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THE SR. GENEVIEVE AGNES ROLL

LITTLE SISTER WANTS TO KNOW...

CALLING ON ALL BLESSED KATERI'S FRIENDS!

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

EACH NEW MOON

A NEW STATUE OF KATERI AT MIDLAND

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AIM

1. Our quarterly bulletin, *Kateri*, published by the Kateri Center, intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Canonization will thereby be hastened.
2. It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Canonization.
3. It also seeks 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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2. A weekly Mass for deceased friends is offered;
3. The Vice-Postulator prays at his daily Mass;
4. The spiritual treasure of the good works of the Society of Jesus is opened;
5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's canonization.

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✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M.D.!

I would like to thank Blessed Kateri for what I and my family believe to be a true miracle. My brother collapsed at his place of work, was taken to the hospital, and we were told that he had a brain tumor. He was operated on a few days later, the operation was a total success, he is already up and around. So once again, thanks to blessed Kateri! Enclosed is a fifty-dollar check in recognition. **Niawen, Kateri!** (Thank you, Kateri!)

(Kahnawake, Qc)

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

The other day when I had a doctor's appointment, I asked Kateri to bring my sugar count down. She answered my prayers. In thanksgiving, I send you a ten-dollar check. Please pray for my special intentions. Thank you.

(St. Marys, PA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss S.S.!

Enclosed, please find a money order for the amount of twenty-five dollars. This is to order the bronze medallion of Kateri for my Mother. Our family has great faith in Blessed Kateri. We have obtained many favors through her, and know that we will receive many more. This medallion is one of the things my Mother had promised to purchase for a favor she had obtained. So I know that she will be very proud to have this medallion.

(Campbellton, N.B.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.H.!

Enclosed please find twenty dollars which I promised Blessed Kateri if my prayers were answered. My poor husband had a cancerous kidney removed last October. He has been having check-ups every three months. The last visit the doctor said he had more problems. Well, I got busy and prayed and promised an offering if the check-up proved negative. Well it did, so I am sending twenty dollars as I promised. Thanking you, Father, for the prayers for my dear husband. He is also a convert and I am real proud of a wonderful good husband.

(Baltimore, MD)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.C.!

Father, I'm sending twenty dollars to Kateri; she always hears my prayers and I want to thank her for helping us with the flu we had in Melbourne, all is well except for one of my sons-in-law, but he is not bad, he still goes to work (he has to). Thanks to Kateri for all her favors! Father, please pray for my son, that he will get a permanent job, he is still working but not permanent yet, and he likes what he is doing...

(Melbourne, Australia)

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

Little Sister wants to know...



Kateri Mestokosho
9 years old, Natashquan, Qc.

Please send yours to:
The Kateri Center
Box 70
Kahnawake, P.Q.
Canada J0L 1B0

MY PLEDGE TO KATERI Date

I, the undersigned, pledge to offer up each day one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and three Glories until the miracle needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization is obtained and approved.

Name
Street or Box
City or Town
Province or State Code
Country Telephone

The Kateri Sympathy Cards !

5 good reasons
for having a
box on hand
all the time :

On the occasion of the death of a relative or friend, all you have to do is sign a card and send it to the bereaved family.

We confirm your sympathy offering with a personal letter, and enroll the departed one in the Kateri Guild, for whom,

1. A Weekly High Mass is offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;
2. An Intention is included daily in the Memento of the Vice-Postulator's Mass;
3. The Treasury of the many Masses read each month for the benefactors of the Society of Jesus is opened;
4. A Share in the good works of the Jesuits throughout the world is assured;
5. Participation in the merits gained in helping the Cause of the Uly of Mohawk's is guaranteed.

Write to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawake, P.Q., Canada J0L 1B0 for a free sample card.

One dozen cards
boxed: \$2.50.

Each yearly enrollment in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guide: two dollars.

SEND IN YOUR INTENTIONS NOW

Spiritual

- ☐ Love of God
- ☐ Conversions
- ☐ Peace of Soul
- ☐ Resignation in Trials
- ☐ Vocations
- ☐ Faithful Departed
- ☐ Happy Death
- ☐ Obedience to the Holy Father

Temporal

- ☐ Positions
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
- ☐ Financial Aid
- ☐ Happy Marriages
- ☐ Happy Deliveries
- ☐ Good Friends
- ☐ Success in Studies
- ☐ Peace in the World

Other Requests

YOUR INTENTIONS SHALL BE FORWARDED TO FATHER ANTHONY ROUSSOS, S.J., ON MARCH 1, AT BEYROUT, LEBANON. HE WILL CELEBRATE NINE MASSES FOR YOU IN THE AGONY OF CONTINUED WAR.
(NO OFFERING REQUIRED)

Calling on all Blessed Kateri's Friends!

