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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

Many Mohawks, after they had been baptized in Fonda, N.Y. moved to La Prairie. They were called the "Indians of prayer". A Catholic was one who prayed and their town was known as "the village of prayer."

Of course they were not always running to church for prayer. They brought their inner chapel with them wherever they went be it on hunting or fishing expeditions. Because, for them, God was not only an idea, an image or sentiments. He was a living God, deep in their hearts.

They knew how to descend to the "interior of their soul", far down, where the Lord is, where He is found awaiting, where He wants to share generously with us a life of union, light and love.

Blessed Kateri knew how to recollect herself, gather all her affection and concentrate on Him who was in the most intimate realm of her soul. She knew it and took pleasure in descending to such depth to unite with Him, who never leaves us, who wishes to identify us with Him in a certain manner, in a marvelous way.

In the Psalms, we read the Jahweh calls us by our name. This "name" is our identity, our "personal vocation". In China, it's an old custom to give to a child a very significant name which becomes the leitmotiv of his life. For ex.: "chien-kuo": nation builder; "te-yi": virtuous and just. It's alike a name glued to your personality. The name of saints given at baptism had the same purpose. Andrew meant a man of strength, Cecilia, a lady who sang in her torments...

My real name is "I", what God made me for. It's up to me to be faithful to this "personal vocation", gift of God, who dwells in me and toils with me every day.

If my Lord is really waiting for me at the very depth of my being, in my "interior castle", it is a duty and a pleasure to establish a dialogue with Him. This is what prayer is: this communication with my God, trying to establish this communion which will gradually make me like Him. What blessings! God expects me to draw from His richness, generosity and love...

At the time of Christmas, may our hearts become like a crib, where the God of Love, Saviour of the World, wishes to curl up, so to configure us with him.

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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Amerindian News

Maria Esperanza at Auriesville

Maria Esperanza, a mystic from Venezuela (approved by her Bishop Pio Bello Ricardo) is reputed to have seen our Lady on numerous occasions. She was brought to the Shrine by Marlene McCauley who has introduced our Blessed Kateri in many dioceses of Venezuela. On May 7, 4500 people, mainly Latino-Americans, came to see her and listen to her.

At the end of her address at the Shrine, she said: "Before I say goodbye, I would like to speak about Katerine. She brought me here. I was still uncertain about coming here to fulfill my mission. Then she appeared to me at night, very early in the morning, around 2 o'clock. Little poor Indian, humble, with her hair falling down and her face was marked, but later on, those marks, the scars faded away... She told me: "I am waiting for you. Trust that in the morning, everything will be solved." And she said so many other things to me. She also said, "Have you seen how I found souls who have taken care of me? Follow the inspiration of the Lord and go to visit me in my lands. I have a lily for you. And she did. I told Marlene that she had left a lily, a spiritual lily but the truth is, in the morning, we found a lily in our house! I kept it. My Lord she has to be a great saint, because she watched over the children. She loved and protected them.

She would run with them through all the landscapes. It was very beautiful - how God sends us these beautiful creatures that give themselves for love. I beg you to have much humility. Every day, I pay to the Lord to grant me humility, for I lack it. You must remember, it what's inside, what we carry in our hearts, that is really important. Where there is sensitivity, there is a heart; these are feelings - where God will come."

Thanks for those who brought me here with my 47 compatriots. Thanks and my respects to all, wishing that you may continue reaping and gathering the harvest of this land, which is beautiful, the Mohawk Valley, blessed with water to quench the thirst of all."

*Extracts from the
"Lily of the Mohawks"*

New religious order open to disabled

Louise Principe, herself in a wheel-chair, has founded the Franciscan Missionaries of Jesus Crucified in 1987, as a path of consecrated life for people with disabilities, also welcoming those who have none.

