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"THE TENDERNESS OF HIS HEART"

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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 Canonization.
3. It seeks also your donations, for without them practically nothing can be done to make Kateri known and to have the important favors attributed to her intercession examined and approved.

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Each issue of "Kateri" contains:

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

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

As we promised Kateri, I am writing to tell you of a very great favor received through her intercession. Our daughter always suffered from terrible attacks of asthma and would catch colds very easily. But over the last three months, ever since we have entrusted her to Kateri's care, she has had no attacks whatsoever, even though the rest of the family has had bad colds, which otherwise would have meant a sure attack for her. We hope and pray that Kateri will continue to smile on our family and on every one of those who seek her powerful intercession.  
(Pierrefonds, P.Q.)

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

This is an overdue letter of thanks to Kateri. Here we have a group home for native girls going to high school in the city. Most of them attend Prince George College, the only Catholic high school in the diocese. Last summer the house was in danger of being closed for lack of money. Though I do not work there now, I did when the house opened in 1977. Last spring, as the house is called Kateri Tekakwitha House, I asked Kateri to take care of the house, as it is hers. The house is still in operation, and we trust Kateri to take care of it and of those in it, mostly native high-school girls, and a sister who is in charge of it this year. Enclosed is a small donation for your work. I promise to try to remember my Our Father and Hail Mary daily for her cause.  
(Prince George, B.C.)

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

Enclosed is my check for twenty dollars for a favor received through little Kateri. I wanted to sell my house since my husband passed away, and with her help I sold it. I love the little book we receive.  
(Sanford, ME)

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

I am a freshman in college and my major is animal health technology. I have been putting a great amount of time in my studying for my major biology exam. I asked Kateri to help me through this test. I received a 94% on 100%. I then asked her to help me through my animal health test. I begged her for at least an 80% and I got an 80%. The test was really hard. Here is five dollars for having obtained my favor.  
(Newton Centre, MA)

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

## Our Goal:

*At least 50,000 promises of  
a daily  
Our Father and Hail Mary  
to obtain  
from the loving Heart of Jesus  
the speedy canonization of  
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha  
Already 2,292 Prayer Pledges have come in!*

Please send yours to:  
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MY PLEDGE TO KATERI Date.....

I, the undersigned, pledge to offer up each day one Our Father and/or Hail Mary until the miracles needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization are obtained.

Name.....  
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## KATERIGRAM

**I**N THE LAST issue of Kateri, I invited the friends of the Mohawk Maiden to participate in the drive for Our Father's and Hail Mary's to hasten her canonization. With some hesitation, I drew attention to myself by mentioning my 50 years of religious life this coming September. For this occasion I asked to be remembered with a gift of 50,000 signed daily Prayer Pledges until the blessed day when we have our "St. Kateri." I also begged of you, on account of my vow of poverty, not to send me anything personally.

But why insist on 50,000 Our Father's and Hail Mary's each day? Our Lord Himself answers: "I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11.10). If this is true about one person, how much more so it will be about 50,000! Perhaps we shan't get it in the twinkling of an eye, but then let's not bear a grudge. We must come to anchor in certainty, we must be convinced that this canonization will take place much sooner than we think, on condition that we solicit it with headstrong insistence and unshakable confidence.

Now and then someone will say, "I asked, but I did not receive." Of course, all requests must be in conformity with the glory of God and our salvation. But who shall say that the canonization of Blessed Kateri is not for the glory of God and for our salvation?

Will the Father in heaven, who is so good and powerful, refuse to grant the plea of 50,000 devotees of the Lily of the Mohawks, who conjure Him day after day to elevate Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to the ranks of the Saints? He will necessarily grant their request.

Remember the man in the parable who knocks at the door of his friend in the middle of the night to ask him for bread to feed a visitor who has come unexpectedly. At first he is met with a distinct no, then, after some banging at the door, he receives the desired loaf of bread. The lesson is clear: pester your relatives your friends and acquaintances to sign a promise of one Our Father and of one Hail Mary to be said daily for Kateri's canonization. It isn't very agreeable to be a source of harassment for one's friends, but isn't this what it often takes for the Heart of God to answer our prayers?

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.  
Vice-Postulator

## ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. E.L.W.W.!

It has been so very long since I last wrote you; however, you have always been in my thoughts. I am so pleased, as I know every one else is, to hear of the miraculous happenings of June 22, 1980 for our beloved Kateri. I have been praying constantly and fervently each day in her behalf and I pray that she will be soon canonized. As you can see I am no longer in Massachusetts. I am still a U.S. Customs Patrol Officer with the Treasury Dept. Well, back in April of this year I requested a transfer to Arizona because my oldest daughter and three grandchildren live in Mesa, AZ. At the time this government was and still is going through what is known as a hiring and transfer freeze. That is, no one is hired or transferred, only on a need for that particular agency's needs.

I submitted my request to headquarters on a suggestion from a friend and left the rest in the gracious hands of our Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Within three months I received word that my request was granted. I was being transferred to Arizona along with my wife, Elvira, and my youngest daughter, Kateri, to Sierra Vista, AZ. Not only was I being transferred, but at government expense. The tough part was yet to come, as I had to sell my home, and that was hard to do because of the inflation that existed in this country. I had to depart alone and leave the selling of my house in my wife's hands. Again my Tekakwitha came through, my home was sold in two months and my wife and daughter joined me here. We have a beautiful home, we are a three-hour drive from my daughter Nicquita and her family.

