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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

There is a Christian message of disconcerting simplicity which takes its authentic value in the Bible. It has a hard way to find its way into the hearts of the Christians of today. It is too simple to be true.

The Lord has said: My word is not for the sages and learned of this world but for those who have the simplicity of children. "Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven. You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."

This same message has been repeated by the Blessed Virgin, and at Lourdes, at Fatima and at Medjugorje. After all, what is this message? "Pray and make penance."

Bernadette at Lourdes heard it from the mouth of the Blessed Virgin, the Immaculate Conception. The visionaries of Fatima from the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Finally the apparitions of the Virgin at Medjugorje and elsewhere does but stress this same message.

Pray and do penance. To pray is to accept the existence of God and His presence in our lives. It is a conversation with the one who wants us to be faithful to Him as He Himself is in His promises.

To do penance is nothing else then forgetting oneself to do His will, or to carry our cross following Christ who chose suffering to save us all. We must then believe that we will be saved if we accept all sufferings lovingly.

To accept what happens to us with faith and love: this is doing penance. This is also imposing on us self-denial. This unites us to the Lord suffering in His passion and making reparation for our sins.

Kateri practised both kind. She received more then her share of vexations from her own people in Ossernon, especially in regard to the practice of her religion. But she knew the salvific value of those, she who during all her life had "the love of the cross."

Fr Henri Béchard in his last book on Kateri reminds us that she had taken as motto: Do what is most pleasing to God. "Kateri complained that Father was hiding from her things that he advised to others. Her alert and penetrating mind made her discover a part of it and she must have guessed the other half because her spiritual Father in order to satisfy her had given her a discipline and a small steal belt with long asperities that seemd to satisfy her extreme thirst for sufferings. We cannot imagine the penances that Kateri inflicted on herself, so much so that she considered herself as Marie the l'Incarnation the weakest and vile of creatures."

Kateri was also a prayerful person. After she had moved to the Saint Francis Xavier Mission she would attend Mass daily. She meditated on the Rosary. "Public devotions which scandled the days and weeks at the mission filled her heart with a soft joy. In the fields or in the forests, she conversed pleasantly with Jesus to avoid distracting thoughts from her love of God."

Pray and do penance: a very simple message? but which moulds saints.

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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Chippewa Legend of the Stars

Have you ever wondered just why the stars are scattered about the heavens and why you cannot see some of them as soon as you see others? Well, this story is one told by the Chippewa Indians to their children on winter evenings.

Many, many moons ago, the Keeper of the Stars set out on his nightly journey to set the stars in the heavens as a light to guide the travelers on the earth below. He carried the stars in a big bag. They were not heavy, but they were more like a big bag of feathers.

He had his pet fox along with him to keep him company. It was early; he set his bag down to rest and wondered where his friend, the comet, was. Now, Comet, being so swift and having no particular place in the sky, would take the Keeper of Stars on wild rides through the heavens, even to earth at times.

While the keeper was thinking about his friend, fox grabbed the bag of stars and started running as fast as he could.

Keeper of Stars started out after his pet; and the faster he ran, the faster the fox ran, thinking it was playtime. All the time, fox shook and shook the bag; and finally it fell open and stars rolled in all directions, all over the sky - in so many directions, the poor Keeper of Stars has never been able to gather them all up again.

So now he must walk many, many miles lighting each star with his pineknot torch. Some, he lights just as the sun is setting; and he has to keep going until they are all lighted, except sometimes in the winter when it is cold and the Keeper of Stars forgets to light some of them.

That is why some stars cannot be seen until almost morning and some of them in winter do not shine at all for many weeks.

Taken from INDIAN LEGENDS, told by Iron Eyes and Birdie Parker Cody



Grey Nuns

150 years in Manitoba

The testimony of two nuns teaching amongst the Indians.

On a bright day of 1955, the Innuits of Chesterfield Inlet, in the Northwest Territories, had the surprise of their life when they saw getting off the bush plane a queer crew. These four creatures astonishing in their long grey dresses, seemed really unfit for trips on ice floe.

110 years after the arrival of the first four pioneers in the colony of the Red River, the Grey nuns of Montreal despatched four new Sisters who would be on a teaching mission in the Far North.

"People were all smiles, very welcoming. Two days after my arrival, I took part in a whale hunt. I found the Innuits very skillful," wrote Sr G. Rocan.

The first Oblate Fathers had come to Chesterfield Inlet in 1912. The Grey nuns had followed some years later to take over the St Theresa's Hospital. As for the boarding school which opened its doors in 1954, its purpose was to teach education and religion to the most "promising" of the Innuits.

Out of the 80 pupils, 50 of them came from remote outposts. During 11 months, they were thus deprived of all physical contact with the family.

