A GOOD IDEA: In your last will and testament remember Kateri's Cause.

A BETTER IDEA: Remember the Cause now!

S.O.S. May I add, after all that has been said on page 4, that I must Pay \$2000. on a \$4000. debt this December 31, 1959!

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- 1. Our quarterly bulletin, "Kateri", published by the Rev. Martial Caron, S.J., intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Beatification will thereby be hastened.
- 2. It aims to increase Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least a daily "Hail Mary" for her Beatification.
- 3. It seeks also your donations, for without them practically nothing can be done to make Kateri known and to have the important favors attributed to her intercession examined and approved.

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- 1. One or several pages on Kateri's life and virtues;
- 2. News from Kateri's friends everywhere;
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- News concerning the Indians of America, with special reference to the Caughnawagas and to their friends.

PRIVILEGES

Your contribution (\$1.00 a year, as long as possible) enrolls you among "Kateri's Friends" for whom

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- 2. The Vice-Postulator prays at the Memento of his daily Mass;
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- 3. As benefactors of the Society of Jesus, 190,000 Masses are offered annually;
- 4. The spiritual treasure of the good works of some 31,000 Jesuits is opened:
- 5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's Beatification.

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Caughnawaga, P. Q.

The second of a series of Why's?

Why Pray to Kateri?

DO YOU often pray to St. Paphnutius? Possibly not. And quite understandably. Paphnutius was a Saint of long ago, who lived in a far away land, Egypt. The Christians of the land of the Pyramids doubtless pray to St. Paphnutius, and rightly so. God in His Providence gives the inhabitants of each country and each nation Saints who have breathed the air and walked the hills and dales, and looked at the same skies as they, and felt the same hot sand burn their shins or the same snow crunch under their feet as they experience daily.

To North America, God has given the Jesuit Martyrs, St. Frances Cabrini, Blessed André Grasset, Blessed Marguerite Bourgeoys and Blessed Marguerite d'Youville. He gas also given this great continent Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

The Lily of the Mohawks, born in 1656, at what is today Auriesville, N.Y., died in 1680 at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier on the St. Lawrence opposite Montreal.

Kateri Tekakwitha's contemporaries stressed her link with the New World: she was called Our Good Protectress, the Genevieve of New France, the Protectress of the Colony of Canada, and a New Star in the New World.

Father Peter Cholenec, her confessor, did not hesitate to write to the Very Reverend Father Michael Angelo Tamburini, General of the Society of Jesus: "She began to be famous for miracles about six months after her death, and in a short time she scattered very many of them all over the Canadian scene. Earth taken from her grave was as prompt a remedy as whatever illness was common... I shall say but this: Among the miracles related as having been performed by Kateri, I consider the greatest of all to be Kateri herself, truly the Wonder Worker of the New World."

Providentially Kateri was given to Canada and to the United States. Why not make the most of her intercession?

THE GREAT QUESTION

AS ALICE said, "The great question certainly was 'What?" Today, also, for Kateri's Cause, the great question is "What"? What should Kateri's friends do to

help it?

The salaries of the Kateri staff must be counted out each week: I'd hate to have the secretaries fainting away once or twice a day in the office! Too, the Vice-Postulator must pay his room, board and washing, weekly. The Kateri files are quite articulate about the nine hundred dollars owed on the Flexowriter, a debt which is slowly dwindling down at the rate of fifty dollars a month. Incidentally each three months, Flexowriter ribbons cost nine dollars and sixty cents per dozen. Miss Margaret M. of Montreal has graciously offered to contribute fifteen dollars every four weeks towards the thirty-six dollar Kateri phone bill. Perhaps you or you and your Quints could guarantee Kateri the other twenty dollars?

The Quebec Hydro Electric Company periodically reminds me in a courteous little note that a bill of seven dollars and thirty five cents for lighting must be acquitted. Stamps come to sixty-five dollars a month plus the annual

sixty dollars stamp-meter charge due in October ...

"Alice caught the baby with some difficulties.... The poor little thing was snorting like a steam-engine when she caught it, and kept doubling itself up and straightening itself out again, so that altogether, for the first minute or two, it was as much as she could do to hold it...

"As soon as she had made out the proper way of nursing it (which was to twist it up into a sort of knot, and then keep a tight hold of its right ear and left foot, so as to prevent its undoing itself) she carried it out into the open air"

Now, as Vice-Postulator, I often feel like Louis Carroll's baby. Please be Alice to me: carry me out into the open

air . . . Kateri will be delighted.