This young group of 35 members hope that they will, eventually receive a formal Church recognition as a secular institute - a society of Catholics who live and work in the world but take public vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

"Because we, as a secular institute, says Louise Principe, require people to be self-supportive and able to live on their own, we have the flexibility to accept these vocations, even widows and elderly people. We have people with working disabilities, mental illness, cancer, blindness, hearing loss, development disabilities. It is because of them and through them that we become an institute, sharing the cross of Christ and reaching out to others who bear that cross".

Their spiritual patron is Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha whose birth place is in the Albany diocese. Disfigured and partially blinded by a childhood small-pox infection, Kateri was not allowed to become a nun but made a vow of chastity as a young woman and lived a consecrated life in a secular society.

The group's spirituality has a strong Franciscan element: prayer and strong attraction to the poor and to Christ on the cross. "Jesus did His greatest work nailed to a cross, when the only thing He could move was His head."

«*National Catholic Reporter*»,
Sept. 15

The new ways of the Mission

The dioceses of the North, still considered as missionary territories in Canada, are living, since a while, the problematic experience of the lack of priests.

It could not be otherwise, because we did not succeed very well in challenging the aboriginal people in promoting priestly and religious vocations. The few religious vocations which came from our missions were for the most part of a non-aboriginal origin, a very few of them are involved in the ministries of the North. The pastoral leadership of priests and religious is identified with a non-Native church amongst Natives, a "white church", foreign! The Christian communities of the North are indeed grateful for the presence of the missionaries who come and continue to come at the request of these Native communities. The most populated districts still enjoy the apostolate of these missionaries who are outsiders, even though they try to be insiders.

When a nation can make hers a faith which is culturally integrated, then she can attain the maturity of the faith. The 8 dioceses of the North, cover about 2/3 of the whole surface of Canada. The population amounts to 612,642 persons of which 187,392 are Catholics, divided in 332 parishes, chapels or missions. We count up to 12 Bishops (4 being immeriti) 152 priests (diocesan or religious) 2 permanent deacons, 202 Sisters, 30 Brothers, 7 secular Institute members and many lay people working as catechists, pastoral agents and lay missionaries.

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Welcome Address

in Potsdam, N.Y. at the opening of the conference

by the Mohawk Chief Norman Tarbell

On behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, our Tribal Council and all Mohawk people, I would like to offer our warmest greetings to Bishop Loverde, bishops and other distinguished guests who have dedicated themselves to religious life, our neighbors, friends and members of National Tekakwitha Conference.

I am pleased and honored to be here this evening. As a Catholic, a Fourth Degree member of Knights of Columbus and a Mohawk, I am proud to say that I share a common cultural heritage with Blessed Kateri. She is a source of hope and inspiration for many, many Mohawks and today, nearly 300 years after her death, her spirit is very much alive in our community.

As all of you know, Blessed Kateri dedicated her life to caring for others. She was charity personified. Her love of God and her fellow human beings was truly remarkable. Despite her own frailties and infirmities, she spent most of her life caring for others and demonstrating the true, loving spirit of Jesus Christ.

On a daily basis we can still see examples of Mohawks' willingness to share and care for others who are less fortunate. In times of need, our community rallies behind its

members. Even those who are less fortunate than most offer what they have to other people during times of grief, sickness, disaster and emergency. Kateri's history of putting others before herself has left us a legacy to continue into the next century.

For 56 years, the National Tekakwitha Conference has gathered for annual Conferences like this. And in keeping with Kateri's legacy, you don't meet each year merely for your own benefit. You come together united in the common cause of seeing this great Mohawk woman elevated to sainthood. You work so that Blessed Kateri is not forgotten and so her selfless actions will not go unrecognized.

Of course, we all believe she has already received her ultimate reward and recognition in heaven, but it is important we spread the word of her remarkable accomplishments. It is also important for people to know that they, too, can call on Blessed Kateri in their time of need and ask for her intercession.

In recent years there has been a great deal of discussion about the relationship between the early Europeans who landed in what is now North America and the people who were natives of this land.

