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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

Travels, travels... by land, air and sea. It's the trend nowadays. Liners, jumbo planes, huge Greyhound buses take you to the four corners of the planet. Not a few have travelled by car all over North America, from California to Alaska, from Vancouver to Newfoundland, from Florida through Texas, Arizona, making a detour to the marvelous Grand Canyon, to San Diego.

There is much talk now about trips to the moon, while the astronauts explore more extensively the planets which are closer to us. Travel agencies vie to sell the first tickets to outer space.

Our admiration goes out to our ancestors who reached our continents on frail embarcations; Christopher Columbus, Magellan, Jacques Cartier spent months to reach their far-away destinations. We tend to take pity on others who had poor access even to the rivers where canoes and rafts floated perilously - they were forcefully sedentary.

All were not to be pitied, for their spirit opened on the universe, their faith carried them much further than the seen reality. This is the privilege of spiritual souls. "Faith is a way to possess now what we hope for and to know the realities that we don't see." (Hebrews 11,1)

Kateri lived her faith. She was faith itself. Even if she only made one long trip by canoe from the valley of the Mohawks to La Prairie on the Richelieu River, the majestic Saint Lawrence River on the banks of which she lived till her death, brought her to the Atlantic, to reach in spirit and dream the countries of origin of the missionaries and of the Holy City, heart of Christendom.

Kateri, "mystic of the forests" as she was, would go back to her Creator while adoring the splendor of God reflected in His Creation. If she saw that much with her eyes, what would heaven be!

Kateri would have liked to attend Mass every day - her mass over the world. She could even discover in this great cosmic act the reality of the Triumphant Church in heaven, of the Suffering Church in purgatory and of the Militant Church on the earth. The same with Theresa of the Infant Jesus who offered herself for the mission fields in Egypt or in Vietnam, though sickness stopped her from going. In her monastery, she trotted around the globe, so little compared to the immensity of the universe. But she often took off in her spaceship...

May we travel "spiritually" at a low cost, but with greater profit in this universe created for us to enjoy.

Every human being is a citizen of the planet Earth. Every Christian is a citizen of the universe and may we travel in all directions till the day when we will fall in our Father's arms.

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator



The Garakontie Roll

GARAKONTIE was the missionaries helper in Onondaga. After his baptism, he never committed a wilful fault, and in spite of the clamors of a faithful but scolding wife, showed in the woods of America a character worthy of the primitive Church, by the wondrous union of magnanimous virtues, and those "little virtues" which give peace and confidence to all around.

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Father Tom Egan S.J.

(December 10, 1920 - April 24, 1994)

Father Tom Egan as much as he wanted to remain as parish priest in the Mohawk Parish of St Regis, Ont. (a parish spanning Ontario, Quebec and New York) went to heaven on April 24, 1994.

He understood that his new task was to be in heaven to continue working for Kateri's canonization. Before he passed away, he would have said with his usual humor:

"Father McBride and Béchard are up there trying to get Kateri



Msgr Paul Lenz, Patricia O'Rourke and Chet Adams pray before the tomb of Fr. Tom Egan at Auriesville.

canonized. I'm eager to join them so I can throw my weight around (Fr TOM was a stout man) to achieve the goal!"

Father was the visible Church everywhere. He had taught to

the youth in High School before he served as military chaplain in Germany and in Vietnam. On his return to the United States he was assigned to the National Shrine of Kateri in Auriesville, where so many pilgrims saw him.

He was present everywhere, beaming smiles and greeting everybody. This is why so many remember him.

Many priests and parishioners showed up at his funeral mass in Saint-Regis, on April 27. Many Knights were there to render him honor.

After the final military salute, his coffin was hushed off for Auriesville where he was put to rest with his fellow-Jesuits after a moving Burial Mass in the Mohawk Valley where he had served during 00 years.

A native of Amsterdam N.Y. Many local priests attended the celebration, along with Bishop Hubbard of Albany.

His younger brother Dick was the one to say the final goodbye, after the many goodbyes he had told him during his life.

Goodbye, Fr Egan and don't forget to throw your weight around up there so we can get Blessed Kateri canonized soon.

Jacques Bruyère S.J.

A seismology station called Kateri

That day, Fr. Bécard was talking to me about Kateri. He was endless. I told him: "Your Kateri, I'll take time for her when she finds me a protector for my seismology station."

