

Won't you come

and pray with me so that we may have the statue of Kateri soon?" asks Ronald Sewatis Otsitsiakenna Simpson. (During the summer months, Ronnie faithfully served daily mass whenever he was scheduled to do so. And it's just as hard for him to get up mornings as for you and me!)

The Kateri Statue

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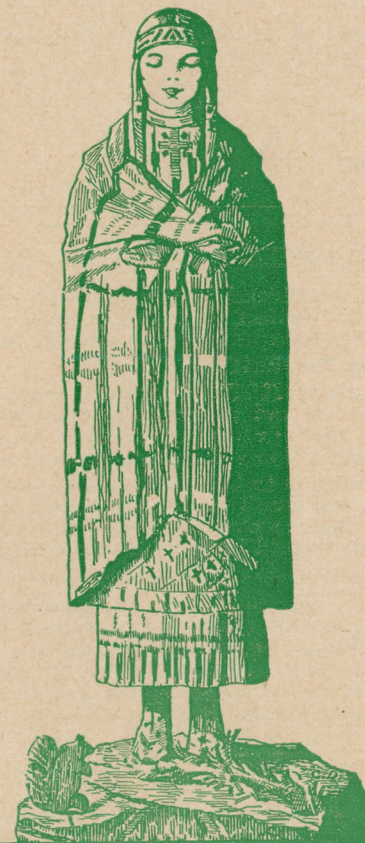
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IN YOUR WILL, WHY NOT LEAVE SOMETHING TO THE CAUSE OF THE VENERABLE KATERITEKAKWITHA, THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS? HER CAUSE IS JUST AS POOR AS SHE WAS DURING HER LIFETIME!

KATERI



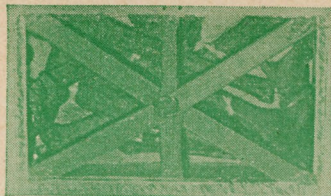


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THE RELICS OF TEKAKWITHA

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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA GUILD

The sodalists of the Blessed Virgin of Caughnawaga, Quebec, who are descendants of the earliest Christian Indians in Canada and New York State, have formed themselves into a Guild to spread devotion to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

Our quarterly bulletin, **KATERI**, intends, above all, to tell her tale, to foster devotion to her and to record the favors both spiritual and temporal you receive through her intercession. As a result, it is hoped the cause of her Beatification will progress more rapidly.

A one year subscription to **KATERI** (\$1.00) or any other offering, no matter how modest, will enroll you as a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild for one year, to share in a special Mass offered each week for your intentions in the old Mission Church of St-François-Xavier.

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"Like a Fountain..."

The Vice-Postulator

The Rev. F. Antonelli, O.F.M., Relator General for the Cause of Tekakwitha, gives four reasons to explain why she is not yet beatified. They may thus be summarized:

1. The location of Mission St. Francis Xavier, which, at the time of Kateri's death, was about twelve years old and which did not yet have a permanent site;
2. The elementary stages in which the Church in Canada then found itself and was to find itself until 1836;
3. The troubled political condition of the country which finally resulted in Canada's passing from the French to the English;
4. The suppression of the Jesuits (who had charge of the Mission) in 1773.

But there is another factor, a far more serious, a present day obstacle to her glorification — the wide-spread apathy of our Canadian Catholics with regard to the lovely Lily of the Mohawks. They do not lobby the courts of heaven enough to obtain the desired beatification any more than they exert pressure on their deputies in favor of a Canadian ambassador to the Vatican. And they are getting neither.

When we have the faith and simplicity and perseverance of the Italian and Spanish peasants (who are literally skyrocketing their venerables to sainthood), we will have our Blessed Kateri.

Tennyson's famous lines have nearly become a cliché, but in this case how, how appropriate they are:

"...More things are wrought by prayer
 Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
 Rise like a fountain for (her) night and day!..."

✠ Enroll your deceased relatives and friends in the Tekakwitha Guild: Your best gift to them on All Souls' Day! ✠

THERE KATERI BELONGED!

