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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.

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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 (Canada: \$ 5.00 • International: \$ 10.00 by 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

## One... two... or three kids!

It's often said: "To have a baby is rather easy, but to educate him, make him grow up is something else."

The joy that a child brings you is incomparable. If every young mother to be would know that, she'd be happy to become pregnant.

Of course, there are obstacles to this bringing up of a child, like the necessity of a mother's work away from home, the lack of resources to give your child all what he needs, the bad examples given by other parents and children on the street or in the school yard.

The first requisite is to accept your child, like a gift of God, like a new life in your home, knowing that some day he will give you honour becoming the some one that you dream him (her) to be.

And then the child will give love to his parents, all the love he has received from them. "A family is a nest of love."

Abortion, for believers, is killing. God will always be there to help you to raise your child, see him(her) become a man, a woman: a child of God.

It is not a matter of having two or three children. It's a matter of accepting with love every child that God sends you. You may be sure that God will help you raise them up and make all of you happy in the great family of God!

Jacques Bruyère, s.j.





## Chief Joseph Rontagarha Roll

In 1677, Joseph Rontagarha, then twenty-five years of age, came to live at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. He had already been to France and had showed himself a fairly good Christian after his return. Following a hunting expedition with Tiouasteskon, a Mohawk brave, member of the Holy Family Association, he became a devout church-goer. The conversations with his friend led him to a personal love of Christ. He often collected the children of the neighborhood in his longhouse and taught them the Creed and other prayers which were sung at church, much to the satisfaction of the Blackrobes.

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## KATERI'S FEASTDAY: April 17

We have blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to intercede for us. May I remind you that this year, we celebrate the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Kateri and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her beatification. Therefore I am happy to declare this year (until April 17th, 2006) a year of Jubilee for this mission. A Jubilee is a year of thanksgiving and a year of prayer. May Kateri obtain for us all the graces we need to discover and live our baptismal vocation. Amen.

Bishop Jacques Berthelet, c.s.v.

From the homily pronounced on the April 17, 2005



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The Celebrant:  
Mgr Jacques Berthelet, c.s.



The Pastor:  
Fr. Alvaro Solazor  
welcomes  
Kateri's friends.



The entry Procession



The Knights and  
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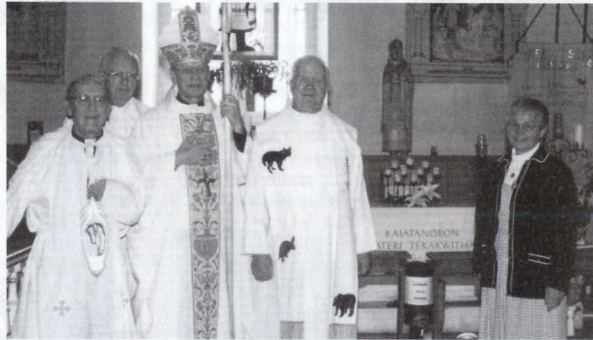
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### Congratulations to Fr. John Parets s.j.



Father John Parets from Auriesville, N.-Y. receives the KATERI award.

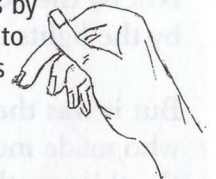
In front of the tomb of Blessed KATERI.



## Finger Prayer

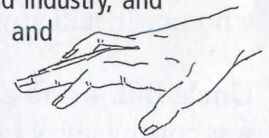
**This is so neat. I had never heard this before... This is beautiful – and it is surely worth making the 5 finger prayer a part of our lives.**

- 1- Your thumb is the nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."



- 2- The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

- 3- The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president (Prime Minister), leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.



- 4- The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

- 5- And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.





## *This is the neatest poem... on Heaven*

I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
as I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
by the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
who made me sputter and gasp—  
the thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
the alcoholics, the trash.

