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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

During my last trip to California, I was struck by the piety of so many people. Searching for the cause of this phenomenon, I came to the conclusion that devotions were the key to that. Devotion to the Holy Mass, to Perpetual Adoration, to the Sacred Heart, to the Heart of Mary, to the Rosary, to many saints.

These devotions nourish our spiritual life, assuring fidelity to prayer, satisfying the human need for a concrete goal in life, personalizing their relation with heaven. If we do not have any determined means in our prayers to fix our attention, then heaven is hampered by the clouds.

The devotions are often renovated. I met with a group of people, often meeting for prayers, attracted by the Alliance of the Heart of Jesus with the Heart of Mary. It must be pleasing for Jesus to know that thinking of His love, we do not forget the heart of His Mother. Saint Grignon de Montfort, before the end of the 13th century, advocated this devotion to the two Hearts. Today in the daily offering, we recite: Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you through the Immaculate Heart of Mary...

Others, on account of the needs of our times refer to Our Lady of Peace. Close to San Francisco, there is a Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Peace where many pilgrims are attracted by the lovely gardens surrounding a huge statue of Our Lady, 32 feet high.

The important thing is to choose a solid devotion, one whose theology is approved by the **Church**. This is why the devotion to Jesus and Mary are the most commendable. It's out of question to recommend the choice of a saint that we invoke mainly to obtain temporal favors and to satisfy one's imagination with extraordinary exploits which are not deemed authentic.

A devotion must also answer a need of our soul. Kateri Tekakwitha lost her mother when she was 4 years old. What a void in her life! No more mother, so dear who had always given her faith and helped her to build her interior castle. Her mother, before she died, had told her that she would not be abandoned. She had in heaven a most amiable mother, most admirable, most faithful... the Mother of Jesus. Mary filled this void in her life. This is how she learned to rely on a mother so beautiful and so kind. Kateri at a very early age would recite the Rosary daily, celebrate all the feasts of Mary, would walk 15 miles from Fonda to Tionnonto to make a pilgrimage to our Lady of the Rosary.

But her main devotion was the cross, since her Lover was nailed to it. She had so many crosses to carry in her life that she needed this support. Even after her death, she found means to let her friends know how this love of the cross gave her courage and fidelity to her Lover. On April 241,680, she appeared to Anastasia, her mother's friend, carrying as cross, which was so beautiful and spread so much light and brightness "that I never saw something so agreeable and charming. Kateri also told her: "My mother, look well at this cross. See how nice it is. Oh! how I loved it on earth and I still love it in Paradise. How I wish that all those of our long house loved it and value it as I did.

May the good Kateri inspire us a devotion which will nourish our minds and hearts forever!

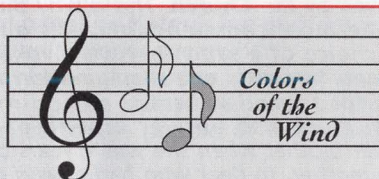
Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator



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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You think you own
Whatever land you land on
The Earth is just a dead thing
You can claim
But I know every rock
And tree and creature
Has a life, has a spirit, has a name
You think the only people
Who are people
Are the people
Who look and think like you
But if you walk the footsteps
Of a stranger
You learn things
You never knew you never knew.

Have you ever heard the wolf cry
To the blue corn moon,
Or asked the grinning bobcat
Why he grinned?
Can you sing with all the voices
Of the mountain?
Can you paint with all the colors
Of the wind?

Come run the hidden pine trails
Of the forest
Come taste the sun-sweet berries
Of the earth
Come roll in all the riches
All around you
And for once, never wonder
What they're worth.
The rainstorm and the river
All my brothers
The heron and the otter
Are my friends
And we are all connected to each other
In a circle, in a hoop
That never ends...

Written by
Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz

Sung by
Vanessa Williams Schwartz

In **Pocahontas**



B.C. Indian woman might be considered for sainthood

Growing numbers of Catholics are praying to a long-dead B.C. Indian woman as if she were a saint.

And, as stories spread across North America about the nuns who witnessed Rose Prince's undecayed body when her grave was dug up two years after she died, Catholic officials are considering beginning the process toward canonization.

