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For Your Faithful Departed

The Mary Theresa Roll is complete. It contains two hundred names of deceased relatives or friends. One hundred Masses are now being offered for the repose of their souls. Several names arrived after the second hundredth one; they are listed on the new Roll.

This second Roll is named after Kateri Tekakwitha's spiritual guide and friend, Anastasia Tégonhatsiongo, who had known her years before in the Mohawk Canton. As a newcomer to the Mission, Kateri lived with her adopted sister in Anastasia's long house from 1677 to 1680. This elderly Christian was a saintly woman who had a special gift or charism for instructing people in the faith. Kateri was naturally drawn to Anastasia and learned more from her than from anyone else the essence of true Christianity. After her death, Kateri appeared to Anastasia Tégonhatsiongo to thank her for her charitable care: "Mother," she said to her, "behold the cross. How beautiful it is! It was the source of my happiness during my life and I advise you to make it yours too!"

How do you have a name inscribed on the Anastasia Roll? Send in five subscriptions (names, addresses of the subscribers with \$5—one dollar each) to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Caughnawaga, Quebec, Canada. With these five subscriptions, it is your privilege to have the name of *one* of your beloved dead listed, free of charge, on the Anastasia Roll. When the

Roll is filled with two hundred names, in gratitude to you, one hundred Masses will be offered for the persons inscribed. Meanwhile they are not forgotten, the Vice-Postulator promises to remember them daily during Mass at the Memento of the Departed.

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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 Caughnawagas 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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Oddments



Archbishop Clarizio

The New Pro-Nuncio

As early as September, 1950, Irving Pflaum in his column for the *Chicago Sun Times* wrote: "The Holy See is a state. . . It has a territory and a government. Why shouldn't the greatest country on earth recognize it?" At the time forty other nations recognized it. For years, Canada has been represented by its High Commissioner in London though the Queen of England is the titular head of the Church of England. In *Kateri* (vol. 2, No. 4, September 1950) appeared an article, "A Wampum Belt to the Vatican" recommending official diplomatic recognition of the papal government by Canada.

Now thanks to the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, diplomatic ties have been established with the Holy See. John Robbins, former president of Brandon University in Canada, was appointed ambassador to the Vatican.

Pope Paul VI named Archbishop Emanuele Clarizio apostolic pro-nuncio to Canada. He had been apostolic delegate at Ottawa since June 12, 1967. (A pro-nuncio — instead of nuncio — is appointed when the Holy See's representative is not the dean of the diplomatic corps.)

In Ottawa, meanwhile, the Canadian government issued a statement saying:

"The Government of Canada and of the Vatican are confident that this step will contribute to their mutual understanding and to the exchange of views between them in international matters."

To the pro-nuncio, Archbishop Clarizio, our sincere congratulations and our earnest prayers that in his new role he may more effectively advance the cause of world peace. The same holds for His Excellency John Robbins.

One of the important events concerning the cause of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha and all the other causes of beatification and canonization during the past year in Rome, was the announcement by Pope Paul VI on April 28, that he had decided to split the workload of the four-hundred-year-old Congregation of Rites between two new congregations: the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Both of the new congregations are headed by cardinal prefects and have a secretary and undersecretary as well as a central staff of experts. This places the new offices on the same level as the top administrative offices that assist the Holy Father in his task of governing the Church. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which concerns us here, handles all the matters involving the causes of beatification and canonization of saints and the preservation of relics.

It has three sections. The first, a juridical office, has the responsibility of watching over all the processes and examinations conducted to determine the claims of holiness that the Church requires before

proposing a person for the veneration of the faithful.

This office also includes a medical commission to examine miracles said to have been obtained through the intercession of the person proposed for beatification or canonization.

The following section is that of the Procurator General of the Faith — sometimes called the "Devil's Advocate" because he and his assistants have the duty of rigorously challenging the claims advanced for a cause.

The last office is that of the historical-hagiographical section. This section deals with causes based on historical documents and when no living persons are available to give testimony in favor of a cause. Its functions are primarily research and evaluation of past historical sources.

The new Congregation for the Causes of Saints will undoubtedly hasten the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification.

