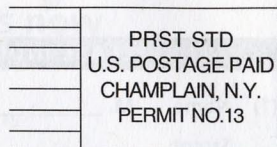
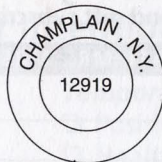


No 232

KATERI
P.O. Box 210
Champlain, N.Y.
12919



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Compliments

of the

KAHNAWAKE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLUB



KATERI

No 232

Katerina

Kateri Center News

Greetings from The New Vice-Postulator

Katerigram

Testimonies

In Appreciation of Father Jacques Bruyère

Bishop Jacques Berthelet's Homily

The Catherine Ganneaktena Roll

Hymn to The Sacred Heart

Kateri's New Vice-Postulator

Kateri's Feastday Photos

Your Intentions



**LILY OF
THE MOHAWKS**

Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada

SUMMER • 2007



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

KATERI

No 232

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 (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 the liturgy of the hours;
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.

Summer 2007

Printed with Approbation of the Ordinary and Permission of Superiors, Canada. *Kateri* (ISSN 0135-8020) is published quarterly for \$5.00 per year by the Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec, J0L 1B0. U.S.: Third class postage paid at Champlain, NY 12919.

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

Kateri Prayer Cards and Pictures

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
4. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$ 5.00
5. Colored, by McCauley (18 1/2" x 15 1/2"): \$ 4.00

Touch Relics

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

Kateri Plaques

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

Novena

In the form of a short biography: \$ 2.00

Kateri Seals

A sheet of 36 seals: \$ 1.00

PLEASE ADD A LITTLE EXTRA FOR POSTAGE AND HANDLING.

Statues (Postpaid)

1. In hydrocal, ivory or bronze finish (6 1/2"): \$ 12.00
2. Colored (6 1/2"): \$ 15.00
3. In hydrocal, ivory or bronze finish (8 1/2"): \$ 15.00
4. Colored (8 1/2"): \$ 18.00
5. Kateri key chain: \$ 1.25
6. One inch statuette in plastic case: \$ 1.00

Books (Postpaid)

In English - *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Henri Béchar, S.J., 20 pp., \$ 2.50
In English - *Kateri Tekakwitha*, With a Prefatory Note of John Cardinal Wright, by Francis X. Weiser, S.J., hardcover: \$ 10.00; paperback \$ 8.00
In Spanish - *Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Fr. F.X. Weiser, translated by Sr Emilia Schug C.S.A.: \$ 10.00
In French - *L'Astre dans la Nuit, Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Rachel Jodoin (Fictionalized biography): \$ 15.00
SPECIAL: In English and French - *Kaïatanoron Kateri Tekakwitha* by Henri Béchar, S.J.: \$ 15.00
SPECIAL: *Witey from Heaven the Wondrous Cat* by Marlene McCauley: \$ 18.00
In English - *Song of Kateri: Princess of the Eucharist*, by Marlene MacCauley (at the Kateri Center): \$ 14.95

Subscription to "Kateri"

Five dollars a year. Please renew your subscription yearly.
WHEN ORDERING, PLEASE ALLOW THREE WEEKS FOR DELIVERY.

KATERI CENTER NEWS

Favors

registered at the Kateri Center from March 16 to June 20, 2007.

Articles Found	2	Properties Bought or Sold	8
Better Health	12	Safe Pregnancies	2
Cures	7	Safe Trips	3
Employment Found or Kept	5	Successful Operations	3
Lodgings	2	Temporal Favors	7

Prayer Pledge for Kateri's Canonization

Total pledges to June 20, 2007: 30,600.

Pilgrimage to Kateri's Shrine

Choose a lovely day in the summer. Notify the rectory of your coming, tel. (450) 632-6030 for a guide to lead you.

Help Spread Devotion to Blessed Kateri

Send in the names and addresses of relatives and friends and we will send them information on Blessed Kateri.

