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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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1. A weekly Mass is offered;
2. A weekly Mass for deceased friends is offered;
3. The Vice-Postulator prays at his daily Mass;
4. The spiritual treasure of the good works of the Society of Jesus is opened;
5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's canonization.

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Katerigram

The life... to be prepared!

Entering into a church to attend a funeral, I perceive a large banner with the inscription: "The life...to be prepared." Without hesitation, I thought of eternal life or was I wishing too ardently a life in paradise to my friend who had left me too soon. I began to meditate on eternal life, this real life, which never ends. A life of happiness, of love satisfied, of sharing, with my God. In the mass for the dead, we read: "Then there will be no tears. We'll see the Lord as He is, face to face. He will share with us all what He has. We will become like HIM..."

Without doubt, it's the best of life, which never ends.

Do we think often of this life? Do we prepare for it? Or are we so firmly attached to our mortal life, that we try to avoid all what hurts us, without thinking of what will happen to us when we will leave this miserable life.

And how to prepare ourselves? By believing in this new life which is waiting for us and which will satisfy us abundantly. By hoping to be called like the angels and saints, to live with God in a place which knows no suffering, no deceptions, nor any kind of misfortunes... By loving God and our neighbor, Saint Paul has said: "The eye of man has never seen, his ear never heard, his spirit never imagined what is paradise."

Let us be faithful to this preparedness of eternal life.

Jacques Bruyère, s.j.



The Pierre Assendassé Roll

This 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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The month of May of Sr KATERI MITCHELL

Americain News

The month of May seems to be a favorable month for Sr Kateri Mitchell S.S.A., Executive director of the National Tekakwitha Center. In May of 2005, Sr Kateri received an honorary Doctorate Degree in Education from Anna Maria College MA. In May of 2005 she was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor in Pedagogy at Niagara University, located at the world famous Niagara Falls.

During the commencement exercises and before 700 graduates, their parents and guests Dr. D. A. Colley, read the Citation emphasizing Sr Kateri's professional accomplishments and contributions: Executive Director of the National Tekakwitha Conference for 8 years, her service in urban and often in very rural native American communities in Canada and the U.S. (including Alaska), as pastoral minister, teacher, coordinator of rural ministries, adult formation and ministry development.

All of these activities attest to the busy fruitful life of Sr Kateri, which began at her birthplace on the Akwesasne Mohawk Reserve located on the St-Lawrence River. Was she pleased and excited to receive the honorary Doctorate Degree bestowed on her by President Rev. Joseph L. Levesque. What does "a broad shining smile" say? Following the ceremonies, the Congregation of Holy Family Church on the near-by Tuscarora Reserve hosted a warm and joyful reception.

Members of the Tekakwitha Conference and her many friends, both in the U.S. and Canada, whose lives she has touched, congratulate Sr Kateri Mitchell on her well-deserved service recognition. They bless her, keeping her in prayer, and wish her continued success in her remarkable vocation.

Anne M. Scheuramn



Sr Kateri Mitchell receives honors from two Universities.



Her relatives and friends of St Regis come to congratulate her.



Why we honor saints

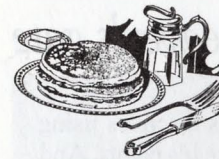
The Catechism of the Catholic Church has an excellent section on this matter, beginning with a very important principle: "The Christian who seeks to purify himself of his sin and to become holy with the help of God's grace is not alone" (No. 1474). I could not emphasize this starting point too much. The Catechism goes on to say, "The life of each of God's children is joined in Christ and through Christ in a wonderful way to the life of all other Christian brethren in the supernatural unity of the mystical Body of Christ, as in a single mystical person."

We live in an age in which individualism is prized and people often live in psychological and spiritual isolation. The notion that we pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps is pervasive in our culture. The communion of saints serves as a wonderful and rich antidote to those ideas. In the communion of saints, the Catechism says, "a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (No. 1475). It continues, "In this wonderful exchange, the holiness of one profits others, well beyond the harm that the sin of one could cause others"

At the heart of the communion of saints there exists a "treasury" upon which all can draw, so that each helps the other on the pilgrimage of life. In the words of the Catechism, "This treasury includes as well the prayers and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are truly immense, unfathomable, and even pristine in their value before God. In the treasury, too, are the prayers and good works of all the saints, all those who have followed in the footsteps of Christ the Lord and by His grace have made their lives holy and carried out the mission the Father entrusted to them. In this way, they attained their own salvation and at the same time cooperated in saving their brothers in the unity of the mystical body"

Incidentally, the reality of the communion of saints is the basis of the doctrine of indulgences. Indulgences are essentially the gifts that we receive for the advancement of our salvation through our immersion in the communion of saints.

