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#### AIM

1. Our quarterly bulletin, "Kateri", published by the Kateri Center, intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Beatification will thereby be hastened.
2. It aims to increase the number of 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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Each issue of "Kateri" contains :

1. One or several pages on Kateri's life and virtues;
2. News from Kateri's friends everywhere;
3. The account of favors due to her intercession;
4. News concerning the Indians of America, with special reference to the Caughnawaga and their friends.

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2. The Vice-Postulator prays at the Memento of his daily Mass;
3. As benefactors of the Society of Jesus, 190,000 masses are offered annually;
4. The spiritual treasure of the good works of some 36,000 Jesuits is opened;
5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's Beatification.

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## Between Ourselves

October, as we all know, is the month of the Holy Rosary. Unfortunately many of the faithful have abandoned it, although Vatican II charges "that practices and exercises of devotion toward Mary are to be treasured as recommended by the teaching authority of the Church in the course of centuries, and that those decrees issued in earlier times regarding the veneration of images of Christ, the Blessed Virgin and the saints, be religiously observed." (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 67.)

Kateri is always shown with a Rosary. This is as it should be: five times daily, during her visits to the Blessed Sacrament, she meditated on the mysteries of the Rosary. Sundays, with the rest of the faithful, divided into two groups, she recited her beads. She always carried them with her and said them whenever she had any spare time.

This is a far cry from the priests and preachers one hears about, who, in the pulpit, dramatically tear the Rosary apart to the scandal and dismay of the Christian assembly!

Let me quote Father Karl Rahner, who no one thinks of as being preconciliar:

"And when the Christian discovers that and how the Rosary may become the prayer of one's daily mystic way, at one and the same time simple and sublime; when his spiritual life becomes vast enough and vigorous enough to

realize spiritually what is dogmatically clear; namely that the Blessed Virgin is of utmost importance to the individual, which corresponds to her unique role in the history of salvation — then he will delight in reciting every day, as often as he sees his way to doing so, a part of the Rosary; it will be a small part of the realization of his vocation to pray for the salvation of the world..."

(From the French version of  
*Schriften zur Theologie*, III,  
Paris, 1964.)

Sorry! The Canadian postal strike has not, of course, facilitated communications between Kateri's friends and the Kateri Center. It's over now.

In the first June issue of *America*, one of the editors, under the heading "Current Comment" inserted an interesting paragraph entitled: "What Price Canonization?" I wrote the following letter to 106 West 56th Street, New York, the editor of the well-known publication:

Dear Sir:

It was interesting to compare your "Current Comment" on "What Price Canonization?" with that of *The Tablet* (London). With regard to the high price of canonization, "Simply ridiculous," stormed Vatican spokesman Msgr. Fausto Val-lainc," according to your report. Eschewing emotionally charged words, *The Tablet* claimed that



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the Dutch Carmelites were planning to stop the beatification process of one of the most famous of their members, Fr. Titus Brandsma . . ." and affirmed that the total cost would be less than \$40,000.

Your editor wrote: "It seems a story came out of Holland, as stories do nowadays, to the effect that the Dutch Carmelites are terminating efforts to secure the beatification of Fr. Titus Brandsma." *The Tablet* gives another version: "Msgr. Vaillanc said that the report that the beatification process was being stopped arose from an unauthorized statement by an individual Carmelite." (Italics all mine.)

I would have been truly impressed had I read that the Dutch Carmelites were giving up spontaneously for five years or more their good Dutch tobacco and their fine hard liquor for the benefit of the poor. (Does this make a Jansenist out of me?)

As Vice-Postulator for the cause of Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, it has been my privilege to forward thousands of Mass stipends offered by Kateri's clients, to the Congo and to the poorest of the poor Arab Christians of the Oriental Rite, all too generally forgotten by Western Christians.

Sincerely yours,

H. B.

## Between Ourselves

"Shoemaker, stick to your last!" Thus spoke Appelles of old to a shoemaker who, after criticizing a sandal painted by the artist, went on to voice his opinion of the entire painting.

Senator Eugene McCarthy's new press secretary and policy advisor, Mr. John Cogley, writing in the April 19 *St. Louis Review*, expresses the hope that there will be "no more saints canonized by Rome..." According to Mr. Cogley, the whole process has become "a cut-and-dried ecclesiastical affair removed from the life of Christians in the world today." He even calls it a "tinny process"; he claims that people "will have to discover their own saints, pick out their own models of Christian living." Mr. Cogley does not want people to be canonized on the basis of miracles attributed to them after their death, but rather on the basis of what they say and do and are while they are still alive.

Now the initial step towards canonization, leading to the status of "Venerable", consists in the examination of what candidates to sainthood say and do and are during their lifetime. In the last two steps, miracles are required as God's stamp of approval on a future saint. People who obtain a miracle through the intercession of a saint or a saint to-be, do not find the process "tinny".

