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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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Your contribution (\$3.00 a year, or more, if possible) enrolls you among "Kateri's Friends" for whom:

1. A weekly Mass is offered;
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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KATERIGRAM

*"Who believes in me, even though he dies, will live."
(John II, 25)*

For Christ, death is a passage to life, to a superabundant life. Because Kateri understood that very deeply, she accepted all sufferings, inflicted more on herself and faced death with a real courage. She already saw herself in the light, in the bliss of heaven. She also knew that all passing miseries that one must endure on this earth are nothing in comparison with the eternal reward.

This Pascal Mystery, the passage from death to life through suffering is the great teaching of the Bible. Good News is the Resurrection. How should we not impregnate ourselves with it. This mystery is not reserved for the saints only. All the children of God are called to walk along with Him, carrying our crosses in His footsteps and finally rise with Him. Too many humans, Christians or not, are scared of this mysterious passage from human life to death... It is not the only mystery met in our existence, but surely the greatest, the nicest and the most inspiring.

It's the Feast of Easter once more and we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and ours at the same time. His Resurrection is the guarantee of ours. "If Christ did not rise, your faith is vain" said saint Paul (I Cor. 15, 17).

We wish you to believe firmly in this great mystery so you can live it yourself and help others to discover it, thus enabling us to transcend the miseries of this world.

Happy Easter to all the friends of Kateri.

The Vice Postulator
Jacques Bruyère S.J.

THE JEANNE OÜENDITÉ ROLL

In 1667, this young Huron maiden, died at the age of fourteen, after she made a vow of perpetual chastity. She had, apparently, an apparition of the Blessed Virgin three days before she died.

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Paul Caron

Kateri's tomb at Ville Saint Catherine

Tribute to Fr. Béchard



Canadian Vice-Postulator
for the Cause of Tekakwitha
during thirty years

Founder of the KATERI magazine

Faithful correspondent
to the thousands of friends

PRAYER TO THE IROQUOIS VIRGIN

*O Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
I beg you
watch over all those
whose problems I confide to you
spiritual as well as temporal.
They believe in you
because they know
that you loved the Lord Jesus
and His gentle Mother
during your stay here on earth
and that you served them
in love and in purity.
Take these friends by the hand
and lead them
through the difficulties of life
to the throne of Mother and Son.
Amen.*

(Prayer written by Father Béchard)

For all your works, dear Father Béchard
and for this fervent prayer
so many times said by you
in silence and solitude
receive today in your celestial abode
our deep and affectionate gratitude.

Your Katerian friends

AMERINDIAN NEWS

50 YEARS A JESUIT 30 YEARS A PASTOR

Saturday, Nov. 17, 1990, was a day of gratitude in Kahnawake. As pastor emeritus, Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J. was honored for "thirty years of friendship, caring and service to the people of Kahnawake", and for his Golden Jubilee as a member of the Jesuit order.

After the Eucharist at 4 p.m. all the visitors, special guests of his family and parishioners were treated to an evening Roast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Among the many gifts presented was the bestowing by Stewart Beauvais of the official Mohawk name, *Sakohami*: he who leads, who guides, who carries the load or the burden!

Long live the "Capitaine" of Kahnawake!



THE LARGEST DIOCESE IN THE WORLD: CHURCHILL- HUDSON'S BAY

Area: 2,300,000 km², which is 3 times the size of France. 20,000 persons occupy this territory of whom 16,000 are Inuits living in 24 villages. There are about 5,000 Catholics, 12,000 Anglicans.

In this immense diocese, 15 Fathers and 2 Oblate Brothers take care of religious services, adding 3 Sisters of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, plus 8 lay persons, mostly young people.

80 Oblate missionaries, Frs. and Bros., and 90 Grey Nuns of Nicolet and Montreal have worked all their lives or partly in this diocese.

CHINESE OR AMERINDIAN BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who are able to laugh of themselves; they will have a good time forever.

Blessed are those who can distinguish between a mountain and a mole-hill; they spare many worries.

Blessed are those who can rest and stay without finding an excuse; they will keep their balance.

Blessed are those who know how to keep quiet and listen to others; they will learn many new things.

Blessed are those who know to admire a smile and forget a grimace; their journey will be full of sun.

"DANCES WITH WOLVES"



This wonderful movie is the story of a man who is enticed by a desire to witness the frontiers before they disappear. So he gets trapped between two worlds and he gradually becomes acculturated into the Lakota Society.

"Dances with wolves" is, above all, the story of one man. It is an experience only one can have. It is a spiritual journey, a journey of the soul.