I have been trying to spread the good word of Kateri down here in the beautiful Southwest. I know she must be known, but I will do my part in telling all of her wondrous ways. I pray that she will always watch over this Micmac lad and his family. Enclosed, please find twelve dollars, one dollar for subscription renewal, one dollar for a few medals and ten dollars for the above favors received.  
(Sierra, Vista, AZ)

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

Please accept this donation to Kateri. We had a long and difficult time selling our home after having already purchased a new home. It was only through her miraculous help we sold it and still made the profit needed to cover our expenses.  
(Manalapan, N.J.)

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"THE TENDERNESS OF HIS HEART"

## "THE TENDERNESS OF HIS HEART"

by

Thomas Goodwin

(Founder of Congregationalism)

JOHN had the voice of a cryer, he was a man of a severe spirit, but Christ came "pipin' and dancing"; all melodious sweetness was in his ministry and spirit; and in the course of his ministry he went so tenderly to work, he was so heedfull to broken soules, and had such regard to their discouragements, that it is said he would not break a bruised reed. . . All this to expresse the tenderness of his heart.

*The Heart of Christ in Heaven*

*Towards Sinners on Earth, 1642*



## EACH NEW MOON



### KATERI'S SMILE...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from December 1, to April 30, 1982:

Spiritual Favors	6
Articles Found	7
Safe Trips	10
Peace in Families	4
Successful Studies	10
Lodging	12
New Employment Found or Kept	46
Financial Aid	28
Strikes Averted	3
Saved from Fire	5
Safe Pregnancies	11
Successful or Averted Operations	31
Cures	74
Temporal Favors	30
Business Problem Solved	1
Abortion Averted	1
Alcoholic Problem Solved	1
Business Sold	1
Peace at Work	1

### THE PLEDGE COLLECTORS AT WORK

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Sr. Angeline Martel, Arthabaska, P.Q., 20; Sr. Jeanne Aylwin, Edmundston, N.B., 43; Mrs. Georgette Gregory, Long Island, NY, 50; Benedictine Nuns, Mont Laurier, P.Q., 34.

### KAHNAWAKE OR CAUGHNAWAGA?

At the end of the last century, Fr. William Forbes, missionary at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, future Archbishop of Ottawa, Ontario, expressed regret that the Iroquois village on the St. Lawrence was called Caughnawaga, the scarcely euphonious rendering in English of its original name. In March 1981, the Canadian Post sanctioned the use of the town's original name, Kahnawake: At-the-rapid (of Lachine, P.Q.). Roots: ohnawa, rapid; ke: locality, place.

### KATERI RIOUX



Kateri Amorim Rioux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Lucia Amorim) Rioux of Ste. Anne des Monts, came into the world on September 16, 1981. All hope of a

happy delivery had been abandoned, when Kateri was born in fine condition, following her grandmother's prayer to Blessed Kateri. On the same day, her grandfather was cured of a serious intestinal ailment, which had defied all medical treatment. Congratulations to the happy parents!

### KATERI AT BARCELONA

From Barcelona, Spain, Miss Mireille Moreu, ardent devotee of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, writes: Here in Barcelona, we had a special Mass in honor of Blessed Kateri, on Saturday, April 17 at 7 p.m. The Reverend Sebastia Bartina, S.J., who officiated, told us he had been to Montreal for a science convention about four months after the beatification of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. On a free day at the end of the convention, he went to Kahnawake with a Jesuit confrère and prayed at the Beata's tomb. He then summed up her life for us, quoting the Pope at the moment of the Beatification, and expressed the wish that this first Mass at Barcelona would not be the last one, and that we would meet every year... There is an interesting link between the Lily of the Mohawks and Barcelona: at the cathedral, the ornamental door of the baptistery carries an inscription that recalls the baptism of the first six Amerindians who came to Spain with Christopher Columbus in 1693.

### KATERI AT AURIESVILLE

On Sunday, May 2, at 4 p.m., Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, D.D., Bishop of Albany, celebrated

the Feast Day Mass in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in the Martyrs' Shrine Coliseum. Fr. Edward C. Pratt, Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Albany gave the homily. In accepting the invitation, he wrote to Fr. Joseph McBride, Vice-Postulator for U.S.A., "I would want to do Kateri justice in presenting my personal thoughts and reflections upon this great personage and spirit-filled person who has blessed our land and our diocese." An excellent musical program for the Eucharist was prepared by the Rainbow Music Ministries. Earlier in the afternoon, at 2 p.m., the 15 Rainbow Clowns, aged 8 to 15, from North Troy, NY, displayed the 15 letters in Kateri Tekakwitha's name on large drawing cards and gave a short exhortation on each letter, which told something about the Lily of the Mohawks' life. It was followed by a procession to outdoor devotions before Blessed Kateri's statue. The entire program was arranged by the Mohawk Valley Blessed Kateri Associates under the leadership of Eloise Etzhorn, the group's chairperson.