Father Martial Caron, S.J., is very dear to the Indians of Caughnawaga and particularly to the members of the mixed choir. For seven years he

devoted himself to the people of the Mission. Besides his usual ministry, he readapted the Gregorian Chant to the Iroquois words, rewrote large fragments of Masses by Yon, Perosi, Tosi, Rossini, Mulmeester and Carnavali, motets by Piehl, Mozart and Verhelst. With his own hands, he organized the Kateri Museum and undertook extensive repairs in the old residence. For five years he was Superior of St. Francis Xavier's until he asked to be relieved of this responsibility. Before coming to Caughnawaga, Father Caron received the National Drama Award for outstanding service to music and the theater in Canada. Last summer he was made an honorary citizen of St. Boniface, Manitoba. This year Father Caron celebrated his golden anniversary in the Society of Jesus.

Father Leon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor of the Mission, and the Iroquois Choir wished to show their appreciation to Father Caron on this very special occasion. He was invited to a dinner in his honor on the evening of October 21, at the Rustik Restaurant in Chateaugay, P.Q., attended by the choir members and by Fathers Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., Henri Lalonde, S.J., and Henri Béchard, S.J. His friends were de-

lighted to see Father Caron again, as kind, witty and understanding as ever. May Our Lord grant him many more years filled with activity and happiness and whatever else he may desire!

A good friend of Kateri wrote in: "I notice in the small magazine 'Kateri' the great preponderance of *Kateri's smile upon you* letters! Wouldn't a non-Catholic say that you were collecting stipends in return for 'purely material blessings'? I have never offered a stipend for a material favor. This is to me anti-religious."

Here is a partial answer to this difficulty. One must charitably assume that people who ask for "purely material blessings" do accept God's will beforehand no matter what the consequences may be. You already have here the beginning of a dialogue between a human being and God, the source of all good. Offerings spontaneously given to a good cause, profane or religious, are certainly rich with merit, because of the intention that prompts them; never should they be considered as the price one pays to God for a

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✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. H. W. McM. !**

Last spring through the intercession of Kateri, a friend of mine recovered from an extremely severe heart attack. I used a small picture with a touch relic. Enclosed find a sum of money for a Mass for Kateri's beatification. When "Kateri's Own" comes off the press, please notify me.

(Albany, N.Y.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss C. B. !**

I have been praying for some special intentions and promised Our Lady and Kateri the enclosed twenty-five dollars. I have not received all my answers yet, but they will come in time. Kateri always answers. Please remember us in your prayers...

(St. Catherine's, Ont.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M. M. D. !**

I'm writing to ask you to publish a favor I received from Kateri. I prayed to her to obtain for me a stock certificate I was to receive which seemed impossible to get. Within my novena it was granted so I promised her I would send in five names for the subscription book of "Kateri". Here are the names...

(Patterson, N.J.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. R. C. !**

You will find enclosed the sum of five dollars for Kateri. I promised her this sum if my wife were not obliged to undergo a Caesarian operation.

(Verdun, P.Q.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss L. C. L. !**

Enclosed is a check for fifteen dollars so this favor may be published. I thank Kateri for helping me obtain a good job with steady work; this is a partial payment of fifty dollars I promised. I have already sent twenty-five. Would you please send me a touch relic, also a dozen French and a dozen English Kateri prayer cards like the one I am enclosing? Thanks once again, Kateri! I pray she will continue to guide me and help me!

(Chicopee, Mass.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W. J. H. !**

The enclosed subscription to "Kateri" is in thanksgiving for favors received. Also, the enclosed pledge, an official renewal of a personal pledge I had made but which I occasionally forgot to fulfill. I am rearranging my daily prayer schedule to avoid this in the future.

(Rochester, N.Y.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss A. A. !**

After having successfully sold some land, I am sending you a check for one hundred and fifty dollars to help Kateri's cause. I often pray to her to ask her to protect my people and me.

(Nomingue, P.Q.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss C. E. B. !**

I am taking the liberty of writing about my brother's last days on this earth. I was hesitant in doing this but I could not get it out of my mind and finally came to the conclusion of writing to you.

My brother was away from Church for about forty years and was in bad company. About six years before he died he was stricken with a stroke and had several more afterwards which affected his mind and speech to a certain extent. At certain times his mind would clear and he managed to make remarks that "he wanted to go to church." About three months or so before he died he began praying out loud at night when he went to bed but he could never collect himself enough to go to confession. We had priests come to see him various times but they could only anoint him under the above conditions but it happened that he was anointed twice before he died.

I am writing and stating this situation because I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha for his conversion and with the hope that God would grant the return of his mind before he died if it were His Holy Will.

I always felt that if my request was granted that perhaps it would help the canonization of Kateri but I left everything in the hands of God...

