

Walking in Her Footsteps in Kateri Country

73RD ANNUAL TEKAKWITHA



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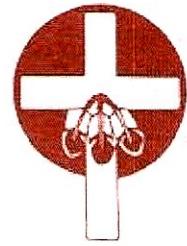
CONFERENCE

July 18-22, 2012



TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Affirming our faith as Native American Catholics
under the Protection of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha



Dear Friends of Our Patroness,

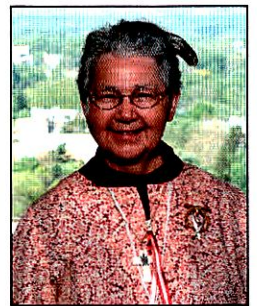
Welcome to the 73rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference in the land of our Patroness Kateri Tekakwitha. We are invited to "Walk in her Footsteps in Kateri Country". Blessed Kateri received the gift of life and the gift of her faith in baptism along the Mohawk River and the Mohawk Valley in what is now Central New York State.

As her brothers and sisters, Kateri Tekakwitha continues to call each one to walk with her for greater harmony toward a deeper faith experience with God. As you journey with Blessed Kateri on the land of her Mohawk/Iroquois people, I pray that it will be a time of blessing and healing for you.

May the days you spend in Albany, Auriesville and Fonda be refreshing, relaxing, deepening friendships and making new ones. This time together will also offer you new opportunities, new insights about our Kateri Tekakwitha and her early ministry of evangelization as catechist, healer, comforter to the elders, the sick and dying. She is a model of prayer, forgiveness and reconciliation.

When you leave the sacred ground of her birthplace and baptismal place, invite her to walk with you in your daily life, so that you can remain open to the Spirit of God and encounter Jesus the Christ in the Eucharist to nourish your body, mind and spirit from each sunrise to sunset.

As you travel back to your homeland, may you have pleasant memories of the special blessing and privilege it was to walk with Kateri Tekakwitha on the land of her ancestors. With great anticipation and joy she will be canonized by our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. The whole Universal Catholic Church will rejoice and give tribute to our first Indigenous Saint of North America.



With praise and thanksgiving,

Sister Kateri Mitchell, SSA

Sister Kateri Mitchell, SSA (Mohawk)
Executive Director



Hi, Friends, Family and Members of now Blessed Kateri, soon to be Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,

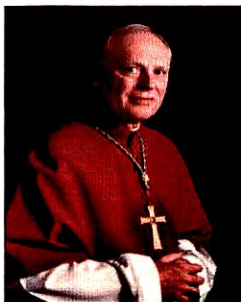
I would like to extend a very warm and Blessed welcome to our 2012 Tekakwitha Conference. What a welcoming time to be at this conference, to witness the miracle of our first Native American to be canonized as a Saint. I hope and pray that her sainthood will be a blessing to all of us. I would like to acknowledge all of our past friends, family, and members who have gone to be with the Lord but are not forgotten. Thank you for sharing your faith, for without your perseverance in prayer this moment would not have happened. This 73rd conference will be the first conference that will be uplifting and it will take us to a new level of prayer, faith, hope, and love.

God bless all of you,

Pierre Solet

Pierre Solet (Houma/Choctaw)
Board of Directors, Chair

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Welcome Visitors of Albany,

What wonderful news it was that the 2012 Tekakwitha Conference would be meeting in the Diocese of Albany during the year of Blessed Kateri's Canonization. As the proceedings commence, I extend to all Conference participants a warm and joyful welcome.

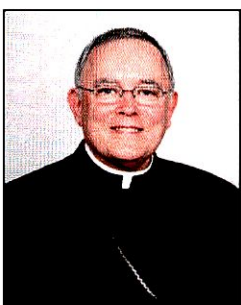
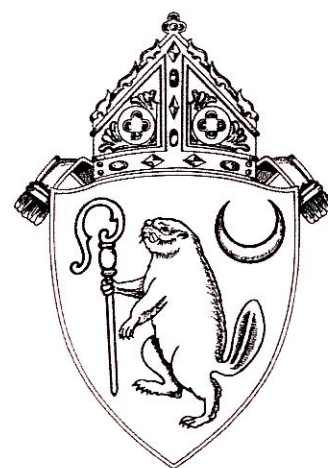
The excellent work of the Conference towards the promotion of unity, identity, and evangelization among Native American Catholics is truly commendable. We, of the Albany Diocese are proud to be chosen as the site of this year's meeting. It is indeed a gift of God to live in the Homeland of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

May the joy and peace of the Risen Savior be with you and all members of the Tekakwitha Conference on this, its 73rd year.

With every best wish for a most memorable occasion.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard
Bishop of Albany



Dear Friends in Christ,

As the Episcopal Moderator of the Tekakwitha Conference, I welcome each and every one of you to Albany, New York, for the 73rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference.

