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of the St. Francis-Xavier Church

in Kahnawake, Quebec

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**LILY OF
THE MOHAWKS**

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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

The 150th Anniversary of the

St. Francis-Xavier Church in Kahnawake, Qc. Canada

Kateri never knew this church, though her presence is strongly felt here. Kateri never prayed in this church, but she listens to the requests deposited by all kinds of people praying at her tomb.

After fleeing from Fonda, Kateri arrived at Laprairie in 1676. She did not live there for long, however, as the mission soon moved upstream to Kahnawake (Côte Sainte-Catherine), where she quickly became a fervent church-goer. She believed that her God was there in a special way, and she would take refuge in the little chapel to renew her physical and spiritual strength. While praying Kateri would be transformed to such a degree that her people liked to come and watch her pray with such ardor, with such rapture... In presence of her Lord, her heart was burning.

The churches that she visited - at Fonda, Laprairie and Côte Sainte-Catherine - have all disappeared. The one dedicated to St. Francis-Xavier in Kahnawake goes back to 1720 only. The cornerstone of the present church built on the same site was laid on May 19, 1845. All the statues and the religious gifts offered by the nobility of France, who showed such true missionary spirit, were re-installed in the new church. The monsternice before which Kateri must have prayed and contemplated, is conserved here - she had such a deep devotion to the Blessed Eucharist.

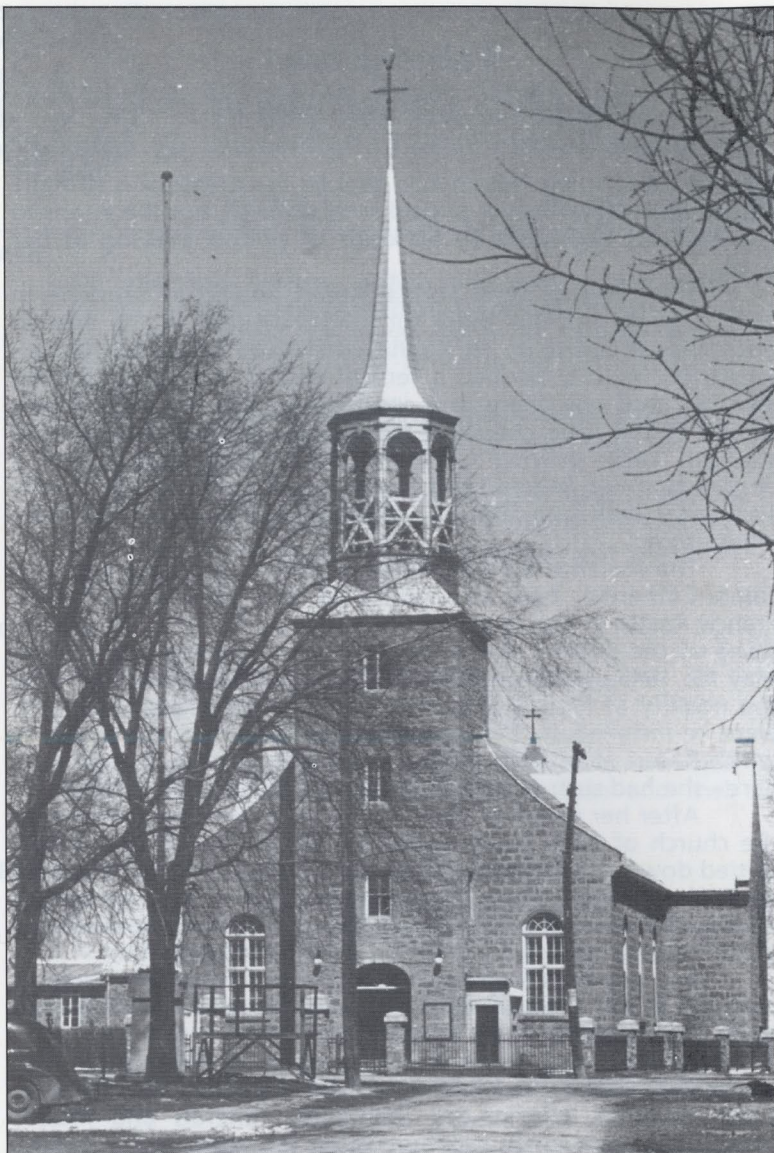
After her death in 1680, her remains were stored away in the church of Côte Sainte-Catherine. When the Mission finally settled down in Kahnawake opposite Lachine in 1720, her bones were also brought here. White-haired pilgrims may remember having seen them in a sealed glass box which would be taken out of the rectory vault every morning with great veneration.

It is only on November 1st 1972 that Bishop G.-M. Coderre presided at the translation of the precious relics into a marble tomb in the right transept of the church.

Without any doubt Kateri is rejoicing with us on this anniversary and contemplating all the baptisms, first communions, novenas, pilgrimages, weddings, funerals and masses which have been celebrated here these 150 years. She promised that she would take care of her own people and of the whole country after her death. Since she was declared the second patron of this church on April 17, 1983, she must be doing so much more than ever.

Happy Anniversary to the St. Francis-Xavier church and to the Shrine of Blessed Kateri! Let us thank God for all His gifts!

*The Vice-Postulator,
Jacques Bruyère, S.J.*



St. Francis-Xavier Mission church in 1945.
Hardly any changes have been to the building's exterior
in 150 years except to the steeple.