Kateri as I Know Her..

ARTHUR METZGAR, JR.

A little over three hundred years ago, in 1656, bloomed a little baby girl. This tot's name was Tekakwitha, "She-who-moves-all-before-her." Her mother, a captive Algonquin, has been called Kahenta, "Flower of the Prairie", and her father, a Mohawk chief, Kenheronkwa, "Beloved". Kateri also had a little brother.

Kateri and her family lived in the Iroquois village of Ossernenon, now Auriesville, N.Y. When she was four years old, a terrible smallpox epidemic swept through the village. When its fury was spent, it had carried away Kateri's mother, father and brother. It left her a sick child, with her pretty face all marked and her eyes almost blind.

Kateri's pagan uncle and her two aunts adopted her. The uncle laid all the responsibility for the domestic work upon our beloved Kateri's shoulders. During these years she suffered much.

Once her uncle the chief said: "Tonight a handsome Indian brave is coming to visit you." Kateri understood he wished her to marry him. All she had to do was to put a bowl of sagamité in front of the young warrior. Instead she got up, and walked out. The chief was furious.

Easter Sunday, April 18, 1676, Father de Lamberville regarded as the most beautiful day in his apostolic career. Over Kateri's head, he poured the cleansing waters of Baptism.

In the autumn of 1677, Catherine decided to go to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier where she could practise her religion without interference. She managed to escape while her uncle was away at Fort Orange. Her cousin, an Oneida and a Lorette Huron, all three staunch Christians, helped her. At last Kateri was on her way to Canada.

Caughnawaga, their destination, means "At-the-rapids". It is close to

Montreal. Father de Lamberville had given the young convert a letter for the priest in charge of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier: "Kateri Tekakwitha is going to live at the Sault. Will you take good care of her? You will soon know what a treasure we have sent you."

She made her First Communion that year, at Christmas, 1677. Afterwards, she went to Mass and Holy Communion whenever it was possible. Kateri said one day: "I have for years made up my mind to give all my love to Jesus. Let me make a vow to Him." Father Cholenec told her to take three days to think it over. It took Kateri only ten minutes. The Lily of the Mohawks pronounced her vow of virginity on the beautiful Feast of the Annunciation, Mary 25, 1678.

Father Claude Chauchetière, S.J., another priest who knew her, related that Kateri walked for a long time barefooted on the sharp ice of the pond. She wore a girdle made out of iron spikes gripping her waist. Wednesdays and Saturdays in a spirit of penance this little lover of Christ fasted.

Her last days were truly lovely. The priest who visited the sick could not admire her enough. On Holy Week 1680, Kateri was given the Last Sacraments. On April 17, a Wednesday, the last day of her life, Kateri left this world with a smile on her face. She was twenty-four years old.

As Father Cholenec was kneeling on the right side of the dead girl's bed, she became very beautiful. All the pockmarks from the smallpox had vanished, and her features reflected the joy of heaven.

Father Daniel Lord, S.J., used to call her a "Lady in waiting !." Waiting for her friends to storm heaven so that she be elevated to the honors of the altar...

The Founders of the Mission

IN the middle of the seventeenth L century, beyond the five Iroquois Cantons on the south shore of Lake Erie, the Cat Nation or, if you prefer, the Pumas or Panthers had built their villages. Their women, strong and lithesome, cultivated their maize fields in the shadow of the sturdy palisades protecting their lodges. As the Hurons and the Neuters and the distant Cherokees, they, too, spoke a beautiful and complicated Iroquois dialect, like that of the Seneca from whom they doubtless sprang.

This brave and war-loving people has disappeared from the face of the earth; not, however, before giving the world a flower of rare beauty: Katherine Gandeaktewa. To her, for founding the Mission of St. Francis Xavier close to Montreal, the Lily of the Mohawks, Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, is everlastingly indebted.

During the long winter evenings while the snowflakes lazily coated the land with their pristine glory, the story-tellers in the huts of the Erie filled the idle hours with the marvelous epic of bloody combats long gone-by. Often the listeners' dark eyes gleamed with satisfaction as they vicariously relived the

victories of their forebears over the hostile Iroquois. Until the storyman was rewarded with a few leaves of dried tobacco from a deerskin pouch, little Gandeaktewa followed these tales attentively never dreaming that she would live to see her loved ones killed or dispersed and herself a slave of the hated foe.

