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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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## My real worth

Staring at ourselves and comparing ourselves to others, we easily fall into defeatism. This must offend our Creator who shaped us in the womb of our mother to bring us to become "a child of God". He knows us by name.

Hence it is not my beauty, my strength, my abilities which constitute my real worth. It has been written: "We have believed that the efficacy of our apostolate depends, first of all, on our possibilities of action whilst it depends especially on the generosity of our union with the will of God."

Let us read the following story to convince ourselves:

### A little black boy and the balloons

A little black boy is watching a balloon merchant.

His eyes are bright.

There are balloons of all colors: red, blue, white, black, yellow... The old man who's selling balloons sees the little boy hesitating so plucks up his courage and approaches him.

"Say, Sir, do the black balloons fly as high as the others?"

The old man is ready to cry.

He takes the boy in his arms, makes him sit on a low wall and tells him: "Look!" He lets go all the balloons which fly in bunches and climb, climb, climb in the skies till they disappear, so high they fly.

"You have seen?"

"Yes", Sir.

"Did the black balloons fly as high as the others?"

"Yes", Sir.

"You see, my boy, balloons are like human beings. The important thing is not the color, it is not the exterior. No, the important thing is what they have inside.

It's what is in you, that will make the difference in yourself."

Let us remain united to God, love Him.

Then our inner worth will be our real worth.

Jacques Bruyère, s.j.





## Chief Garhio Roll

Garhio was Hot Ashes' wife. They had known and loved each other since the age of eight. During the Summer of 1677, the young couple with their children were baptized by Fr. Fremin. She took the name of Wari, Mary, and he, that of Louis Garonhiague (In-Heaven). Their family life was deeply influenced by their new faith and was very happy. Kateri cured the young mother when she was in danger of a miscarriage. Garhio lent effective help to her husband in proselytizing her non-Christian compatriots.

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## Native people honour memory of Blessed Kateri



For Sarah Valdo, no distance is too great to go to be close to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The 89-year-old Acoma, N.M., resident travelled thousands of miles to be present at the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Tekakwitha Conference at Michigan State University.

The conference seeks to promote the voice, presence and identity of native Catholics. According to Valdo, the July 31-Aug. 4 conference allowed aboriginal Catholics to affirm their faith under Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's protection. More than 1,000 people attended.

"I feel close to Kateri. There are so many miracles that she has been responsible for", she said in an interview. "This conference is a way for me to say thank you and pray to her one-on-one. She is here at this conference—I can feel her." Her son Mike is a past president of the Tekakwitha Conference. "It is wonderful to see so many members of the native American Catholic community sharing in evangelization", he said. "We are here to spread the good word of the Blessed Kateri."

Pope John Paul beatified Kateri Tekakwitha in 1980. She was the first North American Indian to be beatified by the Catholic Church. Blessed Kateri was born to a Christian Algonquin

mother and a Mohawk father in 1656 in what is now New York state and fled to Canada at the age of 20 for fear of retribution from neighbours hostile to her faith. In what is now Caughnawaga, Que., she devoted herself to serving needy First Nations people. Blessed Kateri died in 1680. "We are just waiting for one more miracle" said Mike Valdo, who believes the canonization of Kateri is not far away. "We hope that it is soon. There are so many of our native American elders that are passing away. They all had hoped to see Kateri canonized in their lifetime."

"It is a long, long process," he said. "But we all continue to pray. This conference gives us hope. All we can do is be patient and pray. This conference is all about unity and love between different tribes."

Next summer's conference will be held in Sioux Falls, S.D. Welcome!

## THE WORLD in the eyes of the Creator

God who surpasses us infinitely, has a lot of things to teach us. There is another Life in an Another World, invisible, infinite and is incomparably nicer and active than the physical cosmos. It's only in the other world that our hearts, our bodies, our spirits will be satisfied, because we look for a life without death and suffering, neither of the body, of the heart and of the spirit. Another Life of total Happiness, in an eternity, in a Kingdom where reigns the Almighty. In a word: we wish to enjoy the innumerable privileges that only God can give to His creatures.

"It would be a God Creator very small and limited who would have created the Earth only inhabited world! With a quivering of my will, from nothing I created innumerable worlds and I hurled them, like luminous **grains of dust**, in the immensity of the sky. The Earth which makes you ferociously so proud, is but one grain of dust turning in the infinite and if he is not the largest, he is certainly the most corrupt. Lives and lives pullulate in the millions of worlds which make the joy of your sight in the **serenity of the night**, and the perfection of God will be manifest when you will be able to see the marvels of these worlds with the intellectual eyes of your spirit, when it will be again united to God."

