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THE MOHAWKS

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

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

I'm sending these few dollars in thanksgiving to further Blessed Kateri's cause. Our grandson was born in December, a strong healthy baby, and baptized a Catholic on January 15. You are probably saying so what? Our daughter was not married by the priest, but wants to get her marriage blessed. She had the two girls baptized Catholics also. She told me she's praying her husband will become a convert so she can get back to being active in the Church. I've asked Blessed Kateri to watch over my grandchildren and she is. Sorry I can't send more of a donation but money is scarce. Sunday I put my last two dollars in the collection plate, then won fifty dollars that same day. So I was able to pay thirty dollars for some groceries and can send five dollars to you. I'm now praying to Blessed Kateri that our youngest boy will meet a girl that will be a good influence on him and a Catholic. He has become lazy where his religion is concerned; he'll soon be twenty-one. He wants a girl friend. Until my next letter thank God for all of his blessings.

(Napanee, Ont.)

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

I'm sending five dollars for a favor obtained by Blessed Kateri. It was for my son to get a job, which he did. I'm also adding two dollars for two Kateri novena books. I pray every day for her canonization, for she's a very special person.

(Chicopee, MA)

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



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*Donna Ann Kateri
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KATERIGRAM

HOLY MOTHER CHURCH has always taught that our angel guardians are our protectors, our supporters, our guides and our ambassadors to God. Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, S.J., certainly taught Kateri about the angels in preparing her for baptism. Later on, after reaching the Mission of St. Francis Xavier on the St. Lawrence, we discover Kateri's charming intimacy with her angel guardian.

At the beginning of 1678, during the annual winter hunt, while the hunters took their morning meal, Kateri went outside to say a prayer. She had prepared a little shrine close to a brook where the people of her lodge used to draw water. This improvised chapel consisted in a cross carved on a tree. There she joined in the Mass offered in her distant village and, to do even better, she prayed her guardian angel to attend the Holy Sacrifice and then bring back the fruits to her.

To follow her example is advisable especially during this month of October when the feast of the guardian angels is celebrated. Perhaps you don't go to Mass daily, if so, ask your guardian angel to do as much for you. You have a relative or a friend who is ill? Send your guardian angel to meet his with your prayers and good wishes. Do as much for a couple about to break up, for a drug addict, for a student preparing his examinations or for a lawyer or notary who has lost a document. Lengthen the list as much as you like, but always treat your heavenly messenger with much respect and affection.

For some time, in my answers to my correspondents, I suggest another destination and another message for their angel. Let them pray that he go to Rome where the Congregation for the Causes of Saints is located. There is to be found a medical dossier of a truly remarkable cure obtained three years ago through the intercession of the Beata. This dying person of 1987, cured in a night, is now teaching thirty students of a senior high school. If all our angels could agree with those of the bishops whose business is the canonization of saints, we would soon have our St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

Henri Bechard, S.J.
Vice-Postulator

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G. A. K. R.!

Enclosed is a check to be used towards the canonization of Blessed Kateri. It is ten percent of the money I won at work and from a radio station. Thanks to Kateri for watching over me and my family! Many wonderful things have happened and I know Kateri's help has been instrumental. We have been successful in our careers, and are making a lot of headway in our drive for the establishment of a museum in our state. Also my niece who was born three months early at one and a half pounds, is now up to five pounds and they hope to bring her home soon. I pray daily for Kateri's canonization. Please pray for me.

(Waldorf, MD)

Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. F. B.!

A friend of ours left fifteen dollars for Masses and we have sent the different intentions to several different places so as not to make this a burden on any one. Thanks too, for your personal note enclosed in your last bulletin in which you prayed for my health during 1989: the note was waiting for me on the day I came back from surgery for multiple biopsies... they were not malignant, D. G., and I attribute this favor to the intercession of our friend, Blessed Kateri.

(Burlingame, CA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F. M.!