If that process is successful, it would make Prince British Columbia's first Catholic saint.

Catholic devotees of Prince - a humble, faithful Carrier woman who worked at Leduc Indian residential school in northern B.C. until she died in 1949 of tuberculosis - believe God miraculously preserved Prince's body from decay.

Small white cross

Hundreds of Carrier native and white pilgrims already make their way to the side of Prince's modest grave, which is marked with a small white cross, where they pray to her for healing, guidance and help, said Gerald Wiesner, bishop of the diocese of Prince George.

"They pray to her as if she were a saint, as if she were with God and can intercede on their behalf. People are beginning to realize Rose Prince led a very significant life," Wiesner said.

"It is a gathering place of prayer and a place of healing for the people."

A three-day pilgrimage to Prince's current grave in Leduc, about 120 kilometres northwest

of Prince George, is planned for the week-end of July 5. Wiesner will say mass at the pilgrimage.

Sister Eleanor Klusa, who lives in retirement in Sisters of the Child Jesus convent in North Vancouver, saw Prince's fresh-looking body when her pine coffin was dug up in the summer of 1951 so it could be relocated.

"It looked like she'd died the day before. She was really lovely looking. She looked as if she were sleeping. After two years, there were no marks on her face. The only thing that had withered were the flowers we had put in her hands when she died. She was very close to God," said Klusa, 79.

Prince's coffin broke open when workers moved a number of bodies from a graveyard near the barn of the Catholic-run school to a more respectful spot on a nearby hill. After the workers called Klusa and another nun (who recently died) to see Prince's body, other corpses were examined. But only



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the body of Prince, who died when she was 34, had not decayed.

"She was holy. She should become a saint," Klusa said.

The Catholic church often interprets bodily incorruption to be miraculous evidence that a person has special favor with God.

Similar accounts are associated with the much-revered St. Bernadette of Lourdes, a 19th-century French peasant girl with severe asthma to whom the Virgin Mary appeared.

Sister Rita Martin, 81, was friends with Prince when she was a student at Leduc residential school with a special talent for painting altar cloths.

Prince later became a staff member who sewed and helped out.

Prince's painful curvature of the spine, Martin said, did not stop her from working hard and spending long hours kneeling in prayer.

"She was extraordinarily patient," said Martin, who also lives in the North Vancouver convent.

"She accepted everyone as they were. She would console the children when they felt badly. I would like to see her sanctified."

Prince, the third of nine children, ended her student years at Leduc residential school when she was 16.

She returned to the school when her mother and several sisters died. Prince told people her real family had become Jesus

and his mother, Mary. In the late 1940s, confined to hospital as tuberculosis destroyed her lungs, Prince died while a priest said mass at her bedside.

Many Indians suffered, but...

Bishop Wiesner said Prince is one of the good things that came out of Canada's federally funded, church-run residential school system. While Wiesner recognizes many native Indians suffered who were forced to attend residential schools, he said he has met many Carrier natives praying at Prince's gravesite who have positive memories of their residential-school days.

While Catholic officials are in only the first stages of considering Prince for the church's canonizing process, which takes decades to complete, Wiesner said it would be wonderful if devotion to Prince continued to deepen and Prince was declared blessed or sanctified.

Father Vincent James, priest at St. Andrew's parish near Leduc, who is helping organize this year's pilgrimage, said Catholics from as far away as New York have sent special rosaries and helped finance the printing of prayer cards devoted to Prince. ■

Vancouver Sun, April 1996.

Trad. J.B., s.j.

Happy Feastday, Kateri!

Thanks to the initiative of the Knights of Columbus of Kahnawake, Kateri's feastday has been celebrated the Sunday closest to April 17, ever since 1976. The parishioners well remember the presence of Bishop Jean-Marie Coderre, the homilies of Bishop Bernard Hubert... This year, on April 14, the newly appointed administrator of the Longueuil-Saint-Jean Diocese, Bishop Jacques Berthelet, presided the wonderful celebration in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks. On this occasion, 50 Knights of Columbus formed the guard of honor: maybe one the largest assembling of 4th Degree Knights ever seen in the Montreal area.