With all my heart, I thank you for your unstinting generosity to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause. I'm sure the Lily of the Mohawks is grateful. In her name and in my own, I want to express my thanks.

Just now your charity hits the mark more than ever before. With my headquarters at Kahnawake, I have been taking care of the Cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha since 1949, nearly forty years. Never before have I had any trouble paying my bills. Each issue of *Kateri* now costs about \$9,000.00, then there is the cost of stamps, of stationery, of the salaries of the secretaries and of the office rent. I have tried to keep the annual subscription to less than three dollars, for I wanted nobody who would like to subscribe to the *Kateri* quarterly not to do so for monetary considerations. I personally receive no salary.

If it is possible, be as generous as ever. With your help and that of Blessed Kateri's other friends, I feel it would be possible to get the Kateri Center out of the quagmire of its debts. Blessed Kateri will certainly appreciate it. Then the time will have come for her anticipated canonization for which I'm counting on your prayers.

Already, it would seem, the good Lord has granted the prayers of Blessed Kateri's friends something that looks like a cure. After two days of prayer, the cure of an intestinal tumor has been recorded. It would be regretful, wouldn't it, to abandon the processing of this cure?

During the following months, I will pray Our Lady and the Christ Child to shower you with their choicest favors.

Yours in the friendship of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha,

Henri Béchard S.J.

(Rev.) Henri Béchard, S.J.
Vice-Postulator

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.M.!

I had a bad cough for months and nothing seemed to help. I prayed to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and feel that I had a miracle. Please burn a candle in thanksgiving. I am so grateful.
(Largo, FL)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.S.!

I promised Kateri the sum of ten dollars and a public thank you to her for her intercession, for the safe delivery of my daughter-in-law's first child. She is not exactly so strong a physical person and had problems before even becoming pregnant. As she was going for Natural Child Delivery, my prayers to Blessed Kateri were constant that she help in the safe birth of the little one.

A beautiful baby boy, nine pounds, was born on July 19. I know Kateri did it. Thank you, Blessed Kateri.

Please also include my name on your list, committing myself to the daily prayers for her canonization plus a little extra to renew my subscription. God bless you all.

(Brooklyn, NY)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.L.!

My sister, eighty-six, has a son, a priest. Every year he has his family and nieces and nephews, now grand-nieces and nephews up to a huge rambling cottage which is available to him for two weeks each year. For the past few weeks his lovely old mother had not been able to be at this joyful family reunion. I offered Kateri twenty dollars if she would persuade mom to make the effort, and asked that there would be no ill effects. Enclosed is the offering. "Mom" went and had a wonderful time! Even stayed overnight and played pinochle until midnight. She loved the whole week. So did her family. Thank you, Kateri, you are great!

(Kingston, Ont.)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.Z.!

I am enclosing a check of three dollars for Kateri's subscription; also five dollars for my answered prayer. I prayed to the Blessed Mother so my son, out of work, would get a job. He did. I am sending you five dollars that I had promised for the poor.

(Fairview Park, OH)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.O.!

Kindly accept the enclosed check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving for a favor received through Blessed Kateri's intercession in locating a legal document necessary to settle an estate.

(Belleville, Ont.)

