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THE FRANCES TIOUATESKON ROLL
FIVE STEPS TOWARD AN AMERICAN NATIVE CHURCH
"HERMANAS MISONERAS DE LA
BANDITA KATERI TEKAKWITHA"

MUCH SMOKE BUT NO FIRE

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TESTIMONIES OF FAVORS...



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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 3RD MILLENIUM

More and more people are looking up to the millenium asking themselves: what it be like then? So many changes, are going on and fast ones too are leading us towards this millenium. In technology especially. So much so that a new word has been invented to coin such a development: technolism.

Many technolists foresee that the year 2000 will be a new age when technology will take over. In the year 2003 scientists will have discovered mostly all the genes of the human body, so that human beings will be able to cure their own diseases, renew their tissues and prolong their age. The Internet will answer all our questions. It will be like a new heaven smiling with stars: a new age of enlightenment.

Where is God in all this movement? Some say that He is not even mentioned, as if the creation by the Reason could satisfy all human beings...

We should not be as blind as to forget that human reason is a great gift of the Creator which helps us to rediscover in the universe all that God has endowed it with. The great philosophers of the past discovered God through their researches and were always overwhelmed by the treasures that they could not explain. Even today, astronauts go further and further and the more they find, the more there is to discover.

God is still the great architect who puts everything together and man has received a mind to understand more and more, eyes to see further and further, a heart to appreciate all the treasures of Creation. Who are we, God, to think that we are gods when in reality God has adopted us as His sons and daughters who will acquire divine life if only we believe and hope in Him...

**"The heavens declare the Glory of God,
the vault of heaven proclaims his handiwork;
day discourses of it to day,
night to night hands on the knowledge. (Ps. 18,1-3)**

**The precepts of the Lord are upright,
Joy for the heart
The commandment of Yahweh is clear
light for the eyes.**

**The fear of Yahweh is pure,
Lasting for ever;**

**the jugements of Yahweh are true,
righteous every one,**

**more desirable than gold;
his words are sweeter than honey,
even than honey which drips from the comb." (Ps. 18,8-10)**

May we accept His word which will enlighten our reason and put sweetness in our lives. Or is it that we lack wisdom?

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator



The Frances Tiouateskon 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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Five Steps to a Native American Church

In an address to participants at the Tekakwitha Conference held at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, in August, Father John Hatcher, S.J., outlined five steps needed to overcome the missionary paternalism and distrust that keeps the Native American Catholic Church from developing.

- ◆ The first step is to "trust the Holy Spirit... All have the same Spirit for the building up of the body of Christ."
- ◆ The second step is to promote adult education: "We must be convinced that anytime a non-native person does something a native person can be formed to do, the non-native person has done a serious injustice to the native Catholic Church."
- ◆ The third step is that missionaries must "drop our need to always be in control and to be in charge."
- ◆ The fourth step is to establish a screening process for missionary personnel, to assure that fourth step is to establish a screening process for missionary personnel, to assure that people are sent to the native communities who can work "in partnership with native people are sent to the native communities, who can work "in partnership with native leaders."
- ◆ The fifth step is to provide lay leadership and ordained leadership programs for Native Americans that offer "excellent theological formation" while allowing participants "to stay in touch with their cultural roots."

(Trad. J.B.)

Amerindian News

The Catholic Church firmly supports the report of the Royal Commission on Native People

The Catholic Church of Canada hopes that the report of the Royal Commission about Native People, now rendered public, will indicate in a precise manner the proceedings to check the process of assimilation that the First Nations have known.

"We pledge to work in all solidarity with the Aboriginal People", said Father Douglas Crosby, secretary-general of the Conference of Catholic Bishops in Canada. This pledge takes root in the call of the Gospel in favor of justice and its implementation; it rests on a reflected knowledge of the European mentality belonging to the missionary activity of the colonial era."

