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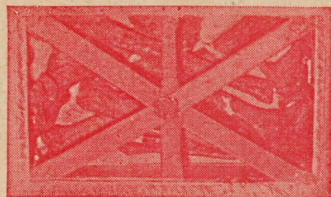


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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA GUILD

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 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 temporal and spiritual you receive through her intercession. As a result, it is hoped that the Cause of her Beatification will progress more rapidly.

A one year subscription to KATERI (\$1.00) will enroll you as a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild for one year to share in the daily memento of the V.-Postulator's mass and in a special mass offered each week for your intentions in the old Mission Church of St-François-Xavier.

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The Vice-Postulator

IN 1656, at the Mohawk castle of Ossernenon, today Auriesville, N.Y., the Martyrs' Shrine, a little girl, Tekakwitha, was born. Pius XII, when Cardinal Pacelli, visited the Shrine and noted that Kateri Tekakwitha born of a Christian Algonquin mother and a pagan Iroquois father, flowered where St. Isaac Jogues, St. René Goupil, and St. John de Lalande had been martyred.

1956 should hasten Venerable Kateri's beatification. So it will, if all her friends and clients pray more and give more. Everyone knows how to give, especially at Christmastide. It is suggested, however, that the spiritual aspect of the cause be stressed, and that her devotees pledge themselves for a year to the recitation of a daily prayer or to the reception of a weekly Holy Communion for this intention. Pledge forms will be forwarded to those who request them for themselves or their friends, and, once signed and returned, they will be placed for twelve months on a large relic of Kateri.

1956 may be rich in surprises. During October, 1955, Mr. Wilfrid Jury, Professor of archeology at the University of Western Ontario, and the Vice-Postulator located the fourth site of Caughnawaga. There Father James de Lamberville, S.J., who instructed and baptized Kateri on Easter Sunday, 1676, and Father James Bruyas, S.J., whom she met in 1667, both died, the former in 1711, the latter in 1712. Perhaps the remains of these holy priests who were so intimately connected with the Lily of the Mohawks will be uncovered.

A 1956 wish from the Vice-Postulator to you: May the Christ Child and His Mother make your hearts like unto Kateri's—brimful with greater faith, hope, and charity !

✠ Your gift to Kateri :
Twenty addresses or more of would-be friends !
Each new list helps further the cause. ✠

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 Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha

A.D. 1676



IT is marvelous to see the state of the Mission so recently established that the Indians had not yet heard any mention of confirmation. What will they be then when the Holy Ghost will have come down upon them, as He shall this year? The Lord Bishop of Quebec, who had conferred Baptism in his Cathedral Church to the first six persons of the Mission, came to complete his work in the month of May. The completed account is to be found in the Relation of 1675. The Indians' esteem for the person among all

priests closest to Our Lord left its imprint in the depths of their souls. When they learned that the Lord Bishop was coming to LaPrairie, they built a raft so that he could conveniently disembark. They lined the way with green boughs and it led to a throne of green sward and verdure where the Lord Bishop having taken place, received the captains' greetings.

The day after Pentecost, which was then being celebrated, was a propitious time for confirmation and he conferred it upon more than eighty Indians. During the space of three years he confirmed more than two hundred. This sacrament has marvelously produced its effect: the devil redoubled his efforts to ruin the Mission, assailing individuals as well as the public. The catechist was the first to be touched by the loss of one of his children, named Alexis, an example to all the children of the Mission. He was six years old, loved and cherished by all, of a fine disposition and devotionally inclined. This loss threw his parents into a mortal sorrow, but they consoled themselves by offering their child to God.

(To be continued.)



Christmas Greetings



Ciné-Photo, P. Q.

*To Kateri's devoted friends
who have prayed hard and worked hard
to hasten her beatification —
A special intention at my three Christmas masses
and at each mass of the New Year
tercentenary of Kateri's Birth
with best wishes
for a happy
1956*

*Henri Béchard, S.J.
V.-Postulator*

*(To save over one hundred dollars for Kateri's Cause, please consider these Greetings
as Father Béchard's Christmas Card to you)*

Kanatakwenke, Fourth Site of Caughnawaga

by Wilfrid Jury

EARLY in the spring, Father Béchard, in a letter which arrived at my desk at the University of Western Ontario, had acquainted me with the danger to which the foresite of Caughnawaga might be exposed, on account of the St. Lawrence Seaway excavations. At the close of the summer, arrangements were made for me to visit Caughnawaga and do a little exploratory examination in hopes that we would be able to find the foresite. I left home on October 29, at 7:00 P.M. and, arrived in Montreal about 7:30 A.M. the following morning. I was met by Father Béchard and Brother Beaudry who drove me to the Jesuit residence of the Mission.