40 years later, Sr Rocan admitted "that it was hard for these kids". I feel it more now that I recall it. "The ideal was to have schools in all these outposts, but it was so hard to build. When I see the results, I can only say that we did our best in these conditions".

The conditions of those times: this often meant an ignorance of the Native culture. The school programs and books were not adapted to these

youngsters, but the missionaries taught in the Innu language. Sr Rocan regrets that she had not learn the culture and language of the Innuits before going to the Far North. I thought it was important to talk to the pupils in their own language."

The Innuits though had a right to half an hour of religion in Inuktitut and to some courses in syllabic writing. Unfortunately they could not learn from teachers born in their own milieu.

At the same time, Sr Marie-Ange Colette was working in the residential school of Fort Frances, Ont. "There I spent the best years of my life even though conditions were not too favorable. "You would mind 45 children, day and night, that's superhuman. I remember that we brought 90 little boys to bathe in the Lake. We were well organized and no accident happened. But when I look back today, it scares me!"

Like Sr Rosa, Sr Audette believes that she worked "in the spirit of those days." She recalls the Cowboy movies shown to the little Indians as a distraction. The more I think about it, the more I believe that things should have been done in a different way. We would learn more about Indian culture and we would not keep their children in boarding schools."

But when these two Sisters seem to doubt, they have but to think of the numerous testimonies of appreciation and gratefulness expressed by their pupils who today occupy high posts. "Our performance was 100%. We loved them really!" ■

*Laurent Gimenez
(Trad. JB)*

Pilgrimage in Kateri's Footsteps

(June 3-5)

After 314 years is it possible to retrace someone's footsteps? On Friday June 3rd, a bus full of pilgrims from Kahnawaké set out on this beautiful adventure. The goal was to find her at the Southern tip of Lake Champlain-in Crown Point, then at Lake George, and finally look for her in the Mohawk Valley, along the Mohawk River. Then we headed for Syracuse to feel the lovely presence of more Mohawks, Onondagas and Oneidas. But the highlight of the trip was to visit her birthplace in Ossernon (Auriesville) and her baptismal place in Kahnawaké (Fonda).

JUNE 3. The first stop was in Crown Point, by Lake Champlain, where there are so many practical boat landings, that Kateri must have



At Fort Sainte-Marie in Syracuse, N.Y.

halted to rest when she was fleeing her village with two Catholic Mohawk heading for the Mission of Laprairie. Mr Joseph Semanchik, a great devotee to Kateri met the group at the Sacred Heart Church where there is a painting of Kateri.

There he spoke to us of his canoe trip with Tom Constantino, from Fonda to Lake Champlain. His slides showed us his daring trip via the Mohawk River, Schroon Lake, Lake George and Lake Champlain. Many portages were necessary to link the Lakes. One can wonder how a young girl of 20, frail and half blind could accomplish such a hard journey. It meant a log of paddling, provision carrying, walking cautiously in the thick forests, sleeping with the mosquitoes and black flies buzzing around...

It's in Ticonderoga that Lake George empties in Lake Champlain. We could see the falls at a distance. Lake George baptized Lake of the Blessed Sacrament by Fr Isaac Jogues also talks to us about Kateri. It is a possible stop because of its sheltering and enchanting spots. We had Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in which one of the stained-glass windows is dedicated to Kateri. On the Church grounds there is also a niche with a remarkably well-carved statue of the Lily of the Mohawks...

Going to Albany meant visiting the New York Museum. The Native Section is an exhibition of Mohawk artifacts, historical tableaux and scenes depicting the way of life of these natives. Unfortunately half of the exhibits were lost in the fire of the old Museum in 1971.

Our resting place was in Amsterdam at the Valleyview Motel overlooking the Mohawk Valley and River. One could dream of the days when Kateri went strolling in these woods or canoeing, on some fishing or hunting expedition.

JUNE 4. At 9 a.m. departure for Syracuse by Route 90. The radiant sun enlightened the lovely scenery all along the route, till we arrived at Saint-Lucy's parish in Syracuse. The whole Tekakwitha Committee was there to greet us. Very proudly, Mrs Peggy Bova made us visit the newly

decorated Kateri Chapel, by the church. All the ornamentations were in Mohawk style relating to Kateri. After a Mass we were led to the Kateri Hall where a very special meal was served, a banquet "fit for nobles". Thank you Art and Peggy Bova.

A visit to the Fort Sainte Marie des Iroquois on Lake Onondaga was

appreciated the short film on Kateri presented by Brother Ken OFM Conv. The girl who personified Kateri was Julie Daniels from the Onondaga Reserve in Syracuse. What a fine revival of Kateri spirit!

We were expected at the Auriesville Shrine at 11 a.m. to celebrate Mass in the Kateri Chapel. What a good feeling thinking that we were



At the Sacred Heart Church in Lake George, N.Y.

very inspiring. It brought us back to 1657 and costumed craftsmen invited you to experience life as it was 350 years ago. It really was a "living history museum."

