

## BEATIFICATION OF KATERI TEKAHKWI:THA

SUNDAY JUNE 22, 1980

On Sunday June 22, 1980 the Indians of North America made their way through the vast crowds of St. Peter's Basilica for the ceremonies of the Beatification of Kateri Tekahkwi:tha.

Pope John Paul II entered the Vatican in procession with his cardinals and the General of the Jesuit Father Peter Ariupe.

At the end of the readings, Pope John Paul related a brief history of Kater's life; her birth place, the year of her birth and her ethnic origin. Her father was an Iroquois following the beliefs of the Mohawk-Iroquois tribe.

Her mother an Algonquian, was a Christian. He described the characteristics traits that depicted her lifestyle; her deep love and respect for God, her choice to live a life of celibacy for God in the world and her unconditional gift of self in her service to Christ, her spirit of sharing and patience toward one another and her prayer life which was deeply rooted in the manner in which she carried out her day to day activities. From his seat of honor His Holiness, Pope John Paul II officially declared her Blessed.

The mass booklet states and I quote:

The Beatification of Kateri Tekahkwi:tha by Pope John Paul II carries a very special meaning for the People of God, and, in a particular way, for the thirty million Amerindians of whom Catherine is the first to be raised to the honors of the altar...

The Beatification of Kateri Tekahkwi:tha is one of the most effective steps toward the development and promotion of a local Church.

### FORMULA FOR BEATIFICATION

The Beatification of Kateri Tekahkwi:tha was requested by Cardinal Roy of Quebec, Bishop Gregoire of Montreal of a Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, N.Y. and many of the faithful. Having consulted the Sacred Congregation for the Cause of Saints, we state Venerable Kateri Tekahkwi:tha shall henceforth be called Blessed, and that the Feast of her birth into heaven will be celebrated on April 17.

After the presentation, the mass continued where the intentions were read in five languages. One of our Indian delegates was selected to lead the prayers in the Mohawk-Iroquois Language.

The offertory gifts were presented by the delegates of the Mohawk-Iroquois people including both children and adults. The gifts that were presented to Pope John Paul II were designed and donated by the Indian people across Canada.

The high light of the mass was the reception of the Sacred Host. Five native Indian priest assisted Pope John Paul II in the distribution of Holy Communion. Several of our Indian delegates had the honor of receiving the body of Christ from Pope John Paul II.

At the end of the ceremony, other Indians had the privilege of having a private audience with him, allowing them time to shake hands and to exchange a few words of greetings.

#### PRIVATE AUDIENCE

On Tuesday June 24, 1980, Pope John Paul II granted a private audience to the North American Indians who attended the Beatification. During the audience, Chief Andrew Delisle of Caughnawaga addressed Pope John Paul II expressing in the name of the delegates their thanks to him for receiving us and revealing how much the private audience meant to the North American Indians.

In conclusion His Holiness Pope John Paul II congratulated the Indians in their efforts to promote Kateri's cause and encouraged them to continue deepening their faith in Her.

*Sn. Dorothy Lopez, S.S.A.*







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KATERI TEKAKWITHA  
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Bishop Robert Lebel  
of Valleyfield, P.Q.  
Canada