### ST. REGIS AND ST. FRANCIS XAVIER REJOICE

On Saturday, April 17, at the Mission of St. Francis Regis, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's compatriots honored the 302nd anniversary of her holy death. Bishop Robert Lebel, of Valleyfield, P.Q., officiated at the Eucharistic Celebration. The concelebrants were Fr. Bernard Carrière, S.J., Provincial of the French Canadian Jesuits, Fr. Joseph Toole, Vice-



Provincial of the Jesuit Province of New York, Msgr. Robert J. Giroux, V.G., of Ogdensburg, NY, Fr. Robert Boyle, S.J., Director of the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, NY, Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor at Kahnawake, P.Q., Fr. Réal Paiement, O.M.I., who came from Maniwaki with a busload of Algonquins, Fr. Richard S. Sturz, of Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg, NY, Frs. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., and John M. Doolan, S.J. from Auriesville, NY, and Fr. Robert L. Fleig of Staten Island, NY. Bro. Claude Richie, S.C., served as Master of Ceremonies. With him in the sanctuary were also Bros. Eustache Savard, S.J., and Bertrand Girard, S.J. Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in gala finery added distinction to the ceremony.

Men, women, and children of the Mission played their part under the direction of Sr. Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., and of Sr. Kathleen Navarra, S.S.J. Mrs. Alma Ransom introduced the participants: Mrs. Isabel Benedict read the Old Testament text; Mrs. Louise Cook, the one from the First Epistle of St. John, and Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J., the Gospel. Bishop Lebel gave the homily. The intentions were read by the William Papineau Family, and the children of the Mission came up with the Offerings. The Mass ended with a shuffle dance by some women and girls round the altar and with the gift of a large picture of Kateri to all the mothers of the parish. The donors, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Constantino, from Amsterdam, NY, were present. Devoted parishioners had prepared a lavish meal for Kateri's dev-

otees at the Beata's Hall in Hogsburg, NY. Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J., despite his age and poor health, was able to come to the hall to greet the Katerians present.

The next day her own village of Kahnawake revered Blessed Kateri. Bishop Bernard Hubert of St. Jean-de-Québec presided at the Eucharist, accompanied by Fr. Bernard Carrière, Jesuit Provincial, by Fr. Léon Lajoie, Pastor of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, and by Fr. Henri Béchard and his friends Frs. Thomas F. Egan, John M. Doolan and Robert L. Fleig. Meanwhile Frs. Paul-Emile Beaudoin, Leon Zipfeld and Laurent Lavallée, Assistants at the Mission, were occupied hearing confessions and later on in helping distribute Holy Communion, Bro. Marius Legault, F.E.C., the Bishop's secretary, was Master of Ceremonies. Approximately seventy-five Knights of Columbus of the Fourth Degree graced the ceremonies with their presence. Mr. Rene Perreault, Ex-Worthy Master of the district of Montreal, escorted Bishop Hubert to the presidential chair; Navigator Gerald Marion of the Bishop Wadham's Assembly from Plattsburgh, NY, accompanied to his *prie-dieu* in the sanctuary, His Honor Judge Maurice Perron, Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus and honorary president of the festivities.

Bro. John Smith, F.E.C. was the Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Larry Taylor took care of the first reading, Mr. Peter Jacobs of the sec-

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#### THE KATERI RESIDENCE

Kateri Residence, located at 87th St. and Riverside Drive in Manhattan, was recently acquired by a new not-for-profit corporation sponsored by Catholic Charities of the New York Archdiocese. Formerly operated as Park Crescent Nursing Home, it gives nursing care to 520 residents. The acquisition was financed by a mortgage agreement between Emigrant Savings Bank and the Kateri Residence corporation. It is named for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.





FR. JACQUES (DIEGO) LEFEBVRE, O.F.M.

## KATERI IN THE AMAZONIAN JUNGLE

by Lilianne Lefebvre

SINCE JANUARY 16, 1982, Kateri Tekakwitha has become the protectress of the little village of Yacapana in the Peruvian jungle of the Amazon. Her statue is honored on the altar of a school serving as a church.

This little pueblo is one of the sixty-two villages which were under the responsibility of Franciscan Father Jacques Lefebvre, then missionary at Tamchiyacu, where he dwelt for nine months and a half. Since November 1981, he has been working at Tingo Maria in the Great Cordillera of the Andes.

As the inhabitants of Yacapana were unaware that St. Martin de Porres was the patron of the entire area, in June, they asked Father Lefebvre to suggest the name of a patron saint for their little village. Kateri Tekakwitha's immediately came to his mind for three reasons: she was an Indian like them, she had lived in the diocese where he was born, she had just been beatified at Rome. The suggestion was enthusiastically accepted. So he wrote to his parents at Longueuil, P.Q., asking if it were possible to procure a statue of Kateri and to send it on as well as plenty of information to help in preparing the enthronement ceremony.