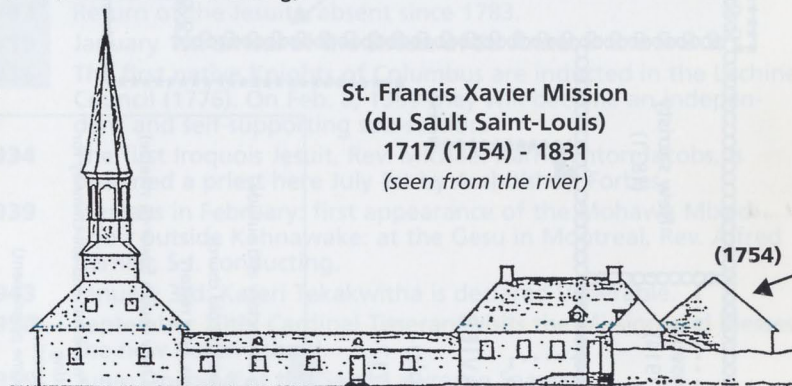
"The Christian message is to be open to all cultures, bound to no single culture and made accessible to every human person through a process of inculturation, by which the Gospel introduces something new into the culture, and the culture brings something new to the richness of the Gospel."

1831: Preliminaries to 1845

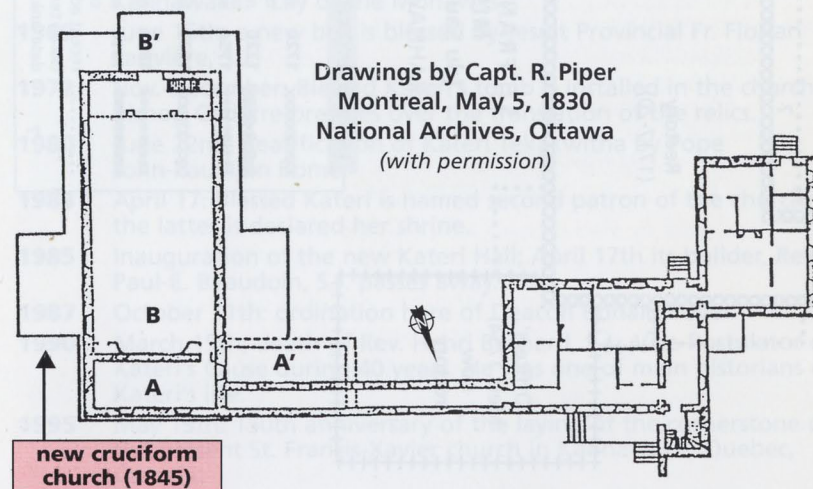
Father Joseph Marcoux arrived on March 1, 1819, to take over as parish priest in Kahnawake. He immediately recognized the need to build a new, larger church, but for lack of funds, proceeded to implement the two most urgent repairs (in 1831):

- A** The separating wall between the nave and the sacristy was torn down, the main altar was pushed to the back wall of the church.
- A'** A new sacristy was annexed to the rectory side.
- B** The old steeple on the river side was dismantled.
- B'** A new stone tower was added to the opposite south side with a brand new steeple.

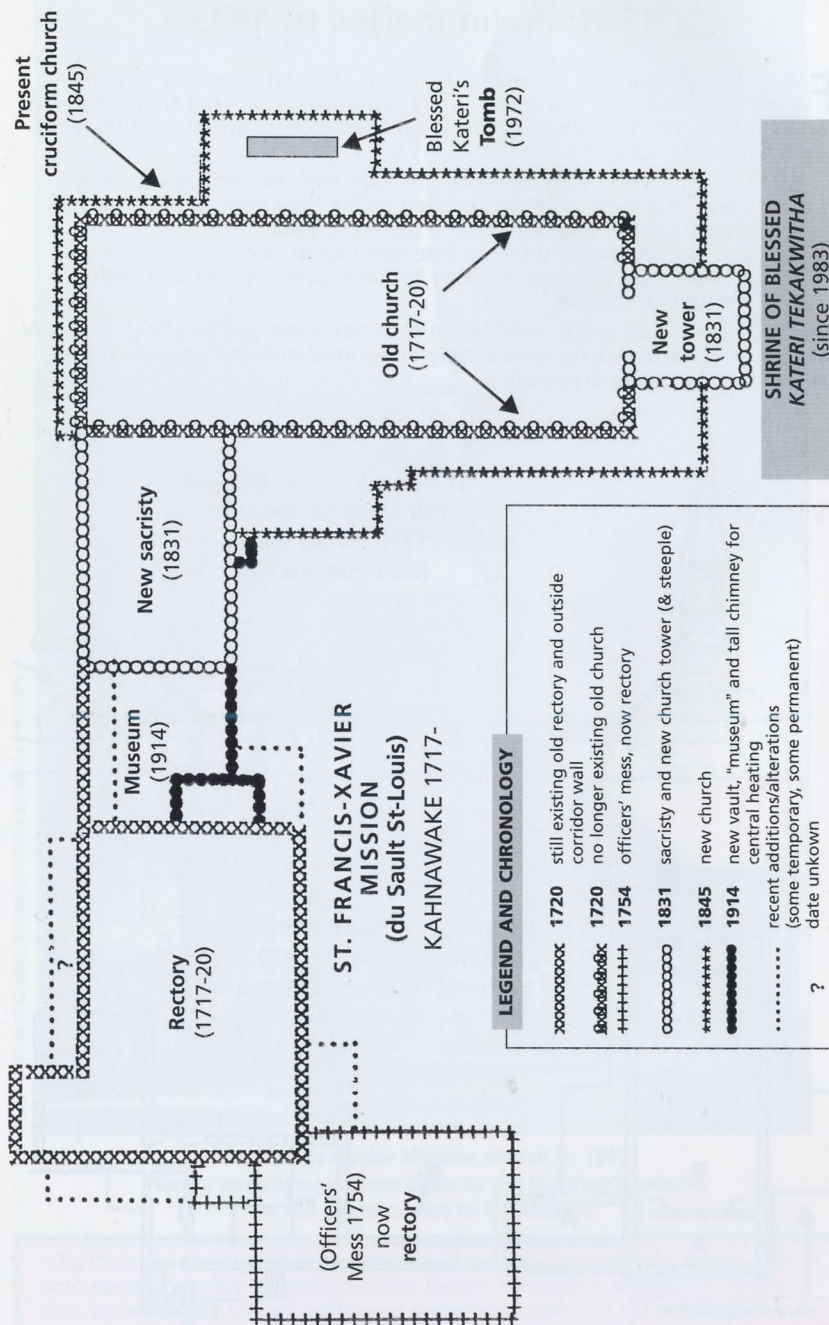
Fourteen years later work could begin on a new enlarged building. The new steeple tower and sacristy were simply integrated into the new cruciform church (added to the drawing).