Welcome Address (con't)

Specifically, there has been much criticism heaped upon European missionaries and their relentless effort to convert these native people to Christianity.

It would be unfair and inaccurate of me to say all aspects of this early interaction were positive. However, neither is it fair or right to dwell in the past and continually focus on any

fine example of that. She made her choice and remained committed to her beliefs despite what others around her may have said.

So, too, must we stay committed to our dedication to and veneration of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The choice is ours. As your presence at this conference indicates, you have made your choice and your strong commitment is very



Entry parade on opening.

injustices of less enlightened times. We must live in the present and enjoy the unique relationship that has developed over centuries between native peoples and our non-native neighbors.

Also, we must remember that the vast majority of native people who chose to convert to Christianity did so of their own free will, without duress and intimidation. Blessed Kateri is a

evident. We hope and pray that we may be half as strong in our commitment as Blessed Kateri was in hers.

In closing, I would like to again welcome you to our homeland and extend the hospitality of the Mohawk people. Enjoy the conference. Thank you and God bless you.

Normand Tarbell

A Mohawk who inspires Respect

The Tekakwitha Conference's 56th annual meeting brought to our region some 1500 delegates last Aug. 2-6. The "Tekakwitha Conference" is an association serving North American Catholic Natives and aiming specifically at promoting the expression of Catholic faith through native culture.

The very fact of the patronage of Blessed Kateri proves how widely known and venerated she is throughout all of North America.

For the 1500 mostly native delegates, the highlight of this year's conference was coming here to Kateri's country, to the land where she lived and died and where her remains are buried. The Conference held its deliberations on the Clarkson University campus at Potsdam N.Y. just south of the border, thus allowing many delegates to visit St. Regis (Akwesasne) and to make a pilgrimage to Kateri's tomb in Kahnawake.

The pilgrims' lineup at the St. Francis Xavier Mission church there overflowed the middle aisle and extended outside. How moving it was to see them venerate the tombstone, depositing flowers and all sorts of sweet grass and memorabilia on and all around it. Their faces radiated the joyful and enraptured fulfillment of a long expected moment, especially for those coming from as far as Illinois, Montana and even New Mexico and Arizona.

On the other hand, we know that Kateri is the object of admiration and devotion throughout the world. Pope John Paul II declared her Blessed in 1980, along with Bishop de Laval and Marie de l'Incarnation. "She was the first native flower and everyone called her a saint" (from the decree of beatification).

Is Blessed Kateri sufficiently well known in our own Catholic communities? She is a beatified native from our shores. Her remains are close by, in Kahnawake. Mohawks are most willing to share with us the spiritual richness she represents for them. Couldn't she be a powerful mediator in helping us understand and respect one another in all fairness and avoid sweeping generalities based on our perception of a handful of individuals? Blessed Kateri is a Mohawk adopted into the Turtle Clan. She invites us to a deeper appreciation of her landspeople, especially of those who share our Christian faith and among whom are to be found many of its convincing witnesses.

She is on the way to be canonized. This will happen only if the people of God in this land of ours takes her cause to heart and understand how priceless is her presence and intercession.

Robert Lebel
Bishop of Valleyfield

The Christmas of the Silver Squirrel

Winter was just around the corner. Smarty, the silver squirrel, was making his provisions and putting these away in the attic of an old sacristy. He would be comfortable this winter. He has discovered at the bottom of a wooden frame, a heap of straw, far from knowing that this was the Christmas crib of the Infant Jesus. Already he learned to spend the nights there, curled up warmly in this white straw, well protected from the bats hanging from the ceiling... till the day that he realized that the crib had disappeared. His nuts and barley had been scattered all over.

Secretly he made an incursion in the church and the scent of the straw brought him to his bed at the feet of a lovely tall lady, so lovely that he made her a reverence. But who was this charming woman who did not move at all?