Like a miracle, on the same day two ladies, complete strangers until then, Mmes. Marguerite Pelland and Fernande Milot, declared they had obtained many favors through Kateri, that they greatly relied on her and wanted to do something by way of acknowledgement. They had a splendid, twenty-seven-inch high statue made, which I, as Fr. Jacques' mother, took to South America early last January. Thus after being wrapped up in a brand-new sleeping bag reserved for further use by Father, Kateri travelled for the first time in a suitcase. The plane flew from Montreal to Lima, capital of Peru, where Fr. Lefebvre was waiting for the beloved traveller, carrying the much longed for image, then on with it to Iquitos, capital of the jungle of the Amazon. From there, by boat on the Amazon, for there are no roads, under a pouring rain, we went to Tamchiyacu to spend the night. The next day, with the Pastor of the place, Fr. Clement Larose, C.S.V., we made it at last to Yacapana, with Fr. Lefebvre (Padre Diego) our leader, who was beaming with joy. All along the way, a few passengers who wanted to attend the gala event boarded our





- ▲ At the foot of the ramp, Fr. Jacques Lefebvre, O.F.M., is about to board the plane for Iquitos. The statue of Blessed Kateri rides in the baggage compartment.
- ♦ Iquitos, capital of the Peruvian jungle.
- One of the streets of Iquitos.

boat. Every time that I see the Amazon, I am awed by its magnificence. At this time of year, the river was in full spate. In certain places, it was nearly as high as the shore, with the banks habitually measuring twenty feet in height. The current was so violent that it carried whole trees and pieces of land from the embankment and escarpments, even a sand bank, all of which continually change the riverbed. On the edge of the river one can see immense trees called Capinori, Lopuna, and others, which are uprooted and will soon be victims of the current. Their foliage is unrivalled in beauty and one has the impression they don't want to die. At the sight of this splendor, one cannot help but believe in God.

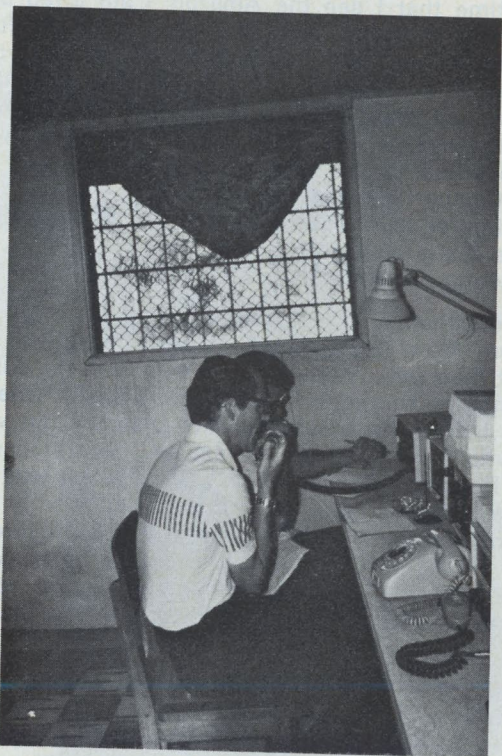
At our destination, the moderator of the village of Yacapana, Jorge Cabrera Mori, comes down to welcome us at the riverside, and we must then walk nearly a half a mile with the suitcase and its precious contents before arriving at the school-chapel. To receive "Kateri" the Indians had erected a niche, simple but very lovely. It was lined with woven banana leaves, and decorated with beautiful wild jungle flowers called "Citullis," all of which was supported by bamboo stalks. One of them had four holes punched in it for candles. It was first-rate! A simple table covered with a bedspread served as the altar for Frs. Clement Larose and Diego Lefebvre, who proceeded with the enthronement before a rather large group, made up of all the inhabitants of the village; a dog decided to join them as an extra guest.

When the time came to record the ceremony on cassette, Fr. Jacques Lefebvre addressed himself at first in French to Bishop Bernard Hubert, of the Diocese of St. John of Quebec, and then to Fr. Béchard, Vice-Postulator of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, to greet them and describe the place where the festivities were taking place.

Moderator Jorge Cabrena Mori and his wife, Jonita Llerena Siàs, as well as the godfather chosen for the circumstance, Rodolfo Moreno and his wife, the godmother, Antonia Marin Pinché, occupied the places of honor. In this country, the custom is that a godfather and a godmother take part in the important events of daily life. The moderator unveiled the statue, accompanied by the godfather and the godmother. After Fr. Lefebvre read Bishop Hubert's letter, in French and then in Spanish, the statue was blessed and the Holy Sacrifice offered during which one and all, the children as well as the adults, sang the praises of the Lord in the languages they knew, that is to say Quechua and Spanish. The Epistle was read by the moderator, Jorge Cabrena Mori; Fr. Clement Larose, who was celebrating, read the Gospel; in his homily Fr. Lefebvre gave an interesting resumé of Kateri's life.

The ceremony took place in an atmosphere of joy and recol-



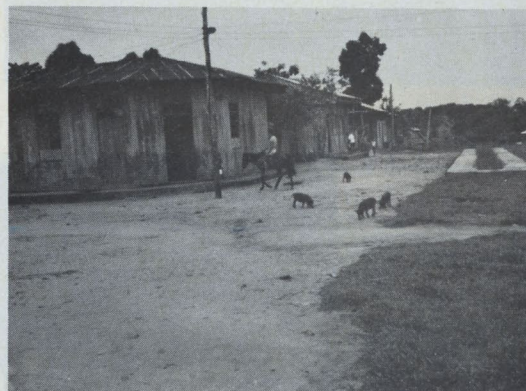


In Iquitos at 6:30 a.m., Fr. Jacques Lefebvre notifies Lima that he and his mother have safely arrived in the jungle.

lection. With a song in their hearts, all partook of a tasty dinner of roast bananas with yucca, manioc and rice, at the Moderator's home on stilts.