No one makes this more clear than the cinematographer Dean Semler. He catches the mystical nature of our land. The magical way of light, at dawn, or at dusk in a draw. Semler lets our land speak. This is a spiritual place.

The producer, Kevin Costner, has created a premiere. He tells a story woven among ordinary Indians filled with honor and respect of Lakota Indians. The truth has been told in a beautiful way.

The film is a box office smash. That means success for South

Dakota. Not only for tourism and the economy, but for the film's educational value to non-Indians. Indians are real people and friends.

FIRST INDIAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL IN NORTH AMERICA



The first Indian Knights of Columbus in North America has been formed on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation. "The Rev. Michael Jacobs Akwesasne Mohawk Council 10423" was organized in late June 1990 and was officially presented with its charter in December.

The group had been told they needed 30 members to form a new Council. They already have 42 members and their list is continuing to expand.

The group was formed during a tense period on the reservation last spring and summer. "Although the Knights are not politically affiliated, it's the wish of Fr. T. Egan, S.J., chaplain, that by their example in the community will make a difference to

ensure peace and mend many differences."

Mrs. Alma Ransom, the advocate for the creation of the new Council, is certain the reservation Council will be a resounding success. "Thus Indians bring to this Council better character and better religious practice. They bring their culture, traditions and a language that pre-dates all American and Canadian Knights' rules. They also bring the values of the Catholic Church that their forefathers accepted a long time ago."

LET THE NATIVES REST IN PEACE, TOO

Immense efforts are made to retrieve the remains of prisoners of war and those missing in action, rightfully labeling this as a humane and moral issue. Yet, in the United States more than 100,000 natives dead remain in our museum collections while tribes unsuccessfully strive to reclaim them. Historically, these dead were gathered from battlefields plundered by federal agents and tourist attraction entrepreneurs.

Last year, Congress passed a historic law requiring the Smithsonian to repatriate some of the remains of 19,000 dead natives to their tribes of origin. Now there is another bill in Congress which would require the same of the other museums.

As Catholic Christians, we have the moral responsibility to speak out in the rights of natives to bury their dead. Let's extend our support to those shabbily treated native peoples of the past by showing them we care about their dead.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OBLATE FATHERS IN CANADA

The founding of the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Amiens, France, by Fr. Eugène de Mazenod, goes back to 1816. Fr. de Mazenod was made a bishop on Oct. 1, 1832, with his episcopal see at Marseille.

From 1841, the Oblates started leaving France for foreign countries. They came to Canada in 1841, to England in 1842, to the U.S. in 1847.

Just arrived from France, on Dec. 2, 1841, the six first Oblates took abode first in St. Hilaire, then on August 1842 at Longueuil.

As early as 1844, the Oblates inherited gradually all the Indian Missions, from the North Coast of the St. Lawrence to Western Canada.

It's difficult to evaluate the works and sacrifices of those valiant missionaries following the footsteps of their giant bishops. In the 60 years the

Canadian Oblates have founded missions in Lesotho, Chili, Bolivia...

Thanks to the Lord for the evangelization realized by those worthy descendants of Eugène de Mazenod.

PASTORAL WORKS AMONG THE AMERINDIANS OF TIMMINS

Responding to the call of Msgr. Landriault, bishop of Timmins diocese, to organize pastoral service for the Indians of his episcopal city, the Provincial Council of the Oblates in Montreal, chose Fr. Lionel Lajeunesse as responsible for this new ministry.

Even though the Indians are dispersed in the city, their population contributes an imposing Christian community. Out of a population of 50,000, the number of Indians is approximately 3,000, of which 2/3 are Catholics. The Indian students, at the secondary level, amount to 300.

Thanks to his missionary experience at James Bay, his listening capacity and the flexibility of his character, Fr. Lajeunesse is the man fit to assume this new responsibility of accompanying and leading spiritually this Amerindian family in Timmins.

PROMOTING KATERI'S CAUSE



There are many ways of doing so. Fr. Edward Zimmer with his creativeness shows us now. His New York State license plate has "KATERI" on it. Whenever he writes a letter he puts Kateri's seal behind the envelope.

He acquired a few acres to build a cabin close to Auburn, N.Y. and he named those Kateri. And of course there is a shrine to Kateri close to his cabin on the Hills.

Thank you Fr. Zimmer. — "Brothers and Sisters, go and do the same!"

A receipt for income tax will be sent for any donation of \$10. or more.



EVELYN BROWN

went to the
House of God

on December 6, 1990

She was a profoundly prayerful person, a poet, a saint, a missionary. Passing from Protestantism to Catholicism (her father was a Baptist bishop), she received religious instruction from a Jesuit in Toronto, was baptized by an Assumptionist in Quebec and her funeral eulogy was preached by a Dominican: it's the story of her life, many journeys, many celebrities met in Canada, in the United States, in Africa...

