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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 (\$5.00 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

"Good servant, you have been faithful in small things, I will put you in charge of my household, says the Lord: Share the joy of your Lord!"

What encouraging words! but how suprising when we think that we must accomplish great actions to really serve the Lord well.

"If only I was placed in favorable circumstances, some will say, so I can perform better and do actions which would be more pleasing to the Lord... If only I had made a pilgrimage to Fatima or to Medjugorie! If only I had been called to serve in some difficult foreign mission... If only I had been destined to lead a life where I could display great courage and heroic virtues! Would that I be a Jean Vanier, a Mother Theresa, a Kateri Tekakwitha!"

The Lord really wants us to do what? First to develop our talents, then to make use of them in our environment. He has planted me, for me to bloom there.

Should we think that the saints or the Christians in high position always accomplish extraordinary actions to be noticed by your Lord? Take for instance Bernadette Soubirous, of Lourdes the Little Theresa of Lisieux, or Kateri Tekakwitha of the gorgeous Mohawk valley. They lived very ordinary lives, even monotonous, but were always inspired by the desire to please God in all things with a love filled heart.

Kateri spent all her life making ordinary things: attending to the daily chores of her longhouse, picking twigs here and there to assure fire for warmth and cooking, cleaning the fish after a laborious catch, weaving baskets or making clothes, visiting the sick... Nothing really extraordinary.

Gandhi once said: "Nearly all we do has no great reach, but it is very important that we do it."

We must not forget how the Lord describes the general judgment: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory" escorted by all the angels, then he will make his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him... Then the King will say to those on his right hand: "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome, naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least these brothers of mine, you did it to me." (Mt: 25-31)

Then it is not great actions which will make us deserve an eternity of happiness. It's our fidelity in accomplishing small things with a great love, for the greatest satisfaction of our Lord.

Kateri dear, please help us to obtain this high motivations which will incite us to do small things with a great heart.

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.  
Vice-Postulator





## The Frances Gonnannhatenha Roll

In 1692, disowned by her kin, Frances suffered excruciating torments and was finally stoned to death for the Faith. Another Indian martyr whose story is all too little known!

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## How an Indian got his Name

Indian names were a language unto themselves, laden with descriptive, allusive or even magical meaning. An Indian baby was named soon after birth - usually by a medicine man or a paternal relation - and the entire village participated in the occasion.

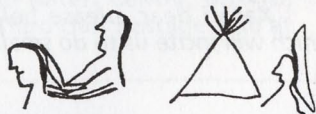
The infant might be named for an animal, for a physical phenomenon such as thunder that occurred on the day of birth or even for a brave deed that once had been performed by the giver of the name. A woman generally kept the name she received at birth, but a man often replaced his original name with a new one that celebrated a personal act of valor, recalled an encounter with an

unusual animal or perhaps was inspired by a dream.

However, a man who had a handicap or some other distinguishing characteristic was forever known by an opposite nickname, such as Hump or Big Hand.

Because Indian names were almost always based on something objective, they could easily be rendered as pictographs - frequently with a line connecting visual representations of the name and a human head to signify ownership.

Below are some Sioux signatures:



CAUGHT THE ENEMY KILLS BY THE CAMP



## Amerindian News

### The Oblates ever present among the Natives

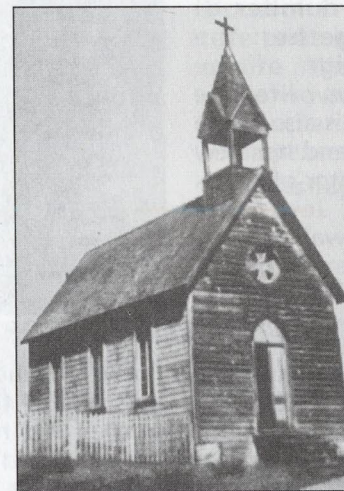
Immersed in Native land from the time of their arrival from France, the Oblates will never neglect this presence to the Natives, from coast to coast in Canada: religious practice, education, health, social services. The Oblate Brothers made themselves famous by their devotedness. This involvement is true in our times.