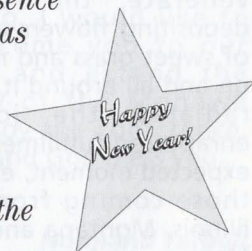
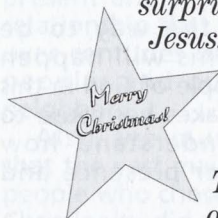
On Christmas even he realized that someone had taken his place in the crib. It was a baby, chubby, so peaceful, motionless! Poor little squirrel! someone had stolen his hide-out for winter.

The midnight Mass over, he came back to the crib, quite upset, but quietly, not to disturb the sleeping child. Then he found a little space on the straw where he could go to bye-byes, his silver hair bordering the baby. He had never known such a pleasant resting-place.

When the parishioners came to visit the crib the next day, what a surprise to find this little silver ball by the Infant Jesus. They would tolerate his presence thinking that his warmth was just as good as the one of the ox and donkey.

This Christmas was a special one for Smarty, who without knowing it, was resting beside the Saviour of the World.

J.B. s.j.

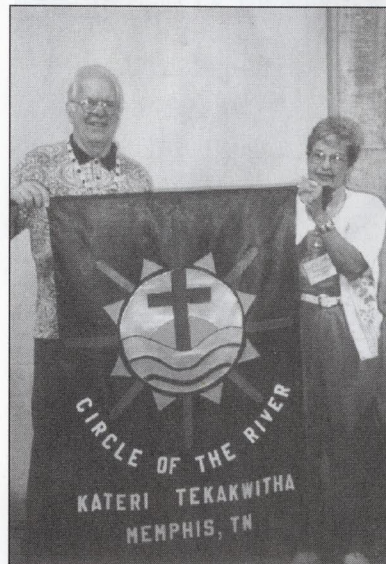
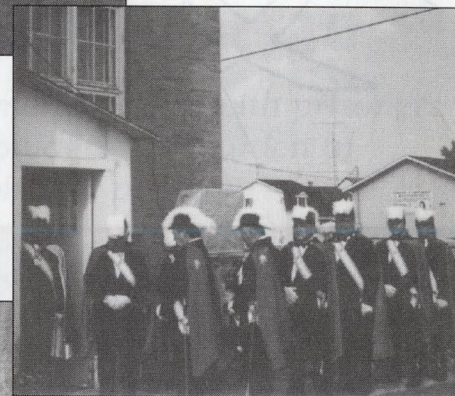