Our federal government allowances had been suppressed. As I had decided to computerize our instruments, we had to solve three problems: money, instruments and scientific knowledge.

Right away, Kateri came to our rescue. We had rendered visible an earthquake on our computer. T.V. had shown it on its channels. To accomplish this, we had to invent and assemble amplifiers and filters. Surprised by our success, a specialist in instrumentation came to see us.

We told him that out of six amplifiers, three gave us satisfactory results, while the others left us unsatisfied. Our visitor stared at us and said: "I can supply you with three amplifiers of high quality to replace those which are not adequate." Kateri had just found the protector we needed.

Subsequently, he took at heart the progress of the station. Every time a need was felt, he showed up with the appropriate instruments, as if he was guided by Kateri. Thanks to him, our station was enriched gradually with many instruments of great value.

Amongst many others, here's an example of what seems to me an intervention of Blessed Kateri. We had to acquire a multimeter,

but in the catalogues, that we consulted, nothing could be an answer to our wishes. Here once more, our protector intervened. He took out of his baggage the instrument that we badly needed, saying: "Maybe this could be of help to you!"

In two circumstances, sums of money that we needed fell in our hands, as by enchantment. Wasn't this again Kateri's intervention?

We had just realized that our station, in order to survive, needed to add \$8,000 to its fund, which was its only source of revenue. A few days had just passed by when a benefactor offered us this amount to be remitted to us \$2,000 at a time in the course of one year.

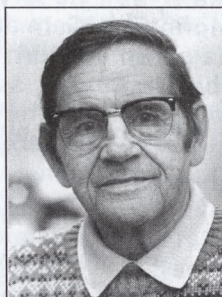
Meeting our protector again, he exercised so much pressure on us to change our computer, which according to him was not giving a good performance.

An expense of \$10,000. We finally told him that we did not have that much money, but if we happened to find such a sum, we would fulfill his desire. The next day, we met an acquaintance who told us: "Go and buy it. I guarantee you the money within a year."

After all these happenings, how can we not be grateful to Kateri? We have named our station, "Kateri Seismology Station."

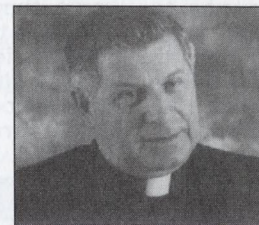
Long live Kateri! ■

Paul-Emile Tremblay, S.J.



Buildings bridges... and wading through the water

When I came to the North as a young missionary, in 1960, we had 62 Oblate fathers. Today, I have only 10 Oblates for 40 missions. So one of our main problems in the North is the shortage of vocations. And, because of our small population, the culture and the modern way of life, I don't foresee native vocations for quite a few years.



and that's a big problem in the North.

There are other problems, as well. Physically, materially speaking, the missionaries are at ease. We have good houses, heated by fuel. We have food. It's expensive because everything is flown in, but materially we are in good

shape. The problem is rather more of a psychological and spiritual nature: divisions between young people and elders, violence in the homes, sexual abuse, and above all alcoholism. On top of that you have welfare killing the spirit of the people. Today, if you have welfare cheques coming in every week or month, the people just sit and wait for them.

So, growing in responsibility and leadership is a very slow process, but gradually we're getting there. I'm encouraged, anyway.

A Formation Centre in the diocese - developing native leadership

To develop religious leadership the diocese has also established a Formation Centre in Yellowknife, which officially opened in September 1992. Here we can take up to 35 people for sessions, workshops, seminars in bible, liturgy, singing, spirituality. And the native people come to study and to be trained and educated in the faith. It is through this that we hope we will get some vocations.

In our program, we do not specialize in married people with a view to ordaining them as deacons, because from listening to my missionaries. I have learned that it is better not to do so. Our native people have been used to having a priest in charge. If we bring in

"Our approach is to develop religious leadership"

In general, our people are very well disposed, and believe the church is on their side. Because the missionaries have lived with them since 1847, sharing their table, going to the bush with them, paddling with them, they consider them a class of people apart.

In one way, there is a negative aspect to that: maybe we have catered too much to them, so that today it's very hard to say, «Hey, it's your church. It's your responsibility. You have to take charge.» In the past, we may have created a welfare church, very dependent on the mission. And today I'm trying to say, "You're responsible. You do the readings, you give communion, you teach catechism to your kids. You elders, prepare your young couples for marriage."

