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Road to Canonization

TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE NATIONAL CENTER NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Friends of Kateri Tekakwitha ,

Have you taken time to see the meaningful signs in nature lately? The beautiful night sky displayed the panoramic light of grandmother moon in its fullness. This light shone above us reminded me of the sacred journey we are all called to travel during our lifetime. We each have a daily walk with our Creator God and a deep connection with our sister, Kateri Tekakwitha. Kateri has walked her talk with her God and has come full circle. On October 21st our Holy Mother Church will honor and proclaim her to the world as the First Indigenous North American Saint. We eagerly await that moment in our history as Indigenous on this continent.

Meanwhile, we have many of our people on the East Coast looking forward to welcome you in Albany, New York at the Holiday Inn or Best Western, both on Wolf Road, and preparing the two Kateri Tekakwitha sites for our Saturday Pilgrimage to Fonda and Auriesville where together we will celebrate the 73rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference. 'Let us rejoice and be glad' for this year 2012 is very special for all of Kateri's faithful friends.

As plans begin to unfold for us who will be attending the canonization pilgrimage, may we with grateful hearts prepare for this historical moment in the Catholic Church and especially among the Indigenous Catholics in North America. Let us remember many of our elders who have prayed and made many sacrifices during their life here on Mother Earth to be ready with luggage all packed and ready to travel to the canonization ceremony which would elevate their dear elder sister, Kateri Tekakwitha to sainthood. In our joy, let us remember all of them who have prayed and played a significant role to bring us to this exciting time in our history as Indigenous Catholics in our Roman Catholic Church.

Together, let us celebrate the full circle of life that Kateri Tekakwitha walked for her people and prayerfully continued to give honor and glory to her Creator God despite obstacles and challenges she faced daily. During this Lenten Season, let us continue to be inspired and led by her to celebrate this Easter Sunday like no other in the past. A blessed Easter to all!

In Christ through Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession , we pray.

Sister Kateri Mitchell
Mohawk

Sister Kateri Mitchell

Executive Director

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2011/2012

Executive Officers:

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2012 Goals set by the Board of Directors
for the Tekakwitha Conference
(non-profit religious organization)

- Develop a strong Youth Program for each Annual Conference and at the local levels
- Challenge to all adults to bring a new conference attendee to each annual conference
- Invite new members to join local Kateri Circles
- By 2013 increase Tekakwitha Conference Membership by 10%

Next Board of Directors Meeting: July during the 73rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference in Albany

Canonization

October 21st 2012

St Peter's Square, Vatican City

Join us in Rome for the canonization of our blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

There will be an official pilgrimage with the Black and Indian Mission & The Tekakwitha Conference to Rome.

There is a 7 or 11 day pilgrimage to Rome operated by Renaissance Group

For more information please feel free to contact us at:

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Email : tekconf@gmail.com
On the Web: http://tekconf.org/Canonization.php

YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

WINTER 2012

The Friends of Kateri Tekakwitha Fund donations to date have been invested in CDs as a special restricted Savings Account. This Special Fund began at the *2003 Annual Tekakwitha Conference*. Our goal is to build up the principal to one million dollars ($1,000,000) or more to insure the on-going operation of this National/International organization, the Tekakwitha Conference.

As of February 13, 2012 your generous contributions total: $164,973.56

Through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha, we pray for all of our generous benefactors of the Friends of Kateri Tekakwitha Fund who individually contribute monthly, annually, and with the Annual Conference registration. One Kateri Circle has pledged monthly donations; another Circle holds an annual Kateri Auction during the Conference; some conference attendees donate items for the on site Annual Tekakwitha Conference Raffle . To all of you, we say, **THANK YOU!** May you be blessed abundantly.

You can make a difference.

Be a partner in the mission of Evangelization with the Tekakwitha Conference.

The Tekakwitha Conference is a 501 (c)(3) Religious Non-Profit Organization.