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# Chateaubriand and Katerí Tekakwitha

**F**RANÇOIS RENE VISCOUNT DE CHATEAUBRIAND, "the father of romanticism", was born on September 4, 1768 in St. Malo, Lower Brittany. He grew up near the sea and later at the somber Combourg castle. Both his parents were of a melancholic disposition, and with his sister, Lucille, of an artistic but somewhat morbid nature, strongly marked young René.

In 1786, he became second lieutenant in the Navarre regiment; the same year he was presented at Court, and introduced to the literary celebrities of the time. The historical relations of the great explorers led him to America, where he remained from July 10 to December 10, 1791. To an astonished President Washington, he explained that he was going in search of the Northwest Passage. But the news of the beheading of Louis XVI, drew him back to Europe, where he married before joining the Princes' armies at Coblenz. Wounded at the siege of Thionville, he fled to England where he resided from 1793-1800.

While he was in London, he wrote his first book, *Essai sur les révolutions*, tainted with a skepticism, from which the death of his mother and sister delivered him. After returning to France, he published *Atala* in 1801, and, in 1802, *Le Génie du christianisme*, a resounding success. It was an aesthetic defense of Christianity — the source of most of the theses he enlarged upon in his subsequent works. Of all religions, he claimed, Christianity is the most poetic, the most human, the most conducive to liberty, and the most favorable to arts and letters.

During more than twenty years, book upon book came from his tireless pen. In 1826, appeared *Les Natchez*. From this epic in prose, the following pages have been taken: they speak of the two patronesses of Old and of New France: St. Genevieve and, what is of more interest to us, the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.



Photo: Armour Landry

## The Two Patronesses

by François René Viscount de Chateaubriand

...Doubtless a powerful spirit, a famous conqueror protects from high Heaven your France's double empire? No! It is a shepherdess in Europe, and a daughter of the forests in America! Genevieve from the hamlet of Nanterre, and you, Catherine of the Canadian wild-wood, extend forever your crook and your beechwood staff on my country! preserve for it this simplicity, these natural graces which it doubtless inherits from it patronesses!

Born of a Christian mother and of a non-Christian father<sup>1</sup>, under the bark roof of an Indian family, Catherine, brought up in the religion of her mother, gave promise

1. Chateaubriand resumes the life of Kateri Tekakwitha, contained in Charlevoix's *Histoire de la Nouvelle France*, I, 572-587. There he found this comparison of Kateri with St. Genevieve: "Thus New France like the capital of Old France, behold the glory of a poor Indian girl and of a shepherdess shine above that of so many apostolic men, martyrs and other saints of all conditions of life. (For our English version, see Shea's *History of New France*, IV, 296, Loyola University Press, Chicago, Ill., 1962.)

The footnotes are generally inspired by Gilbert Chinard's critical edition of *Les Natchez*, Paris, 1932.





Photo: Armour Landry

Chateaubriand's bedroom in his residence at St. Malo, where he spent the last years of his life.

from childhood that the divine spouse had singled her out for his chaste embraces. She had hardly completed four lusters<sup>2</sup> when she was called to these domains of incorruptibility, where the Angels unceasingly celebrate the nuptials of those women who have renounced the world to unite themselves to Heaven. Catherine's virtues shone after her death; God honored her

tomb with abundant and signal miracles, proportionately to the poverty and obscurity of the Saint here below. She was publicly honored as the patroness of Canada: a cultus was rendered to her beside a fountain, under the name of the *Good Catherine of the Woodland*. This maiden never ceased to watch over the safety of New France and to interest herself in the inhabitants

2. Luster: a period of five years.



Le livre et le cierge allumé, sur lequel un diable souffle en vain, sont de constants attributs de Geneviève dans les représentations, peintures ou statues.

Photo: Armour Landry

The book and the lighted candle on which the devil blows in vain, are the constant attributes of St. Genevieve in representations, paintings and statues.



of the desert. She then was coming back with Genevieve from the abode of men.

The patronesses of the sons of St. Louis, had taken alarm at the calamities with which Satan threatened the French empire in America: the same workings of charity were carrying them to the celestial habitation to implore Mary's mercy. Sad inasmuch as spiritual substances are capable of grief, they shed those interior tears which God bestowed upon the elect; they experienced that sort of pity which the Angel feels for man, and which, far from troubling Jerusalem the Peaceful, adds to the bliss therein enjoyed.

Genevieve still carries in her hand her crook trimmed with garlands of ivy, but this crook is brighter than the scepter of an Oriental monarch. The roses which crown the brow of the daughter of the Gauls are no longer the ephemeral roses with which the shepherdess adorned herself in the fields of Lutetia<sup>3</sup>; they are roses which never wither, and which grow in the marvelous plains in the footsteps of the spotless

3. Roman name of Paris.

Lamb. Genevieve! a white cloud makes up your raiment; hair of liquid gold divinely contours your head: through your immortality one recognizes the graces replete with love, the indescribable charms of a maiden of France!