Nowadays there are hard reproaches made to the old missionaries (judging then by modern standards): while imposing their faith and culture imported from afar, they crushed the ancestral religions and the most authentic expressions of local culture. This reproach is at the same time true and false.

For example, who more than the Oblates have preserved in writing the language & culture of the Natives in numerous dictionaries, grammars and anthropological researches? The Amerindians and the Innuits are rediscovering now all its richness.

It is true though that a vigorous shift had to be given. So the Oblates, still engaged in pastoral work among the Indians, are now more attentive to the values of their cultures: the Crees of James Bay, the Algonquins, the Attimateks of La Verendrye Park, the Montagnais of the North Shore and of Pointe Bleue, the Naskapis of the New-Quebec.

Since a few years also an inevitable movement amongst the Oblates stimulated them to prepare rapidly all the actual Christian communities to take in their own hands their proper religious evolution and faith expression. A similar experience, now 25 years old, amongst the Innuits of the Hudson Bay, has



Christian Solidarity with First Nations

confirmed the soundness of their orientations towards autonomy and responsibility, of a more serious future respectful of the authenticity of every nation.

**Apostolat**  
(Trad. J.B.)



## Kateri never gave up

*(Homily on the Feast of Blessed Kateri)*

My dear sisters and brothers,

**N**ative people know how important the Great Spirit is for all humankind... Native people address their prayers to the Creator and ask for the Great Spirit to guide them. There is also great joy in the Catholic Church throughout the world because she recognizes that one of the Mohawks, the Lily of the Mohawks, Kateri, lived her life in an authentic and heroic Christian manner. Today a number of symbols come together: the Easter Lily is a sign of the Resurrection and new life; the Lily of the Mohawks is also a sign of the Resurrection and her new life of faith; the Creator offers us the gift of Spring; Jesus, the Christ, offers us renewal.

Kateri's renewal of faith, hope and peace caused her to be scorned and laughed at. She was sarcastically called "The Christian" Finally she fled her native home and took refuge in this community of Kahnawake. She knew that here in this Christian - Catholic Community she would be supported in her quest to live out the Gospel which Jesus had presented to her. Kateri wanted to live a life of faith, hope and peace. She bore the Cross proudly and she proudly professed her faith in Jesus who gave meaning to her life. She had attempted to be baptized on a couple of occasions but to no avail. But Kateri never gave



up. When she was baptized she persisted all the more to witness to the faith, hope and peace she knew God offered her. Tekakwitha means she who stumbles, a nickname she received from those who knew of her difficulty to see as a result of having a severe case of measles. She may have tripped and stumbled when people placed objects in her path, but she never stumbled in her witness to Jesus and never tired of telling people of her faith. At twenty four years old she died and was buried; her remains are now

venerated in this Church and the universal church rejoices that one so fair and one so young would have such incredible love for the Cross and know how much Jesus loves us. Kateri knew and believed the message Jesus brought from the heart of the Creator, that God was our Father, and how the Creator wanted all people to live in faith, love and peace. We have the Spirit to witness to the messenger from the Creator, Jesus Christ.

...Today we celebrate the Feast of Blessed Kateri. Her life is an example for us. Her example invites us to live in profound Christian communion and she encourages us to follow her example and be proud to be Christian. Peace is a gift and it is also a mission. When Jesus says to his disciples: As the Father has

sent me so also I send you; he sends us to build peace into our lives and into the life of the community. Peace is to be found in our hearts, in our families and among nations.

We now turn to the table where Kateri found her strength to live her faith, hope and peace. It is a table of communion. At the Eucharistic table we promise to love one another and to love our enemies and pray for them. At the Eucharist we break bread and share the cup, the Body and Blood of Christ. On this day we take pride in Kateri's celebration of life. We celebrate her life when we become peace-makers. The Eucharist is our commitment to be peace-makers.

**Bishop Jacques Berthelet**  
C.S.V.

*Diocese of Longueuil - St-Jean*

The K. of C.  
Guard  
of Honor  
gets ready  
to launch  
Kateri's  
Feastday.







