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KATERI'S SMILE...

**LILY OF
THE MOHAWKS**

Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada



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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.

Contents

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.

Benefits

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

The saints hold a power of attraction. They are like sparkling stars. As we always admire excellence in all spheres, in the athletes as well as in the artists, it is normal to be fascinated by a person who transcends others by his kindness, his personality, his self-discipline... All saints reveal outstanding personalities.

How is it that a John-Paul II, a Jean Vanier, a Mother Theresa, instead of repelling us by their authentic virtues, draw us to them? We know and we feel their love for all, the welcome in their hearts, and this even if we are rascals compared to them.

Kateri shared this same power of attraction as she does to-day. How many persons from all classes of society fall in love spontaneously with Kateri whom they treat and cherish like a "little sister", a "very dear friend"... They know her power of intercession, they know her interior beauty which fascinates them and invites them, not only to admire her, but imitate her as well.

In the writings of the Jesuits who knew her well, it is written: "It is related about the saints that their hearts at times were so enkindled with divine love that notwithstanding their efforts to hide this sacred fire which consumes them interiorly they could not refrain a few sparks to reflect outwardly." Such was Kateri... Her eyes, her gestures and her speech at certain times breathed but fire, and one did not have to be long in her presence to be moved and warmed by this divine fire.

This is why many women, young and old, sought her company everywhere. They chose to be close to her in the church and looked for her presence outside, assured that her outer composure itself, so devout and ardent, would inflame them.

May we let ourselves be attracted by these lovers of God, for they are real magnets. Inflamed by them, we too exhale this kindness, this respect of others, this tolerance, this love that saints are made of.

Le vice-postulateur,
Jacques Bruyère, S.J.



The Jacques Soganésé Roll

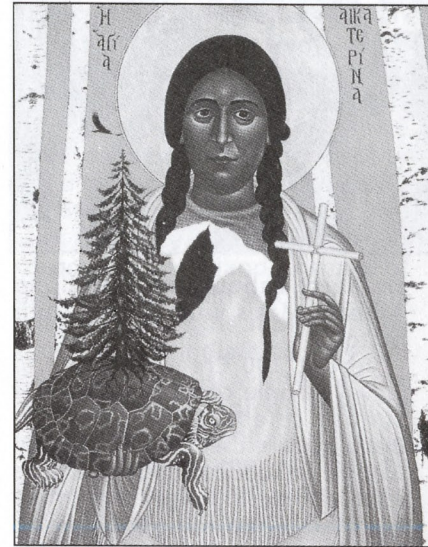
An Iroquois convert who arrived, in 1671, at the Mission of Notre-Dame de Foye (later named Notre-Dame de Lorette). He preferred to practise Christianity in poverty rather than accept the presents that his non-Christian parents offered him not to leave them. An ardent lay missionary, he preached continually in his longhouse, so much so that it aggravated his wife Cecile, who was also a fervent Christian. He was particularly interested in seeing that all went well in the families. Despite his poverty, he welcomed guests to partake of his food in order that he could instruct them and have them baptised. During the hunting season, he preached to some of his companions from the Iroquois cantons who were not Christians. When the group returned from the hunt, all these non-Christians found themselves instructed in the mysteries of the Faith.

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2. A Soul in Purgatory
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94. Mr. Philippe Lemay
95. Mr. Adrien Therrien
96. Mr. Onil Gervais
97. Mr. Sylva Roussel

Happy Anniversary, blessed Kateri (April 17)

Kateri Tekakwitha des Iroquois
(1656-1680)



In this icon Kateri wears typical Iroquois clothing and a blue blanket from French traders. In her right hand she bears one of the most important symbols from her culture, the tree of peace. By the mid-15th century blood feuds had almost destroyed her people. A holy man named Dekanadidah appeared, preaching peace and reconciliation. He taught that all people were brothers and sisters and that differences were better solved by discussion than war. Through his influence, the five Iroquois tribes formed a

unified government and stopped fighting among themselves. The symbol of this vision was a huge tree under which all peoples could find peace. When more people would come, the branches of the tree would simply grow longer. An eagle lived at the top of the tree and warned the people whenever peace was threatened. The tree, like all the earth, rode on the back of a giant turtle.