By 3 p.m. we arrived at the Oneida Reserve. On that day the Oneida people were inviting everybody to celebrate their culture: "Share the Day. Share the spirit of the Oneida people". The Shako-mi Cultural Center all built in log-cabin style and the exhibition of so many locally-made artifacts gave us a good idea of this rich culture. At 6 p.m. we were back in the Mohawk Valley...

JUNE 5. Another splendid day, "not too hot, not too cold", as the Chinese would say. First a visit to the National Kateri Shrine at Fonda where Kateri was baptized on April 5, 1676. Before the 11 o'clock Mass we had all the grounds to ourselves: the Chapel, the Museum, the Gift Shop... Our pilgrims particularly

trodding the earth where Kateri was born. Such a "burning babe" full of love for her Creator, for her Mohawk brothers and sisters for all the people of the world! After lunch we made a tour of the grounds where we discovered such a glorious past and the actual spoustolate of the Jesuits done in the Retreat House and the big Coliseum. The sight of the cemetery where Fr Tom Egan was recently buried with so many other New York Jesuits recalled many years of devotion to education and missionary work.

At 9 p.m. we were back in Kahnawaké right where the remains of Blessed Kateri repose in the Shrine. Her footsteps halted here. May we generously try to follow her footsteps. ■

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.

The Story of my Conversion

I will begin my story by saying that I am of Cherokee descent. For the past forty-two years I have lived the life of a pagan. I have broken everyone of God's Ten Commandments. Through the years I went to different churches: Methodist, Baptist, and Church of God. I didn't go for very long to any of them. I just didn't "find" anything in going to church.

My mother has never been baptized, and my father was baptized Episcopalian when he was a boy but in his adult life he never went to church. There has never been a Catholic in the family. I haven't been in a church of any kind for at least twenty-five years. In fact, when my husband and I were married we went to a justice-of-the-peace instead of a church. My husband was baptized as a baptist when he was younger, but does not go to church now.

Then our daughter was born. She attended public school for two years, but she was "bored to death" (she is quite gifted). This past September I pulled her out of public school and enrolled her in St. Leo Catholic school. In October my daughter's 2nd grade class had to pick out any Saint and write a report on them for all-Saints Day.

Since we were not Catholic we didn't know about too many of the Saints. We had heard about Elizabeth Seton so she was going to do her report about her. My daughter's teacher ask her had she picked out a Saint yet and my

daughter said yes, Elizabeth Seton. My daughter's teacher knew we were Native American and gave her a book on Kateri Tekakwitha. This is who my daughter did her report on. We had never heard of Tekakwitha!

I looked in my Concise Encyclopedia of The American Indian and found Tekakwitha in there. This was the beginning of my conversion. I read everything I could find on Tekakwitha. In December my seven years old daughter decided she wanted to be baptized Catholic. She wanted to go to heaven and she wanted to receive first communion with her class in the Spring.

After my daughter was baptized, I started taking her to church every Sunday. I can't believe what I found in the Catholic Church. I saw everything through Kateri's eyes. The Catholic Church became everything to me. I went to ask Wednesday, gave up sweets for lent and we ate fish every Friday. We went to all the Easter masses. Kateri brought me to the Catholic Church. Finally on May 14, 1994 I was baptized, confirmed (I chose Kateri for my confirmation) and received First Communion.

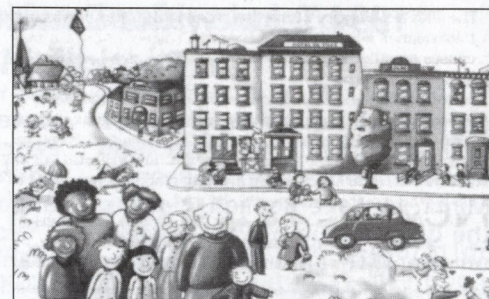
Now when I dance in Pow Wows, I dance for the Canonization of Kateri. I am proud to be Native American, and proud to be Catholic! Thank you Kateri for bringing God into my life. In my heart, you are already a Saint. ■

Madame Lin Harris



Lin Harris and daughter Heather.

Vatican proposes a family charter of rights



Following the 1980 bishops' synod in Rome, whose theme was The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, Pope John Paul II called for a charter for the rights of the family. One year later, in 1983, the charter was published.

The United Nations is currently drafting its own declaration on the rights of the family to coincide with the current International Year of the Family.

The Church's 1983 charter for the rights of the family is directed towards government institutions, men and women, and the whole Church. It is not regarded by the Church as an exposition of theological or moral dogma or as a code of conduct for individuals or institutions. It is simply a declaration of 12 theoretical principles concerning the family.