We get positive reactions to these challenges. We also get criticism. Our people say, «The old missionaries didn't use to do that. Why should we take marriage preparation?» We respond that society has changed: "You used to travel by dog team. Today, you travel by plane; you have skidoos." We struggle with them in their loss of identity, self-respect, self-pride. They have become very dependent -

Buildings bridges... (con't)

deacons, they will think it's a kind of priest and not get involved. Instead, we try to provide a general program to prepare anyone to become more aware of their faith, to make it more meaningful and to get involved in the delivery of the faith to their own people.

So the goal of our program is to develop a local church. We had a Synod in the diocese, in 1991, in which we drafted 18 resolutions. The main resolution was to develop a local and incultured church, with a local native leadership. And that's why the Centre is exactly on that line, to develop and create, so to speak, a native church.

Bringing back native spiritual traditions

The Dene people are basically very religious. However, they do not have a rich cultural background because they have lived a nomadic life. As a result, they have never had a community. They have developed a few rites, however, like the drum, which is extremely important for them, and which we are trying to use as much as possible in our liturgies.

They are, as I say, a very religious people. They believe in dreams and visions, so we can build on that. Their spirituality is one of nature. They consider nature as spiritual, a gift from the Great Spirit which they have to use for their own good, to respect and take care of - not to change. A white man will come to a stream; he will build a bridge to cross it. A native person will just wade through it. That's quite a different spirituality. We white people say we like to transform, to adapt. For native people, there's more of a respect and admiration for nature.

At the same time, however, they have many elements that we can build on, that they bring naturally

to their Christian faith. In fact, the Christian faith was easy for them to adopt. When the first missionaries came, they were open and kind of awaiting them. They respected the missionaries; they loved them. They carried them on their dog sleds, their canoes. That's why, when the missionaries came, the Dene got baptized. You'll read in the Codex Historicus (a diary kept by the missionaries) that as many as 70 names of baptized persons would be recorded in one single day. It was as if the Christian faith was complementary to their own natural faith.

Yet, they haven't developed a liturgy of their own, like you may have, for example, in Africa - which is very rich. There is just the drum; and we are working at the language, written by French missionaries according to the way it sounded to their ears. So we're just building slowly what we could consider a native culture.

The role of the church, when it comes to developing a faith, is to take what there is in a given culture and kind of complete and spiritualize it according to the Gospel. To do that you have to be a native: to feel like a native, believe like a native and act as a native. The role of the church is to help them become aware of who they are and what they could become as Christians, and to share that with the rest of Canada, the rest of the world. ■

Mgr Denis Crotteau
O.M.I.

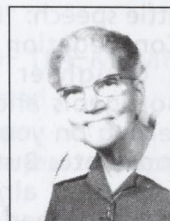
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"See the Pope and... die"! Sister Evangéline Binette C.N.D.

(April 8, 1994)

Sister Binette was one of the right hands of Fr Henri Béchard at the Kateri Center on Rachel St, from 1971 till 1986. Before her burial on April 12, Sr Fernande Charbonneau did not fail to underline that at the Mother House of the Congregation of Notre-Dame:



"Your devotedness was for every minute, every second, she said, under a radiant sun or facing snow blizzards or hail amidst thunder and lightnings: nothing would stop you from going to the Center where during many years, in company of the no less audacious Fr Béchard of regretful memory, you accomplished works which would hasten the holy cause of the likeable Kateri Tekakwitha.

You equipped yourself accordingly. When you went out in early morning, under menacing clouds, no one could identify you as a C.N.D. nun. You wore those enormous men's boots with huge male pants tucked into your boots. The superior adjustment looked neither like a coat, nor an afghan, nor I don't know what... but what did it matter? It's not the cowl that makes the monk. The important thing for

you was to get to the Center and try to help there with pride, knowing that you were rendering service to the Church. You were like a bee gathering with composure the pollen of the doings and actions of this pure native lily, who came from the Mohawk nation...

Then sick during eight years in the infirmary, Kateri was always present with you, you have, through suffering prayer and all sorts of nights put the mystical seal on this so strong a tie which united you to Kateri. How she must have welcomed you at the door of heaven!"