Quebec Bridge Disaster

August 29, 2007 will mark the 100th anniversary of the tragedy that took the lives of 33 or our Mohawk ironworkers. The Cross above the High Altar, was a gift of the Mohawks of Kahnawake. It honors the men who died in the crash of the Quebec Bridge in 1907.

2007 - Liturgical Year - 2007

January	1: New Year's Day - Mary, Mother of God 3: Holy Name Of Jesus 6: Epiphany
February	2: Presentation of Jesus
March	1: Ash Wednesday
April	1: Palm Sunday 8: Easter 17: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
May	13: Mother's Day 17: Ascension 27: Pentecost
June	18: Father's Day
July	1: Canada Day 4: United States Day 31: St Ignatius of Loyola
August	15: Assumption of Mary
September	10: Grandfather's Day 26: North American Martyrs
October	8: Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
November	1: All Saints Day 2: All souls Day 26: Christ, King of the Univers
December	8: Immaculate Conception 25: Christmas 31: Holy Family

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 _____

City or Town _____

Province or State _____ Code _____

Country _____ Telephone _____

Greeting from the new Vice-Postulator

Blessed Kateri's Feast Day was celebrated here in Kahnawake on April 22nd. Bishop, Jacques Berthelet was the main celebrant. It being Earth Day, the Bishop's homily was an Easter message, "Taking of the Environment", which Mohawks refer to as being their Mother". The environment includes the Earth, Universe and all our neighbors who are our brothers and sisters. Jesus' question to Peter among the other Apostles "Do you love Me?" this includes all Christians. Through our Baptism we are mandated to bring the Good News to love one another, the Land, the Universe. When we love the Earth we will speak for and take of it, as it "mirrors the beauty of God."

As the close of the Liturgy, everyone, I included, was surprised when a letter from Rome was read appointing me Canadian Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Blessed Kateri's canonization. Fr. Jacques Bruyère, past Vice Postulator had retired due to ill health. The Postulator General, Paolo Molinari, S.J., in Rome regretted not being able to make this announcement thus he asked Bishop Jacques Berthelet, of the Diocese of St-Jean-Longueuil of which Kahnawake is located, to represent him. The letter was dated, April 17th the actual date of Blessed Kateri's death. Overwhelming, but why me?

My wife Sheila and I have traveled more than twenty-five years in Canada and in the U.S.A. proclaiming the Good News and praying with people suffering from spiritual and physical illness, and promoting devotion to Blessed Kateri. Many claimed healing.

A long-time friend, Anne Marie Scheuerman in a recent article wrote on my appointment said; "when one's star shines, it shines in threes to create a banner year. The year 2007, marks 50 years of marriage to my wife Sheila, our golden anniversary, 20 years as Permanent Deacon; and the proclamation from the Catholic Church in Rome appointing me as Vice-Postulator for Kateri's Cause in Canada." Thanks for your kind words, Anne and may God bless you, for the many, years of dedication you have given promoting Blessed Kateri's Cause.

With Bishop Berthelet's support and guidance we have formed a working group here in Kahnawake, a planning strategy promoting Blessed Kateri making her better known, among the youth, our future hope, throughout Quebec and Canada. I will be communicating with Monsignor Paul Lenz, Vice-Postulator in the U.S.A. also the Various Councils of the Bishops of Canada, major Catholic organizations and all the Catholic media outlets.

I thank the Postulator General in Rome and Bishop Jacques Berthelet for their trust and confidence in me. Thanks to former Vice-Postulators, Frs. Jacques Bruyère and Henri Bechard for all their dedication working for the Cause of Blessed Kateri! Thanks to Albert Lazare and his wife Eileen for the ages working devotedly at the Kateri Center. Albert has worked as office manager at the Kateri Center for more than fifty years, having worked with the past two Vice-Postulators. He has a wealth of knowledge and history of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I do hope that Albert will stay on for fifty more years. Many other people have contributed time and energy toward Kateri's Cause I am not yet aware of. I promise to acknowledge them in future issues. Please remember them and their families in your prayers that God may bless them abundantly.