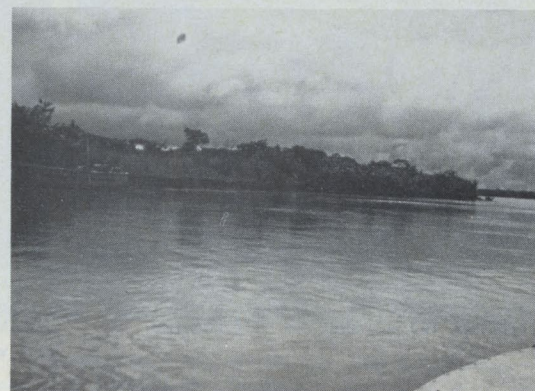
We had to leave quite soon, for travelling on the Amazon after sundown is very dangerous, and the trip back to Iquitos takes two hours and a half. We regretfully quit Yacapana after casting a last glance at Kateri, who had so well preserved us during the entire journey and who henceforth would be the protectress of this village.

Kateri's friends reach Tamshiyacu on the Amazon.



One of the better streets of Tamshiyacu, where Fr. Jacques Lefebvre labored as a missionary for nine months and a half.

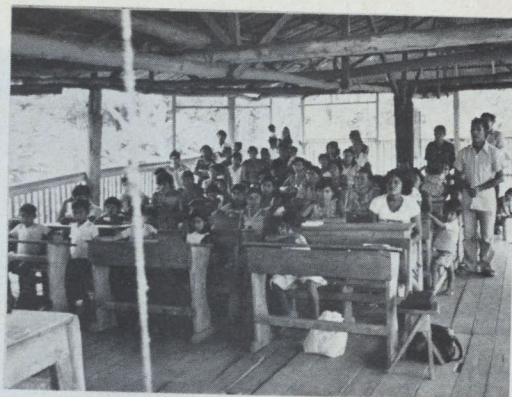
Then they land at Yacapana at 10 a.m.



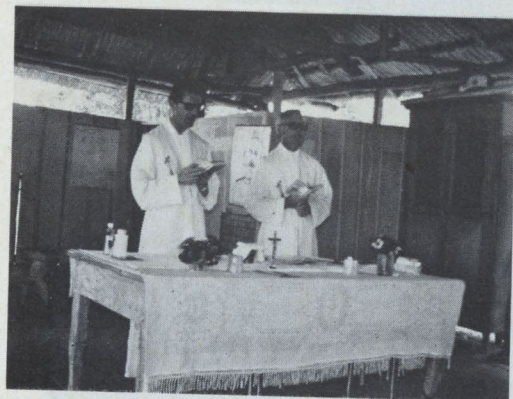




Children of Yacapana decorate the altar with banana blossoms.



The interior of the school where Blessed Kateri was enthroned as protectress of Yacapana on January 16, 1982.



Fr. Clement Lrose, C.S.V., and Fr. Jacques Lefebvre, O.F.M., offer the Holy Sacrifice.



To honor Blessed Kateri, the altar was embellished with woven banana leaves and with banana and bamboo flowers.



Fr. Jacques Lefebvre and Fr. Clement Larose officiate at the blessing and enthronement of Blessed Kateri's statue, with the village moderator and his wife as well as the godfather and godmother chosen for Kateri according to Indian custom.



Fr. Jacques Lefebvre and his mother, Mrs. Lilianne Lefebvre, with a bamboo candlestick holder, lit up in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.





After the ceremony of the blessing of Kateri's statue, the faithful gather together in front of the school which serves as church.



Following the enthronement of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha as protectress of Yacapana, some of the villagers accompany Fr. Clement Larose, C.S.V., Fr. Jacques Lefebvre, O.F.M., and his mother to the boat.

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

My mother, Mrs. C.F., I'm sure you know her, put me up to this, as I am not very good at expressing my emotions. I would like to keep you up to date on my little boy, T.K. Maybe my mother has already told you that he had an operation in September because he had a hearing problem, infections, earaches. They took a lot of X-rays. I can't write the medical terminology for it, but they found that there was a cavity in the bone in his ear, and that the membrane covering the brain had somehow been trapped in it, so they operated. Then they found he had a fractured skull and the membrane was caught in there and healed over. We don't know if he had hurt himself when he was a baby, but the Doctors think it could be why he had meningitis, and could get it again if they hadn't operated. I stayed at the hospital all the while he was there, and prayed to Kateri, I had Kateri's medal on his bed. I'm pretty sure she pulled him through again, so I'm sending ten dollars for Kateri's cause in thanksgiving for the wonderful help she has performed again. He has to have a check up again in February, but everything is fine now. Kateri has helped us many times, I'm sure she will again.

(St. Regis, P.Q.)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars to Blessed Kateri for favor received. Also for a new petition. A good friend became pregnant and was undecided what to do, she wanted to have an abortion. I saw the prayer in the Kateri magazine one night about adopting a child in the mother's womb spiritually. I said the prayer a few times and yesterday, October 15, she saw her doctor and with his help decided so far not to have the abortion. Thank God and Blessed Kateri for her decision. I will continue to pray with your help that everything will be O.K. to the end.

(Montreal, P.Q.)

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

In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart and Blessed Kateri! My son could not find work for a long time and I asked Blessed Kateri to obtain from the Sacred Heart a steady job. Thanks to her he has been working steadily. Enclosed is twenty dollars I had promised.

(Lachine, P.Q.)