Msgr M. Francis Mannion



- MAKING - pancakes



Six -year-old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor. He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten.

Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad.

He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove and he didn't know how the stove worked!

Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky.

And just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him.

Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process! That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky or we insult a friend, or we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour. Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him.

But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes" for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried...





Looking beyond heaven's gate

Jesus preached at length to his disciples using parables, as he often did, to make his points. And because of his teaching powers, people asked, "Where does he get this wisdom?" He concludes by addressing a topic, which challenges our imagination — the nature of the kingdom of heaven.

He conveys the intensity of the heavenly experience by comparing heaven to things that people most value. He tells what they would do in seeking the best of those things, a pearl of great price for example — selling all else they might have to obtain it.

Dying priest

I once saw a film of the latter days of a priest dying of cancer. He had made peace with God, with his life and with those about him. An interviewer asked him what he wished for when he "crosses over." The priest said, "I can hardly wait to get at Adam. He started it all, and I want to know what he thinks about how things have turned out." He rocked with laughter at the thought and the film ended with a close-up of his face in exuberant anticipation. His high spirits reflected what Matthew tells us of Jesus' teaching in these parables.

But at the end of the lesson where Jesus promises an assured place for the righteous, he asks his listeners, "Have you understood all this?" Their easy positive reply makes me restless; they had such an opportunity to find out from one who would know about heaven and they let it go; I do wish they had put more questions to Jesus. I must take off on my own. My search sent me first to the dictionary, which described heaven as "the abode of God, the angels and the spirits of the righteous after death; the place or state of existence of the blessed after the mortal life."

Not bad! I found assurance in the words, "state of existence of the blessed after the mortal life," but I puzzled as to "the place." As a second source, I went to the Catechism of the Catholic Church where I should have gone first off. It makes a good try: "The perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed is called 'heaven.' "Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness."

I think I won't get much closer than that, and as to what form that will take, I must take to heart the caution of the long ago British Prime Minister H.H. Asquith who often advised the impatient to "Wait and see!"

Ralph Himse

Trouble Tree

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them.

Then in the morning I pick them up again. "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

God Bless! What a beautiful idea.

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Prayer for seniors



May Christ keep me ever young
to the greater glory of God.
For old age comes from him
old age leads to him,
and old age will touch me,
only insofar as he wills.
To be "young" means to be hopeful,
energetic, smiling — and clear-sighted.
May I accept death in whatever guise
it may come in Christ,
that is, within the process
of the development of life.

A smile (inward and outward)
means facing with mildness and gentleness
whatever befalls me.

Jesus, grant me to serve you,
to proclaim you, to glorify you,
and to manifest you,
to the very end through all the time
that remains to me of life,
and above all through my death.

Lord Jesus,
I commit to your care my last years,
and my death,
and do not let them impair or spoil
the work I have so dreamed
of achieving for you.

Amen!

Poem

Around the corner I have a friend.
In this great city that has no end,
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year is gone.
And I never see my old friends face.
For life is a swift and terrible race,
He knows I like him just as well,
As in the days when I rang his bell.

And he rang mine but we were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men.

Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name.
"Tomorrow" I say! "I will call on Jim
Just to show that I'm thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
And distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner, yet miles away,
"Here's a telegram sir," "Jim died today."
"And that's what we get and deserve in the end.

Around the corner, a vanished friend.
Remember to always say what you mean.
If you love someone, tell them.
Don't be afraid to express yourself.
Reach out and tell someone what they mean to you.

Because when you decide that it is the right time
it might be too late.
Seize the day. Never have regrets.
And most importantly, stay close to your friends
and family, for they have helped
make you the person that you are today.
Have read the warnings, seen the cases,

SMILE, even through your tears!!!

Kateri's Feastday ...



The Knights open the entrance procession.



