we all profess our belief in the communion of the Saints. An event like the beatification of Kateri helps us to concretize this faith in the intercession of the Saints in heaven. And we all need this protection, which the Saints procure for us, to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

This triumph of our Kateri calls in question again our common vocation to holiness. At times we are afraid of this word and too easily make shrift with being mediocre Christians. Still the Council calls to our attention that we are all invited to perfection by the Lord. The means may vary but the objective is the same.

Kateri was nearly twenty years old when Father de Lamberville initiated her in the Christian mysteries and conferred baptism upon her on Easter Sunday April 5, 1676. This consecration was for her the beginning of an extraordinary ascension and the four years that she was to spend on earth

were years of contemplation and of union with God. It seems to me that Kateri's particular charisma must consist in making us appreciate more our baptismal consecration. Recently John Paul II reminded the French and all of us about our obligations as Christians contracted at Baptism. To us also, he could say, "What have you done with your Baptism?..."

In today's gospel, Our Lord compares the kingdom of God to a net thrown into the sea. Nobody can better understand this parable than our Indian people, accustomed to plying their nets on the banks of our lakes and rivers, despite the difficulties they sometimes meet with, difficulties because of our federal and provincial laws. Taking into consideration all that, let us retain that the Lord is inviting us and Kateri's example incites all of us to follow Christ.

Conclusion

In closing, please allow me to express two wishes. May devotion to the Iroquois virgin, the Lily of the Mohawks, continue to spread among all the Indian people of the two Americas. Through her intercession and protection, may our devotion to Christ continue to influence all our lives. May she lead us on in her footsteps, may she sow in all these nations the seeds of many religious and priestly vocations.

My second wish I want to give expression to in the name of this assembly is that on a not too distant day we may pray not only to Blessed Kateri but also to St. Kateri, inscribed in the canon of Saints. To this end, let us pray to her, let us see that she is venerated in our families. So it is that she will be able to play well her part as protectress of our Canadian and Amerindian Church.

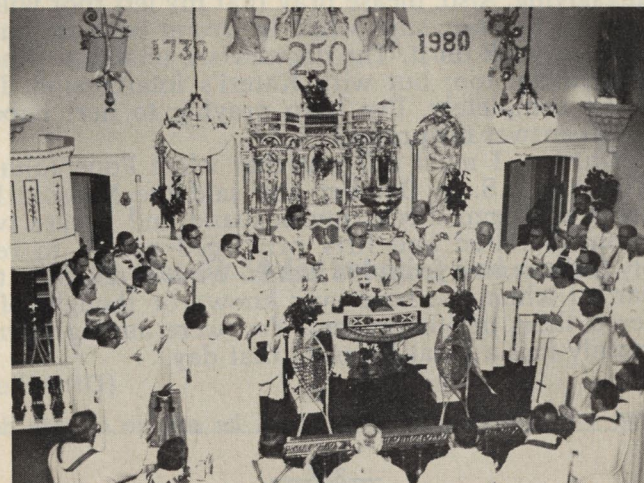


PHOTO BRUNO GROS-LOUIS

The Bishops Concelebrate.

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

Enclosed find a check for five dollars for favor received, and thanks. I had fallen down and thought I had a broken kneecap. I prayed to Kateri and said a rosary for her, and I am now off the cane and walking fairly well. Fervent prayers are always answered. (Raymond, NH)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L. M.!**

I am enclosing a one-dollar pittance and hope it will be a little help. This is in thanksgiving for two successful cataract operations. I hope the further result will be a clearer vision if it is the Holy Will of God to grant it. I also am suffering from pain in my knee and leg, so again I ask if it be the Holy Will of God to cure them and give me strength in these areas. I sincerely thank you for all past favors. I know Kateri will be canonized.

(Alexandria, Ont.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. S. P.!**

"What Great News" I heard on the T.V. about Kateri being called "Blessed" by Pope John Paul in June. I was really delighted to hear it. You must really be pleased and very grateful after the many years of expectant dedication to that great Goal and Cause.

I'm enclosing a Money Order for thirty dollars for you to use as you wish. She has helped us this winter with a big building project and hopefully she will help us until the completion of it. We still need her intercession, as all is still not approved by Local Health Authorities. They can be very hard to please, but with Kateri's help we will make it. I will then immediately send a second donation in thanksgiving. Also, please pray that my left foot will heal properly. I'm not sure what is wrong with it, but I'm unable to walk on it. The doctors are unable to find out the problem, too; but with Kateri's intercession, I may recover completely. I've been praying to her; hopefully she will answer my prayers.

Oh, yes, I must tell you that when Pope John Paul visited the U.S. in October and said the Mass in Philadelphia at Logan Circle, my husband and I were two of the one hundred and fifty privileged people to receive Holy Communion from his hands. We had taken up to the Altar all whom we have ever known or thought of, and offered them in our prayers. You were among them. We certainly had a great Blessing that day...

(Ottsville, PA)

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

Why read

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As I am sending the names of FIVE new subscribers to the Kateri Center, I now inscribe, free of charge, the name of a deceased person dear to me on the Catherine Oüanahou Roll.

- Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐
- When the Roll is complete with the names of 200 deceased, 100 Masses shall be offered for the repose of their souls.
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