The Catholic Church wishes above all that the Report will contribute to establish a climate of hope for the Natives of less than 25 years old, who make up for 54% of the Native population of Canada. It also wishes that the Report can help all the Canadian governments and all the Canadian society to conciliate our common history with the First Nations, so that we can enter the 3rd Millennium with a real desire to open new avenues. But to accomplish this, we must work together."

In the memoir introduced to the Royal Commission in 1993, the Canadian Bishops declared the following: "It is not enough to speak about equality, we need people to valorize the dignity of others. Finally, it does not suffice to talk about respect, we need people who are disposed to guarantee the rights of others while working every day in honesty." ■

CECC Communiqué

The Statue of Kateri, lost and found, is the recovery of a stolen statue of a Mohawk Indian a miracle or a remarkable coincidence?

The missing statue of a Mohawk Indian, the Blessed Kateri Tekakwi, who is one step away from sainthood, was recovered on the feast day created to commemorate her death. "When I first heard about it, it put goose bumps on my arms," said Sheriff's Investigator William Gilston.

A landlord cleaning out a former tenant's apartment in Johnstown found the statue that had been missing for about a year.

"It's like a miracle," Brother Kenneth Lucas said of the timing of the recovery.

Kateri, who lived in the 1600's, devoted her life to Christianity and became known as the Lily of the Mohawks. She faced scorn and threats because she did not choose to marry. At the time, marriage and having children was a sign of strength among the Mohawks.

Kateri fled from upstate New York to Canada where she died at the age of twenty-four. She was beatified in 1980 and is considered a candidate for sainthood if her devotees can prove she performed a miracle.

Her three-foot concrete statue will go back to its original location at the Tekakwitha spring. People pray and gather at the spring, some hoping it will cure their ills.

Sheriff Ron Emery said the landlord who discovered the missing statue requested anonymity. No arrests have been made yet but authorities say they have a suspect. ■

Montgomery, N.Y.
January 1997

Hermanas Misioneras de la *Bendita Kateri Tekakwitha*

"I have very good news. So often I write about the conditions I find myself in and how difficult it is working with very little. Sometimes I think the poverty detracts from what I am really here for and that is to show others the glory of our Lord by helping them realize that God touches all of our lives, and that we are so special to Him. If my work gives glory to our Lord, then I will have accomplished much more than anything else I could do in this life.

I came to Nicaragua nine months ago, with no ability to speak Spanish, but the faith that God wanted me to start a new religious community here in the village of Muy Muy. I came alone with no money or no large congregation to fund my stay. I write a newsletter that goes out about every six weeks that is published in Houston, Texas. It is about my journey here in Nicaragua and is a small way to earn a little to keep eating and helping others.

I came with a 30 days visa, because I had not negotiated my stay with my new Bishop. The major stumbling block was that I spoke no Spanish and he spoke no English. However, we accomplished the negotiations and I was given permission to gather a group together under the name of Missionary Sisters of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha on my 50th birthday. It might have taken longer, except that everyone in the village decided

to help me with my Spanish. I truly became an adopted daughter of Nicaragua. However, the Bishop could not sign the immigration paper until we finished our negotiations and I was 7 months past my visa by the time I appeared at immigration. I sat around immigration for two days before they decided to give me a visa as a religious. Since I am an undocumented Mohawk, this really did not bother me. I spent the time between interviews praying and this really confused the people who were doing the interviews.

I now have 37 candidates who wish to enter the convent. this is wonderful, except that I did not have a house for them. Yesterday, a woman came to me and literally gave me a large house that is in excellent shape for use as a convent for four years. (If I wish to have the convent there permanently, the purchase price is \$8,000 payable in the year 2002). I still have to pinch myself to realize that it is true.

A large foundation in the States is funding our children's and aged program of which I am administrator for Muy Muy. We have 348 children presently in the program with another 220 in the entry process. We have 68 aged people in the program. Each month they write to their sponsors and I translate all of their letters to English. They receive food, clothing, school supplies, medical and dental attention. I also get to visit with

Hermanas misioneras de la *Bendita Kateri Tekakwitha* (suite)

the people to find out their needs and my pastoral instinct has been working overtime.