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

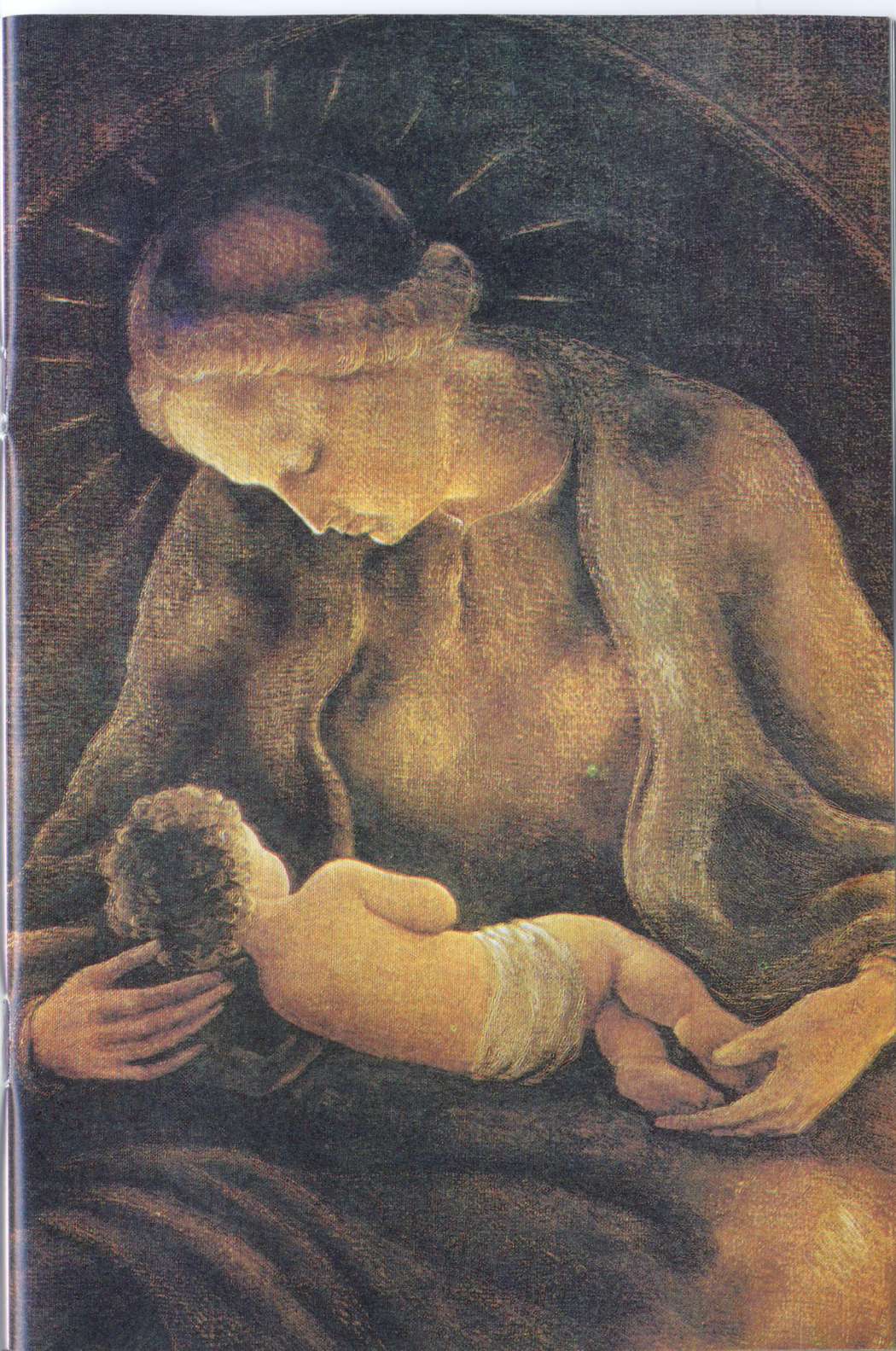
O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Courtesy of *Jésus, Marie et Notre Temps* ➡



EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE ...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from June 29 to October 4, 1988:

Alcoholic Problem Solved	1
Articles Found	5
Better Health	21
Cures	15
Employment Found or Kept	21
Financial Aid	11
Lodgings	7
Peace at Work	2
Properties Bought or Sold	14
Safe Pregnancies	7
Safe Trips	6
Spiritual Favors	3
Strikes Averted	1
Successful Studies	2
Successful or Averted Operations	17
Temporal Favors	20

Mass stipends go to elderly priests who offer up the Holy Sacrifice for you. They are grateful.

BLESSED JUNÍPERO SERRA, O.F.M.



This great apostle of the Indians was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 25. He was born in Petra, Majorca, Spain, of farmer parents in 1713. He became a Franciscan at Palma, Majorca in 1730 and was ordained a priest in 1738.

An aspirant to the Indian missions, he sailed for Mexico in 1749 and was sent to the Sierra Gorda area in northeastern Queretaro among the Pame Indian. He was instrumental in building five beautiful and sturdy missions still in use, learned the native languages, introduced agriculture, animal husbandry, commerce, and the useful arts.

When the Jesuits were removed from Spanish America, Serra was chosen as president of the Franciscan missions in Lower California. Beginning in 1769, Serra founded nine missions between San Diego and San Francisco and presented a *Representación* to the Spanish Vice-Roy about the bad treatment of the Native People. He died on August 28, 1784, and was buried at San Carlos Mission, Carmel, near Monterey, California.

FATHER MICHAEL JACOBS, S.J.



The good Lord called Fr. Wisshe (Michael) to his reward on September 8, feast of the Nativity of Our Lady. Bishops Robert Lebel of Valleyfield, P.Q., Eugène P. Laroque of Alexandria, Cornwall, Ont., and Stanislas J. Brzana of Ogdensburg, N.Y., presided at the funeral Mass with 27 priests concelebrating. (See p. 23.)

A NEW PARISH DEDICATED TO KATERI



His Excellency Bishop Francis J. Rodimer recently appointed Fr. Daniel Murphy pastor of the new parish at Sparta, N.J. Fr. Murphy celebrated the first Eucharistic Celebration on June 25 at 5 p.m. in the Episcopalian Church of St.