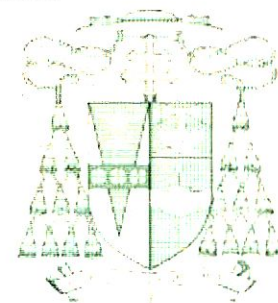
This year has unique importance as we rejoice in the news of the October Canonization of our Patroness, Kateri Tekakwitha. It's especially fitting that we're gathering in Kateri Country where we will actually walk in her footsteps along the Mohawk River and in the Mohawk Valley where she and her people once lived.

As we reflect on this year's theme, "Walking in Her Footsteps in Kateri Country," may we all experience this as a time of blessing for ourselves, our families, our friends and for all people.

May God bless each of you. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, and please keep me in yours.

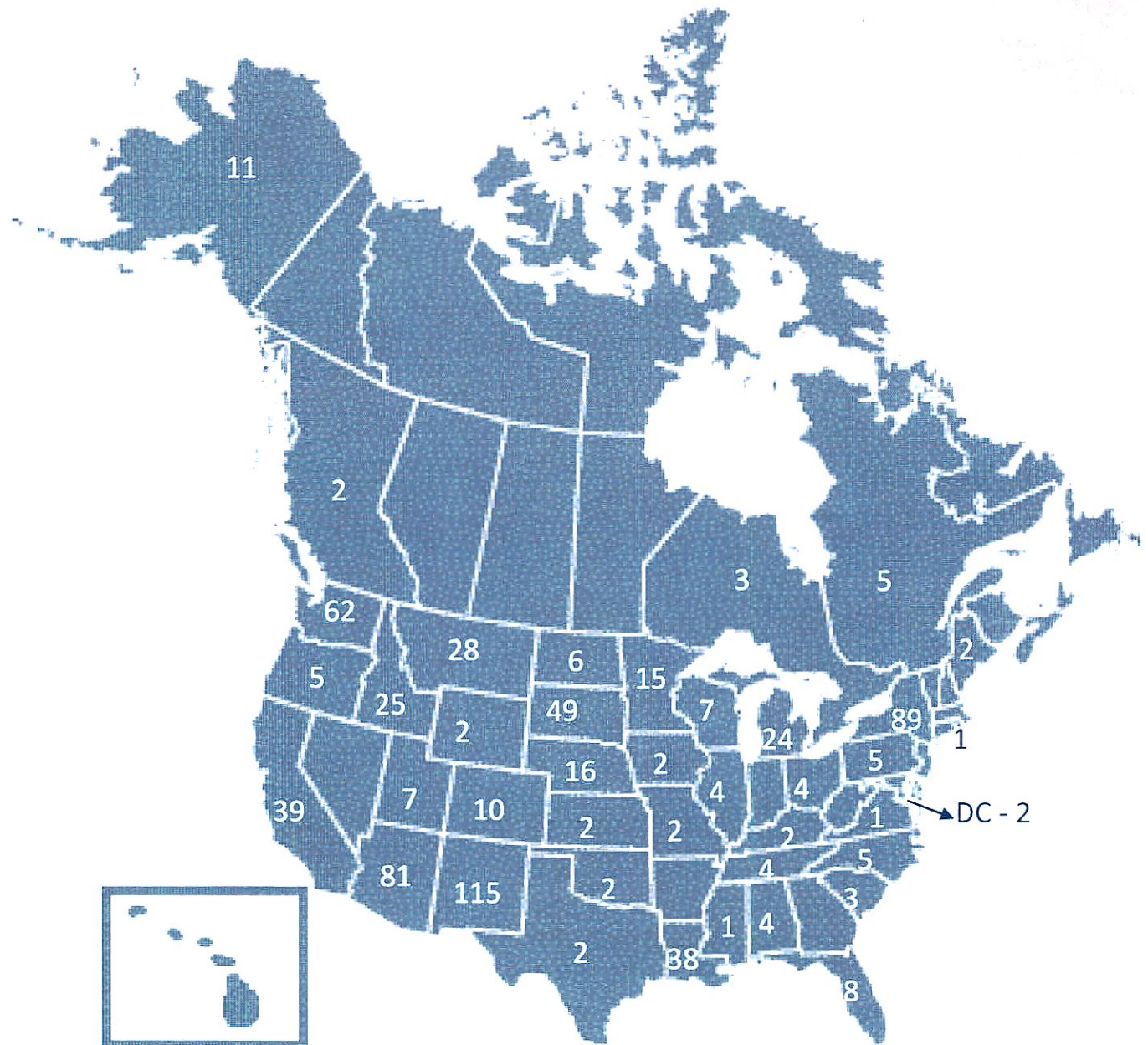
Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. (Prairie Band of Potawatomi)
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Conference Membership Maps