I haven't been able to send my monthly letter to you on account of illness. It all started with the flu, it was then I was admitted to the hospital. I do think they found much more trouble, but prayers were answered and I am back home now, after nearly eight weeks in our local hospital. One of my sons came to bring me home, he had a long talk with my doctor, and I will get another opinion when this weather improves. E., whom I was always concerned about, was up here to visit me yesterday, and I can see a big difference in his attitude. However, I never give up praying for him, and now two of his brothers have joined A.A. So I can see where Blessed Kateri is not forgetting them. At present I am having some trouble with getting my basement finished, it is a long story, but if you remember this for me I will be forever thankful. I would like to share this home with a senior citizen as soon as it is finished. Thank you again, and I am enclosing a small donation, hoping to make it more as soon as this heating weather is over.

(Chalk River, Ont.)

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



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

Enclosed, please find a check for fifteen dollars to Blessed Kateri for medical favors obtained. I am now improved and I am asking for another favor, for my grandson to do better in his studies.

(Rexton, N.B.)

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

Enclosed are two checks for Kateri. To connect pipes to the sewers from my home, after digging, they noticed the entrance to the main was higher and so many people came from the city, planning, engineers, inspectors, and they said, "Larry, I am afraid we have bad news for you, you may have to have a pump." It's quite expensive, as the main sewer pipe seems to be going down. It was decided to break the asphalt and see. In the meantime I talked and prayed to Kateri. I said, "Dear Kateri, I always pray for your canonization, please make it so that it will work out!" Believe it or not, it did, it came out just like they all wanted, and could not imagine so, thanks to Kateri, she saved me much, and I continue to pray for her.

(Bay View, ME)

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

I wrote to you several months ago. My name is S. W. and I am raising my grandson and have my 75-year-old mother with me (who by the way still works as a waitress!). We do not have it easy because we get and receive no support for this beautiful child. I attended Mass on Sunday at St. John's in Wallingford, Pa. I saw your *Kateri*, bright-orange-red pamphlet, and every day I now pray to Kateri for solace, peace and hope. And this blessed young soon-to-be saint has helped me. I had a station wagon which I was using for work and when I tell you it was a miracle I got back and forth without serious injury, I do not exaggerate! Father, not only did Kateri safeguard my journeys, she miraculously helped me get another car! I have great faith in Blessed Kateri, and to help you with your printing costs, I humbly donate twenty dollars to you so that you can continue to carry on the sacred work of this wonderful person.

I am praying fervently to Kateri to bring my children back into the light of Jesus Christ. Perhaps you will say a prayer for us, we try so hard. (Certainly more than a prayer!)

(Media, PA)

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

← The Holy Father loves Indian children.

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI SMILE...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from April 26, to July 28, 1989:

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Return to the Faith	1
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Safe Trips	2
Successful Studies	5
Successful or Averted Operations	8
Temporal Favors	15

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

No parcel of 25 or more prayer pledges and only 169 in

all reached the vice-postulator's desk during the last three months. The Vatican would be impressed if two or three thousand came in every three months and the good Lord even more!

IN THIS ISSUE

On May 25, the *New York Catholic*, official organ of the archdiocese of New York, published an article on the 85th anniversary of the Marquette League devoted to Native Americans, featuring a group of young Mohawks from the St. Regis Reserve, Quebec. The editor graciously permitted its appearance in the *Kateri* quarterly.



Mary-Eunice completes her *Life* of Fr. Joseph. S. McBride, former vice-postulator of Kateri at Auriesville, N. Y. For twenty years and more, Father was a fantastic servant of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. You will enjoy this sequel as much if not more than the beginning.

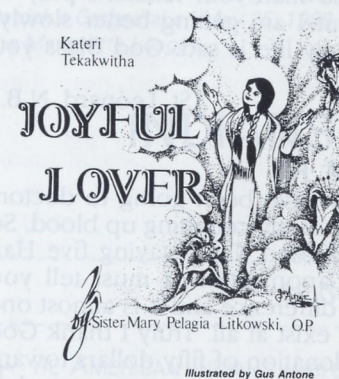
Fr. Martial Caron, S.J., went to his reward Sunday, July 9. During the years he spent at



On September 25, 1961, Fr. Martial Caron quit Caughnawaga to return to Saint-Boniface, Manitoba, his homeland.