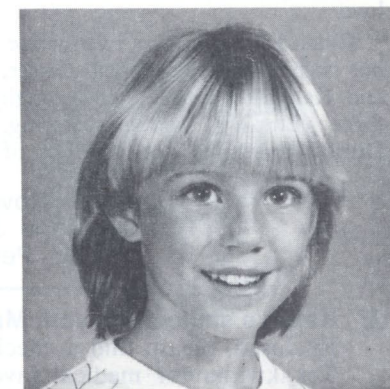
Mary. His parish comprises 600 families and owns a plot of 25 acres where the church will be built.

BISHOP CHARLES J. CHAPUT



In the September issue of *Kateri*, Bishop Chaput's episcopal ordination was mentioned. In this issue a photographic report of this native son's episcopal ordination at Rapid City, S.D., will certainly interest our readers. (See p. 17.)

ANNA KATERI RATLIFF



At the age of seven years,
Waldorf, Md

BLESSED MOTHER KATHARINE DREXEL



Katharine Mary Drexel was born in Philadelphia on November 26, 1858, the second child of Francis A. and Hannah Longworth Drexel. Her mother died five weeks after Katharine's birth. For two years, Katharine and her elder sister were cared for by their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel. In 1860, Mr. Drexel married Miss Emma Bouvier, and in 1863 a daughter, Louise was born. The three children were raised in a home of deep faith and tender love.

When Katharine was twenty-one, her stepmother developed cancer, and Katharine nursed her through three years of intense suffering. During this time, the thought of

religious life came to her constantly. Her spiritual director, Bishop James O. Connor of Omaha, Nebraska, permitted her to make a yearly vow of virginity.

Mr. Drexel died in 1885. By the terms of his will Katharine and her sisters were, during their lifetime, beneficiaries of the income of his estate. Katharine and her two sisters became interested in the Indian and later on in the colored missions. In 1889, with Bishop O'Connor's consent, she received the religious habit, took the name of Sister Mary Katharine and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. For the next forty-four years she administered her community. Missionary work began with the opening of a boarding school for black children and then one among the Pueblo Indians in New Mexico. As the years passed, boarding and day schools were opened in the East, the Midwest, the rural and deep South. In 1917, a school to prepare teachers was established in New Orleans, which became in 1925 Xavier University.

Mother Katharine suffered a severe heart attack in 1935 and for twenty years lived in prayerful retirement until her Beloved came to meet her on March 3, 1955.

Beatified November 20, 1988
by Pope John Paul II
at St. Peter's, Rome

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. B.M.!

Enclosed, please find a check for fifty dollars to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha for medical favors obtained. I am now quite improved. My husband and I say a prayer to Kateri every day and thank her for her protection and favors. (Duncan, BC)

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

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.M.!

Please renew my subscription to the Kateri bulletin, \$2.50. Also, please send me two sheets of seals (36) for \$1. each. The balance is a small donation for a favor I received today. I bought a recliner which was defective on delivery. I promised a small donation to Kateri if the recliner was replaced without trouble. My new recliner arrived today and I am very much pleased. I pray that Blessed Kateri will be canonized in the very near future.

(Jackson Heights, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G.C.!

Enclosed is a check in honor of Kateri, who answered my prayers for a safe journey. I've been tardy about this since I've been very depressed. Please pray for me... Our Kateri is a joy and doing very well, thanks to her namesake...

(Brunswick, ME)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss J.L.!

Well, once again, dear Kateri came through. I had my car checked, and promised her five dollars if everything was O.K. It came out with flying colors. Thank you once again, dear Kateri, you always help me. I pray every day for her to be named a saint soon, but in my heart, I know she already is.

(Southbridge, MA)

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

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOURSELF



Obverse



Reverse

This beautiful bronze medallion of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was struck at the Vatican thanks to Rev. Fr. Paolo Molinari, S.J., Postulator-General of her Cause. It is 5 cm or 2 inches wide, if you are a devotee of the Lily of the Mohawks, you will be proud to have one. Price \$25.00



**Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
at the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, Ont.**

The Very Rev. James J. Farrell, S.J., Superior of the Shrine, wrote, "A friend just donated a life-size white Carrara marble statue of Blessed Kateri to the Shrine. It is on a post near the office building... Hopefully it will inspire more devotion to Blessed Kateri."