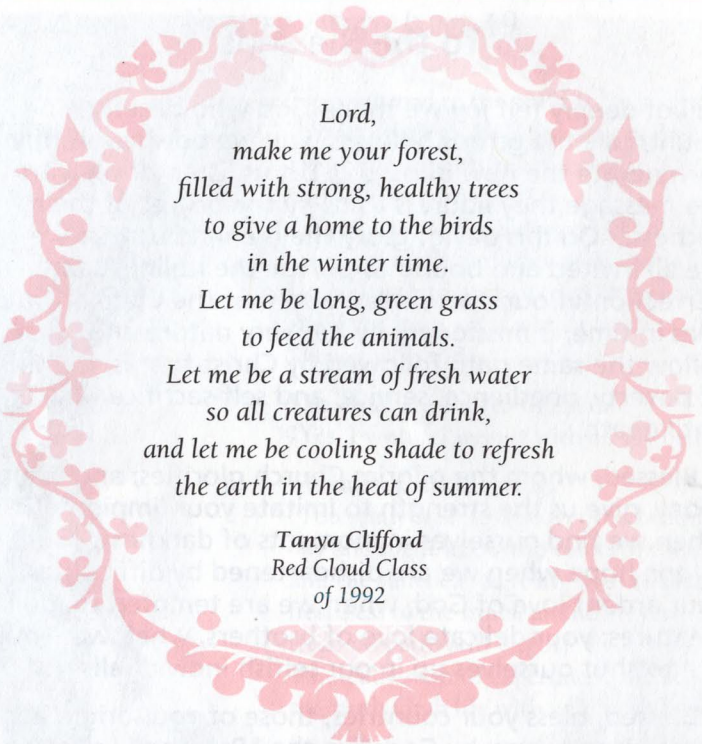
There stood the kid from seventh grade  
who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
who never said anything nice.

Uncle Bill, who I always thought  
was rotting away in hell,  
was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

And why's everyone so quiet,  
so somber? Give me a clue."  
"Hush, child," said He. "They're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd ever see you."

## *God's Garden*



Lord,  
make me your forest,  
filled with strong, healthy trees  
to give a home to the birds  
in the winter time.  
Let me be long, green grass  
to feed the animals.  
Let me be a stream of fresh water  
so all creatures can drink,  
and let me be cooling shade to refresh  
the earth in the heat of summer.

Tanya Clifford  
Red Cloud Class  
of 1992

## **REFLECTION**

The LOVE of our co-worker  
The LOVE of our neighbor  
The LOVE of our children  
The LOVE of our life partner  
The LOVE of life  
The LOVE of yourself  
The LOVE of God

All these loves, make us happy with ourselves, satisfied for having done a new effort, but there is left those with whom we have a hard time to communicate or live with. What then: with one more new effort, like starting the day with a low bonjour, what satisfaction and what sensation of well being we derive from that. If he won't listen or mind you this is his problem not yours. Our effort will be done and the Lord will be proud of us...  
so let us be happy!

Sire André Paquet



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## In memorian: John-Paul II

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### To the Blessed

Full of deeply felt joy we thank God who bestow bountifully the gift of holiness, and we bow reverently to venerate the new Blessed.... Let us listen docilely to the message they address to us by the power of their witness... On this day of glory they remind us that we are all invited and bound to pursue the holiness and perfection of our own state... and that the Church, which lives in time, is missionary by her very nature and must follow the same path followed by Christ-that is, the way of poverty, obedience, service, and self-sacrifice until death.

O Blessed, whom the pilgrim Church glorifies; and exalts today, give us the strength to imitate your limpid faith when we find ourselves in moments of darkness; your serene hope when we are disheartened by difficulties; your ardent love of God, when we are tempted to idolize creatures; your delicate love of brothers, when we would like to shut ourselves up in our selfish individualism!

O Blessed, bless your countries, those of your origin and those given to you by God, like the "Promised Land" to Abraham, and which you loved, evangelized, and sanctified!

O Blessed, bless the whole Church, a pilgrim that is awaiting her lasting country!

O Blessed, bless the world, which is hungry and thirsty for holiness!...

Pray for us!

From "the prayers of John-Paul II"

*St. Francis Xavier*

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## The man and the child

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FATHERS' DAY: JUNE 19

The man said to the child  
"Do you wish to see landscapes of dreams  
Fill your eyes with fiery sunsets,  
and skies of fairy tales?  
Do you wish to touch flowers of velvet and  
satin, to inhale perfumes most subtle?  
Do you wish to walk on rugs of green moss,  
smell the fresh air of wide spaces?  
Do you wish to?