*Bishop J. Berthelet preceded by the Guard and accompanied by Fr. A. Guay s.j. and the Vice-Postulator before entering the Shrine of Kateri.*

**The Church celebrates: the Eucharist, the Choir, the flowers, the crowd...**



*Kateri welcomes her friends in front of the tomb.*

PHOTOS: Stewart Beauvais

## Hawaiians celebrate their native culture with more pride

For 2 decades now, a cultural Renaissance has been building quietly at the grass root levels. It started with "King David Kalakua", the "merry monarch", of the islands, who revived interest in hula and Hawaiian music in the 17th Century. today in the hotels, you find the two Hawaiis: the Las Vegas style and the Hawaiian that the Hawaiians are struggling to sustain.

There are more and more traditional products, like the vestments, food, instruments and hula competitions. Some children will study hula dancing for years, even though a young girl said: "When I grow up, I'd like to be a computer technician and a professional dancer".

On the islands of Oahu, Hawaii and Maui, two different trends are at work: Hawaiians exploring and celebrating their native culture with more enthusiasm than they have since a century and the Hawaiian tourist industry is pouring new emphasis into replicating and advertizing the most friendly elements of that culture, like the offering of a lei to every new visitor.

Members of the island's historical society meet with

interested guests for "talk-story" sessions.

At the half-dozen sites of Hawaiian Hotels & Resorts, an "essence of Hawaii" promotional campaign, devised last year, highlights historical aspects of each site.

On the two ships of American Hawaii Cruises, passengers now find that the crew includes a traditional Hawaiian storyteller.

Recently, on the big island of Hawaii, the Kona Village Resort threw a birthday party for Irgard Aluli, 83, one of the state's most prolific Hawaiian songwriters.

Meanwhile, Molokai, for decades one of the least tourism-oriented of the islands, now sells itself to visitors as "the most Hawaiian island" of them all.

Everyone, it seems, is declaring his or her eagerness to protect the flame of native Hawaiian tradition. But for every torch-bearer, there seems to be another set of presumptions and ambitions and another formula for feeding the flames.

Meanwhile, in the background of the tourist landscape stand leaders of the rapidly advancing but many-headed







## Hawaiian Pride (con't)

than one million Hawaiians revealed that 1% are pure Hawaiians, and 18% just partial.

The Hawaiin Islands are full of natural and cultural richness. They present a great variety of sights: the wearing of hula shirts, of mousmou, the culture of taro, coconuts and pineapple... Every island has its particular attractions. On Maui Island, to get to the town of Hana, 80 km away, you have to drive for three hours. There the nature looks so primitive. The Oheo Pools in the Kaleakala National Park, which are water sources, are called the "Seven Sacred Sources" They are a becalming scene - a river drops by stages over black volcanic rocks into the sea. The original Hawaiians are known to have had any particular beliefs or superstitions associated with the Pools, but this falling river suggested something mysterious.

Whatever may be, the Hawaiians are making an effort to gather all what is their own, so they can be themselves and stop commercialism from invading them shamelessly.

No matter where you are in contemporary Hawaii, there are certain circumstances on which you can rely. There will be sand, there will be the sea, and there will be an identity crisis. ■

Inspired by  
"Hawaiian pride" in the

**Los Angeles Times,**  
(Trad. J.B.)

Hawaiian sovereignty movement.

For many of them, "being Hawaiian" means not only political empowerment but mistrust of past exploiters, including the tourism industry.

Though its leaders cannot agree on whether they want full independence, limited sovereignty under continued statehood, land, financial reparations or some combination of those, the movement has grown so powerful that last year it extracted from President Bill Clinton a formal apology to native Hawaiians, on behalf of the American people, for the behind-the-scenes American scheming that brought the fall of Queen Liliuokalani in 1893.

## But what is a Hawaiian Native?

It's with the arrival of Captain Cook that the Hawaiians acquired mixed blood. In 1989, a study on the population of more

## The little Chapel on Mt. McKay

A small stone chapel stands atop Mt. McKay. It is this chapel that gives us a legend perhaps far more factual than all those of more ancient origin.