THE STORY IN PICTURES

by Anne Scheuerman

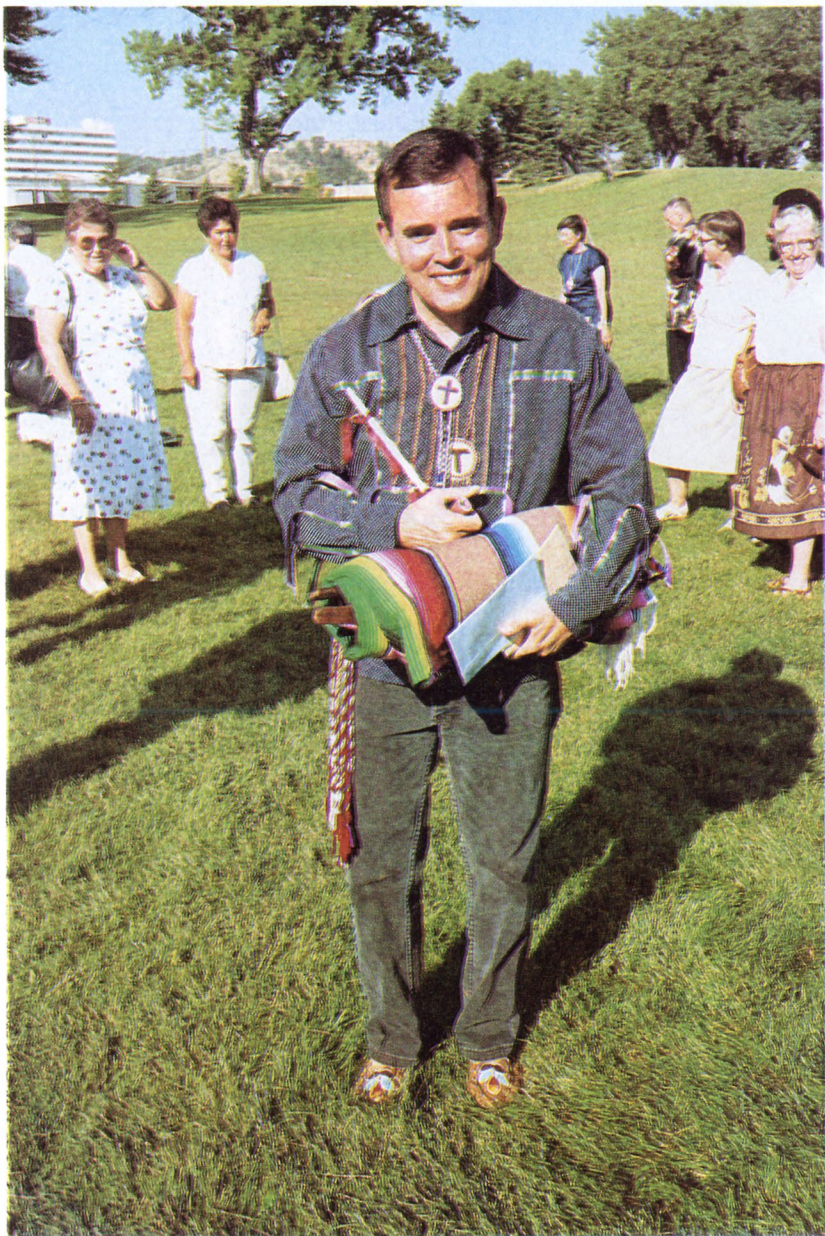
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Bishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap.
Rapid City, S.D.



*The future Bishop
steps out of line to greet
Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J.,
Vice-Postulator for
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.*



*Bishop Chaput
at the Prayer Service
on the eve of his ordination*



Bishop Charles J. Chaput with Sacred Pipe at early morning ceremony



Procession of Native American clergy and religious



Recessional

JOSEPH T. O'BRIEN R.I.P.



AS I SEE IT, last October 12 at 11 o'clock in the evening, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha came to accompany Joseph T. O'Brien of Cleveland into the everlasting joy of Our dear Lord and His Beloved Mother.

During the Depression years, as a young college graduate, Joseph O'Brien courageously bore up against the misfortune of the times. Like other young men in those parlous days, he had practically no financial backing, but plenty of energy and competence, and best of all, a deep faith.

He soon married Miss Gertrude Geis from his home town and they settled down to live happily on a shoestring. Commenting on these circumstances many years ago, I wrote, "Shoestrings are not comfortable perches to live on, and he determined to find a better place."

Not long after the Depression, when things were not yet looking up too much, one fine day, he came upon a little blue-covered pamphlet, which was illustrated with an excellent picture of an Indian girl praying the rosary: *Kateri Tekakwitha America's Marvelous Maiden* by Father Thomas J. Coffey, S.J., her Vice-Postulator in the United States at the time. Joe O'Brien read it and was deeply touched. From then on, as his love for Kateri Tekakwitha increased along with his family, so did his success in business. He never forgot Kateri in word or deed.