I am also opening a catholic pre-school...

My sisters will be teaching both in the school and as catechists in our fifteen missions. Many of them have little education, but they know how to sew. We will also be sewing school uniforms which every

Our spiritual director, appointed by the Bishop, is worried because Nicaraguans have very little discipline. I told him that he should not worry as I have no problem with discipline, and they will learn from me. In other words, not everyone is a founder of a religious community. As limited as I feel sometimes, that is one gift that I have from my Jesus.

Two weeks ago I visited El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. While in Honduras I visited with Bishop Geraldo Scarpone, OFM, who is originally from Boston, Mass. (address Apdo Postal No. 41, Camayagua 12101 Honduras) He prays in his



child in Nicaragua wears for school. At present we have to go to Managua to buy the uniforms for the children in our program. Hopefully, the critical need for major benefactors will be over in the next three years.

I am writing a formation program in Spanish. With the new house this job will be much easier. I will soon be able to pray with my sisters in our own Chapel. I will have one of the pictures that you gave me framed for our simple Chapel.

private chapel every morning and has included Kateri in his litany of saints. I am going to send him a copy of Kateri's brochure with my Christmas greetings.

Father Jacques, you have an open invitation to visit Muy Muy at anytime." ■

United in His name,
Sandra Atha Mashtare
Foundress of the Missionary Sisters
of Bl Kateri Tekakwitha

Heap Big Smoke, but no Fire

To have Indian blood is of little or no value unless you are proud of it.. To live for oneself is of no value. We must give of ourselves, try and try again, never giving up.

I firmly believe that we have a Creator... He made each of us and gave each some means by which he can help others of his own kind, also our animal brothers and sisters. We are a small but very important part of his plan.

Our values have been distorted, our various cultures have been suppressed and our relationship with the Creator has been sorely strained; but we should at all cost retain our reverence for Manitou, for our brothers and sisters and all of nature.

All our dreams and hopes depend on our young, for they will have to carry on after we are gone. We today, seem to have little time for them. We work and slave to make their life easier (so they will not have to suffer like we did). But are we really doing the right thing? Shouldn't they too have the experiences that we have had? Shouldn't they realize that life isn't one big bed of roses, with no pain, no effort, no discomfort, etc.

All my life, I've tried to help the Indian people. I've traveled thousands of miles, spent more money than I can remember, tried to unite Indian groups, taught the respect due their elders, installed the pride of having Indian blood, to revere their ancestors who lived, loved, suffered and died so that we

today could live. We owe them so much; much more than we can ever repay. It is our duty to carry on in the "Old Ways" to teach our children their heritage, the crafts, the Indian path and a true relationship between man and nature, of which we are all a part.

We are here today, let's make it count while we an, for someday we too shall be counted with our ancestors. Let's all work together, unite and do something for our brothers and sisters, let's care for and have compassion for Manitou's animal kingdom and all of nature.

Don't let others do the work that we should do. All of us must face life, for there is no way to avoid it, your dreams are my dreams, your suffering is my suffering, your moments of happiness are also mine.

When it comes our time, we must stand in the presence of our maker. Will you stand tall or will you whimper and cringe? Will Manitou say:

"You have been heaping big smoke, but no fire." ■

by
Sam Gray Wolf



Tailfeather Woman and the Ceremonial Drum

Tailfeather Woman was a Sioux Indian and she had lost four of her sons in a battle. Some say that battle was a battle with the white people who were first coming into the United States and others don't name who the struggle or the battle was between, but that Tailfeather Woman lost her sons. When she saw that she had lost her four sons and that her people were losing the battle, she ran away and hid in a lake under the lily pads.

The wind would lift the lily pads enough for her to breathe and cover her again. repeatedly the wind would lift the lily pads and let her breathe and cover her again. She was there for quite a few days. Some say four; some say eight or ten days. While she was there, Gitchi Manitou came to her in a vision and gave her instructions about making a ceremonial drum and taught her the songs and rituals that went with it. Gitchi Manitou said to Tailfeather Woman: "tell your people, if there are any left", even though he knew that there were others left; "tell your people to make the drum and to use it particularly when there is war or division. When those who are your enemies see you drumming and dancing and singing they will realize that you are not intent on war but on peace." So Tailfeather Woman did this. The next time that there were enemies coming, the people began drumming and singing when they heard them.

