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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.

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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 KATERI AND SUFFERING

The biographers of Blessed Kateri report very extensively how this young maiden inflicted penances on herself, besides accepting all the disagreement brought upon her by the primitive ways of living of the Natives, to the point that her spiritual fathers ordered her not to torture her body as such because of her fragility. And Kateri, in the "village of prayer" was not the only one doing such things...

Kateri progressed by leaps and bounds, like a deer, in this exceptional atmosphere. She adopted the motto: "Who will teach me what is most agreeable to God that I may do it?" As she complained that the Father was hiding things from her which he made others practice, he finally, "to satisfy her", gave her a scourge and a small iron belt with long points which she used to satisfy her extreme thirst for suffering.

To give the Blessed Mother of her Saviour a token of her love, on the feast of Purification, Kateri imitated in her own way the procession which took place in the church walking around the perimeter of her field, reciting her rosary several times and sinking in snow up to her waist. It was not rare during the cold winter, that Kateri would walk bare-footed on the ice and in the snow, besides enduring cold in the long house where she slept in a couch of thorns. She wished to please her lover nailed to the cross. In 1999, it is out of question to imitate such acts of generosity. May it suffice to accept all the annoyances and difficulties of daily life!

And why all these sufferings which made up Kateri's lot? Because she knew the meaning of suffering. Suffering purifies, brings about more intimacy with the Lord, suffering saves.

For many of Kateri's acquaintances, sufferings were a purifier of their passed sins and their dissolute life, to make amend to their Lord. New converts would resort to extravagant penances. Their flesh had sinned and deserved the punishment of hell. Their bodies had to obey them more so he could bring them to heaven. One must never forget that our Lord chose suffering to save us all. He experienced all kinds of sufferings. "The Lord suffered to inhabit our sufferings." That is to say that our sufferings obtain for us salvation and that our Lord is present in these to help us accept and endure them all, out of love. We are also called to live in union with Him, in this life and better yet in the life to come. Suffering brings us close to Him and invites us to imitate Him.

Accepted sufferings is the pledge of our resurrection. May we walk with Him during Holy week till the end which is Easter. His resurrection is the guarantee of ours. Happy Easter!

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.



Chief Tiouateskon Roll

In 1677, when Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha came to live among the Praying Indians on the St. Lawrence, Tiouateskon was the chief of the Mohawks, an active member of the Holy Family Association, and head of a longhouse noted for its fervor.

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An Indian Prayer

*O' Great Spirit,
Whose voice I hear in the winds,
And whose breath gives life to all the world,
bear me, I am small and weak, I need your
strength and wisdom.*

*Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes
ever behold the red and purple sunset.*

*Make my hands respect the things you have
made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.*

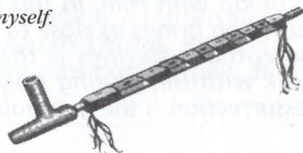
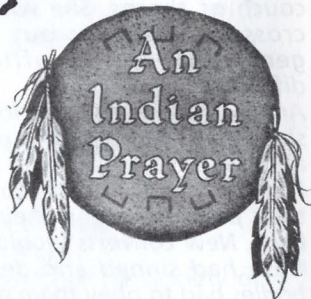
*Make me wise so that I may understand the
things you have taught my people.*

Let me learn the lessons you have bidden in every leaf and rock.

*I seek strength, not to be greater than
my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.*

*Make me always ready to come to you with
clean hands and straight eyes*

*So when life fades, as the fading sunset,
my spirit may come to you without shame.*



Amerindian News

Native spirituality holds key

Native spirituality is the key to healing the wounds inflicted on aboriginal people over the past 500 years, says Sister Kateri Mitchell.

"Five hundred years ago, the missionaries came and it was like we had nothing to offer", said Mitchell. "It was rather "We have the message and you're going to receive this message, no matter what."

Mitchell, who led workshops during the archdiocesan Church 2000 assembly, was born on the Akwesasne Mohawk Reserve, which straddles the St. Lawrence River in Ontario and upstate New York.

She says settlers and missionaries came to North America from a literate world where their spirituality was written down.

The book made their beliefs more concrete, easier to explain. Native people, on the other hand, didn't have the advantage of a written language and their message wasn't always understood.