The Guard of Honor: 50 Knights!

The Kahnawake Mixed Choir was at a peak, inspired by the enthusiastic crowd close to Kateri's tomb in the Shrine. It was a windy and snowy day outside, but the feast, in the church and in the hearts, went on with great vene-

ration and piety, with special decorations in the church, with a crowd representing very well the friends of Kateri, and in the sanctuary the lofty white panaches of the tall Knights.

Bishop Berthelet, in his homily, invited the Mohawk community of Kahnawake to be missionary. "Bishop Bernard Hubert called us to be a Church which is community-minded and missionary-minded. You have over the past centuries, mostly under the leadership of the Jesuits, learned the great message of Jesus, and the truth that we are sisters and brothers of all races, creeds and languages. Your special contribution, today, is the revival and understanding that nothing makes sense in our faith unless we are rooted in Creation, that God reveals himself to us as our Creator. Therefore as creatures and children of God we need each other. The reason for the formation of the Six Nation Iroquois Confederacy was to remind us that we are not alone, we need to join together and be in solidarity with one another. Our solidarity is in the Creator who continues to reveal the truth of our sisterhood and brotherhood to us."

"Bishop Hubert also reminded us that the Natives must not only feel interdependent but also missionary in a special way. Today native peoples have reclaimed their past, and their present, and are prepared to the seventh generation to come. And natives who are Catholics are trying everywhere in North America to inculturate their faith and to build a Native Church. You need to remind yourselves that the Native Church will fail, before it begins, if

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it is not missionary-spirited. The Catholics of Kahnawake will have the rock-solid faith of their ancestors to the extent that have pride in themselves, true Christian self-esteem, and go out to meet their sisters and brothers who also are trying to inculturate their faith in the white culture. We may very well need you today as our teachers."



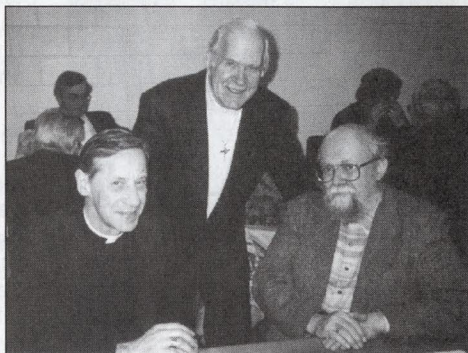
Mass in honor of the Blessed Kateri, at the Shrine.

Finally the Bishop told the Indians that, as Catholics, they had a lot to share with the Church, about strength, overcoming oppression and living your faith in your culture. "Kateri Tekakwitha, whose feast we are celebrating, was a young woman of strength who overcome all the goading about her being a Christian. She learned to be proud of her faith among the Natives."

"Kateri is a beloved member of the Native Community, Kateri makes all Natives community-minded, but we must not forget why we are

praying that Kateri be canonized as a saint of the whole Church. We pray for Kateri's canonization so that she will be a missionary for all peoples. As a saint, Kateri will not be only the saint of the Mohawks, or of the Native peoples, but a saint of a Church to which all of us belong. Kateri, as a lover of the Cross of Jesus, is a strong example why we are called to be missionaries, bringing the Good News of Jesus to everyone, everywhere. When we stop to pray at the tomb of Kateri, right here in this church, we will hear the invitation to be missionaries in the name of Jesus and we will go forth to all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Niawa:goa! Amen." ■

J. B., s.j.



Reception in the Kateri Hall, after Mass. The Vice-Postulator in the company of Bishop J. Berthelet & Fr Louis Cyr, Pastor.

The Little Flower

St. Theresa, The Little Flower

Therese Martin entered a Carmelite convent at the age of sixteen. As Sister Therese of the Child Jesus, she lived a hidden life. She was just twenty-four when she died.

The world came to know her through her autobiography, "The Story of A Soul." She described her life as "a little way of spiritual childhood." She lived each day with unshakable confidence in God's love. What matters in life is "not great deeds, but great love."

"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Countless lives have been touched by her intercession, and thousands have imitated her "little way." She has been acclaimed the "greatest saint of modern times." Everywhere in the world the roses continue to fall.