Even when the enemies came with their weapons ready, they continued to drum and sing and dance. When their enemies came they realized that the Sioux people were not interested in war, but in peace. And so the Sioux continued to drum and dance and sing and the enemies continued to watch. At one point in time, the Sioux offered the drum to the Ojibway people in the same kind of situation. There are several places, mostly in areas around Wisconsin and Northern Minnesota and North Western Ontario, where the Sioux specifically brought the drum to our people.

In the story of how the drum came, it is clear that the purpose of the drum is for peace. And when the Creator came to Tailfeather Woman it was considered as being a Sacred revelation even though those words were not used to describe it. In some stories the recounter of the story says that Tailfeather Woman was actually taken into the heavens to be taught these songs. The songs were already there in her when she came back to teach the people. She knew the songs. They had been given to her already. (It is much like Bessie said when she talked about the song singing in her head before she started joining in with the song). ■

(Trad. J.B.)

With God, one must not be impatient

We all expect so much from life. There are exciting moments, full of lights and others, more somber, when we feel to be at the very bottom of ourselves, we have no more strength.

Wherever we are, in the shadow or in the light, we are greatly unsatisfied people. We desire everything. God, on His side, is following us step by step, right near us. We ask a lot from Him, mostly material favors, be it friendship, work and love. Rarely do we have ever asked for Him. Yet He's everything. "Seek first His kingship over you, his way of holiness, and all these things will be given to you besides.

God has a plan for each one of us. Everything is set to fulfill our desires. At times, what it takes, is to lend Him an ear. Lost in the chores of every day life, we forget Him, we want to do everything our way and we believe that we're ready to see realized all the lovely dreams floating in our minds. Then we lose patience.

Yes, we lose patience against God (at least those who still believe in Him). But there is a time for everything. Our Father knows what we really need.

When you give a carrot purée to your child, even though he would much prefer eat chocolate every day, isn't that we know that later on, he will be able but to eat carrot purée for a lack of teeth. So doesn't God see further than we, his children?

"Ask and you will receive; search and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For the one who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. the one who knocks, enters. Would one of you hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf, or a poisonous snake when he asks for a fish? If you with all your sins, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will your heavenly Father, give good things to anyone who asks Him?

To become impatient with God, is a lack of abandon in Him, a lack of confidence in our heaven? We must first be satisfied with what we have. So ask, seek, knock, all of this in abandonment, being happy. Then it will be given to you, you will find and we'll open to you. ■

by **Anne-Sylvie Ouimet**
in "Place dans la Nuit"
March 94
Trad. J. B.



Two intimate friends of Blessed Kateri, Anne Scheurman (now serving in Madolva) and Marlene McCauley (pilgrimage organizer) meeting in Jerusalem on January 1st, 1997.

Why Relics?



Kateri's Shrine in Kahnawake attracts many pilgrims: groups, individuals, Canadians, Americans,

Europeans, Asiatics.. Why this eagerness to come close to Kateri's relics? Kateri died in 1680 at Côte Saint Catherine. As the Natives right away proclaimed her a saint, her bones in no time were placed securely in a chapel, until 1720 when the mission moved to the actual site of Kahnawake. The relics were transferred in great pomp and placed in a vault.

What is a Relic?

A relic is some part of the body or some piece of cloth that has touched the body of a martyr or saint. We can find at least two good reasons why relics are respected in the Church. First, because three bodies have been the living temples of the Holy Spirit and so are worthy of our veneration; because God uses these relics to bring about many blessings - spiritual and temporal. Consider an analogy in the life of our Lord. With a little spittle, mixed with clay, Our Lord cured a man born blind. This mixture was applied to the eyes of the blind man. Yet, with all this ceremony, the eyes remained closed. They were not opened until the man

himself had played his part. He had to wash in the pool of Siloe. After this, his eyes were opened. The point to remember is this: the clay did not work the miracle, but God's power working through the clay - plus the man's own part. So, it is not the relic that works the miracle, but God's power working through the relic - plus our part.