- 1) All persons have the right to the free choice of their state of life and thus to marry and establish a family or to remain single.
- 2) Marriage cannot be contracted except by the free and full consent of the spouses duly expressed.
- 3) The spouses have the inalienable right to found a family and to decide on the spacing of births and the number of children to be born, taking into full consideration their duties towards themselves, their children already born, the family and society, in a just hierarchy of values and in accordance with the objective moral order which excludes recourse to contraception, sterilization and abortion.
- 4) Human life must be respected and protected from the moment of conception.
- 5) Since they have conferred life on their children, parents have the

original, primary and inalienable right to educate them; hence they must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children.

- 6) The family has the right to exist and to progress as a family.
- 7) Every family has the right to live freely its own domestic religious life under the guidance of the parents, as well as the right to profess publicly and to propagate the faith, to take part in public worship and freely chosen programs of religious instruction, without suffering discrimination.
- 8) The family has the right to exercise its social and political function in the construction of society.
- 9) Families have the right to be able to rely on an adequate family policy on the part of public authorities in the juridical, economic, social, and fiscal domains, without any discrimination whatsoever.
- 10) Families have the right to a social and economic order in which the organization of work permits the members to live together, and does not hinder the unity, well-being, health, and the stability of the family, while offering also the possibility of wholesome recreation.
- 11) The family has the right to decent housing, fitting for family life and commensurate to the number of the members, in a physical environment that provides the basic services for the life of the family and the community.
- 12) The families of migrants have the right to the same protection as that accorded other families ■

Brian Boye, Catholic Times

1994 Tekakwitha Conference Aug. 4-8 in Bemidji, Minn.

What a nicer and more appropriate place to hold the Conference than at Bemidji, Minn., by Lake Bemidji, close to the giant statue of Paul Bunyan, on the 75th anniversary of the

were again performed, as the Peace Piper Ceremony on the opening night, by Deacon Don Goodwin, Objibwa.

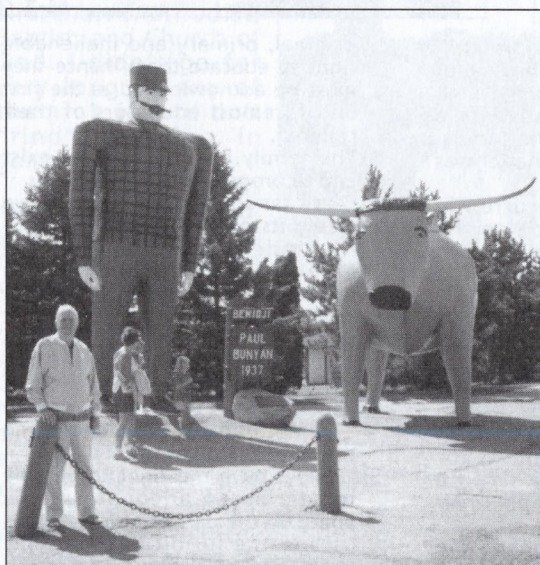
Nothing is as colorful as the grand entry if not the closing pow-wow. Around 75 banners representing the 87 adult Kateri Circles of the U.S. paraded in the audiotrium followed by delegates from so many reservations, all in their native garbs.

All the groups were introduced and applauded while they walked around the Memorial Hall. You could feel the warming up of hearts...

They all passed in front of the special altar put up to Kateri by Mrs Mary Boni, which reminds us that this is the Tekakwitha

Conference, under the auspices of Blessed Kateri.

Some of the addresses and workshops drew many listeners, like that of Joe Potter, Objibwa, on "Welness and Spirituality." He quoted from his own experience, when he was close and away from God. he said how spirituality should permeate our whole being and not only be a varnish on oneself. Faith should make one with your customs and traditions. Religion is more than a treatise of concepts. It is a life



The Vice-Postulator and Paul Bunyan and him us.

University. Not far from there is the mouth of the Mississippi in the Itasca State Park and two well-organized reservations: Red Lake and Leech Lake. And the hospitality and warmth of the Cheepawa Indians were great.

The theme of the conference, "Living Water/Source of Peace"/Renewal of Creation," was a rich source of meditation during the welcoming ceremony, the sunrise ceremonies and the Eucharists celebrated with fine homilies. Of course, rites of native inspiration

1994 Tekakwitha Conference (con't)

which becomes part of your own spirit."

The updating of Kateri's Cause by the two Vice-Postulators seemed to have stirred interest, because on the last day a resolution was passed by the Tekakwitha Conference Committee asking every Circle to sign a petition towards Kateri's canonization to be sent to the Pope.

The signatures are on their way to Rome, hoping that the Holy Spirit will inspire the authorities in Rome to declare publicly that Kateri is a saint soon.