The child answers to the man:  
"Yes, I wish... I wish it with all my being."

The man goes on saying:  
"You really wish to discover the beauties of  
day and night know the colors of the sunset  
and the sunrise, you really wish to savor the  
freshness of the fruits, unknown yet,  
tread on paths still virgin?  
You really wish to experiment the beauty,  
the truth Grab life with your both hands?"

The child answered once more  
"Yes, I want it. I want to laugh, sing, dance,  
I wish to love with real love and friendship!"

Then the man told him:  
"Very well! but before, you'll have to trots  
deserts without wells, walk on bottomless  
swamps; you'll have to face wars, hatred,  
madness to confront solitude,  
incomprehension, envy;  
You especially will have to measure up to  
yourself, to your doubts as well as your  
dreams, as your worst enemies".  
"Do you always want that?"







## *Song of Tekakwitha*

O my friend,  
Hear the story of our forests,  
Of our dense and trackless forests,  
With its rivers, falls and rapids,  
And its mountains, hills and valleys,  
Wherein dwelt the savage natives,  
Dwelt a proud and warlike people,  
Dwelt six nations of the red men;  
Long before the white man sailed here.  
Of these people is our story,  
Of the native Mohawk-Turtles,  
Of their braves, and squaws  
and children,  
In the vale of Caughnawaga,  
By the high swift-falling rapids,  
By the shores of the Great River;  
Of their chieftain, Aiadane,  
And the princess, Tekakwitha.  
As of old sang Nawadaha,  
Sang the song of Hiawatha,  
In the vale of Tawasentha,  
I will sing of Tekakwitha;  
How, like him, she prayed and fasted,  
How she lived and toiled and suffered  
That the Mohawk tribe might prosper,  
That she might advance her nation.

I will tell you how she listened  
For the voice of Rawenniyo  
In the singing of the pine trees,  
In the murmur of the waters,  
In the humming of the night winds,  
How she chose Him for a lover,  
And would sing to Him her love song.  
All her secrets she would tell Him,  
And for favors she would ask Him  
For herself and for her people:  
Peace for the lodge of Aiadane,  
Happiness for all her people,  
Only love for Tekakwitha,  
And a seat beside the lodge-fire  
In the lodge of the Great Spirit,  
And His Mother, Maid in Blue.  
This she asked Him, and He answered  
In the singing of the pine trees,  
In the murmur of the waters,  
In the humming of the night winds,  
In the notes of Wish-ton-wisha,  
In the heart of Tekakwitha.  
This our story of the forests,  
Of the dense and trackless forests;  
This our song of Tekakwitha,  
Of the Lily of the Mohawks,  
Kateri, called Tekakwitha.





## THE BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

1656 - 1680

IN THE LITTLE CITY OF LA FLECHE, in Anjou, France, M. Jerome Le Royer de la Dauversiere was inspired to found a town on the Island of Montreal for the conversion of the North American Indian. At the cost of heroic efforts, he succeeded. Montreal, founded in 1642, realized its goal in 1667, when the Mission of St. Francis Xavier was established on the south bank of the St Lawrence River, facing the French settlement. Many Indians from different groups came to settle there, among them. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Between Montreal and Quebec, some sixty miles down the St. Lawrence, since 1634, stood the habitation of Trois-Rivieres behind the walls of its fort, a challenge to Iroquois belligerency. Since Champlain had sided with the Atgonkins against the Iroquois in 1609 and 1616, not only the little colony of Three Rivers, but, also, all of New France had been forced to resist the guerilla warfare conducted against it and its Indian allies. Many were the times when the French and their friends, behind their none too strong fortifications, resisted the enemy attacks! Any pioneer or, for that matter, any Algonkin who dared to venture outside the palisades could well ask himself if he would ever come back alive.