(A yearly account of the foundation of the Mission of the

Sault up to 1685)

by

CLAUDE CHAUCHETIÈRE, S.J.,

Spiritual Adviser of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

A.D. 1668



NE will admire during the following years the different kinds of vocations used by God to gather together the nations which compose this Mission, and, because the exterior vocation is that which falls the most under the perception of the senses, and that which makes God known to the multitude sooner than the light of faith and the affections which God places in the hearts of men, it will be advantageous to speak elsewhere of several particular vocations¹.

It was the year one thousand six hundred and sixty-eight that all these Indians went down to Quebec. After the news had been given to His Lordship the Bishop² and before, while it was being carried to him at the beginning of spring as early as the first thaw, some other Oneidas, relatives of the first six, left the vicinity of their winter hunt to come to Laprairie. Thus, from six Indians wintering at Laprairie, their number grew to ten or twelve, who, all together went down to Quebec.

About the end of summer, Rev. Fr. Rafeix introduced them, and Rev. Fr. Chaumonot instructed them, or rather, finished instructing them as they had already begun exercising themselves in prayer at Laprairie. Consequently the little troop was soon ready to receive baptism. It was His Lordship who conferred this sacrament upon them and who thereby laid the foundation-stone of this spiritual edifice which is admirable in structure.

The chief of this holy band was called Francis Xavier from the name of the whole Mission, and his wife was named Catherine,

a name which became remarkable and which is worthy of veneration in another Catherine who died a short time ago at the Mission in the odor of sanctity³. After the ceremony was over, Francis Xavier was solicited to remain at the Huron Mission, but God, Who has His Own Designs, took away from this man the thought of living there. His wife would have willingly accepted the offer if God had not chosen her to found the Holy Family (Association) at Laprairie.

That autumn, our neophytes returned and disembarked at Laprairie where, in the course of time, they built a fine village. They passed the rest of the year in the same hut the French had made for them.

Afterwards, at the beginning of winter they went hunting. They did not go far without finding game during the short time they stayed in the woods, for they returned to the village at all the great feasts and, above all, at Christmas. They carried along with them a small calendar where the feasts and Sundays were written down in the handwriting of the Father⁴ who instructed them.

Thus were they all filled with the grace of baptism which they conserved even in the woods, being exact about making their morning and evening prayers. This manner of wintering became the rule for all the succeeding winters and has since sanctified many Indians in the woods, where a few died after the fashion of the elect, where others lived as angels, six months at a time, and where others exposed themselves for the faith and acted as apostles, preaching all winter to those who were not yet Christians.



Ven. Bishop François de Laval.

(1) The French text is inelegant and somewhat obscure.

(2) Venerable François de Montmorency-Laval

(3) Italics by translator.

(4) Father Rafeix.



Hear our Plea

(With Korea in mind.)

Dear Kateri : —

*As daughter of the prowling Brave,
And fostered by a brutish knave,
In vain the art of peace you crave.*

*But still you battle for the light
That in your mother's faith is bright,
And God directs you in the right.*

*Through all your toils in savage wild,
Your soul is free as Blackrobe's child,
In peace serene and undefiled.*

*Our pride still fosters hates of old,
And makes the foes of virtue bold,
Against the hearts by faith controlled.*

*While youthful soldiers bravely fight,
Protect their souls from fiendish blight,
As you were saved by Spirit light.*

T. F. KRAMER, C.P.P.S.

← The beautiful statue of Tekakwitha
at the Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, Ont.
In her own parish, there is none ! (Photo: C.N.R.)



School again !... Our Iroquois children learn the beautiful story of their own
little Kateri from the lips of Miss Charlotte Bush
at Federal Catholic Tekakwitha School Caughnawaga, P.Q.

Photo : A. Landry.

Union City Policeman, Devotee, of 'Lily of Mohawk,' Writes Poem

by BILL SCULLY

Behind the shiny, hard coldness of Badge 79, worn by Union City Radio Patrolman Walter Byrnes, lies a heart of old Erin and the warmth of the bard.

Patrolman Byrnes is a brave man — he wears a citation for bravery in the performance of duty — yet he's not quite brave enough to venture into the world of wedded bliss. He's 43.

Byrnes likes poetry — likes to compose it himself — although it is the lesser of his avocations.

His most recent effort, aimed at the lot of the "Commie," as he calls the Reds, is entitled, "Policeman Meets Communist." Here it is:

"What have you to offer me?
Upset mind . . . unsound philosophy?
"Hate your fellowman,
Is the code you understand.