Yes, you must have been well received in heaven, on this 8th day of April, not only by Kateri but also by Fr Béchard and all the devoted volunteers of the Kateri Center.

Sr Binette had related with great enthusiasm her journey to Rome when she attended Kateri's Beatification. "To see the Pope and.. to die! she wrote, quoting the old Simeon. "It's a dream I had never made. Who could have convinced me that one day I would shake hands with the famous and extraordinary Pope John-Paul II. When Fr Béchard broke the news to me that Father Provincial had bought me a ticket

"See the Pope and... die"! Sister Evangéline Binette C.N.D. (con't)

(April 8, 1994)

to Italy, I believed it was a joke. As he remained serious, I hastened to explain him my incapacity of making such a trip, as much as I felt old and would certainly be in the way of other pilgrims... He gave me one calm answer: "Just pray to God!" This is how it happened that after three-fourths of a century on this planet, I celebrated my 75th birthday in Rome, on April 22, the very day that Kateri was beatified."

"The day before the great feast, after having visited the main monuments of the Eternal City, we attended a session of preparation. Fr Béchard told us his admiration for her deep faith, the spirit of silent peace of dear little Kateri Tekakwitha and the sanctity she practiced by her example...

April 22: **Beatification.** Having arrived a little late at Saint Peter's Square, I had to settle for the last empty seat. This humble gesture made me deserve a laissez-passer, favor of an usher who invited me to follow him.

So I was to see the Pope. In company of a Sister of St-Ann, an Indian by the name of Kateri, I followed the group and happened to be beside Fr Léon Lajoie, Pastor of Kahnawaké. While waiting to see the Pope, I prepared my

little speech: "I'm a sister of the Congregation of Notre-Dame, a daughter of Marguerite Bourgeois and our Sisters are relying on you to canonize her soon, etc. But when my turn came up I already knew that the Pope had to shake hands with 300 persons so he only expected me to say why I was chosen for this audience. So I said very simply: I've been working for Kateri's Cause for 10 years. The Pope noticing my French accent exclaimed: "So, you're from Canada!" Already Father Paul Mollinari, the General Postulator, was taking me away from this ecstatic vision. I forgive him for doing so since it was his duty: take the hand of the Pope then pass it along as soon as possible to the next happy neighbor. At least my ecstasy had lasted a few seconds - which I will never forget. "I had seen the Pope and... I could die".

Many thanks to Sister Evangéline Binette for her faithfulness to the Cause, till the end. Assuredly she's continuing, I don't know in what garb, to help the Cause. May she rest in peace... she has already seen Her Lord!"■

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.

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your membership in the
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- Be a friend of Kateri
- Promote her Cause
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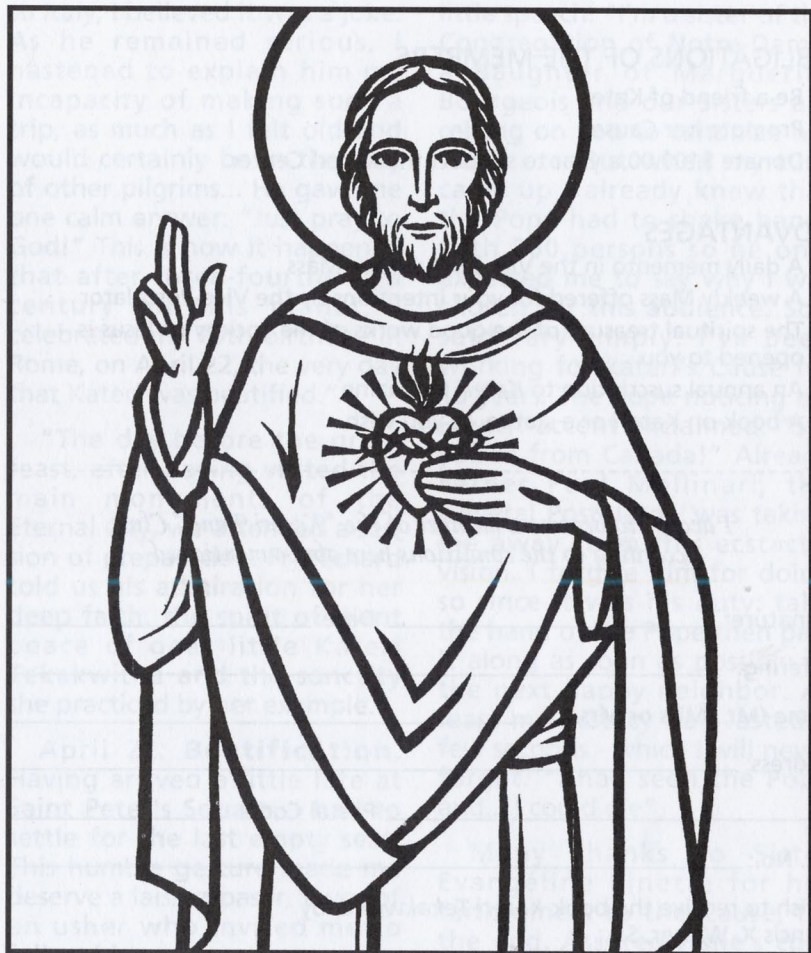
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Solemnity of the feast of the Sacred Heart