United States	1,090
Canada	18
United Kingdom	2
Australia	2
Italy	1





Conference Locations

1939	Fargo, ND
1940-1976	North and South Dakota
1977-1978	Rapid City, SD
1979	Yankton, SD
1980	Denver, CO
1981	Albuquerque, NM
1982	Spokane, WA
1983	Collegeville, MN
1984	Phoenix, AZ
1985	Syracuse, NY
1986	Bozeman, MT
1987	Phoenix, AZ
1988	Bozeman, MT
1989	Fargo, ND
1990	Tucson, AZ
1991	Norman, OK
1992	Orono, ME
1993	Seattle, WA
1994	Bemidji, MN
1995	Potsdam, NY
1996	Albuquerque, NM
1997	Milwaukee, WI
1998	Memphis, TN
1999	Spokane, WA
2000	Lincoln, NE
2001	San Diego, CA
2002	East Lansing, MI
2003	Sioux Falls, SD
2004	El Paso, TX
2005	Tucson, AZ
2006	Burien, WA
2007	Baltimore, MD
2008	Edmonton, AB
2009	Raleigh, NC
2010	Albuquerque, NM
2011	Tucson, AZ
2012	Albany, NY
2013	El Paso, TX
2014	Fargo, ND
2015	Alexandria, LA
2016	San Mateo County, CA
2017	Wichita Kansas

Active Kateri Circles

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 Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Outside North America

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
St. Regis Kateri Circle	Hogansbutg	NY
Nittany Kateri Circle	Aaronsburg	PA
Warrior Creek Kateri Circle	Greenville	SC

Region 2

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

St. Francis Solanus Tekakwitha Circle	Stone Lake	WI
Kateri Center of Chicago	Chicago	IL
Lily of the Mohawks, NE Iowa	Peosta	IA
Miami Lilies Kateri Circle	Ft. Wayne	IN
Marquette Kateri Circle	Marquette	MI
Eagletown Kateri Circle	Suttons Bay	MI

Region 3

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

Holy Family Kateri Circle	Duluth	MN
St. Thomas Parish Kateri Circle	Mission	SD
Cheyenne River Kateri Circle	Eagle Butte	SD
St. Augustine's Mission Kateri Circle	Winnebago	NE
Hays/Lodge Pole Kateri Circle	Hays	MT
St. Joseph and St. Mary Kateri Circle	Fort Thompson	SD
Wanahcha Ska Win Kateri Circle	Pine Ridge	SD
White Earth Area Kateri Circle	White Earth	MN
Kateri Club	Marty	SD

Region 4

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

St. Charles the Roch Kateri Circle	Montegut	LA
Holy Family Kateri Circle	Dulac	LA
Pawnee Kateri Circle	Pawnee	OK
91st Kateri Circle	Birmingham	AL
Circle of the River	Memphis	TN
St. Brigid's Kateri Circle	Tahlequah	OK