A flourishing encampment of Ojibway near Thunder Bay had learned something of agriculture. Small but bountiful wheat fields filled clearings which dotted the spruce and birch forests. The tribe, jubilant at the prospects of a great harvest, found their joy short-lived one fall. A plague of black birds swooped from the sky and in spite of the men's arrows, soon devoured all the grain.

A plan for a greater hunting effort during the months that followed failed as heavy snows came. Those that ventured out in search of food soon perished in the deep drifts of snow. Fishing through the ice was impossible as not even a morsel of food was left for bait. Starved, crazed men set upon one another and children cried pitifully from hunger. Just as it seemed the tribe would perish, a young princess, daughter of the Chief, took her father's hunting knife and cut strips of flesh from her legs. This she gave to the men to use as bait for fishing.

Soon, sufficient fish were caught and the tribe was saved from starvation. The heroic deed, however, was too much of a shock to the princess and slowly she wasted away. A visiting priest arrived just in time to bless her before her death. Hearing of her brave deed, he had the men build the small chapel in her memory and bade them give



thanks to God for their survival and pray for future crops. Each year at Thanksgiving, the Indians go to the chapel and it is more than a coincidence that since the first thanks offering, the crops of Thunder Bay have neither failed nor been destroyed by plague. ■

«Tales of the Tom-Tom»  
**Wendigo**





## Litany of *KATERI TEKAKWITHA*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Kateri, lily of purity, pray for us.

Kateri, consoler of the Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

Kateri bright light of all Indians, pray for us.

Kateri, courage of the afflicted, pray for us.

Kateri, lover of the Cross of Jesus, pray for us.

Kateri flower of fortitude for the persecuted, pray for us.

Kateri unshakeable in temptations, pray for us.

Kateri, full of patience in suffering, pray for us.

Kateri keeper of your virginity in persecutions, pray for us.

Kateri, leader of many Indians to the true faith through your love of Mary, pray for us.

Kateri, who loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us.

Kateri, lover of penance, pray for us.

Kateri who travelled many miles to learn the faith, pray for us.

Kateri steadfast in all prayer, pray for us.

Kateri who loved to pray the rosary for all people, pray for us.

Kateri, example to your people in all virtues, pray for us.

Kateri, humble servant to the sick, pray for us.

Kateri, who gave joy to the angels with your loved of humility, pray for us.

Kateri, your holy death gave strength to all Indians to love Jesus and Mary, pray for us.

Kateri, whose scarred face in life became beautiful after death, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Let Us Pray:

O Jesus, who gave Kateri to the Indians as an example of purity, teach all men to love purity, and to console your Immaculate Mother Mary through the lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, and your Holy Cross. AMEN.

*Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.*



## The Angel Craze

The current fascination with angels is a fine thing. Depending. Depending on what? Depending on whether or not angels are becoming a convenient replacement for belief in Jesus Christ.

In case you haven't noticed, a new book about angels seems to be published weekly. Personal testimonies of angelic intervention appear in Christian and New Age magazines regularly. Angel Christmas ornaments are here, there and everywhere. Even the U.S. Postal Service was headlong into plans for replacing the Madonna and Child with a victorian-style angel in its 1995 lineup of Christmas stamps.

Following a flurry of negative reaction, the Postal Service quickly cancelled plans to cancel Mary and Jesus, but the attempt to do away with the Savior seems symbolic of the national obsession with angels. And the obsession with angels may, in some cases, symbolize an interest in finding a duty-free, feel-good, nondoc-trinal, politically correct spirituality.

Belief in angels is certainly not contrary to Christian teaching.

Indeed the new "Catechism of the Catholic Church" reaffirms that "the existence of spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith."

The Church teaches that angels are messengers of God. The very word "angel" means "messenger," and refers, according to St. Augustine, more to what they do (deliver messages to humans) than to what they are (invisible spirits). It was the Angel Gabriel who announced to Mary that she would bear a son. Angels appeared at the scene of Jesus' birth to pay Him homage and to tell the shepherds of his arrival. An angel stood at the empty tomb on Easter morning and announced to Mary Magdalene that the Lord had risen from the dead.

In accordance with Scripture, the Church also teaches that angels praise God in the heavenly court and provide protection for human beings - a la guardian angels. Funeral liturgies end with the beautiful sung petition that the angels lead the soul of the deceased into paradise.