June 10, 1994



Drawing by: WILLIAM CLADEK

A daily / Morning offering,

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you all my prayers, works,
joys and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice
of the Mass throughout the world, for all the causes
You have at heart, in reparation for my sins,
for our associates, and for the Holy Father's Intentions...
Amen.

The Heart of Jesus

*Invitatory The Heart of Jesus, wounded for love of us!
Come, let us adore.*

HYMN

Your Heart, O Jesus, is the Ark
That holds the law of love and grace;
No more the slavish law of old -
The law of mercy takes its place.
Your Heart is now the temple new,
More holy than the one of old;
No more with veil that tears apart,
But veil of love as pure as gold.
'Twas love that willed your Heart be pierced,
So that the open wound exposed
The secret pledges of your love
Which deep within your Heart reposed.
See how the sinless Heart of Christ,
Because of all our sins and hate,
Has suffered death and ridicule,
Though he did not deserve such fate.
Your Church came from your wounded Heart
That you might sinful man renew
With seven streams of grace and love,
The gateways of our way to you.
How shameful not to give up sin!
Much better to accept the love
Which prompted Christ to die for us,
Which he shares with us from above.
O Jesus, glory be to you,
Your Heart with love does overflow;
All praise give to the Father, God,
The same to God the Spirit show.
Amen.

*Prayer Merciful Father, hear our prayer and grant that we
who find our joy in the Heart of your beloved Son
as we recall his blessings to us may ever receive abundant
grace from that same heavenly source.
This we ask of you.*

Veneration of the Saints

Veneration of the saints is something distinctively Catholic. It is something we should understand well ourselves and be able to defend when questioned about it. Why do we honor saints? We honor saints because the Bible honors saints and God Himself has honored them. It is most natural that, if we believe in life after death, we believe also that our loved ones who have gone before us are somewhere where they can be in contact with Almighty God. The people who have gone before us have had problems similar to our own. They reflect various aspects of God's goodness, kindness and beauty. They are his friends. they are with Him in eternity.

Temporal intercession

If you know a friend who knows the boss from whom you want something, how natural it is to ask your friend to see if he can obtain it for you. We constantly do this day after day on earth. Why should we not continue to do it after a person has left this world? He is still interested in his interests on earth and he is still interested in us.

So why do we honor the saints?

- 1) They are God's friends.
- 2) They have added to life; some by their knowledge, some by their culture, all by teaching us how to live rightly.
- 3) They have achieved the highest distinction-union with God for all eternity.

Who are the Saints?

Who are the saints? The saints are those who by their good lives have reached heaven, whose union with God is ascertained by miracles and



their veneration is approved by the Church after adequate proof that they are with God. Those are the saints that can be venerated publicly. There is no reason why you cannot pray to your mother who has died or your father who has died, asking if they are in a position to do so, to obtain something from God for you.

What is the process by which one becomes a saint on the Calendar of the Church?

The individual whose fame for sanctity is well known is brought to the attention of the authorities of the Church and they entitle this person as "venerable." That means that he can be venerated in the community in which he lived. There is no assurance yet that he is in heaven, but this veneration, this praying to him or her is a process by which people find out whether or not this person has special influence with God.

Beatification: The person at this stage is called "Blessed". This means that he can be venerated publicly in the area in which he lived. For example, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. She is venerated now in the United States and Canada. It is hoped that someday we will have sufficient proof of the answers to prayers through her intercession that she is a saint.