Caughnawaga, he devoted himself among other things to adapting church music to the beautiful Iroquois language. Fr. Louis Cyr, S.J., musicologist, who is completing his thesis for his doctorate in music, wrote "Moved to Tears," the very day of his death.

JOYFUL LOVER



Sister Mary Pelagia Litkowski, O.P. is the author of a biography of Kateri entitled *Joyful Lover*.

Gus Anton, a Native American, illustrated it, and Growth Unlimited Inc. 31 East Avenue South, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017, published it. (59 p. ISBN 0-91127-10-5) Price \$5.95. This is a beautiful popular life of Blessed Kateri. Both young and old will enjoy it.

The author has succeeded in capturing the joy which characterizes Blessed Kateri's mentality whereas too many writers and artists portray her as grim-faced and unresponsive. This biography is enhanced by a foreword of the American Vice-Postulator, Fr. Robert J. Boyle and by Fr. Gilbert F. Hemauer, OFM Cap., Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference.

SURVIVAL FIRST

In order to assure the survival of the *Kateri* quarterly, it has been reduced a few pages. The Kateri staff hopes to compensate by the quality of its articles.

BLESSED KATERI AT FONDA

The 1989 Northeast Tekakwitha Conference began at the Fonda National Shrine on the Blessed Kateri Feastday, Friday July 14th (U.S.A.), to Sunday noon the 16th. A Candlelight Service, a Sunrise Service, and a Native American Fashion Show were featured besides the different workshops treating of germane topics such as Family Spirituality, Alcohol and Drugs. Julie Daniels of Syracuse gave an

impersonation of Blessed Kateri which was nec plus ultra — couldn't have been better.

BLESSED KATERI AT AURIESVILLE

On Sunday, July 16th, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Kateri's Feastday was celebrated at noon by Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., of Gallup, N.M., Frs. Robert J. Boyle, S.J., Henri Béchard, S.J., Thomas Egan, S.J., Gérard Lavigne, S.J., Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, Ronald Schultz, O.F.M. Cap., and John Doolan, S.J. Bishop Pelotte, Sr. M. Juliana Haynes, Superior General of the

Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People, Mrs. Catherine Bolsenga, and Mr. Michael Whorf were the Kateri Award recipients. At 5:30 p.m., a reception was held for them consisting of a Social hour followed by dinner at the beautiful Shrine restaurant.

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

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

You will find enclosed a donation for a favor I received. I asked you and you helped me. I sold some of my crafts. Am also enclosing some stamps to help you mail your letters. I pray to you every day. I was very sick, but I am getting better slowly. Please, Kateri, stay by my side as my life is sad. God Bless you all.

(St. Leonard, N.B.)

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

...For the past four years almost, I have been going to doctors who were unable to find the source of my coughing up blood. So sometime ago I really turned to Blessed Kateri saying five Hail Marys and Our Fathers for her Canonization. I must tell you within a short time I could see the difference and it is almost one month now this problem does not exist at all. Truly I thank God daily and promised the enclosed donation of fifty dollars toward her Cause of Canonization; I will also continue to pray to her daily. Forever grateful.

(St. Catherines, Ont.)

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



SPECIAL HERITAGE - Young American Indians in colorful garb file through St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 25, 1989 for Mass commemorating 85th anniversary of the Marquette League.

INDIANS AS MODELS

Cardinal deplores injustices at Marquette League rite.

by Gerard J. Hekker

THE AMERICAN INDIANS were praised for maintaining a "model of social living which is a reflection of the Trinity" at a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral May 21 which commemorated the 85th anniversary of the Marquette League.

Cardinal O'Connor celebrated the colorful liturgy which included an Indian Friendship Dance during the procession before Mass per-

formed by Mohawk children from the St. Regis-Akwesasne Reservation on the United States-Canadian border. They were accompanied by an Indian song sung to the beat of a rattle and drum.

Participants in the Mass included representatives of Catholic agencies which serve the Indian population throughout the U.S. and of the league which supports Indians throughout the country.

In his homily, the cardinal noted that American Indians have faced "horrible struggles and obstacles" which have reduced their numbers to one percent of the U.S. population.