Miraculous Invocation to St. Therese

O Glorious St. Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and inspire the human family, I implore your Miraculous Intercession. You are so powerful in obtaining every need of body and spirit from the Heart of God. Holy Mother Church proclaims you "Prodigy of Miracles... the Greatest Saint of Modern Times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and to carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon earth... of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses. Little Flower, give me your childlike faith, to see the Face of God in the people and experiences of my life, and to love God with full confidence. St. Therese, my Carmelite Sister, I will fulfill your plea "to be made known everywhere" and I will continue to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. ■

The Good Kateri

Blessed Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks

Kateri Tekakwitha lost her Catholic mother when she was four years old, then lived a life of simplicity in the Mohawk Valley of Upper New York State. She was only 24 years old when she passed away.

The New World knew her as the "Lily of the Mohawks" because of her innocence of life and her deep faith. She loved the Cross because her Lover was nailed to it.

"After I go top heaven I will continue to help my people." She appeared to her mothers friend, Anastasia and told her: "Even in heaven I love the cross which is so bright and resplendent. I want you to tell my friends and relatives that they must love the cross too. She also told Fr Cholenec how she would continue to love her people in heaven, pray of them, help them." Kateri was beatified in 1980.

Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

O God, who, among the many marvels of Your Grace in the New World, did cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant we beseech You, the favor we beg through her intercession; that this Young Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be counted among her Saints by Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. Through the same Chirst Our Lord. Amen. ■

Your questions and «my» answers

Q. 1

Please send us the life of Françoise Gohannhatenha...

A.. First of all, she would not be the only one to deserve such a canonization. So many Indians were so devout in Kateri's time. We have already mentioned Etienne, Anastasie, Marguerite and a few others who would be worthy to ascend on the altars. But the Lord seems to have chosen Blessed Kateri...

If we introduce now a new Cause, Rome would certainly put to us this question: "Why have you waited so long to present his (him) Cause?" Moreover, besides the good Kateri, is there any other Indian saint who has been honored and invoked with such continuity? This criterium of fidelity to the cult of a saint, becomes more and more important. - Father J. Chaumonot, a valiant missionary, had his process retarded and maybe put away because he was forgotten for over 200 years. - Many postulants also believe that this should be given more consideration in order to obtain the public and universal declaration of sainthood by Rome.

Q. 2

Why dont you publish the life of Françoise Gohannntanha who died as a martyr?

A. How we wish we could send you a book of her life, if only we had the proper documents to write one and to establish the heroicity of her virtues.

It's Father Colenec, one of Blessed Kateri's spiritual director who mentioned her in a letter to Fr. J-B. Holde S.J. in France. This

letter is part of the collection "Lettres édifiantes et curieuses" (Edifying and curious letters). Fr Cholenec reports how Françoise encouraged Etienne Genonokoa, a fervent Catholic who was to be martyred because of his faith.

Two years after his death, Françoise herself was seized by a group of Iroquois who had just beheaded her husband. She was to undergo all kinds of cruel sufferings. In the course of it all she was telling her torturers: "I declare I hold no grudge against all those who are getting ready to take my life and not only do I forgive them but I pray the divine judge of life and death to open their eyes to the truth, to grant them the grace to correct themselves and to die as a Christian as I will."

"Before she was stoned to death by a rain of rocks, this virtuous neophyte was seen falling on her knees, offering up to God her last breath of life... Assailed by a hail of stones, she died as she had lived, in the practice of prayer, in union with her God."

Q. 3

Kateri's Feastday: April 17 in Canada; July 12, in the United States

A. In the Roman calendar, Kateri's feastday is celebrated on April 17 and the Bishops of Canada have all adopted this date.

In the United States, mainly for convenience sake, a later date has been reserved so that more people can mark her feastday. So, in Auriesville where Kateri was born and in Fonda where she was baptized, the Shrines are well opened to welcome the friends of Kateri. ■

This is Dawn

by Lucie Dumas



A new day has truly dawned for Aboriginal communities in Québec following the aptly named symposium, *This is Dawn*. Aboriginal women of Québec did ground-breaking work in organizing this major event to dissect every form of violence. Participants analyzed the problems of victims and those of offenders, existing solutions and those being developed or which should be considered.