Simpler too than the patroness of cultured France, is perhaps the patroness of France of the wilderness. Catherine shines with the splendor that appeared in her when she ceased to exist. The faithful, having flocked to her death couch, saw her features take on a rosy hue, with an unknown beauty that inspired a preference for virtue and a desire to be holy. Catherine retains with the transparency of her glorified body the Indian tunic and the curved staff used for tilling: daughter of solitude, she loves Him, who retired to the desert, before immolating Himself, for the salvation of mankind.

Thus the two Saints travelled together: the one who saved Paris from Attila: Genevieve who preceded the first of the most Christian kings, who, in the long process of time, opposed the obscurity and the virtue of her ashes to all the pomps and all the calamities of the Capetian monarchy; the other who pre-

ceded on earth only by a few years the last of the most Christian kings,<sup>4</sup> Catherine who knows only the story of a few apostles of New France, like those that the shepherd-lass of Nanterre saw when the Gospel penetrated into ancient Gaul.

The spouses of the Lord took it upon themselves to transmit the message of the Angel of America, who immediately swooped down to earth, while they continued their way toward the heavens.

In a field of the sun, in prairies whose soil seems to be of chalcedony, onyx and sapphire, are drawn up in rows the subtle chariots of the soul, chariots that move by themselves and that are fashioned in the same manner as the stars.<sup>5</sup> One after the other, the two Saints take place on one of these chariots. They leave the sphere of light, rise more rapidly than thought, and soon behold the sun suspended below them in space as an imperceptible star.<sup>6</sup>

4. "This is used for emphasis, concerning the death of Louis XVI. I wrote a year after the death of the Martyr King." (Chateaubriand's notes.)

5. Inspired by Plato.

6. Chateaubriand is strongly influenced by Plato and Milton whom he had read and meditated during his stay in England.

They follow the course set in diamond-shaped light by the spirits of the Just who, released from the fetters of the body, take flight to the sojourn of eternal joy. On this course, come and go the souls that have been freed, as well as a multitude of Angels: these Angels descend towards the different worlds to execute the orders of the Most High, or ascend to Him, laden with the prayers and wishes of mortals.

Soon the Saints arrive at this region which extends beneath the land of stars, whence one discovers the sun, the moon and the planets such as they really are, without the coarse medium of the air which disguises them in the eyes of men.<sup>7</sup> Twelve bands of different color compose this purified region, of which ours is the material sediment: one of these bands is of a brilliant purple, another of a vivid azure, a third as white as snow: these colors surpass in brightness those of

7. Much of this has been taken from *Timaeus*, a dialogue by Plato, named after the chief interlocutor, a Pythagorean philosopher, and from the same author's *Phaedo*, another dialogue treating of the immortality of the soul, and purporting to be a report of Socrates' conversation shortly before his death; — so named from the chief speaker, a disciple of Socrates.





Photo: Armour Landry

This picture of the monument to Father Bartolomé de Las Casas, O.P., (1474-1566), "Protector of the Indians", was taken in the courtyard of one of the old buildings of the Universidad de México a few years before the University moved to its present ultra-modern campus.

our paintings, which are mere shadows of them.<sup>8</sup>

Catherine and Genevieve cross this area without pause, and soon they hear that harmony of the celestial spheres which the ear is unable to grasp, and which reaches only the interior perception of the soul. They enter into the region of the stars seen by them as so many suns with their systems of tributary planets. Majesty of God! Who can understand you? Already the Saints draw near to those initial worlds placed at distances that a ball projected by saltpeter would take millions of years to clear; and still the two maidens are only at the farthest reaches of the kingdom of Jehovah, and suns after suns loom up in this immensity, and unknown creations succeed to creations even more unknown!

A man who, to understand infinity, having taken place by imagination in the midst of space, would seek to imagine expanse followed by expanse, regions beginning and ending nowhere, this man, bewildered, would turn his thoughts away from such a vain undertaking: such would be my useless efforts, should I try to set the course followed by Genevieve and Catherine. Sometimes

they open up a way through star dust; sometimes they cut across unknown orbits where comets rove in space. The two Saints believe they are making some progress but they are only coming to the common axle of all the created universes.

All these worlds revolve in cadence around this living and immortal axle of gold.<sup>9</sup> At even intervals, along this axle are seated three severe Spirits: the first is the Angel of the past, the second the Angel of the present, the third the Angel of the future. These are the three Powers that let time fall to earth, for time does not enter into heaven and does not descend therefrom. Three inferior Angels, like the fabulous Sirens for beauty of voice, stand at the feet of these first three Angels, and sing with all their might: the sound produced by the axle-tree revolving upon itself, accompanies their hymns. This concert forms the triple voice of time that relates the past, the present and the future, and that sages have sometimes heard on earth by listening near a tomb during the quiet of night.