## The Smile



A smile costs nothing  
But has great value  
It enriches those who receive it  
It lasts an instant  
But you remember it for a long time  
Nobody is rich enough to discount it  
Even the poor people can possess it  
It makes the families happy  
Business prosperous, friendships lasting,  
A smile gives us a rest  
When we're tired,  
Encourages us  
When we are depressed.  
And helps us to fight away all our worries  
Nevertheless, it cannot be bought

Borrowed or stolen;  
It has value  
Only when it is given  
If you meet someone  
Who doesn't give you a smile  
That you deserve  
Be generous, give him yours  
Because no one needs most  
The smile that someone  
cannot give to others.  
Smile lasts but an instant  
But we remember it for a long, long time!!



## Mother Teresa's...

"Let me preach Thee without preaching," writes Mother Teresa of Calcutta, quoting Cardinal Newman, "not by words, but by my example."

In truth, the deeds of Mother Teresa lend significant credibility to her words. Yet people are interested in what she said and this is a book of her sayings.

Mother Teresa's mentors were Mary, Therese of Lisieux, John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila but this soon-to-be-beatified modern spiritual master has already been informally canonized a saint by a broad spectrum of humanity. She left an indelible footprint on the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The greater part of Mother Teresa: Essential Writings centres on five thematic qualities of her life — focused, prayerful, loving, joyful and fulfilled.

Maalouf profiles the heart of Mother Teresa's vision and the spiritual forces motivating her to found the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 who now carry on her work in India and 100 other countries. She died in September 1997.

Mother Teresa challenged people to think differently and to change their conception and way of life. She was driven by a certain vision and followed a particular path in holiness, all with a clarity of purpose that transcended the image the media had created about her.



"At the end of life," she once said, "we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in."

"Hungry not for bread, but hungry for love; naked not only for clothing, but naked for human dignity and respect; homeless not only for want of a room of bricks, but homeless because of rejection. This is Christ in distressing disguise."

Maalouf comments: "When we leave this world, will we leave behind a legacy of love as Mother Teresa did?"

## essential writings

No matter what we do and no matter how many successes we are able to accumulate, if love is not there, no fulfillment is reached and no salvation is possible. "True love is the only satisfying answer to human restlessness, and holiness is the only genuine fullness of life. Mother Teresa had it right." Mother Teresa relied totally on God's providence. She exuded boundless compassion for the poor.

She demonstrated both a contemplative and active lifestyle and lived in simplicity. She reflected an astounding, unceasing, radical and contagious joy.

Some have criticized her for being too tough, too austere, too obsessed with bodily mortification. Others have objected to the fact that she did not work to change oppressive social structures and also because of her acceptance of charitable donations, regardless of the motives of the giver.

Few, however, doubt the integrity of her vocation. She was neither a philosopher nor a theologian. She simply lived her beliefs in the most simple way. Her writings on suffering, witness, finding Jesus in the face of the poor, family, abortion and becoming holy are worthy

of thoughtful reflection.

Suffering is not a punishment, she says. Jesus does not punish. Suffering is a sign that God loves us.

Her criterion for assisting someone was not that person's belief, but his or her need. She saw Christ in the poor without inquiring into their backgrounds. "We do not impose our faith on others," she

claimed. "We try to act in such a way that Christ will make his light and his life shine forth in us and, through us, in the world".

In order to spread joy, joy needs to reign in the family. Peace and war start within one's own home. If we really want peace for the world, let us start by loving one another within our families. If abortion is