The symbols of the Iroquois remind us that differences in culture are not threats to Church unity, but gifts of the Holy Spirit. Every people and culture brings to the Church new insights for understanding the Gospel. After three centuries, Kateri's people are beginning to return to the wisdom of their own culture. They may have first received the Gospel from the French, but they remain Iroquois Christians.

*With the authorization of
Robert Lentz, Artist
(Trad. J.B.)*

Amerindian News

The first native urban parish in North America

The smell of burning sweet grass and the beat of a native drum signalled the start of a new era for Sacred Heart Church and the Indian people in Edmonton, Alberta.

For 78 years, Edmonton's inner-city parish has provided an open door for immigrants searching for a new life. Today Sacred Heart has become a spiritual home opened to Edmonton's 30,000 Indians and Metis. Six staff members and volunteers are attempting to serve the needs of native people making the difficult move from remote Indian reserves to fastpace city life.

The Indians were claiming their own parish since eleven years. "The people always wanted a church. They never felt comfortable in a warehouse. They wished to belong to a community where they feel at home and don't have to worry about how they act," said



Fr. Garry Laboucane, O.M.I., an Alberta Métis who is now their pastor.

About 200 Cree, Dogrib and Slavey people come regularly for Sunday celebrations. Cree and Blackfoot are used and Chipewyan will be introduced soon. Because many people no longer speak their own language for celebrations. But the Indian style or color are more and more apparent. The Infant Jesus, last Christmas, was born in a Tee-Pee. Mary held a native baby Jesus...

53rd Annual TEKAKWITHA Conference

University of Maine, Orono, Maine, August 5-9, 1992.

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Chief George: R.I.P.

The regular visitors of the Our Lady of Martyrs' Shrine in Auriesville N.Y. will not see any more the noble and sympathetic figure of Mohawk Chief George. He died suddenly in Utica N.Y. last Fall.

He spent his life meeting with bishops, clergy, lay people all over the country, spreading the word of Kateri and



praying for her canonization. In 1984, he was awarded the Kateri Tekakwitha medal at Auriesville, where Kateri was born.

The Kateri Center owes him much gratitude for his unceasing devotion to Kateri and the support of her Cause of Canonization.

Showing the Sioux Indians in their real light

The Sioux hope that the movie which won 7 Oscars "Dancing with the Wolves" will help to eradicate poverty, racism, and spiritual uneasiness which they suffer since they were forced to live on reservations, 100 years ago.

This movie represents the Sioux as they are and not as they used to be shown in cowboy movies. "They are human beings with a culture, people who tried to protect their land, instead of bad savages," said a young Sioux who played in the movie. "They finally depict Indians as they are. Because of this, white people who are prejudiced should change their opinion about us."

Sioux reserves in South Dakota are covered with green hills dotted with pines, but as

they are far from the main access routes, the efforts of the Indians to attract industry has failed.

The young Sioux Indians have the choice of staying on the reserves as unemployed or to leave their families and culture behind to go and work in the cities. Many reserves in South Dakota have an unemployment rate up to 80%.

A traditional leader, Joe Chasing His Horse hopes that this movie will help the Indians as well as the non-Indians to understand Sioux culture. The movie shows the beauty of their land, still like the great Spirit made it. The Sioux Indians hope that, made aware of this beauty, many people will endeavor to find means to assure the survival of our environment for generations to come.

"Black Robe"

"Black Robe" is a most artistic movie. Great sceneries. Good and quite authentic descriptions too of the life in those days. As for the culture clash between Indians and French, it's too much of a caricature. Thus justice is not done neither to the Indians, nor to the missionaries.