(Pottsville, Pa.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. E. L. W. W. !**

I pray to Kateri Tekakwitha each and every day for her beatification. Believe me, Father, she has continued to "smile" on me many times. For example on November 13, 1968, my left leg was crushed and underwent six hours of surgery with a steel bolt in my tibia bone to enable me to walk again. I continued my prayers to Jesus through the intercession of my beloved Kateri, and recovery was remarkably fast and my surgeon was amazed. I am now walking completely without a cane to aid me.

In June many of us Government employees lost their job through a reduction in force. I, being injured on the job, was placed at work some distance away and at bad hours: one p.m. to nine thirty p.m. I prayed for a better position. As the jobs were "frozen", I thought it was impossible. But a "miracle" happened last week. Personnel contacted me and said that if I liked to be transferred back to my old job in the Government Printing Office as a Bindery Worker, it could be done. My wife and I were overwhelmed with joy. I said to her: "This was a "miracle" through Kateri's intercession!" I pray that she will always be on my side... May your moccasins always tread a pleasant trail!

(Boston, Mass.)



— Photo Piccagliani

KATERI — The star role in the uncompleted opera "Kateri" is scored for a soprano. Not surprising, since its American-born composer, Mrs. Virginia Gordoni, pictured at the Scala, is a soprano fulfilling a lifetime ambition.

'Lily of the Mohawks' to Be Theme Of Opera by American-born Soprano

Editor's Note: Excerpts for this story were taken from a UPI article by Charles W. Bell.

MILAN, Italy—Mrs. Virginia Gordoni, 32, has a special interest in the story of Katherine "Kateri" Tekakwitha, a seventeenth century Mohawk Indian girl being considered by the Vatican for sainthood.

"I'm one-fourth Mohawk," said Mrs. Gordoni, who was born Virginia Copeland in Bridgeport, Conn. "The story of Kateri is one I grew up with."

But not until she was a nineteen year-old, making her singing debut, and on Broadway at that, did Mrs. Gordoni realize she wanted to write an opera.

She was singing the lead in Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera, "The Saint or Bleeker Street," when she began considering the musical possibilities of the life and death of the Indian girl called "The Lily of the Mohawks."

That was fourteen years ago and still "Kateri" is unfinished.

"I'm three-fourths of the way through, but I need some help on orchestration," Mrs. Gordoni said; "The story and the melodies are coming along fine."

A soft-spoken brunette, Mrs. Gordoni only works on the opera between professional engagements ranging from Milan's famed La Scala to the Paris opera house.

The opera, when finished, will combine elements of a wild west yarn and a saga of sainthood.

"Kateri"

Katherine, or "Kateri" as she was called in her own language, was born in 1656 in Ossernenon, what is now Auriesville. The plague of 1660 claimed the lives of her mother, brother and father, a Mohawk chief of the Turtle Clan, as well as

many other members of her tribe. True, the little girl survived but with marked disfigurement. Her eyesight was so weakened that her aunt and uncle with whom she was sent to live, renamed her "Tekakwitha" or "the one who moves things before her."

Kateri was baptized at the age of twenty on Easter Sunday, 1676, seemingly a symbol of the resurrection of her people, but the joy of the convert was short lived.

The first clash came when her uncle continually tried to marry her off to warriors of his own choice. Drunkards and libertines insulted her and children threw mud as she passed on her way to and from the mission chapel.

The final blow came when her aunt accused her of trying to win the affections of her uncle. This treachery of her relatives decided her to flee to the haven of Canada.

Kateri found peace among the Mohawks along the St. Lawrence near Montreal after a hazardous escape in the autumn of 1677.

Two years later, on April 17, 1680, at the age of 24, she died.

The Mohawk tribe venerated her as a saint calling her "The Lily of the Mohawks," and the "Fairest Flower that Ever Bloomed Among True Men." Her grave became a

pilgrimage center and is today the site of the mission of St. Francis Xavier.

Not until 1933, however, did the long complicated process toward beatification begin when Catholic bishops asked the Vatican to declare Katherine "blessed." Then on Jan. 3, 1943, Pope Pius XII declared her "Venerable". Her beatification is still under study today. If approved, Katherine would become the first American Indian to achieve sainthood.

Subtitle: Familiar Story

The story of "The Lily of the Mohawks" was one told and retold in Mrs. Gordoni's childhood in Milford, Conn., where her now-widowed mother raised six children and taught voice and piano. Her best pupil was, of course, her own daughter Virginia who was later discovered by Meno who took her to Broadway and encouraged her visit to Europe. He said she could live in Milan as close as possible to La Scala.