"We're more verbal, visual people - we observe, we listen. Our relationship with our God was definitely not in a book," said Mitchell, a sister of St. Ann.

"We experienced it. We experienced the Spirit of God in nature."

Unfortunately, she added, "It was not always well verbalized."

Cycles and symbols are important in the native world. And, Mitchell says, many native symbols are understandable within Christianity. "They add their own richness to the richness of our Catholic faith."

The medicine wheel is a religious symbol, a sacred circle, she noted. Besides representing the earth and the moon and the completion of the cycle, "it is a symbol of our Creator."

Like our Creator, she pointed out, it has no beginning and it has no end. "It is a symbol of our connectedness and our interdependency with the Creator."

The medicine pouch which was dismissed by the missionaries as a "mere superstition", she asserted, "was a symbol of protection, much like our own sign of the cross."

Without dismissing the pain native people experienced through Christianity, many of the misunderstandings and hurts Mitchell laments were the result of the collision of two different worlds and two different perspectives of how we related to God."

Mitchell says her ministry arose out of watching her people "struggle for a greater sense of identity and a greater sense of self-worth and self-esteem."

The ministry is twofold: "Both informing people of our native ways through native spirituality and affirming our native people of our gift that we are able to share - a rich spirituality that is based on earth, on nature and on respect."

Mitchell is currently executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference National Center in Great Falls, Mont., a support group to empower native Catholics and to deepen and affirm their identity as both Catholics and native people.

In regard to native people, she says the Church is moving in the right direction. But she notes with a caution, "In the Catholic Church, the doors are more open to a native spirituality than in other churches - and we still have a long way to go."

Jay Charland

Greatest feast of the Church: Easter

The Greatest Day

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is at the very heart of our Catholic religion. Jesus' resurrection, with His death preceding it, is the central fact of the history of the human race, and of the universe, which exists for the human race. We might say that our faith is summed up in the resurrection: the existence of God, the triune nature of God, the incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity, His atonement for our sins by "dying to destroy our death and rising to restore our life," and the existence of a life beyond the grave.

So important is the resurrection for our faith that St. Paul tells us: "If Christ has not risen, vain then is our preaching, vain too is your faith... If with this life only in view we have had hope in Christ, we are of all people the most to be pitied" (1 Cor 15:14,19).

Not all recognize its meaning

The resurrection is the triumph of Christ not only over physical death, but also over Satan and sin. Those Catholics who do not believe that there is a devil, or that sin is serious, have much less to celebrate at Easter than do orthodox Catholics. It is said that one of the most serious evils amongst Catholics today is a weakening of the sense of sin. Since Christ came primarily to overcome Satan and sin, the chief meaning of Easter is the victory over them. Not to realize this is to

lose most of the appreciation of what happened on Easter Sunday.

Have Catholics undergone a weakening in their sense of sin? Certainly, recent polls show that the percentage of them who think that they may contracept, have an abortion, take part in homosexual activity, or remarry after divorce, is about the same percentage as for the general population, and sometimes it is higher. Of course, we must realize that non-active Catholics are counted as Catholics in these polls, whereas they should not be. But, even making allowance for this, it is clear that many Catholics nowadays do not worry about offending God in these actions which not so many years ago Catholics would not think of committing. It is true that many of these free-wheeling Catholics still behave in a politically correct manner in certain matters such as ecology or race relations. But in many others, such as the ones we have mentioned, they flout God's law in favour of their own desires (which they call their conscience).

What does Easter mean, then, to these church-going dissenting Catholics? Christ rose to take away their sins and they refuse to acknowledge them. Does Easter mean just wearing a new hat and having children look for colored eggs? Possibly, it means more than this to them, but how can it mean living with divine life if they do not accept divine truth?

What is its meaning for us?

Leaving dissenters aside, what does the annual celebration of Easter mean in our lives? It means that, as Jesus triumphed over death and over Satan and sin, so will good always triumph over evil; and hence, every prayer and work and struggle of ours will one day be our glory and will result in eternal joy. We have no doubt what will win out in the end, no doubt that sin will always be punished and goodness always rewarded.