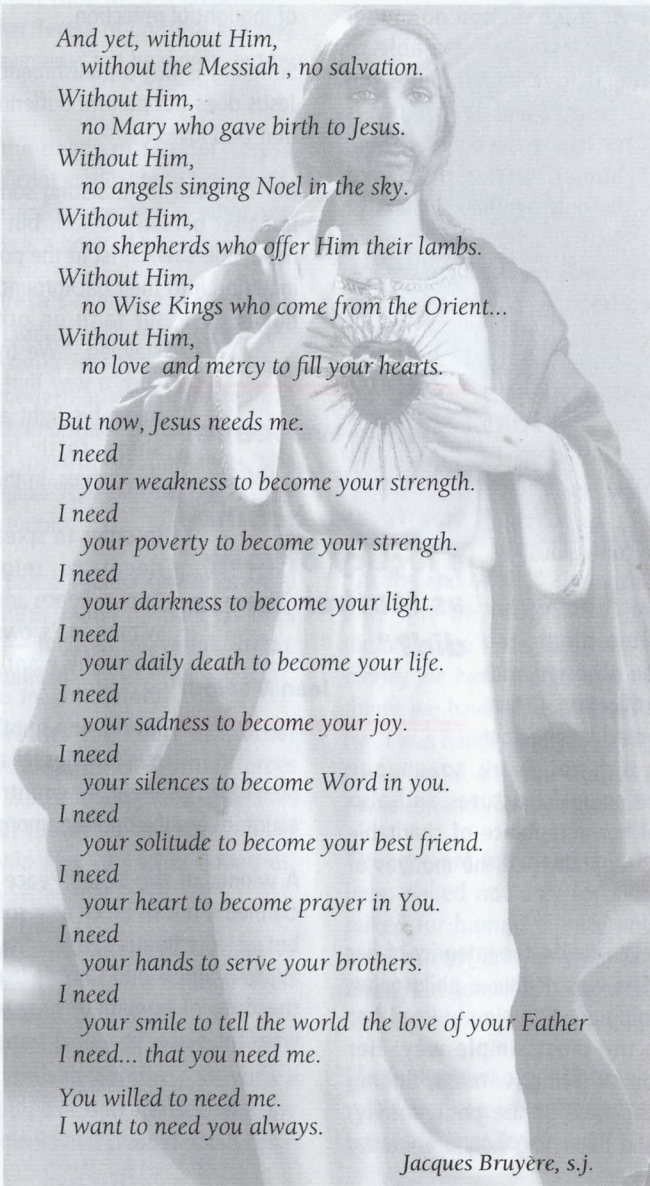
permitted in wealthy countries, those countries are the poorest among the poor.

A winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, she claimed it not so much as a social worker but as a religious sister who sought to awaken others into Christ's love and into the duty of becoming holy, no matter what the place, time or circumstance.

Review by Wayne Hoslt



## Jesus needs you



And yet, without Him,  
without the Messiah, no salvation.  
Without Him,  
no Mary who gave birth to Jesus.  
Without Him,  
no angels singing Noel in the sky.  
Without Him,  
no shepherds who offer Him their lambs.  
Without Him,  
no Wise Kings who come from the Orient...  
Without Him,  
no love and mercy to fill your hearts.

But now, Jesus needs me.

I need  
your weakness to become your strength.  
I need  
your poverty to become your strength.  
I need  
your darkness to become your light.  
I need  
your daily death to become your life.  
I need  
your sadness to become your joy.  
I need  
your silences to become Word in you.  
I need  
your solitude to become your best friend.  
I need  
your heart to become prayer in You.  
I need  
your hands to serve your brothers.  
I need  
your smile to tell the world the love of your Father  
I need... that you need me.

You willed to need me.  
I want to need you always.

Jacques Bruyère, s.j.

## Prayer of an "Oldie"

Lord, teach me to grow old gracefully!

Convince me that the community (others) are not unjust to me  
if they keep on relieving me of responsibilities;  
if they don't ask me for my opinion any more;  
if they have appointed somebody else to do my job.

Take away from me the pride of my 'past' experience;  
cure me from the belief that I am indispensable.

Lord, grant that I may see in this gradual detachment  
from things, only the law of time and to consider this as  
one of the most interesting manifestations of life  
which renews itself, directed by Providence.

See to it, Lord, that I may still be useful to the world,  
contributing with my optimism and my prayer, to the joy and  
the enthusiasm of those who now bear the burden of the day;  
that I may live contented, humble and serene in a world that  
changes, without crying over a past which 'has been', making  
of my sufferings a gift to God and an act of reparation.

Grant that my passing from the scene where the action is,  
may be as simple and natural as the setting of the sun.

Forgive me, if only now, in this final hour of tranquility'  
I have realized how much You have guided and helped me;  
and that now, at least, I may be deeply convinced and clearly  
see the glorious destiny You have prepared for me and towards  
which you have directed me from the first day of my life.

Lord, teach me to grow old gracefully!

Amen.