While she sejournd in Kenya, she made acquaintance with Frank Duff, the founder of the Legion of Mary; later on, she was to write the life of Edel Quinn, a legionary apostle in Africa.

On the ship bringing her back to Canada, she made friend with a Sister of Our Lady of Africa. She liked Quebec right away, made it her home and very soon she was surrounded with good friends (Miss Bernadette Savard, Sr Marie-des-Neiges, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marquis...). Inclined to write, she asked Bishop Tessier to give her a topic, preferably the biography of a woman. The Bishop proposed to her Mother Marguerite d'Youville. But Evelyn was more attracted towards Kateri Tekakwitha. "There is so little to write about her", said the Bishop. By the intermediary of Fathers Adrien Pouliot and Henri Béchard, S.J., she got to know better Kateri and learned about Indian customs and traditions. Thus the wonderful book *Kateri Tekakwitha, Mohawk maiden*.

Moreover she wrote and translated books of spirituality. She was always in research and took interest in all human things.

She passed away very peacefully in the Lord, like in a thanksgiving for her rich intense life. Fr. Jean Filiatrault, chaplain of the Maison Michel Sarrazin in Quebec City, told us how she would prolong her thanks after receiving Holy Communion.

Born in British Colombia, she had fallen in love with the "Belle Province" (Beautiful Province), while her heart gave hospitality to the whole world.

J.B.

KATERI AT THE GRAND SEMINAIRY IN MONTREAL

On November 8, was held at the Grand Seminary of Montreal, the commemorative celebration of the 150th anniversary of its foundation by the Society of Saint Sulpice. His Excellency Archbishop Jean-Claude Turcotte, assisted by nine bishops and over a hundred priests, presided the Eucharist, attended by many religious and lay people.

The ceremony included the dedication of a new altar with the insertion of relics. "While consecrating this altar, said Bishop Turcotte, we ask God to identify it with Christ as a source of the sacraments of the Church. May this gesture be for us today a special call to renew our strength at the very source (of communion) of our lives which is Our Lord Jesus."

Then was held the procession of the relics which were to be deposited on the altar in a new reliquary. The relic of Saint Marguerite Bourgeois was brought by Sr. Madeleine Rochette, C.N.D., Superior General; that of Saint Marguerite d'Youville, by Sr. Parent, S.G.M., that of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, by two Mohawks, Kathy Rice and Joseph Two Rivers; that of the Holy Canadian Martyrs, by Fr. J.-M. Archambault, Provincial of the Jesuits, and that of Saint Jean-Marie Vianney by a Seminarian.



Kathy Rice and Joseph Two-Rivers present Kateri's relic to Msgr. Turcotte.

These relics were put down on the altar, then inserted in a magnificent reliquary. It is at this moment that the words of the Apocalypse applied to this dedication of the altar, took its full meaning. I saw underneath the altar the souls of all the people who had been killed on account of the Word of God, for witnessing to it."

The name of Kateri was proclaimed three times during this ceremony: during the litany of the saints before the blessing of the altar, during the procession of the bearers of the relics and during the Eucharist.

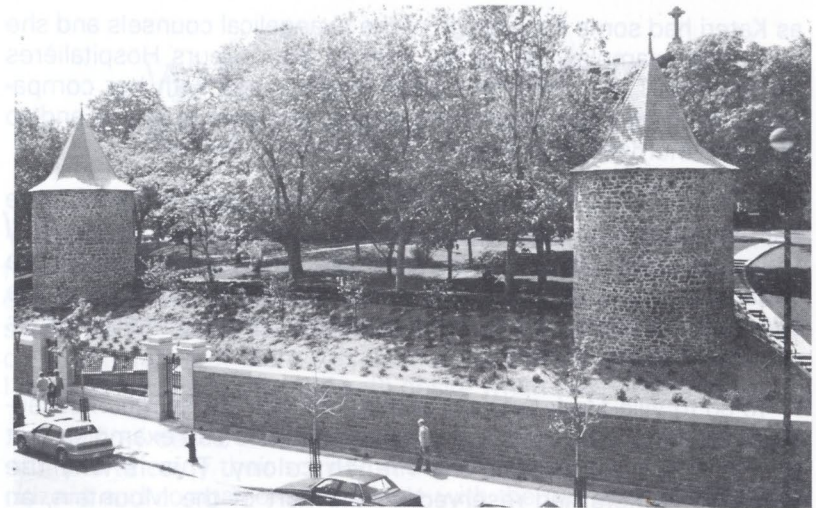
In this atmosphere, impossible not to recall the prime times of the colony when the Lily of the Mohawks perhaps visited these places which were but a fort.