PLEASE CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION TO :
THE RESTRICTED FRIENDS OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA FUND

I, the undersigned, make this donation/pledge to the Friends of Kateri Tekakwitha Fund.

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Great Falls, MT 59406-6768

Our EIN number will be provided for tax purposes upon receipt of your donation.

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Kateri Tekakwitha expressed the following hours before her death:

"KO NON RON KWA KA RON IA KE"
("I will love you in heaven.")
"ON KON IE NA WA SE"
("I will help you.")
"ON KIN IA TE RON NA ION A SE"
("I will pray for you")

Credit: Tekakwitha Holy Native, Mohawk Virgin
Page 17
Compiled by: Reverend Edward Sherman

PRAYER INTENTIONS

An Official Canonization is being composed which will have an Imprimatur

Prayer Requests For Favors and Healing through the Intercession of Blessed Kateri

For a closer walk with our Lord during this Lenten Season
For greater justice and peace to all peoples of the world
For the gift of deeper prayer and true peace
That the Church be a living witness of the Creator's love for all.
2012 Annual Tekakwitha Conference Planning Committee Members
For all preparing for the Pilgrimage for the Canonization
Susan McPherson, AL, reoccurrence of cancer
Denny Family, Bruce Sr., Wanda, Sons, Daughters and their spouses
Carol Francis, successful surgery
Husband of Brenda Morin, diagnosed with cancer
Tammy Calf Robe, MT

Members who returned to our Creator God

Archbishop Robert Sanchez – NM
Cleo Rutherford – MT, Mother-in-law of Mardelle Fromm
Margaret Paulmann – NY
Nancy Powers – AL
Phillip Riley – NM
Sarah Hassenplug – NY
Shirley Duran – NM
Cardinal John Patrick Foley - PA
Sister Francella Griggs - OR
Cardinal Bevilacqua - PA

Receive Lord, all who have died with hope to be united with you

Prayers of Thanksgiving

For the First Class Miracle attributed to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha approved by our Holy Father on December 19, 2011
For all people who have come to know the faith journey of Blessed Kateri
For all who have received favors and a reawakening in their own faith life through Blessed Kateri
Favors received for health of body, mind and spirit

Psalm 66:1-3

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

We pray in thanksgiving to Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI for his approval of the first class miracle and the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha, and to Father Paul Molinari SJ, Postulator (Rome), and Monsignor Paul Lenz, US Vice-Postulator (D.C.) for their many hours and years of work for the cause of Kateri Tekakwitha's Sainthood.

With gratitude to the Arch-Diocese of Seattle, Archbishop Brunet, and Bishop Tyson who worked with Monsignor Lenz by providing the resources to introduce the case of Jacob Finkbonner (Lummi Nation, Washington) as a potential first class miracle to the cause of saints in Rome.

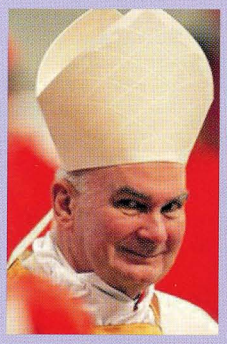
Liturgical Feasts and Special Days

March
3 St. Katharine Drexel
4 2nd Sunday of Lent
5 St. John Joseph of God
11 3rd Sunday of Lent
17 St. Patrick
19 St. Joseph – spouse of our Blessed Mother
25 4th Sunday in Lent
26 Annunciation of the Lord

April
1 Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion
5 Holy Thursday
6 Good Friday
7 Holy Saturday
8 Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord
15 2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of the Divine Mercy
22 3rd Sunday of Easter
25 St. Mark
29 4th Sunday of Easter
17 St. Patrick

May
2 St. Athanasius
3 Sts. Phillip and James
6 5th Sunday of Easter
13 6th Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day
17 The Ascension of the Lord (Proper)
20 7th Sunday of Easter—The Ascension of the Lord
27 Pentecost Sunday
28 Memorial Day
31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In Memoriam

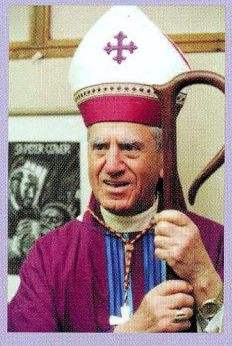


Cardinal John P. Foley

John Patrick Foley (November 11, 1935 – December 11, 2011[1][2]) was an American Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. From 2007 until 2011, he was Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, an order of knighthood under papal protection, having previously served as President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications from 1984 to 2007. He was elevated to the cardinalate in 2007. He provided the commentary for the American television viewers of the Christmas Midnight Mass from St Peter's Basilica, Rome.