True, in those years, an uncertain calm prevailed between the Cats and the Upper Iroquois the Seneca, the Cayuga, the Oneida and the Onondaga. According to custom, in 1653, thirty braves of the Erieehronon (People-of-the-Panther) were delegated to Sonontowan, the Seneca capital, to renew the peace treaty. In the midst of these summit talks of more than three hundred years ago, the tragic news arrived that a Seneca had just been murdered by a Cat. Pandemonium exploded. As warwhoops rent the air and tomahawks thudded, twenty-five of the ambassadors were struck down. In the hubbub the remaining emissaries slipped out undetected.

Once away from the longhouses of death, they sped back to their homeland. The story of the massacre broke and surged over its hearths. Gandeaktewa, roundeyed, heard the grim tidings. Not unlikely, her father was among the dead for no mention is made of him by any of the early writers. Already the men of her village, Genteaieton, the main stronghold of her folk, were smearing their faces with grease and red paint. Within hours they had taken to the field.

At first, success, a Cheshire cat, smiled upon them. They assaulted, fired and razed a Seneca town. Shortly after, one of the braves sighted an Iroquois war party on its way home from the Great Lakes. Immediately they set out in hot pursuit. With their poisoned arrows, they killed off its rear guard of eighty picked men. This was wreaking appreciable vengeance on the enemy! Flushed with victory, their scouts approached a fortified place of the Onondaga and seized Annenraes, "one of the great captains", even before he was aware of the outbreak. Unceremoniously he was hustled off to the Erie country.

Had Annenraes lived in Greece of yore, his orations would be studied in the still extant liberal arts colleges. Early in 1647, he had been captured on the frontiers of Huronia, but had talked his way to freedom. Now he showed himself as persuasive as ever. In a council, presumably held at their stronghold of Riqué, the Cats decided that he was to be given to one of the dead ambassadors' sisters. With his spellbinding

eloquence, they hoped he might maintain peace. She was absent at the time and the chiefs doubting not her acceptance, dressed Annenraes handsomely as befitted his rank, and sat him down to a feast. When she returned, to their dismay, and despite the ruin it could bring down upon them all, she burst into angry tears, He must die: wasn't he in part responsible for her brother's death?

Reluctantly his captors took him away from the smoking cauldrons of appetizing meat, divested him of his fine robes and led him to the stake. Annenraes showed himself the orator to the end. As the flames envelopped him, he cried out: "With me you are burning a whole nation! My people will avenge my death!" More than anything else, this killing affected the trend of Gandeaktewa's days, for the Iroquois resolved to make good the dead chieftain's words.

In their clumsy elm canoes, over one thousand warriors from the Five Nations paddled into the heart of the enemy territory, ovbiously by way of Cattaraugus creek and the head waters of the Alleghany. The Cats at first retreated in confusion, but then resisted desperately. Not too far from Riqué, where Annenraes had died, their improvised palisade was carried with a heavy loss and the Onondaga "entered the fort and wrought such carnage among the women and children that blood was kneedeep in certain places."

(To be continued.)



Hot Ashes and Firebrand meet
Her Majesty the Queen and His Highness
Prince Philip...

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. 1680 (Cont'd.)

THE DEVIL. who saw the glorious success of this Mission, used another kind of battery. Taking the form of an angel of light. he urged on the devotion of some people who wished to imitate Kateri, or do severe penance for their sins. He egged them on to excess, doubtless so as to make Christianity hateful at the outset, or to put on the wrong track the girls and women of this Mission whose discretion never equalled that of Kateri, whom they tried to imitate. Indian women could be seen throwing themselves under the floating ice in the dead of winter; one dipped her daughter who was only six years old [into the icy water] to teach her, as she said, the spirit of penance at an early age: the nother was in the water because of her past sins, and she held her innocent daughter there because of the future sins which this child would perhaps commit when she had grown up. Indians of both sexes could be seen who made their blood run under the blows of iron disciplines, of birch rods, of thorns, of nettles; who fasted rigorously without eating the whole day long - and what the Indians eat half the year is insufficient to keep a man alive! These young girls worked hard all day, during the summer at tilling the ground, during the winter at chopping wood. These austerities continued just about without interruption: they mixed ashes into their portion of sagamité, placed burning coals between their toes where the fire burnt in, they went for long walks barelegged in the snow; they all disfigured themselves by cutting their hair in order not to be sought in marriage. This [mortification] and all the pain they were able to inflict upon their bodies, which they called their greatest enemies, left them so low that it was not possible undernourished men could persevere. Most of these things took place in the woods where the Indians were hunting either through enthusiasm or an excess of indignation against themselves. The Holy Spirit, however, soon took a hand in this affair and enlightened all these persons and regulated their conduct without diminishing their fervor.