A few historical facts

Some Indians (Iroquois, Hurons, Wolves, Algonquins) occupied a spot in the commune of Ville-Marie, on Saint Paul Street. In 1676, the Superior of the Sulpicians decided to establish a mission at the Fort of the Mountain, to keep away the Indians from the proximity of the city which often occasioned disorders, lewdness and drunkenness, especially at barter time. Two or three Sulpicians were ministering to it. Mr. de Belmont, named Superior in 1681, learned the dialects and lived amongst his parishioners. In 1683, the missions numbered 211 souls, living in 26 longhouses.

Marguerite Bourgeois and her Sisters gave lessons to the Indians girls and to the daughters of the settlers in the Eastern tower. The Amerindians were exploiting the land around the Fort and regularly received the menaces from the Iroquois of the Five Cantons which they had purposely left. Thus "on May 17, 1691, some 70 Iroquois who had posted themselves in three bands at the extremity of the fields, struck so surprisingly on the men and women who were sowing corn, that 30 were captured and six killed."

In 1694, fire ruined the place where they sheltered the Indians (longhouses and church). They then moved to a new fort — a long thought plan to protect the aborigines from bad contacts with the Whites — which became with time the Mission of Sault-au-Récollet.



The towers of the Grand Seminary

Kateri in Ville-Marie

Kateri lived at the Mission of Sault Saint-Louis (City of Saint Catherine) from 1677 till 1680. One can imagine that she had occasions to go to Ville-Marie, as the other Indians did. Canoes crossed the river frequently for business, for supplies or visits to acquaintances. Father Cholenec, spiritual director and contemporary biographer of Kateri, reports that she "after having spent a few days in Montreal where she saw Sisters for the first time, was so charmed by their piety and modesty that she inquired with curiosity how these holy women lived and about the virtues they practiced."

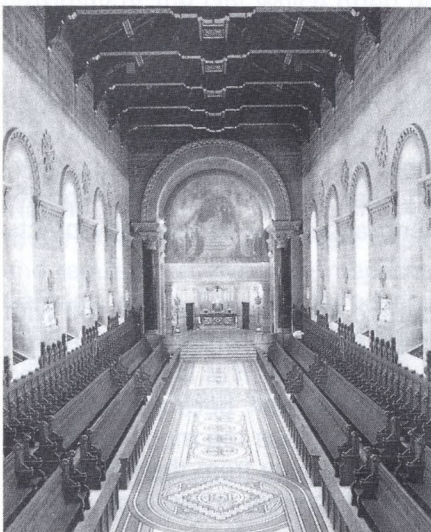
It was after this encounter that the Mohawk virgin planned with two other companions to imitate them by retreating to Heron Island in order to live in a community. This form of life was refused to them by Fr. Frémin, superior of the Mission, because they were "too young in the faith, that their project was too much out of the ordinary and that the island was too far away from the village, that the young people going to and from Montreal would always be in their tents."

They themselves deemed that Fr. Frémin's decision was reasonable and they stopped thinking about this project. However,

as Kateri had some knowledge of the evangelical counsels and she had good examples before her eyes in the "Sœurs Hospitalières de Montreal", she reflected upon those things with her companions. They decided amongst themselves never to marry and to dedicate themselves to God.

Fr. Frémin, well informed of the spiritual progress of Kateri, gave her eventually a few special instructions. "He ordered her above all to live in a very discreet way, especially when the canoes of the Outaouaks came down, to stay in her house and never go to the shore as the others did to see them arrive. She also followed his advice not to go to Montreal."

To go to Ville-Marie was not without danger, not so much because of the turbulent rapids but because of all the bad examples that young girls could see in the French colony. This is why the Sulpician Fathers had reserved, in the Fort of the Mountain, an enclosure to protect women, young girls and Christian men. To prevent disorders in the Mission, a few neophytes made the rounds all night long about the longhouses to stop their women from going out and the men to enter."



The chapel of the Grand Seminary

Kateri, then, who might have trodden the land of the Fort of the Mountain while visiting Montreal, is present there now in a special way by her remains inserted in the precious reliquary deposited under the altar of the chapel of the Grand Seminary. Young and fragile, this Indian maiden nevertheless compares with the giant missionaries and heroic founders of religious congregations. By her fame as a miracleworker, she has deserved the title of "Protectress of Canada." May she take care of her people, and our people as well.

J.B.