"These injustices have deprived them of their true heritage and treated them as dirt and as slaves," the cardinal said. "We are so grateful that they have maintained a model of community, of social living, that is a reflection of the Trinity itself."

Noting that the Indians have been living in America for more than 50,000 years as opposed to those with European backgrounds who came to this continent a little more than 300 years ago, Cardinal O'Connor said Indians have always had a "tremendous respect and reverence for the environment."

"It's not the Indians who destroy the environment," he said. "It's we with our European background who have destroyed the environment. Indians have a sense of the sacred."

In his Trinity Sunday homily he told the congregation that the Trinity is a mystery which a great number of people have trouble understanding. By contrast, he said, "There is nothing alien to mystery about American Indians... They say if God is God, then there have to be mysteries."

Cardinal O'Connor called the Trinity "a symbol of social unity". He added: "This is what is expected of us. There can be no such thing as an individual, isolated Christian; a Catholic totally alienated from all others, with no love for others, with no concern for others, with no sense of social obligation, no sense of social justice."

At the presentation of the gifts, Cardinal O'Connor received a basket woven of sweetgrass from the Mohawks, which held the hosts for the liturgy, a peace pipe from the Lakotas, a beaded sunburst pendant from the Arapahos, a sand painting of Our Lady from the Navajos and a priestly stole in typical Navajo weave.

During the presentation a hymn to Blessed Kateri was sung in the Mohawk language.

Father Thomas Egan, S.J., pastor of St. Regis parish on the reservation, accompanied the Mohawks on their trip to Manhattan. He told *Catholic New York* that the reservation is located in three dioceses: Ogdenburg and one in Ontario and one in Quebec. He said the reservation has a total population of 8,000 of which 80 percent are Catholic.

Father Egan was a concelebrant of the Mass as were Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Washington, D.C.; Father Robert Boyle, S.J., director of the Shrine of American Martyrs, Auriesville; Father George White, O.M.I., a Mohawk stationed in Waterbury, Conn., and Father Thomas A. Modugno, archdiocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Assisting at the Mass was Deacon Ronald Boyer, an Ojibwa who is married to a Mohawk.

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G. A. K. R.!**

I'm sending a check for your continued efforts. I wish it could be more, but things are very rough now. I know we're not the only ones in that boat but I get very discouraged sometimes... I do have some good news about Kateri. My daughter, A. K., was on the O M (Odyssey of the Mind) team at her school, I was the coach. Last month was the county competition. The night before the competition she was very nervous about competing. I told her to pray to Kateri to help her do her very best. I did the same thing myself that night as I was nervous for the team. Well, the team did their best but did not win a prize. However, A. K. won a prize for her individual creativity. This to me was a sure sign that our prayers were answered. I pray to Kateri for so much guidance and strength and I know she hears me... You are in my prayers every day.

(Waldorf, MD)

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

I didn't forget my promise, here I'm sending you twenty dollars for the months of February and March, and an extra five dollars for Kateri that I promised if my son got this job that he wanted for the summer. Would you believe it? They called him, and he was so happy! I've been praying my little Kateri and each time she's been good to me. I just hope my husband can stay on this job that he has now until he retires. So while he's on it you will get my ten dollars a month that I promised you.

(Bristol, CT)

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

Fr. JOSEPH S. McBRIDE S.J.

VICE-POSTULATOR

R.I.P.

(continued)

by Mary Eunice Spagnola

One of the big events to help make Kateri better known was the Eucharistic Congress to be held in 1976 in Philadelphia, PA. Father called a meeting in 1974, with such people as Princess Esther Phillips, Solomon Cook, Fr. Ronald Schultz, Fr. Henri Béchard, Fr. Thomas Egan, Fr. Robert Fleig, Fr. Ronald Sams, Sarah Hassenplus and the Joseph Spagnolas. It was this early planning that made our project such a success and of course Tom Constantino with his experience with exhibits that made ours outstanding. We had our program with Indians from St. Regis and Caughnawaga (now Kahnawake). Father gave his usual talk on Kateri and I portrayed LIFE OF KATERI AS SHE MIGHT TELL HER STORY FROM HEAVEN. Thousands of people attended our program. Marlene McCauley had given birth a week before and travelled across the country to participate with her family in a play about the Indian girl. She brought the new baby, Joseph McCauley (after Father Joe), and he baptized him. One of the visitors to our booth was Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, after to become Pope John Paul, II. More and more people



were getting to know about Tekakwitha, plays were given on her life, art work came forth, such as the official painting of Kateri by Sister Felicitas, and songs by Sister Catherine Rich, C.S.J. Kateri's Novena became most popular and many favors seemed to be granted.