So if the Church is so positive about angels, why be concerned about the current devotion to them? Because some of that devotion seems more inclined toward idolatrous worship of the angels themselves, rather than

toward greater worship of God.

Interestingly, at the same time that so many people are trying to explain away all possible supernatural elements regarding the conception, birth, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, they are unabashedly willing to believe that angels are flying hither and yon performing feats of wonder at every turn.

A virgin birth? Couldn't be! It's out of the question!

You saw a fleet of angels lift a car out of the path of an oncoming truck? Wow! That must have been a remarkable experience.

The advantage of seeking spiritual fulfillment in angels, rather than in Jesus Christ, is that no angel ever said, "Take up your cross and follow me." Angel tales, at least most of those making their way into the current genre, are conspicuously devoid of any mention of the moral and social responsibilities that flow from Christian belief. They are, for the most part, simply nice stories of

nice angels who come to rescue nice people, although some testimonies are clearly examples of New Age polytheism. New Age angels are more like ancient pre-biblical gods than servants and messengers of the one God. And, it must be admitted that some of the interest in angels is purely commercial. Angels sell. Of course, commercial trends fade fast. Last year it was cows.

The interest in angels is primarily a good thing, because it shows that there is a renewed interest in spirituality and a renewed willingness to believe that some things that happen can be explained only by the existence of beings other than ourselves. But an angel is no substitute for a Savior. And only an angel that leads to greater faith in the Savior is an angel worth its weight in feathers. ■

by **Benedictine Sister  
Nancy Bayer, O.S.B.**

(from "The St. Cloud Visitor")

Echoes of a Proud-Nation  
**POW-WOW**

## SPECTACULAR DANCE COMPETITION & IROQUOIS SMOKE DANCE

More than 100 vendors will be on hand selling a variety of Native Arts & Crafts, as well as Native Foods such as.

A Pow-Wow is a social & cultural event that celebrates, reaffirms & seeks to share our Native American heritage.

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**KAHNAWAKE**  
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## Jesuit pans Times review

I examined very attentively the review, by Ray Beauchemin, of *Kaia'tanó: ron Kateri Tekakwitha*, in the *Catholic Times* of March 1995. Here are the main observations I could easily verify:

The reference to *Beautiful Losers* by Leonard Cohen (1966) is unfortunate. Cohen is certainly one of the best Anglo-Canadian novelists. But the book which presents itself as a biographical novel of Kateri Tekakwitha, amongst others, is written by an author who hardly knows about Christianity, and much less about the Mohawks. It is then regrettable that Ray Beauchemin associates this work with that of Fr. Béchard, which is so much more serious.

The second paragraph of the review is also depreciated by the comparison between the title of the first part of Fr. Béchard's work, entitled "(1634-1677)," and the title of the first section of Cohen's book, entitled "The History of Them All."

The fourth paragraph already proves that the reviewer ignores the historical sources that he quotes, the *Jesuit Relations*, the accounts of Cholenec and Chauchetière. If he knew them, he wouldn't write that "when Béchard strays from documentation, his biography lapses into supposition and fiction."

What precedes is abundantly proven by the following paragraph about Fr. Béchard's chapter 13, where the reviewer employs the only precise and explicit quotation (Béchard, pp. 99 to 103 in the English version, pp. 99 to 102 in the French version). After quoting Fr. Béchard in connection with Kateri's way of life while on hunting expeditions and after referring to her nostalgia of the

Church, Beauchemin speaks ironically about the lack of proof. Now all this is found, at times literally, with more details, in the work of Fr. Cholenec, *Vie de Catherine Tegakoüita, première Vierge Iroquoise (1696)*, pp. 20-23.

If the reviewer had known the sources which exist, he could not have concluded that the proof of the sanctity of Kateri is to be searched for only in her apparitions after her death. If one knows about the process of canonization, he is aware that the first step is to prove the practice of the heroic virtues by the saint-to-be, thus during his/her life.