We immediately called upon the seaway people and the Department of Indian Affairs' representative and were cordially received. A few of the older Indian residents pointed out where they thought the site was. It is situated at the confluence of the little stream known as La Suzanne and the mighty River St. Lawrence.

Our first test trench was run on a part of the land reported by an Indian woman to be the spot where she had picked up relics for many years. We found evidence that Indians had resided there. For two days we continued our excavations. Later we moved closer to the banks of the St. Lawrence hoping to find the palisades that undoubtedly surrounded the village. No palisade poles were found. I then went to a higher elevation nearer the banks of the little river, running a test trench five feet wide.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Archeologist Wilfrid Jury of the University of Western Ontario is well known for more than fifty Indian sites he discovered and explored, particularly for his seven years' work at the Canadian Martyrs' Shrine at old St. Mary's, Midland Ontario. To excavate Kanatakwenke, no one is better qualified.

I soon came upon the bedlogs of the foundation of a dwelling that had nails spread around the outside. This, of course, indicated that we were on the site of a dwelling built by the French Fathers. We continued our digging, running the five foot test trench directly away from the St. Lawrence and found one piece of Indian pottery, a number of small pieces of glass, probably bottles used for mass wine, two pieces of European pottery or vessels, and one hinge used to hang the shutters on. We were at the site of the building which, in all probability from its situation, may well be that of the Jesuit residence. Undoubtedly the church will not be far from it. Rumors and reports told us that the Jesuit cemetery or the cemetery containing the bones of Indians and, it is hoped, of Fathers James de Lamberville, S.J. and James Bruyas, S.J. was across the way.

One kindly resident told us of an arched tomb built of stone and brick that has long been supposed to be the grave of one of the Fathers. This we opened and found to be a bake oven containing hundreds of stones. We found it to be four feet wide and about twelve feet long. At one end, many bricks were recovered, about six bushels in all, and eighteen of them were intact. Here we found six inches of white ash with a few pieces of carbonized wood and a few nails in them. Assuredly, this was one of the bake ovens used while the village was located there.

We now have established the fourth site of the Mission known to the Iroquois as **Kanatakwenke**. It is a picturesque site. The roar of the mighty St. Lawrence and the Lachine Rapids is very much the same today as it was when the site was occupied. We have only to turn back in our imagination the pages of history to visualize this village before it was moved. It is one of the landmarks of Canada. This historic site must be preserved. It is in jeopardy from the development of the seaway. It is important that Canadians preserve these old sites. The University of Western Ontario is proud to have had the opportunity of doing a small piece of research in definitely establishing the site. I have had much experience and it is always a thrill to find a site on which the early missionaries of our country have lived and labored among the natives of Canada. It is my sincere hope that this place, so long ago abandoned, will be excavated soon, and the sites of the dwellings and the church with the graveyard found and set aside as a memorial that will be kept in reverence and respect.



Photo: Armour Landry

Mr. Wilfrid Jury with one of the two spigots for mass-wine kegs he uncovered.



Photo: Armour Landry

▲ Archeologist Jury, Mrs. James Delorimier and Mr. Harold H. Chapman of the Department of Indian Affairs, the Vice-Postulator (with Gallic beret) on the fourth site of Caughnawaga at the confluence of La Suzanne Creek and the St. Lawrence River.

▲ Indian Harry Mayo, the Vice-Postulator, and Professor Wilfrid Jury work at uncovering the hearth of the Jesuit residence (1698-1719).

KATERI'S CENTURY AND OURS

By NORA ROUTLEDGE

THREE hundred years ago, in the Mohawk Village of Ossernenon, Kateri Tekakwitha was born. Her whole life, from the very beginning in that pagan village till her death at the Sault Mission, was lived in the way God intended when He created man to His image.

Her first miracle

That was the first miracle He wrought in her behalf — that circle of love and grace in which He walled her off from the corruption of her surroundings.

And yet, three hundred years later, she is still, as the late Father Lord called her, a "lady in waiting". Waiting for her friends so to storm heaven in her behalf that their prayers must be answered.

No student of Kateri's life doubts that her pure and lovely soul, in the very instant of death, took its place among the saints.