Sister Francella Mary Griggs

Sister Francella Mary Griggs (February 5, 1920 - January 7, 2012) was the eldest member at the 2011 Conference. She was a longtime teacher who worked throughout the 1970s to help the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians regain its federal status, a symbol that guaranteed health services and social programs for the tribe's members, which now number 4,500.



Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua

Anthony Joseph Bevilacqua (June 17, 1923 – January 31, 2012) was an American cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. He served asArchbishop of Philadelphia from 1988 to 2003, having previously served as Bishop of Pittsburgh. He was created a cardinal in 1991.

Tekakwitha Conference Goes Digital

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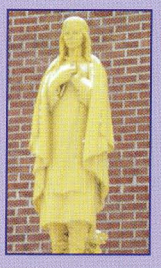
Tekakwitha Conference is now on Facebook!

Follow our page to stay up to date on events happening in Kateri Country

Find us at Facebook.com/TekConf



Exciting new things are happening on the Tekakwitha Conference Website!

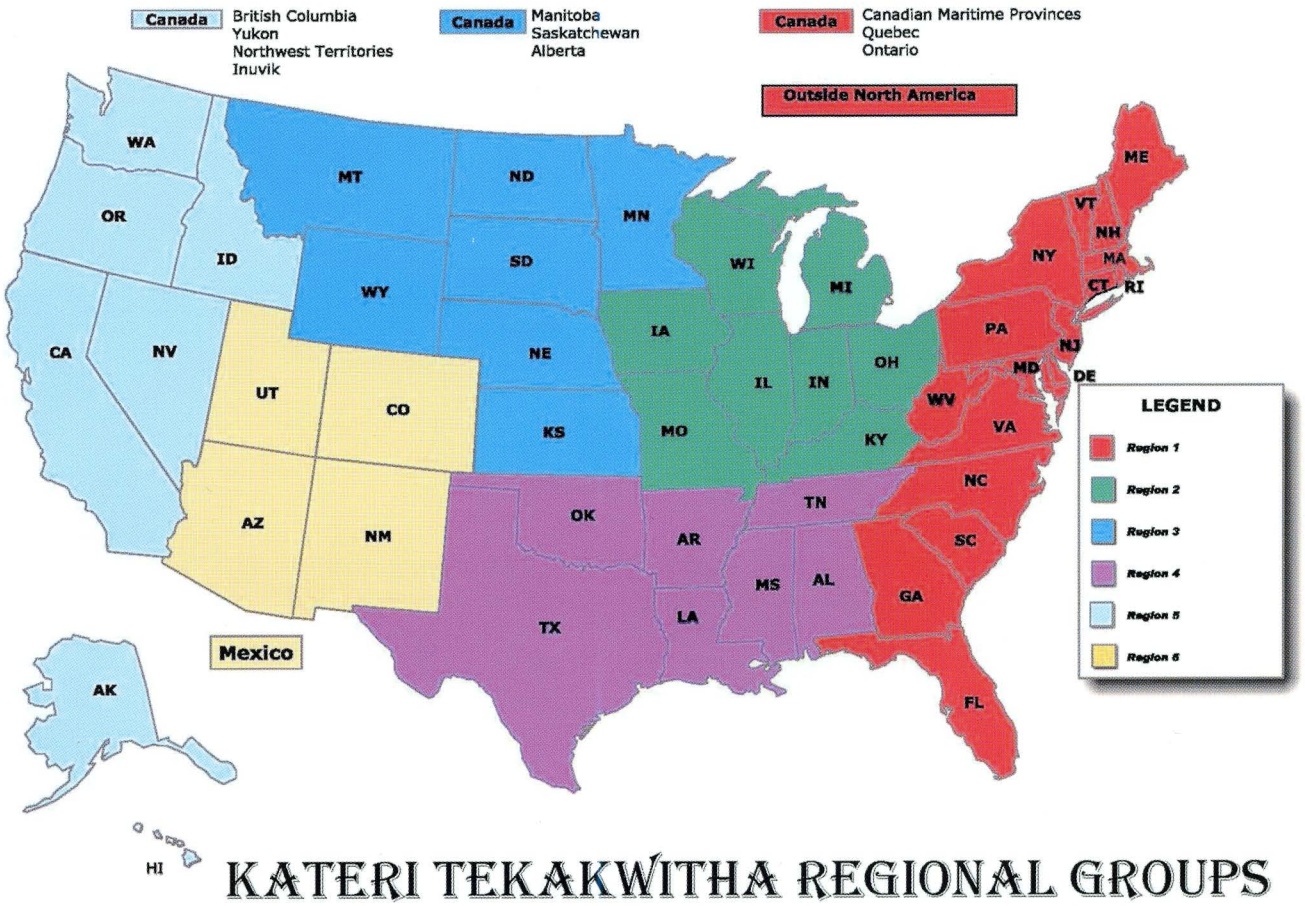
http://www.tekconf.org

Check out the new features!

- Online Donations with Credit/Debit through PayPal
- Online up to date information:
  - Visit the website to get the most accurate up-to-date information on the Tekakwitha Conference.

More features coming soon!

Our Six Regions



KATERI TEKAKWITHA REGIONAL GROUPS

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
Connecticut	Iowa	Kansas	Alabama	Alaska	Arizona