In 1966, his wife, Gertrude, phoned me from Cleveland inquiring about the possibility of obtaining a statue of the then Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha carved for his office in Lyndhurst, Ohio. Ever since we have been very close friends, the O'Brien family and I.

In the *Decree on the Church* of Vatican II, we read that "our communion with those in heaven, provided it is understood in the fuller life of the faith, in no way weakens, but conversely, more thoroughly enriches the worship of adoration we give to God the Father, through Christ in the Spirit" (Chap. VII, n. 51).

So it was with Joe O'Brien. He never bragged about fulfilling his religious obligations, but I do know that during the last fifty years or so, he faithfully made an annual closed retreat, and that he never missed his weekly Sunday Mass—while so many stay away from the Eucharistic Celebration through wanton ignorance or lack of faith.

I know he helped the successive American Vice-Postulators of Kateri at Auriesville. At Kahnawake, where Blessed Kateri's remains rest in the little Mission Church, he donated a new altar for daily celebration of Mass. And here I would also like to express my sincere gratitude for his generosity over the years in financing the publication of the *Kateri* quarterly. When he first came to my aid, I was in the red for some \$22,000.

Deep faith and simple piety can go hand in hand in glove with efficient business acumen. Isn't Joe O'Brien's life a concrete proof of it?

Without his assistance, the Kateri quarterly would have ceased publication a long time ago and it would have been difficult to collect the 21,000 prayer pledges which are playing an important role in the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. This is why I'm asking every reader of the Kateri issue to say a special Our Father and Hail Mary for this signal benefactor of Blessed Kateri's Cause and for the comfort of his wife, Gertrude, his daughter, Donna, and his two sons John, and Joseph. ■

❖ Kateri's smile upon You, Mrs. E.S.!

I am sending you five dollars. I promised Kateri if I got my check in the next day's mail, I would have it published in the bulletin and I did. Many thanks to Blessed Kateri for helping me.

(Campbellton, N.B.)

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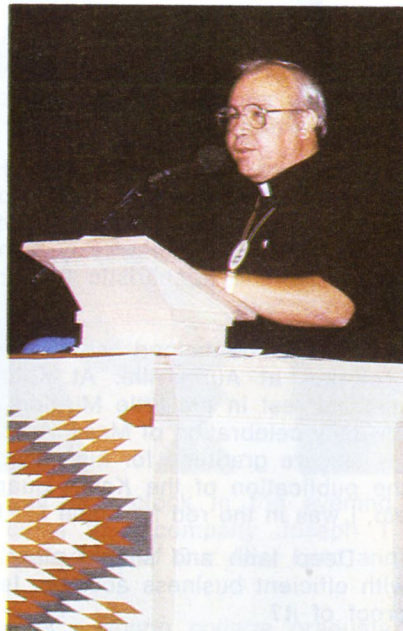
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Reverend Michael K. Jacobs, S.J.

1902 - 1988

"If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Jn XI, 25

The first time I laid my eyes on Father Michael Karhaienton Jacobs was during the autumn of 1934. I was completing my novitiate at Sault-au-Récollet on the northern shore of the Island of Montreal. In later years I would tease Father Michael about this meeting: "You looked so holy then." He took it quite good-naturedly and would go on with his work.

Michael was born at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier at the town of Caughnawaga on May 11, 1902. His parents, Joseph and Ann Jacobs both lived on the Reservation all their lives. He grew up in a happy family of three other boys and three girls: Cecilia, Lottie and Mary, and Angus, Frank and Tom. They could trace their ancestry in direct line to 1715—as far back as the church records of the Mission go.

Until the age of 16, Michael attended the Indian school at Caughnawaga where he perfected his knowledge of Iroquois and English. During September 1918, the Superior of the Mission, Father Gras, S.J., sent him with the future Dr. Williams to Sacred Heart College, Sudbury, Ontario, some 555 miles from his home town. Knowing how Indian children are apt to be lonesome, the Jesuit made sure the two students would not play truant and return home on foot. A note to this effect was later found by Father Michael in Father Gras' notes.

During Father Samuel Granger's postorate, the annual procession for the Feast of the Assumption in which a statue of Our Lady was carried through the village was maintained. On one of these Feasts, a thunderstorm forced the altar boys with the statue to seek refuge in the nearest house. One of the youngsters was Michael Jacobs, and the place they entered was his home. His



Harold Godey pinxit.

FR. MICHAEL JACOBS, S.J.

Mother, who was ill, venerated the statue and Father Granger blessed her with it. On that day, Our Lady told Mrs. Jacobs that her son would some day become a priest, a secret she kept from him until after his ordination.

Before returning home for the summer vacation of 1922, young Michael made a retreat of decision and chose to join the Society of Jesus.