Friends of Kateri, I need your support, your prayers and suggestions, please contact us at the Kateri Center. Jesus said; "Without Me, you can do nothing; with Me, you can do anything." The Holy Spirit works through those who work in unity. Working alone or in competition has no value. "Wherever two or more gather to work in My Name, I am in with them." It takes a whole village to raise a child. May Blesses Kateri intercede to our Lord to obtain blessings to you and your loved ones.

God bless!

Deacon Ronald Boyer, V.P.

It takes an entire village to raise a child

I have been giving workshops in schools of Greater Montreal the West Island and South Shore since the mid eighties. I base my workshops on spirituality and reconciliation. There is too much violence in the schools today. A lot originates from broken homes, two-parent-working families, latchkey children, street life and single parent families, all without a family role model. We must return to the teachings passed down to us by our ancestors, valuable lessons on survival that have gone dormant through the years. Life has to be breathed into them.

In Phoenix, September 14th 1987 Pope John Paul 2nd in his Address to the Tekakwitha Conference attendees; "Your customs benefit not only yourselves but the entire human family." Cardinal Arinze in his keynote address at the 50th Anniversary of the Tekakwitha Conference in Fargo, N.D on August 3rd 1989, reiterated the Pope's message as he spoke on 'The importance of the Cultural Roots of a People'. "As native peoples from many nations and tribes in the east, south, west and north, you believe in, and respect the Creator and all his Creation. Your prayers, and sacred ceremonies, to renew all creation, your vision quests, your sweats, fasting, stories of love for the extended family, your appreciation and respect for the dignity and worth of every human being from conception right up to natural death, and your stewardship and care of mother earth, contribute not only to your identity, but also to your unity as the people that you are. They form also a significant contribution to the patrimony of the entire human family. This calm and clear idea of your identity helps you to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ and remain authentically Native American and authentically Christians. Every people or nation has its own way of expressing itself, of looking at events and of behaving. Every people has its philosophy of life, its customs and the traditions, its code of conduct, its view of the universe and the place of the human being within it, its sacred ways, its religion. In short, every people or nation has its own culture."

"Each people must carefully study its culture, especially those elements which can be related to the Gospel. In your various cultures, for example, you might identify elements such as the following: stories, chant, dance and sacrifice. I understand that among you, sacrifice is a particularly important theme. One finds it operative in the accounts of your revered patroness, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. People alienated from their culture are like a plant which has been uprooted and thrown on the ground. As its root shrivel up and die, so does the plant. When Jesus Christ came into the world, He came among one definite people with a precise language, with traditions and customs, with rites and symbols. The Son of God made Man and universal Savior came for all people and so His message, shown especially in His words and actions, goes beyond the limits of His own culture. True, the Gospel is not identified with any one culture, but each culture is important because it is through it that the people develop as persons, articulate their wishes, communicate with others and strive to realize their potential." (Guadium and Spes n.53)

Kateri is a model for the youth. Since her early childhood, Kateri lived with weakened eyesight, and pock marks. Yet, joyfully, she served her people, assisting the elderly and the sick. With deep devotion to Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary, Kateri prayed constantly, meditating upon the Holy Cross. When we forgive those who hurt us, we too will experience joy and happiness. When we share our gifts and talents with others, especially those in dire need of a friend and when we work together for unity among all God's people of the Four Directions, through God's grace, we will be bringing about the miracle needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization. Amen? God bless you!

Dean Roy
BOYER VP

Testimonies of favors obtained

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W.H.!

Please accept this twenty dollar donation as promised for Blessed Kateri's prayers and favor which were answered. My daughter was in terrible pain on her side and back. The doctors finally found out it was kidney stones and a couple of days later she passed them. With prayers to Blessed Kateri she didn't need an operation. Thank you Blessed Kateri. We love you and will keep praying for you.

(New Minas, NS)



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

I am sending one hundred dollars in thanksgiving for a favor received, for the sale of our property.