Six years ago she took up permanent residence in Milan where she met and married singer - turned - manager Gari Gordoni who shares her enthusiasm for Kateri.

"He says he will shout 'bravo' the loudest and longest on the night I sing the lead in my opera," says Mrs. Gordoni.

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D. O. !

It has been some time since I have made a contribution to the cause of Kateri. I have noted that things have not been going on as well as they might. Now, however, just by the act of prayer and a determination to send a small gift on Kateri's behalf, my fortunes are making a turn for the better. With unselfish sincerity, accept my gratitude for your prayers. (Highland Park, Mi.)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A. L. D. !

I am discharging an obligation of thanksgiving for favors regarding health obtained through Kateri's intercession. Here are ten dollars to help her cause. I pray for the second miracle needed for her beatification by reciting daily the Our Father, Hail Mary at the end of the official prayer for her beatification. . . (Montreal, P.Q.)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W. N. !

Here are two new subscriptions for Kateri. I will send you others for I promised that I would spread devotion to her. I wish to thank our Venerable Kateri because she obtained the money I needed to repara my roof. When it rained the house was flooded and I was quite discouraged. . . (Calumet Island, P.Q.)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B. F. !

I have just finished the novena to Kateri to ask her to find us a suitable house in Ottawa and promised to have this favor published in a daily newspaper. Thanks to Kateri, my husband found exactly what we wanted in Ottawa. . . Enclosed is my check for fifteen dollars. . . (Montreal, P.Q.)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A. L. !

In thanksgiving to Kateri for an important favor, I am sending you five dollars. It was the old homestead that saw five generations come into this world, that had to be torn down because it was in the way of a new street that was being opened up. We did not have the means to have it moved away. I thought of Kateri as both my husband and myself felt bad about seeing it destroyed. In this house, we brought up our eleven children (nine sons and two daughters, all now married with the exception of one); there we toiled, suffered and prayed. Memories both sad and joyful filled the place. I asked Kateri to help us keep it. A little later, as we were talking with a son of ours, he decided to buy it. He had it removed and restored. Then he rent it to a young couple with four children. They are very happy in it. Whenever I prepare our meals, from my kitchen window I see the old homestead. . . (Village Lafontaine, P.Q.)

**May the Joy
that Christ alone can give
be yours on Christmas Day
and on every day of 1970!**



Christmas at Kateri's Mission (1682)

The Indians' most shining virtues are devotion and charity. They display so much modesty in going to Church and at prayer that those who have known them in their own country, and who see them now, have much difficulty in restraining their tears. Their fervor especially manifests itself upon feast-days. There are some who have abandoned their hunting, and have come more than fifty leagues (one hundred and thirty-eight miles) to adore the Infant or Jesus dying upon a Cross. They prepare themselves for these festivals by more scrupulous confessions, by longer and more fervent prayers before the Blessed Sacrament, which they have come to visit several times a day, and by charitable actions.

"Some days before Christmas," says Father Vincent Bigot, "I saw everywhere people carrying loads — some of Indian corn, others of peas, or beans, and others of meat and other articles which they were carrying to the poorer people. Others went to those with whom they had had disputes in order to prepare themselves by a thorough reconciliation to celebrate the festival in a holier manner. They seem to possess nothing for themselves when it is a question of succoring the poor and the sick. They go to get wood for them, which they are obliged to carry upon their backs for a considerable distance. They provide them with corn, with meat, and with everything they think they need — although, in reality, they give them in most cases only what is necessary for themselves. Many would even scruple to refuse the slightest thing that might be asked of them, although they might not have enough food for two days. They do not lack opportunities for practicing such charity on account of the great number of Iroquois who come from their country — some to visit them, others to dwell with them. The newcomers are so touched by this that many of them have needed no other inducement to become Christians; while those who return to their own country are filled with high sentiments of regard for the faith."

Letter of Father Thierry Beschefer, Superior of the missions of the Society of Jesus in Canada, Written to the Reverend Father Provincial of the Province of France.

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss A. M. MacI. !**

I am enclosing one dollar to renew my subscription for a year. Kateri is helping me in my studies and ever since I started praying to her my marks haven't dropped except for one subject. She is also helping those whom I am offering the novena for. . .
(Inverness, N.S.)