### A WEDDING

In 1653, however, an unofficial truce was agreed upon, no one knows why. During the winter, the Algonkin and Iroquois hunters went out together in search of small and big game, and despite their totally different languages, got along very well. This spirit of mutual understanding was maintained until spring and it was so strong that the Algonkins allowed several of their guests to take to wife among them: An Iroquois chief, whose name is unknown, a member of the Turtle clan, married a young Algonkin of about fifteen or sixteen years of age. This teenage girl had spent most of her life at the French post and was an out-and out Christian. When the time came for the young chief to return to his homeland, some three hundred miles to the south, his wife bid farewell to her people and to the missionaries, who had instructed her so well. As she took her place in her husband's canoe, she felt a tug at her heartstrings at the thought that she would probably never again see the country of her birth.

The flotilla made its way up the river as far as the Richelieu, which would carry it southward. The youthful Algonkin let her eyes roam on each bank, edged with tall evergreens, white birches, tender green maples, and proud elms. Every night, the Iroquois halted, took some nourishment, and slept under the stars. Four or five days later, as the river flowed into Lake Champlain, the paddling became dangerous. At a corner of the lake, where many had already perished under the onslaught of wind and waves, they stopped and offered tobacco to the okis or supernatural beings inhabiting the depths of the water. In turn, Lake Champlain emptied into the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament, so called by the missionaries of that period. After the conquest of the country by the British, it was renamed lake George. Having reached this place, the

*I am sending you a treasure...*

travelers were in Iroquois country, even though their towns were some two days' distance away. The trip could have lasted two weeks.

The Iroquois Confederation was made up of five nations of the same origin: to the west of the Hudson River lived the Mohawks, then the Oneida, the Onondaga, the Cayuga, and not far from Niagara Falls, the Seneca. The Algonquin girl's husband and his men belonged to the first of the three Mohawk villages of the period, the easternmost of them all, named Ossernenon. Seven or eight years before, the Holy Martyrs, Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil, and Jean de la Lande here shed their blood for the Faith. The inhabitants had decided to spare his life, but a few intractable Indians killed him and his companions.

Ossernenon was the smallest village of the nation. It was built on a hill, gently sloping down to the Mohawk River and offering a splendid view of the valley. To each side of the palisade were fields of maize, squash, and green beans, the "three Sisters" of the Iroquois. The Algonkin newcomer realized that she would soon be busy at cultivating the fields. Her own people as well as the nomadic Attikamegues of the St. Maurice River eked out a living by hunting and fishing; the Iroquois cantons, on the other hand, non-migrants for centuries, grew thousands of bushels of vegetables each year.

The Iroquois lodge was a surprise-package for the new wife, accustomed to the Algonkin wigwam. It was a semi-circular arch under which twenty families could live, divided into groups of four: two persons on each side of the long house, sharing in the hearth in the middle of the corridor; and so on for each group.

Above each fire, a hole in the roof allowed the smoke to disappear and the sunlight to enter. Even so, the long house was dark and close.

As wife of the young chief, the stranger was well received. Has she been badly treated, her warrior husband would have soundly trounced the offenders. The Iroquois generally welcomed newcomers to their ranks when they did not make slaves of them.

As she familiarized herself with the Mohawk language, which was quite different from the Algonkin, and just as difficult (each noun takes more than one hundred and fifty different forms), she understood better the important role of the Iroquois women. They owned the fields, the cemeteries, the long houses, and the furniture. Their husbands exercised no authority in their homes. The mothers had every right to give orders to their daughters and even to their sons until they reached the age of twelve. In the tribe, the war chiefs were less important than the peace chiefs, and the women of the village received far more consideration than the latter. War could not be declared without the women's consent. No man could free a victim to-be from death at the stake, though any woman could do so by adopting him. Not only were the women guardians of the common land of the village, but also of the ceremonies and ancient customs of the nation. In this matrilineal society, future mothers were so much respected that the assassination of one of them had to be compensated by the death of two men.

Henri Béchard s.j.

(to be continued)



# A smile



There is something that every one of us receives at birth  
 something as sweet as honey  
 as warm as the sun  
 as comforting as friendship  
 as lovely as a flower.

There is something that every human being  
 In any corner of the planet  
 receives as a gift at birth

Now then! You have guessed what?

This marvelous thing, springing from the heart  
 Reflection of the joy of God, it's the SMILE.

As soon as he's born, instinctively the baby knows how to smile  
 And the smile of a baby is certainly the source of joy  
 The PUREST and most PROFOUND  
 that we can feel dearly.

And have you noticed how a received SMILE  
 can illumine suddenly your day?