Briefly, that is what a relic is. to understand its origin, we must return to the catacombs in Rome. They tell their own story - the story of the veneration of the early Christians for their fellow Saints and Martyrs.

The bodies of the early saints and martyrs were kept in large cemeteries outside the city of Rome. This preservation and subsequently, the veneration paid to these Christian heroes, was widespread.

Veneration of the Relic?

To venerate a relic is to show by a sign like a kiss, the respect that is fitting for such a sacred object; by the same sign, the priest shows his respect for the altar with its relics, and for the sacred book of the Gospels. To apply a relic is to bless a person with it, to gain perhaps some spiritual or temporal favour; just as Our Lord applied clay to the eyes of the man born blind, and he regained his sight. ■

Father Joseph Galvin, S.J.

April 17

Feastday of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Her Feast will be celebrated at her Shrine in Kahnawake, on Sunday April 20th, at 11 a.m.
You are all invited



*Kateri Tekakwitha Window
in St. Bernard's Church, Youngstown, New York
made of "chunk glass" which is rather thick
but also limits the details in the window
except for those painted on for the hands and face.
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KATERI TEKAKWITHA

O Kateri, listen to us.
For us, you belong to the great Native peoples
Who always lived in America.
In your nation, they call you Tekakwitha.
Your mother taught you to walk on straight paths.

She sings and recites the Ave Maria with you
Cause in your heart, one can guess your piety.
But alas, at four, you became an orphan.
You pray to forget your sorrow.

For the Algonquins have been educated
In the religion that speaks of the true God.
And when the missionaries came to your village
they marvelled at your fervor.

When you became 18, you rejoiced
For the religious instruct in the faith.
They baptize you and make you choose your way.
Happy, you take the name Kateri.

With His love, you leased an exemplary life
You become the spouse of your beloved Christ.
Full of humility, of zeal and clarity.
O! you this young virgin with lovely pure eyes.

You repose close to us in Kahnawake.
Your pure heart brings a testimony
For all Indians, you are the vibrant image
Of a life of hope, Alleluia!

Chorus: O Kateri, o blessed Kateri
You who are close to Our Father in Heaven
You the young fairy of Heaven
Show us the way to God.

With fervor, for the salvation of our soul
Help to keep this purity
You who are an eternal flame
You whom we call the Lily of The Mohawks.

Patricia Fourcroy, Bruxelles



When God Created Mothers

When the good Lord was creating mothers, he was into his sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this order? She has to be completely washable,

but not plastic... have 180 moveable parts - all replaceable... run on black coffee and leftovers... have a lap that disappears when she stands up... a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair... and she should have six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and then said, "Six pairs of hands? No way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me the problems," replied the Lord. "It is the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"Doesn't that appear on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors

when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" - when she already knows.

Another in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know. And, of course, the ones in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' - without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel touching His sleeve gently, "go to bed. Tomorrow is another..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who can heal herself when she is sick, feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger and get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower when he doesn't want to."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

The angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced.

"It's not a leak," said the Lord.

"It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there." ■

Is Christ Present in the Tabernacle?

Q. Our church is preparing for renovations. The Sister in charge of the liturgical office said it was liturgically incorrect to place the tabernacle in the center of the altar. She stated that the tabernacle wasn't part of worship, and that praying before it was more of a devotion, like a devotion to a saint. She also said that the tabernacle should be removed completely and put in a small side chapel. Isn't Christ continually present in the tabernacle? Aren't we to worship Christ present in the tabernacle?

A. Christ is indeed continually present in the reserved sacrament of the altar.

Pope Paul VI described the tabernacle and the sacramental Christ it contains as "the living heart of each of our churches" (*Creed of the People of God*).