Discovering our Indian brothers and sisters

I have a confession to make: I'm in love with the Indians! Let me tell you about it. It all started back in 1984, when I took a spin up to the White Mountains with two Irish girls, who had spent six months with my sister and were soon to return home. The former pastor of Pinetop, Fr. Pat Universal, an incorrigible Irishman himself, was a gracious host and put us up for the night. The next day he took us on a drive through the nearby Apache reservation. The scenery was grand, but what I'll always remember was that was the day I met Midnite and Lee Ethelbah.



Pat knew them so we stopped by their place just north of Whiteriver. We had a nice visit with Lee who was the only one at home. Before we left she went into the bedroom and brought out a gorgeous, colorful, ankle-length Apache dress for Ann and a silver and turquoise bracelet for Marion, souvenirs to take with them back to Ireland. I was struck by such spontaneous generosity toward people she had never met and may never see again. Lee urged us to stop back after 5:00 p.m., when Midnite and the kids would be home. So we killed a few hours driving, stopping for a picnic in the woods and just taking our time.

That evening we returned and the whole family was home. Lee's parents had come up from town and a couple of Midnite's brothers were there. The guys had built a hefty bonfire and Lee had the hamburgers ready for grilling. Ann put on her new dress and she and Marion danced jigs and reels around the fire. We sang Irish songs; our hosts sang Apache numbers. Lee has a voice like Joan Baez. Midnite, an innately gifted musician, heads up a band called "Apache Spirit." So he cut loose on his guitar: "Classical Gas," "Dueling Banjos," and some Beatles and Stones. Then he got out his fiddle and we danced a set. And so it turned into a fabulous time. As the fire sparked and crackled, its warm glow played on our light and dark faces. I said to one of the Irish girls, "You'll never forget this night. This is a glimpse of America few tourists ever see." The words were no sooner out of my mouth than I thought to myself, "What am I talking about, I was born in Arizona and I never experienced anything like this before." That night initiated me into Indian ways first hand and blessed me with native friends, whom I have loved and cherished ever since.

When the invitation came not long afterward to the Sunrise Ceremony honoring two of Midnite and Lee's daughters who had come of age, I couldn't wait to get back to the reservation. That was another great night and day. Friends and relatives came from as far away as Colorado. Under the stars, a pig was roasting in a pit, and people meandered from camp to camp, visiting, conversing, preparing. With the coming of dawn everyone gathered at the designated spot. That was a morning of drums, chanting, dancing, and exchanging of gifts. There were blessings with golden pollen and prayers by Midnite's father who is a medicine man, and blessings with holy water and prayers by the Franciscan priest from town. But first, the beaming parents and godparents of each child stepped forward and presented them. There was silence. Laura and Rhoda looked resplendent in their traditional costumes, adorned with feathers, bedecked with beads, kneeling on woven rugs to receive the caress of the sun, as its first rays broke over the mountain and shone upon their faces and their lustrous long dark hair.

Nature has her seasons; life has its rhythms. And the native people have rites of passage like this that tell a girl: Now you are a woman, the Creator has made it so. Later, as I drove home my mind was charged with the sights and sounds, even the smells, I had experienced. This aboriginal spirit was rich, simple, and real. It occurred to me how complicated, fragmented and artificial much of modern Western man's life has become. The Indians have much more to offer us than exotic novelty. I believe that they may well hold the key of healing for our culture. My eyes were being opened to the great lie of the white man's version of history that dismissed the native people as backward, less than civilized, or scorned them as savages. I know now that the truth is quite the opposite. The Native Americans are at last coming into their own. They have much to teach us... if we are willing to learn.

Fr. John Cunningham
Phoenix, Arizona
(Trad. J.B.)



Answers to Quiz 1 (Kateri no. 127)

- 1) Approximately 2,500,000.
- 2) Approximately 2,000,000.
- 3) In the State of Oklahoma.
- 4) In the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario.
- 5) Five Nations.
- 6) Algonkins.
- 7) Mohawk.
- 8) The Lakotas.
- 9) The Jesuits.
- 10) The Oblate Fathers.
- 11) Mainly Sisters. In the U.S. there are two Bishops of Indian origin, Priests and Sisters. In Canada, a few Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters.
- 12) Inuit.