Once more, brothers and sisters from the four corners of America met. "How good and

pleasant it is to be together..." especially when our two Native Bishops, Bishop C. Chaput and Bishop Donald Pelotte are with us.

The grandiose celebration with them, Saturday afternoon, reminded us of the solidarity that Kateri creates among us.

Everyone went home Sunday morning renewed interiorly more alive for having come closer to Blessed Kateri and full of peace for having been instruments of peace with everyone.

Till we meet again, Segon!

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.



Some banners of the entry parade.

A Letter to

Kateri Tekakwitha

Dear woman of courage and faith,
Mystic of the wilderness, Sage of the valley,
Listener to the Spirit-who-whispers-within,
Mohawk maiden, Servant of the poor.
Blessed are you among Native people.

Given the lovely name Te ka kwitha,
You remain for your people forever
"She-who-puts-things-in-order,"
The name you received, orphaned, half-blind
And scarred by smallpox for life.

At baptism, washed by the Spirit of Fire and Rain,
You walked through water with Moses, Sarah and Jesus,
And were christened Kateri after wondrous Sienna,
A woman of another time and a distant culture,
Destined to become an exemplar for all anishnabeg.

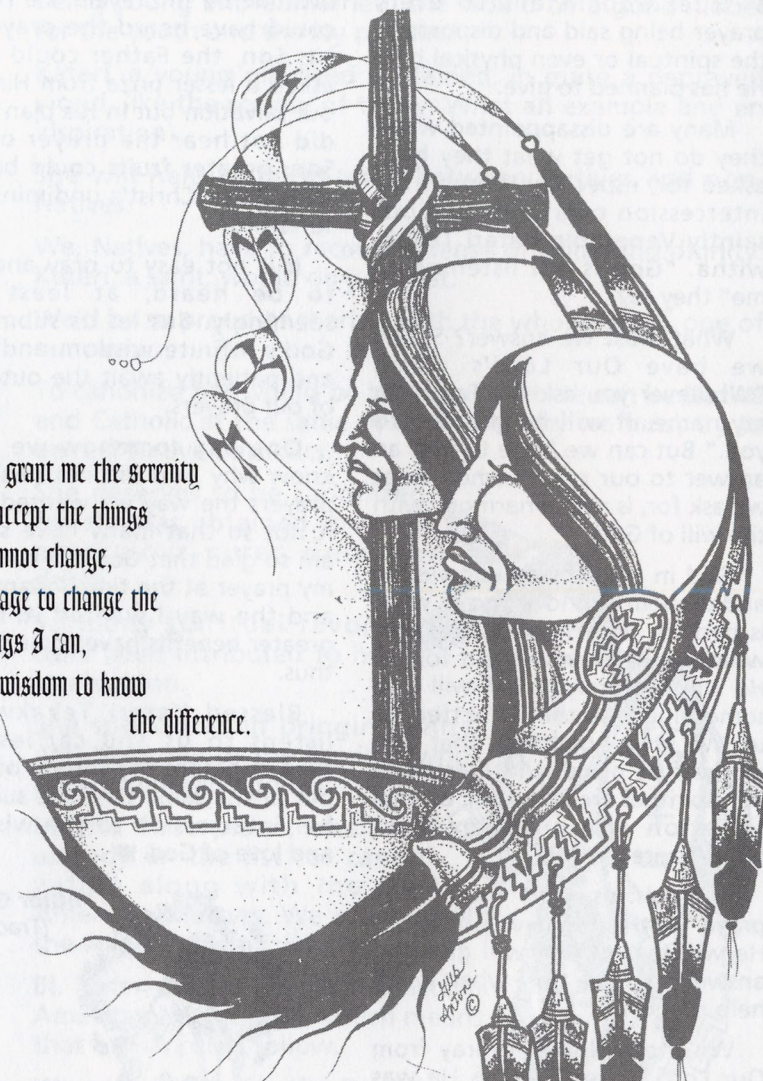
You saw more clearly than a wide-eyed fawn
The hurts and needs of those around you -
The little ones, the sick, the old people,
And your face, though fine pottery scratched,
Glowed with the aura of a child of Gitchi Manitou.



Then, after only twenty-four years,
you died.
Your face, scars healed,
shone like the morning sun.
Now, years later, dear woman
of courage and faith,
She-who-puts-things-in-order,
walk with us,
Kateri, and teach us all
to live, to serve, to love.

Fr. Martin Machovec, OMI

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things
I cannot change,
Courage to change the
Things I can,
And wisdom to know
the difference.



Prayers are always Heard

Prayers are always heard. This is true. God listens to every prayer being said and disposes of the spiritual or even physical help He has planned to give.

Many are dissatisfied when they do not get what they have asked for, especially through the intercession of a saint like our saintly Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. "God is not listening to me" they say.