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





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St. Isaac Jogues and  
Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha  
St. Gerard Majella Church  
Hollis, N.Y.

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ond, and, Fr. Léon Lajoie read the Gospel. Bishop Hubert preached the homily. As usual the Iroquois Choir sang in its own language under the direction of its former director, Fr. Jacques Bruyère, S.J., on leave from his parish in the Phillipines. When the Mass was over, Kateri's friends were invited

to a collation at the beautiful Knights of Columbus Hall of the village. And so, happily ended the two days dedicated to honoring Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

**A FEW HUNDRED FIRST  
DAY COVERS OF THE  
KATERI TEKAKWITHA STAMP  
REMAIN: \$1.50 EACH.**

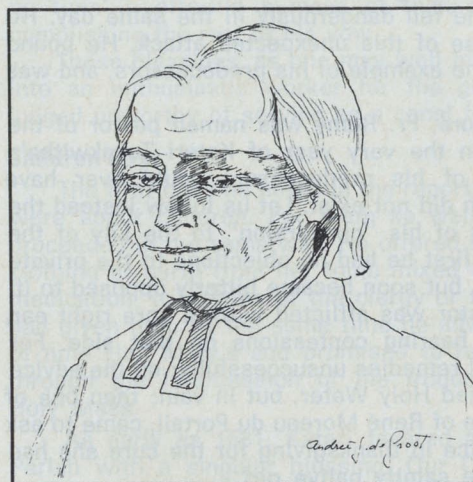
#### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss D.M.!

Ever since visiting Fonda, NY, last summer, Blessed Kateri has become my powerful intercessor. The young girl in my parish, J.Q., seriously injured in an auto accident last summer, has made remarkable progress and is now undergoing plastic surgery operations. She was never expected even to come out of her coma. She can play cards now (as a memory therapy)! I used the Kateri magazine (the issue before the Spring, 1981 edition) to spread her story. May I have several copies of that issue to pass along to others? People seem eager to pray to Kateri when they hear about her...

(Chicago, IL)

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## HE CAME FROM PARIS



Fr. Remy as seen by our artist

IN 1680, the year of Kateri Tekakwitha's death, Fr. Peter Remy, P.S.S., who had come to Canada in 1672, was appointed Pastor of Holy Angels' Parish at Lachine, which he would be responsible for until 1706. On all sides, people spoke of Kateri's holiness and of the many favors and miracles previously mentioned. At the little settlement on the

north bank of the St. Lawrence, practically facing the Indian mission, her devotees invoked her more and more and even went to pray at her tomb in the little church dedicated to St. Francis Xavier.

The Pastor, a native of Paris, frowned with displeasure. How could a young native, who was barely converted, have reached the perfection of a St. Genevieve or of a St. Louis so dear to the heart of France? The years tripped by and in 1696, Fr. Remy heard that Fr. Cholenec, Kateri's former director, was preparing a life of his spiritual daughter of yore. For eight or nine years, the good Pastor had been completely won over to the one who was known as "the miracle-worker of Canada," and in March 1696, he decided not to delay writing to the Jesuit. He considered himself in duty bound to report the favors the Iroquois "saint" had poured down upon his parish. Later on, as they took place, he would add others to the list, more than a hundred in all.

To begin with, the good priest was sceptical about Kateri. He was not at all impressed by his parishioners' accounts of the cures obtained for them through the Servant of God. But the day came when he considered it wise to implore Kateri to help him. How did this change of heart come about? Fr. de Charlevoix in his monumental **History of New France**, published in 1744, gives us a version already touched by legend. Each year, he wrote, it was customary in the



neighboring parishes to go to sing a Mass in honor of the Blessed Trinity at the mission church of the Jesuits.

"On being informed by his parishioners of this custom, he replied that he deemed it a duty not to sanction by his presence a public cultus not yet permitted by the Church. Most, on hearing him speak thus, could not refrain from saying that he would soon be punished for his refusal, and in fact he fell dangerously ill the same day. He at once understood the cause of this unexpected attack. He bound himself by a vow to follow the example of his predecessors, and was instantly cured."

Now as I have said before, Fr. Remy was named pastor of the parish of the Holy Angels in the very year of Kateri Tekakwitha's death. Consequently, none of his predecessors could ever have conformed to a custom which did not exist. Let us follow instead the worthy priest's own account of his "conversion" to the Lily of the Mohawks. It appears that at first he had no objections to the private cultus being rendered to her, but soon became bitterly opposed to it.

In 1687 or 1688, the pastor was afflicted with a sore right ear, which prevented him from hearing confessions on that side. For three months he tried several remedies unsuccessfully; on the advice of his confessor, he even tried Holy Water, but in vain; then one of his flock, Jeanne Merrin, wife of René Moreau du Portail, came to ask him to offer the Holy Sacrifice in thanksgiving for the cure she had obtained after praying to the saintly native girl.

Fr. Remy, who was about to put on his chasuble, felt strongly inspired to have recourse to this extraordinary Iroquois. Wouldn't she help him recover his hearing? He immediately vowed to say three masses: one in honor of St. Aurel, another in honor of St. Owen, whom a good and devout soldier had often spoken to him about, and who apparently had never existed, and the last one in honor of Kateri Tekakwitha. After receiving communion, he suddenly felt better and at the end of the Eucharistic Celebration he discovered that he was no longer deaf. Faithful to his vow, the good priest hastened to offer the three masses. Henceforth he would never hesitate to appeal to Kateri in all his spiritual and temporal needs.