"Moscow teaches, Our Lord and God is dead
Makes sure it's all you've read.
"You celebrate a bloody holiday.
In beautiful Mary's Month of May.

"Why hesitate, my comrade friend?
Mary's name is the beginning, not the end.
"She is yours as well as mine
God's dying gift to all mankind.

"Why follow a Kremlin's howling mob?
Why glory in oppression's sob,
"Even you must listen in disgust
At the cry of greed and lust,

"In Mary's Month of May,
Her beauty takes my breath away.
"Mighty Queen, gentle Virgin, I love You so,
Guard my country from every foe.

"Now, my friend, we go our way,
Yours to curse, rob and slay.
"Mine to kneel at Mary's feet,
To guard my country through all eternity.

"One word before we part,
Mary's tender, loving heart
"Will open wide, She will smile at you.
Should you say you love God and country,
too."

Far greater than his love for the poetic, however, is his dedicated effort to one day see the Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, who would thus become the first American-born saint.

The sodalists of the Blessed Virgin of Caughnawaga, Quebec, who are descendants of the earliest Christian Indians in Canada and New York State, head a guild dedicated to spread devotion to Kateri and in that connection under Jesuit guidance publish a quarterly magazine entitled "Kateri" and devoted to tell her tale, to foster devotion to her and to record the favors both spiritual and temporal Catholics may receive through her intercession. Patrolman Byrnes is a regular contributor to the magazine.

Prized Possession

His most prized possession is a first class authentic relic — a piece of Kateri's bone which was presented to him by the rector of Tekakwitha Friary located on the site of the Baptism of Kateri (Catherine) Tekakwitha during her early womanhood. In her Mohawk Indian tribe lodge she was the only Christian and as a result the pagan members of the tribe began to persecute her. She was known in derision as "The Christian" and because of this her real name was soon forgotten. She is now known as "The Lily of the Mohawks." Her relics today lie at Mission Saint-François Xavier, at Caughnawaga, where she lived the last 4 years of her life. She died there in 1680 at the age of 24.

Another prized possession of Patrolman Byrnes' is a solid gold Venerable

Kateri medal which he obtained from the Jesuits at Fordham University. He wears it at all times.

Devotions Continued

Patrolman Byrnes' devotion to Kateri came about several years ago after he had a discussion with a priest friend who tried to get the patrolman interested in the "Little Flower." A short time later Byrnes read of the efforts of the Jesuits to have Kateri canonized. Byrnes wrote to an uncle, a priest in the Passionist Order. The latter sent him a gift, "The Lily of the Mohawks," and since that time his devotions have continued.

He promised a mass in her honor for each year since her death for the success of her canonization. Thus far 98 have been said.

Byrnes said that from the time her devotions to Kateri began he started

to really love God. Favor after favor followed, he said, and every dollar spent for Kateri was returned within 24 hours, even to finding money on the station house steps.

Byrnes was appointed to the police force in 1930.

Four years later he was awarded gold pin bars by the late Harry E. Little, then director of public safety, along with 2 of his fellow policemen, Frank Hering, still a member of the department, and John Boxberger, who has since died. The trio was cited for capturing 2 New York City gangsters on Dec. 20, 1933 in a running gun battle after the desperados had shot up a tavern located at 222 38th St., Union City. It marked the first time that Union City had ever cited members of the police department for a decoration.

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PATROLMAN BYRNES EXAMINES HIS KATERI RELIC AND MEDAL.

LETTERS TO KATERI

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)

Syracuse, N.Y., June 19 : It has been very lax of me to postpone writing to you for so long, but I have hoped to have something else to thank Kateri for. But that is another story.

As you have probably heard from Mrs. D.E., I was operated on April 15th for what was *definitely* diagnosed as a benign tumor of the right breast. However, it was found that another tumor which was underneath, and of which there was no knowledge, was malignant and had spread. It was necessary to remove the right breast and part of the left also. When I realized what had happened, it seemed that God had certainly forgotten me.

The following day, Mrs. E. sent me by her sister, one of the loveliest letters I have ever read, along with the prayer and her only relic containing earth from the grave of Kateri. I put the relic on and started a novena, praying (along with about a dozen of my family and friends) especially on Thursday, April 17th, the anniversary of Her death.