Delaware	Illinois	Minnesota	Arkansas	California	Colorado
Florida	Indiana	Montana	Louisiana	Hawaii	New Mexico
Georgia	Kentucky	Nebraska	Mississippi	Idaho	Utah
Maine	Michigan	North Dakota	Oklahoma	Nevada	Mexico
Maryland	Missouri	South Dakota	Tennessee	Oregon	
Massachusetts	Ohio	Wyoming	Texas	Washington	
New Hampshire	Wisconsin	Alberta		British Columbia	
New Jersey		Manitoba		Yukon	
New York		Saskatchewan		Northwest Territories	
North Carolina				Inuvik	
Pennsylvania					
Rhode Island					
South Carolina					
Vermont					
Virginia					
West Virginia					
Canadian Maritime Provinces					
Quebec					
Ontario					
Outside North America					

PLEASE NOTE THE REGION YOU ARE LOCATED IN. REGIONS WILL BE USED WHEN NOMINATING AND VOTING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DURING THIS 2012 ELECTION YEAR.

Kateri Circles by Region

Active Paid Adult & Youth Kateri Circle Membership

Region 1

Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Canadian Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Outside North America

Kateri Circle	City	State
Caring for Mother Earth Kateri Circle	Dunnellon	FL
Many Nations Kateri Circle	Apollo Beach	FL
Akwesasne Kateri Prayer Circle	Akwesasne	NY
Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St. Lucy's	Syracuse	NY
Raleigh Area Kateri Circle	Raleigh	NC

Region 2

Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin

Kateri Circle	City	State
Lily of the Mohawks, NE Iowa	Peosta	IA
Anawim Kateri Circle	Chicago	IL
Miami Lilies Kateri Circle	Ft. Wayne	IN

Region 3

Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta.