The Lachine pastor relates that he obtained another favor through her intercession, a spiritual favor he promised to give us the details about "in a special paper." If it ever was written, it has not come down to us. "For the heavenly aid," he wrote, "I have so often received from her in my need, and which I hope to receive until the end of my days, I am more indebted to the servant of God than for all the other help which I have received from God through her intercession, whether temporal or corporal, for myself and for many of my parishioners..."

In 1690 or 1692, during the excessive heat of June or July, an attack of siatica tied him to his bed. Three days later, feeling he would be definitively bedridden and unable to fulfill his pastoral obliga-

tions, he vowed, if Kateri restored his health, to offer several masses in her honor; to go to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice, and to make a novena, partaking each day of her ashes and earth of her grave diluted in water.

The next morning, he awoke alert and nimble, without any pain in his thigh, and immediately went to ring the Angelus. He then lost no time in offering a mass of thanksgiving to Kateri and in accomplishing the rest of his vow.

These blessings, as one may well imagine, transformed Fr. Remy into an enthusiastic worker for the girl whom he had previously judged unworthy of serving as a canal for divine favors.

### Children First

The first ones he noted in the report he prepared for Fr. Cholenec were about children. For them as well as for adults, he generally proceeded in the same way. He offered the ailing ashes from Kateri's clothing or earth from her tomb mixed with water or again added to medication, to pasties of the clergy or to salve that Bishop de Laval had given him. At the same time he advised them to make a novena of nine Hail Mary's and promised to recommend them to Our Lord through the intercession of the Iroquois Maiden each morning at Holy Mass.

As early as 1681, Kateri favored a fine family of Holy Angels' Parish with a singular blessing. Our Congregation for the Cult of Saints, as well as the Congregation of Rites at that time, would not have accepted it as a miracle for the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. But what did the mother of three-month-old Rene Fortin think?

The child was seized with panic fears which made him cry out day and night without stopping. His face was black and blue and a sight to behold. The mother in tears saw nothing better to do than to take her little one to the pastor, who read over his head the first chapter of the Gospel of St. John. In 1535, Jacques Cartier had done so for the **agohanna** or chief of Hochelaga, who was completely crippled with rheumatism. The child's panic worsened. Wouldn't he succumb to these strange alarms? Fr. Remy then advised the mother to dedicate Rene to Kateri Tekakwitha and to make a novena or have one made at her grave. She immediately gave her consent to the suggestion, and, as if by magic, the tears and the cries subsided.

In 1684, Kateri affectionately took care of Lambert Cuillierier, who was only two years old. The simple faith of Rene, his father, and Marie Lucault, his mother, arouse her compassion. According to the pastor, the little one was suffering from consumption. He was just about unable to take any nourishment and was reduced to skin and bone. His final hour was not far away. What could be done? On the other side of the river, at the junction of the little Suzanne River and the St. Lawrence, in the church of St. Francis Xavier, were buried the relics of Kateri Tekakwitha: there his parents carried Lambert, set



him down upon her grave, had the Holy Sacrifice offered and a novena begun to obtain from the good Lord the recovery of their son through the intercession of His servant. Immediately afterwards, he was much better and twelve years later, Fr. Remy wrote that the youth was in perfect health.

In 1690, a serious illness once again tried the Cullierier family. Joseph, aged twelve, suffered from a fever and consumption which led him to the last extremity. His father turned to Kateri who had helped his son Lambert. He obtained from the Fathers of the Indian mission ashes from Kateri's clothing, dissolved some in water, which he had the sick boy drink. He recovered his health.

Barbara Brunet, daughter of Francis known as Le Bourbonnais, and of Barbara Beauvais, was thirteen years old in 1688. During two months, she suffered from a tertian fever<sup>1</sup> which degenerated into a double tertian fever. She looked like a skeleton and could take neither medication nor nourishment and felt as if she were about to die. Someone, nobody knows who, inspired her to have recourse to Kateri Tekakwitha. It was a last hope. She promised everything that Fr. Remy generally recommended to those who were ill, and two days later the fever disappeared. It goes without saying that she kept her promise.

The next one on the pastor's list was Francis Joseph Le Noir Rolland. In 1689 he was three years old. Paralyzed from the hips down, he was unable to stand up. His mother dedicated him to "the Iroquois Saint," crossed the river, went to her grave, had a mass offered and asked one of the Indian women of the Mission, probably a member of Kateri's band, to make a novena for her son Joseph. Nine days later, Francis Joseph could walk for the first time.

At Lachine, Kateri was also the providence of the family of Peter Cardinal and of Marie Matour. Since the birth of their son Daniel, the mother, who was twenty-four years old in 1692, had been suffering from the aftereffects of confinement for two years. The pain was so unbearable that she sought for relief on all sides, but to no avail. As a last resort she prayed to "the good Indian." If she cured her, the woman would go to the church of St. Francis Xavier to have a mass offered in thanksgiving. Shortly afterwards, without recourse to any remedy, she no longer felt any pain. At the Indian Mission, a Jesuit offered the mass she had promised and Fr. Remy did as much for her husband who also had obtained from the Lily of the Mohawks a cure from a serious illness.