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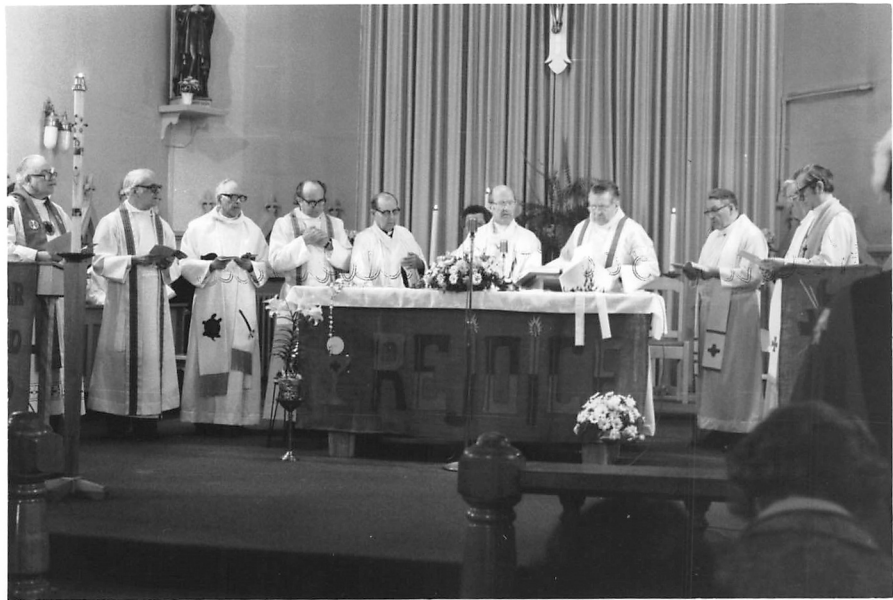
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for Kathie's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





St. Regis Celebration

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for Kateris 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



St. Lucy's - Syracuse

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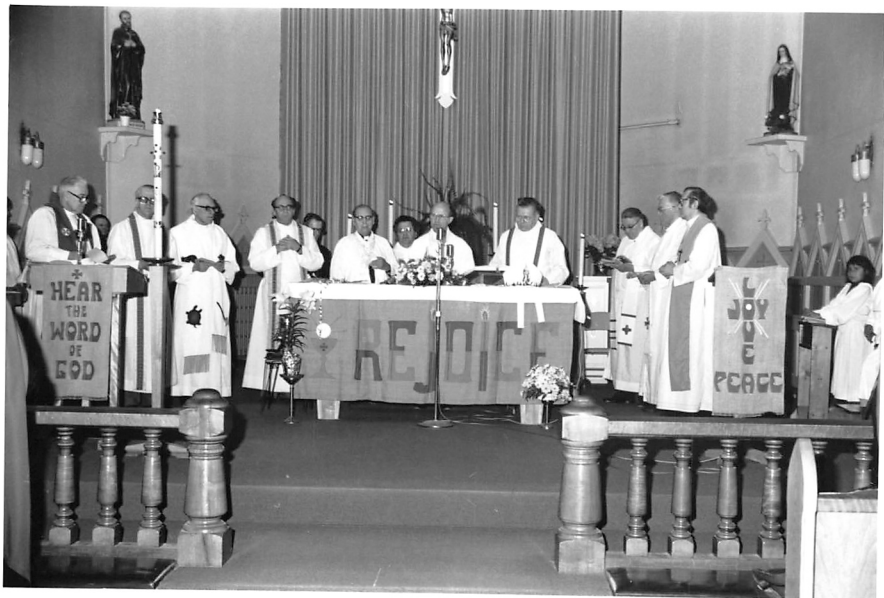
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Sr. Kateri