On August 14, 1922, Michael Karhaienton Jacobs entered the Jesuit novitiate at Sault-au-Récollet on the Island of Montreal, and his mother, who was ill, found herself completely cured by Our Lady.

After two years of novitiate, Michael pronounced his first vows and began the long years of study through which every Jesuit "Mister" must go. First of all, two years of the classics followed by two years of philosophy, and then two years at Gaspé of what is known as regency, which consisted for him in teaching the youngsters of the Minor Seminary on the Atlantic coast. On August 1, 1931, the young religious took up theology at the Scholasticate of the Immaculate Conception in Montreal.

Finally the great day of Michael's Ordination dawned on July 1, 1934. The Most Rev. William Forbes, Archbishop of Ottawa, who had baptized him and celebrated the marriage of his parents officiated. The Archbishop, who had not had the opportunity of speaking much Iroquois over the years, preached a beautiful sermon in the language of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The newly ordained priest's heart was filled with gratitude: his Great Companion, Christ the Lord, had called him to be the first Mohawk Jesuit priest.

Before taking up his active ministry, he still had another year of theology before him in Montreal with a special year of ascetical and mystical studies at Chicoutimi, P.Q., under the direction of Father Samuel Bellavance, who was later my own Instructor of tertianship.

The time has come, I believe, to look back on Father Jacobs' life. Think of him as a teenager going off to Sudbury, far from his home, from his beloved ones, plunging into a different cultural milieu than his own, and adapting to it, certainly with good will and much effort on his part. Think of him as a young man going through the long formative years of Jesuit training, ever faithful to the Lord and Our Blessed Mother. Some fell out along the way, but not Michael! And whether he "looked holy or not," I have always admired him. All the more so because he cooperated very faithfully with every Vice-Postulator since Father John Wynne's time in fostering the cause of beatification and canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

His first assignment was to his native parish, at St. Francis Xavier's in Caughnawaga, where he devoted himself for two years (1936-1938), ever on the alert to communicate his love for Kateri Tekakwitha to all who came into contact with him, a responsibility he considered his to the end of his life.

In 1938, after pronouncing his final vows on February 2, Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord at the Temple, he was appointed pastor of the Mission of St. Francis Regis at Akwesasne, Quebec, where he served in this role until 1965. Most of the Iroquois who founded St. Regis came from old Caughnawaga in 1755 before any boundaries divided the Mission. Today, as its parishioners are well aware, it is made up of American territory on the south side of the St. Lawrence, of Cornwall Island and other areas in Ontario, Canada, and of St. Regis in Quebec. It consequently comes under the jurisdiction of three Bishops, who all constantly encouraged and helped Father Michael in his ministry.

He devoted himself wholeheartedly to his flock, serving them in their own language but never hesitating to preach in other parishes, spreading the good news of the young lover of Christ, Kateri Tekakwitha, whose virtues were declared heroic in 1943. He was responsible for the coming of his former teachers, the Sisters of St. Ann, to St. Regis in September of the same year. Every month he visited his home town of Caughnawaga preaching in Mohawk, English, and French at all the Masses. Every year as long as his health permitted, he would go down to Auriesville, the Venerable Kateri's birthplace, on Indian Day, the eve of Labor Day, when the Kahnawake choir would sing at the Eucharistic Celebration and the Akwesasne dancers prepared by Sister Kateri Mitchell would perform before the crowd of pilgrims. In 1965, after erecting the parish hall at Hogansburg, N.Y., he was overjoyed to be able to bless the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's statue, a fitting memorial to the Lily of the Mohawks.

The long hoped for day of the Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification finally dawned on June 22, 1980, 300 hundred years after her saintly death. Many parishioners from St. Regis and St. Francis Xavier were in Rome for the great occasion. Father Michael's declining health did not allow him to be present at St. Peter's although Father Gérard Lavigne, S.J. had intended sending him to Rome for the beatification ceremonies. He himself decided he was not well enough to travel, but his happiness was complete because the first North American Indian to be elevated to the honor of the altars was of his people and her story was closely linked with that of St. Regis and of St. Francis Xavier.

In 1982, because of his bad health, Father Jacobs retired to St. Jerome, where he was admired by all for his patience, his

faith and his spirit of prayer. He will always be remembered as a genuine apostle of the Lord, totally given to his flock and beloved by them.