WHY DO WE PRAISE AND GLORIFY SAINTS

Why do we thus praise and glorify the saints and keep festival for them? Of what use to them are earthly honors when the heavenly Father honors them? What is the point of ours praises? The saints do not need our honors and devotion. Evidently, then, our commemoration of them aids us, not them. For my part, however, I confess that I am inflamed with desire when I remember them.

The first desire aroused or increased by the recollection of saints is to enjoy their society and to merit becoming their fellow citizens and companions; to mingle with the patriarchs, apostles, prophets, martyrs, confessors, and virgins – in a word, the whole communion of saints. The Church of these earlier men and women is waiting for us, yet we are oblivious to it. The saints want our company, and we disdain them!

Let us be roused at last, brothers! Let us rise with Christ, seek what is above, set our hearts on what is above. Let us yearn for those who yearn for us, hurry on to those who look for our coming, and lay hold now, in prayer, on those who wait for us. It is not only their society but their happiness that we must look to share. We desire their presence; let us also fervently seek to share their glory. This would not be poisonous ambition or dangerous to the soul.

The second desire which recollection of the saints brings to life in us is that Christ our Life should appear to us as he did to them and that we should appear with him in glory. Meanwhile, however, our Head shows himself to us, not as he is, but as he became for us, that is, not crowned with glory but crowned with the thorns of our sins. A member of that thorn-crowned Head should blush to be overindulged and spoiled.

Let us desire that glory, then. If we are to hope for it, we need the prayers of the saints so that what our own powers cannot obtain for us, their intercession may win.

by Abbot St. Bernard



TO GROW IN LIFE

To grow is to arouse the meekness in me
and bring it to an ultimate charity.

To grow is to arouse the gentleness in me
and bring it to the heart of confidence.

To grow is to arouse respect in me
and accompany it to the limits of tolerance.

To grow is to arouse patience in me
and guide it to the land of virtue.

To grow is to arouse goodness in me
and bring it to perfect love.

To grow is to arouse prayer in me
and accompany it to the sources of the Gospel.

To grow is to arouse the desire of God in me
and bring it to the land of Faith.

To grow is to arouse modesty in me
and guide it to the heart of sharing.

To grow is to arouse the man (woman) in me
and bring him to the doors of God.

To grow is to push life passed its limits
following Christ
through all the passages He opens up to us:
this is Resurrection!

Trans. by J.B.

← From a painting of Raphaël

Happy feastday to Kateri

I hear her name amidst
The howling winds
And in the gentle breeze
I hear her laughter
In the streams and trees
I hear her praying
In the skies
I watch her walking
In the forest
See her smile
And listen to her sigh
Slowly I start to realize
She is already canonized
In the blood
Of her own people
In the suffering of her race
What we have to rediscover
Is to wonder of His working
The splendor of His grace
That shines radiant in the face
Of a young Mohawk Indian girl
Called Kateri Tekakwitha
I love her and I talk to her.

Brian O'Reilly, S.J.



Kateri on
the altar at
Pakuaushipu

Born in Auriesville, N.Y., 1656
Baptized in Fonda, N.Y., 1676
Died in City of St. Catherine, Quebec, 1680
Declared venerable by Pope Pius XII, 1943
Beatified by John Paul II, 1980

HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP THE CAUSE

We well know that your left hand ignores what your right hand gives. Your wallet is your heart. You have the right though to know how your donations are being used.

Our KATERI CENTER must function to promote the Cause of Kateri, make the "Lily of the Mohawks" better known, ask for prayers to obtain her canonization, gather testimonies to prove the authenticity of her sainthood, show the world of today this model of faith, of innocence and of courage...

To attain these objectives, we send every day to all four corners of the world writings on Kateri, prayer pictures and religious objects to stimulate the devotion. A little publicity is sent free of charge and till now we have not even exacted the postal charges for these orders!

All this propaganda requires a qualified personnel to answer adequately to all these demands, researchers to discover new aspects of the life of Kateri which will talk more relevantly to the Christians of 1991. Unfortunately this personnel – five persons in all – cannot be remunerated according to their merits.

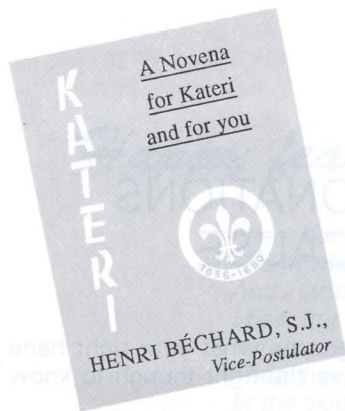
As for our little *Kateri* magazine with a circulation of 15,000 copies, the printing and mailing cost us a lot of money. The cost price (3.45\$) is higher than the subscriptions fee. To make up the difference, we rely on your donations. As Fr. Béchar, I dare say: "I'd like to have enough money in the bank to cover the cost of printing and mailing the next *Kateri*." S.O.S., Canada Post is increasing the rates by approximately 500.\$ per issue effective March 1.