Quiz 2

- 1) Who was the mother of Kateri Tekakwitha?
- 2) Where was Kateri born? In what year?
- 3) Which Jesuit missionary baptized her?
How old was she then?
- 4) Where did Kateri's parents live then?
- 5) How old was Kateri when her parents passed away?
Of what sickness?
- 6) Did Kateri have any brothers and sisters?
- 7) What is the meaning of the name "Tekakwitha"?
- 8) Why did Kateri choose to come to Laprairie, close to Ville-Marie?
- 9) Who was her spiritual Father in the "village of prayer"?
- 10) Did Kateri ever visit Montreal when she was alive?
- 11) At what age did Kateri go back to her creator?
- 12) Was Kateri considered a saint when she died?

The Lord's Resurrection

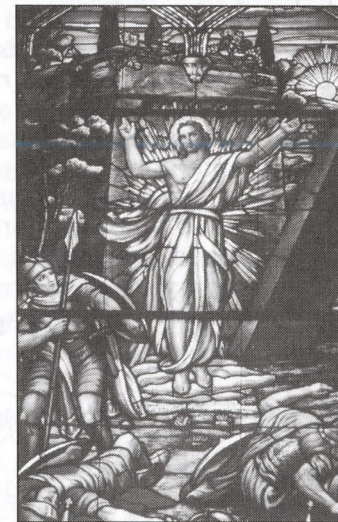
*O Lord, you burst the bonds of death
By rising from the tomb this day.
Make strong our faith, renew our hope
Inflame us with your love, we pray.*

*Through Adam, tricked by Satan's wiles,
Cast off your grace, your law defied,
You came to pay the price of sin
That in your love we might abide.*



*O Christ, Redeemer, risen Lord,
You rose from death that
we might live
And share your love with those
in need;
Your gifts of peace and comfort
give.*

Amen.

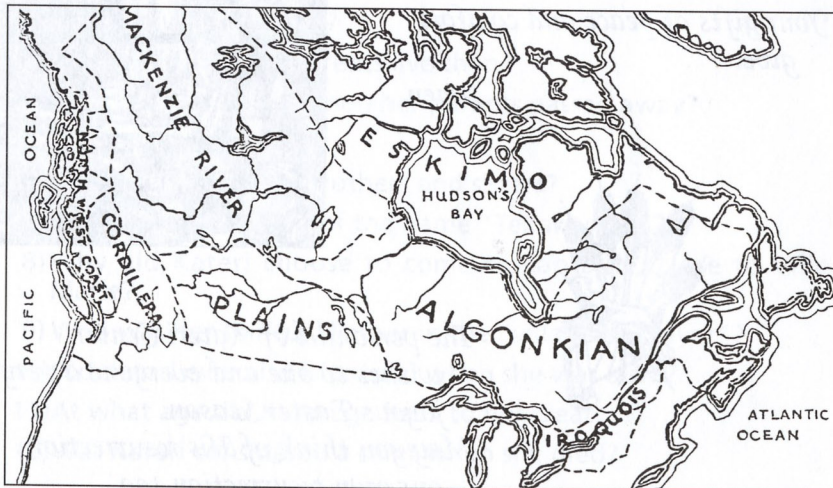


*The personnel of Kateri Center
wishes to one and everyone a very
joyous Easter Season.
May you think of His resurrection,
our own resurrection too.*