What must we answer? Surely we have Our Lord's word: "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, it will be granted to you." But can we hope to find an answer to our prayer when what we ask for, is not in harmony with the will of God?

God in His infinite knowledge and wisdom and love knows what is best for us. When He sees that what we ask is not good for us. He will not grant it but will give something else that is better for us. We must not forget that God in the first place is interested in our spiritual welfare. Our eternal salvation and our growth in holiness are His will.

Sometimes God hears our prayer just as we have put it but He will test us and will give the answer only at a time when it will help us most.

We should learn to pray from Our Lord Himself. When He was suffering so terribly in the Garden of Olives, he prayed to His Father: "Father, if it possible, take this chalice from me but not my will.

Thy will be done." Such must our attitude be in prayer. The Father could have heard the prayer of His Son, the Father could have asked a lesser prize from Him for our salvation but in His plan if He did not hear the prayer of His Son, greater fruits could be derived from Christ's undiminished suffering.

It is not easy to pray and not to be heard, at least not seemingly. But let us submit to God's infinite wisdom and love and patiently await the outcome of our prayers.

One day somehow we shall know why God did not hear our prayers the way we wanted it. Is it not so that many have said: I am so glad that God did not hear my prayer at the time I wanted it and the way I wanted it. Much greater benefits have come to me thus.

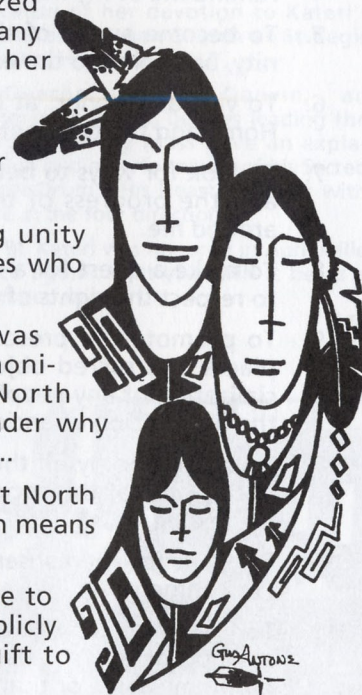
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha listens to us and carries our prayers before the throne of God but at the same time she submits her intercession to the wisdom and love of God. ■



Father Greier
(Trad. J.B.)

Why Natives would like to see *Bl. kateri canonized*

- 1** Being young and unmarried, she would be a good model for the youth and the lay people.
- 2** Kateri, a young girl lived unstained, in quite a depraved world, like the society of today. What an example and an inspiration!
- 3** She will help to bring unity between Natives and non-Natives.
- 4** We, Natives, have to recover a sense of pride and dignity. Kateri, a saint, would do just that.
- 5** We'd be so proud of sharing with the whole world, one of our own.
- 6** To canonize her would be telling us that we can be Native and Catholic at the same time. This is why we must try to be real Native Catholics.
- 7** She deserves to be canonized for she has obtained so many miraculous cures since her death.
- 8** So many spiritual favors have been attributed to her intercession.
- 9** She specializes in bringing unity and harmony to the families who are so vulnerable today.
- 10** In the first place, she was already on the list for canonization along with the North American Martyrs. We wonder why she was not canonized then...
- 11** Bl. Kateri would be the first North American Native saint, which means that others could follow.
- 12** We are waiting for the Pope to proclaim her sainthood publicly to the whole world. Our gift to the world!





PLEDGE

suggested by

Pan-American Indian Association

INSOFAR AS I AM ABLE, I PLEDGE:

1. To honor and respect the traditions of Indian peoples, and of my own or my adopted people.
2. To study the history, language and culture of my ancestral, or my adopted people.
3. To live as simply and naturally as possible, and to stay free from commercial pressures and the enslavement of their temptations.
4. To surround myself with beautiful objects which will remind me of my heritage.
5. To become aware of the needs of others in my community, and come to the aid of those I can help.
6. To visit and honor, at least once in my life, my ancestral Home and the remnants of my people's culture.
7. To look for ways to better the well being, the reputation and the progress of tribal people, and of each person around me.
8. To make a quest for a Vision at least once in my life, and to respect the rights of everyone to follow his/her vision.
9. To promote the preservation and restoration of sacred places and sacred objects, and to oppose the commercialization of any people's ceremonies, places or objects, or the desecration of ancient burial sites.
10. To obtain for myself the highest and best education, both in the ways of this society, and in the cultural heritage of my people.
11. To work for the conservation and the restoration of the Environment.
12. To keep from, or to free myself from, addiction to drugs, alcohol, or any substance or behavior which would dishonor my name or that of my people.



KATERI CENTER NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from May 9 to August 22, 1994.