Workers, aboriginal leaders, victims and offenders came together for the first time in Québec for three days in November 1995. A number of conclusions were reached, including the following:

- community involvement is essential if measures to curb violence are to be successful;
- if non-violence assistance programs are to work, the will must be there in the community;
- it must be acknowledged that we will get there together because we are all affected;
- we are all affected by the power of adults over children; power must be given to children;
- the community must help victims understand what violence is and recognize the symptoms;
- for a long time, help for violent men has been overlooked because of a lack of understanding that they are human beings who are suffering;
- offenders try to minimize their acts of violence, but are well aware of their wrongdoing;
- there must be a policy of zero tolerance for violence.

During the final plenary session, recommendations were made to find practical ways to change things. There were many expressions of hope and the symposium ended on an optimistic note.

The regional chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Québec and Labrador, Ghislain Picard, said he hoped the movement toward non-violence would expand to include all aboriginal political representatives. he said he would do everything in his power to achieve that goal. The chiefs in attendance also made a commitment in this sense. The president of the Québec Native Women's Association, Jackie Kistabish, concluded by saying it was vital to pass on the hope generated by the symposium to children and grandchildren and to all members of aboriginal communities.

The exceptional quality of the organization, activities, conferences and functions, as well as the importance of the theme, made this symposium the most important event of the year for aboriginal people in Québec. ■

Rencontre, Winter 1995-1996



*"I will pour abundant blessings
on all your enterprises"*

"When you offer up your day to the Sacred Heart,
you elevate your manual work to a supernatural plane;
at the same time you earn your bread send
your heaven: the two lines!

A. Dugré, s.j.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart doesn't consist only in the performance of a few pious acts, but mainly in the imitation of Christ. An imitation which is not only exterior, but also interior: it's a matter of making ours the thoughts, desires, the mentality of Jesus, transforming our hearts to the likeness of His, full of love, of meekness and humility.

It is the most touching devotion, the most solid, the most useful. Its material object is sensitive: it's the heart of Godman. This same Heart is the natural symbol of His love and who, on the cross, was pierced by a lance, so it would shed to the last drop of His blood for our redemption. It's spiritual object and the main one is the love itself by which Jesus is inflamed for all men; a love which led Him to give Himself up totally in the adorable mysteries of His Incarnation, of His Passion and the of the Eucharist; a love unrecognized, outraged and during His mortal life and every day still in the sacrament of the altar.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart is a treasure which the mercy of God offers us so to light up the fire of charity in our hearts. It is to us that He addresses these comforting words: "Come to me you who are tired who moan under the burden and you will find the rest that you desire so ardently."

Then let us all go to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. What are we to fear from such a loving Heart? Isn't the Heart of Jesus the one of family Father who welcomes the prodigal son with such tenderness? Isn't the heart of the Good Shepherd who runs with so much solicitude after the lost sheep? Isn't this magnanimous heart who promises pardon to the sinful woman, who waits for the Samaritan woman by the well, who shed tears at Lazarus' death, who wails at the fate of Jerusalem, and tries to assemble his children? If He stands at the door and knocks, what does He ask from us.

Let us listen to Him: My child, give me your heart.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart offers innumerable advantages: it prepares the conversion of souls, revives faith, obtains more charity, nourishes Christian hope, preserves in us, purity, calm and peace; it increases pity and gives great merit to all your works, uniting these to those of the Saviour.

It's in this Divine Heart, says Saint Peter Damian, that we find arms to defend ourselves, powerful help against temptation. Are you afflicted? Enter the Heart of Jesus. It's a safe shelter. It's the refuge of all the unfortunate. ■

Alcide Tessier, f.i.c.
Appel du Sacré-Coeur

The unbelievable misadventure of *Claude Robertson*

Claude Robertson is very much involved in the ministry of his parish of Mashteniatsch but we must know why. It's part of a commitment taken in honor of Kateri Tekakwitha, nine years ago.

Before 1986, as an electrical contractor, he was kept busy. He worked for CHI (International Health Corporation) while giving time to missionary ministry. Moreover, twice a year, he would travel to Haiti trying to establish a home for orphans. In fact, his adopted sons, Paul and John, come from this home.