Hot Ashes — Each ship that sails through the Seaway... Firebrand — ... should be taxed one dollar for Kateri's Cause

About the middle of the summer, our chapel was threatened with a bolt from the skies, which after several terrible flashes, in broad daylight, and after several loud thunderclaps, struck a few feet from the main door and fell upon two oaks which it scorched. A man who was about to enter into the chapel saw all the stones on the ground bouncing about him without being hurt by any of them.

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For all the optimism felt concerning the happy success of the voyage of Father Frémin who was expected from day to day, the most confident began to have their doubts, seeing that the Father had not yet arrived in the middle of October. Then a letter from Quebec written by Father Frémin himself, scattered what remained of the tempest which had tormented us previously. The news arrived at the right moment, for the Fathers were being accused of concealing their thoughts and this damaged the effects of their preaching in the minds of the Indians. It was clearly explained to them that the French were not like them and were not as fainthearted as they who were strong only from dissembling and that the Blackrobes had no interest in telling them lies. Against lying, the Fathers, who were not deceitful, cry out and preach daily. All this greatly increased the Christian Indians' trust in the Fathers — (To be continued). who teach them.

KATERI'S SMILE UPON YOU!

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

DEARBORN, MICH., July 9, 1959: I am sending Kateri five dollars I promised. I promised to send this if my son found employment when he returned from Germany where he was in the army. Although this is just a temporary job. I am praying to Kateri that she may find him steady work. I promise to send more money if my request is granted. Mrs.

MONTREAL, P.Q., July 2: Being obliged to undergo a serious operation, I wrote to you at the end of April. I then sent you the written promise to say a prayer for little Kateri's Cause with the donation of a dollar. As I had promised five dollars. I am now sending the four others. My operation was a success. I had such confidence in Kateri! In thanksgiving I will do my best to make her better known among my friends. Miss G. LeB.

STURGEON FALLS, ONT., June 5: For about nine years, applications have been filled for the allowance due to my disability. In March of this year again it was repeated and I inwardly promised five dollars to Kateri if it were granted. I am happy to say that at last it has been granted and I am most happy to forward the five dollars which I had promised. Mrs. A. L.

DEDHAM, MASS., June 18: Sometime ago I appealed to Kateri while in need of a great favor and my prayers were after three years answered. I have promised to send ten dollars in her name and I am happy to enclose this amount. I was left a widow with two children and very little money, but through my prayers to Kateri a pension was granted to me (the very first of its kind) and now my family are able to stay together thanks to my answer from Kateri. Mrs. P.

MONTREAL, P.Q., June 24: It is high time that I send you five dollars which I promised to help the Cause of Venerable Kateri to whem I have prayed. My prayer have been heard. During three months I waited for my answer. I had asked to rent my apartment to a good tenant. I had just bought the property and I had not succeeded in renting it. It would have been hard on me if I had not been able to meet my payments, but I did not lose confidence and in the last week of April I found an excellent tenant. A few doors away from my place there are empty apartments . . . Mrs. Y. L.

MINGO JUNCTION, OHIO, May 28: Through the efforts of Mrs. Henry Brown, we heard of Kateri Tekakwitha. prayed for my daughter Jane to get a good job and to our surprise one week from the day she put in her application at a local steel mill office, Jane was inter-

viewed and hired. A very good position! Furthermore, everywhere she had her application in, someone called her to accept a position. This meant five other good positions which she could have chosen from. We know that Kateri Tekakwitha helped Jane get the position she wanted most. Mrs. G. A.
MONTREAL, P.Q., June 10: Many

thanks to Kateri for favors received. I am enclosing five dollars, a small part of an assured salary. Mrs. J. M.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., June 21: Little

Kateri was most gracious to me in inter-ceding to God for me; so I am writing to you about it. I fell on a very slippery you about it. I tell on a very slippery sidewalk in late winter and struck the back of my head. My head ached continually. One night I picked up a small picture of Kateri and put it under a bandage around my head. I continued doing this for about a month. Every night I said the prayer for her beatification, The pain left me without my even noticing it had gone. I will never forget her. Pray to her for me. I ask her to make me love Our Savior more and more each day. I am enclosing five dollars towards her Cause. Mrs. C. P.