(Bolton Landing, NY)



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

I am enclosing a cheque for twenty-five dollars as promised to Kateri for many little favors: the sale of a house for a cousin and especially asking Kateri to be with me when I had a tooth extracted. I was very nervous and Kateri was there for me. All went well. Now I am asking her another big favor. I pray that she comes through for me. Thanks to Kateri, little Jesus and Mary. (Alexandria, ON)



Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.R.!

I had cancer last year and I had a lobe removed from my lung. I had chemo treatments and everything seems to be going well. I'm sending twenty dollars to thank Blessed Kateri for helping me.

(Gaspé, QC)



Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.A.!

Again I have to inform you of the loving and powerful intercession of Kateri. I give praise and glory to God, our Holy Family, for blessings of life for my daughter and her twin baby girls. My daughter was suffering from liver and kidney problems, her babies were delivered ten weeks premature. All three are fine and healthy now, twenty weeks later. I had invoked the prayers of many people, the Communion of Saints and holy Angels. Kateri has always been a special friend and help for me. I love her. I often reflect on the rejection and hardship she endured - it gives me great strength that she could do it! Padre Pio too! I know the intercession of Kateri helped my daughter and twin girls. Thank you Kateri!

(Saint Marys, PA)



Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D.C.!

Enclosed please find my contribution of fifty dollars to help hasten Kateri's Canonization. For the past several years, I have worked to help alleviate a dental issue that has failed repeatedly. This past Friday, after praying to Kateri, I learned that the procedure was a success! My long journey is over and I have Kateri to thank for her intercession. Thank you for all you do to help keep the cause of Kateri's canonization alive.

(Burlington, MA)



Kateri's smile upon you, Miss. M.B.!

Enclosed is a check for two hundred dollars that I promised if Blessed Kateri would intercede for my intention. Before the end of the week, Kateri came through for me and my request was granted. Deo Gratias! (St. Clair Shores, MI)



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

Enclosed is a cheque in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for continuing to watch over me and my family. Please pray that my daughter who is pregnant will have a healthy child. Also, I ask Blessed Kateri to continue protecting all my grandchildren and helping them to make the right decisions in their lives. I pray to Kateri every day and will continue to support her Cause.
(Burlington, ON)

✿

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

I am enclosing a check in thanksgiving for Kateri again answering my prayers to her. A friend needed serious surgery. We were scared not knowing what the outcome would be. I prayed hard to Kateri that everything would turn out O.K.

✿

As usual Kateri answered me. My friend's operation was successful and is recovering very nicely. Kateri has always been good to me and I am very grateful to her because my friend is a wonderful person and means a lot to me. I pray to Kateri every day. I sent my friend Kateri's prayer and a little medal of her. I also called upon Kateri to help me find a lost article and I found it practically right away. Many blessings.
(Cantonsville, MD)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J.K.!

✿ *I promised Kateri fifty dollars if I sold my house. Please use it as you wish.*
(Humboldt, SK)

Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. A.B.!

Please find enclosed a Money Order in the amount of thirty dollars in recognition and gratitude to Blessed Kateri for successful results of cancer tests and for continued protection through her intercession and that of our Lord and Savior...Thanking you in advance and relying on the prayers of so many we continue to praise God in the risen Christ. God bless your wonderful work.
(Estevan, SK)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.B.!

Enclosed is a cheque in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for a very special favour received. I prayed and asked Blessed Kateri for a successful outcome of tests my pregnant daughter had to have. Thanks to Blessed Kateri all tests resulted in a happy ending. Please pray that the remainder of her pregnancy will be problem free. I continue to pray every day for Blessed Kateri's canonization. Also, thanks to Kateri, two of my grandchildren have been accepted to University.
(Burlington, ON)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.B.!