In January 1986, suffering from cardia problems, he flew to California, to rest at his brother's place. But while he was there he had to face another trial. During an outing with his brother in the mountains, he and his brother were suddenly buried under the snow, due to an avalanche, as sudden as unpredictable.

After a very long bout with the cold where Gaston showed a lot of courage, Claude arrived in a hospital. His brother had to mortgage his house in order to guarantee appropriate care. After a very minute exam of his legs, the doctors came to one conclusion: his legs must be amputated.

Fortunately, Claude is a firm believer in God, one who has real faith. His first reflex was to call his parish priest in Rober-

val, Father J. M. Larouche. By chance, this latter was getting ready to officiate at a celebration, so he told Claude these comforting words: "I'm going to preside at a celebration now and I can assure you that you will keep the use of your legs. I will pray for you."

A short call but so encouraging, enough to inspire our patient to pray Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to make him keep his legs. He made a promise to her; he would have someone in Mashteniatsch sculpt a life-size statue of her. He also made a pledge to get involved in the parish activities.

Since then, Claude has resumed his functions as electrical contractor. He still works for the CHI and does pastoral work. But now he's a member of the pastoral committee, handles the funerals, always to the benefit of the parish. He did not forget the statue either. It is the work of the best sculptor of Mashteniatsch, Charles Courtoisand. It stands beautifully in the Kateri Tekakwitha's church.

As far as Claude Robertson is concerned, a promise must be kept and Blessed Kateri is a witness of that. ■

Carl Robertson



Why a Canonization?

Canonization assures amongst us the presence and the model of a life of plenitude. If one lives the consecration of his baptism in its fulness and dies in a holy manner, his cause of canonization may be introduced following these proceedings;

ROMAN PROCEEDINGS

The one responsible for the Cause requests the local Bishop to open a diocesan inquiry to examine closely the life and writings of the candidate. When serious theologians have finished their long inquiry and written their report on the edifying life, virtues and miracles of the candidate, all is sent to Rome with approbation of the Bishop.

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The one responsible for the Cause requests the local Bishop to open a diocesan process to examine closely the life and writings of the candidate. When qualified theologians have finished this long inquiry and written a report on the edifying life, virtues and alleged miracles, the entire report is sent to Rome with the Bishop's approbation.

ROMAN PROCESS

In Rome, a group of theologians examine the diocesan file and start their own inquiry on the writings and virtues of the candidate. When the report on the heroicity of the virtues is presented and approved by the committee of Cardinal and Bishops responsible for Canonizations, these latter beg the Pope to declare the candidate

"Venerable". At this critical moment of the Canonization, the Church passes an irrevocable judgment on the sainthood of the candidate and makes a pause to ask God a sign (a miracle) to ratify this judgment.

Now is the time to act for the Christians who want a saint. A true miracle must be obtained and not only a favor of the future saint. For a miracle to be credited to a saint, six conditions must be fulfilled:

- only one future saint must be invoked at the same time
- the medical proof of the incurable disease must be obtained
- the medical proof of the cure must be obtained
- the cure must not be attributed to surgery
- the cure must be morally instantaneous
- the cure must be permanent and complete.

BEATIFICATION

If the miracle comprises these conditions, the Cardinal and Bishops ask the Pope to proceed to the beatification, which certifies the authenticity of the miracle and allows a public cult to the Blessed.

MIRACLE AND CANONIZATION

After the beatification, the Christians must renew their pious efforts to obtain a second miracle in view of the canonization. By the canonization the second miracle is approved and the new saint has a right to a universal cult. ■

'Death' by arquebus

The first recorded – if unsubstantiated – shooting death in New France was in 1609, when Champlain, two white companions and 60 Huron Wendat allies met a party of 200 Iroquois on July 30, 1609.

"Our Indians began to call to me with loud cries; and to make way for me they divided into two groups, and put me ahead some 20 yards, and I marched on until I was within some 30 yards of the enemy, who, as soon as they caught sight of me, halted and gazed at me and I at them. When I saw them make a move to draw their bows upon us, I took aim with my arquebus and shot straight at one of the three chiefs, and with this shot, two fell to the ground and one of their companions was wounded who died thereof a little later."