ST. EUSTACHE, P.Q., July 7: Enclosed four dollars for favor obtained with regard to my son's education. I am asking Kateri to continue helping him and to watch over him. In return I will continue to pray

for her beatification. Mrs. R. N.
STE-GENEVIÈVE, P.Q., June 9: You
will find enclosed two dollars for little
Kateri's Cause. My brother-in-law had an abscess on his elbow. The doctor told him to take a month of rest. He is a butcher. My sister was quite discouraged. I recommended him to little Kateri and at the end of a week he could use his arm, thanks to this little Indian maid! Miss

SPOKANE, WASH., May 21: This will acknowledge receipt of a wonderful favor through Kateri's intercession: my daughter had her first "check up" this week, three months after completing a cure of X-Ray treatment for Hodgins Disease, a malignancy. Thanks to Kateri and Our Blessed Lord, the examination showed that she was completely free of

the disease . . . Mrs. C. P. H.

MONTREAL, P.Q., April 28: I am
sending you a check of five dollars for my brother's cure (paralysis and heart attack) which the Brotners of St. John of God claim is a miracle. Thanks to little Kateri to whom I pray each evening! Mrs.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., June 19: Enclosed please find a check for nine dollars and fifty cents. I am sending this for a favor received, namely the selling of our home. I promised nine dollars and am sending the extra fifty cents for discount purposes. Mrs. H. S.

MONTREAL, P.Q., July 14: I am writing you today to tell you all my happiness and especially to thank Kateri. I had written to you in May 1958, while I was expecting a child. I was quite fearful, for the doctor had told me, after giving birth to my third child, that he was worried about me if I were to have an other child. A month before its birth, that is to say about December 15, 1958, I underwent another examination and the doctor told one of my sisters that it would be a very difficult case just as the birth of the first and second child. He also added he would prefer not to have anything to do with my delivery. I knew nothing of this and I was quite calm for I had such trust in Kateri. I would say to myself: "She is there and I have not a worry!" To the doctor's surprise on January 9, Yves was born quite normally, full of health and I am quite normally, full of health and I am very well. Father, I am sending you five dollars to help the Cause of Kateri's beatification. I often pray to her and recommend her to others. Could you send me some pictures of Kateri and also the novena for one of my sisters who is ill? We thank you once again and hope that from time to time you will say a little prayer for us with our four little ones here in town. My husband and I find that their education is difficult. We would so much wish to have them become good Christians. I have a very good husband, a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and of the League of the Sacred Heart . . . May I request that you bless us all, and in return I will pray to help you with your Cause. Mr. and Mrs.

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y., July 5: One of our Sisters, Sister M. Martin, received your little magazine KATERI, so I got interested and read the story of her life. I was so impressed and filled with devotion, I began praying to her for a special favor for one of our Sisters. This Sister was taken out of school last year and sent to our Hospital in Watertown, N.Y. They found it was cancer, and malignant after the doctors operated. There was no hope for her and our Sisters kept us informed that it was only a matter of time. Now Sister has made a wonderful recovery. She was here last week to visit us, and is also going back to her teaching assignment this fall. I just went to publish this favor, as I firmly believe that Kateri has heard my prayers. Sister M.B., R.S.M.

MONTREAL, P.Q., March 10: About three and a half years ago, I wrote to you to tell you of a tremendous favor I had received from Kateri. After having had two miscarriages, I spent my whole pregnancy in bed and God blessed us with a lovely daughter, which we feel was in no small part due to Kateri's intercession. I regret that I have 'a'ven so long to write this letter, for since then, in No-

vember 1957, we were again blessed with a child, this time a son. And the wonderful part about it was that I did not have to go to bed this time; the whole event took place quite normally and completely free of any trouble or complications. So it would seem that Kateri was able to do a great deal for us, and both my husband and I are truly grateful.

I am writing now because I believe I have just started another pregnancy and we would like once again to ask Kateri to pray for us that God may bless us with another full-term healthy child. Would you please remember us in your prayers and have a mass said in honor of Our Lady and Kateri for our intentions?

AHUNTSIC, P.Q., Feb. 10: You will find enclosed seven dollars to carry out my promise to Kateri. When I bought a transport-permit I had promised Kateri one percent of my gross revenue. I made seven hundred dollars size then and I am sending her seven dollars. If she wishes for more, well she will have to try harder. I am asking you, Father, to thank her for me. Mr. M. S.

MONTREAL, P.Q., Feb. 16: Would you be kind enough to send me pictures and touch-relics of Kateri? I have great trust in this future Saint. I have a son aged nineteen who during the month of December was accused of theft, and although he was innocent he spent twenty-one days in jail before his trial came up. He could have been condemned to a year and even more. I again thought of praying to Kateri and I promised her the daily Hall Mary to hasten her beatification. She did not forget me, for he was acquitted. I will never thank her enough and I want to make her known particularly to my family. I have six boys and one daughter ...