Kateri Circle	City	State
Holy Family Kateri Circle	Duluth	MN
St Thomas Perish Kateri Circle	Mission	SD
CR Kateri Circle	Eagle Butte	SD

Region 4

Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas

Kateri Circle	City	State
St. Charles the Roch Kateri Circle	Montegut	LA
Holy Family Kateri Circle	Dulac	LA
Pawnee Kateri Circle	Pawnee	OK

Region 5

Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Inuvik

Kateri Circle	City	State
St. Joseph Mission Church Kateri Circle	San Jacinto	CA
Native Americans By The Sea	Redondo Beach	CA
Nez Perce Kateri Circle	Lapwai	ID
Emerald City Kateri Circle	Seattle	WA
Kateri Friendship Circle	Pendleton	OR

Region 6

Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Mexico

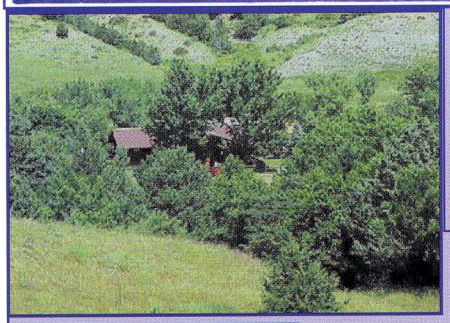
Kateri Circle	City	State
Phoenix Inter-Tribal Kateri Circle	Phoenix	AZ
St. Michael's Kateri Circle	St. Michaels	AZ
Queen of Angels Kateri Circle	Albuquerque	NM
Immaculate Heart of Mary Kateri Circle	Page	AZ
St. Lucy Kateri Circle	Gila Bend	NM
Kateri Tekakwitha Circle	San Juan Pueblo	NM
Fort Duchesne Kateri Circle	Salt Lake City	UT

Our toll free 800 number, 800-842-9635, is answered only during business hours. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time

Our 406-727-0147 number is available for messages anytime.

This is a list of the annual ***paid members*** of Kateri Circles for the Tekakwitha Conference. (January 1st, 2012 - December 31st, 2012) If you have any questions or concerns about your Kateri Circle please email: tekconf@gmail.com or call: 406-727-0147 or 1-800-842-9635.

Upcoming Events



BASIC DIRECTIONS IN NATIVE MINISTRY

Sioux Spiritual Center
Plainview, South Dakota
June 18-25, 2012

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FAX: 605-985-5908
E-Mail ssc@gwtc.net

A seven-day institute for personnel who are beginning or engaged in Native American ministry will be held at the Sioux Spiritual Center in Plainview, South Dakota. The institute is sponsored by the National Tekakwitha Conference. It will begin on Monday, June 18, 2012, at 6:00 PM (Mountain Daylight Time) with supper and end on Monday, June 25 at 11:00 AM, with departures to the Rapid City airport after lunch.

Airport shuttle service will only be available at these times: pick up ONLY on Monday afternoon, June 18. *Please schedule your flight to arrive at Rapid City Regional Airport between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM.* The return to the airport is ONLY on Monday, June 25 (schedule your departing flight no earlier than 1:00 PM). The cost of the round-trip shuttle service – in addition to tuition -- is $50.00, payable in advance or upon arrival at the Center. Call the Director about your travel plans, if you have questions.

There will be 31 hours of class work associated with the workshop. Speakers will cover topics that include missiology, anthropology, liturgy, catechetics, collaborative ministry, Native culture and religion, and principles of recovery using AA. Native speakers involved in catechetics, parish administration, and youth ministry will discuss their work. Although the institute will take place in a Lakota setting, it will develop basic principles of inculturation that can be used in approaching any culture.

Space is limited. Enrollment will be closed after 22 people who apply have been accepted. The cost for the institute is $800.00. This includes room (double occupancy), meals and materials. A $50.00 deposit is required with the application along with a letter of recommendation from the applicant's pastor or supervisor. The letter must provide information on the applicant's current or future ministry with Native people. The deposit is non-refundable after May 15. Please make your check payable to the *Sioux Spiritual Center.*

We invite you to become a member and join the Tekakwitha Conference Family.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

We are grateful for the prayers and your financial support through your annual membership to the Tekakwitha Conference.