An echo of this teaching is found in the 1983 *Code of Canon Law*: "The tabernacle in which the blessed eucharist is reserved should be sited in a distinguished place in the church or oratory, a place which is conspicuous, suitably adorned and conducive to prayer" (Canon 938.2).

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM), published in the late '60s, advocates the reservation of the eucharistic Christ "in a chapel suitable for private adoration and prayer. If this is impossible because of the structure of the church or local custom, it should be kept on an

altar or other place in the church that is prominent and properly decorated" (#276).

In 1980, the Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship noted that "the tabernacle in which the eucharist is kept can be located on an altar, or away from it, in a place in the church which is very prominent, truly noble and duly decorated, or in a chapel suitable for private prayer and for the adoration of the faithful" (*Inaestimabile Donum*, #24).

An evolution is apparent in the instructions of the Holy See. To some extent, *Inaestimabile Donum* modifies the tenor of the GIRM in the question of a separate eucharistic chapel.

Why?

We can only speculate. But it appears that the Holy See, responding to the concern of bishops about the decline in eucharistic devotion, was encouraging a pastoral response, especially in new churches or in the renovation of older ones. It also appears that canon 932.2 reflects the direction of *Inaestimabile Donum*.

In the light of his canon, it seems clear that a "Blessed Sacrament Chapel" can't be required in every church though there are churches whose special situations do suggest that there be one - in some large cathedrals, major basilicas and the like. St. Peter's in Rome is one.

Is Christ Present in the Tabernacle? (con't)

It is permissible for a tabernacle to be placed to the side of a church's front in a suitably decorated and noble state. In fact, it's desirable to have the tabernacle "in view" of the whole congregation because it will encourage devotion to the eucharistic Christ.

When the blessed sacrament is removed from the body of the church and people are no longer required to genuflect, they eventually quit even bowing to the altar.

Consciousness of the real presence of Christ in the eucharistic reservation begins to evaporate – something that seems to be going on all over, if statistical reports of the faith level of the Catholic people are to be believed. Pastors are also well-aware that devotion to the eucharistic Christ diminishes when the tabernacle isn't in plain view.

Ignoring Church regulations (*Environment and Art in Catholic Worship*, #80), some argue that a tabernacle can't be placed on an altar. But the Church's teaching and legislation favors the retention of a connection between the altar and the sacramental presence of Christ.

In view of this, a parish church could situate the tabernacle behind the altar in a central location; it could create an altar in a eucharistic chapel, if the parish has one; it could reserve the eucharistic Christ on a "side altar"; or it could place the tabernacle on a "eucharistic

tower" in a visible space in plain view of the congregation. All of these sites will foster awareness of Christ's presence among us.

Much fuss is made in some liturgical circles about the different "presences" of Christ. Members of the circles point to the supposed difference between his "dynamic" presence in the action of the Mass and his "static" presence in the reserved eucharist.

Fascinated by this distinction, they have become ardent advocates of the removal of the blessed sacrament from plain view during Mass. They opt for a diminished location in the church, with a "separate chapel" being an option.

The sense of the faithful and many of their pastors, however, sees no apparent conflict between these two "presences". They see only the one Lord Jesus Christ, who becomes present again for our salvation at the consecration of the Mass and who remains present in the reserved sacrament in the tabernacle.

This tabernacle and the reserved sacrament have been and must remain, as Pope Paul VI taught years ago, "the living hearts of each of our churches." ■

Fr. Benjamin Luther,
convert to Catholicism
professor of systematic theology,
now a pastor in Kentucky.

KATERI NEWS

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Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

A Sister of Marie-Reparatrice, Montreal, QC, 50.

Deepest sympathies to Albert Lazare

Who doesn't know that Mr Albert Lazare has worked 45 years for the Cause of Blessed Kateri? His mother, full of courage and faith passed away, on Feb. 9, at the age of 94 years old. She was a devoted grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She leaves behind her special treasures: 24 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grand children. Sympathies to Albert and his family.