By Region

Region 5

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

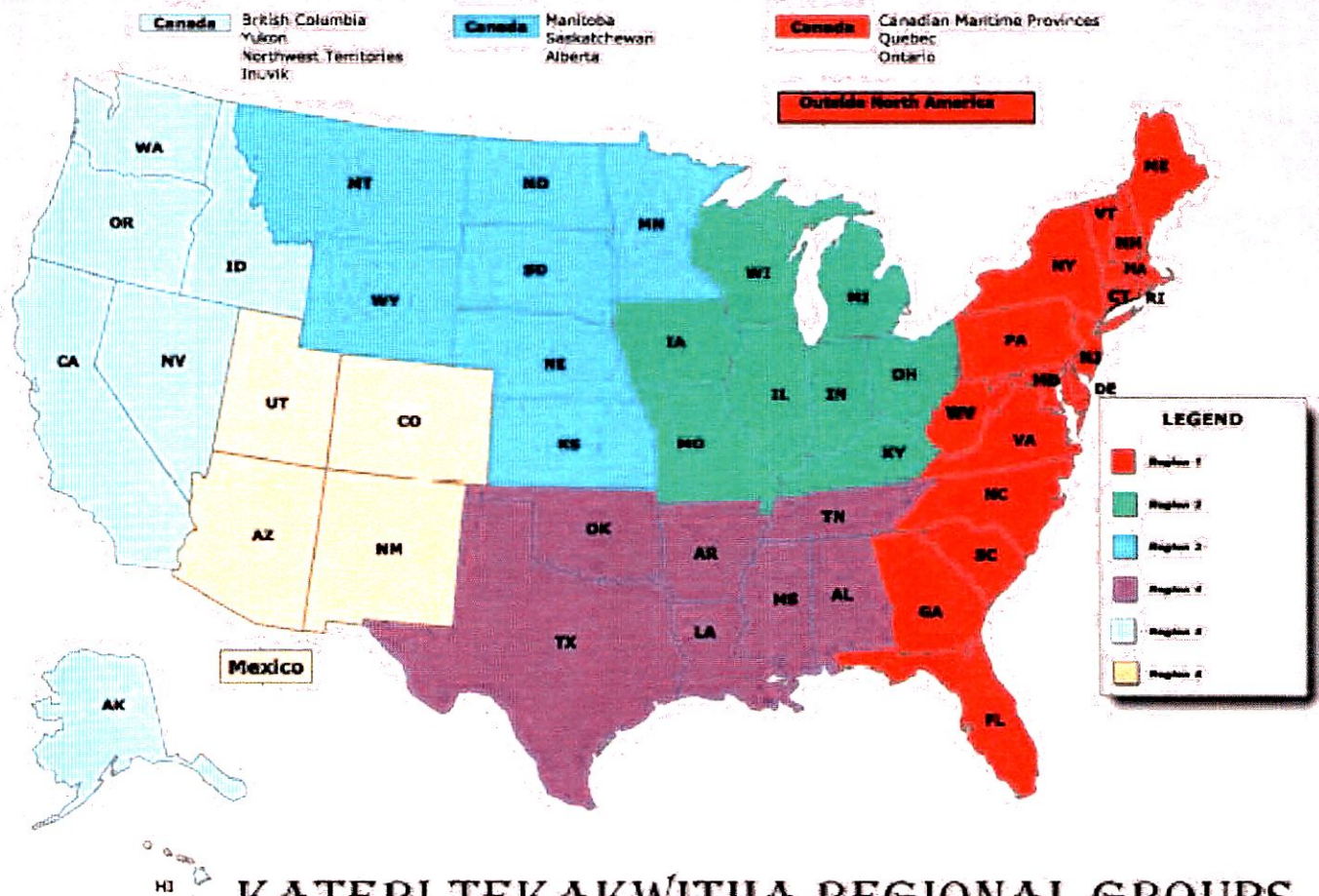
St. Joseph Mission Church Kateri Circle	San Jacinto	CA
Native Americans By The Sea	Redondo Beach	CA
Nez Perce Kateri Circle	Lapwai	ID
Kateri Friendship Circle	Pendleton	OR
Our Lady of the Snow Kateri Circle	Anchorage	AK
City of the Angels Kateri Circle	Los Angeles	CA
Central California Kateri Circle	Fresno	CA
City of Roses Kateri Circle	Gresham	OR
St. Leo's Kateri Circle	Tacoma	WA
Aurora Lights Kateri Circle	Anchorage	AK
Interior Star Kateri Circle	Fairbanks	AK
Emerald City Kateri Circle	Seattle	WA
Holy Eagle Feather Kateri Circle	Lakewood	WA
Kateri Circle Yakima Reservation	Wapato	WA

Region 6

Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Mexico

Immaculate Heart of Mary Kateri Circle	Page	AZ
Phoenix Kateri Circle Association	Phoenix	AZ
St. Michael's Kateri Circle	St. Michael's	AZ
Queen of Angels Kateri Circle	Albuquerque	NM
St. Lucy Kateri Circle	Gila Bend	AZ
Blessed Tekakwitha Circle, San Juan	San Juan Pueblo	NM
Fort Duchesne Kateri Circle	Salt Lake City	UT
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Shundiin Kateri Circle	Ganado	AZ
Lukachukai Kateri Circle	Lukachukai	AZ
Tohono O'odham Kateri Tekakwitha Circle	Tucson	AZ
Laguna Kateri Circle	Paquate	NM
Kateri Catholic Community Kateri Circle	Centennial	CO
Sandia Pueblo Kateri Circle	Sandia Pueblo	NM

KATERI TEKAKWITHA REGIONAL GROUPS



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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					

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL 73rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference Participants

SELF-CONTAINED CONFERENCE SITE: Airport Holiday Inn, 205 Wolf Road (5 minutes from Airport)

Accommodations, Meals, Workshop/Breakout Rooms, General Assembly

Registration and Information: Wednesday in Phoenix Ballroom (1st Floor)

Thursday and Friday in Airport Holiday Inn Hotel Lobby

Breakfast on your own each day

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine: Stonehenge Ballroom (2nd Floor)

Sunrise Services: 5:30 AM Thursday and Friday

All Meals: Wednesday Evening Dinner; Thursday and Friday Lunches and Dinners will be served.

ATRIUM for Adults and Indoor Poolside Area for youth

***At Mealtime:** Those who purchased meals – find a place at the table, place your color coded meal ticket on table where you are seated. The waiter/waitress will pick up your meal ticket when they serve you.