55 years & over: $20.00 **18-54 years: $25.00** **Seniors/Adults 18 & over (outside USA): $25.00**
Kateri Circles: $25.00 **Arch/Dioceses: $50.00** **All Organizations: $50.00**

_____ New Member _____ Renewal Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Name:_____ Home #: ( )_____

Mailing Address: _____ Cell #: ( )_____

City:_____ ST/Prov _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email address: _____ Tribe/Nation _____ Arch/Diocese: _____

Person who invited me to become a member: Name:_____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

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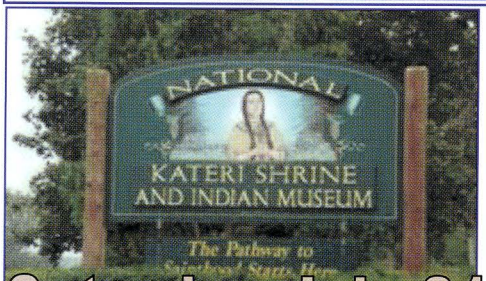
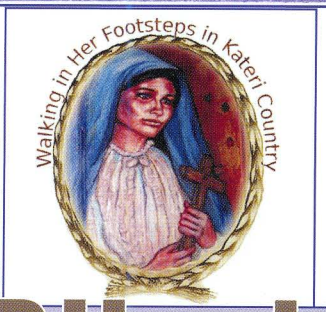
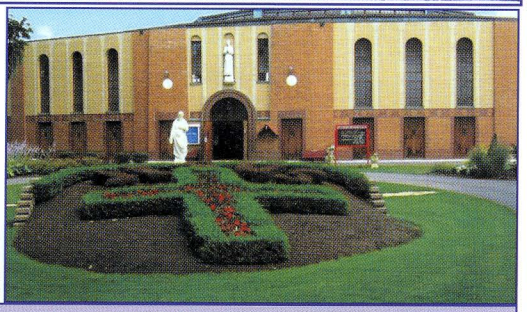
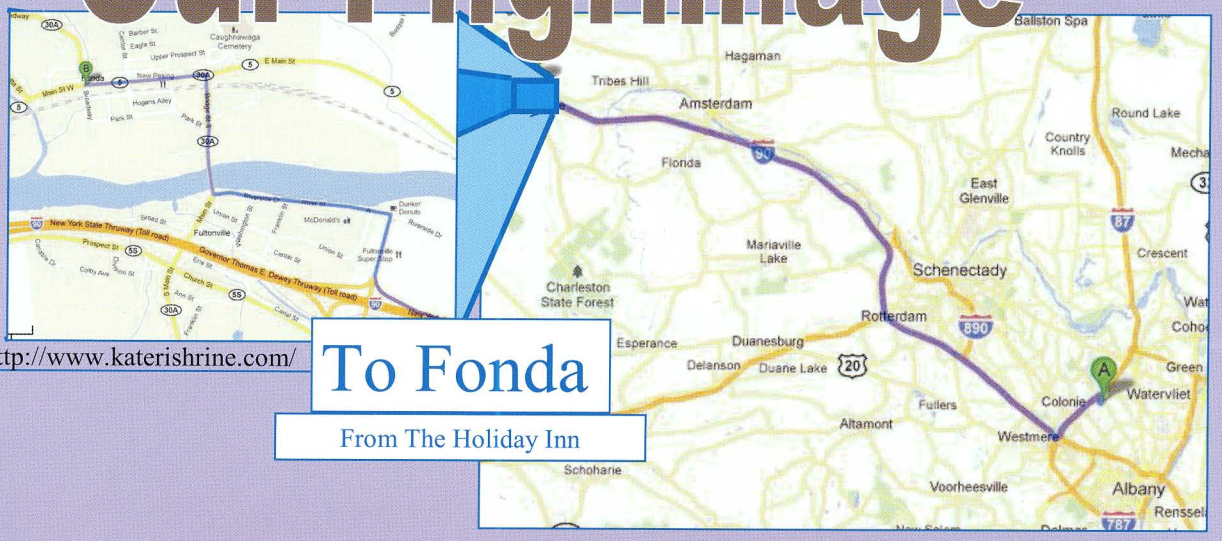