In 1980, the Holy Father declared Kateri "Blessed." The next step would be canonization. When we went to Rome for the beatification many Indians came from all over the country (and from Canada). We also had Cardinal Terence Cooke, Bishop Hubbard of Albany and many other Bishops. Monsignor Paul Lenz and his secretary, Patricia O'Rourke, were also on the plane. Msgr. Lenz is the director of the Catholic Indian Bureau in Washington, D.C. He at that time as of now was travelling to many Indian reservations and helping the cause of Blessed Kateri. There were other friends also such as Irene and Chuck Bush of Ohio, the McCauley's, Helen and Barney Wojnarowski, all zealous promoters. Tom Constantino brought his good friend, Iron Eyes Cody, actor and promoter for keeping our environment pure.

We shall never forget the Beatification day at St. Peter's. Fr. McBride again met the Holy Father and as they embraced Father Joe's dream came true. Many of us could see and realize the spiritual brotherhood of these two great men.

One year later, Father seemed to have health problems and went into St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam, NY. When we visited him he said he hoped to see a Kateri Center worthy of the Indian girl. Eloise Etzkorn had started a group of people called THE KATERI ASSOCIATES to help with the Cause and before long Father had a small center across from his home. The Associates worked together and helped Father in many ways to expand his work. He always remarked how grateful he was to have such fine people helping him. He said he would always keep them in his prayers and I am sure he did!

After the death of my husband, Joe, he invited me to Auriesville to act as hostess in the Blessed Kateri Center. Father Egan was now the Pastor at St. Regis Mission and Father Boyle became the new director of the shrine.

Two people that became a family to Father McBride were Anna Marie Adach and Dick Adach. Anna Marie became his secretary and Dick chairperson of the Blessed Kateri Associates. One day Olga Falco of Amsterdam, NY mentioned it was too bad that the outdoor chapel sacristy could not be made into an indoor chapel.

Father felt the same and plans were made after permission was given by Fr. Boyle. When the indoor chapel was completed it became one of the most beautiful spots on the grounds. The dedication took place on September 16, 1984. Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany said: "I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and commend you on the occasion of the new chapel dedicated to Blessed Kateri. I was most impressed with this beautiful worship space that was formally dedicated last Sunday. Truly the Tekakwitha League should take justifiable pride in this new chapel."

After this was completed Father soon realized that numerous crowds would pass through the center every year. It was necessary to expand, so 32 by 40 square feet were added to the National



Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., American vice-postulator for Kateri Tekakwitha, becomes honorary Mohawk chief April 17, 1980 at Hogansburg, N.Y. the southern section of the Saint-Regis Mission.



Fr. Joseph McBride now Chief Rakeni Karonhiio (Chief Beautiful Blue Skies) smiles at the end of the ceremony. To his left stands the late Esther Kane Phillips of Caughnawaga, who M.C.'d the ceremony.

Mary-Eunice Spagnola, author of this article, received the name of Kateri Kasenniostha (The one who embellishes Kateri's name.) Mae Montour of Caughnawaga, P.Q. adjusts Mary-Eunice's headdress.



Chief Rakeni Karonhiio and Princess Kateri Kasenniostha pose for the photographers. Rakeni Karonhiio wears his headdress and holds his belt and peace pipe in his right hand. To his extreme right stands Iroquois Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J. now deceased.

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Kateri Center. The William Bush Carpentry Company of Amsterdam executed the work and Ben Cicy did the electrical installation. Tom Constantino of *Noteworthy* supplied the new visual aid and exhibit room. We did video tapes on Kateri supplied by the Daughters of St. Paul, Boston, MA and I was able to do some of my monologues in the next room.