Articles Found	4
Better Health	15
Cures	6
Employment Found or Kept	16
Financial Aid	2
Lodgings	2
Properties Bought or Sold	4
Safe Pregnancies	2
Safe Trips	5
Successful Studies	6
Successful or Averted Operations	5
Temporal Favors	12

Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

A Sister of Mary Reparatrix, Montreal, QC, 30.

Kateri's Feastday in Auriesville

Thanks to Fr John Paret S.J. Director of the Shrine at Auriesville, Fr Jacques Bruyère S.J. Canadian Vice-Postulator of Kateri's Cause was invited to preside the celebration for Kateri's Feastday Mass, on July 10, 1994.



Fr J. Bruyère delivers the homily.

As usual, a good crowd attended the Mass in the huge Coliseum.

The ceremony started with the Sweet grass Ceremony i.e. the purification rites and the

Deacon Daniel Dauvin and his family sint at mass.

Sacred Pipe i.e. an homage to God and His creation, in all directions.

The homily was about "The Family and Kateri". A must topic during the International Year of the Family. Father Bruyère said that God created man and woman so that they could form a family. God willing, and not only the mother willing, children could come about from such a union. Giving birth is something great. Educating a child is even more marvelous and rewarding. And education starts at home. Bl. Kateri received the very best from her parents: her father was a brave and responsible Indian Chief and her mother a lover of Jesus. With these sound assets and the work of the Spirit in her, Kateri became a saint.

Mrs Elaine Cook was the recipient of Tekakwitha Award this year, because of her devotion to Kateri's Cause and to her Church at St Regis Mission, Hogsburg N.Y.

Deacon Daniel Dauvin, an Algonquin Indian, besides leading the singing during Mass gave an explanation and a performance of his Sacred Heart Drum. "His Heart resounds with love in the four directions.P

Bl. Kateri was honored in Auriesville once again. Next year will it be as a declared saint?

J.B.



Testimonies of favors obtained

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

...The enclosed fifty dollars is for two enrollments as indicated and for a box of Kateri sympathy cards as well as a donation to Kateri's Cause. I have had some medical problems in the past few months, but to-day, I received a good report from the doctor. I am so grateful to our dear Kateri, she is always attentive to our intercessions. With prayers of thanksgiving. God bless you all!

(Powassan, ONT)

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

Enclosed please find my check for one hundred dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri and our Blessed Mother for a favor received. Kateri has helped my family by performing many miracles in our lives. I can never thank her enough. Within the past month, I have undergone several tests for ovarian cancer. I was under great stress and I prayed to Kateri to help me. During my last test, I took Kateri's prayer card with me to the test. My tests came back normal. I hope that very soon she will be called "Saint" Kateri.

(Cinnaminson, NJ)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. R. U.!

Enclosed find a cheque for fifty dollars for a favor received. I promised Kateri fifty dollars and publication if the test the doctor took turned out all right and they did. Thank you Kateri for being my friend.

(Millerton, NB)

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

Enclosed is a check for one hundred dollars which I promised to Kateri's Cause. I prayed to Kateri asking her to intercede for my granddaughter to have a safe and healthy pregnancy and she surely answered. We now have twins! Healthy and beautiful girl babies and there are no words to describe the grateful appreciation and the wonder of this blessed miracle. Thank you, thank you dear Kateri.

(Long Island, NY)

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

I am enclosing a small donation in thanksgiving to Kateri for another favor granted. Last fall my grand-daughter left for college and was worried about her studies and being away from home. I gave her a Kateri prayer card, enrolled her in the Guild and told her to pray whenever she felt overwhelmed. She constantly prayed, called and asked me to pray for her and told her friends to pray too for themselves. Needless to say she did very well, came home for the summer and is looking forward to her second year. Thanks to Kateri another crisis has passed. I hope Kateri will continue to help her and all of my grandchildren and may she soon be rewarded by sainthood.

(Erie, PA)

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

...I would like to report that Kateri always has a smile for us, as she helped me with relief of severe neck pain and a migraine headache. Also, today I sprained my foot and Kateri has helped me with less pain and I'm now walking about. Also, last October I was in a very difficult situation with a close friend. As I sat silently praying to God and Our Blessed Mother, I asked for Kateri's intercession and there was an immediate change for the better and she has continued to help us.

(Gardena, CA)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for a "very special" favor received. For thirteen years I have prayed faithfully to Kateri asking for a change of lifestyle for my dear daughter. I am happy to be able to say that I now have great hope and peace of mind, as each day I witness many positive changes in my daughter's life. Thank you Blessed Kateri, Mary and Jesus for listening and interceding for me. I will continue to pray daily for Kateri's canonization and ask for her continued protection, guidance and inspiration for all my children and grandchildren...

(Hamilton, ONT.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. G. O'S.!