When she is raised to the honors of the altar, the Holy See will not be "making a saint" of Kateri; God did that Himself,

as He will in His own good time, make it possible for the Pope to say these long-awaited-for words: "We declare the Blessed Kateri to be a Saint of God's Church."

Why, O why?

"Why, O why," we cry impatiently, "does not God grant our prayers for the requisite miracles that will hasten the happy day?"

In all things, God moves in ways that are mysterious to His children. But think back and contemplate the appropriateness of the times saints have been canonized, as if God bided His time until there was a special need of such a saint at such a date.

Leaders of "new thought" all over the world began to preach their hideous theory of naturalism. Chastity, they said is frustration — very bad for the nerves — and feelings of guilt are outmoded. But, in Italy, a little girl died to preserve her virginity — and Saint

Maria Goretti became God's answer to laxity in morals.

Just previous to the Second World War that was to present to the world new forms of paganism, with its familiar trappings of torture and death to those who opposed it, God spoke. He presented to the world as Saints the Jesuit martyrs, who had been so horribly massacred for their faith in Him. It was as though He said: "See — it has been done before — it can happen so again. Persecution of My Church, makes Saints of its members." And it did. Men and women found courage to face worse than death in their opposition to the anti-christ.

Now, we need her most

Perhaps it is just now, at the tercentenary of her birth, that we need Kateri most. Maybe God has waited till now, a little past the middle of this our century, to proclaim it as Kateri's century, too.

Kateri was born in the United States and baptized there, but she made her First Holy Communion in Canada and died here. Is it not possible that Kateri is to be God's symbol

to us of the unity that exists, and must continue to exist, between Canada and the United States? They, with their Western allies, have inherited the task of opposing communism. True, this is a national and political question. But, primarily, is it not a Christian question? What better patron could we have than Kateri to hold her two countries together in their determination to win this fight against the new paganism?

And, in a more personal way, she is a symbol of hope to all mankind. Against great odds, she lived and died a saint. We ordinary people are apt to forget that it was for a similar purpose that we were born — to live and die saints. May Kateri, so surely in heaven, reach down her venerable hands and help us to live in such a way that some day we may, too, enjoy the beatific vision for ever and ever.

KATERI SYMPATHY CARDS KATERI BIRTHDAY CARDS

One dozen cards boxed: \$1.00

Then, for each enrollment, send the name and address of your addressee along with \$1.00 to the V. Postulator who will officially notify him (her) of his (her) enrollment in the Tekakwitha Guild.

LETTERS TO KATERI

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

BROOKLYN, N.Y., September 18, 1955: Kateri Tekakwitha helped me out; last night driving through a flooded road where other cars couldn't make it, I passed by safely. Many thanks to Kateri. Enclosed find my dollar for Tekakwitha. — Miss J.N.

ROSLYN HEIGHTS, L.I., N.Y., October 9: For about fifteen years, my son had an affliction whereby he would break out in a rash at different times without warning. Sometimes it would be only once a day, or once a week, or it might be several days in one week, but it would make him very uncomfortable and it was embarrassing. During these years he went to a great many doctors, who examined him thoroughly and found him to be in perfect health; instead of being helped he grew worse. This past year was really worse for him — and then I heard of Kateri Tekakwitha and I prayed to her so that the doctor would find out just what was wrong with my son, and my prayers were answered — as in a very roundabout way he met a doctor who had an idea of what was causing the rash and the rise in blood pressure. My son had to have X-Rays taken which showed him to have a tumor which required a very serious operation. It is a little over a month since the operation. While I consider this a great favor, I cannot count it a miracle until my son, who returns to work this week finds, that the rash does not return... Mrs. L. J. Mc N.

BALTIMORE, Md., September 4: I am writing to thank you for the relics of Kateri Tekakwitha you gave me when you were at my Mother's. The baby's eye is cured. I put the relic on his eye while he was asleep soon after you gave it to me. The day after, his eye was cured. I am sure it was a 'miracle'. When I put the relic on his eye it was full of matter, the same as usual. It has been like that for months without getting any better. He has never had any matter in his eye since. I did not write right away as I wanted to be sure before I wrote. — Mrs. C.E.

STE-BRIGITTE-DES-SAULTS, October 29: We have much prayed to Venerable Kateri and we still pray to her. My feet were quite swollen. I am now able to walk and to wear my shoes. Rheumatism, neuralgia, heart trouble, all that made me suffer. I am better, and I will be completely cured with her help. You will find an offering of one dollar. — Mrs. M.L.