Joe Sadanha, s.j.



# Kateri's Feastday on April 17

To be celebrated on April 27



CATHERINE TÉKAKWITHA

Iroquois virgin, who passed away as a saint in Caughnawaga  
on April 17, 1680

# RESURRECTION

When the moon and the stars  
Shall be dimmed on that Last Day,  
The angels will sound the alarm  
To assemble the nations.  
Then from all the graveyards  
The departed will arise,  
The forbears of our fathers  
And the glories of the past,  
Among the host of the patriarchs,  
Coming forth from ancient days,  
Old Noah in his ark,  
Will astound both young and old.  
Perched upon his ladder,  
Jacob will judge from on high,  
Famous Diogenes  
Strolling in his barrel.

In their artful wrappings,  
The mummies in the museums  
Will come out of their sarcophagi,  
For one more eternity

Archimedes in his bathtub  
Will overflow with emotion  
At the sight of the famed navigators  
And before the swimming champions  
The storied lovers  
Will be able to love again,  
And Anthony and Cleopatra  
Will again meet "nose to nose",  
And in their immortal lovemaking  
They will recount again their hope,  
While listening with one ear  
To the music of Mozart.

In the show-cases of the Booksellers,  
Plato, Goethe, Mallarme  
Will read again their life's work,  
Face to face with posterity.  
Charles V und Charlemagne,  
Will visit on a bicycle  
The old battlefields  
And the Lion of Waterloo.  
Velasquez and Michael Angelo,  
Will know each other from afar,  
filled with unalloyed joy,  
Will sketch the Cro-Magnon man.  
To do their good deed,  
And to feed the starving,  
The boy-scouts of Alaska  
Will sell Eskimo Pies.

The photographer reporters  
Will ambush Bayard, the knight,  
And the invaluable bathysphere  
Of the great Professor Picard;  
The blessed Dominic,  
And St. Francis, found again,  
Will sip their benedictine  
To celebrate their friendship.  
Imagine the rejoicing  
Which will burst forth on that day,  
And merry humanity  
Will be reborn for eternity,  
When the Elect of the earth  
Shall enter the land  
That God promised to their forefathers,  
To be resurrected to the true life.

Lyrics and Music by Sœur Sourire, o.p.



## Rosary sales soar in Rome



**W**ith wood, plastic or pearl beads held together with silver, string or gold, rosaries are the most popular item on sale by street vendors and in gift shops at the Vatican. And whether someone pays \$300 for a rosary made of intricately filigreed silver or 50 cents for a glow-in-the-dark plastic rosary, sales at the bookshops nearby seem to indicate the beads are not simply souvenirs.

The huge Daughters of St. Paul Bookstore near the Vatican, like other Catholic bookshops nearby, carries a dozen different books and booklets explaining how to pray the rosary.

"People ask for the books all the time," Sister Giovanna said. "I think confessors often assign the recitation of the rosary as penance, and people come here looking for a book explaining how to do it."

Her intuition was confirmed Oct. 16 by a Canadian priest who said a confessor in St. Peter's Basilica that morning assigned him a decade of the rosary as penance. Of course, he did not need to buy a how-to booklet. The how-to books range from a simple list of the order and the texts of prayers to step-by-step approaches for reciting the rosary with youth, in families or in a parish setting.

But the key to many people's choice seems to be the author of the books' reflections on each mystery.

The Daughters of St. Paul said their big seller, at least in Italian, contains reflections by St. Padre Pio. One can also "pray the rosary with" Mother Teresa of Calcutta or St. Therese of Lisieux.

Sue Hooper, visiting the Vatican from Seattle, did not buy any rosaries on her October trip, but said, "I already have two with me and I want to make sure the pope blesses them."

Hooper said she prayed the rosary often as a child in a Catholic school, "but I hadn't prayed it for years. Then I went to Medjugorje," the site

of reported Marian apparitions in Bosnia-Herzegovina. "Now I pray it every day."

As she waited for Pope John Paul's Oct. 16 audience to begin, Sue Roberts of Lancaster, England, said, "I grew up with the rosary, but haven't said it in years." "I did buy one yesterday because I wanted the pope to bless it and to have it as a memento of Rome," she said, adding, "of course I'll use it."

Nunzia, Clara, Marianna and Sergio, members of the youth association of the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, were also at the pope's Oct. 16 audience.