This 1613 engraving depicts a clash between Samuel de Champlain, armed with an arquebus and backed by his Algonquin allies, and a tribe of Iroquois he encountered at Ticonderoga, N.Y. in 1609.

At the top, two French arquebusiers take aim with their impressive but unreliable weapons.

Champlain may be exaggerated his marksmanship. As Brian Given writes in *A Most Pernicious Thing*, a History of aboriginals and the gun trade: "It was an only slightly facetious rule of thumb that in order to kill a man it was necessary to fire at him seven times his own weight in lead."

Moreover, says Given, to kill three men from about a 27-metre distance as Champlain claims he did, "they'd have to have been in a bear hug" or at best just a few centimetres apart.

The noise and smoke, however, would have been impressive. Perhaps the chiefs fainted dead away. More likely, says Given, the Indians dropped to the ground at the first flash of the arquebus, a standard defensive manoeuvre. ■

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KATERI NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from March 3, to May 13, 1996.

Alcoholic Problem Solved	1
Articles Found	4
Better Health	13
Cures	3
Employment Found or Kept	15
Financial Aid	1
Happy Death	1
Lodging	1
Peace at Work	1
Peace in the Family	1
Properties Bought or Sold	2
Safe Pregnancies	2
Safe Trips	4
Successful or Averted Operations	7
Temporal Favors	9

Did you ever ask Blessed Kateri to obtain yo a favor?

Father Daniel Lord S.J. wrote about Kateri: "Too few people ask her for cures sand miraculous cures. Kateri is one of these who was known as the miracle of her age. She is, without doubt, very dear to God. The difficulty lies in the fact that too few of her brothers and sisters, Americans or Canadians ask her to obtain for them signs and pridigies i.e. miracles for her devotees, that would provide new proofs of her worthiness to be placed on the altars... of the Church. Kateri needs people who beg for miracles."

How to report a miracle to the Vice-Postulator

a) Write the story of the sickness or the accident, before the instant cure or a cure which goes beyond science.

b) Obtain from the doctor a detailed report of the state of the patient before and after the cure. Obtain the X-Rays or other evidences of the cure, if possible.

c) Do not forget to indicate the circumstances surrounding the

cure, like the prayers asked in favor of the patient or the specific prayers made by the patient himself to such or such a saint. Do not forget to mention that the miraculous cure was obtained through the intercession of Blessed Kateri.

d) Please send this detailed report to the Canadian or American Vice-Postulator, as soon as possible, or better yet invite the V.P. himself to go and make the inquiry.

e) Remember to thank the saint who has obtained this favor for you.

Aboriginal Day set for June 21

A national aboriginal day will be a "celebration of the spiritual ties of the aboriginal people," said Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin.

He told the House of Commons March 27 that Prime Minister Jean Chrétien will soon be proclaiming the annual National Aboriginal Day, to be help each year on June 21.

The suggestion for the special day was made at the Sacred Assembly, held in Hull, Que., last December, and attended by the country's political, aboriginal and spiritual leaders.

Irwin said natives "are basically looking for a day of recognition, a day of celebration of the aboriginal ties to th land."

He told MPs that the special day had been requested by the Assembly of First Nations and by Canada's spiritual leaders, as well as by other organization. ■

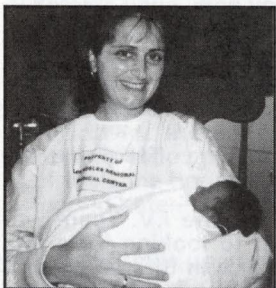
J.B., s.j.