Saturday July 21

Our Pilgrimage



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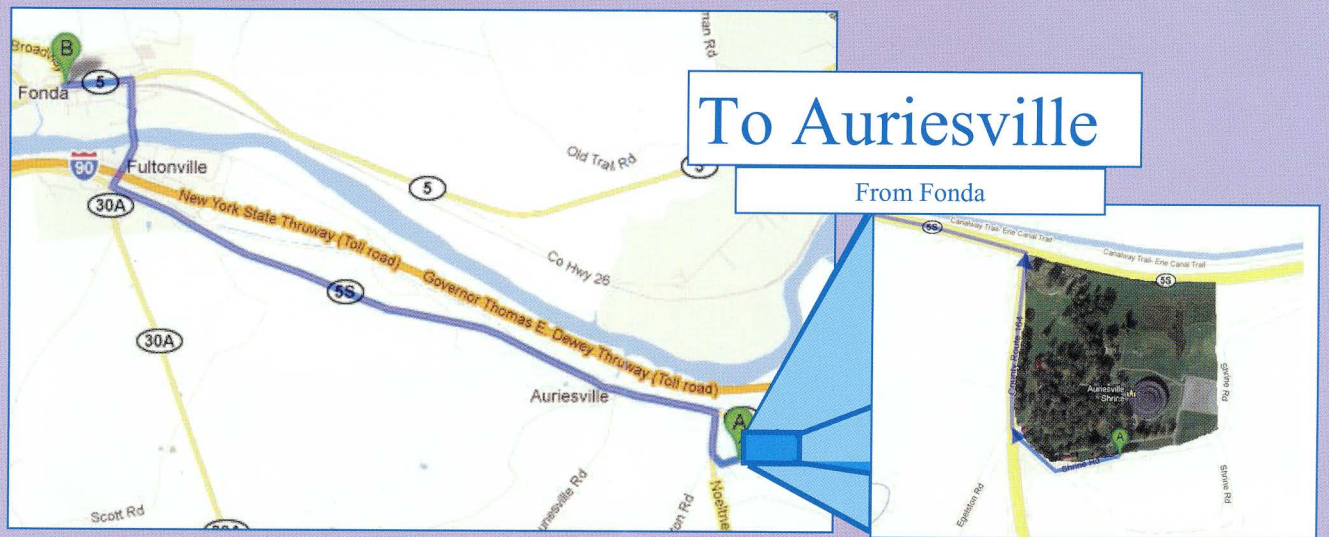
To Fonda

From The Holiday Inn

To Auriesville

From Fonda



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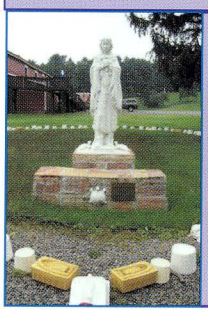


MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FUTURE ANNUAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE DATES/SITES

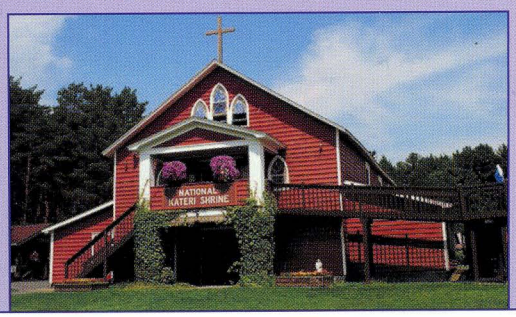
2013 July 17-21, El Paso, Texas
2014 75th Anniversary, July 23-27, Fargo, North Dakota
2015 July 22-26, Alexandria, Louisiana