The Daughters of Isabella join the ceremony.



The Vice-Postulator offers the Kateri reward to Sr Yolande Ethier CND.

... in Kahnawaké on April 23

* Photos by Anne Scheuerman



Sr Yolande shows her reward to the assistant.

The Bishop of the Diocese of Longueuil expresses his congratulations to Sr Yolande.



After the prayers for Kateri's canonization, the pastor, Fr Salazar is presented an Indian stole by Deacon Ron Boyer and his wife.

The Blessed Kateri Tékakwitha - 1656-1680

by P. Henri Béchard s.j.

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New Trials

The Cross has always been the prerogative of those who truly want to follow Christ. So was it Kateri's. And it was all the heavier because it resulted from her efforts to be charitable to her neighbor. After Christmas, the village was practically deserted. It was the time of the great annual hunting. In small groups, the Indians of St. Francis Xavier's scattered through the neighboring forest. On their snowshoes they went in search of caribou, elk, deer, and racoon. To be agreeable to her adoptive sister and to her "brother-in-law", Kateri accompanied them. During the long weeks she spent far from the village and its little church, she was faithful to her customary devotions. She even made herself a small shrine, which consisted only in a cross that she had cut out in the bark of a tree growing on the bank of a frozen brook. In union with Christ the Worker, she did not spare herself at work. She used to go to the forest for firewood; she followed the trails to cut up the wild animals the men had killed, often enough quite far from her wigwam, and with the other women made belts of wampum when the weather kept them inside. As discreetly as possible, she fasted in the heart of abundance.

During this hunting season something happened that was to make Kateri suffer as never before. One evening, one of the men, who had been hunting elk all day long, entered the hut very late. He was tired out and without eating or drinking threw himself on the nearest mat and quickly went to sleep. The next morning, his wife, was surprised not to find him next to her, but asleep next to Kateri. She thought that he had sinned with the young woman, and not aware that the latter generally went to pray at her little shrine, imagined that they were meeting secretly. As if to confirm her suspicions, that same day her husband spoke about a canoe that he had constructed for the return trip to the mission and added that he needed the assistance of one of the women of the band to help him pull it out of the woods. "Kateri will come," he said, for he knew how charitable she was. The Indian's wife, who was prudent and virtuous did not mention her doubts to anyone, but resolved to speak about them to Father Fremin at the mission.

On Palm Sunday, the hunters were back in the village and Kateri was with them. She was allowed to receive Holy Communion a second time on Easter Sunday and, not much later, was admitted into the Confraternity of the Holy Family, made up only of the most fervent and the most missionary-minded of the faithful. Some time after, Father Fremin had her come to his home. He informed



The Blessed Kateri Tékakwitha - 1656-1680

her about the suspicions of the hunter's wife and asked her what the truth of the matter was. Very calmly, Kateri simply denied the accusation, for she felt in no way guilty. The Father was satisfied with her answer. However, the Indian woman who had complained and a few others who had learned about the accusation, no one knows how, persisted in the conviction of her guilt. Never had Kateri suffered as much as on this occasion, not even in the midst of her penances and macerations, which she practised to obtain the conversion of her people and her own identification with Christ

A trial of another sort awaited her. Her adopted sister, who was very fond of her, worried about her. Why did she not marry a good hunter, who would take care of her, providing her with food and clothes? The one time Kateri had gone to Montreal, she visited the Hotel-Dieu, conducted by the Daughters of St. Joseph, a community founded by Jerome Le Royer de la Dauversiere for the care of the ill and wounded. For the first time, she had seen women like herself, who had consecrated themselves to God by the vow of chastity. She felt strongly drawn to a similar calling. Her "sister", who did not succeed in changing her mind, was more successful with regard to old Anastasia Tegonhatsiohgo in convincing her that Kateri was taking the wrong direction. In turn the mistress of the long house tried to impose her point of view on the young woman, who was generally very submissive. Rather sharply, she answered Anastasia, who was a widow, "If you wish to remarry, do so! For me, all I want is peace!" The old woman was annoyed and she decided to speak to Father Cholenec. Kateri forestalled her and convinced the priest that she must not marry.

(to be continued)

To Someone I Love...

I am writing to say how much I care for you. I want you to know me better.