Congratulations, Bishop Jacques Berthelet

Bishop Berthelet was instated Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil on January 25, by His Eminence Jean-Claude Turcotte. This diocese is the one where Blessed Kateri lived for four years and passed away at the age of 24, in 1680.

Following in Bishop Hubert's footsteps, Bishop Berthelet has vowed to help us to get Kateri canonized and he will lead us to Rome on that great day.

May Blessed Kateri help you accomplish all your plans of apostolate, Bishop Berthelet, on the Southshore of the great Saint-Lawrence.

Kateri's Feastday

This year it will be celebrated on April 20. A solemn High Mass will be presided by Bishop Jacques Berthelet at 11 a.m. The Kahnawake Mixed Choir, as usual, will sing in the Mohawk dialect, the Mass and the hymns.

After the Mass, a lunch will be served in the Kateri hall, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. All participants and pilgrims are invited to join in this celebration.

How to prepare Kateri's Feastday

1. Pay a visit to the Shrine and place your intentions on Kateri's tomb.
2. Send your intentions to Kateri Center which will bring these to the Shrine.
3. Join in the Novena which will start on April 11, at 9 .m.
4. Make the pledge to pray for Kateri's canonization.
5. Send a donation to the Kateri Center to help us promote the cause.

This year we are celebrating the 317th anniversary of her death, the 7th, since her beatification.

Thanks to special generous souls

Before Christmas, the Center had begged for a copier to replace the old one. One came from Cleveland, Kansas, on Christmas Eve. - a brand new Canon. Thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Jesse Alan Yoakum. Others offered to send us one too, and a few donated money to this intention. You may come to use your copier any time. ■

Testimonies of favors obtained

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

I'm sending you a cheque for ten dollars that I promised Kateri for favors obtained. I had to undergo some tests and was quite worried. So I promised Blessed Kateri, if the results were favorable. I would be grateful and would send a donation. Thankfully my favor was obtained...

(Alexandria, ONT)

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

Enclosed please find one hundred dollars for Blessed Kateri for finding my misplaced "emerald" ring.

(Burnaby, BC)

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

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars for Kateri. Once again she came to my aid. I didn't need an operation. I was praying to my little Kateri and my prayers were answered.

(Bristol, CT)

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

Enclosed is a Money Order for one hundred dollars towards Kateri's Cause, in thanksgiving for having my cancer test returned negative.

(Saut Ste Marie, ONT)

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

Enclosed is a small donation of twenty-five dollars for Kateri's Cause. I also send my everlasting gratitude and thanks to Kateri for always watching over my beloved grand-children. There have been many mishaps that could have been catastrophies and I know she intercedes for them and I truly appreciate it. Again my heartfelt thanks and my prayers for Blessed Kateri.

(Astoria, NY)

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

I wish to express my thanks to Kateri for the many favors received and to ask for her protection since I am living alone now. I have difficulty walking so I don't want to fall down. Also thanks that a friend sold her house...

(Leavenworth, KS)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. R. D.!

Enclosed is a cheque for fifty dollars for prayers answered by Kateri. I have been out of work for three years. It is hard to find a company that hires people for steady employment, but Kateri has answered my prayers and I not only got a steady job but one that I have always dreamed of.

(Ottawa, ONT)

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

I am so thankful to God and to the intercession of Blessed Kateri that I did not sustain a more serious injury when I fell on the ice last week. My left arm and elbow were badly injured and there is a very small fracture but I did not require surgery or a cast. As the swelling and bruising subsides some exercises will restore the mobility of my arm. I promised Kateri a donation of twenty-five dollars if my X-rays were negative for a serious fracture and so my cheque is enclosed.

(St. Catharines, ONT)

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

Please find enclosed a cheque for fifty dollars as I have been praying to Blessed Kateri that my grandson would complete his studies to become a teacher. He has not completed all his exams, but is half way through thanks to Kateri.

(Larder Lake, ONT)

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

Enclosed please find a cheque for twenty-five dollars for a favor received since recent surgery.

(Kingston, ONT)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. M. V.!