Then, why forget so often  
 that the smile you can offer will also  
 illumine the day of somebody else?

A sincere smile is the best gift  
 you can do to yourself

And a sincere smile is the nicest gift  
 we can give to our entourage.

So! do it willingly.

**SMILE!**

## KATERI CENTER NEWS

### Favors

registered at the Kateri Center from January 31 to May 6, 2005.

Better Health	16	Safe Pregnancies	3
Cures	5	Safe Trips	1
Employment Found or Kept	1	Spiritual Favors	1
Financial aid	1	Successful Studies	1
Lodgings	1	Successful or Averted Operations	4
Properties Bought or Sold	3	Temporal Favors	4

### Kateri's Feastday: April 17

As in the past, many pilgrims from outside filled the sanctuary. Special guests participated in the Eucharist presided by Bishop J. Berthelet. Were present in the sanctuary: Mgr Paul Lenz from Washington D.C., Fr John Parets, Pastor of the Shrine in Aursiesville, Sr Kateri Mitchell ssa, head of the Tekakwitha Conference, Knights of Columbus from the U.S.A. and Canada. A delegation from St-Regis, Mrs. Anne Scheuerman, the official photographer of the Cause. During all the ceremony, the Kahanawake Iroquois Choir helped us to pray. Then every one took off for the K. of C. Hall to enjoy a very good lunch.

### Procession of Kateri: April 24

After the 10:30 Mass, the sky full of clouds, the statue of Kateri came out in town, in procession style. Many pilgrims from Italy joined the parishioners to honor Blessed Kateri.

### Father's day: May 19

Congratulations to all the natural and spiritual fathers. All our gratitude for your faithfulness and devotion.  
 May you always look like your Father in heaven and St-Joseph your saint patron.

### Ecumenical Feast Kateri in Oka

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 19:00 a great gathering in the church of Oka, under the joint sponsorship of Bishop Gilles Casaubon, Elaine Beattie, Minister of the United Church and of the Minister of the Pentecost Church. The good attendance, appropriate decorations, a pious service, rejoiced the organizers, Serge Gilbert and Bertrand Martin. There were many hymns, prayers and the veneration of Kateri's relic.

Our Blessed Kateri was VERY WELL HONORED!

### Pledge to Kateri:

Total of pledges to this day: 30,452  
 Many thanks. If the new Pope Benedict XVI loves the saints as his predecessor, Kateri should be canonized soon!



## Testimonies of favors obtained

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.P.!

*It is almost a year to the day that I told you about my soil's aneurysm, how he quickly recovered. My husband and I always pray to Blessed Kateri for him. Now the second blessing. He just had heart surgery, four bypasses. He is home and doing OK. He can walk around freely. Wonders, yes again. I am thanking Blessed Kateri again. She knows that my son's children and grandchildren need him.*

(Wikwemikong, ON)

### Kateri's smile upon you, Miss V.S.!

*Enclosed is the check I promised Kateri for another favor. I had a mammogram taken in November and was called back for another and a sonogram. Everything is fine and I don't have to go back for a year. I say a prayer to her every day. Many Blessings.*

(Catonsville, MD)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. V.H.!

*I am sending a small donation that I promised to Blessed Kateri if my husband got better after being so sick and in the hospital. He came home for Christmas and now he is better. Please, Blessed Kateri, Keep us well and we will keep on praying for you, we love you.*

(New Minas, NS)

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

✱ *Please pray that I get a good report from a biopsy. If I do, I will attribute it to Blessed Kateri's intercession. She has helped me several times before. P.S. I opened this letter after the doctor's office called just now. I had a negative benign reading! Thank you Blessed Mother, Kateri and St. Anthony.*

(Rockton, IL)

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

*Many thanks to Kateri who settled a difficult financial affair for my son. He is now debt free.*

(Lac Megantic, QC)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. R.S.!