The teens, each 14 or 15 years old, said they recite the rosary together as a group each week and usually at home with their families each Saturday during the Marian months of May and October.

But their connection with the rosary goes even deeper — the mysteries of the rosary are the basis for their weekly religious education classes.

"If you recite the rosary with the right spirit, it is a journey of faith," Clara said.

Dominican Father Paul Duffner is director of the Rosary Centre in Portland, Ore., and of a large Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.

In a telephone interview, the priest said devotion to the rosary "is certainly growing" in the United States. His mailing list includes 20,000 names and increases by more than 100 each month.

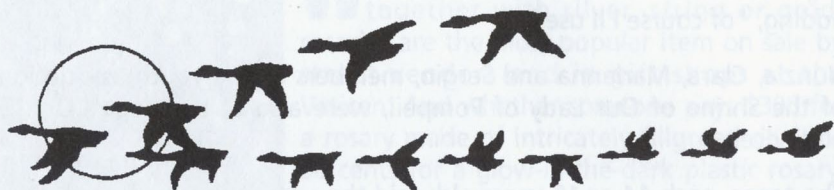
"Believe it or not, we get many applications over the Internet" at [www.rosary-center.org](http://www.rosary-center.org), he said.

Cindy Wooden  
*Catholic News Service of Vatican City*



# The lesson of the white geeze

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We want to share it with you.



This coming Autumn, when you see the geeze heading for the South to spend winter there, in their typical flight in the shaped of "V", you may ask yourself what science has discovered regarding this way so characteristic to fly.

At each flap of wings of every bird current of air ascending is created for the bird who is immediately behind. Flying in "V" shape, the whole flock of geeze, adds at least 71% the distance of the flight that each bird would have flown by himself.

If a goose flies out of formation, it feels suddenly the weight and the resistance of trying to fly alone and rapidly it comes back in formation to profit of the ascending force of the preceding bird.

If we had as much common sense as a goose, we would stay in formation with those guiding to the same destination as us.

When the goose leader is tired, it falls in the wing and another one takes his place. It is

very sensible to take its turn in demanding tasks with our fellow travelers as the white geeze do flying south.

The geeze behind cry constantly to encourage the ones in front to keep their speed and their endurance. What is our message when we cry from behind?

Finally, and this is important, when a goose is sick or wounded from a gun shot and that it falls out of formation, two other geeze leave the formation and follow it till it stops to give help and protection. They stay with the wounded goose as long as it can fly again or die, only at that moment they leave by themselves or join another flock in order to join their own group.

If we all have the common sense of a goose we would support one another.

*Anonymous*

## KATERI CENTER NEWS

### Favors

registered at the Kateri Center from October 29, 2002 to February 12, 2003

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| Articles Found            | 2  | Safe Pregnancies                 | 3  |
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### AWARDEES

It's our fourth presentation of this prize. The Kateri Center staff was unanimous in nominating:

- 1) Mrs. Ann Scheuerman from Pittsford, N.Y.
- 2) Mr. and Mrs. Charles Labelle of Montreal.

Mrs. Scheuerman first knew Fr. H. Bechard in 1978. Since then she was faithful in participating in all Kateri's events, in Auriesville, Kahnawake, and wherever the annual Tekakwitha Conference would be held. As an expert in photography, she never missed an occasion to take nice photos, thus supporting the magazines on Kateri, and for this, she would never accept any payment.

When she retired from the University, she offered her services to the Peace Corps. She was sent to Maldoval, in Russia where she also promoted Kateri's Cause.

Mr. Labelle is also an artist in drawing and sculpture. After meeting Fr Bechard, he became a close friend of Kateri and paid so many visits to the Shrine. (This is where I met him and his wife, in the kitchen of the rectory) One has to see the museum in his home. Kateri has a place of honour. Not long before Fr Bechard's death in 1990, when poor Father was experiencing financial difficulties, he only had to give a ring to Charles and his bank account would soar again. Mr. Labelle, neither Mrs. Labelle, would like to mention the fact that they were helping a lot of missionaries in China and in the Philippines.

10,000 thanks to Mrs. Ann Schuerman and to Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Jeannine Labelle.

### KATERI'S FEAST DAY... will be celebrated on April 27

Welcome to this celebration in the Shrine, at Kakhanawake, after you have prepared this feast by praying the novena for Kateri's canonization and for you. Your special intentions may also be sent to the Kateri Center, so that they can be offered during the novena, in front of Kateri's tomb. Mass at 10:30 a.m.  
Luncheon after Mass.