***Special Diet Request tickets are red**

Refreshments: Mid-morning and Mid-afternoon Breaks - Upper Mezzanine Level

Airport Holiday Inn Hotel Parking: **No Fee**

Grand Entry: Thursday Morning - please wear your Regalia, bring your Kateri Circle/Parish Banners for the Grand Entry in the Stonehenge Ballroom (2nd Floor)

Vendors: Wednesday - Corridor outside Phoenix Ballroom (1st Floor), Thursday and Friday - Phoenix Ballroom

CELL PHONES: Please turn **OFF** during all general assemblies, liturgies, and workshops

HOSPITAL: Albany Medical Center, 43 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208-3478

PHARMACY: CVS/Pharmacy, 465 Sand Creek Road, Colonie, NY 12205

TRANSPORTATION: Airlines, Amtrak, Greyhound - if you have not given your return information, please go to Registration Information Desk - Phoenix Ballroom

FIRST AID: Board Room

***Please NO PETS during Conference Days – only Service Dogs are allowed at the Airport Holiday Inn**

Name tags required at all times during the conference

Saturday: All Day Pilgrimage to Kateri's Homeland -

Groups 1 and 2 will alternate between Fonda, NY and Auriesville, NY

*Complimentary Transportation for all 2012 Conference Participants **-NAME TAG REQUIRED-** the buses will pick-up from **Airport Holiday Inn, Best Western, Red Roof Inn and Hampton Inn Hotels ONLY** and will drop off at these four hotels on Saturday evening.

**** Complimentary Lunch and Dinner at Auriesville (NAME TAG REQUIRED)**
on Saturday will be provided by the 2012 Planning Committee .

Adult Workshops and Presenters

Presenter Name	Workshop Title	Description
Marie Allen, BSN, MPH (Navajo)	Wellness: "Staying Healthy"	Discussion of how to get an overall picture of an one's health; will provide information on exercise, healthy eating and maintaining a positive outlook on life.
Theresa Dardar (Point-au-Chien) and Joy Garland	Mother Earth, Deep Waters and Fracking	Presenters will share on the topics of drilling, fracking and mountain wasting and the effects on Mother Earth. This will be followed by discussion on what can be done about these issues.
Sister Eileen Quinlan, SND	A Women's Talking Circle	After reflection on Kateri's life, participants are invited to share experiences about Kateri as model and guide in Native Catholic women, in their families, parishes and communities. Praying the Kateri Chaplet will conclude the workshop.
Richard May and Lynn Marie Busche	Saint Kateri and the Two Hearts	Outline of the historical foundations of devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts by the French Missionaries who taught Kateri.
Darren Bonaparte (Mohawk)	The Historical Kateri Tekakwitha	An exploration of the historical materials on which the story of the "Lily of the Mohawks" is based will be the focus of this workshop.
Mark Thiel	Native Catholic Genealogy & History	How and where to find resources for genealogy and parish/family history.
Lydia Johnson (Cayuse)	What should a Kateri Spiritual Center offer you?	A description of the planned Kateri Tekakwitha Spiritual Center in WA State will be presented. Participants are free to share their requests about what would be most meaningful to them and assist them in their prayer space at the Center.
Marlene McCauley	Kateri Tekakwitha: A Healer and Princess of the Eucharist	Presentation on Kateri's passionate love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and how her healing powers flow from that love. First Class Relic available for veneration and prayer for special healing.
Larry Martin (Lac Courte Oreilles/Ojibwe)	A New Kateri Hymn	The Parish of Gichitwaa Kateri in Minneapolis has composed a new Kateri hymn using a Native musical style that celebrates the ways Kateri represents the unique values of Native American Catholics. Participants will be shown ways to create their own hymns and learn the new Kateri hymn.
Earl Dionne (Mohawk)	Faith and Culture: Healing Fire	The presenter will share his personal story of how Kateri brought healing and purpose to his life. Illustrations of artwork will be shown.
Dr. Susan Stone (Cherokee)	Early Native American Catholic Leadership	An interactive session discussing 19 th and early 20 th Century Native Priests and Religious and their influence on our personal faith journeys is the heart of this workshop.
Jerry Kooi	Turtle and the American Indian Culture	Legends of the Turtle will be presented. Finish assembly of Turtle Bags (supplies furnished) Maximum class size is 25 and there is a \$25 fee for the bags.
Deacon Joe Herrera, Jr. (Cochiti/Laguna Pueblo of NM)	Native American Ministry Evangelization Project in Archdiocese of Santa Fe	An explanation of the research to uncover the spiritual needs of Catholics living in the Pueblos of the Santa Fe Archdiocese and what we can learn from it is the focus of this workshop.
Clementine Bordeaux (Lakota)	Who is Kateri to You?	Round-table discussion about Kateri and the impact she has had on our communities and our lives. Elicit ideas about what others would like to see in a short, documentary film that will be produced about Kateri and the Conference, and how the Creator is bringing goodness to us Native Peoples and the world.