The Indian Tribes of Canada

In a clear day one may stand on the extreme northwest point of America, in the little village of Wales, and glimpse on the far horizon the grey outline of East Cape, on the Asiatic shore. Over this narrow fifty-mile strait that separates the two continents, scientists believe the earliest Indians made their way into America. The first-comers, fifteen thousand or twenty thousand years ago, were, perhaps, but a few scattered bands who crossed the narrow neck of water in search of better hunting-grounds and new homes where they could wander unmolested by enemies. Miles and miles of virgin country teeming with fish and game must have seemed to these wandering, harassed bands a veritable paradise. Probably they first ascended the wide valley of the Yukon River, struggled across the great barrier of mountains, and, reaching the valley of the Mackenzie River, made their way along the eastern foothills of the Rockies through what we now call Alberta. Centuries went by, and as the population increased and the migrations from Asia continued, the tribes moved farther and farther south until finally both North and South America were overrun. The last migrants from Asia, the Eskimo, arrived perhaps not more than three thousand or four thousand years ago; they are even to-day distinct from the Indians in their appearance and customs, and some of their kinsmen still linger on the Siberian shore.

The land to which the nomadic groups came differed greatly from their old homes. Canada is a country divided naturally into very marked geographic regions. There is the indented Pacific



The main groups of Indians in Canada.

coast-line with its islands and fiords; the Cordillera and its plateaus; the wide, rolling central prairies; the wooded highlands of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces; and the green fertile basin of southeastern Ontario and its extension along the St. Lawrence valley. Each of these regions has its own soil, its own vegetation, and its own fish and game. It was thus natural that the Indians should have gradually split into groups, composed of many different tribes, that restricted themselves to these geographic areas. Each group adapted itself to its new environment, and its individual tribes, even when they retained their separate languages, acquired the same general customs and the same broad manner of life. So, although there are still more than fifty tribes scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Arctic to the boundary of the United States, we can arrange them conveniently into but seven geographic groups:

- 1) Algonkian Tribes of the Eastern Woodlands. The Micmac Indians; the Malecite; the Montagnais; the Naskapi; the Algonkin; the Ojibwa; the Cree.
- 2) Iroquoian Tribes of the Eastern Woodlands. The Five Nations of the Iroquois (Seneca, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Mohawk).
- 3) The Plains' Indians. The Blackfoot; the Sarcee; the Assiniboine or Stonies.
- 4) The Pacific Coast Indians. The Tlinkit; the Haida; the Bella Bella; the Kwakiutl; the Nootka; and the Salish Indians.
- 5) The Plateau Indians of British Columbia. The Interior Salish; the Kootenay; the Chilcotin; the Carrier; the Tahltan; and the Tagish.
- 6) The Mackenzie and Yukon River Indians. The Sekani; the Beaver; the Chipewyan; the Yellow-Knives; the Dog-Rib Lakes; the Slave; the Hare; the Loucheux or Kutchin of the Peel River; and the little-known Nahani tribes on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.
- 7) The Eskimo of the Arctic coast, the shores of Hudson Bay, and the Labrador peninsula.

When Columbus, in 1492, landed his mutineering crew in the West Indies, he thought himself in the Indies of southeastern Asia, and called the people of the New World "Indians." The misnomer has remained unchanged. All the native tribes of Canada (with the exception of the Eskimo), though they may differ from one another as widely as Italians from Englishmen, and though they often understand not a word of one another's languages (there are eleven different languages and many distinct dialects), are one and all called "Indians."

*Extract from Indian Tribes of Canada
by Eileen Henness - (Trad. J.B.)*

Mohawk Story

The Bell

This is the story of the church bell in the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in the village of Caughnawaga, Province of Quebec, near Montreal. The King of France promised the Mohawk Indians he would give them a bell for their church. He fulfilled his promise, and a bell was put on a ship for Caughnawaga.

At the time the French and English were fighting one of their wars. The bell never reached its destination. The ship was captured and docked in Salem, Massachusetts, and the cargo was sold, including the bell. The town of Deerfield purchased the bell.

In the meantime, the Mohawks were waiting for their bell. They inquired about it and found that the ship had been captured and the bell had been sold in Deerfield. The Mohawk Indians got together a war party of 200 braves along with some French soldiers and a priest, and together they left for Deerfield to find the bell.