Testimonies of favors obtained

- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. A.!**
Enclosed is a check in thanksgiving to Kateri for favors received, including a beautiful healthy great-grandson.
(Ocean City, NJ)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A. W.!**
Enclosed is a check for ten dollars for a favor received regarding my furnace. I thought we would have to get a new one but Kateri took care of that. She has answered all of our prayers. You can always depend on Blessed Kateri. Thank you.
(Saint Marys, PA)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss A. K.!**
Enclosed is a check for one hundred dollars for Kateri's Cause in thanksgiving for many favors received, among them the solution to a dental problem... Also, I am sure that Kateri helped to sell my friend's home so that she doesn't have to worry any more...
(Leavenworth, KS)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. G.!**
Please accept this check for twenty-five dollars. This is in thanksgiving for the help and blessings Blessed Kateri gave us. I asked her to find a job for my son. At first it was just a temporary job. Thank God and Blessed Kateri's help, this week my son became a permanent employee. Thank you again Blessed Kateri. We love you. Please pray for us all.
(Reading, MA)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M. L.!**
It has been fifteen years since I began praying to Kateri and so many of my prayers have been answered. My husband has had recurrent clinical depressions in 1970, 1980 and for the past two years. My faith in Kateri is so strong, she has given me strength I never knew I had. Also, she finds thing for me! We have been married for fifty-two years and have three super sons. God has been good to us and we are thankful for His blessings...
(Oakland Park, IL)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G. L.!**
Enclosed is five dollars for the successful operation on my left eye. I wish I could afford more.
(Baltimore, MD)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G. D.!**
Enclosed please find a check for twenty dollars. This is in thanksgiving to Kateri for watching over my family and my daughter. I know she watches over us every day. Thank you Kateri.
(Waldorf, MD)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A. L. C.!**
Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars as promised to Kateri if my daughter would get a job, which she has... I keep praying to Kateri... Thanks again, Kateri!
(Garden City, KS)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M. P.!**
Enclosed is a cheque for ten dollars, as promised to Kateri, for my son getting a job in Alberta. Please help him to continue working. Please protect him and his brother and help them to be happy away from home. Please continue to pray for them.
(Cornwall, P. E. I.)

- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss A. M.!**
I am forwarding a check in the amount of ten dollars promised to Kateri for a favor obtained through her intercession. Two weeks ago I discovered a lump or growth under my right foot at a location that could have been me serious than it has proven to be through exams from a specialist. I have great confidence in Kateri and feel that she interceded for me through Our Lord, for which I am so grateful and will continue praying to her.
(Ste. Anne, NB)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. K. B.!**
After twenty-five years of nursing, my job on the I.V. Team was eliminated in December. After the shock, I set to looking for a job. Through the Divine Mercy, which I appealed to with Blessed Kateri's intercession, I found a wonderful office position with a surprisingly good salary. Blessed Kateri is one powerful intercessor. May she soon be proclaimed a Saint!
(Vandergrift, PA)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. K. M.!**
Again I write to thank Kateri for answers to my prayers. My daughter had been diagnosed with possible surgery due to bladder problems relating to former treatment of cancer. We turned again to prayer when the word came to us. It was with a positive feeling we waited for an answer. Twenty-four hours later we were rewarded. No cancer and surgery wasn't necessary. Thank you again for so many blessings received.
(Niagara Falls, ONT)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. G.!**
Thanking Blessed Kateri for my son's happy death.
(Roslindale, MA)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M. B.!**
I am writing to add more miracles to Kateri's honor. Within minutes after praying to her I found a valuable gold chain I thought I had lost. Kateri smiled on me again! I got in a credit card mess so I have been praying to Kateri to help me out. You wouldn't believe how far "we've" gotten. One card is paid off, thanks to Kateri, and the other two cards are within reach of being paid too. I am so grateful to Kateri. I could never imagine my life without her.
(Kersey, PA)
- ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L. R.!**
Just a short note to say thank you for all the favours received in the past. My puppy went lost a few months ago, we could not find her throughout the evening. I prayed to Blessed Kateri and the next day I received a phone call to tell me that she had been found, hit by a van. After a long road to recovery, I, with my children, nursed her back to health and today she is all well and almost back to full recovery. Thank you! I also lost a set of keys and could not find them for days. Finally I just found them, after searching everywhere for them. Kateri has helped me with my day to day routines and my prayers are always answered. I have given her relic to many of my friends who in turn feel that she has helped them too. Thank you for your prayers. I continue to ask Blessed Kateri for her help and prayers to help me with my personal life...
(Corbeil, ONT)

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
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Mother: Vicki Desautels

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