Fr. Henry Bechard





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David

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Jacobs

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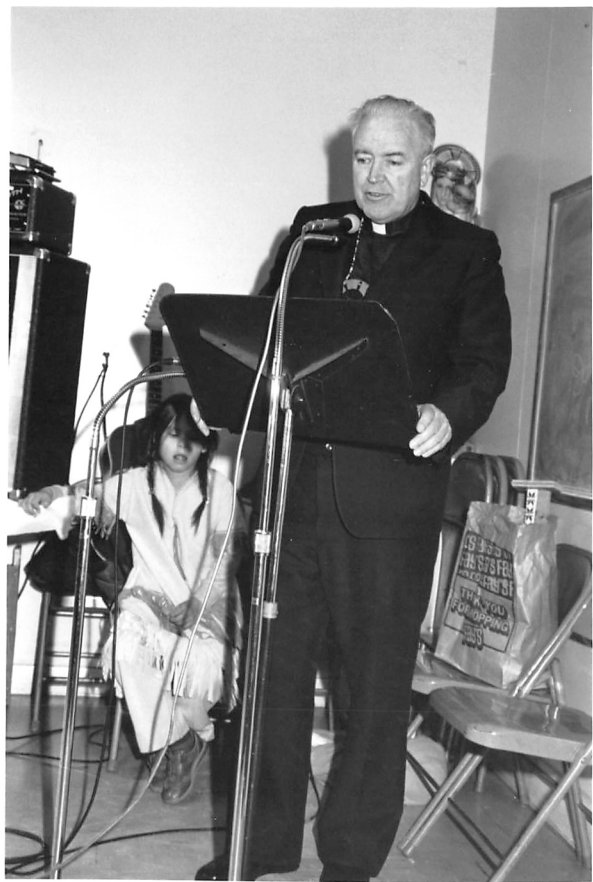
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Elizabeth  
Fr. J. Jacobs  
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Fr. J. Mc Bride



Supreme White

Dr. Thomas Eagan

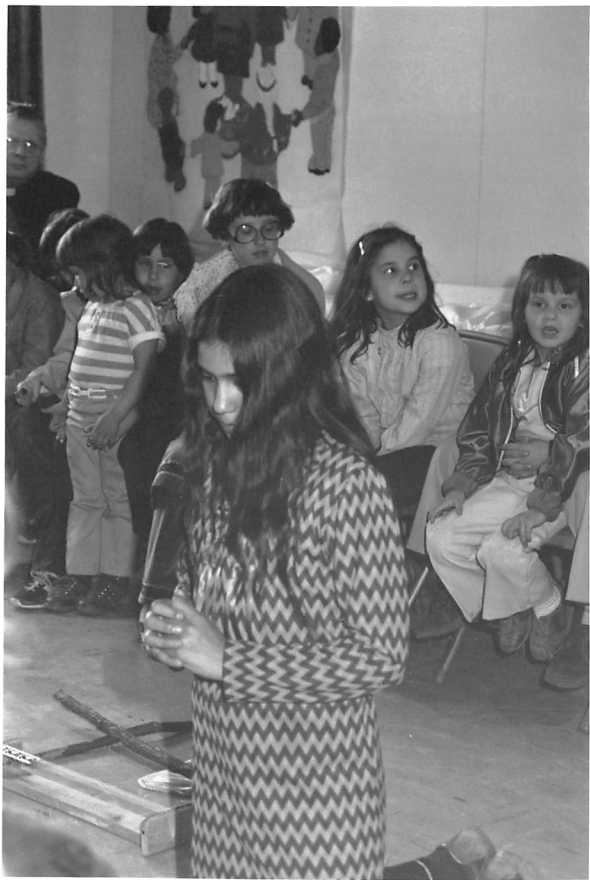


Fr. Joseph  
Mc Bride

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Fr. Julien Harvey





Dr. Brenda  
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Charlotte  
Francis

Lorraine  
White

Charlotte  
White

Kimmy Francis



Bench 6:  
Sr. Christine

Bench 5:  
Margareen  
Lazore Cecelia  
Cree

Bench 4:  
Charlotte  
Francis

Bench 3:  
Kateri  
Herne Mildred  
Ho White Annie  
Deer Theresa  
Sunday

Bench 2:  
Melissa  
Francis Susan Sella  
Cook Lazore Christie  
Lazore

Bench 1:  
Tammy amanda  
White Adams Laura  
Lazore



Gifts to the Pope

6/22/80

Is this the Kateri relic?

Mohawk bonnet on the  
right

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6/23/80

Mass of Thanksgiving at  
the North American College  
Cardinal Krol, chief celebrant

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6/25/80

Wednesday  
General Audience of  
Pope John Paul II  
in St. Peter's Square

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Native Americans waiting for  
private audience with the Pope

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Private Reception  
with the Pope

6/22/80

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Private audience with

Pope John Paul II

6/21/80

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