When you awoke this morning, I exploded a brilliant sunrise through your window, hoping to get your attention. But you didn't even notice.

Later, you were walking with friends, I bathed you in warm sunshine and perfumed the air with flowers. Still you didn't notice me. So I shouted to you in a thunderstorm and painted a beautiful rainbow. You didn't even look!

Tonight, I spilled moonlight on your face and sent a cool breeze to refresh you. As you slept, I watched over you and shared your thoughts, but you were unaware of my presence.

I hope you will talk to me soon. When you're ready, I will be near. I love you very much.

Your friend,
JESUS

Kateri Relic Rosary

The Kateri Relic Rosary is a unique sacred religious article. A dedicated rosary maker has made it especially for you. Each colored decade represents: MOTHER EARTH - brown; PLANT LIFE -green; SKY - blue; LIGHT AND SUNSHINE - yellow; NATIVE AMERICANS - red. The crystal beads represent pure clear waters.

A Kateri Relic medal is attached to the rosary. This is a third-class religious relic. . The piece of cloth encased on the medal back has been touched to a bone relic of Kateri. It is the custom of people to touch the relic to the body area where a healing is desired.

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Fr. Jacques Bruyère, S.J., Vice Postulator for the Cause of Kateri's Canonization in Canada blessed the Kateri rosaries at St. Francis Xavier Church on the Kahnawake Mohawk Reserve while they were placed on her tomb. The Kateri

rosaries have also been blessed by the Blessed Mother through the request of a holy woman, who sees Our Lady in visions. We know how devoted Kateri was to Our Lady.

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When Kateri Tekakwitha was baptized in 1676, she suffered persecution for her faith. One of these persecutions was to try to make her give up the rosary. She said that she would rather die than give up Our Lady's Rosary. She was never without it and said it daily throughout her life.

MRS Anne M. Scheurman
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KATERI CENTER NEWS

Favors

registered at the Kateri Center from May 5 to August 14, 2006.

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"Saints must be chosen with care", says Pope.



The Catholic Church should be more selective and very rigorous in choosing candidates for sainthood, Pope Benedict XVI said in a message to the Congregation for Saints' Causes. The pope, who as a cardinal expressed concern over the number of causes being promoted, wrote to the congregation as its members met April 24-26 for a plenary assembly. Pope Benedict told the congregation that, from the moment of his election a year ago, he had put into effect changes that met the "widespread hope" that the difference between beatification and canonization would be underlined and that local churches would be more involved in the entire process. Modern men and women need true models of holiness he said, and they must be chosen with care.

Shrine of the Cross of Woods Indian River, Mich.



Hopefully, Blessed Kateri will become a saint soon.

The American Bishops are working on her cause. We had a wonderful celebration on July 16th with 100 Native Americans with their music/drums, traditional dress and rituals. It was a great tribute to Kateri..."
Le Père Paul Paré, o.f.m.

Pledges to Kateri

To this day, total of pledges: 30,467 for Kateri's canonization.

Kateri would be 350 years old

This special edition by the U.S.Postal Service to commemorate the 350th birthday of Blessed Kateri, was launched on July 9th at Auriesville N.Y. where Kateri was born. It's Anne-Marie Snow of Kahnawake who served as model for the artist, Mr. Joseph Izzillo, a generous supporter of Kateri's Cause.



Testimonies of favors obtained

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, D.S.!

I have recently come home from the hospital after an operation. The operation did not go too well and I was four days in the Intensive Care unit and ten in the Cardiac Ward. I prayed to Blessed Kateri and I am now much better and recovering at home. Attached is a cheque for one hundred dollars in thanksgiving.
(Pointe Claire, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.A.!