St. Francis Xavier Mission
(du Sault Saint-Louis)
1717 (1754) - 1831
(seen from the river)



Drawings by Capt. R. Piper
Montreal, May 5, 1830
National Archives, Ottawa
(with permission)



1845 - 1995 IMPORTANT DATES

- 1845** May 19th: after demolition of the old church, construction begins on the new St. Francis-Xavier church, under Rev. Joseph Marcoux, parish priest since 1819.
- 1855** May 29th: death of Fr. Marcoux, after devoting his entire priestly life ministering to the Mohawks (43 years).
- 1855** Sept. 10th: arrival of Rev. Nicolas V. Burtin, o.m.i., who becomes pastor in 1864. He served the natives here in all during 35 years.
- 1888** May: arrival of newly ordained Rev. Guillaume Forbes, who becomes pastor in 1892 (and eventually archbishop of Ottawa in 1928).
- 1903** Return of the Jesuits, absent since 1783.
- 1915** January 1st: arrival of the Sisters of St. Anne.
- 1916** The first native Knights of Columbus are inducted in the Lachine Council (1776). On Feb. 8, 1959 they will become an independent and self-supporting sub-section.
- 1934** The first Iroquois Jesuit, Rev. Michael Karhaienton Jacobs, is ordained a priest here July 1st by Archbishop Forbes.
- 1939** Sundays in February: first appearance of the Mohawk Mixed Choir outside Kahnawake: at the Gesu in Montreal, Rev. Alfred Bernier, S.J. conducting.
- 1943** January 3rd: Kateri Tekakwitha is declared Venerable.
- 1950** September 10th: Cardinal Tisserant visits the Mission and blesses the new Kateri School.
- 1959** June: Opening of the Saint-Lawrence Seaway.
- 1965** Major restoration of the Mission church.
- 1966** June 26th: the first Daughters of Isabella Council is founded in Kahnawake: "Lily of the Mohawks".
- 1969** June 15th: a new bell is blessed by Jesuit Provincial Fr. Florian Larivière, S.J.
- 1972** Nov.-December: Blessed Kateri's tomb is installed in the church. Bishop Coderre presides over the translation of the relics.
- 1980** June 22nd: Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha by Pope John-Paul II in Rome.
- 1983** April 17: Blessed Kateri is named second patron of the church, the latter is declared her shrine.
- 1985** Inauguration of the new Kateri Hall; April 17th its builder, Rev. Paul-E. Beaudoin, S.J. passes away.
- 1987** October 11th: ordination here of Deacon Ronald Boyer.
- 1990** March 19th: death of Rev. Henri Béchar, S.J., Vice-Postulator of Kateri's Cause during 40 years. He was one of main historians of Kateri's life.
- 1995** May 19th: 150th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the present St. Francis-Xavier church in Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada.

150th
anniversary

May 19, 1995

of the second Mission church

Inscription deposited in the cornerstone
May 19, 1845

To the eternal glory of God
and to the honor of the Virgin Mother of God
under the name of Saint Francis Xavier
this 14th of the calends of June of the year of our Lord 1845
(old Latin Church calendar still in use at that time)
under the sovereign pontificate of Gregory XVI
and the reign of Victoria Alexandrina, Queen of England,
the most illustrious and most reverend Ignace Bourget
being the second bishop of Montreal
and the honorable Charles Metcalfe,
proclaimed, by royal decree, Lord Fenhil, governor-general of Canada
the reverend Joseph Marcoux,
pastor of this mission and missionary to the Iroquois for the last thirty-three
years, the principal grand chiefs of this village of Sault St-Louis being
Martin Tekanasontie Thomas Tiohatekwen Charles Katsirakeron,
Thomas Sakaohetsa, Jean-Baptiste Saonwentsiowane,
Joseph Tenihatie and Pierre Atawenrate
Reverend Father Félix Martin, superior of the Jesuits in Canada,
the architect,
François-Xavier Poitras, François & Jean-Baptiste Branchaud,
brothers, being the contractors,
Reverend Joseph Vincent Quiblier, vicar general,
blessed and laid the cornerstone of this church
which is of greater dimensions than the preceding one
built by the reverend fathers of the Society of Jesus.
Assisting him were the said Rev. Father Martin,
Reverend Father Tellier, S.J., pastor at Laprairie
Reverend Father Léonard, O.M.I.
the Reverends Duransaux, pastor at Lachine,
Pignot, pastor at St. Philomena and
Vinet, pastor at St. Constant

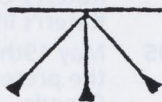


Photo: André de Repentigny (1984)
(SAGMAI, Government of Quebec)

The other Mission complex buildings: the west wing (1754),
the main central rectory unit (1717-),
the security vault & museum (1914) and the sacristy (1831).