The problem of evil

The hardest theological problems is too explain why God allows evils to exist. We know that they result ultimately from the free will of human beings, and that God must respect our free will because to do otherwise would be to deprive us of our freedom, the freedom which is necessary for our salvation since, to love God, we must be free. Still, there has been so much evil in the world all through history - moral evil, physical hardship, sickness, disappointments, death - that the very contemplation of it can overwhelm us. Many people think that there is so much evil that God must be indifferent to our welfare.

The answer to it

The ultimate answer to the problem of evil is the death and resurrection of Christ. The cure for thinking that God is indifferent to our welfare is the realization that, for our sake, He became a human being and died in torment on the cross for us, so that we might be able to achieve eternal happiness.

But, it is not the death alone which convinces us of God's love for us. Christ rose from the dead to show that evil is eventually undone, that out of it comes such a great good. Out of the sadness of life can come eternal joy.

What is it that enables us to keep up our hope in dark times? Is it not the realization that the sorrows of life can be the stepping-stones to heavenly bliss? And is it not the resurrection of Jesus which convinces us for this?

Every Sunday an Easter

Easter is the greatest day of the liturgical year. Towards it Advent, Christmas, and Lent are directed. From it, flows Pentecost. Easter sums up all of these. That is why every Sunday is really an Easter celebration. Indeed, every Mass is an Easter celebration, since the Mass is the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ. And the Christ on our altar at Mass is the risen Christ. He is truly present as He was on Easter Sunday. We can see His risen glory; and His trophies, the marks of His wounds. But we can see them only with the eyes of faith. Jesus said to His apostles: "Blessed are they eyes that see what you see, because many things desired to see what you see but never saw it." We might complain that the apostle saw these things with their bodily eyes, and we only with eyes of faith. But Jesus also said to the apostle Thomas: "because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed."

J.E. Edwards

A tribute to Kateri

What a passionating story that of Kateri Tekakwitha, a frail young Mohawk, who not having learned to read and write, lived, as if by intuition, an intense spiritual life. She resembles Theresa of the Infant Jesus in her naivety and tenderness of her love. Theresa of Avila even by the fortitude of her soul, her inclination towards mortification, her insatiable need for prayer. The interior trust, so strong towards sanctity, which animated her surely came from very special graces of the Grand Spirit, the Holy Spirit to whom she gave up all following His ways without hesitation.

As a child, small as she was, she already prayed. Nothing in the world could make her put aside her rosary which she tied to her wrist to recite it constantly. By what spiritual privilege, can grace invade so deeply this soul, to mark her at this point, if not by a very special grace of God. Kateri moved around her own people, joyfully, ready to serve and relieve the members of her uncle's longhouse where she was received. She assumed the most difficult tasks, the most thankless duties. A brave young girl as she was with a firm soul, would not let herself disarmed by the intimidations and the vexations that her piety brought upon her. Her faith in the divine presence is so lively, that she

stands at the door of the chapel, closed in daytime, to adore her Lord that she knows present in the the tabernacle. If Kateri lived a spiritual life stamped with austerity and sacrifice, the lesson more difficult to imitate that she gives us, is the one of her constant generosity, never belied in the accomplishment of her daily duties, to which she was always faithful: heavy tasks, hunting in the forest, care of others... She answered to all call, foresaw everything without sacrificing her time for prayer in a secluded spot in the forest, where she became isolated to pray and make penance. Her spiritual journey seemed all traced out and nothing could make her deviate from it.

We must learn to know Kateri, then we cannot but love her and put our confidence in her. We can be sure that as she never refused anything to God, He will never refuse her what we ask through her, if we invoke her with faith and try to imitate her intrercession are a living proof of that.

It is thus urgent for us to unite in prayer, so that our Holy Mother Church grants her the place that she deserves in the grand assembly of the saints. She is so great in her faith and availability to God.

A friend of Kateri

Kateri without frontiers

Known, loved and prayed from Kahnawake in Canada, Tonéghé in Togo, Kateri Tekakwitha appears today as a universal model of sanctity.