In 1694, their daughter Marie was helped by Kateri Tekakwitha. She was only five years old and suffered from scrofula, a tubercular inflammation of the lymphatic glands of the neck. In Montreal she had undergone a lengthy treatment but to no purpose. Finally, the poor

1. Occurring every third day, reckoning inclusively, in which the paroxysms occur every other day. In a double tertian fever, consisting of independent tertian fevers falling on alternate days, the characteristic symptoms occur daily.

mother remembered the past favors Kateri had granted her and proceeded as she had done before: a visit to the Mission, a mass offered, and a novena begun. When her devotions were completed, little Marie no longer suffered from scrofula, "an incurable disease in this country," noted Fr. Remy.

To cap it all for that year, Marie Matour had a cow which was swelling up before her eyes and was in danger of dying. Very simply and with complete trust, she promised to have a mass said by her pastor for this intention. The poor beast's swelling immediately went down, and the Cardinal family was saved from a considerable loss.

The first favor Kateri conferred on the Cardinals in 1696 was not important enough to overthrow the walls of Jericho. It did, however, come in the nick of time. In February, John, aged five, had swallowed a blade of wheat or straw which was choking him. It was impossible to budge it. To the mother's immense relief, a few gulps of water with ashes from Kateri's dress dislodged the blade of wheat.

During this same year, Marie Matour again appealed to "good Kateri," and her prayer was once again heard. Charles, born during the previous year, was covered with an eruption. The mother sent for ointment to rub on him. The surgeon had one of the empirical remedies of the time, composed of quicksilver, delivered to her. She was to rub only the knees and wrists of the child. Without bothering about these instructions, she smeared her son's entire body with it. It sent the little one into frightful convulsions. Summoned on the spot, Fr. Remy hastened to her home to recite the prayers of the Roman Ritual for the dangerously ill. Afterwards, with the mother, he dedicated the child to God through the mediation of Kateri Tekakwitha. Marie Matour immediately began a novena of nine Hail Mary's a day, and the priest promised to offer the little fellow to Our Lord each morning at Holy Mass. Thereupon they had baby Charles take some orvietan<sup>2</sup> mixed with ashes from the clothes and the tomb of "the good Indian." To the great joy of his mother, Charles Cardinal was instantly cured of the eruption! This woman was an excellent Christian, and thanks to her celestial friend, received from God whatever she asked for.

Peter and Mary Cardinal and their children were not the only ones to benefit by Kateri Tekakwitha's blessings. In 1694, Francis Roy, a youth of seventeen years, struggled vainly against a bad fever despite the treatment of the best doctors of the country. Convinced that his end was near, he called for his pastor, who invited him to put his trust in "good Kateri" and to make use of all the means he suggested to his ailing parishioners. The priest and Francis fervently prayed to her during nine days, after which the fever faded away.

2. "Venice treacle," an inoffensive variety of theriac, now recognized as a quack remedy. It was for internal consumption and of the consistency of thick honey.



Then during the same year, there was the case of James Paré. This child of seven years could neither eat nor drink for evelen days. Fr. Remy finally administered him the sacrament of Extreme Unction. It was the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, October 28, and his condition was extremely critical. The parents along with the pastor dedicated James to Kateri Tekakwitha and practised the usual devotions. Furthermore his father pledged, if his son recovered his health, to go each year on the same day to the little Indian church to have a mass of thanksgiving said close by the remains of the young "saint." The following night, James asked for Indian corn to eat. Henceforth his health would be excellent. The child was intelligent, and the priest took the trouble to teach him to read. Later on his parents would send him to his uncle in Angers, pastor of the parish of Plessis, to have him educated in case he had a priestly vocation.

The months that followed passed by very quickly in Indian file until 1695. This time a baby of three years was the beneficiary of Kateri's loivng-kindness, powerful as she was on the heart of God. Louis Nepveu, like Charles Cardinal, was covered with an eruption, and even worse, his mother had no milk to feed him, only blood came from her breasts. She took upon herself to dedicate her son to Kateri and, on April 17, anniversary of the death of the saintly girl, carried him to her grave, and had a mass said during which she offered a loaf to be blessed. Before returning home, she requested the Fathers to begin a novena for her son. As soon as it was over the mother could nourish her little one, who was marvelously delivered of all traces of the eruption.

In the month of November, deeply grieved, Francis Dubois, one of the parishioners of Holy Angels', knocked at the door of the presbytery. His son, aged thirteen months, named Francis like himself, was dying. For a week, he had been vomiting all the food that had been given him and had been in the throes of continual convulsions. The surgeon who was treating him gave him up, and his mother was inconsolable.

The sympathetic pastor told the father that he counted on seeing the little boy cured, if his parents put their trust in Kateri Tekakwitha. Francis Dubois agreed and accompanied the priests to the foot of the altar of the Blessed Sacrament and consecrated the infant to Our Lord, with His servant, "the good Iroquois," as go-between. On returning to the presbytery, Fr. Remy wrote a few words of encouragement to the distressed mother and recommended that she make use of the same devotional practises as the other members of his flock who were ill. Each day during mass he would pray for Francis. The following night, the child ate heartily without any bad effects, and was never again troubled with convulsions. The pastor concluded, "As I myself have seen, he has been very well ever since."

(To be continued.)



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