The 46th Annual Tekakwitha Conference at Potsdam, N.Y. August 2-6, 1995

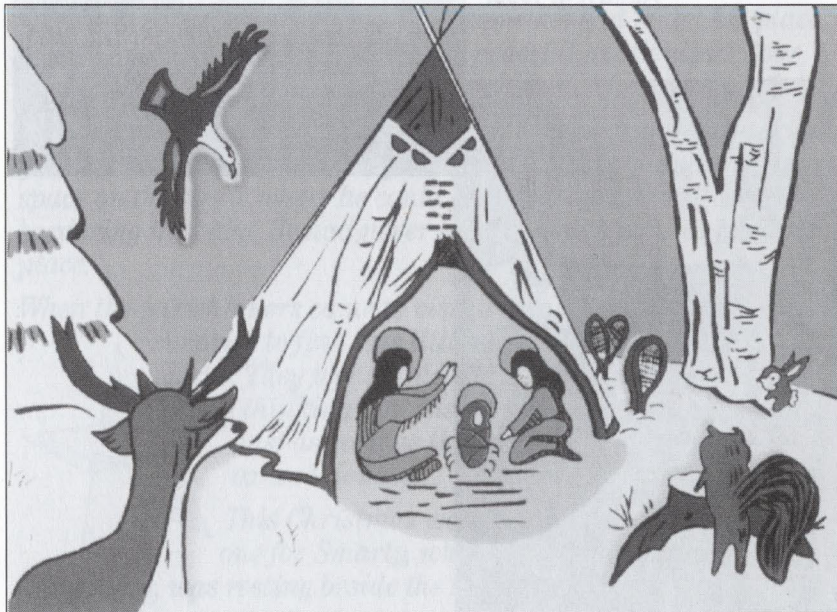
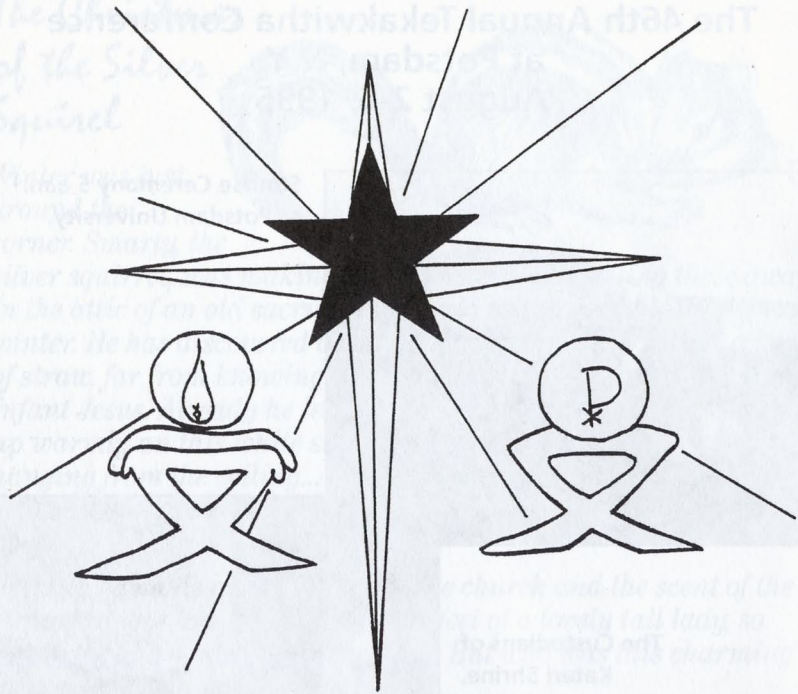


Sunrise Ceremony 5 a.m.
at Potsdam University.

The Custodians of
Kateri Shrine,
August 4, 1995.



Entry Parade.



It's Christmas every time...



It's Christmas every time you smile to your brother and sister and give them a helping hand.

It's Christmas every time you keep silent to listen to someone.

It's Christmas every time you turn your back on prejudices which relegate the oppressed to the limits of their isolation.

It's Christmas every time you hope with prisoners who carry, on their shoulders, the burden of physical, moral and spiritual poverty.

It's Christmas every time you allow God to love others through you.

It's Christmas every time you accept a "foreigner" in your life, may he be yellow, brown, red or black...

*Let us pray to **God** that, at Christmas, we can accept Jesus not in the cold manger of our hearts, but in a heart full of love, of humility, animated by the warmth of love that we have for one another.*

Mother Theresa

Looking toward the Millennium

In an apostolic letter anticipating the 2,000th anniversary of Christianity, Pope John Paul II said the church and its members must make a profound "examination of conscience" to measure their past and present conduct against the ideals of the faith.

Announcing a "great jubilee" for the year 2000, the Pope unveiled plans for regional synods, ecumenical and inter-religious meetings and possible papal trips to the land where Jesus lived. The Pope made it clear he expects to personally preside over the ambitious program, saving the preparations have become a key to his pontificate.

Christ's 2,000th birthday will be an extraordinary moment not only for Christians but indirectly for all humanity, the Pope said in his letter, titled "Tertio Millennio Adveniente" ("The Coming Third Millennium"). The 72-page text, made public at the Vatican November 14, followed a consultation on the topic with the world's cardinals last spring.

The Pope said the jubilee, or holy year, will be celebrated simultaneously in Rome, the Holy Land and local churches during the year 2000. An International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Rome the same year, highlighting that Christ, born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago,

continues to offer himself to humanity, he said.