Canonisation:

The individual is now called a "saint" and may be venerated publicly throughout the world, on all the altars of our Church.

We have the infallible guarantee of the Church that this person is now in heaven and is truly with God and can ask God for favors for us.

You may say, "Why do we not go to God directly?" We are certainly free to do so whenever we wish. However, some people like to go to intermediaries who have something in common with them on earth and they feel that they will understand better what their problem is, and God will pay particular attention to them because the matter of concern falls into their "department." Saints are often made patrons of certain professions or certain activities on earth.

How do we venerate saints? By imitating their example, by praying and asking their intercession for us, by dedicating churches, schools, institutions, even cities, streets and islands to them, and by revering their statues and relics.

We must remember that we do not pray to the statue or relic, but we pray to the saint. the statue merely keeps our attention on the saint.

Veneration is not adoration

There is an immense difference, not only of degree but of kind, in the honor that we give to saints and the honor we give to God. We adore God acknowledging Him as the Supreme Being and we pray to Him, asking Him to answer our prayers directly.

On the other hand, we honor the saints, and in doing so we honor God who has made the saints what they are. We ask the saints to go to God for us, not to give us anything of themselves. They ask God for us.

Why do Catholics have statues, crucifixes, relics and pictures? It is a very human thing to do, is it not?

All of our cities have statues of heroes of our country to remind us

to imitate their national virtues, their patriotism, their love of country, etc.

You have pictures of your loved ones in your home, and possibly in your wallet. Why? Because you love them, you love to see them, to be reminded of them. It is for similar reasons that we have pictures of the saints in our homes and in our churches.

An authentic relic has to have documents with it saying that this is actually a relic of a saint. It may be a part of the body or the whole body of the saint, a first class relic.

A second class relic would be the instruments of torture or clothes - or things used by the saint. Again, it is a very human kind of thing to bring ourselves closer to the saint.

When I went to Ars, I used the chalice of the great St. John Vianney and wore his vestments. It was a privilege, I thought, to use the things that so holy a priest used.

The bodies of saints, of course, were temples of the Holy Spirit on earth and so we honor these bodies in death as we honor the bodies of relatives and friends by reverently burying them. ■

By most rev.

Jerome J. Hastrich
National President

«World Apostolate of Fatima»



Blessed Kateri shows the way

Here's a genuine story of a lady-painter, much in love with Kateri, half-blind like her, who adventured to make a painting of Tekakwitha. This painting is now hanging in the little museum of The Shrine in Kahnawake and many people intrigued maybe by the darkness of its colors (one side is particularly black) would like to know the story behind it.

Jean Hersh, the painter, passed away October 2, 1987. Her two sons, Leonard and Charles brought the painting to the Mission on May 28, 1990. As she was blind, while working on her piece of art, she had to ask the boys if the colors were appropriate. Even the one side of the painting is so dark that it shows the black side of her life... as she grew older, getting close to God's light, when things must have brightened up for her.

After completion, Jean told her boys that this painting should go to Kateri's Shrine. After three years, the brothers decided that the painting should be finally placed at the Shrine. They left New Jersey, one morning, for the Shrine, not knowing where they were going except that they were on their way to Quebec, Canada, "going out to taste French cuisine" as they laughingly explained, thinking seriously that this was going to be a "wild goose" chase, but at least, they will have done their mother's will and accomplish her last desire. But in reality, in their hearts, they felt it was a lost cause before starting.

The customs officer asked them what they were bringing over to Canada. "A saint"! they answered. "A live one? Are there still live ones today?" "Well, said the boys, for our mother, she was so much alive..."

As it turned out, Kateri was guiding them, leading them to her last desti-



nation. The Hersh brothers arrived in Montreal. They inquired here and there about the whereabouts of the Shrine of Kateri. No one had an answer. They finally decided to look in a directory under the title of Parishes, saw an English name, called and to their amazement, Father said: "Oh! you are closer to the Shrine than you think. You are about ten miles away."