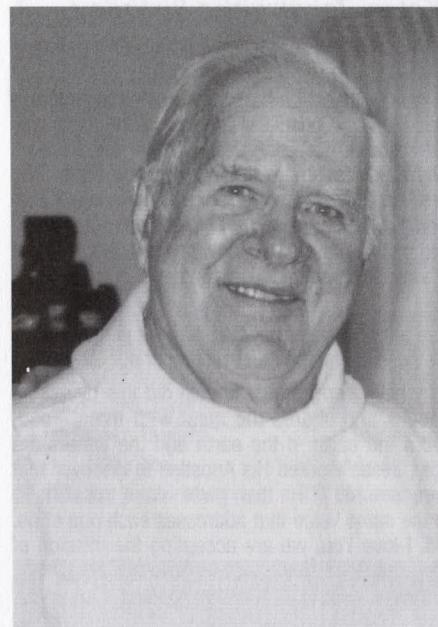
I'm sending twenty dollars. Five dollars for my subscription, and fifteen dollars for testimonies of favors obtained. Jobs and happiness for my two children.
(Stratford Center, QC)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W.H.!

✿

Enclosed is a check for thirty dollars, five of which is for membership renewal, in thanksgiving for having found my checkbook which had been lost for three days. I prayed to Kateri at bed time and found my checkbook the next morning. She never seems to fail me when I call on her. I'm praying for her canonization.
(Rochester, NY)

In Appreciation of Jacques Bruyère, s.j.



Seventeen years ago, on June 20, 1990 Father Paolo Molinari, S.J., nominated Father Jacques Bruyère as vice-postulator of the cause for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. His provincial superior appointed him publisher and administrator of the publication "Kateri." In view of the state of his health and with the agreement of his provincial superior, Father Bruyère had had to give up the duties of vice-postulator and of administrator of the publication "Kateri."

Today, I wish to express to Father Bruyère my deepest gratitude for the generous and faithful service he has rendered. He has worked fervently to increase devotion to Blessed Kateri, maintain fruitful contacts with the Postulator of Kateri's cause and with the vice-postulator for the United States, in addition to promoting pilgrimages to Kahnawake.

In wishing Father Bruyère peace and serenity, I assure him of my prayers and I recommend him to the prayers of all readers of the publication "Kateri."

May the Lord crown him with His blessing.

Jacques Berthelet, C.S.V.
Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil

Homily of the Mass

of 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2007

in the case of the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Birthday

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS;

Today is Earth Day, an important day for all who live on the planet Earth. Especially the people of Kahnawake who consider the Earth as being their Mother. Christians believe that the earth was created by God and through the Resurrection of His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are born again into a new creation. It is our responsibility as Christians to take care of the Earth. The quality of our relationship to the Earth is measured on how we treat our neighbor, how we treat each other. When we take seriously the great Commandment of Jesus to love each other as he loved us, the more we will understand our calling to take care of our environment. Not only did Kateri Tekakwitha love her neighbors in a perfect way, she also had a great respect of the land, of all Creation.

Today's proclamation of the Word of God helps us to understand our Christian vocation to serve one another according to the New Creation made possible by the Resurrection of our Savior.

Jesus wanted His Apostles to recognize He really has risen from death. He did this by asking them to bring fishes from the sea. He then cooks and shares the meal with them. Food, essential for life, comes from the water and from the earth. If the earth and the waters are polluted, how can we live in safety? More deeply, Jesus wanted His Apostles to discover that he has risen from death by asking Peter: "Do you love Me?" He then gives him a mission. To be a Christian in this world, we have to listen to the same voice that addresses each one of us. "Do you love Me?" When we answer Yes, Lord, I love You, we are accepting the mission of evangelizing the world. We are accepting to bring the Good News that we love our neighbors, our land, our universe. Because we love the Earth, we must work together to keep it beautiful, like a mirror of the beauty of God.