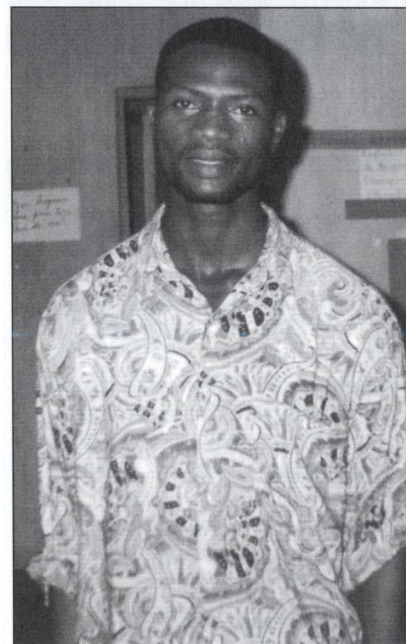
The history of the knowledge of the life of Kateri by the Togolese is intimately linked to the coming of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart to

Brothers who assumed the responsibility of the Saint John Bosco College. On their arrival, the brothers exerted themselves to assure the spiritual and human formation of the youth. But can youth be educated without an initiation to true prayer, the prayer of the heart encountered in their daily life?

What better means to attain this end then to know other youth, witnesses of the impact of a living faith in their lives! The team responsible for the group presented the personalities of Theresa of the Infant Jesus, of Dominique Savio, of the martyrs of Ouganda and of Kateri Tekakwitha.

The Lily of the Mohawks touches them by her message of evangelical simplicity, her generosity in her humble daily life, her constant recourse to the Virgin Mary and her love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

Eager to make Kateri better known, Roch, a self-made painter of



The artist painter, autodictat Roch Abotsi

Togo. Arriving in 1985 to work for the education of the youth, the Brothers established themselves in the city of Atakpamé where Bishop Philippe Fanoko Kpodzo entrusted to them the College of Saint Albert the Great.

Then in 1998, the small town of Pomégbé saw the coming of the



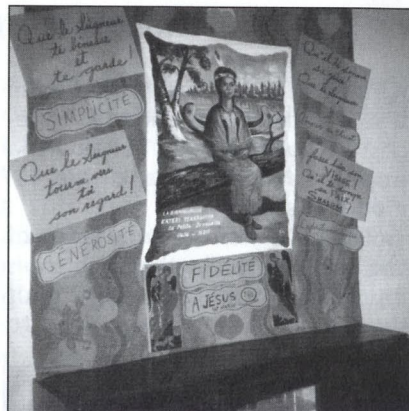
Mr Eugene Doyon and son Brother Claude with Albert Lazare of the Kateri center.

the town of Aklok, endeavored to paint Kateri, so that the prayer group may fix her image in their hearts.

While visiting the Kateri Center in Kahnawaké, Brother Claude Doyon seeing the warm appreciation of the painting by this Togolese artist decided to present them with the fine work.

This is how the "Fairest flower which ever bloomed along the Saint Lawrence River", came to the shores of the Domi, this little river flowing by the city of Tomégbé in Togo.

Brother Claude Doyon s.c.



Kateri Tekakwitha, painting created by Roch Abotsi, in October 1998

Noven a Prayer to Kateri Tekakwitha

*O Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha,
in your life you experienced
pain, sorrow and hardship.
Yet in all things you found
joy and peace in believing in
Jesus, present to us in the
Eucharist and in His love
expressed to us on the Cross.*

*O Great Lily of the Mohawks,
we ask that you take our intention
(mention your intention...)
to the foot of the Cross. Ask Jesus,
our loving Savior, to bring healing to
those who are heavy burdened.*

*Through your intercession,
may this favor be granted
if such be according to the will of God.
By your prayer, help us always to remain
faithful to Jesus and to His Holy church.*

*Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
pray for us.*

"You have noticed that everything an Indian does is done in a circle, and that is because the Power of the World always works in circles, and everything tries to be round. In the old days, when we were a strong and happy people, all our power came to us from the sacred hoop of the nation, and so long as the hoop was unbroken, the people flourished. The flowering tree was the living center of the hoop, and the circle of the four quarters nourished it. The east gave peace and light, the south gave warmth, the west gave rain, and the north with its cold and mighty wind gave strength and endurance. This knowledge came to us from the outer world with our religion. Everything the Power of the