"After their short telephonic conversation, they called at the Shrine in Kahnawake, and our good and effective secretary, Mrs Françoise Bruyère, answered their questions: "Why are you calling the Shrine of Kateri? What makes you so special in connection with Kateri? How do we get there? When are you opened?" After receiving this information they finally decided, yes, this has to be the place. Yes, Kahnawaké, here we come! They arrived at the Shrine around 3:30 p.m., on a beautiful sunny day with the mothers's painting. We chatted over a cup of coffee to be told the extraordinary event of their trip. They were full of joy, thankful to Kateri for her guidance and convinced that she is alive (as their mother always said) keeping the promise that she made on her death-bed: "I will come to the help of those who seek."

Our Pastor of the day, Fr. Leon Lajoie s.j. after learning of the history of the painting, soon had the painting put up in the small souvenir room where it can be seen by all those who come to the shrine.

We are most grateful to Mrs Jean Hersh, the painter, and to those who delivered the masterpiece, Dr Leonard Hersh from New York and his brother, Mr Charles Hersh from New Jersey.

Thank you and may our dear Blessed Kateri smile upon you for a job well done!

Sr Rosalyne G. s.s.a.

KATERI CENTER NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from February 2 to May 6, 1994.

Articles Found	6
Better Health	10
Business Problem Solved	1
Cures	12
Employment Found or Kept	10
Financial Aid	1
Lodgings	4
Properties Bought or Sold	7
Safe Pregnancies	2
Safe Trips	5
Successful Studies	3
Successful or Averted Operations	10
Temporal Favors	10

Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

Mrs. Irène Poll, Montreal, Qc, 36; Mr. Edouard Toutant, St. Hyacinthe, QC, 58, Rev. Leo Raymond, Lachute, QC, 37; A Sister of Mary Reparatrix, Montreal, QC, 35.

Kateri's Feastday in Kahnawaké

On April 17, at 9 a.m.: snow. At 10 a.m.: rain. At 12 p.m., before the celebration, a sun galore. Then the swords of the many Knights in full regalia - 40 strong with a few daughters of Isabella - from Plattsburg, Montreal and Kahnawaké, shone in the scented air.

Entering the church, the crowd was surprised to find Bishop Bernard Hubert "transformed" into F. John Walsh... (because of illness, it is the first time in 16 years, that the Bishop misses this day). Fr Walsh asked for group identification: Philipinos, Indians from India, Americans from Virginia, Maine, New York, Canadians from Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal and Lachine, and of course many people from Kahnawaké.

The church was filled with Kateri's friends and the Mohawk Mixed Choir filled the hearts of all the lovely mellow sounds. As usual, all the hymns were sung in Mohawk and one could only recognize a few words, as "Arreria" and "Kateri Tekakwitha". All this coloration of people would have

pleased Kateri who, loved everybody because of her love of the cross. Hence she believed that the Lord crucified came to save every one.

The liturgy prepared by Fr Louis Cyr S.J., the pastor, was most impressive with Indian rites introduced in the Mass. Fr Walsh in his monily, pointed out the actuality of Blessed Kateri. Kateri, half-blind from measles, holding her cape to shade her from the intensity of the sun, even having tricks played on her as she cared for the Longhouse, she began to be known as Tekakwitha, "she who stumbles," all the while she grew in her love for her people and her love for Jesus. Kateri is known as the Lily of the Mohawks, the Lily sign of the great Easter message we have just celebrated, that death has no hold over us, there is victory in the Resurrection, there is life after death, there is life on earth which even when we stumble we will be forgiven. Kateri Tekakwitha is our perfect example, we who are stumbling can be assured that Jesus will always forgive us. Kateri, of the Turtel Clan, Lily of the Mohawks, Blessed of the Church and soon to be Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. The lover of the cross of Jesus, here on the banks of the Saint-Lawrence River, here at Kahnawake, here in this church where she remains the example, par excellence, the example of the Nation of the Mohawks and for the whole world."

After the ceremony, all participants were invited to come forward and venerate the relic of Blessed Kateri. A lovely token of respect and faith to a saint who never asked for that but who must be happy seeing her own people and so many friends brought to Jesus by her.

After this spiritual banquet followed another in the Kateri Hall. As usual, all this abundance - there were "seconds" - was prepared by discreet volunteers and the bill paid even more quietly by the Knights of Columbus of Kahnawake.

Blessed Kateri, pray for us!

Jacques Bruyère S.J.