*As poor as we are we needed the support of this great Saint. Four of us have solicited her help for the sale of a house without any complications. Favor answered. Moreover during more than a year she has supported a lady during her sickness of lung cancer. She had time before she died last week to pray the Immaculate Conception and to develop towards Mary a great confidence. All this thanks to Kateri who accompanied her in her moral and spiritual sufferings. Thanks to this great Saint.*

(Ville d'Anjou, QC)

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

✱ *I am sending you a check of twenty dollars promised to Kateri. I had asked Kateri to help my son find an apartment, he needed it immediately. My wish was granted, he found one right away. I thank Kateri again and pray to her every day.*

(Chicoutimi, QC)

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

✱ *I promised Kateri fifty dollars if I passed a good eye examination. Everything is fine for the moment. So I am sending you a check of fifty dollars. It pleases me to help Kateri who is so good to us. I continue to pray to her every day.*

(La Martre, QC)

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

*I am sending you sixty dollars in thanksgiving. We made a very good trip and I keep confidence in Kateri. Especially because she obtains for me health, also for my children. I am renewing my subscription for 2005.*

(Laval, QC)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. D.!

*Enclosed is fifty dollars that I promised to Kateri for a favor obtained. Everything went smoothly for the sale of our boat and the permit. Everything is finished now. All that is left is to enjoy our retirement and good health. Thanks to Kateri.*

(Newport, QC)

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

✱ *I'm sending you a check of twenty dollars promised to Kateri's Cause for the following favors obtained: my grandson, who is two and a half years old, underwent an operation which went very well; my daughter who was eight months pregnant was to pass a third ultrasound because her doctor found that her baby was small, and she was very upset. I told her to put her little daughter in the hands of Kateri and to pray to her. Three weeks went by. She passed her ultrasound and they told her that her baby is of normal size, and that she will have a normal delivery.*

(Montreal, QC)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. S.T.!

*I'm sending you twenty dollars following a promise to Kateri to obtain work for my grand daughter's friend. He did find work thanks to Kateri. I ask her to protect my whole family. I pray to her every day.*

(Port Cartier, QC)

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

✱ *I'm sending you ten dollars for two subscriptions to thank Kateri for favors obtained. Thanks for my grandson who is healthy today and thanks for grandniece who had a healthy and lovely little girl.*

(Clerval, QC)

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

*I'm sending you twenty-five dollars in thanks to Kateri for having cured my back pain...*

(Ste-Anne-des-Monts, QC)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D.G.!

*I'm sending you a check of fifty dollars promised to Kateri. I had asked her to help us sell our son's house. Our request was granted. Many thanks to Kateri. I pray to her every day.*

(Delhi, ON)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss L.L.!

*As promised I'm sending you ten dollars for having protected our health. Many thanks.*

(Shippagan, NB)

### Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. H.J.!

*Enclosed you will find a money order of twenty-five dollars to renew my subscription as well as to fulfill a promise to publish, thanking Kateri for a favor obtained: A stable position for my husband. I have great confidence in Kateri and I continue to pray to her every day.*

(Sept-Îles, QC)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. O.C.!

*Enclosed is a check of fifty dollars for favors obtained. The sale of my house, finding new lodging and for other favors received. I pray to Kateri every day. She helped me a lot while I was moving. Deo Gratias!*

(Winnipeg, MB)



## The Pierre Assendassé Roll

**T**his influential Mohawk chief was on in years when he became a Christian. Ever after, his life was a love song to Jesus and Mary. Rather than deny them, he did not hesitate to offer his life for them.

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| 4. Mr. Daniel Acciani | 8. Mr. Jean-Paul Dallaire    | 12. Mrs. Albina René Ouellette  |



## Rules of life

*Learn how to extend your arms  
to welcome and not to enchain.*

*Love without leading on the other,  
but grant him your support.*

*Help another to plant a flower  
instead of expecting  
the other to offer you a bouquet.*

*"Remember that each one is unique  
and has an infinite value.*

*A tree has roots, a trunk,  
branches and leaves.*

*All these parts need nourishment.*

*The same for the human being as for me:  
our soul as our body need nourishment.*

*Let us be holy and follow the traces  
of the One who asked to be saints.*

*Let us help our neighbor to find  
the way which leads us to the Father.*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Street or Box \_\_\_\_\_

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Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## 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  
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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  
bereaved family.

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;
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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



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

### Medals

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
5. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$5.00
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

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PLEASE ADD A LITTLE EXTRA FOR POSTAGE AND HANDLING.

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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 ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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