But the bulk of the papal letter focused on a six-year preparation program: a first phase, 1994-96, which concentrates on self-examination and historical shortcomings, in particular the fractured unity of Christian churches; and a second phase, 1997-99, which centers on Christ and His meaning for people today.

Taken as a whole, the jubilee preparations should confirm Christians in their faith, sustain their hope in eternal life and rekindle their charity toward the world's poor, he said.

All this requires that the Church take a closer look at its own conduct. It needs to "become more fully conscious of the sinfulness of her children, recalling all

those times in history when they departed from the spirit of Christ and His Gospel," he said.

The Church "cannot cross the threshold of the new millennium without encouraging her children to purify themselves, through repentance, of past errors and instances of infidelity, inconsistency and slowness to act," he said.

At the same time, the Pope said the Church has to recognize that its members over the centuries have given in to "intolerance and even the use of

violence in the service of truth." At times, because of cultural conditioning, many people mistakenly felt that authentic witnessing to the truth could include "suppressing the opinions of others," he said.

Today the Church has an obligation to express "profound regret for the weaknesses of her sons and daughters who sullied her face," he said. This offers a lesson for the future: that the truth cannot be imposed upon people, he said.

The Pope emphasized that the Church's "examination of conscience" must also include the present day, which he said was marked by religious indifference, ethical confusion and growing secularism. Church members, he said, need to pose serious questions about the theological correctness of their faith, especially in view of what he termed "the crisis of obedience" regarding the Church's teaching authority.

In social areas, too, he called on Christians to judge their own conduct against the Gospel teaching. He wondered, for example, how many Christians

have accepted the violation of human rights by totalitarian regimes, and why so many Christians share responsibility for grave forms of injustice and exclusion.

The document calls on local churches, in imitation of the early Church, to recognize martyrs among their own members, gathering documentation on specific cases.

A strong theme of the document is the need for a new ecumenical push. He said he hoped that the next six years would see an acceleration of ecumenical dialogue and an increase in specific agreements, so that "we can celebrate the great jubilee, if not completely united, at least much closer to overcoming the divisions of the second millennium."

As everyone recognizes, an enormous effort is needed in this regard," he said. He suggested a meeting of all Christians during the year 2000 as one possible initiative. ■

**Statements of the
Holy Father.**





CHRISTMAS! Gifts! CHRISTMAS! Gifts!

- 1** The latest biography of Blessed Kateri by Fr Henri Béchard s.j. 219 pages: **\$10.**
- 2** Statue of Blessed Kateri (ivory, bronze, colored) 8 1/2": **\$15.**
- 3** A pack of ten new postcards on Kateri and the Shrine: **\$5.**
- 4** The Special Issue of Kateri on the 150th Anniversary of the Church, now Kateri's Shrine: **\$3.**
- 5** T-Shirts: white with lovely blue design of Blessed Kateri, all sizes: **\$10.**
- 6** A subscription to the quarterly Kateri magazine: **\$5.**
- 7** A gift to Blessed Kateri, i.e. to the Kateri Center... so we can continue to serve you.



Many thanks in advance.



A prayer



(inspired by the pilgrimage of 1400 Natives on August 4)

*Kateri, Blessed Kateri, people gathered here from
all over the world for your cause.
From life's hustle and bustle they took a spiritual pause,
To pray for the miracle that you need,
To thank God for your help with our pleas.
You are a special friend in our spiritual life,
Never forgetting us in our times of strife.
We from Kahnawake to you feel so close
Because here was the new home that you chose.
Mohawk maiden, you walk among us today as you did years ago;
Your spirit of innocence and love is still aglow.
We ask you to remember us, Lily of the Mohawk,
As through life's hurdles each one of us does walk.
We know, loving God is your style.
And when we reach heaven's gate,
we know you will greet us with your beatiful smile.*

Kateri's friend, Patricia Jacobs.