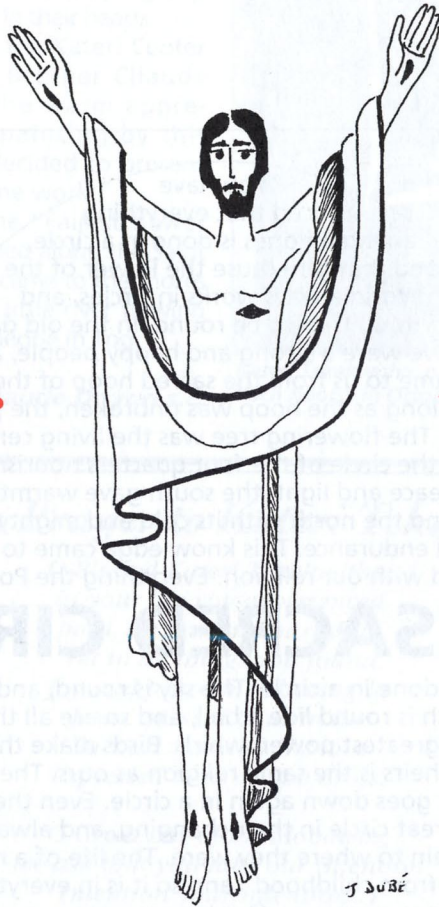
THE SACRED CIRCLE

World does is done in a circle. The sky is round, and I have heard that the earth is round like a ball, and so are all the stars. The wind, in its greatest power, whirls. Birds make their nests in circles, for theirs is the same religion as ours. The sun comes forth and goes down again in a circle. Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing, and always come back again to where they were. The life of a man is a circle from childhood, and so it is in everything where power moves. Our tepees were round like the nests of birds, and these were always set in a circle, the nation's hoop, a nest of many nests, where the Great Spirit meant for us to hatch our children."

(John G. Niehardt, Black Elk
Speaks, 1959, pp 164-5)

Happy Easter

April 4



Alleluia!

Alleluia!

May the heavens rejoice
May the earth exult
May all the worlds,
Visible and invisible
Be feasting:
the Lord has risen,
He, the eternal joy.

Yesterday, with you, Christ
I was buried.
Today with you,
Risen, I rise up.
Yesterday, with You, I was
crucified
Lord, with You
Glorify me in Your kingdom.

I did not know it was You...

Lord, You have risen, You are alive.
I believe that you are present in others, but
I did not know it was You!
This child who pestered me with questions,
I rebuffed him because I was tired.
He wanted to snuggle up to me,
because I was nervous, I shoved him aside:

I did not know it was You...
This youth roaming the street, because of his queer look
and dark skin, I avoided him;
He has started to shape a smile
But I looked away to snub him:

I did not know it was You...
This old man who tells me
Twenty times the same story,
I can't bear him anymore.
He need me to shake his hand warmly.
I was busy with other doings:

I did not know it was You...
This laid off man, this unemployed, this tramp,
my father, my mother,
my spouse, my neighbor...

It was then You...
I believe you are present in others,
That You are living,
That you have risen!

Yes, Lord, I believe it,

Bernard Hubler

Today I Celebrate

*Lord, I come to you so often with my tears;
today I bring my joy.
Today I rejoice in the uniqueness
you exploded into being in my creation.
Today I can believe that you delight in me.
Today I celebrate me!*

*I celebrate myself as your creature,
totally dependent on you for my existence,
totally dependent on you for each moment of ongoing life.
Today I celebrate my creature-being!*

*But more than a creature,
you have made me a person...
child of the Father,
sister to the Son,
beloved of the Spirit.
Today I celebrate my personhood!*

*And - praise you! - you have seen fit to define
that personhood in me as woman...
Strong and gentle you have made me.
Soft and rock-solid you have fashioned me.
Today I celebrate my woman-self!*

*Still more, you have made me mother.
Life-bearer am I.
Seedbed of culture I am named...
first teacher of truth,
visible promise of unconditional love
my daughter's constant, imperfect exemplar,
my son's first call to gentle, manly living.
Today I celebrate my motherhood!*

*Lord, God...
today I celebrate me!*

Elizabeth L. Herold

The Indian Maiden and the Crash That Turned Out to Be Miraculous

The life of a young woman in Houston, Texas is inexplicably tied to that of saintly Indian princess who lived three hundred years ago. The circumstances surrounding their relationship makes one realize that miracles can occur, even in our era. Ann Williams is known for her beautiful paintings. She has been painting for the past twelve years. Her work hangs next to such artists as Wood, Remington and Salinas. Ann says: "One of the most rewarding portraits I did was of Kateri Tekakwitha, daughter of a Mohawk chief. Unusual events were to unfold when she started the portrait of the Indian princess.