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2012 ADULT AGENDA

*The three Youth Age Groups will have their own scheduled activities during some Adult General Sessions and Breakouts, see Page 14 for Youth Agenda

Wednesday, July 18

8:00 AM – 9:00 PM Registration: Holiday Inn Phoenix Ballroom – 1st Floor

Vendors: Corridor outside Phoenix Ballroom (Wednesday Only)

5:30 PM Dinner: Atrium (Adults) and Indoor Poolside (Youth)

7:00 PM Welcome Ceremony - Stonehenge Ballroom

Emcees: Irving Papineau (Mohawk) and Board Members Pierre Solet (Houma Choctaw) and
Rufina Toledo (Jemez)

Blessing of Conference Space and Participants

Opening prayer: Four Directions - Vincent Redhouse (Navajo)

Welcome: Sister Kateri Mitchell, SSA (Mohawk), Executive Director, Tekakwitha Conference,
Great Falls, Montana
Most Reverend Ronald Herzog , Bishop of Alexandria, Louisiana,
Very Reverend Michael Farano, Vicar General for the Diocese of Albany, New York
Head Chief Randy Hart (St. Regis Mohawk Tribe) New York
Chief William (Bill) Sunday (Mohawk Council of Akwesasne) Quebec, Ontario
Tekakwitha Conference Board Chair, Pierre Solet (Houma/Choctaw)
Airport Holiday Inn Representative
Albany Visitors Bureau, Michele Vennard, President
2012 Region 1 Co-Chairs:
Theresa Steele (Algonquin)
Caroline Peters (Mohawk)
Bernice Lazore (Mohawk)

Cultural Presentation: Hotinonhsón:ni Cultural Youth Group

Announcements/Closing Prayer

Thursday, July 19

5:30 AM Sunrise Service: Joseph Enos (Tohono Od'ham) and Deacon Sidney Martin (Acoma)

8:00 AM – 9:00 PM Registration and information - Phoenix Ballroom

Vendors - Phoenix Ballroom

8:30 AM General Assembly - Stonehenge Ballroom (2nd Floor)

Emcees: Irving Papineau (Mohawk)

Board Members: Pierre Solet (Houma/Choctaw) and Rufina Toledo (Jemez)

Opening Prayer: Indigenous Religious and Clergy

Announcements: Irving Papineau - Order for Grand Entry - all remain seated until called

Grand Entry Facilitators: Harold Caldwell and Darrell Caldwell (Mohawk) and Board Member Ronald Tso (Navajo)

Emcees: Irving Papineau (Mohawk)

Board Members: Pierre Solet (Houma/Choctaw) and Rufina Toledo (Jemez)

9:30 AM Keynote Speaker: Reverend Jim Nisbet (Assiniboine/Metis), Topic: The Gift of Kateri

10:15 AM Refreshment Break

2012 ADULT AGENDA

Thursday, July 19 - Continued

10:30 -11:45 AM: Adult Workshops

- ♦ Wellness: "Staying Healthy" – Marie Allen, BSN, MPH (Navajo) - Lower Mezzanine
- ♦ Choir Practice - Tower Lounge
- ♦ Mother Earth, Deep Waters and Fracking – Theresa Dardar (Point-au-Chien) and Joy Garland - Stonehenge C
- ♦ A Women's Talking Circle – Sister Eileen Quinlan, SND - Stonehenge B

12:00 PM LUNCH: Atrium (Adults) and Indoor Poolside (Youth)

1:15 – 2:30 PM: Adult Workshops

- ♦ Saint Kateri and the Two Hearts - Richard May and Lynn Marie Busche - Stonehenge A/D
- ♦ Who is Kateri to you? - Clementine Bordeaux (Lakota) - Lower Mezzanine
- ♦ Choir Practice - Tower Lounge
- ♦ The Historical Kateri Tekakwitha – Darren Bonaparte (Mohawk) - Stonehenge B
- ♦ Native Catholic Genealogy & History – Mark Thiel -Stonehenge C

2:30 PM: Refreshment Break

2:45 – 3:45 PM: Tekakwitha Conference Board of Directors addresses the General Assembly - Stonehenge

4:00 PM LITURGY: Main Celebrant – Most Reverend Terry LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg, New York

5:30 PM DINNER: Atrium (Adults) and Indoor Poolside (Youth)

7:00 PM Reconciliation and Healing Service: Brother John Hascall, OFM, Cap (Ojibway) and Deacon Ronald Boyer (Ojibwa), Music Ministry by Marcus Briggs-Cloud (Miccosukee/ Maskoke) and Vince Redhouse (Navajo) - Stonehenge Ballroom

Friday, July 20

5:30 AM Sunrise Service: Bernice Lazore (Mohawk)