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Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

Mr. Léo Raymond, Lachute, QC, 31;
A Sister of Marie-Réparatrix, Montreal, QC, 86.

Saint Peter Parish in Vergennes in love with Bl. Kateri

St. Peter is Parish commemorated again the Feast of Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha on July 15. Father Donald Ward representing St Isaac Jogues, arrived by canoe at the Otter Creek Falls with Kateri (Sarah Kateri Mannin) and bowman, "Karrhio", a relative (Joe Semanchik).

Following a welcome at the Falls, Fr J. Bruyère s.j. and Albert Lazare being present, the pilgrims, processed to mass at 5 p.m. and Holy Communion led by "Kateri".

Bl. Kateri risked her life (as well as Karrhio and his companion) to obtain her first Holy Communion, after a 250-mile canoe "Tekakwitha Communion Trail" trek, from St-Peter's Chapel at Fonda, N.Y., in 1677, along Lake Champlain.

Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks", lilies adorned the altar and garden statuettes. The Vice-Postulator assisted by Albert celebrated the Mass.

Kateri priest dies in bike accident



Father Jim Plavcan O.F.M. Conv, director of Kateri's Shrine at Fonda, was on his way to attend the annual Tekakwitha Conference. He was riding his bicycle in a pledge drive for American Indian children at Navaho and Zuni reservations. Apparently the front wheel hit a crevice on the highway, that hurled him over the bike, causing fatal the head injury.

He was very well esteemed in Fonda and wherever he missioned before. He was a "people person" and also very spiritual. Full of dynamism, he and Brother Ken did a remarkable work at Fonda. "Nobody smiles easier than Father Jim. He liked to tell jokes..."

The personnel of Auriesville, Akwesasne and Kahnawake will miss his joviality and spirit of cooperation. May we, as he, be "humble servants for the Cause of Kateri. ■"

Testimonies of favors obtained

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

Enclosed is a cheque for ten dollars as promised to Kateri if my daughter would stop smoking. Well she has. It is almost five months now. I continue to invoke Kateri and ask you to please remember me and my daughter in your prayers. I am asking for two huge favors. Please pray for me. Thank you Kateri.

(Alexandria, ONT)

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

I am enclosing a donation of ten dollars for Blessed Kateri. Last year my grandchildren always called on me to pray to Kateri for their tests and she always came through. I am asking her once again to watch over them while they are away from home and guide them on the right path while in college. I also want to pray to Kateri for my two granddaughters who are in high school to do well and stay away from dangerous situations. Thank you and may Kateri soon be blessed with sainthood.

(Erie, PA)

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

I am writing to tell you about the wonderful thing that Blessed Kateri has done for me. In early spring I started praying to Blessed Kateri every night! I wished for her to intercede for me to our Lord so that I would find a good job. I had complete faith in her and she didn't let me down! Three weeks ago, I was offered just the kind of job I was looking for. It's 25 hours a week (half days only) and only a five minutes drive from our house. I say it's perfect because I do volunteer work at my daughter's school and these hours enable me to continue to do that. So you see, to me, getting this job, in these tough economic times, is a miracle. Maybe it won't be seen as one by the church, but to me it will always be a miracle!.... Enclosed please find a small donation for your work on behalf of Kateri.

(Kanata, ONT)

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

Enclosed is a small check for Kateri's Cause in thanksgiving for an answer to my prayers for a safe operation on my baby great granddaughter's eye. She is now experiencing a little problem with the other eye but I'm sure Kateri will intercede for her. Will you please also say a little prayer and I will thank you with all my heart.

(Astoria, NY)

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

I am sending this money as a "thank-you" to Blessed Kateri. My nephew had some medical concerns and I prayed to Kateri that everything would be okay. While he will have these problems the rest of his life, they are not serious. Once again, a million thanks to Kateri.