The subtle chariot of the soul is still in flight, the spouses of Jesus Christ land on these globes to which hasten the souls of men that the Eternal created on further reflection, after having thought of

8. Also taken from *Phaedo*, in which the earth is compared to a ball made up of twelve bands, all of different colors.

9. Inspired by Plato's *Republic*.





*The Jesuit Martyrs*

Photo: Armour Landry

"At the same instant, Blessed Las Casas and the Canadian Martyrs Brébeuf and Jogues, followed hard in their footsteps..."

the angels.<sup>10</sup> All at once God formed all the exemplars of human souls, and distributed them in different habitations, where they bide their time until the moment comes to join them to their earthly bodies. Creation was one and entire. God does not admit of succession to create.

The chaste pilgrims were moved at the spectacle of these souls equal in innocence that were to become unequal through sin; the ones remaining immaculate, the others carrying the marks of the nails, with which their passions one day would fasten them to flesh and blood.<sup>11</sup>

Beyond these globes where slumber the souls which have not yet undergone mortal life, opens out the valley to which they must return to be judged, after their passage on earth.<sup>12</sup> The Saints espied in the formidable Jehoshaphat the pale-green horse mounted by Death, the

locusts with the faces of men, and teeth of lions, and sounding wings as of a war-chariot. There appear the seven Angels with seven bowls, full of the wrath of God; there is the women sitting upon a scarlet-colored beast, on whose forehead is written *mystery*. The pit of the abyss is veiled in smoke at one of the extremities of the valley, and the Angel of judgement approaching little by little the trumpet to his lips, seems to fill it with the breath that will say to the dead: "*Arise!*"<sup>13</sup>

On leaving the mystical valley, Genevieve and Catherine enter at last into those regions where the joys of heaven begin. These joys are not like ours, subject to fatigue and surfeit of heart; they nourish, on the contrary, in whoever tastes them, an insatiable thirst to taste them again.

As the patronesses of France approach the abode of Divinity, light and blissfulness increase. As soon as they perceive the walls of the heavenly Jerusalem, they alight from the chariot and prostrate themselves as the pilgrims in the fields of Judea, when, in the splendor of the South, Sion suddenly appears to their ardent faith. Genevieve and Catherine arise, and gliding on the

10. Doctrine of a few Fathers of the Church. (Chateaubriand's notes).

11. "Many Fathers of the Church hold to these teachings, which are not here a rule of faith, but matter for poetry." (Chateaubriand's notes).

This note seems to be an ulterior justification by the author. As a matter of fact, he received his inspiration from Plato's *Timaeus*; his assertion that creation was one and entire is inspired by Milton.

12. This entire passage is a mosaic of biblical texts: Joel, 3,2; Apoc., 6,8; 9,3-9; 15,7; 17,3; 17,5; 9,2; 11,15; 11,18.

13. St. Jerome uses the same expression in his *Regula Monachorum*, Ch. XXX.



air, which is not air, but must be thus called to make oneself understood, they enter through the Eastern door. At the same instant, Blessed Las Casas and the Canadian Martyrs, Brébeuf and Jogues, follow hard in Catherine's footsteps. Ever burning with charity for the Indians, they incessantly see to their salvation. As an effect of God's glory the more these confessors endured at the hands of their thankless neophytes, the more they love them. Las Casas addressed himself to the patroness of New France:

"Servant of the Lord, is some peril hanging over our brothers of the countries of America? The sadness of your countenance and of Genevieve's, would lead me to fear some misfortune. We have been engaged in singing the creation of a world, and I have been unable to descend to the sublunar regions."

"Protector of the long houses," answered Catherine, "your kindness of heart did not take alarm in vain. Through Satan, Hell has been let loose on America: the French and their Indian brothers are threatened. The Guardian Angel of the New World was compelled to ascend towards Uriel, to inform him of the outrages of the evil spirits. I come, entrusted with his message, accompanied by the maiden of the Seine, to beseech Mary to intercede with the Redeemer. Prelate! and you,

Confessors of the faith, join with us in imploring divine mercy."

While the daughter of torrents was thus talking, the Saints, Angels, Archangels, Seraphim and Cherubim gathered around them, gave way to religious sorrow. Las Casas and the Canadian missionaries, glorious in their wounds, joined the two illustrious women. Here comes saintly King Louis, with palm in hand, who takes place at the head of the children of France, and leads the suppliants to the Tabernacles of Mary. They advance in the midst of the celestial choirs through the country forever inhabited by men who practised virtue . . .

In the regions of grace and love, the holy king and the holy patronesses of France, go in search of Mary's throne. A song like a Seraph's informs them of the place where resides the Virgin who contained within her womb Him whom the universe cannot contain. They discover in a glorious manger, midst of in the midst of Angels in adoration, in the flowers, the liberatrix of the world, adorned with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Alone among all the Just, Mary has retained a body. A tender compassion for mankind whose daughter she was, a patience, an unequalled gentleness, shine upon the brow of the Mother of the Savior.