8:00 AM– 5:00 PM Registration and Information - Phoenix Ballroom

Vendors - Phoenix Ballroom

8:30 AM General Assembly: Emcees: Irving Papineau (Mohawk) and Board Members:

Pierre Solet (Houma/Choctaw) and Rufina Toledo (Jemez)

Opening Prayer - Kateri Tekakwitha monologue by Theresa Steele (Algonquin)

9:00 AM Keynote Speaker: Deacon Ronald Boyer (Ojibwa) Topic: Kateri's Influence in our Lives

9:45 – 10:15 AM: Refreshment Break

10:30 AM LITURGY : Celebration of Feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Main Celebrant – Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM, Cap, (Prairie Band Potawatomi),
Archbishop of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

12:00 Noon LUNCH Atrium (Adults) and Indoor Poolside (Youth)

1:15 – 2:30 PM Workshops

- ♦ What should a Kateri Spiritual Center offer you? – Lydia Johnson (Cayuse) - Stonehenge A/D
- ♦ Kateri Tekakwitha: A Healer and Princess of the Eucharist – Marlene McCauley -Lower Mezzanine
- ♦ A New Kateri Hymn – Larry Martin (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe) - Stonehenge C
- ♦ Faith and Culture: Healing Fire – Earl Dionne (Mohawk) - Stonehenge B

2:30 - 2:45 PM Refreshment Break

2:45 – 4:00 PM Workshops

- ♦ Early Native American Catholic Leadership – Dr. Susan Stone (Cherokee) - Stonehenge A/D
- ♦ Turtle and the American Indian Culture – Jerry Kooi - Capital Room
- ♦ Native American Ministry Evangelization Project in Archdiocese of Santa Fe - Deacon Joe Herrera, Jr. - Stonehenge C
- ♦ Official Canonization Pilgrimage meeting with Renaissance group travel agent - Ezio DeFilippis - Tower Lounge
- ♦ Faith and Culture: Healing Fire – Earl Dionne (Mohawk) – YOUTH 13-17 - Stonehenge B

2012 ADULT AGENDA

Friday, July 20 –Continued

4: 15 -5:15 PM Kateri Tekakwitha Regional Groups

- ♦ Region 1—Capital Room
- ♦ Region 2—Lower Mezzanine
- ♦ Region 3—Stonehenge D
- ♦ Region 4—Stonehenge A
- ♦ Region 5—Tower Lounge
- ♦ Region 6—Stonehenge B+C

5:30 PM DINNER: Atrium (Adults) and Indoor Poolside (Youth)

Announcements and Information for tomorrow's Pilgrimage - Emcee: Alma Ransom (Mohawk)

7:00 PM Sunset Closing Prayer (Outdoors)

Saturday, July 21

Pilgrimage to Fonda and Auriesville, Homeland of Kateri (Catherine) Tekakwitha

**** NAME TAG REQUIRED ALL DAY ****

8:00 AM Buses begin to load from each hotel (about a 1 hour trip)

9:30 AM

Group 1 - arrival in Fonda

Group 2 - arrival in Auriesville

12:00 PM

Group 1 - travels from Fonda to Auriesville for lunch and spiritual events

Group 2 - has lunch then travels to Fonda for spiritual events

3:30 PM Both groups will join for liturgy in the Auriesville Coliseum

4:00 PM Anticipated Sunday Liturgy:

Main Celebrant – Most Reverend Robert Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse, New York in Coliseum

Transfer of the Traveling Statue by the 2012 Planning Committee to the Ysleta del Sur of El Paso,

Texas hosts for the 74th Tekakwitha Conference July 17-21, 2013

6:00 PM Dinner/Entertainment/Mini Pow Wow for all after liturgy

8:00 PM Board Buses for Albany Hotels



Sunday July 22

No Activities Scheduled. Travel Day.

A blessed and safe journey home, Kateri Tekakwitha , Pray for Us

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2012 YOUTH AGENDA

Wednesday, July 18

5:30 PM Dinner: Atrium (Adults) and Indoor Poolside (Youth)

7:00 PM Welcome Ceremony: Stonehenge Ballroom Blessing of Conference Space and Participants

Opening prayer: Four Directions

General Assembly with Adults - Stonehenge

Cultural Presentation: Hotinonhson:ni Cultural Youth Group

Announcements/Closing Prayer

Dismissed to Airport Holiday Inn Poolside for Snap! Intro for all youth

Thursday, July 19

5:30 AM Sunrise Service: Joseph Enos (Tohono Od'ham) and Deacon Sidney Martin (Acoma)

8:30 AM General Assembly in Stonehenge Ballroom (2nd Floor)

Grand Entry

Choir only: Youth Practice for Liturgy Choir (Tower Lounge)

Everyone else meet at Best Western Ballroom

11:00 AM Youth Keynote: Father Bob Longbucco: Family and Faith (Best Western)