Photo: R.-M. Tremblay (1993),
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

The tabernacle
of the sacristy altar.
It goes back to the origins
of the Mission,
perhaps earlier.
Was it in the sacristy of
the old church?
Was it made in France
and imported?
Experts are puzzled...

"We need to recognize that our world is increasingly aware of the rights and diversity of cultures, and that cultural groups are properly asserting the qualities of their heritage. We need to respect them in their self-affirmation and to work along with them creatively."

A local group of Sisters of Saint Anne in the late 1940's. At the extreme right, Sr. Roseline G  n  reux, who is still assigned to the Mission for pastoral care.



Photo: C.A. Barbier, Lach  ne

Sept. 10, 1950: His Eminence Eug  ne Cardinal Tisserant is made an honorary chief of the Iroquois nation with the name Kaswatetseranoron ("cherished light of the Orient"). He came to enhance the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Sisters of Saint-Anne and to bless the new Kateri School.

"In all our ministries, we should recognize that the salvific work of God's revelation is already present in all cultures and that God will bring it to completion."



August 8, 1954: Blessing of a new statue of Kateri, sculptured by Emile Brunet and gracing the front of Kateri School. Steel workers parade by holding a miniature bridge, symbol of their trade.



Photo: Paul Hamel, S.J.

April 26, 1981: the official launching of the 17-cent postage stamp in honor of Blessed Kateri: grand chief Andrew Delisle, Bishop Bernard Hubert (of St-Jean-Longueuil) and Defense Minister the honorable Gilles Lamontagne, MP.

"We should remember that we do not directly 'evangelize cultures': we evangelize people in their cultures."



Blessed Kateri's permanent resting place. A gift of the Daughters of Isabella and of the O'Brien family, the tomb was designed by architect Charles-E. Piché and made of Carrara marble by Aiello Monuments. Bishop Gérard-M. Coderre blessed it on Dec. 17, 1972.

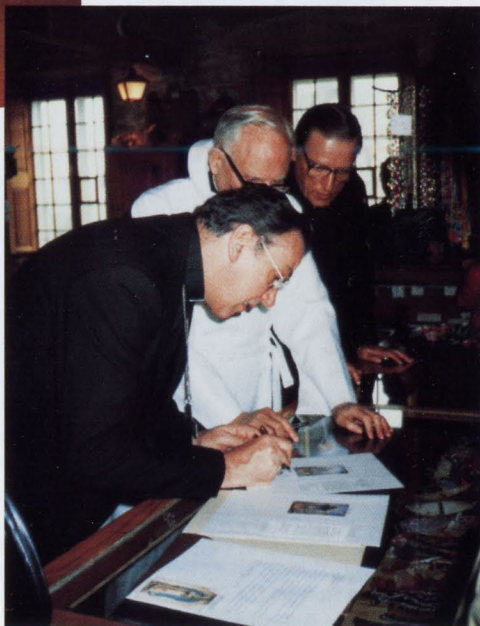


Photo: Paul Hamel, S.J.

April 17, 1983:
Blessed Kateri is officially declared the second patron of the mission and the latter to be also the "Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha".
Behind Bishop Hubert are Fr. Henri Bécharde, S.J. and Léon Lajoie, S.J.

"Whether we are working in our own culture or in another, as servants of the Gospel we must not impose our own cultural structures, but witness to the creativity of the Spirit which is also at work in others."

A Couple of Anniversaries

Sept. 28, 1986: Fr. Lajoie celebrates the 25th anniversary of his arrival in Kahnawake, with Brenda Rice and her mother, along with friends Jeannine Burgess and Roy Hepburn.



Photo: Paul Hamel, S.J.



Photo: Paul Hamel, S.J.

Nov. 17, 1990:
celebrating his 50th anniversary of religious life, Fr. Lajoie is inducted honorary chief of the Iroquois nation with the name Sakohawi ("he who leads/guides, carrying the load/burden").

"Ultimately, the people of a culture are the ones who root the Church and the Gospel in their lives."

Ne ratitsihenstakweniios ne Kahnawake The Pastors of St. Francis-Xavier Mission

Ratitsihenstatsihonwe The Reverend Jesuit Fathers

Pierre Raffeix1667-1671
Jacques Frémin1671-1682
Jacques Bruyas1682-1684
1688-1693
1699-1709
Claude Chauchetière1684-1688
Jacques de Lamberville ...1693-1695
Pierre Cholenec1695-1699
1711-1722
Julien Garnier1709-1711
Pierre Langrené1722-1723
Pierre de Lauzon1723-1727
1729-1734
Joseph-Frs de Lafiteau ...1727-1729
Jacques de la Bretonnière .1734-1735
Luc-François Nau1735-1743
J.-B. Tournois1743-1751
Antoine Gordan1751-1752
1753-1755
Nicolas Degonnor1752-1753
J.-B. de Neuville1755-1759
Joseph Huguet1759-1782
Jean-Baptiste Well1782