It was in the winter of 1704 that they arrived in Deerfield. A fierce battle took place, the town was taken, and many lives were lost. The Mohawks captured some prisoners. In those days, if they lost too many warriors, they would pick out the strongest young males, capture them, and bring them to their village to raise like their own sons. Eventually they would marry into the tribe. This is how and why some of the Indians have English, Scottish, Irish and French names. The names came from the young boys who were captured in the wars.

The bell was taken from the church steeple and fastened to a beam with a crossbar at both ends, so that the men could carry it. They left Deerfield and started the long trek homeward. The winter was cruel, and there were many hardships, one of them the rough terrain. The snowstorms were hard to endure, especially for the French soldiers, who suffered a great deal from

the toil of wading through the deep snow. They envied the Indians who were wearing snowshoes and who seemed to be floating on top of the snow. They did not show signs of fatigue as did the French soldiers.

The party decided to bury the bell on Lake Champlain and come back for it in the Spring. When Spring came, they grouped together again and went back to Lake Champlain where the bell was buried and triumphantly brought it home. In due time it was installed in the church steeple. The bell served the village for many years.

A new bell was installed on June 15, 1969. Today you will find the old Deerfield bell resting on the floor inside the church to remind people of this history.

This story was told to me by my grandmother.

Josephine Horne

Would you like to help Kateri's Cause?

When making out your last will and testament, why not reserve a share for the Cause in view of Kateri's Canonization and for the upkeep of her sanctuary.

Simply make your bequest to:

*Kateri Tekakwitha Center
Mission St. Francis Xavier
P.O. Box 70
Kahnawake, Quebec
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Kateri will then take good care of you and your beloved ones on earth as in heaven.

Kateri Center News

Favors registered at the Kateri Center
from October 28, 1991 to February 3, 1992.

Alcoholic Problem Solved	3
Articles Found	3
Better Health	22
Business Problem Solved	1
Cures	14
Employment Found or Kept	1
Happy Death	20
Lodgings	3
Peace in Families	2
Peace at Work	1
Properties Bought or Sold	7
Safe Pregnancies	5
Safe Trips	8
Successful Studiess	6
Successful or Averted Operations	11
Temporal Favors	13
Spiritual Favors	1



Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or more

Mr. Joseph Semanchik, Vergennes, VT, 40.

A new Look

Kateri is going along with the fashion: here I come slimmer! This will come to you as no surprise when you think of the recession which is hitting everyone. Less pages will mean a saving in paper, in stamps, and... in the energy of the Vice-Postulator. We will try to keep Kateri well dressed, in good shape. Your suggestions, please!

Kateri Band Club

The Vice-Postulator is really proud of this Club. He boasts about it everywhere. All members are on the same footing. It is not a locked-up club. He doesn't forget the potential members. All friends of Kateri are in his heart, on the 17th of April.

Kateri Center News

Golden Jubilee

50 years of marriage' of religious life is an ordinary event today. As for my 50 years as a Jesuit I would willingly hush it up, if it were not for my great desire of telling the whole world how the Lord is good. He chose me. He overwhelmed me with his graces during 50 years, I have to say "Thank you!"

I would like to tell the youth of today in a special way what 50 years as a religious represents as gifts, joy and fulfillment, without me deserving it.

It is He who does everything with the vase of clay that we are often times so rebellious. It is not



easy to let oneself be shaped to His image...

I would like to associate all my relatives, benefactors and friends (all those who are part of my life) in this celebration, as long as they help me to thank the Lord for all His graces. May those who have a rich voice sing with me my gratitude to the Lord.

If someone would like to show their appreciation for these 50 years of service, may they be assured that all gifts or donations will be allocated to promote Kateri's Cause.

My soul magnifies the Lord!

J.B., s.j.