Kateri Tekakwitha was born at Auriesville, New York in 1656. Her mother was a Catholic Huron. The plague of 1660 had taken her father, Chief of the Turtle Clan, her mother and brother. The little girl survived but with marked disfigurement and weakness of sight. Kateri was adopted by an uncle and an aunt.

Kateri first met some Jesuit missionaries, called Black-robos by the Indians, when they stayed at the home of her uncle. She was only eleven at the time but the missionaries made a deep impression on her.

Kateri was baptized at the age of twenty on Easter Sunday, 1676. Five years ago Ann Williams visited the National Shrine of North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. When she saw the statue of the lovely Indian maiden, she wanted to paint her beautiful face. "Her face kept haunting me," she said. "I knew I had to paint it."

When Ann returned to her home in Houston, Texas she started to work on the portrait of Kateri. She said she worked as if she were driven by an unknown force. It was

to be a gift for her friends in New York and she wanted to finish it before Easter. Ann worked long hours in order to finish the portrait. She felt an empathy with Kateri as she worked; sometimes feeling the desire to kneel while painting the unusual eyes and the high cheek bones of the Indian maiden. She did the portrait in gold and umber which seemed to fit the personality of the princess, illuminating the softness of her thick shoulder length braids and delicate features.

Ann's teenage son, Paul, was also impressed with Kateri. He wore a Kateri medal around his neck when he entered a karate tournament in Dallas. When Paul won first place in the tournament, he told Ann that Kateri had seen him through.

Kateri Stills Her Fears

With the portrait almost completed and placed beside her in the car, Ann was driving down the freeway one afternoon returning from art class. Suddenly the hood of her car flew up, blocking her view of the speeding cars. Panic stricken she slowly made her way among the cars to pull off on the service road. Faced with death, shaking with fright, Ann looked down at the portrait of Kateri whose steady, calm eyes looked back at her. "It was the most overwhelming experience I've ever had," she said. "I somehow knew Kateri was the saving factor in this crisis."

A few days later, Ann was to say farewell to the Indian maiden. She was reluctant to let her go. Kateri had become more to her than just another picture. The painting was still wet, but she packed it between elevated pegboard to assure its safe arrival. Arriving at the post

office, she was told it would cost seven dollars and twenty-five cents to send it air mail and insured. Ann could find only seven dollars in her purse. The girl at the post office kindly gave her the twenty-five cents she needed for mailing the package.

That night while Ann was watching the news on TV, she heard that a Mohawk airliner enroute to New York crashed with forty-seven people aboard. No other details were known at the time. Ann looked at her family and said: "I wonder if my Kateri was on that plane?"

Ann called her friends in New York the next day. They had not received the package. Their son, Ihor was presently taking pictures of an airplane crash twenty miles from Albany. The son did not know that the portrait of Kateri was on the plane that he was photographing.

A few days later Ann finally talked to Ihor. They had received the picture of Kateri and, yes, she had indeed been in the same plane crash. The package was water soaked and the frame was broken, but the portrait of Kateri was untouched. The mail had been in the front of the plane, in the nose, the part that had embedded itself in the basement of a house.

The Mohawk airlines turboprop plane carrying the portrait of Kateri crashed during a snowstorm at 8:50 p.m. on the third day of March 1972, days considered unlucky by some people. The first three days of March are known as "Blind Days". Some superstitious farmers won't plant their crops until after the third of the month.

The Miraculous Escape from Harm

Six persons lived in the house that the plane had destroyed. The Rosens were thrown from their beds into the back yards. They were not even seriously injured. A neighbor said: "It was a miracle the Rosens got out of that alive."