Oktihatitsihenstatsi Diocesan Clergy

J.-B. Dumouchelle1783
Pierre-Antoine Gallet ...1783-1784
Laurent Ducharme1784-1793
Antoine Rinfret1794-1802
1808-1814
Antoine Van Felson1802-1808
Pierre-Nicolas Dufresne ...1814-1819
Joseph Marcoux1819-1855

Ronatiasotarhon The Reverend Oblate Fathers

Eugène Antoine1855-1864
Nicolas-Victor Burtin1864-1892

Rawension Diocesan Priest

His Exc. Msgr Guillaume Forbes
1892-1903

Ratitsihenstatsihonwe The Reverend Jesuit Fathers

Samuel Granger1903-1904
1906-1913
1922-1923
Arthur Melançon1904-1906
Joseph Gras1913-1922
Onésime Lacouture1923-1927
Conrad Hauser1927-1932
1936-1937
Wilfrid Ménard1932-1936
Réal Lalonde1937-1951
Georges Brodeur1951-1955
Albert Burns1955-1956
Horace Labranche1957-1963
Léon Lajoie1963-1990
Louis Cyr1990-

Father Léon Lajoie, S.J.

(39th pastor of St. Francis-Xavier Mission: 1963-1990)

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.: Father Lajoie, you served as pastor in Kahnawake for 27 years. What brought you to this mission?

Léon Lajoie, S.J.: As a Jesuit, I must answer: my superior! I had already spent two years as a missionary in Ethiopia. After my ordination, after two short periods in Kahnawake, I was finally appointed as an assistant in 1961.

J.B.: All in all, how long have you stayed here?

L.L.: As superior and pastor, from Nov. 16, 1963 until 1990. Add to that my eight years as assistant, and you get the figure 35 years in all. (Only the Rev. Joseph Marcoux - 1819-1855 - spent more time in Kahnawake, JB).

J.B.: What did Kahnawake look like in 1961?

L.L.: It was a big village, with a lot of wanderers in the United States, looking for jobs as steel-workers. Here in town there was the Post Office, a small hospital, a school and the Convent of the Sisters of Saint Ann. As for the rest it was mostly residential. But I have seen the town getting organized: the Social Services, the Youth Center, other schools, the Knights of Columbus Hall, the Kateri Hall, the Caisse Populaire, a new hospital, the arena, etc. Along with the Band Council, I always encouraged all these creations. It took its toll on my health... Maybe during my few leisures. I visited too many prisons and hospitals...

J.B.: What was the most important event during your life here?

L.L.: I must say, without hesitation, that it was the Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha in Rome, on June 22, 1980. What a joy to be present at this magnificent ceremony with so many Mohawks from Canada and the United States! I felt the same pride as theirs: the pride of having given a saint to the world! In my heart, I wished that many other Mohawks would imitate the good Kateri.

Another unforgettable event was the restoration of the church in 1965. The parishioners contributed so well then, in time and money. Many bystanders also came to see our discoveries under the main floor. We found a real cemetery there with 367 bodies. But one had to see our church after this thorough cleaning. It gave me many worries... joys even more!

J.B.: Do you still feel as the "capitaine" of the ship of Kahnawake?

L.L.: I was the first to call all the men here by "mon capitaine". The name finally stuck to me. I thank the Lord for letting me navigate for so long... "Sail, sail on smoothly... my ship".

Art treasures in *Blessed Kateri's Shrine*



The main altar of the Shrine: 18th and 19th century Quebec artists P. Labrosse or G. Boivin, Louis Quévillon and Vincent Chartrand shaped and restored it.

Photo: R.-M. Tremblay, National Art Gallery, Ottawa (1993)



4th station of the cross: Jesus meets with His mother, Mary. By Carli-Petrucchi, 1926.

Photo: Anne Scheuerman (1995)



Jesus giving Peter the keys to the kingdom. Ceiling fresco by Guido Nincheri (1924-28).

Photo: Anne Scheuerman (1995)



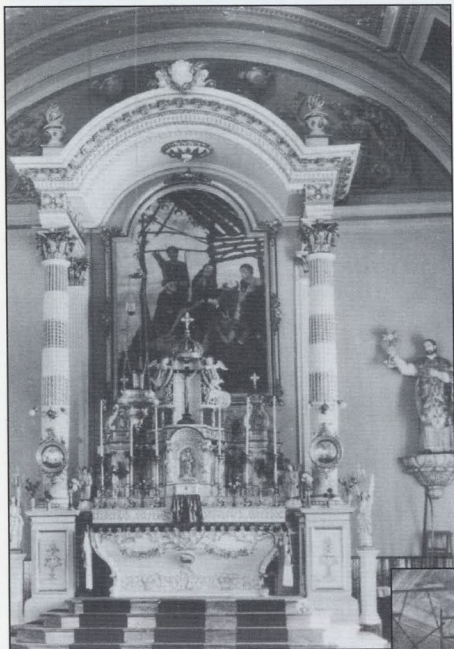
The oldest known painting of Blessed Kateri, by F. Claude Chauchetière, S.J. presumably in the late 1680's.

Photo: Bob Peters (1994)



Photo: Madeleine Huet

Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J. (1909-1990), fondly remembered as Canadian vice-postulator of Kateri's cause for over 40 years. His first book was a chronicle of the first century of our Mission church: "J'ai cent ans" ("I'm 100 years old") published in 1946. He has faithfully chronicled the events of the last 50 years in this *Kateri* magazine he founded and then edited the rest of his life (1st issue, Dec. 1948).