In 1985 over 1500 delegates from the Tekakwitha Conference held in Syracuse, NY came to see the grounds where Kateri was born and they spent most of the day at Auriesville. Archbishop Pio Laghi, pro-Nuncio to the United States, toured the center on August 8. He said to Father: "Canonization usually follows closely after beatification." Father McBride felt that soon another miracle would take place and Kateri would be sainted.

Other visitors to the shrine were two Native American Bishops, Their Excellencies Donald Pelotte and Charles Chaput. How very proud we were to have them visit our center.

Father was also able to celebrate his Golden Jubilee. His brother, Jim, and sister-in-law, Marie McBride, helped to make this possible. Countless friends and even former students came for the celebration. Cards of congratulations came from people like Renee Gendron and Family of Shirley, MA, Frank and Katharine Snyder, Syracuse, NY, Mireille Moreu of Barcelona, Spain, and even the President of the United States.

Father's strength began to fail and early in 1988, he went into the hospital. He enjoyed getting his mail and keeping in contact with people through his secretary, Anna Marie. Those that asked for prayers were never forgotten as he kept a box with letters that were on his altar at every Mass he said.

Father felt that Kateri would be canonized shortly but knew we must be patient. It would come about in time. He returned home and went to the retreat house where he might be better cared for. After several weeks there under the care of Fr. John Doolan he was taken to the Mt. Loreto Nursing Home. His health did not improve and so Father Boyle took him to the infirmary at Fordham in the Bronx. He liked being there and tried to advance the cause of Tekakwitha by telling his fellow patients about her.

I phoned him from time to time and he asked if I read his last article in *The Sacred Heart Magazine*, entitled HELPING CHRIST TO LIBERATE (Our prayer force can help bring about the liberation of the oppressed.) He was pleased when he was able to spread the word of God by writing. He passed away peacefully on October 23,

within the Octave of the North American Martyrs and was buried on the Holy Hill of Auriesville with the other Jesuits who did so much in spreading the faith.

Father Joseph McBride often quoted the words of Bishop Joseph M. Pernicone, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, about the cause of Blessed Kateri. They were: "She is the glory of the Mohawk race, a glory for the state of New York, a glory for all the United States and Canada, and a glory for the entire Church."

Father McBride had spent his time on earth well, never wasting a minute and always for the work of the church. He was an inspiration to all who knew him!

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

Please accept my simple donation of fifty dollars to "Saint" Kateri Tekakwitha as a token of my thanks for giving me a new life and my family. I prayed to her two years ago and I have been heard by her. I am sending another fifty dollars to the Tekakwitha Indian Mission and to the Belleville Shrine to help the Indian children in school. I know this will make her happy. May she always be with me and my family.

(New York, N.Y.)

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

My offering of twenty dollars is in thanksgiving for a big favor received—my disability check has arrived. Believe me, I needed it. I have very painful knees and feet and my husband just had a triple by-pass done—most successful! Thank God! No more pills, he was up to twenty-eight daily. One aspirin a day now is all he takes. Isn't that wonderful! God bless you all.

(Napanee, Ont.)

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

Enclosed please find a check to thank Kateri for safe travelling and to ask her that she will help me lower my cholesterol which is very high. She never let me down and I do thank her because we named one of granddaughters after her.

(Brunswick, ME)

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



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in paradise

Especially for musicians

"MOVED TO TEARS..."

By Louis Cyr, S.J.



Sunday, July 9, 1989

Dear Jean-Paul,¹

All this evening tears keep coming to my eyes, for I have been thinking constantly of Fr. Martial Caron, who died earlier today.

Many are the memories that come to my mind, even of the little time—barely two years—that I was privileged to spend with him at Kahnawake from 1959-61! He was there since his arrival in 1954 from his native province out West. As for me, I used to go there Thursday, during most of my philosophy studies with a few scholastics, classmates of mine, to help teach catechism at school and prepare the children's liturgies. During his seven years at Kahnawake, besides the usual pastoral ministry (and the not so usual one peculiar to this Mission!), on top of being Jesuit community superior (1955-60), both of which tasks be assumed with characteristic selfless dedication, Fr. Caron had taken charge of the Mission choir, this already famous cohort of voices which Frs. Hauser, Bernier, Lalonde (Réal), Lévesque and Bruyère (among others) had conducted before him. It's precisely to Fr. Caron's monumental work on the music sung in liturgical worship by the Mohawk choir that I would like to render homage.