On June 27, 1994 my 78th birthday, I received the good news from my cancer specialist that my prostate cancer remains dormant. Thanks to Blessed Kateri. The good health I have enjoyed since I received the death sentence, five years ago is the real miracle. Will you please arrange masses for the following intentions... Needless to say, Father, we have placed these intentions in the hands of Blessed Kateri. Little miracles occur every day...

(Brantford, ONT.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss E. D.!

Enclosed is a small cheque in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri's intercession to Almighty God for a good recovery for my sister who was struck by a car while going to church... We are grateful to God she is alive. Please pray for all of us for special intentions.

(Rockaway Park, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss L. B.!

Enclosed is twenty-five dollars for favors obtained. My little pet dog had very sore paws and couldn't walk, yet the vets could do nothing for her. But thanks to Kateri she can walk again.

(Sarnia, ONT)

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

Enclosed please find a check for fifteen dollars to Kateri for safe arrival at our destination. Please take three dollars for renewing my subscription to the Kateri magazine.

(Brunswick, ME)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. L. R.!

I am writing to thank Blessed Kateri for a special favor she granted me. I had lost my parcel in a hotel lobby and realized it a few hours later. I had valuable clothing items in this parcel and I panicked. I quickly said a prayer to Kateri and when I called the hotel security they informed me that they had found it. Enclosed is twenty-five dollars to thank her and for always making every day a happy one for me...

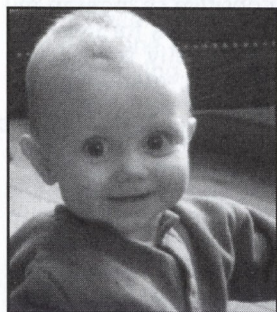
(Corbeil, ONT)

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

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of fifty dollars which I promised to Blessed Kateri for her intercession on my behalf. I recently had angioplasty and continue to ask Kateri's help. Please pray for me.

(Baltimore, MD)

Little Sister wants to know...



Katerilijne Uytterhoeven
9 months
Belgique (Anvers)

*...if you won't help us get at least
50,000 promises of a daily Our Father,
Hail Mary and three Glories!*

*We need them to obtain from the
loving Heart of Jesus the speedy
canonization of Blessed Kateri
Tekakwitha.*

*Some 27,287 pledges have come in
after ten years' effort.*



Please send yours to: The Kateri Center
Box 70
Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0

My pledge to KATERI _____ **Date** _____

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

Name _____

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Send in your Intentions now

Spiritual

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

Temporal

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

Other Requests _____

Your intentions shall be forwarded
to Father **Anthony Roussos, S.J.**, on September 1,
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(no offering required.)

The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

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1. A weekly High Mass is offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;
2. An intention is included daily in the Memento of the Vice-Postulator's Mass;
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Write to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0 for a free sample card.

One dozen cards boxed: \$5.00 (Postage included). Each yearly enrollment in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild: \$2.00

Katerina



obtainable from the
The Kateri Center
Box 70
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1. Aluminium 15g; Mat silver-plated: 50¢
2. Gilded: \$3.00
3. Souvenir Spoons: \$4.00

Kateri Prayer Cards and Pictures

1. Sepia (brown), by sculptor E. Brunet (5" x 2 1/2"): 10¢
2. Colored, by Mother Nealis (4 1/2" x 2 3/4"): 15¢
3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$1.50
4. Colored, by John Steele (4" x 3"): 10¢
5. Colored, by John Steele (6 1/2" x 5") for framing: 50¢
6. Colored, by John Steele (9 1/2" x 12"): \$1.50
7. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$5.00
8. Colored by Joseph Izzillo (4" x 3"): 10¢

Touch Relics

1. Small Kateri pictures with silk applied to relics: 50¢

Kateri Plaques

1. Plaque, plastic case with prayer (2 1/2" x 1 1/2"): \$2.50 - with relic: \$3.00

Novena

In the form of a short biography: \$2.00

Kateri Seals

A sheet of 36 seals: \$1.00

PLEASE ADD A LITTLE EXTRA FOR POSTAGE AND HANDLING.

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1. In hydrocal, ivory or bronze finish (6 1/2"): \$12.00
2. Colored (6 1/2"): \$15.00
3. In hydrocal, ivory or bronze finish (8 1/2"): \$15.00
4. Colored (8 1/2"): \$18.00
5. Kateri key chain: \$1.25
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- In English - *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Henri Béchar, S.J., 20 pp., \$2.50
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As I am sending **the names of FIVE new subscribers** and their addresses to the Kateri Center (\$15.00), I now inscribe free of charge, the name of one deceased person dear to me on the Garakontie Roll.

Mr. ☐ , Mrs. ☐ , Miss ☐ _____

- When the Roll is complete with the names of 200 deceased, 100 Masses shall be offered for the repose of their souls.
- If no name is submitted for the Roll, "A Suffering Soul of Purgatory" shall be inscribed instead.