The main altar in 1930, with its very conspicuous painting of the death of St. Francis Xavier. This is the 1928 copy by Olivier Beaulieu of an age-old much deteriorated original that hung in the mission church as far back as the early 1800's. It gave way to the present memorial cross in 1932.

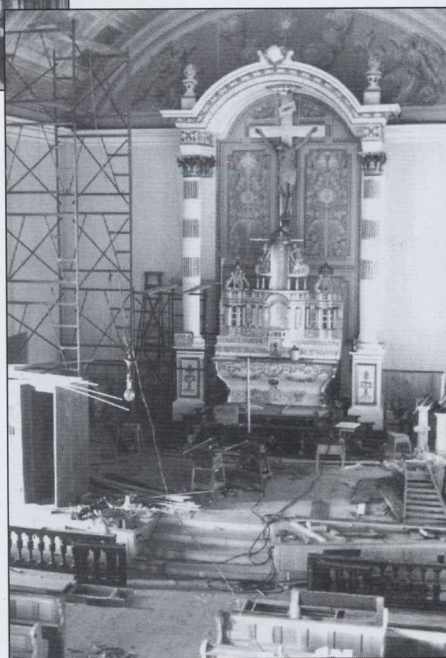


Photo: Brodie Studio (Lachine)

The last major uplifting of the church's interior was done in 1965, in preparation for Kahnawake's tercentenary (1967).

This cross commemorates the 35 workers from Kahnawake who lost their lives when a span of the Quebec bridge under construction collapsed into the Saint-Lawrence, on Aug. 29, 1907.

"Each stage of our formation programs should root us in the cultures of the people we serve. They should focus on sharing the life and experience of those people, and on trying to understand the culture from within."

A Tireless Builder

(Fr. Paul-Emile Beaudoin, S.J., 1909-85)

Not only did the good Lord and Blessed Kateri beckon him back on her feast day (April 17, 1985), but even death did not prevent Fr. Beaudoin from enjoying the privilege of inaugurating his last work, the brand new Kateri Hall, as he lay there in state. Such was in fact the first official function to take place there.

Father Beaudoin truly deserved this token of recognition, after having spent the last 15 years of his life in seconding Fr. Lajoie through a panoply of Mission renovation and restoration projects. Since his arrival in 1970, the rectory buildings were entirely rewired, a new fire alarm system was installed all over, a Youth Center was built, a greatly expanded organ (from 5 to 30 stops) was set up, the sag-

ging church ceiling was jacked up at the cross-point, the entire ground floor of the old rectory and museum was restored,



Fr. Beaudoin surrounded by three of his youthful native friends holding the Holy Bread (at Christmas time): Katsi Goodleaf, Georgie and Cynthia White.

Nincheri's 1928 frescoes were given a protective lacquer coating, and a new Kateri Hall replaced the older one gutted by fire.

What an accomplishment! He left us in trust a legacy to be cherished and protected.

Blessed Kateri's Beatification
JUNE 1980
The Audience at the Vatican



Fr. Paolo Molinari, S.J.,
Postulator General for Kateri's
cause, presents Fr. Béchard to
His Holiness Pope John-Paul II.
Easily recognizable in between
is Bishop Bernard Hubert.

His Holiness
acknowledges
Fr. Lajoie. Looking on
are Fr. Ronald Schultz,
O.F.M. (Fonda) at
center and Grand
Chief Andrew Delisle
to the right.



Photo: Arturo Mari, from the Photography Service of the
Osservatore Romano

"We need to listen carefully when people say that the Gospel does not speak to them, and begin to understand the cultural experience behind what they say."

Esther Phillips and
Mae Montour of the
Mohawk Mixed Choir
are greeted by His
Holiness.



Photo: Foto Felici, Rome



Photo: Foto Felici, Rome

Several members of the choir are lined up in the front row to the right of Sr. Kateri Mitchell, S.A.A. (St. Regis) as His Holiness enters the audience aula (Brenda Rice, Agathe Foote, Eileen Lefebvre, Annie Lahache and Esther Phillips).

"Does what we say, and what we do, correspond to the real and urgent needs of the people around us in their relationship to God and to others? If the answer is strongly 'no', then perhaps we are not fully engaged in the lives of the people we serve."

The Iroquois Mixed Choir of Kahnawake



End of June 1954:
on a pilgrimage to the
Cap-de-la-Madeleine,
under the direction of
Fr. Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
At the organ:
Mr. Bernardin Houle,
who began his regular
duties in Kahnawake on
July 9, 1950 and who is
still going strong...!



Photo: John Taylor

Jan. 24, 1966: in a CFCF-TV studio in Montréal. Fr. Henri Lalonde, S.J. was the last of the Jesuit conductors (he passed away in 1974): his first participation in choir activities goes back to the late 30's!

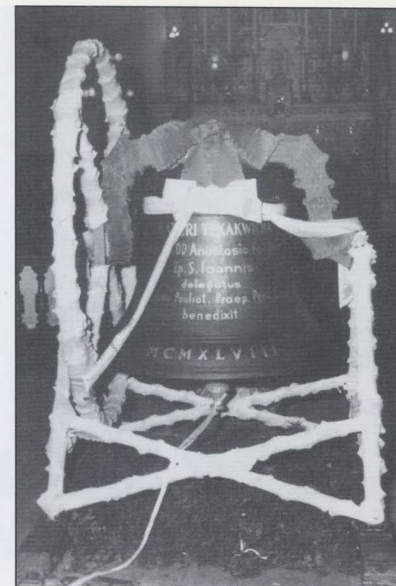
"There should be an integration of the dynamics of inculturation in the formation of young Jesuits and in apostolic renewal of Jesuits and our co-workers. This is essential for our own conversation of heart, and for a rediscovery of the freshness of the Gospel in its dialogue with culture."