Photo: Armour Landry

*St. Louis of France dispensing justice at Vincennes*

"Here comes saintly King Louis, with palm in hand, who takes place at the head of the children of France, and leads the suppliants to the Tabernacles of Mary..."





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*The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha*

"Oh, Mary! receive the humble wishes of the daughter of a new Church, of the first maiden consecrated on the banks of a torrent!"

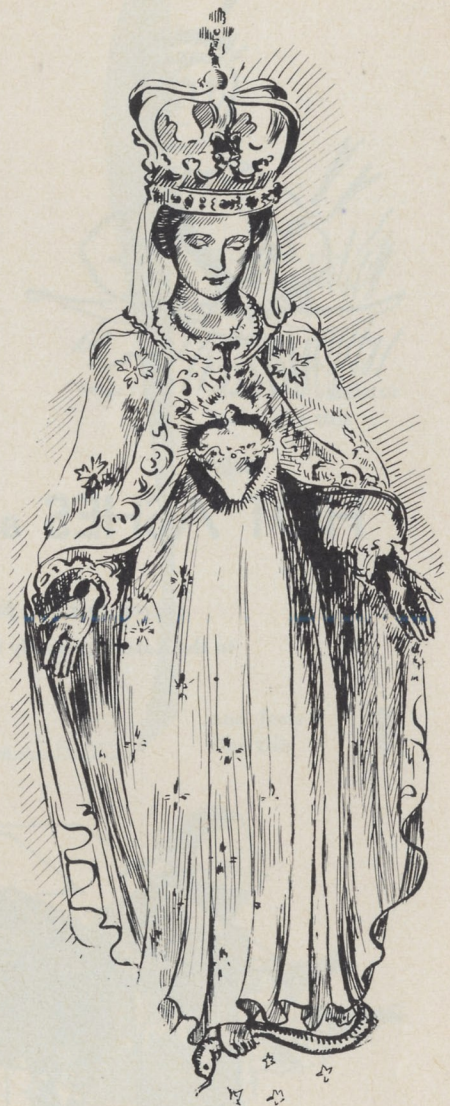
Genevieve, Catherine, Louis, king in heaven as well as on earth, Blessed Las Casas, the Holy Martyrs of New France advance in the midst of the heavenly throng, which opening up before them, lets them approach the throne of Mary; they prostrate themselves before it. Catherine:

"Mother of the Emmanuel! Second Eve, queen whose most unworthy subject I am, have mercy on a people ready to perish. The serpent whose head you crushed, has returned to the world to persecute humanity, and especially the new empire of St. Louis. Oh, Mary! receive the humble wishes of the daughter of a new Church, of the first maiden consecrated on the bank of a torrent! listen to the prayer of this other maiden and of the saints, deeply humbled at your feet!"

Divine Mother of God, you opened your lips: a delightful fragrance filled the immensity of heaven. Such were your words:

"Maiden of the desert, charitable patronesses of the two lands of France, holy king, merciful prelate, and you, courageous martyrs, your prayers have found favor in my ear: I shall ascend to the throne of my son."

So she spoke and departed as a dove taking flight...