VALOIS, P.Q., September 22: I am rather late in saying "thank you" for a favor received through the intercession of Kateri. Several years ago I asked her to get my sister a position. She called at several places of business and in one

they practically shut the door in her face. I then asked Katharine to obtain for me a position and today she is still among the employed and has a much better position financially as well as otherwise than I have myself. I am enclosing a dollar as a donation... Miss F. O'B.

CHICAGO, Ill., October 15: One day last week I happened to be in just the right place at the right time — to look out into the street and see a ten dollar bill. I think it must have been Kateri's way of telling me that she was there too! I went on my way to see my brother who was very ill and taken to the hospital just a few hours later. Now if my brother had not been ill, I would not have been in that neighborhood and surely something or someone must have made me glance into the street at just the right moment to see the bill. So I am sending this ten to Kateri and I am sure that she has been with us and receiving our prayers ever since that day. (I promised her that very day that I would send it.) My brother is still critically ill and very much in need of our prayers, but I am sure Tekakwitha will see him through this because she has granted us every favor we ever asked of her. — Mrs. F.C.

MONTREAL, P.Q., August 25: I attach my cheque herewith for twenty dollars as a small contribution towards your effort in favor of the canonization of Venerable Kateri. Through her intercession I was recently granted a request on the specified day, this being a condition in the attached donation. My prayers and thanks to Kateri for the favor obtained and for the stimulus to my faith. — Mr. B. T. C.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 18: This is another cheque (six dollars) in payment for a sale I know Kateri helped me with. As you know I promised one sixth of every sale that I made to Kateri. I will write you a letter one of these days in detail about my selling business and the part I am sure Kateri has helped me with. — Mrs. H. W. B.

SPOKANE, Wash., October 24: The enclosed is the balance of the twenty-five dollars I promised if two important favors were received through the intercession of Kateri and they were! — Mr. C. P. H.

DETROIT, Mich., October 23: I am sending my pledge to say at least one 'Hail Mary' daily for the prompt beatification of the lovely Lily of the Mohawks. She has helped me in so many things. Kateri appeared to my grandson a few weeks ago as I had been praying for him, his mother and little sister's protection from any harm. He said she looked just

like the picture you have on your wall, so I want to help her. I am sending one dollar. — Mrs. E. B. O. H.

SOMERVILLE, Mass., October 24: The September 'Kateri' proved most interesting. We were happy the Kateri Statue Fund went over the top. Happy to read our names on the list and happy to read about Father Labranche's coming from our home city of Somerville, Mass. Enclosed find five dollars sent to you for the Mission or Kateri (whichever you prefer). My son Daniel just back from the Arctic, sends it. It is in thanksgiving for a good trip and a safe home return. She is also helping him on a decision he has ninety days to make up his mind about. He has an honorable discharge from the Navy... On reaching New York, he went to St. Patrick's Cathedral to get on his knees to thank her... Mrs. E.N.

SAINT MARY'S, Ont., October 18: Enclosed is five dollars towards the Cause of Kateri in thanksgiving for my family who has found a home and steady employment through the intercession of Kateri. — Mrs. E. O'H.

NEW ORLEANS, La., September 13: Enclosed is our cheque for ten dollars in thanksgiving for a favor granted, With best wishes for continued success in the

Cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, we are sincerely yours. — Mr. and Mrs. H. F. B.

ST. ANTOINE SUR RICHELIEU, P.Q., October 7: Enclosed you will find the sum of two dollars for the Cause of Kateri's beatification for favors obtained. — Mr. C. P.

HAMILTON, Ont., October 10: I wish to thank Kateri for favors obtained which I promised to publish. — Sincerely Mr. E.M.

ST. CATHERINE'S, Ont., October 20: I am enclosing a money order for five dollars as a small token of gratitude to Kateri for a favor received after praying to her to intercede in my behalf. Praying that success will crown your efforts to further the Cause of Kateri's beatification, I remain... Mrs. M. J. O'P.

WINNIPEG, Man., September 1: Enclosed, one dollar for favor through intercession of Venerable Kateri... Mrs. A. B. F.

DETROIT, Mich., October 17: We are sending you a cheque for ten dollars for Kateri's Cause in thanksgiving for a safe summer. Kateri has surely protected our summer home and all of our family and friends who travelled there. — Mr. and Mrs. J. A.