Westmount, P.Q., March 6: Kindly find enclosed a check of five dollars for a favor obtained through Kateri's intercession. My grandson who does not like boarding school gave us a lot of trouble after each monthly day off. I entrusted him to Kateri and at the time of his last holiday he returned to school without any fuss. I had promised Kateri, if she obtained from Providence that he would return quietly to school, that I would give five dollars towards her beatification, I am now carrying out my promise
Mrs. S. St. L.

MONTREAL, P.O., April 14: You will find enclosed the sum of ten dollars for the Cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. It is in thanksgiving for favors obtained — practically all material things. For some time all that we have asked of

Kateri has been granted us. I am leaving in her hands my three children. Yhey are at the age of choosing their life work. May God's will be always done! Mrs. I. M.

THE VICE-POSTULATOR'S DIARY

From Rome, in a letter dated July 11, the Very Reverend Postulator General, Father Carlo Miccinelli, S.J., asks that Kateri's friends remember in their prayers a very important intention concerning the Cause.

The official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway occurred on June 26: the royal yatch Britannia, with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, President Eisenhower and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh passed by the old Jesuit church and residence of St. Did the Vice-Francis Xavier Postulator see the Oueen wave to the Fathers? He did not: he was away preaching a retreat to the Fathers of the Sacred Heart, at their splendid new Minor Seminary at Pointe-aux-Chênes, Quebec. Other retreats followed, where he spoke of Kateri: to the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary at Ourtemont, Que., and to the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles at Dorval, Que.

At the beginning of July, were published the Jesuit nominations for the coming year. The Very Reverend Gérard Goulet, S.J., until then Provincial of the Lower Canada Jesuits, was named Superior of the Interdiocesan Major Seminary at Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Our sincere thanks and prayers to Father for his constant help in the promotion of Kateri's Cause during his six years as Provincial! Now that he is engaged in the field afar, may lovely Kateri bless his missionary endeavor!

The present Provincial, the Very Reverend Jean d'Auteuil Richard, S.J., for the last three years Superior at Port-au-Prince, exchanged places with Father Goulet. Years ago, when I was a regent at Brébeuf College in Montreal, at my request, Father Richard gave a talk to the Ligue Missionnaire des Étudiants. Now, as an exmissionary, Father Provincial understands the importance of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha s Cause. May the

Lily of the Mohawks guide him in his important and arduous task!

At the Iroquois Mission of St. Regis, Oue. (the international boundary line runs through it), there was considerable change. Our congratulations to the new Superior, the Very Reverend Michael Karhaienton Jacobs, S.J., who celebrated his silver jubilee to the priesthood at the beginning of July. His predecessor, Father George Brodeur, S.J., has been transferred to Sudbury. Ontario, where he now serves as chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital. Father Brodeur worked in the two Iroquois Missions as Superior for the last twelve years. His deep devotion to Kateri will certainly discover for her new fields to sow in Ontario. Father Albert Burns, S.I., after a few years in Montreal and at the University of Sudbury, is now curate at St. Regis. Frankly, we are happy to have him with us again. Our six years together teaching at Tekakwitha School in Caughnawaga left too many pleasant memories to make it otherwise.

A word to the wise (and to the kind): Kateri's new office badly needs an unabridged Merriam-Webster International dictionary (second edition in two volumes): \$60.00, and, also, in two volumes the Harrap's French-English, and English-French dictionary: \$40.00. A copy of Roget's Thesaurus would be deeply appreciated: \$3.00.

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Rev. Henri Bechard, S.J., St. Francis Xavier Mission, CAUGHNAWAGA, P.Q.

My dear Father Bechard:

It was most kind of you to forward your magnificent book entitled "The Visions of Bernard Francis de Hoyos, $^{5}.J.$ "

I seldom pick up a book of this nature and read it without pausing and often leaving it on my desk unfinished, but I can assure you that this particular book is so well written that it captivates you from the first moment, and one could hardly leave it without having completed the full story at one reading.

You deserve a very special reward for your great effort and I am sure the Sacred Heart will grant you what you have dedicated to Him for a special cause, namely the canonization of Venerable Katherine Tekakwitha.

My congratulations, dear Father, and be sure I shall speak to others about this wonderful book.

May the Sacred Heart ever love, bless and keep you.

Very sincerely.

Fr F. Washing

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