When the Apostles began to proclaim the message of Jesus, they were persecuted by the Jews who did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah, the Risen Lord. The Apostles were put in jail and persecuted. No sooner were they set free, they continued to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

One way or another, Christians always had to fight for the faith. Christian faith demands courage and pride to live in a secularized world. When Kateri chose to become a Christian she had to fight to live according to her principles. Kateri had to leave her family and her village in order to live the life of a Christian Indians. She is an amazing example, a model not only to the Mohawks, but also for everyone living in a world that creates its own gods and forgets the true God!

As we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist, let us ask God to give us the grace to live our faith with pride and to share it with others. Let us pray in a special way for the youth, that after their Christian initiation, they will continue to live according to their faith.

More than ever, we need the help of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha today more than ever. We need her canonization to come about in order to offer to the world a model, a young innocent woman who was able to live her faith in a context often hostile to her faith.

I now invite you to proclaim your faith, the faith of the Church. God bless!

Jacques Berthelet, C.S.V.
Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil



The Catherine Ganneaktena Roll

Catherine Ganneaktena, an Erie Indian, was the co-founder of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. Captured and inducted into the Oneida nation in 1656, she later married a Christian Huron, Francis Xavier Tonsahoten. In 1667, she and her husband were invited to settle down at la Prairie, an invitation that they gratefully accepted. On November 6, 1673, Catherine died, and her spiritual director, Fr. Frémin, affirmed that she had always preserved her baptismal innocence.

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Mr. Gérald Beaudin | 12. Mr. Raoul Roussel | 23. Mrs. Marie-Jeanne Allain |
| 2. Mr. Yvon Tapp | 13. Miss Marie-Rose-Aimée Philibert | 24. Mr. Daniel Powers |
| 3. Mr. Jean-Louis Prévost | 14. Mrs. Yvonne Blanchard | 25. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 4. Mrs. Palm Marion | 15. Mr. George Campeau | 26. Mr. Raymond Breton |
| 5. Mr. Jacques Boudreault | 16. Mrs. Eglantine Proulx | 27. Mrs. Yvonne Pagé |
| 6. Mr. Sylvain Tremblay | 17. Miss Hélène Landry | 28. Miss Rachelle Roy |
| 7. Miss Julieanne Gardner | 18. A Soul in Purgatory | 29. Miss Dawn Marie McComber |
| 8. Mr. Armand Lafleur | 19. A Soul in Purgatory | 30. Mr. Oscar Lemaire |
| 9. Mr. René A. Ouellette | 20. A Soul in Purgatory | 31. Mr. Isaïe Bouchard |
| 10. Mrs. Lillian Puza | 21. A Soul in Purgatory | 32. Mrs. Lucienne Néron |
| 11. Mrs. Eva Boucher-Martin | 22. Mrs. Pierrette Laberge | |



KATERI CHAPEL
Martyr's Shrine – Auriesville, N.Y.

Hymn to the Sacred Heart

Look how the proud, cruel multitude
of our sins
has wounded the sinless heart of God,
undeserving of such treatment.

It was this that put direction and vigor
into the soldier's hesitation;
it was man's sin that sharpened
the spear's point.

The Church, bride of Christ,
is born of his pierced heart;
this is the gate in the side of the ark,
put there for man's salvation.