On the following Monday, the report was back from Buffalo, the cancer clinic, that the cancerous growth was completely removed. There was no spread beyond the area the doctor had taken. I went home from the hospital the next day, two or three days earlier than any other patient with the same operation, and have had absolutely no ill effects ever since. I returned to work on May 19th, and my work is mostly typing. That same week I could also raise my right arm straight up, which most people never do.

I am very grateful to Kateri Tekakwitha, and am enclosing a check which I wish were more, and will leave to your discretion to either say a Mass of Thanksgiving or apply it to the erection of her bronze statue.

For such a small amount, it seems selfish of me to make any requests, but would it be possible for me to obtain a relic of the earth from Kateri's grave to replace the one I am wearing and must return to Mrs. E. I dread going without it now. Also, will you please say a prayer for someone who is near and dear to me... I will appreciate the smallest prayer. Mrs. J.H.P.

Biddeford, Me., July 12 : The enclosed \$2.00 is for thanksgiving in honor of little Kateri, who answered my request for my sister to sell her store on account of her illness. This money I am offering is to go towards her monument. I am also including \$1.00 for eight copies of the Kateri Novena... Mrs. A.T.R.

Detroit, Mich., July 18 : Praised be Jesus Christ ! I would like to thank you most cordially for your brief but much welcome card. Enclosed you will find a small contribution of \$2.00 for the Ven. Kateri's statue. This is in thanksgiving for the new and wonderful position I have as typist. I received notice of this position one day after you sent me the prayer to Ven. Kateri and after making a novena to our ever loving Lady of Perpetual Help. Thank you ever so much, Father, and I'm sure you'll hear from me again... Miss S.O.

Kitchener, Ont., July 30 : Enclosed please find a small offering in thanksgiving to Kateri for a very special favor received. Would you please include a very special intention of mine in your prayers?... Sr. M.C.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 20 : I would like to make known that Kateri helped me one night when I awakened at 2:30 a.m. and had a very severe pain in my shoulder; it was so bad I couldn't move it for pain. I started to pray and asked Kateri to relieve me and let me get my sleep which was very much needed as I had to get up at 6:15 and go to work, which was very essential. Almost immediately I fell asleep and only once since have I had a very slight pain. I have very much faith in Kateri and hope she will soon be canonized... Mrs. H.M.

Cornwall, Ont., July 29 : We took Mother to the Ottawa Civic Hospital, Tuesday, as they told her to go back. She had an examination and the Dr. told her she was not too bad and asked her if she had considered the operation and she said no. So he told her to come back in three months time to see him, but Father, we never expected her to come home with us Tuesday. But with the great help from little Kateri, Mother did come back and we will keep on praying to her that when the three months are up, Mother will be cured without the operation... Mrs. R.H. and Mrs. C.H.

San Antonio, Texas, July 15 : ... Father, I have had two great favors through little Kateri. I wish I could call them miracles: of course, to me they are. One was that my young nephew, only support of this Mother, was discharged from the service after

three months... Miss P.M.L.

Detroit, Mich., July 11 : The enclosed one dollar is an offering as thanksgiving to Kateri for a prayer answered. Thought you could use it for the bronze statue fund... Miss E.D.

Chicago, Ill., July 8 : I received a favor from Kateri and wish to make this donation : (\$1.00) ... Mrs. H.H.

Burlington, Vt., June 23 : As I have great confidence in little Kateri Tekakwitha, I'm sending 5 dollars; one for a mass in thanksgiving for what she does for me for one year, three other masses for different intentions and the last dollar for the Kateri monument. My poor Mother was so sick, that when the little book (Kateri bulletin) came, I asked for help for my mother and for myself, so we could get better and we did... Mrs. L.G.

Rochester, Mich., June 12 : Enclosed find \$2.00 as a donation to Kateri for her statue in thanksgiving for favor received... Mrs. E.P.

Mille Roches, Ont., July 30 : ... I have suffered for a number of years with arthritis in my arms and legs. At times, it was hard for me to walk or use my hands properly. Father, now I'm much improved. When I found out about Kateri Tekakwitha, I started to pray to her to help me. My prayers have been partly answered. I have great faith in prayers and her... Mrs. L.R.