In Beauchemin's last paragraph, it is inaccurate to say that the spelling of the world Tekakwitha on the cover - where it is spelled "Tekahkwitha" - is a mistake. It is the way that Fr. Cholenec writes her name in the text published in *Lettres édifiantes et curieuses écrites des missions étrangères*, Lyon, 1819, p. 26. It is the way it is taught today in the immersion Mohawk classes, in Kahnawake.

I believe that these explanations restore the facts. No author nor reviewer can interpret an Indian spiritual life of the 17th century with the perspectives and prejudices of the 20th century.

Therefore, the title itself of the review, which hints at the excesses of Fr. Béchard's book, seems to me, at times, exaggerated and unjustified in view of what we believe is a strong cause for canonization. In addition, the canonization of Kateri would be favorable to the promotion of reconciliation between Mohawks and other Canadians. ■

**Fr. Jacques Bruyère, SJ,**  
Vice-Postulator Kahnawake  
*Montreal Catholic Times*, May 95

## KATERI NEWS

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### Twenty-five prayer Pledges or More

Rev. Léo Raymond, Lachute, QC, 39,  
Mme Irène Poll, Montreal, QC, 26.

### Very good News...

While three American Cardinals are promoting Kateri's Cause very strongly, the Vice-Postulator in Kahnawake received a letter from His Eminence Cardinal J-P Turcotte, Archbishop of Montreal, also a member of the committee for the canonization of saints in Rome: "I have received your letter and I thank you for it. I have taken good note of your request in favor of Blessed Kateri.

Please believe me that if I have to say a good word about the Cause my support is assured.

Thank you for your confidence in me; I beg you to accept the expression of my devoted sentiments in the Lord."

### Blessed Kateri Award

The Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St. Lucy's Church in Syracuse, NY has just been chosen to received the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha League's Annual Blessed Kateri Award. The Award will be presented at the Annual Blessed Kateri Mass on Sunday, July 16th at noon in the Coliseum, Auriesville, New York. If you are able to join us at this award ceremony, please contact the Committee Chairperson at 475-0706.

### Morning Prayer of Kateri

On the trunk of a tree, near a spring where she often came to Fetch water, Kateri carved a cross and prayed in front of it. It is reported that her morning prayer was some what like this:

"Father, Tekakwitha rose at dawn, before the others, to bring you her heart; keep it. Tekakwitha has nothing else to offer you. But she has so much to ask for. Alas! Those of the house do not cease to offend you, they mock the Black Robes, they drink fire water and forbid me to pray. Father, speak to my inner ear; protect me, because I am afraid. You took my mother, give me yours, for I am alone, Father, are you here with me, like the Black Robe says? You hear me?" ■

**Joseph B. Guimond, O.M.I.**

►  
Kateri's tomb  
at Côte Ste-Catherine





## Testimonies of favors obtained

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. E. C.!

Enclosed is twenty dollars towards the Kateri Band Club. I want to thank Kateri for her help, my grandson had a terrible headache and they found nothing serious with him. Please pray for us...

(Melbourne, AUST.)

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

Enclosed is a cheque as promised in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for a favor received. I promised this if my son passed an important test and he did. I pray that he will pass the other two he needs to get the job he so much wants. I have faith in Blessed Kateri and pray to her every day.

(Hamilton, ONT)

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

During the summer of 1968, I visited Indian River Michigan - world's largest Crucifix. During this visit I learned of Blessed Kateri. From that day she has been with me through all my trials and tribulations. On our return from that visit to Indian River, I received a phone call from my sister in Toronto saying her son wasn't expected to live through the night. He was in Sick Children's Hospital with Leukemia. I took my daughters with me to Toronto and to the hospital. The medal of Blessed Kateri and the prayer card were given to my sister. She placed the medal on my nephew and my sister started her prayers to Blessed Kateri. Miraculously my nephew survived. He went through a long course of Chemo and Radiation and was told it was unlikely that he could father a child. He wife is now expecting their second baby this month. St. Kateri has been a part of my sister and her family's life since that first night in the hospital. I have prayed to her many times and know she is always with me...

(Kissimmee, FL)

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

Enclosed is fifteen dollars as a thank you to Kateri for helping me get my taxes done on time. I hope Kateri will continue to smile on me and my family.