We also need funds to publish books on Kateri. There are three books being readied for publication.

Finally, the canonization of Kateri may be close at hand. We will have to scratch the bottom of our safe to organize a celebration worthy of the event...

Conclusion: Thanks for your gifts, sometimes very generous (every penny counts). Thanks to those who renew their subscription spontaneously every year. Many thanks in advance for all your donations.

A worried Vice-Postulator,
Jacques Bruyère S.J.



NOVENA TO KATERI

(April 9 to 17)

INTENTIONS

- 1st day:** Peace in the world
2nd day: Respect of human rights
3rd day: Respect of life from the time of conception
4th day: Generous sharing and true love between husband and wife
5th day: Christian education of children
6th day: Spiritual motivation for the Youth of today
7th day: Strength and hope for those who suffer
8th day: Commitment of the lay people in the life of the Church
9th day: Pious souvenir for the deceased

Nine masses will be celebrated at Kateri's Shrine in Kahnawake for these intentions and yours. Fr. Vice-Postulator and the Fathers at the Mission will have a special intention for all of you during the Novena.

A GIFT TO KATERI ON HER FEAST DAY

Please send your personal intentions and your gift to Kateri:

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Send KATERI NOVENA booklet (in the form of a short biography)

\$1.00 each. Yes: ☐ No ☐

Name: _____

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DEVOTION TO KATERI AT PAKUAUSHIPU

Pakuaushipu is a little village where 175 Montagnais Indians live. Located on the Lower North Coast, this small isolated town is accessible by air or sea only during the non-freezing period.

A little set back from the village is a small wooden chapel, heated in the old-fashioned way, till 1985. Then a new wooden church was erected in the center of the village.

There is no resident priest. An Oblate Father comes to the mission four times a year. Outside of his visits, night prayers gather young and old people alike, around the Eucharistic presence. Very often, the meetings end with the prayer for Kateri's canonization. A lovely statuette of Kateri had a place of honor in the small chapel and it still stands in the new church. The Montagnais Indians are proud of her. A couple of times during the year, they make the long novena to Blessed Kateri: prayer for her canonization, one Our Father, one Hail Mary and three Glory be to the Father, then the hymn to Kateri. All this is said in the Montagnais language.

Since 1988, the picture of Kateri occupies a privileged place in every home. Certain families have added a special decoration to it. Many Indians here hang Kateri's medal or relic around their neck and turn to her in particular situations.

At school, a few classes recite Kateri's prayer every day. These young Montagnais are well impressed by the one who is one of them by her origin.

In 1988, also, a donation was made to the church. A magnificent tableau of Kateri in glory was offered by a Belgian artist. The painter found the way to put in contrast the main traits of this great and lovely personality: her interiority. This unique work is an admirable ornament on the wall of the church of Pakuaushipu.

Every year in April, the great novena to Kateri is on. During the year, it is made again on many occasions. It is to ask for favors, to accompany a Chief making a trip to Rome, for the canonization of Kateri, for resourceness retreat, to help solve a difficulty which could go out of bounds, to settle village problems.

Moreover, the Eucharistic encounter is often terminated by a prayer and a hymn to Kateri, in view of her canonization.

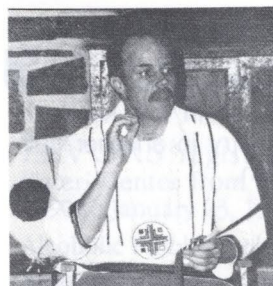
One can say that Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is very much present in this community of the Montagnais. Spontaneously, people appeal to her to obtain courage, solace, help and support. They ardently wish for the canonization of this little flower who is for them a model of courage, willpower, wisdom, simplicity and authenticity.

Long live Kateri Tekakwitha!

Rose-Alma Tchernoff



The small wooden chapel and the new one
Montagnais Indians praying in the small chapel.

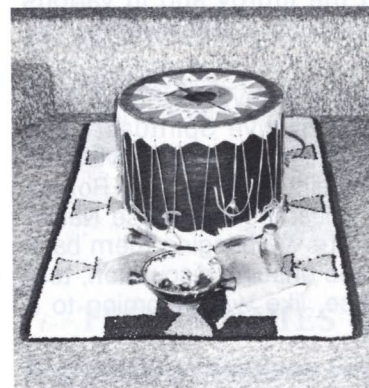


ARTISANS OF A NEW HUMANITY

"... A Fully Native
Catholic Church."

by George D. Leach S.J.