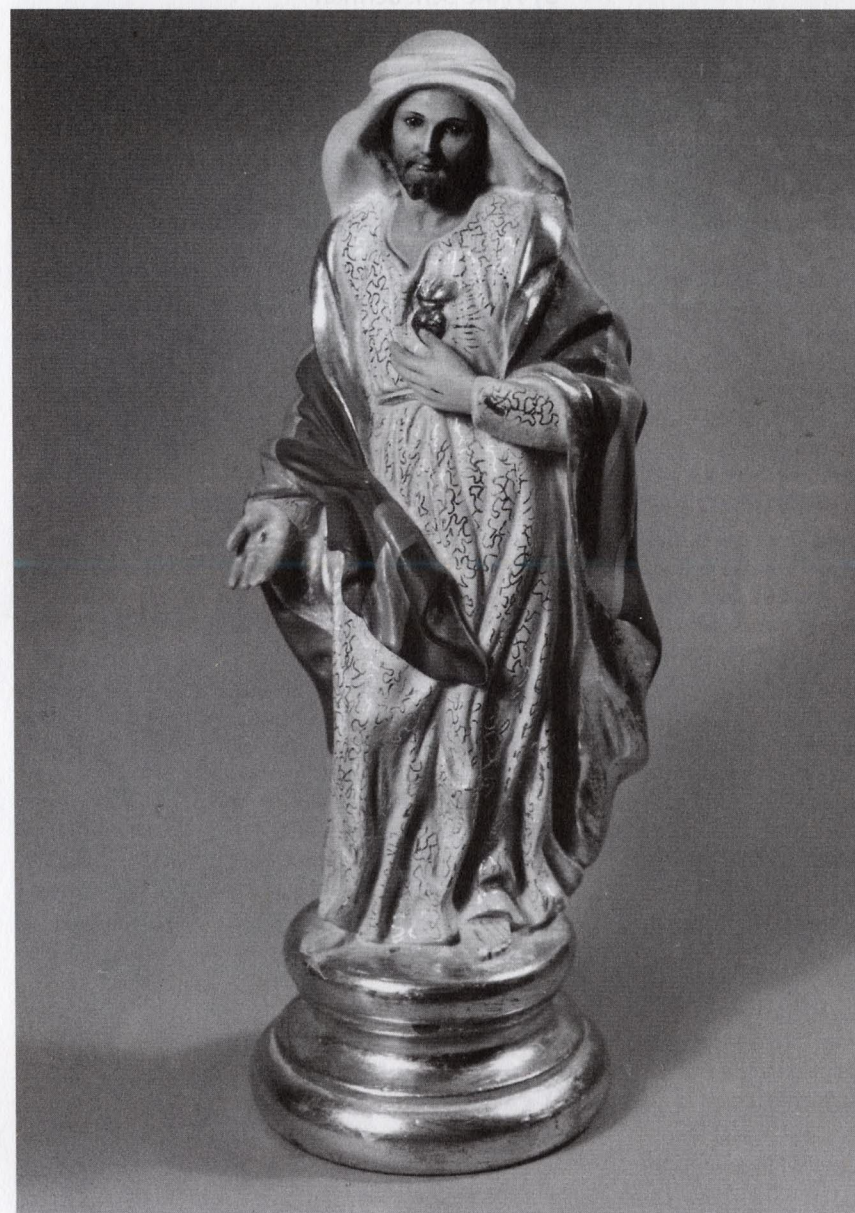
Seven streams of never-failing grace
flow from his heart
that we may wash our soiled robes
in the blood of the Lamb.

How shameful it would be to return to sins
which wound this sacred heart;
how much better to try to reproduce in the burning love
of our hearts
the flames that are signs of the love of his heart !

Glory be to you, Jesus;
from your heart you pour out grace;
and glory be to the Father and the loving Spirit,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Evening Prayer from the
Interim version of the new Roman Breviary

Lord...



Kateri's New Vice-Postulator, Deacon Ronald Boyer, diacre

By Anne Scheuerman

No member of the congregation present at St. Francis Xavier Church at Kahnawake, Canada (near Montreal) for the annual celebration Mass of the Feast Day of Kateri Tekakwitha on April 22, 2007 expected to hear any special news, or even suspected that there was to be an announcement of the appointment of a new Vice-Postulator in Canada for her Cause. At the close of Mass, Bishop Jacques Berthelet, Bishop of Longueuil, indicated that a Vice-Postulator had been designated and proceeded to read the lengthy official proclamation from Rome.