(Erie, PA)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. F.!

...I must tell you how much my brothr has confidence in the relic that you gave him through my parents last Christmas. I believe it was a relic of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. My Mom says he keeps it on his person in his pocket at all times. His feet are completely healed. The doctor tells him its a miracle that those sores healed so well. He's been back at work since January and is doing very well. His employers are good to him and gave him a sit-down job so that he can take better care of his feet... I can assure you that the shape my brother was in last summer was very scary. We were very much afraid that the diabetis could not be controlled anymore. So, God has been good to our family...

(Burlington, ONT)

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

Enclosed please find a small check to Kateri for a good report from my doctor and for help she always gives me. Thank you Kateri.

(Brunswick, ME)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q.!

Enclosed is a check of twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for a favor obtained: the successful operation of our grand-son

(St. Laurent, QC)

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

Enclosing a donation for a favor that was granted. It was for my mother's health. I need another favor. Would you please pray Kateri that my son gets this new job this week. Thank you.

(Dayton, ME)

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

Enclosed is a cheque for ten dollars that I promised to send Kateri. I prayed to Kateri for my son to get this job. He just phoned from Calgary to tell me that he is starting Tuesday morning. Please pray to keep him safe and well. Thank you. I pray to Kateri every day.

(Cornwall PEI)

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

Enclosed please find a check for fifteen dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for blessings received. Thank you for your prayers. My daughter successfully completed one nursing course last semester

(Far Rockaway, NY)

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

Enclosed is fifty dollars for a favor received. I've been praying to Kateri to help me with these terrible headaches, which have lessened. I hope she will continue to help me until they are all gone...

(Duncan, BC)

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

Enclosed is fifty dollars for favors obtained. I am very grateful for jobs and places to live for my two children and also for my health. Thank you!

(High Level, ALTA)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars as promised to Kateri if my daughter found suitable lodging. Thank you Kateri. I continue to invoke her and ask you to remember me and my family in your prayers.

(Verdun, QC)

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

I'm sending ten dollars for a favor obtained: a safe trip without incidents. I was very happy. Thanks to Blessed Kateri.

(Rimouski, QC)

## 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 request to:

*Kateri Tekakwitha Center*

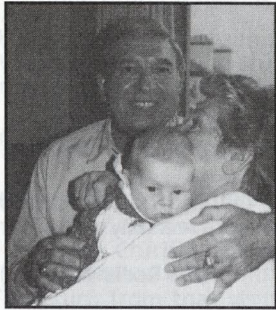
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*P.O. Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0*

Kateri will then take good care of you and your beloved ones on earth as in heaven.



## Little Sister wants to know...



*...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 27,576 pledges have come in after ten years' effort.*

**Courtney Leight Kateri Hansen**

Born January 18, 1995

Parents: Bob and Amy Hansen

Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Izzillo  
from Greenwich, Connecticut

### The Annual Tekakwitha Conference

will be held **August 2 to 6, 1995**,  
at Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y.

***Please reserve time for this great event.***

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.

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### Spiritual

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- ☐ Happy Marriages
- ☐ Good Friends
- ☐ Success in Studies
- ☐ Peace in the World

Other Requests \_\_\_\_\_

**R.I.P.**

**Father Antoine Roussos S.J.**, of Greek origin but applied to the Jesuit Province of the Near-East, passed away on April 21, at the age of 81, because of a weak heart. His last residence was at Mount-Carmel, Isfiya, Israel. We recommend him to your prayers and thank all those who, in the course of years, sent him so many mass intentions and supported his works.

## The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

**5** good reasons for having a box on hand all the time:

On the occasion of the death of a relative or friend, all you have to do is sign a card and send it to the bereaved family.

The departed one is enrolled in the Kateri guild, for whom,

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;
3. The Treasury of the many Masses read each month for the benefactors of the Society of Jesus is opened;
4. A Share in the good works of the Jesuits throughout the world is assured;
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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

Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0

Tel.: (514) 638-1546 or 632-6030

### Medals

1. Aluminium 15¢; 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¢
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### 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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In English - *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Henri Béchard, S.J., 20 pp., \$2.50  
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