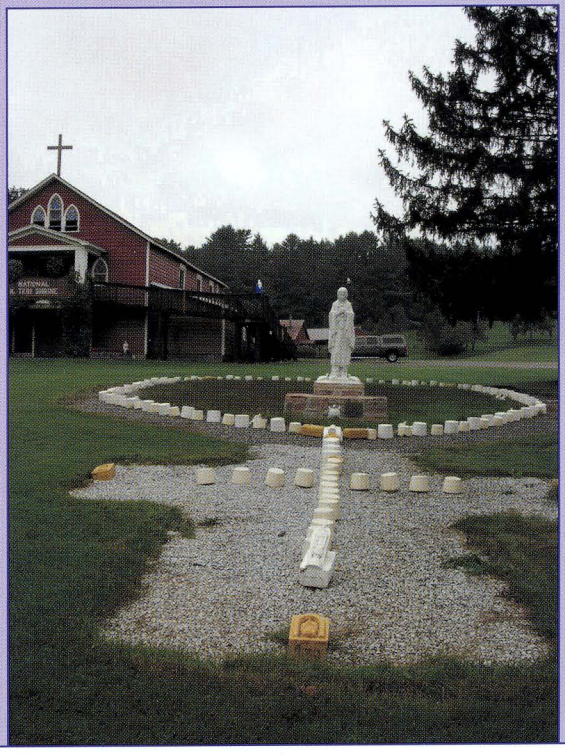
CONFERENCE 2012

Fonda

http://goo.gl/aE2mv

1 - Chapel and Museum
2 - Grassmann Hall
3 - Pavilion
4 - Bell Tower
5 - Gift Shop
6 - New Longhouse
7 - Retreat House and Friary
8 - Stations of the cross





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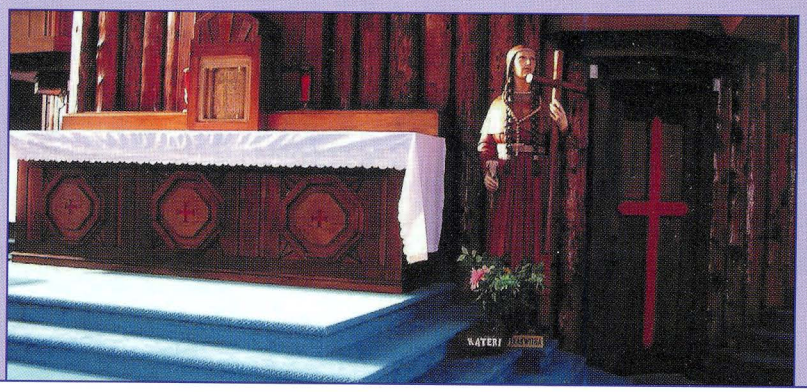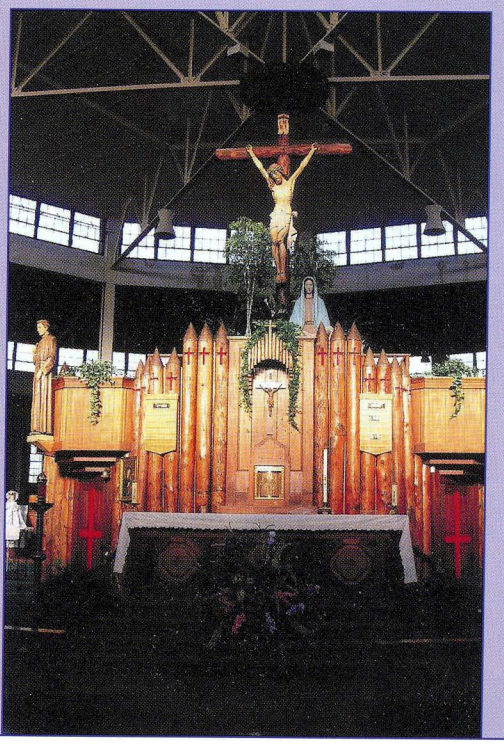
1 - Coliseum Church
2 - Visitor Center
3 - Picnic Pavilion
4 - LaLande Jesuit Residence & Cemetery
5 - Welcome Center & Gift Shop
6 - Esplanade & Stations of the Cross