1:15-3:30PM Afternoon Assembly - Best Western

4:00PM Youth Liturgy: All Participate (**All Snap! Materials to be turned in following this Mass**) - Airport Holiday Inn

7:00-8:00PM Youth Workshops

- Iroquois Mohawk Song and Dance (All Ages) - Airport Holiday Inn Poolside
- Turtle and the American Indian Culture (Ages 5-10) - Best Western Hotel
- Youth Board Interest Meeting (ages 14-17)

Friday, July 20

9:00-10:15AM Youth Workshops

- Turtle and the American Indian Culture (Ages 13-17)

10:30-11:45AM Liturgy: All attended with Family - Airport Holiday Inn Stonehenge

Noon Lunch Atrium (Adults) and Indoor Poolside (Youth)

1:30-2:40 PM Afternoon Assembly: Keynote Tasha Smith "Being Native / Being Catholic" - Best Western Hotel

2:45-3:30 PM Youth Workshops

- Healing Fire with Earl Dionne (ages 13-17) - Airport Holiday Inn - Stonehenge B
- The Rosary (Ages 5-12) - Best Western Hotel

3:35-5:00 PM Assembly: Final assembly for youth

Presentation about Fonda and Auriesville - Best Western Hotel

7:00-8:00PM SNAP! Multimedia Presentation and Pizza - Best Western Hotel

Youth Workshops and Presenters

Presenter	Workshop Title	Description
Akwesasne Youth Group Nancy Jacobs	Native American Hoop Dancing	This workshop will focus on how to make hoops, and give instruction on how to hoop dance and create pictures with hoops.
Akwesasne Youth Group	Iroquois Mohawk Song & Dance	Demonstration of music and dances from the Mohawk Nation along with story telling, arts and crafts.
Earl Dionne	Faith and Culture: Healing Fire	The presenter will share his personal story of how Kateri brought healing and purpose to his life. Illustrations of artwork will be shown. This workshop is for Youth, Ages 11-17.
Chris Keffer	Face Up! with follow-up presentation , Ages 10-17	This workshop will utilize film to create a multimedia presentation of the Conference on site.
Jerry Kooi	Turtle and the American Indian Culture, Ages 10-17	Legends of the Turtle will be presented. Finish assembly of Turtle Bags (supplies furnished). Maximum class size is 25 and there is a \$25 fee for the Bags.

Notes

Acknowledgments

"Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever" Ps.118

73rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference Board and Staff express appreciation and gratitude to:

Most Reverend Howard Hubbard, Bishop of Albany, New York

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All 73rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference Participants: Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters and Brothers, all Lay Brothers and Sisters, and our Youth

Keynote Speakers: Father Jim Nisbet (Assiniboine/Metis) California

Deacon Ronald Boyer (Ojibwa), Vice-Postulator for Canada , Kahnawake, Quebec,

Father Bob Longobucco, Tasha Smith (Ottawa)

All 2012 Adult and Youth Workshop Presenters: Marie Allen (Navajo), Theresa Dardar (Point-au-Chien), Joy

Garland, Sister Eileen Quinlan, SND, Richard May, Lynn Marie Busche, Darren Bonaparte (Mohawk),

Mark Thiel, Lydia Johnson (Cayuse), Marlene McCauley, Larry Martin (Lac Courte Oreilles/Ojibwe), Earl

Dionne (Mohawk), Dr. Susan Stone (Cherokee), Jerry Kooi, Clementine Bordeaux (Lakota),

Deacon Joe Herrera Jr. (Cochiti/Laguna Pueblo), Akwesasne Youth Group, Nancy Jacobs, Chris Keffer

Prayer Leaders/Presiders: Sunrise Services: Joseph Enos and Deacon Sidney Martin and Bernice Lazore

Morning Prayers: Indigenous Religious and Clergy and Theresa Steele

Sunset Service: Brother John Hascall

Healing and Reconciliation Service: Brother John Hascall and Deacon Ronald Boyer

Liturgy/ Music Coordinators: Bernice Lazore, Marcus Briggs-Cloud and Vincent Redhouse

Our Conference Photographers: Herman Ray and Mrs. Anne Scheuerman

All First Time Tekakwitha Conference participants

All New Tekakwitha Conference Members: Individuals, Kateri Circles, Arch/Dioceses and Organizations

Generous Benefactors of the Tekakwitha Conference religious non-profit organization

Special Donors who have contributed to the Friends of Kateri Tekakwitha restricted fund since the last conference

The New York State/Ontario/Quebec Kateri Circles/Groups who have organized the one-day Pilgrimage to Fonda and Auriesville, Kateri Tekakwitha's Homeland

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Through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha, we give praise and thanks to our God for this special year, 2012.

See you next year July 17 -21, 2013 in El Paso, Texas

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July 22- 26, 2015 Alexandria, Louisiana

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