Testimonies of favors obtained

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

The enclosed two cheques are for two favors obtained. My daughter was suffering from a very severe pain in her back along with a worn out disc and she was so discouraged. She really was at her wits end. In the meantime I was reading your last bulletin and here is a man giving testimony and thanking Kateri for taking away a severe pain in his back. So immediately I said to Kateri: "If you can help this man, you can also help my daughter." Then I made my daughter read the testimony and she asked the same thing. Well believe it or not the next day, not 24 hours after, as she was watching T.V. her pain left her and she felt a great relief come over her. She couldn't believe it, but it happened. So as promised we are both sending in our twenty-five dollars as promised. I have great faith in Kateri, Our Lord and Blessed Mary. Pray for us both also for another big favor. Thank you for your prayers.

(Alexandria, ONT)

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

On October 31, 1993 I had a bad fall which shattered my ankle very badly which needed an operation. I sent an offering in thanksgiving for a successful operation. Then, I promised an offering of five dollars for being able to be put in a walking cast, after nine weeks of not being able to set foot on this ankle. Thank you.

(Virginia Beach, VA)

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

Enclosed is a small cheque in thanksgiving to Kateri for the many times she has helped us. Would you please remember us in your prayers. My husband who was hospitalized because of his dialysis is now back home and we both thank Kateri for seeing us through some difficult times.

(St. John's, NF)

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

I've been praying to Blessed Kateri for many years. Enclosed is a check for five dollars, a donation I promised her if life became easier for me. May Blessed Kateri be raised to sainthood soon. Thank you.

(Scarsdale, NY)

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

The enclosed ten dollars is for a favor obtained. I had a place where I really wanted to go and there was a big storm coming. I promised ten dollars to Blessed Kateri if I could go before the storm got here. I got to the place and returned home safely. Thank you Blessed Kateri.

(Campbellton, NB)

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

Please find enclosed a cheque for seventy-five dollars for Kateri's Cause. I pray for Blessed Kateri's canonization three times daily. I believe she is a Saint in heaven. I pray to Blessed Kateri to intercede for me and my family. Last spring I had a knee operation and the operation went well; the specialist told me he did not have to remove my knee cap. He said he placed an artificial support in my knee to

prevent it from hurting when I walk. My last check-up was good and I won't have to see the specialist again.

(Regina, SASK.)

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

During my recent hospital stay I prayed to Kateri that my tests would be negative. As usual my prayers were answered. She has seen me through many problems and when I place my trust in her I feel a great comfort. She is a saint in every way and in appreciation I am enclosing a donation.

(Erie, PA)

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

I met you last summer and spoke to you after services about my sister (a liver transplant patient). She had rejection problems and I prayed to Kateri and now all is well.

(Rockville Centre, NY)

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

Enclosed is a check for fifteen dollars... Kateri has helped me in so many ways. I pass along information about her to others. Through Kateri's intercession, my husband and I have a beautiful daughter, C. Kateri. Kateri answered our prayers for a child when the doctors told us we could not have any. We will always be indebted to her and pray for her sainthood. Thank you very much.

(Saddle Brook, NJ)

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

Please accept my check for twenty dollars in thanksgiving for favours received. My daughter got a good job and found a nice apartment in a safe area. I know Blessed Kateri has helped... I will continue to pray daily for the canonization of Blessed Kateri.

(Hamilton, ONT.)

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

Thank you so much once again for all your prayers. I must tell you my husband had cancer of the lung, he had the lung removed and recovered very well. He is fine and back to work. The doctors told him that they'll never see a case like his again. I'm sure Kateri was there for him. I'm sending a check to be used where it's needed most.

(Bristol, CT)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for answering my prayers. My daughter took a Board Exam and prayers to Kateri helped her pass. I will continue praying to Kateri to help her find a job.

(Baltimore, MD)

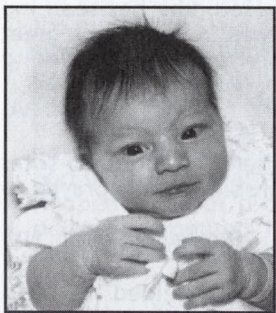
✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L. F.!

Enclosed is a check in thanksgiving for favors received from Kateri. My husband and I have had major surgery and now are doing extremely well. Hoping she will keep us in good health for a long time.

(North Providence, RI)

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

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Kateri Marie Dowling
March 15, 1994
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