The Present Bells

at

Kateri's Shrine

The new "Kateri Tekakwitha" bell, made in England, blessed on May 29, 1948 by Jesuit Provincial Fr. Léon Pouliot, S.J. It replaced the old 1832 bell donated by King William IV of England and now gracing the front lawn of the church.



June 15, 1969, Jesuit Provincial Fr. Florian Larivière, accompanied by FF. Béchar & Lajoie as he anoints the new "Kateri Kaneaktenha" bell, made in France and replacing the old, quasi legendary "Deerfield" bell now resting silent in the new church. To the right, its godparents: Tom Lazare, president of the K. of C. who donated the bell, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hemlock.

"An experience of a culture other than our own will help us grow into a vision more open to what is universal and more objective about our own native cultures."



Oct. 11, 1987: Ronald Boyer is ordained a deacon by Bishop Bernard Hubert; seen here also with his wife Sheila, Fr. Lajoie and Gerry Marion.



Photo: Tony Burwanger

A team that works, the personnel at the Mission and Shrine in 1994: (standing, left to right) Ann Diabo Stalk, Jeannette Richard, Br. Camille Paulin, S.J., Fran Bruyère, Deacon Ron, Mary Leblanc and Fr. Bruyère; (seated in front) Sheila and Fr. Louis Cyr, S.J. present pastor.

"We commit ourselves to ways of creating genuinely 'local churches' which can contribute to the richness of the universal communion of the Church of Christ."

Jubilarians galore!



Fr. Michael Jacobs S.J. (at left), celebrating in August 1972 his golden anniversary of religious life, accompanied by Bishop Guy Bélanger of Valleyfield, and by FF. Albert Burns S.J. and Francis Arsenault S.J. (respectively twenty-five years of priesthood and religious life). Both the latter missioned in Kahnawake and St. Regis. Father Jacobs passed away in 1988.

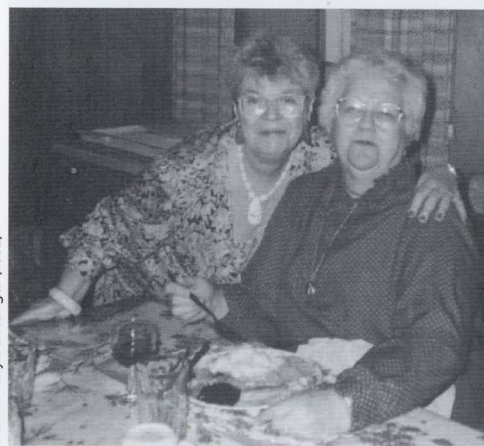


Photo: Tony Burwanger (1992)

25 years at our Mission: Fran Bruyère as receptionist and secretary (she has since retired), Sr. Roseline Gagnéux S.S.A. as teacher and pastoral assistant, who is still with us and celebrating this very year (1995) her golden anniversary of religious life.

"We should also look for ways of creating an indigenous theology, liturgy and spirituality and to promote the right and freedom of peoples to encounter the Gospel without being alienated from their culture."

The Jesuits and St. Francis-Xavier Mission

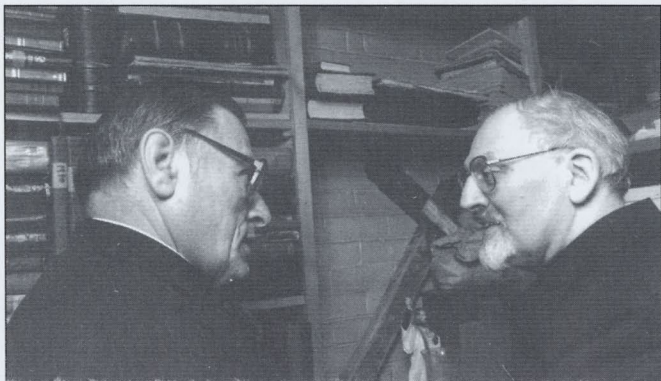


Photo: Paul Hamel, S.J.

May 22, 1986: Father General, Peter-Hans Kolvenbach talking with Fr. Lajoie during his visit to the Mission.



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ROMA - Borgo S. Spirito, 5

28 June 1986.

Dear Father Lajoie,

More than a month ago, it gave me great pleasure to meet our Fathers and Brothers in Canada. This event is still fresh in my memory, and I shall long remember their cordial welcome and the brotherly and lively spirit I found in the whole Province.

Thanks especially to you and to Fr. Béchard for organizing and guiding my visit to the tomb of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, where we can find a genuine symbol of our apostolic ministry in Canada.

The few days I have spent in your Province have given me hope and prompted me to give thanks to God; and it is my wish that for you also they be a source of hope and an opportunity to give thanks.

Cordially yours in Our Lord,

Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.

Rev. Fr Léon Lajoie, Superior, Kahnawake

(Translated from French)

Jesuit Mission and Culture

Early this year 223 Jesuits from all over the world convened in Rome for the Society's 34th General Congregation. Its final statement contains a chapter on "Our Mission and Culture". All quotations above stem from its concluding guidelines (#27) and proposals (#28). Further:

"Our ministry of evangelizing cultures will be a ministry of consolation when it is conducted in ways that bring to light the character of how God is acting in those cultures in which we engage and which strengthen our sense of the divine mystery. But our efforts will be misguided, and even destructive, when we act against the grain of his presence in the cultures which the Church addresses..." (#9)

Specific past failings are humbly but fairly enumerated (#12), since

"we have not always recognized that aggression and coercion have no place in the preaching of the Gospel of freedom, especially in cultures which are vulnerable to manipulation by more powerful forces".