One of the first persons to arrive at the crash scene was Thomas O'Leary, a vice-president of Mohawk, who lives a few blocks away from the Rosens. Mr. O'Leary said that he had been watching television when he heard a "tremendous sound" and was notified by phone a few minutes later that one of his company's planes had crashed. When Mr. O'Leary arrived at the scene he saw the plane torn through the front of the two story house and lodged in its basement. The house collapsed on the fuselage of the plane and hid from the street all the craft but its shining white tail, which rested on the front lawn in the snow. Force of impact carried the cockpit of the plane through the house. The windshield of the plane did not shatter.

Only seventeen people of the forty-seven aboard were killed. Firemen expected the plane to explode at any moment; they knew they would not be able to control it. They waited for the holocaust. The plane did not explode.

The Rev. Joseph Romano, Chaplain of the Albany Fire Department said: "I gave the last rites to everyone. They all seemed dead or near death to me. When the fuselage was being opened a young man crawled out. A young girl was crying and she kept saying over and over that she couldn't believe that she was still alive". Not only was the girl alive, but there were twenty-nine others alive. The crash was disastrous, but its outcome was miraculous.

Reflecting on all that has happened since she first saw the statue of Kateri in Auriesville, New York, Ann Williams can testify to the tremendous influence Kateri continues to have on all who come in contact with her!

Immaculata, November 1976

KATERI CENTER NEWS

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Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

A Sister of Mary Reparatrix, Montreal, QC, 50.

Kateri's Feastday: April 17

It will be celebrated at the sanctuary in Kahnawaké, on Sunday April 18. Rev Gustave Désourdy will preside the Eucharist. The Mixed Choir will sing, as usual in Mohawk. There will be two masses: 8.30 and 10.30. A lunch offered by the K of C will be served in Kateri Hall after the second Mass. Welcome to all !

How to prepare Kateri's Feastday:

- 1) Send in your intentions before April 9.
- 2) Wherever you are, join in the Novena Masses that Fr. Bruyère will celebrate starting Friday April 9.
- 3) Make a little offering to Kateri's Center to prepare for her canonization.

The Map of "The Natives in Québec" travels the Internet!

Québec City, November 10, 1998 - the ministère des Ressources naturelles du Québec and the Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones announce that the dynamic map entitled "The Natives in Québec" has been made available on the Internet site of the ministère des Ressources naturelles. The document, available in French and in English, presents a multitude of official data on Québec's 11 Native nations.

In the first component, the map of Québec is divided into 28 sections showing the location of the Native communities, the lands granted to or reserved for them, and the wildlife rights they hold. The second component defines the land units, stipulates how the rights apply, and presents demographic and land-related information for each individual community or nation.

The dynamic map, prepared by Prospection Inc., is an electronic version of the printed map published jointly by the MRN's Direction des affaires autochtones and the Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones in 1996.

The map can be found at: <http://www.mrn.gouv.qc.ca/autochtones/english> on the internet site of the ministère des Ressources naturelles. <http://www.saa.gouv.qc.ca/docum/docum.html>, via the Internet site of the Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones. ■

Testimonies of favors obtained

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mr. L.Y. and H.J.!

My godmother and I prayed to Blessed Kateri to help my mother who was losing her eyesight from glaucoma. With our prayers to Blessed Kateri my mother was able to have an operation which greatly improved her eyesight. It is truly a gift from Blessed Kateri and we thank her deeply. We are also sending a donation to her cause. God Bless!

(Barrie, ON)

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

I made a promise to Kateri that when my daughter sold her house I would spend twenty-five dollars to go toward her canonization. Thank you Kateri for your help.

(Hollis, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B.H.!

Enclosed is a cheque to help further the cause of Blessed Kateri, which I promised if my report on my eye test was favourable. I am not out of the woods yet but my faith in Blessed Kateri helps me to believe that she will continue to be there for me. I pray every day for her canonization and I thank Blessed Kateri, Mary and Jesus for all my blessings.

(Hamilton, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W.H.!

In thanksgiving for finding my car safe and intact when I had to practically abandon it so as not to miss a bus taking us to a cruise ship.

(Bradenton, FL)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs L.Z.!

I asked Blessed Kateri to help my grandson find a job. He has a good job now in a hotel and he loves it. I enclose a money order for twenty-five dollars for Blessed Kateri's cause. Thank you Blessed Kateri, you never let me down. God bless and keep you

(Winnipeg, MB)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. M. B.!