I want to contribute the enclosed check for one hundred dollars to help the cause of Kateri in thanksgiving for a favor which I received after praying to Kateri for help. The favor was this: I was a majority owner of a publisher of Roman Catholic religious education materials. The company was surviving but not growing under my leadership and I am getting to retirement age. So I was looking for someone to take over the business who would have the talent to make it prosper, and be able to turn the business over to them without legal or tax burdens. This has taken place and I feel that my prayers to Kateri were answered...

(Elm Grove, WI)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. E. G.!

Enclosed is a Money Order for twenty dollars, which I promised to Kateri for my son to have a successful operation, a double hernia. He's recuperating nicely and I also ask Kateri that he will be able to get a steady job... Many thanks to Kateri for favors received.

(Windsor, ONT)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving for favors received in the past and recently for the financial help I needed to stay in my home. My prayers were answered...

(Newmarket, NH)

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

Enclosed please find a cheque for fifty dollars for favors received. I was operated on eight years ago for colon cancer. I was told that I only had a short time to live. I prayed to Kateri and so far so good...

(Ottawa, ONT)

Words from Kateri...

**"I have given my soul to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
and my body to Jesus on the Cross!"**

This is quite a remarkable statement from a humble young Indian girl with little formal education. Over and over we encounter surprises from Kateri. She shows how powerful and effective the transforming grace of God can be in one's life. Just as God showered down wisdom, power and grace on Kateri, enabling her to carry her personal crosses, minister lovingly to others and to still maintain a profound joy in living, God can still work his wonders even through us, as humble and undeserving of His favors as we may be. Let us be open to doing God's will in our lives and allow Him to communicate His love and power to others through us. May Kateri be our protector and intercessor.

Little Sister who has aged wants to know...



Kateri Maureen O'Connor
Born Junary 9, 1967, from Augusta Georgia
Elementary School Teacher
in Mobile, Alabama

...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 28,453 pledges have come in
after ten years' effort.

From 9 to 17 april

NOVENA PRAYER TO
Blessed Kateri

Kateri, favored child and Lily of the Mohawks, I
come to seek your intercession in my present need:
(mention it).

I admire the virtues which adorned your soul: love
of God and neighbor, humility, obedience, patience,
purity and the spirit of sacrifice. Help me to imitate
your example in my state of life. Through the
goodness and mercy of God. Who has blessed you
with so many graces which led you to the true faith
and to a high degree of holiness, pray to God for me
and help me.

Obtain for me a very fervent devotion to the Holy
Eucharist so that I may love Holy Mass as you did and
receive Holy Communion as often as I can. Teach me
also to be devoted to my crucified Savior as you
were, that I may cheerfully bear my daily crosses for
love of Him Who suffered so much for love of me.
Most of all I beg you to pray for me that I may avoid
sin, lead a holy life and save my soul.

Amen.

In Thanksgiving to God for the graces bestowed
upon Kateri:

- One Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Three Glory Be's
- Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks, pray for me.

Send in your Intentions now

Spiritual

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

Temporal

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

Other Requests _____

Would you like to help Kateri's Cause?

When making out your last will and **testament**, why not reserve a share for the
Cause in view of Kateri's Canonization and for the upkeep of her sanctuary.
Simply make your request to:

Kateri Tekakwitha Center
Mission St. Francis Xavier
P.O. Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0

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

The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

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enrollment in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild: \$2.00

Katerina



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The Kateri Center
Box 70
Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0
Tel.: (514) 638-1546 or 632-6030

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1. Mat silver-plated: 50¢
2. Gilded: \$3.00
3. Souvenir Spoons: \$4.00

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1. Sepia (brown), by sculptor E. Brunet (5" x 2 1/2"): 10¢
2. Colored, by Mother Nealis (4 1/2" x 2 3/4"): 15¢
3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$1.50
4. Colored, by John Steele (4" x 3"): 10¢
5. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$5.00

Touch Relics

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

Kateri Plaques

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

Novena

In the form of a short biography: \$2.00

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A sheet of 36 seals: \$1.00

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