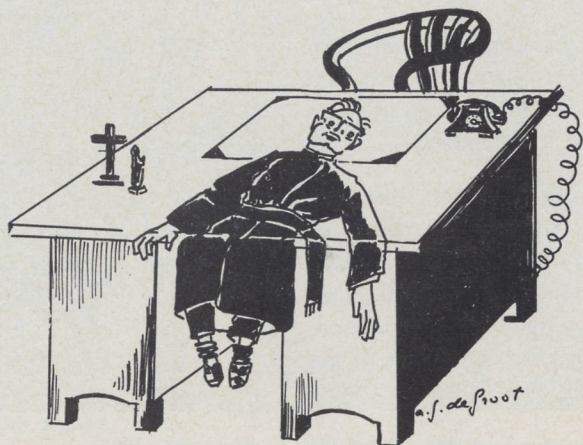




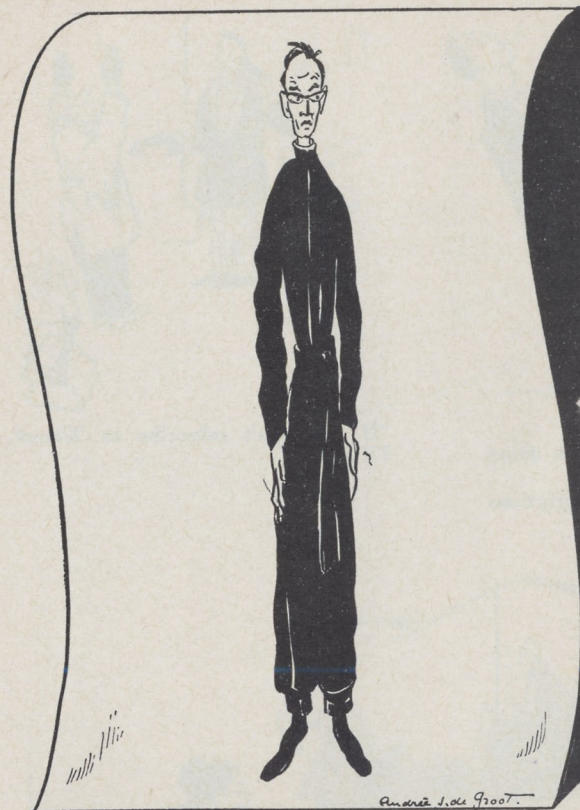


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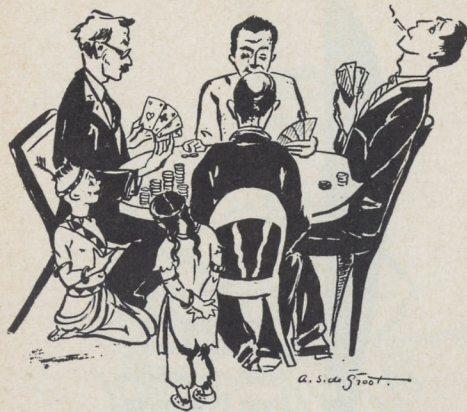
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**HOT ASHES:** "The winner is going to give all his money . . .  
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"If you don't subscribe to 'Kateri', I'll shoot!"

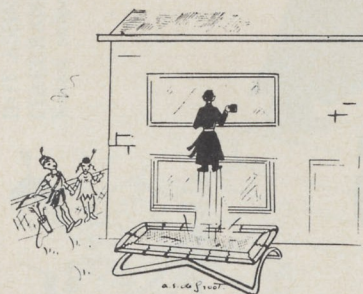
Kateri had a good sense of humor; even as a child, she was remarkably witty.



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**HOT ASHES:** "The Vice Postulator is . . .

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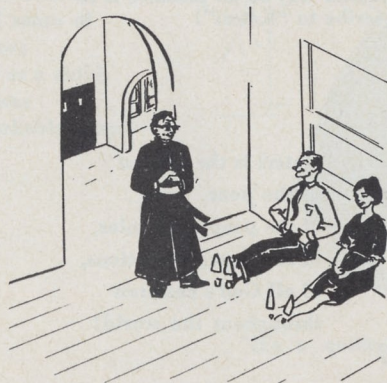




"So you won't subscribe to 'Kateri'?..."



FIREBRAND: "Poor Vice-Postulator! He's looking ...  
HOT ASHES: ... for subscribers everywhere!"



"Are you pleased, Father? We sold everything to subscribe to 'Kateri'!"

Kateri did not know how to read or write, but she practised wonderfully well love of neighbor, without which there is no love of God.



FIREBRAND: "They give to strangers! ...  
HOT ASHES: ... but they won't subscribe to 'Kateri'!"

HOT ASHES: "Poor Vice-Postulator! ...  
FIREBRAND: He's trying every door to find Kateri subscriptions!"







"I think he wants us to subscribe to 'Kateri'!"

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✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. V. O. B. da S.I**

In January I was attacked by a severe pain on the left side of my stomach. It was so severe that I could not stand properly or bend down. Lying on the bed was actually accompanied with pain. Walking was very difficult. I tried some medicines at home but with little effect. Finally I went to the General Hospital at Lagos, where the medicines prescribed for me were of little avail. Another medicine given me by another doctor appeared to lessen the pain, but the pain was still there. I turned to Kateri Tekakwitha in prayer. By the middle of March I began to feel better and I am happy to say that I am quite well now and that I attribute this cure to Venerable Kateri's intercession. (Mushin, Nigeria, W.C. Africa)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B. G.I**

I am sending you one dollar to help the Kateri Center. I am most grateful to her because she helped me come out of a nervous depression after the great loss of my beloved husband. (Coventry, R.I.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A. P.I**

I had told you last autumn when I renewed my subscription to Kateri, that I would make you an offering if we sold our property in Florida. We sold it at a loss, but even so, we are satisfied. Receive my check for twenty-five dollars. All thanks to Kateri. (LaSarre, P.Q.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M. P.I**

I am enclosing one dollar and thank Kateri for helping me feel better after being nervous for a long time . . . Please publish and give hope to others. (White Plains, N.Y.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. P. T.I**

In this letter, you will find my check to the amount of ten dollars as a result of a promise to little Kateri who cured my ear. I had solicited this favor through her intercession. My intention was to offer you this sum so that you could send your quarterly to a certain number of persons not yet enrolled, thus making known the young Iroquois maiden. However you are free to dispose of it in the better interests of the Cause. (Beauharnois, P.Q.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. B. M.I**

Enclosed is a ten-dollar donation to Kateri in thanksgiving for a favor received. Please let me know when your new book, "Kateri's Own", comes off the press as we would like to order one . . . (Fairview Park, Ohio)



Would Kateri have worn them?  
A question of MORALITY

## The Revolt Against Mini-Skirts

*Tunisia:* Bourguiba declared that he was ashamed of such exhibitionism.