As the reading continued, people began to speculate in their minds which priest was to receive the honor. It was only at the end of the letter that the Vice-Postulator's name was announced. Tradition was broken for the first time in the Catholic Church's recent history (as far as this news reporter knows) that a man who was not a priest was appointed to the position! The person honored in the proclamation was someone who was a long-time devotee of Kateri, a diligent promoter of her Cause for Sainthood, and for years served the Native American and non-Native American Catholic Communities far and wide. He gave lectures, informal talks, conducted healing services, held retreats for people of all ages, led Bible study classes and promoted peace and understanding among all peoples. He delivered many homilies, participated in Sunday pulpit exchanges and promoted ecumenism. When there were baptisms, weddings, sick calls, funerals or homes to be blessed, he was there. This man, indeed, labored long and hard in the Lord's Vineyard.

It was broad smiles, loud applause and a few tears of joy that greeted the new Vice-Postulator for Kateri Tekakwitha in Canada - Permanent Deacon Ronald Boyer who resides on the Kahnawake Reserve. He graduated from Concordia University, holds a Master's Degree in Theology and continues his religious studies. Ron, of Ojibway origin, is married to Sheila of the Mohawk Nation. They have six grown children and ten grandchildren.

When asked how he felt about his appointment as Vice-Postulator, the Deacon said, "I was moved by Bishop Berthelet's comments about me... I didn't grasp it. I was completely overwhelmed." To the inquiry of future plans in his new job, he said he planned to continue working on Kateri's Cause, to complement the activities of Vice-Postulators in the past. He looks forward to work with Albert Lazare, the present secretary at the Kateri Center. Also, recognizing the need for healing due to hurts tracing back historically some 400-500 years ago, he wants to keep building bridges of understanding and communication between Native American and other cultures.

Pastor Fr. Alvaro Salazar, originally from Guatemala and a great promoter of devotion to Kateri, "Now as Deacon and Vice-Postulator, he can put Kateri's name in his homilies! And he is a good model of Christian marriage and family life for the people of Kahnawake as this year the couple celebrate 50 years of marriage."

Actually, sometimes when one's star shines, it shines in threes to create a banner year. In 2007, Ron Boyer marks 50 years of marriage to his wife Sheila -A Golden Anniversary for the couple; 20 years as Permanent Deacon; and the proclamation from the Catholic Church in Rome appointing him as Vice-Postulator for Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause in Canada.

We congratulate Ron Boyer on his new position and keep him in prayer! Anyone wishing to contact Vice-Postulator Deacon Ron Boyer may write to him at: Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawake, QC J0L 1B0

* * *

Kateri's Feastday Photos

By Anne Scheuerman



Fourth Degree Guard of Honor



The Iroquois Mixed Choir

Kateri's Feastday Photos

By Anne Scheuerman



Natives from Ottawa and Kanesatake



Judy Hamilock does a Reading

Kateri's Feastday Photos

By Anne Scheuerman



Alma Ransom does a Reading



Ronald Boyer does a Reading

Kateri's Feastday Photos

By Anne Scheuerman



Peter Jacobs does a Reading



Bishop Jacques Berthelet gives his Homily

Kateri's Feastday Photos

By Anne Scheuerman



Children bring up the Gifts



Bishop Berthelet exchanges the Sign of Peace with Father Bruyère

Kateri's Feastday Photos

By Anne Scheuerman



Veneration of Kateri's Relics



Fr. Bruyère and the new Vice-Postulator Ron Boyer

Kateri's Feastday Photos

By Anne Scheuerman



Bishop Jacques Berthelet give the final Blessing



Lunch at the K. of C. Hall after the Mass

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!

5

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 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;
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

Please renew your subscription;

send gift subscriptions to:

PLEASE INDICATE MR., MRS. OR MISS AND CODE

(1) Name M. _____

Street _____

City or Town _____ Code _____

Province or State _____

(2) Name M. _____

Street _____

City or Town _____ Code _____

Province or State _____

(3) Name M. _____

Street _____

City or Town _____ Code _____

Province or State _____

(4) Name M. _____

Street _____

City or Town _____ Code _____

Province or State _____

(5) Name M. _____

Street _____

City or Town _____ Code _____

Province or State _____

(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 Catherine Ganneaktena 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.