Enclosed is a small check in thanksgiving for good news in the results of my health tests and for the canonization of Blessed Kateri...

(Azusa, CA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.M.!

The enclosed check is for Kateri's cause. My daughter and her husband were able to go home to Chicago yesterday even though the air travel was delayed. It was really a blessing, Kateri always helps me.

(Saco, ME)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G.M.!

Enclosed is a donation for Kateri's cause in thanksgiving for successful surgery and good results from tests.

(Kahnawake, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D.C.!

Enclosed, please find my personal check for one hundred dollars in appreciation to Kateri for several favors granted. I have been planning

a vacation to Hawaii for a long time. I have tried to plan every aspect of the trip. The one aspect of the trip that I could not guarantee was the weather leaving Boston as a snowstorm of any significance on Christmas Day would ruin all of our plans. As you know, the weather here in the North can be very difficult to predict at this time of the year and this caused me great concern. While I was able to check and double check flight reservations, hotels, rental cars, etc., all of this becoming reality hinged on being able to get out of Boston late on Christmas Day. Accordingly, I prayed to Kateri and asked for her intercession to insure that we could make it out and enjoy our long planned vacation. I am pleased to report that Kateri came thru and, accordingly, it is my pleasure to enclose this check to help further her cause toward canonization...

(Burlington, MA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. N.R.!

Please accept this small donation towards Kateri's cause. She has blessed me with a return to my good health.

(Pointe Claire, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D.F.!

Enclosed is a check for ten dollars. We were in the path of Hurricane George when suddenly it veered away. My prayers were answered.

(Bonita Springs, FL)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. C.R.!

Please accept this little donation for the cause of Kateri Tekakwitha and to thank her for her intercessions. Last year I was terrified. I was dying, although no physical cause could be found. Kateri's intercession brought me through this anxiety. Shortly after, my mother nearly died. I prayed in confidence to Kateri and my mom recovered. The next month, the car I was driving was hit twice by a tractor trailer. The car was totalled, yet I escaped the wreck without a scratch. I have no doubt that Kateri was with me to protect me...

(Hagaman, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss. E.D.!

I have promised a donation in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri if I had a good report from tests I had done. That was twelve months ago. I just cannot understand how I have taken so long in saying thank you to Almighty God and Blessed Kateri. Now I am enclosing twenty-five dollars. Twenty dollars in thanksgiving and five dollars toward your quarterly book which I love. Please pray for me Father, because those tests are due again...

(Rockaway Park, NY)

"What good news about Blessed Kateri! To me, she is the model for modern times! Her purity, her thirst for God, her charity, her love for others - she was never "me first". Today, it's "me first" after, you come next!! She teaches me so very much! I love her dearly! she does much for me. I keep her busy!"

Sr Rosaline G  n  reux SSA

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 29,102 pledges have come in
after ten years' effort.*

Kateri-Marianne Lussier

Born on May 1998, Baptized in Saint-Francis Xavier Church in
Verchères, June 28 1998 by Rev Roland Turenne s.j.
Parents: Sophie and Renaud Lussier
Grandparents: Jeanne et Jean-Louis Lussier

Please send yours to: The Kateri Center
Box 70
Kahnawake, Québec J0L 1B0

My pledge to KATERI _____ Date _____

I, the undersigned, pledge to offer up each day one Our
Father, one Hail Mary, and three Glories until the miracle needed
for Blessed Kateri's canonization is obtained and approved.

Name _____

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Why God Made Mothers

*God knew that everybody needs
someone to show the way,
He knew that babies need someone
To care for them each day,
He knew they needed someone sweet
To soothe their baby cries,
To teach them how to walk and talk
And sing them lullabies...*

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- ☐ Positions
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- ☐ 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
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P.O. Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0

Kateri will then take good care of you and your beloved ones on earth as in
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The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

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Katerina



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The Kateri Center
 Box 70
 Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0
 Tel.: **(450) 638-1546 or 632-6030**
 Fax: **(450) 632-6031**

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

Kateri Prayer Cards and Pictures

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

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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

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In the form of a short biography: \$2.00

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A sheet of 36 seals: \$1.00

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