The drum is sounding a new age for the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada. Whether in politics, education or spirituality, the Native People are moving with a new confidence and a firm resolve. In the past, the "Missionaries" initiated so many programs – spiritual, academic and athletic. Today, the Native People themselves are the agents of change. Aboriginal leaders are developing educational programs and political strategies. They are retrieving, fostering and preserving the Native culture. In this emerging situation, the Jesuits have a new role.



Their call is to "walk with", to be "collaborators" in the creation of this new Native reality and in the forging of a "fully Native Catholic Church." In this style of ministry, they realize that the Holy Spirit has been with the Aboriginal People from their very beginning. They believe in God, the Creator/Spirit. They are aware of different spirits, with a keen sense of the spiritual life.

Conscious of his own Ignatian spirituality, the contemporary Jesuit serves among the Native People in respect and love, as their two spiritualities meet. He enters their lives to find God and, when asked, he shares his love of Christ and "Christ's way" to the Creator. With baptized Native people, he encourages and supports their life in Christ through the Breaking of Bread and the forgiveness of sins. Spiritual direction and discernment of spirits play an increasing role in all his ministry. He is, above all, a "prayer-man" who intercedes with God for everyone.

Through these many, mediating moments, the Jesuit encounters a rich culture, although often hidden. He ponders where the Gospel message meets the Native culture. He delves into the documents of Vatican II, especially the Church in the Modern World. He encounters many demands of ministry in another culture, but especially the challenge of inculturation.

Inculturation

But, what is inculturation? This theological term comes from the Second Vatican Council, the gathering of the Bishops in Rome from 1962 – 1965. The Council Fathers encouraged dialogue between culture and faith.

"There are many links between the message of salvation and culture. In his self-revelation to his people culminating in the fullness of manifestation in his incarnate Son, God spoke according to the culture proper to each age. Similarly the Church has existed through the centuries in varying circumstances and has utilized the resource of different cultures in its preaching to spread and explain the message of Christ, to examine and understand it more deeply, and to express it more perfectly in the liturgy and in various aspects of the life of the faithful." (Vatican II Documents, The Church in the Modern World #58)

With this orientation, the Jesuits and Native Catholics face piercing questions: How do Traditional Native Spirituality and Roman Catholicism meet? Is Native Spirituality "pagan"? Must an Aboriginal person abandon Native Spirituality to become a Roman Catholic? As one Native person said: "I learned that these Native customs were banned by the Church. Are we bringing them back in? With these probing questions and the ensuing discussion, tension can easily mount; tempers can rise, like water coming to a boil. However, silence often pervades.

But dialogue is essential – verbal and nonverbal, gestures and art work, celebrations and pow-wows, prayer and fasting. All these expressions of truth emerge from the spirit of the human person. The spirit of God, Our Creator, prods us to discussion.

Exchange, both formal and informal, about these concerns is happening more and more. At local parish council meetings, during explicit workshops on the topic, these pressing points cause heated discussion. But, like a gentle beat of drum, some are taking a few small steps towards inculturation...

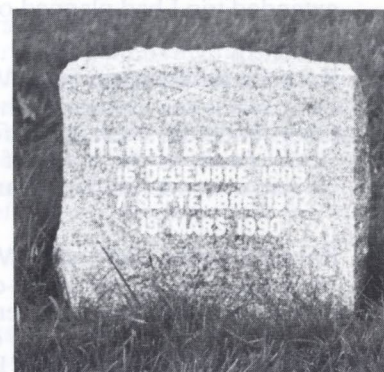
(Extract from *The Jesuit Bulletin* 1990)

KATERI CENTER NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from October 25, 1990 to January 23, 1991.

Alcoholic Problem Solved	1
Articles Found	9
Better Health	26
Business Sold	1
Cures	11
Employment Found or Kept	23
Financial Aid	5
Lodgings	5
Peace in the Family	1
Peace at Work	1
Properties Bought or Sold	4
Safe Pregnancies	7
Safe Trips	9
Successful Studies	2
Successful or Averted Operations	10
Temporal Favors	17

A YEAR HAS PASSED...



*Cemetery at
Saint Jérôme (Québec)*

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Sr. Rollande Laroche, Montreal, QC, 35; Sr. Juliette Beauregard, Montreal, QC, 51.