(Orangeville, ONT)

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

Enclosed is a check for forty-dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for answering my prayers. I prayed that my arm wasn't broken, and it wasn't. I prayed that my dislocated elbow could be put back in easily and would heal and it did. Kateri is like an ever present best friend. She has never let down. She has gotten me through many situations that truly looked hopeless. Right now Kateri is helping me with another project! We're partners and I thank God for her! She sure keeps me smiling! Thanks again, Kateri!

(Kersey, PA)

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

Enclosed is a cheque for One Thousand Dollars. It comes as a commitment made before our recent house sale and condominium purchase, and in gratitude for Kateri's intercession for same.

(Scarborough, ONT)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. T. L.!

Enclosed is a small token of thanksgiving to Kateri for answering my prayers. I prayed to her that I would be paid for damages I received in a car accident which was not my fault.

(Springfield, TN)

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

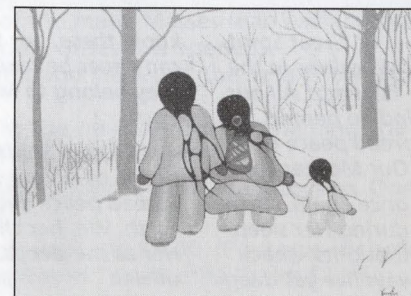
Once again I find myself writing to thank Blessed Kateri. Almost a year ago my daughter, her husband and their three daughters left Florida to move to Milwaukee to a new job, new home and no family or friends nearby. Life was a little trying but they were determined to make a go of it despite the loneliness and the shortage of money due to the cost of relocation. Their car was acting strange but there never seemed to be enough extra money to take it in for repairs. During the first few months, after they left, I sent a Kateri prayer card and a relic to my daughter. She had the prayer card in her car but when she went inside her home she had lost her relic. A few weeks ago she noticed the noise was getting louder and the car shimmied. She took the car to the garage and the mechanic took a look at the car's problem. Apparently she had been driving all these months with a broken shaft between the two wheels. The mechanic said he didn't know how she drove this long and such a distance without it breaking completely. He told her she was lucky they were not all killed in an accident. The car was repaired and she went home. Her husband decided to give the car a cleaning inside and out. As he pulled up the floor mats to clean the car - he found the relic - on the floor of the car above the broken shaft. Thank you Kateri for watching over my daughter's family. Enclosed please find a check for twenty dollars. Please enroll my daughter in the Kateri Centre.

(Kissimmee, FL)

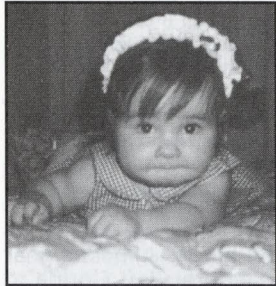
✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss K. H.!

Please accept this donation in the amount of twenty-five dollars. I had a very bad nasal congestion problem which has cleared up. Thank you Blessed Kateri.

(Albany, NY)



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 27,969 pledges have come in
after ten years' effort.*

Juliet Kateri Crawbuck at the age of 6 months
Born on December 10, 1994, baptized on April 23, 1995
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Please send yours to: The Kateri Center
Box 70
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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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A Winter Prayer



*O' Great Spirit,
Who lives in the
hearts of All our
Indian people.
Spread peace over
this Our Mother Earth.*

*While she rests, once again. As the
snow blankets Her during Her sleep,
Guide our Peoples thoughts - teach
them Our ancient ways live yet deep
in their hearts - their spirits. Let them*

*know these, our traditional beliefs,
can never be taken away from us. For
they belong to Mother Earth and
You.*

*O' Great Spirit, Who lives in the
hearts of All our Indian People.
Spread peace over this Our Mother
Earth. We, her children will protect
Her as she sleeps... For we are a part
of Her.*

Judy Goodbird

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

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

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2. Gilded: \$3.00
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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
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1. Small Kateri pictures with silk applied to relics: 50¢

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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

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