Many of us are aware of the custom, going back to the very beginning of our Indian Missions (in the 17th century), of setting to music expressions translated from the penny catechism as well as of having sung in the native language all excerpts of the liturgical celebrations entrusted to the choir. To be sure, the history of the constitution and of the implementation of the repertoires thus sung in Iroquois has yet to be written. At all events, little by little the Latin plainchant texts were translated and coupled syllable by syllable to the individual notes of the music. The French and Latin hymns integrated into the liturgy were treated in the same way. (Apparently no ritual music of Iroquois origin—it can be legitimately assumed, for lack of evidence, that such music did exist—was deemed worthy at the time to be retained for the liturgy, according

¹ Fr. Jean-Paul Labelle, Edit. "Nouvelles" and "Jésuites Canadiens"

to the attitudes then prevailing towards native cultures and customs.)

At Kahnawake the adaptation of harmonized Masses as well as of Latin, French and—following the Anglicization of the reserve since the beginning of the century—English hymns was pursued well into the 1950's. There was still an important drawback to this venture, however, upon which Fr. Caron, discriminating and competent musician that he was, had soon put his finger, it must be added, after Fr. Hauser many years before.

First of all, let us take plainchant. On the pretext of making the text of the old Gregorian chant easier to understand and to follow, the Medicean reform, following the directives of the Council of Trent, simplified it excessively into a monotonous syllabizing plainchant. Now the labors of restoration from the manuscripts undertaken by the Benedictine Monks of Solesmes since around 1830 culminated in the complete revision of all the books of Gregorian chant at the beginning of this century, a reform duly sanctioned by St. Pius X.

It soon became apparent to Fr. Caron, perfectly acquainted with these reforms and an ardent partisan of them, that the Iroquois plainchant which he was learning to conduct necessitated many more alterations on that score. And it was on asking some of his choristers how to pronounce and accent such a word, or such and such a phrase and especially how to understand them, so as correctly and intelligibly to readapt them to the restored melodies, that he quickly realized the amount of work still left to be done. For with regard to the original adaptations, the adaptors had simply let fall, here some syllables, there even entire words, if there were not enough notes of music to accomodate them! This is easy to understand: the Iroquois language is agglutinative (at each end of the word), e.g. "Thy kingdom come" = "aiesawennióstake" (in one word), or "Sanctus" = "Saiatatokénti". It is easy to realize the acrobatics involved in fitting the inevitable periphrases to the available musical notation (v.g. "Christian" = "true-men-who-make-the-sign-of-the-Cross!").

Of course, Fr. Caron, a conscientious historian of Gregorian chant, noted that exactly the opposite should have been done: better than guillotining the text, one should have added notes to the music, much in the spirit of the modes and of the century-old formulas of plainchant, as it had been done besides for Latin since the origins of Gregorian chant.

No sooner said than done! It is difficult to imagine the immense labor of love he was about to invest, during all of seven years and between office calls at the mission presbytery, first in reestablishing an authentic and intelligible Iroquois text, then in adapting the latter to the restored Gregorian melodies, all the while respecting the accentuation of the Iroquois "phrase". In so doing, he completed both Fr. Hauser's and Fr. Bernier's efforts at revising and perfecting both music and text. Simultaneously Fr. Caron revised with an unlimited patience and application the chorales, hymns, motets and harmonized Masses of the current repertory. Witness the numerous scores printed out in unified format with blue alcohol stencils and collected into separate loose-leaf binders according to the different repertories, as well as the various anthologies of organ accompaniments (organist Bernardin Houle, who has been going to the Mission for nearly 40 years, can also testify to this, he who no doubt so often transcribed many scores himself).