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Fr. Conrad Morin, O.F.M., the Vice-Postulator, Msgr. A.-P. Frutaz of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, and Fr. Emile Gervais, S.J., examining a missal printed in 1645, and which may have been used when Kateri made her First Holy Communion, Christmas Day, 1677.

THE VICE-POSTULATOR'S DIARY

Two books concerning Venerable Kateri have found their way to my desk during the last months. The first, in Italian, *Ed ogni giorno rinasce il sole* by Remo Orseri published by the *Società Editrice Internazionale* of Turin and Rome, is qualified by Father Masnovò as "a hymn of faith and hope, the book desired by intellectuals." An entire chapter, *Una mia piccola santa* (pp. 111-125), tells the tale of the Lily of the Mohawks. Dr. Orseri is now preparing a biography of Kateri. Meanwhile he would like to see his first book translated into French and English.

The second publication was the color book, *Kateri of the Mohawks* with the text by Mary Fabyan Windeatt and the illustrations by Jedge Harmon, a Grail publication from St.

Meinrad, Indiana. The kiddies will love it!

August 22, the Mission was honored by the visit of the Rt. Rev. A. P. Frutaz of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, Rome. Accompanying him were the Rev. Fathers Conrad Morin, O.F.M., and Emile Gervais, S.J., committeemen of *Les fondateurs de l'Église Canadienne*. Msgr. Frutaz arrived for dinner and spent the evening at the Jesuit Residence. He was well acquainted with the story of Kateri and deeply interested in her Cause. With great devotion he venerated the precious remains of the Lily of the Mohawks. Naturally, I was quite happy, as Vice-Postulator, to receive this well known member of the Congregation of Rites.

Miss Veronica McArdle of *Look* and Mr. Jerry Dantzic, a free-lance

photographer, were up here to do a story on French Canada for *Jubilee*. The old Jesuit Residence of the Mission, erected in 1719, was thought worthy of a few photos. A few illustrations of the Mission will appear in the November issue of this magazine.

More and more people are sending in their pledges: some short prayer daily, perhaps the beads, a daily, weekly, or monthly communion for Kateri's early beatification. More forms for these pledges are being requested daily.

As *Monsieur le Directeur* Raoul Bruneau (once Dean of Discipline, of St. Charles Minor Seminary) under whom I studied as a boy, invited me to preach the children's retreat of his parish, St. Joseph's in Sherbrooke, I had the occasion to speak to them of Kateri. Father Bruneau also invited me to talk to the members of the *Franco*s at the New Sherbrooke Hotel on Tuesday, September 29. The subject, of course, was the Lily of the Mohawks. The *Franco*s are a Catholic organization along the lines of the Kiwanis; the aim of the society is better knowledge of Catholic teaching and cooperation is charity and other religious activities.

Montmagny is the fourth oldest town of the Province of Quebec. It is forty miles beyond the Quebec on the South Shore in the direction of the Gaspé peninsula. I was invited to speak to the parishioners of the beautiful new Church at Montmagny, Sunday, October 23rd. Some cousins from Montreal were kind enough to drive me to Quebec. The day was beautiful and the North Shore

Route interesting. We stopped at Three Rivers for lunch, arrived in Quebec about four o'clock, crossed the bridge to the South Shore and, taking the Trans-Canada Highway we arrived at our destination for five o'clock. That evening, Saturday, I gave a talk illustrated with colored filmstrips, at the new hospital of the place, under the direction of the Hospital Sisters of Quebec. Msgr. Painchaud, Pastor, cordially received me at the rectory. Sunday evening at eight o'clock after Vespers, sung each week in French Canadian parishes, the talk was given in the basement of the new Church. I had brought the two new Iroquois Choir records along. After the lecture there was a question period. A reception followed at the Seigneurial Manor, property of Mrs. Minville. For the occasion, she had very kindly offered the Manor and the lunch that went with it without any charge. Two days later she won the Irish Sweepstake, totalling \$160,000. I wonder if there was any link between her kindness to Kateri's Cause and her good luck?

Father James de Lamberville, S.J., died at the Mission in 1711, and the following year, Father James Bruyas, S.J., followed him. Both of them were intimately connected with Kateri.

At my invitation, Professor Wilfrid Jury came to Caughnawaga to help in my search for their remains. The week of October 2 with a few helpers, we worked until we finally discovered the site of the fourth Caughnawaga. Before leaving for home, Mr. Jury kindly dictated a résumé of his work at the Mission. (See p. 6)