Anniversaries in Kahnawake

- The Saint-Francis-Xavier Mission opened its doors 325 years ago (1667) at its first site, 24 km downstream, at Laprairie.
- The building of the 5th and last mission church started at the present site, 275 years ago, in 1717.
- The Jesuits (the Society of Jesus, after being suppressed by the Vatican in 1773 and restored in 1814) returned to Canada, 150 years later, in 1842. They resumed their ministry at the Mission in 1903.

Testimonies of Favors obtained

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D.M.N.!

Since the death of my wife, I have had an alcohol problem. With prayers to Blessed Kateri I have been led to Alcoholics Anonymous and am now on the road to recovery. Also my son was out of work for almost a year and now he has a full time job...

(Windsor, Ont.)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G.L.!

I prayed to Blessed Kateri that my daughter would have a safe trip home and she did. Plus my cat was very sick and the Vet thought that it had cancer. They tested her and found that she did not have cancer.

(Dayton, ME)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. I.S.!

Enclosed is a check for ten dollars in thanksgiving for favors received. My husband was cleared of all symptoms of tuberculosis. Our thanks to all of you for your prayers.

(Albuquerque, NM)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. Y.G.!

Enclosed is an offering of twenty dollars for two safe trips, and also for the good news that my niece did not have cancer. She was told by her doctor that she had cancer and when the report came back it was benign, so again thanks to my little Kateri. I am now praying for a job for my husband. I know she will help him. Praying every day to her and also for her canonization.

(Bristol, CT)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.S.C.!

Many thanks to Blessed Kateri for helping my daughter find work.

(Campbellton, NB)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. T.L.!

Enclosed is a small offering of five dollars that I promised Kateri for her intercession. She has answered many prayers for me, the most recent was that I asked her to help me sell my car and she answered that prayer. I pray for her canonization every day.

(Springfield, TN)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Miss J. O'N.!

Enclosed is a thank-you of twenty dollars to Kateri for once again helping me to successfully complete a difficult course of study and also for guiding me in a recent job change. I have added five dollars for my subscription to Kateri, plus postage.

(Milton, MA)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G.C.!

Enclosed please find a check for fifteen dollars to thank Kateri for safe travels for my family. She is so good to us.

(Brunswick, ME)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. M.C.S.!

I want to thank Kateri for a speedy recovery from a severe kidney complaint which I suffered from exposure to cold. I promised publication if cured, and I was cured completely in one week. I did not see a doctor as I'm a nurse myself. I put myself in Kateri's hands and she did not fail me.

(Killarney' Eire)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B.W.!

Enclosed is a check for five dollars as an offering for a favor received from Kateri. Because of financial reverses, I couldn't meet the payments of property tax. I said a prayer to Kateri and St. Anthony and received the money from an unexpected source, and I thank Kateri.

(Martville, NY)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. M.J.!

My son, who has been until very recently a New York State employee, has had his position terminated due to budget cuts. He applied for another job with New York State that was opened but which he was not very well qualified for... There were also sixty-five other applicants. We started praying and making promises to God through the intercession of Kateri. When he was interviewed he was looked upon favorably and was among the five who were considered. After many prayers and asking Kateri for help, if it was the Will of God that he should receive this position, he was chosen for the position, just when he had just about given up hope and was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. I know this was a miracle brought about by Kateri's and Brother Andre's intercession...

(West Chezy, NY)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F.M.!

I'm enclosing twenty-five dollars in cash for favors received from our Blessed Kateri in thanksgiving for making a safe trip to our four Canadian Shrines. I ask Blessed Kateri to pray for me as my health is not too good. May God bless you all at the Mission.

(North Cobalt, Ont.)

► Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.M.!

Enclosed is a check for ten dollars in thanksgiving for two special favors received. Through the intercession of Blessed Kateri, my son, who was very ill, has now recovered. We are still praying that he will have a complete recovery. Also, a very close friend, a marine, has safely returned home to his family and friends. Please pray for very important favors. A cure for my eyes and family peace.

(Fallston, MD)



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Born in April 1985
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*We need them to obtain from the
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