Please, help us to get at least 50,000 promises of a daily Our Father, Hail Mary and three Gloria!

We need them to obtain from the loving Heart of Jesus the speedy canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Some 30,193 pledges have come in after twenty year's effort.

It's about time for you too!



## Testimonies of favors obtained

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

Enclosed is my donation to Kateri's Cause. I would like to say that the three requests I made for prayers in the past years have all been answered. My son's marriage broke down and he had left the house. They are now together again and pulling together very well. My nephew was on drugs and gave so much trouble to my sister that she had to ask him to leave. After not having any contact with him for a year, she received a call from him one day asking if he could visit her. She accepted and was happy to find him relaxed, holding down a good job and off drugs. My daughter was having a lot of trouble with her pregnancy and was told she would have to be on antibiotics for the full time. But prayers worked. She came off the antibiotics and gave birth to a healthy baby girl. (Greenfield Park, QC)

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

I am enclosing a check for twenty-five dollars to Blessed Kateri's Cause. I was operated on for breast cancer and I promised when I had some recent scans to send a donation. The scans were very good and I continue to pray for Kateri's canonization. (Louisville, KY)

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

Here is a few dollars to Blessed Kateri's Cause. She has been good to me. Every time I ask her for a favor, I touch her beautiful statue I have of her and I feel much better. I even find things I seem to misplace. Thank you Kateri. (Sudbury, ON)

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

Enclosed is five dollars for my subscription to "Kateri" and twenty-five dollars for prayers answered - my nephew passed a difficult test. (Silverton, OR)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars. Blessed Kateri helped me with a house problem and I am thankful. (Amsterdam, NY)

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

I write to give testimony to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. You see, I was pregnant when I had spotting and bleeding episodes. I had threatened abortion and later on in my 3rd trimester I had pre-term labor. I was ordered to be on complete bed rest, but then I had to take a difficult exam and the test center is a 3 hours drive from our place. A friend of mine gave me a prayer for her canonization. During my entire pregnancy I prayed to God through Kateri's intercession for a safe and normal delivery and that my child would be strong and healthy. Another favor I asked is that I may be able to pass the said exam. The good Lord granted all my wishes and showered me with so many blessings. I reached my full term and had a safe and normal delivery. I now have a healthy, normal and beautiful daughter and passed the test I had taken. (Lucepa City, Philippines)

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

I'm sending you a check of fifty dollars to thank Kateri for protecting me and my son on our trips this summer. I always have confidence in her and I pray to her to help me endure my aches that I have at this moment. I pray to her every day and I have great confidence. (Montreal, QC)

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

I'm sending ten dollars, two for a sympathy enrollment, and the rest to thank Kateri for my husband's cure. He had two serious pneumonia and was hospitalised four weeks in Edmundton and four weeks in Laval. We prayed for his cure and our prayers were answered, because my husband came back from Quebec in great form. No more spots on the lungs and no water either, thanks to Kateri in whom we have great confidence. (Edmonton, NB)

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

Enclosed is a cheque for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving for a favor received... My daughter had surgery for breast cancer. She had four chemo treatments and now will be going for twenty-five radiation treatments. I just pray that Kateri will help her through this and that she will be cured of cancer.... (Sudbury, ON)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. S.B.!

...I am writing to let you know of two cures I have received through Blessed Kateri's intercession. I had two sores, one very painful and both worries of possible cancer. I had melanoma skin cancer a few years ago, of which I was cured by surgery. I asked Blessed Kateri to obtain a cure of my more worrisome and painful sore that had been recurring and seemed never fully healed through the wound would close, then re-open, on and off for the past several years. By the next day this sore had closed and over some time (sorry I can't remember exactly, but over some few weeks) it has healed and never re-opened. As for my other sore that had been present over many years, sometimes seeming to heal, but more or less always present, it healed entirely by the next day after I requested Blessed Kateri's intercession for the other cure. It seems I did not even request Blessed Kateri to obtain the healing of the second sore. Maybe I did. I have so much illness and ask for so many miracles, plus I sustained severe brain damages, so I cannot remember. At any rate, that second sore was very bothersome, and more so of a cancer worry, so I am extremely grateful to Blessed Kateri for securing its cure and to our Blessed Trinity for granting her petition. I am relieved of much misery and cancer... (Detroit, MI)