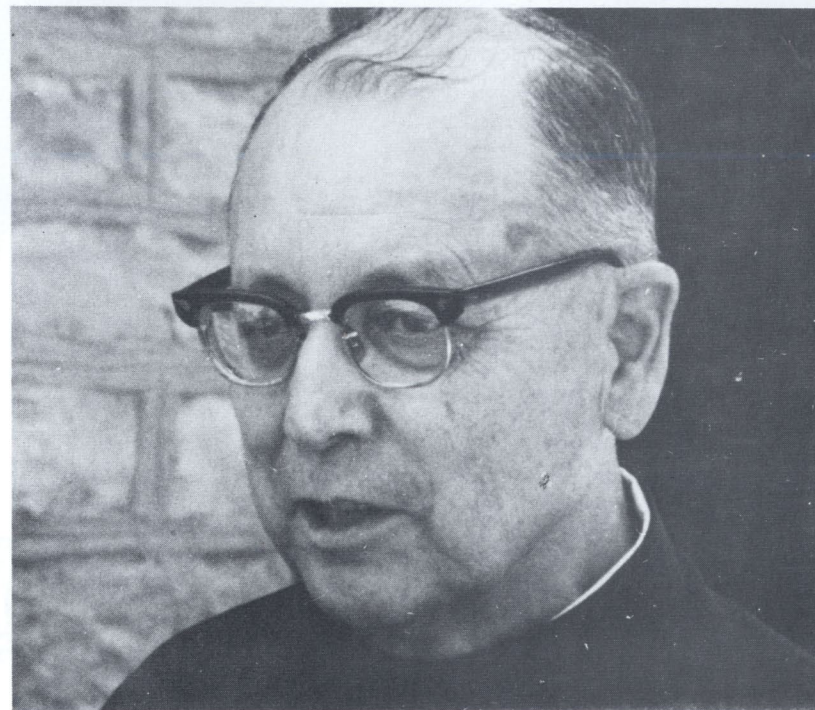
I was not at all surprised that he was called to give an account of his stewardship on the feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother whom he loved so much. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha certainly welcomed Father Michael to heaven and led him before the throne of God. Jesus lovingly smiled at his faithful servant and said:

"I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies
he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die."

These words must be our comfort and consolation.

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Father Wisshe Jacobs, S.J.



Artist Harold Godey, Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J.,
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Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J., and Fr. Thomas Egan, S.J.



Unveiling of the statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha at Hogansbury, N.Y.
in front of the St. Regis Parish Hall on Easter Monday, April 18, 1965.
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Fr. Michael K. Jacobs, S.J. and Vice-Postulator Henri Béchar, S.J. on the same occasion



On October 22, 1972, at the Cornwall Island Recreation Center, Bishop Adolphe Proulx, presented jubilarian Father Jacobs with the Medal of Merit of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall.



Bishop Adolphe Proulx and Fr. Jacobs rejoice.

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.C.!**

I promised to send a donation if my prayers were answered: my brother had surgery, has completely recovered, and is very well. I am grateful to you, dear Kateri. Please pray for our intentions.

(Baltimore, MD)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D.H.!**

Enclosed please find five more names of my friends: gift subscriptions to enjoy the reading materials I received from you. I want to mention also that I pray day and night to Blessed Kateri, our prayers have been answered after my fall of February 20, 1987. I have been put out on disability for life because of my injured back, head, and neck. I could no longer work. But no guarantee that I would be getting my pension, with my husband not well, not making too much money, we were really up against it. With Blessed Kateri's prayers, I finally got my pension last June. Thank you, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, we love you dearly and we will help you be canonized.

(New Minas, N.S.)

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Mchawk boys honor Blessed Kateri at Kahnawake. From left to right: Dennis Albany, Melvin Zachary, John B. Alfred, Rodney Deerhouse, and Frankie Jacobs.

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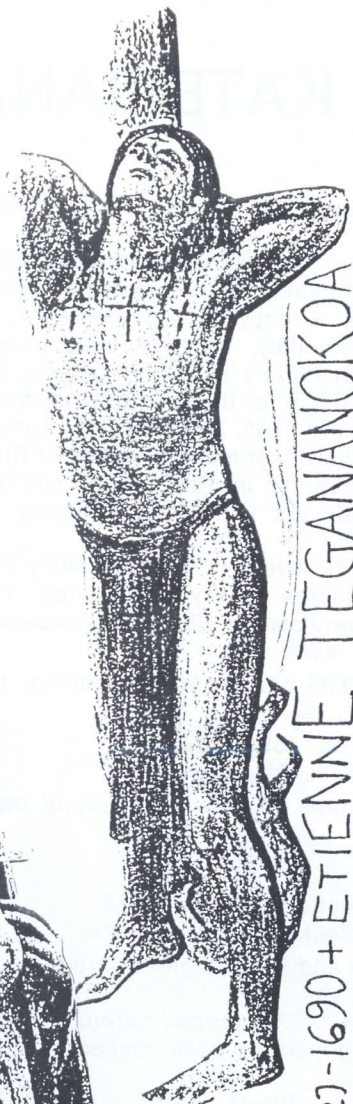
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