Nevertheless,

"throughout the world, Jesuits are working with great numbers of ethnic groups, tribes and countries with traditional cultures. These have a wonderful patrimony of culture, religion and ancient wisdom that has molded their peoples' identities... our intuition is that the Gospel resonates with what is good in any culture" (#11).

Father General's personal sensitivity to cultures different from his own comes from many years of ministry in the Middle East. Closer to home, he spent a week, in Oct. 1993, at the Anishinabe Spiritual Center near Espanola, Ont., sharing his experience with 24 Jesuit missionaries from all five continents. It is truly comforting to feel the Spirit confirming the Society at large in its renewed commitment to interact with the cultures of all peoples.

Louis Cyr, S.J.

KATERI NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center
from May 5, 1995 to June 8, 1995.

Better Health	8
Cures	4
Employment Found or Kept	6
Financial Aid	1
Properties Bought or Sold	4
Smooth deliveries	3
Safe trips	2
Successful or averted operations	2
Completed studies	3
Temporal favors	5

Twenty-five prayer pledges or more

M. Roger Guimond, Montréal,
Québec, 151.

SPECIAL Issue

With great pleasure we present you
this special issue to invite you to cele-
brate with us this anniversary or maybe
to visit this old church which is also
Kateri's Shrine.

Thanks to all those who have con-
tributed to the preparation of this issue:
Fr Louis Cyr S.J., pastor of the Saint
François-Xavier Mission, the Sisters of
Saint-Anne who have served here for so
long, Anne Scheuerman, expert photog-
rapher and Aibert Lazare who showed
again his ability as a researcher. Happy
anniversary! ■

J. B., S.J.



The Frances Gohannhatenha 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!

1. Mrs. Francis X. Schork	27. Mr. Forrest Shorey, Jr.	53. Mr. Adélar Chabot
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12. Mrs. Odile Fournier	38. Mr. l'Abbé Dan Hannin	64. A Deceased Relative
13. Mr. Joseph Godin	39. Mr. Roger Ruddy Laroche	65. Mr. Raymond Montmarquette
14. Mrs. Meldred Curry	40. Miss Alyce Connolly	66. Mr. Edmond L. Brideau
15. A Soul in Purgatory	41. Mr. Adelard Labelle	67. Mrs. Sylvana Pillin-Niang
16. A Soul in Purgatory	42. Mrs. Rose Grimard	68. A Soul in Purgatory
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19. Mr. David Swartz	45. Mrs. Florida Latour	71. Miss Sandra Ruth Hamblin
20. Mrs. Theresa Crawbuck	46. Miss Annie Fournier	72. Mr. Théobald Chartrand
21. A Soul in Purgatory	47. A Soul in Purgatory	
22. A Soul in Purgatory	48. Mr. Jean-Marc Huet	
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25. Mr. King P. Shopteese	51. Mr. Robert King	
26. Mr. Ronald Robichaud	52. Mr. Camil Therrien	

Testimonies of favors obtained

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

Enclosed is a donation I promised Kateri if my son sold his house, which he
did in one week. Kateri always comes to my need when I ask...

(Johnstown, PA)

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

Enclosed is a cheque for twenty dollars which I promised to the Blessed
Kateri Guild if my prayers to Kateri and Mary were answered. I am now the
proud grandmother of yet another beautiful healthy granddaughter. Both
baby and mother are doing just fine. I also asked Blessed Kateri for a posi-
tive report on my husband's medical which initially showed a possible
tumor. His report was positive and I thank Blessed Kateri for coming
through for me once again. I feel blessed to know Blessed Kateri and
promise to continue to pray daily for her canonization.

(Hamilton, ONT)

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

Enclosed is a thank you of twenty-five dollars for Kateri's continued help.
Especially for helping me with an unexpected job change, recovery from a
severe sinus infection as well as other intentions for the health of family
members. Thank you Kateri.

(Randolph, MA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. R. D.!

The past two months have been most difficult. On April 10, I was operated
on for a cancerous growth in the stomach. The surgeon intended to take
the rest of the stomach out to tie the oesophagus to the small bowel.
During the operation they chose a different procedure. It was a very diffi-
cult surgery. They bypassed the toma. The day after the operation, I saw
death implore the Holy Spirit and our dear friend Kateri. M. claims a mir-
acle happened. Her faith insists this is true and the doctors were well aware
of the miraculous event that took place. I had constantly prayed to Kateri
for many, many months, each night kneeling to say her Pater, Ave and
Gloria. I know she must have asked our Lord Jesus to keep me on this earth
for more time.

(Duxbury, MA)

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

Enclosed is a fifteen dollar check as a thanksgiving offering to Kateri. She
helped my son get through college finals and I'm sure she will also help my
daughter get through the rest of her school year.

(Erie, PA)

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

Enclosed please find one hundred dollars for Kateri's Cause. I had been
praying for a long time for my son to find the employment he wanted. My
prayers were answered and he found exactly what he was looking for. I am
now praying for another intention and I am positive I will get an answer.

(Biddeford, ME)

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

Here is a cheque for five dollars for the Kateri magazine. My husband final-
ly got a job that he likes, after two years of unemployment, as a printer,
with all of our prayers, especially the ones directed to blessed Kateri...

(Toronto, ONT)



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