*Morocco:* "Forbidden by the authorities."

*London:* Groups of protestors circulated through the streets with anti-mini-skirt placards.

*Madagascar:* President Tsiranana: "I am against the mini-skirt. This will help women avoid an indecency in their attitude which they are not conscious of and which results from European and American styles."

*Greece:* The military government prohibited the mini-skirt in the territory of the country.

*Lebanon:* In Beirut a mini-skirt hunt was organized in the streets and "many young ladies attired in this too brief adornment, were shamefully sent home."

*U.S.A.:* President Eisenhower denounced mini-skirts as an incitement to lewdness.

*Zambia:* The National Party hunts down this style as "immoral, anti-Zambian, an expression of knavery and of 'White' sexual exposure."

*Italy:* The patriarch of Venice in a letter to the faithful, wrote: "Vanity in the service of vested interests and of passion has let loose a provocative and shameless style. We foresee that our cry of alarm will not alter a situation tied up with vested interests and with complex and deeply rooted passions, but we cannot be silent for fear of being party to such an abdication..."

*France:* The headquarters of the Paris police, worried about the growing number of attacks on girls by young men from 16 to 21 years of age, are redoubling their vigilance, but, according to an official statement to its policemen, are not girls with their oftentimes outrageous mini-skirts also guilty, in shamelessly showing what they should hide? Headquarters has asked the police to deal severely with this abuse.

Chanel, the only woman (curious!), among the Great Ones of *Haute-Couture*, at Radio Luxembourg, violently attacked the mini-skirt as "undecent and without interest for women." And, she added, most men are against it.

Translated from the French:  
*Missi*, July 1967, p. 270.  
38, Boulevard Raspail, Paris (7e).

### \* Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. B. M.!

I am most grateful to the Iroquois maiden for her help and assistance with regard to my daily problems. How I wish to propagate devotion to her and to make her known to the whole world!  
(Coventry, R.I.)

### \* Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C. B.!

I am enclosing a money-order for ten dollars to help in the financing of Kateri's Cause. I have great faith in her intercession and always take my problems to her. Only last week, I receive an answer to a request which was not the one desired or expected but it turned out to be the right answer...  
(St. Catharines, Ont.)

### \* Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. C. L.!

It has been a long and anxious time for me. I was in the hospital nine weeks. After five weeks of penicillin, the Doctor thought he had the infection licked and he switched me to oral penicillin (I had been on shots). It was on Kateri's feast day, April 17, that the infection manifested its presence again. This was so hard to take but it caused the Doctor to keep me in two weeks longer than usual and he had me on intravenous penicillin. My veins are not so good and the Doctors were amazed that the penicillin ran continuously for two weeks in the same vein with no problems. They said it was highly unusual. I can only hope from this that Kateri was indicating to them that further steps were necessary and she helped to accomplish the necessary... Kateri took care of my hospital bill completely. It would have been several thousand dollars but the new school board Union adopted a new teachers' policy and all we have to pay is my phone bill. I want to show my appreciation to Kateri for her support and concern, so I am enclosing a check to pay the costs of your phone bill for one month — forty dollars. Because I dare not assume myself to be so worthy of favors, I again implore you to please continue your entreaties in my behalf that this cure will be permanent and our little family will once again be joined together in God's love.  
(Chicago, Ill.)

### \* Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. H. W.!

Accept this donation of twenty-five dollars in behalf of Kateri Tekakwitha for a large favor. I prayed to her for help in finding a good man for our farm and it looks as if we have one at last.  
(Dayton, Ohio)



- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. M. R., S. S. A.!**  
After reading my Kateri magazine, I placed it in the school pamphlet rack. One pupil brought it home, read it and turned in one dollar for a subscription to "Kateri".  
(Noranda, P.Q.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A. L. D.!**  
I am discharging a debt of gratitude for favors concerning my health obtained through Kateri's intercession. Here are ten dollars to help her Cause. I always recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and three Glory Be's after the beautiful prayer for her Beatification!  
(Montreal, P.Q.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. V. B.!**  
Again I want to offer my thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha for having answered my prayers in finding the proper housing for a young couple moving to our city. Without a doubt it was most uncanny how the deal turned out and if anyone other than myself had handled the deal it would not have worked out, so it all the more points to the Indian Maiden as the one who made this possible . . . I promised a donation of twenty-five dollars . . . The enclosed check of twenty-five dollars is the fulfillment of the pledge for the favor received . . .  
(Dayton, Ohio)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D. R. F.!**  
Please accept my humble offering for a yearly enrollment to further the great and worthy Cause of Kateri of which I only recently heard of. Please enclose a medal and small picture. Sincerely yours for abundant success.  
(Agincourt, Ont.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M. L. L.!**  
This is an offering of two dollars to help make the Lily of the Mohawks better known. I really do want to thank her for she has helped me with my legs which were giving me plenty of trouble.  
(West Warwick, R.I.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A. B.!**  
. . . I sent an offering to ask you to recommend my request to Kateri in regards to my deaf grandson so he would be able to find work. He secured a very good job in an insurance office and he was also offered means to further his knowledge in art . . . I am enclosing five dollars as a thanksgiving. In the past I have received three other favors. I want to take this opportunity to thank Kateri for all past favors.  
(Bristol, Conn.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. O'S.!**  
I am enclosing an offering of two dollars. I prayed to Venerable Kateri for my intentions. We were successful in finding a home and are moving . . .  
(St. Laurent, P.Q.)

- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. B.!**  
Enclosed you will find five dollars. Although I am not a Catholic, I have great faith in the Cause. I have a favor to ask regarding my two small sons. Please remember them in your prayers.  
(Chateaugay Heights, P.Q.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Rev. O. A. G.!**  
I had the pleasure of visiting your church in 1962. For several years, I have read all I could on Kateri and would like to be on your mailing list. I have used her life as the basis of a sermon.  
(Framingham, Mass.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. H. L.!**  
As a token of my gratitude, I am sending you ten dollars for Kateri's Cause. After an [exploratory] operation, there was no cancer, for I had Kateri to protect me . . . Heartfelt thanks to Kateri for the benefits obtained! . . .  
(Fauquier, Ont.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W. M.!**  
I am convalescing from a serious attack of paralysis with which I have been afflicted since December. All my right side was completely paralysed and I could not get around by myself. I went to the hospital where I successfully underwent a very serious operation. Now I am slowly getting better and for this I am enclosing an offering for the Cause of the Lily of the Mohawks.  
(Coventry, R.I.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B. G.!**  
Enclosed is an offering for a favor that I did not obtain. It would be too long to explain the whole story in detail. In short, my married son (three children) was showered with congratulations by his employers then granted a considerable increase in salary and then given his notice. For me the thing is clear: the good Lord wants to test their faith, and I firmly believe that all is for the best. My life has been very difficult, and a number of "small miracles" were needed to prevent my boat from sinking. These miracles must be requested with great faith and that is why I am forcing your Kateri's hand. She has already done good work in our home. Now I am counting on your kind prayers.  
(Verdun, P.Q.)
- ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss P. H.!**  
. . . For these few years I have been more than glad to help your Cause financially. Now I need your help spiritually. I've applied to the Peace Corps for work in India. I would appreciate it if you would keep me in your prayers that I make it. I do want to be a part of the Peace Corps work.  
(Louisville, Ky.)



## Between Ourselves

(Continued from page 7.)

The former Peron government of Argentina tried to have Evita Peron, former night-club star, canonized. Too bad they did not hire Mr. Cogley for the job. Of course, the present Argentina government would be forced to rehire him to uncanonize Evita!

It is the common and true opinion of theologians that the Pope enjoys the charisma of infallibility when he issues a decree of canonization. Such will be the case when Pope

Paul VI canonizes Kateri. I have my doubts, however, about "Pope" Cogley's infallibility. My advice to him: "Shoemaker, stick to your last!" Stick to your politics.

The Kateri Center staff often ponders William James' words: "I am done with great things and big things, great institutions and big success, and I am for those tiny invisible molecular moral forces that work from individual to individual, creeping through the crannies of the world like so many rootlets, or like the capillary oozing of water, yet which, if you give them time, will rend the hardest monuments of man's pride."

## The Mary Theresa Roll

The Mary Theresa Roll is named after Kateri's intimate friend, Mary Theresa Tegaiguanta (See Vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 20-24, 1962). But what exactly is it? In a nutshell: by sending in five new subscriptions (names and addresses with five dollars — one dollar each) to the *Kateri* quarterly, you will be privileged to have the name of one of your departed relatives or friends placed on the Mary Theresa Roll. When the Roll achieves the two hundred mark, in gratitude, one hundred Masses will be offered for the deceased inscribed. Meanwhile the departed ones will be remembered daily in the Vice-Postulator's daily Mass. Before November, month of the Faithful Departed, send in five new subscribers and have one of your beloved departed placed on the Mary Theresa Roll.

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After seven years' research, Vice-Postulator Henri Béchar, S.J., for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of lovely Kateri Tekakwitha, now has his book *Kateri's Own* ready for publication. The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha is the Indian girl who serenely smiles out from a stained-glass window of Notre Dame Church in Montreal and from the bronze doors of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. In reading about her friends and acquaintances, you will learn more about Kateri Tekakwitha than in any other book written about her. Are you interested? Tell us so, and when *Kateri's Own* comes off the press, you will be notified.

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