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

Twenty dollars in thanksgiving for property sold and five dollars for a subscription. (San Diego, CA)

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

Just a short testimonial and donation in appreciation of a "miracle." A family member had just gotten a job in an area of career interest. However, due to a learning disability found the intensive training period required overwhelming. Just as this person was announcing her decision to phone in and "quit," I prayed for a miracle. Within an hour, the issue was re-considered and the family member decided to persevere and give it a try. Just wanted to share. A Happy Holiday Season to all. (Ringwood, NJ)

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

Thank you Kateri for giving me two new people to work for my company. Both are very good. You never failed me Kateri. (Montreal, QC)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. A.P.!

The enclosed check is what I promised for having a request granted, through the intercession of Blessed Kateri. Many, many prayers were said asking for Kateri's help in obtaining a job for a relative. The family is in much debt. It was either a transfer out of state or look elsewhere. Moving out of state would be difficult and costly, to say the least. Also the older age factor was a deterrent. It was indeed a modern day miracle when a local position became available in the same type of work but at a lower salary, with the potential for a raise. Can anyone deny the powerful intercession of our Blessed Kateri, to whom I have prayed for over thirty. (Broadview Heights, OH)

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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## ROSE PRINCE serenity's angel

Heavenly Father  
You shared so deeply  
with Rose Prince, of the Carrier Nation,  
Your gift of serenity,  
and shared with her Your love for Your creation  
Grant through her intercession  
that we may share Your serenity  
and Your peace of soul,  
and may we too rejoice  
in the beauty of creation  
that surrounds us on every side.  
And finally, through her intercession,  
we plead for this favor...  
Which we ask with confidence in  
Your loving kindness.  
Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Approved by Mgr L.J. Turgeon



A real photo of Rose Prince

### Native Prayer

O Great Spirit  
Whose spirit I hear in the winds, and whose  
breathe gives life to all the world, hear me!  
I am small and weak:  
I need your strength and wisdom.  
Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes see  
ever beyond the red and purple sunsets.  
Make my hands respect the things you have  
made and my ears sharp to your voice.  
Make me wise so that I may understand the  
things you have taught my people.  
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden  
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 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.

Author unknown

### I'M FINE

There's nothing whatever the matter with me.  
I'm just as healthy as I can be,  
I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I think my liver is out of whack  
And a terrible pain is in my back.  
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,  
Most everything seems to be out of trim,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I have arch supports for both my feet  
Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.  
Sleeplessness I have night after night,  
And in the morning I'm just a sight.  
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,  
I'm peacefully living on aspirin.  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is, as this tale we unfold,  
That for you and me who are growing old,  
It's better to say: "I'm fine" with a grin,  
Than to let them know the shape we're in.

(Author unknown)

## 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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good reasons  
for having  
a box  
on hand  
all the time:

On the occasion of the death of a relative or friend,  
all you have to do is sign a card and send it to the  
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The departed one is enrolled in the Kateri guild, for whom,

1. A weekly High Mass is offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;
2. An intention is included daily in the Memento of the Vice-Postulator's Mass;
3. The Treasury of the many Masses read each month for the benefactors of the Society of Jesus is opened;
4. A Share in the good works of the Jesuits throughout the world is assured;
5. Participation in the merits gained in helping the Cause of the Lily of the Mohawks is guaranteed.

Write to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0 for a free sample card.

One dozen cards boxed: \$5.00 (Postage included). Each yearly enrollment in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild: \$2.00



## 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¢
2. 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 1/4" x 2 1/2"): 25¢
3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (5 3/4" x 2 3/4"): 50¢
4. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$1.50
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6. Colored, by McCauley (18 1/2" x 15 1/2"): \$4.00

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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

### Novena

In the form of a short biography: \$2.00

### Kateri Seals

A sheet of 36 seals: \$1.00

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(Gift note sent unless otherwise requested)

FROM: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

As I am sending **the names of FIVE new subscribers** and their addresses to the Kateri Center (\$20.00), I now inscribe free of charge, the name of one deceased person dear to me on the Frances Tiouateskon Roll.

Mr. ☐ , Mrs. ☐ , Miss ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

- When the Roll is complete with the names of 200 deceased, 100 Masses shall be offered for the repose of their souls.
- If no name is submitted for the Roll, "A Suffering Soul of Purgatory" shall be inscribed instead.