Brooklyn, N.Y., June 22, 1952 : I am enclosing a small offering in thanksgiving for the many favors I have received from Kateri in the past. I expect to undergo shortly an operation which I have been told is not serious, but you never can tell. I would like to think Kateri was interceding for me. Miss E.S.



(Bread, fish and eggs!...)

INTERVIEW WITH KATERI

KATERI (*From her vantage point in heaven*): I continually see all earth's prayers ascending to the throne of God, and I also see thousands of requests being delayed because too many suppliants forget Our Lord's recommendation: "... If two of you agree over any request that you make on earth, it will be granted them by my Father who is in heaven. Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them..." (Matt. xviii, 19, 20).

CLIENT (*Eagerly*): Any request?... Any request that tends to glorify God?...

KATERI (*Quietly*): That is right, any request that glorifies God!

CLIENT (*Quite intent*): For instance, if all your friends on earth, Tekakwitha, agreed to pray for your beatification and really did pray for the two miracles needed to obtain it, Our heavenly Father will grant it to them?

KATERI (*Smiling at her client's intensiveness*): Our Lord can neither deceive nor be deceived, and those words sprang from the depths of His Sacred Heart.

CLIENT (*Thoughtfully*): Thus if not only two, but ten, fifty, a hundred, a thousand get together to obtain a cure, the settlement of an estate, the sale of a store, through your intercession, Our dear Master will be present among them! He will listen to their pleas!...

KATERI (*Firmly*): Jesus was very clear on the subject: "Among yourselves," he questioned, "if a father is asked by his son for bread, will he give him a stone? Or for a fish, will he give him a snake instead of a fish? Or if he is asked for an egg, will he give him a scorpion?...?" (Luke xi, 11-13).

CLIENT (*With enthusiasm*): Our Father in heaven, who is all-perfect, will not treat us with less love!... Oh, Kateri, I am so happy that the *Catholic Women's League of Canada* intends to back your Cause by inviting all its members to pray for your glorification this October at the National Convention in Regina! Perhaps the Sodality and Third Orders, the Catholic Daughters of America, the K. of C. and our other Catholic Societies will follow suit. Amen.

Original Kateri terra cotta by Mrs. B. Worthington, an alumna of Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y.

CALENDAR TIDBITS



May 22, 1952. — A statue of Our Lady of Fatima (see cut) belonging to the Rev. John Brayley of Montreal, and carved by a Portuguese sculptor who witnessed the pinwheel antics of the sun in 1917, came to the Mission for a week. The families that received Our Lady threw open their homes to the public; prayers lasted into the wee

hours of the morning. Favors both spiritual and temporal were recorded. Our Sisters of St. Ann, who organized the visit, were the first to receive her; the hosts then were Mrs. Michael Snow, (on Sunday morning, she was honored at church), Mrs. James Delorimier, Mrs. Hugh Whitebean, Miss Charlotte Bush, Mrs. James Cross, Mrs. Annie Montour (once again at the Mission Church for the May crowning on Thursday evening), the Indian Hospital, Mrs. Angus Montour, Mrs. Julia George, Mrs. Louis Montour, Mrs. Wilfrid Rice and finally, Mrs. Howard Stacey.

June 8. — The Rev. Paul-Emile Charland, O.M.I., sang his first Solemn Mass in the Mission Church of

St. Francis Xavier. The Rev. N. Gauthier, O.M.I., was deacon and the Rev. A. Gagné, O.M.I., sub-deacon; the Rev. P. Pépin, O.M.I., assistant priest. The Rev. C. Janelle, O.M.I., gave the sermon in French and the Pastor, the Rev. G. Brodeur, S.J., preached in English. The Indian Choir, under the direction of the Rev. J. Bruyère, S.J., sang the mass in Iroquois. The newly ordained priest is the eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Charland, stationed at Adirondack Jct. since 1916. To Father, the best wishes from the Jesuits of the Mission for many happy years in the divine vineyard!

June 29. — A set of handpainted vestments (with a beautiful lily motive for Tekakwitha) was donated to the Mission Church by the Eucharistic Mission band of St. Bonaventure's monastery, Detroit, Mich. The Director, the Rev. Lawrence Merten, O.F.M., Cap., officiated at the Solemn Mass with the new vestments. In Kateri's name and in that of the Mission, our most heartfelt thanks.



Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Charland receive communion at their son's first mass.