The crowning piece of these seven years of intense and unremitting labor was destined to be published only ten years after Fr. Caron's return out West. It was in 1971, as a matter of fact, that the *Hymnal* in Iroquois finally appeared in print, the compiling of which was already practically finished in 1961, but whose fortunes he had followed and guided from his St. Boniface residence. This compilation of 175 pages contains the basic repertory of the Gregorian Proper and Common chants for Sundays and funerals, as well as hymns and motets for various occasions. Not a single score there is left undated, nor any reference to the ancient sources lacking, nor any liturgical indication given which is not in conformity with the most recent directives of Vatican II (a touching note, written only in English, on the evolution of the Holy Week ceremonies—p. 96—with the exact dates of the stages of the reform, explains why the music of this week, already compiled from 1961 on, is not included, since the liturgical reform was still then in progress...), nor is there a single authorization to reprint which he did not ask for or simply indicate, thus faithfully rendering to each one his due. Only his modest initials "M. C." serve to identify Fr. Caron, who with natural discretion dissimulates his role behind a simple definition nonetheless so revealing: "'Reprint' means that a manuscript has been copied, studied with the members of the choir, reviewed and, as the case may be, done over or published as it was" (in French only in the bilingual preface)! We even could, by barely modifying a few words, paraphrase the outstanding collaboration of chorister Annie Lahache, whom he praised in the following paragraph of the same preface, and apply it to him: ...in deciphering and preparing the texts and music in this book and

in many other pieces, he has patiently and painstakingly supervised and proofread every printed and reprinted note and word in this book...

It is easy to imagine the immense joy Fr. Caron would have felt had he seen the tenaciousness with which the young Iroquois at Kahnawake are today taught their language and their customs, he who was aware, to the very fiber of his being, of the situation of the French-speaking minority in Manitoba and who knew how to stand tall as a sturdy oak for the survival of his mother tongue. It's not necessary to be a great scholar to fathom the inexhaustible source of energy he was able to muster in order to safeguard these musical liturgical traditions in Iroquois by guaranteeing them an even more secure foundation. Will they somehow outlive him and draw a new lease of vitality and dynamism from a liturgy celebrated entirely in Iroquois by the Iroquois? As always, the backing of neither Fr. Caron nor Fr. Jacobs (deceased last year) will fail them, that's for sure!

Be that as it may, thanks to the fruits of this work of Fr. Caron's, I was able myself to take over the direction of the Mohawk choir in Kahnawake during my theology studies from 1961 to 1964, after he returned to the West. In 1964, Fr. Henri Lalonde, S.J., Fr. Réal's brother, took over until the illness that, much too soon, finally carried him off in October 1974.

Dear Jean-Paul, other friends and fellow Jesuits will bear witness in their own way to the professional and pastoral quality of the other facets of Fr. Caron's career. For I doubt that in his modesty, with the exception of the marvellous and spirited interview which was extorted from him for television, he ever thought of recording or writing his memoirs for posterity.² He was far too humble to halt along the way, look at himself in the mirror and claim the glory for anything he might have accomplished. That's why I simply wanted to draw your attention to an aspect, which is all too little known, of this professionalism I was privileged to frequent, a lesson forever engraved in my memory and which I believe must reflect the fundamental attitude that Fr. Caron brought to everything he touched A.M.D.G.

² Translated from the French.

³ It should in all fairness be mentioned that the publication of the *Hymnal* in 1971 provided Fr. Caron with the occasion to write down his own recollections of Iroquois liturgical music in a series of three articles entitled "Father Caron Looks Back" (1954-1961) that appeared in *Kateri* (issues no 45, 46 & 47: spring, fall, winter 1971).

The day will come when our historians, musicologists and ethnologists will want to study his manuscripts and scores and, by joining them to the other precious musical documents of the Mission's Kateri museum, reconstitute the fascinating adventure of this Native American liturgical music.

Until then, thank you, Fr. Caron, good-bye and "Onen!"

Louis Cyr, S.J.



Miss Regina Mary Kateri Yund, (far right), Albany, N.Y.



Left to right: Kelvin Michael, 18 years; Katherine Celina, 13 years; Theresa Colette, 10 years, and Daniel Joseph, 15 years, children of Fred and Mary Kraisse of St. Antony's Parish, Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin.



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