I'm hoping that this may be a letter that will help in the Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha to Sainthood. Many people have said I should write you and say how much Kateri has helped in my remission of Non Hodgkins Lymphoma. After my diagnosis in April of 1984 I received a get-well card with a Kateri prayer card. I have said that prayer daily for twenty-two years. I feel that Kateri has come into my life in many strange ways. When I was very ill she pulled me through. Since then I have received a first-class relic in the mail from Italy from the best friend of my son who was studying to be a priest. I had mentioned how I felt about Kateri to the Postulator General who in turn was able to get a first-class relic to give to me. My husband and I brought the relic to church on the feast day of Kateri and the priest announced from the altar that after Mass anyone wishing to kiss the relic could do so, most every one stayed to venerate Kateri. It was quite impressive. It was like the relic was meant for me to have because soon after, my son's friend dropped out of the seminary and the church that I brought the relic to was one of the churches that were closed. Just the other day I received an article that one of our friends came upon a letter saying that I should write and maybe I am the miracle that Kateri needs to be named a saint. More than one person has stated that they felt it was a miracle that I got well because my condition was so serious that I received the anointing of the sick twice in that year. I am enclosing some paper work to confirm my story. I am hoping that Kateri will be named a saint in my life time, I'm seventy years old now and every time that new blessed people are named saints I have been disappointed that Kateri has not been mentioned. Praying that this letter will help Kateri's Cause.
(Hudson, MA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D.M.!

A few months ago I saw my dentist. He thought he would have to make a new bridge. It would have been expensive and not a pleasant experience. As usual, I prayed to Kateri. I promised her a donation of one hundred dollars to the Kateri Center. It turned out he was able to repair the teeth using the same bridge...
(Chicago, IL)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.D.!

I'm sending you fifteen dollars for a favor I received. My daughter wanted a job at school and she was hired over a lot of other people. She is so happy. Thank you Jesus and Kateri.
(Tignish, PE)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D.C.!

Thank you Blessed Kateri for a favor obtained with regard to my husband's job...
(Sudbury, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. T.T.!

I thank Kateri for answering my prayers. I was operated on my breast and I still don't need chemo. After a year, they tell me that all will be well. Thanks to Kateri whom I love, because she is a little saint.
(Mascouche Nord, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. P.G.!

A big thank you to Kateri. Thanks for her support. She helps me emotionally and helps me function well physically and mentally. I have important tests to pass and I beg her to accompany me and hold my hand. Kateri is also there to solve my financial problems and I have many. I also count on your prayers.
(Pointe Claire, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.P.!

As I have promised, I'm sending five dollars to Kateri for a favor obtained. I wanted to sell my house and I begged Kateri to help me. Then I sold it. She helped me a lot. I continue to pray to her through a friend who introduced me to her. Thanks in advance.
(Malartic, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.B.!

I had articles to sell. I was moving into a smaller apartment. So I asked little Kateri to help me. For every article sold, I promised her two dollars. Once more she heard my prayers. Enclosed is a check of eighteen dollars. Many thanks to Kateri.
(Montreal, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.R.!

Enclosed find a check of twenty-five dollars to Kateri thanking her for all the help she gives me.
(Montreal, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. R.F.!

I'm sending you fifty dollars for a favor obtained. Kateri heard my prayers. We wanted to sell our automobile, and I had promised her a mass in thanksgiving. Many thanks to Kateri.
(Mirabel, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.T.!

In thanksgiving to Kateri for a trip without incidents and a safe delivery despite the risks.
(St. Jean Sur Richelieu, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.C.!

As promised I am sending a check of twenty-five dollars. I was waiting for a medical appointment. There was one year waiting period and I obtained one in three months. All went well. Thanks to Kateri. I continue to pray to her every day.
(Vendee, QC)

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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The prayer I like...

My God, I don't love you
 I don't even want to,
 I'm lonely with you.
 Maybe is it that I don't even love you.
 But look at me passing by,
 Live for a while in my soul
 Put in the order of a whisper
 without showing me.
 without telling me anything..
 If you wish that I believe in you
 bring me faith.
 If you wish that I love you
 bring me love.
 I don't have any and I can't help it
 I give you what I have: my weakness, my pain.
 And this tenderness that torments me
 And that you actually see...
 The despair... and this shame gone wild...
 My pain...just my pain...
 that is all!
 And my hope!

Marie Noël

Send in your Intentions now

Spiritual

- ☐ Love in God
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- ☐ Obedience to the Holy Father

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- ☐ Positions
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
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- ☐ Good Friends
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- ☐ 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

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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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Katerina



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The Kateri Center
Box 70
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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 (5 3/4" x 2 3/4"): 50¢
3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$ 1.50
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Touch Relics

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

Kateri Plaques

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

Novena

In the form of a short biography: \$ 2.00

Kateri Seals

A sheet of 36 seals: \$ 1.00

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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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