TESTIMONIES OF FAVORS OBTAINED

*** Kateri's smile upon you, Miss R. K. M.!**

Enclosed is a cheque for one hundred and fifty dollars. I wish to renew my subscription to the quarterly bulletin "Kateri" for one year. The balance of my donation is to use at your discretion. I wish to renew my pledge to recite the "Our Father", each day until September 1, 1991. In one of the past issues, I read a little letter of thanks to Kateri for her help in a personal health problem of the writer. Encouraged by this letter, I prayed to Kateri for help in a similar problem. I have received help. May God soon answer our prayers for Blessed Kateri's canonization...

(Montreal, QC)

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

- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C. T.!**
Thank you Blessed Kateri for the safe three months vacation in the Eastern U.S.A., Northern Alberta and Oregon. I had a very bad attack of sciatica last year at this time and spent four months on my back – but with prayers every day, I was able to go on that extended trip I had planned on for so long.
(Kelowna, BC)
- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. S. R. C.!**
Enclosed is ten dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for a favor rendered. I asked her for a nice Thanksgiving dinner with all my family at the home of my daughter. Every one came and we had a wonderful day. Thank you Kateri with all my heart.
(Suncook, NH)
- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. Y. G.!**
We went away for the week-end and we had a safe trip, so I am enclosing ten dollars to Kateri. Also my friend gave me ten dollars for Kateri for a beautiful day for her son's wedding and also for his exam for a new job. I pray to Kateri every day and give out to friends her prayer for Canonization. Thanks again Kateri.
(Bristol, CT)
- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B. H.!**
Enclosed please find a cheque for twenty-eight dollars. Twenty-five of this is in thanksgiving for a beautiful new granddaughter who was born healthy and strong. Blessed Kateri came through for me again. I will continue to pray daily for the miracle needed for her canonization. I love Blessed Kateri very much. The other three dollars is to cover my subscription. Thank you Kateri!
(Hamilton, Ont.)
- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M. G. L.!**
I'm sending a cheque for twenty-five dollars to Kateri. I asked her a favor and it was obtained. Right now I'm in the hospital and will be leaving this week for convalescence. I had an operation on my knee, total replacement of the left knee, things are going good. Of course Kateri is with me. I have so much faith in her.
(St. Jean, Qc)
- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. M.!**
My little Kateri found my husband's keys that he had lost, so I am sending a little donation in thanksgiving to her and also for all of my prayers she has answered. I pray the rosary every day for her canonization. Please send me some of her prayer cards and relics, so I can pass them on to my friends.
(Birmingham, AL)

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

- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. T. V. H.!**
Thanks for prayers answered to Kateri, our son married a wonderful Catholic girl in a cute little old fashioned out of the way Catholic church that only Kateri could have pointed out to the young couple...
(Kelowna, BC)
- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. L. M.!**
Several weeks ago, I suffered arthritic pain in my hips and lower spine and could barely walk. I appealed to Blessed Kateri for great relief and she has answered my prayer. I can walk normally now. I am enclosing a check of twenty dollars in thanksgiving for the favor and three dollars for subscription renewal. And one dollar for a sheet of 36 Kateri seals which I hope you will send soon. Thank you for all your efforts in bringing about the sainthood of dear Blessed Kateri. I am without pain and I thank Blessed Kateri.
(Jackson Heights, NY)
- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. L.!**
This is my first experience with Blessed Kateri. A Priest in Chester, NY had told me to pray to the Blessed Kateri, at a time when I was beside myself with worry. My son-in-law, while working with his crew, clearing tree branches suddenly felt the bucket he was in gravitate towards the high tension wires. He was immediately electrocuted and rendered unconscious and completely rigid. It seems like the electricity entered the back of his head, traveled through his two arms and out through his two hands. Needless to say by the time he was taken to the hospital his condition was critical and not much hope for his recovery. It was thought he might lose his arms or legs or that his kidneys would close down completely. He regained consciousness but his eyes could not focus and he had no feeling in his arms or hands. The main artery in his arm was severed and had to be removed. It was at this point I prayed to Blessed Kateri and my prayers seemed to be answered. Although the doctor has said it was a miracle and that nine out of ten men would be dead from this experience, we cannot get the doctor to put this statement in writing. I, myself, am sure it was a miracle. Son-in-law is now home but still having skin graft operations and therapy. I will continue to pray to Blessed Kateri and say the "Our Father, Hail Mary" each day for her canonization. Enclosed please find five dollars towards this cause.
(Warwick, NY)
- ✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. A. M. K.!**
Enclosed is a twenty dollar check. Kateri has helped me with a problem related to my job.
(Amsterdam, NY)

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

Little Sister wants to know...



Kateri Marietta Swavelly
22 months old
Easton, PA

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- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
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Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

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In English – *I am Indian*, by Gualbert Brunsmann, O.S.B., \$1.00

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