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

Enclosed please find ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for a favor received. I prayed to Kateri so I could sell my house and I have done so.
(Russellton, Pa.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. L. !**

You will find enclosed a money order for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving for Kateri's protection during the year. I now ask her not to miss work during the New Year. . . I am sending you this offering for you to use as you see fit. . .
(Montreal, P.Q.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J. V. H. !**

I was in Columbus, Ohio, recently. I saw the clipping which I enclose taken from the **Columbus Dispatch** (July 4, 1969) concerning the probability of Kateri's becoming a saint. I also am pleased to note your book "Kateri's Own" is also ready for publication. I would like a copy. I am enclosing ten dollars for Kateri's cause and hope you will remember the members of my family in a Mass for my deceased parents, sister and three brothers. Where did you obtain the picture of the Iroquois village in the last Kateri (No. 80)? I was quite intrigued by its apparent authentic appearance. Did you intend to use it in your **Kateri's Own** book? If you have not or will not use it in your book, I would like permission to use it if I am lucky enough to have a second edition of my book **Woodland Nuggets of Gold** printed. It would go well with my chapters on the Iroquois of New York and their connection in the early ginseng trade in America. I trust the Lord will bless your efforts in behalf of Kateri and that your book will have an instant success.

(Wadsworth, Ohio)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss J. P. !**

I am sending you thirty dollars which I promised to give to Kateri's cause. I suffered much from dizzy spells. Now all is well and I am able to work for the poor and go out a little. I want to thank Kateri for I have been better for three years. With all my heart, I hope that she will soon be beatified. . .
(Montreal, P.Q.)





Notre Dame who presided at the foundation of Ville Marie or Montreal.

With all my heart, I wish to thank the friends who so generously sent me offerings for my personal use on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of my Ordination to the priesthood.

I decided to ask my Provincial to use these funds for a visit to France in an attempt to find relevant material on the seven missionaries who had worked with Kateri during the seventeenth century. My request was granted.

In Ottawa, the Apostolic Delegate, now Pro-Nuncio, Archbishop Emanuele Clarizio, gave me a letter of introduction to Egeno Cardinal Lambertini, Nuncio to France. I was also promoted, *pro tempore*, official representative of the Committee for the Founders of the Canadian Church. The "Founders",

Three Days in Paris

whom the committee seek to have canonized, are Blessed Margaret Bourgeoys, foundress of the teaching Sisters of Notre Dame in Montreal, Venerable François de Laval, first Bishop of Canada, Venerable Mother Mary of the Incarnation, the great mystic who established the Ursulines in Quebec, Mother Catherine of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian Hospitaller nun, also a mystic, and Jeanne Mance, the first lay nurse of North America. Blessed Margaret d'Youville, foundress of the Grey Nuns, is also a member of the group, but she was Canadian born, and lived after Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's time.

Father Maxime Le Grelle, S.J., of Dijon, France, who has long been interested in the early religious history of Canada, willingly consented to accompany me during my six weeks' research from the beginning of September to the middle of October. To him I owe very special thanks. The new material I discovered will later be incorporated into a book.

The March and June issues (1970) of *Kateri* will give a detailed account of my foray into the Archives of France. The following half-dozen pages of photography by Mr. Armour Landry of Montreal, will aptly serve to recapitulate the three days I spent in Paris at the beginning of my journey.



—Photography by Armour Landry

Notre Dame, Paris, where the missionary venture of Ville Marie or Montreal began.



The Louvre seen from the Tuileries gardens. Here Louis XIV received many of the religious and lay founders of New France.

The Commerce St. André alley near the fortifications erected by Philip II (1165-1223) has not changed since the early Jesuit missionaries quit France for the New World. The iron tripod served as a footstep for riders.

In the neighborhood of the old Fossés-Saint-Victor Street (today, rue du Cardinal Lemoine) lived the Fathers of Christian Doctrine, friends and advisers of Chomedey de Maisonneuve, first governor of Montreal. Blessed Margaret Bourgeoys mentions this street in her writings.



Rue Rollin-Porte in Paris. The old entrance opens on what used to be the enclosed garden of the Fathers of Christian Doctrine; it also gives access to the house where Monsieur de Maisonneuve spent the last years of his life.

Seventeenth-century St. Sulpice Church, built by Father Jean-Jacques Olier, founder of the Sulpicians. While he supervised its construction, he actively prepared the foundation of Montreal with its mystic founder, layman Jérôme Le Royer de la Dauversière.





The old collegiate church of St. Germain des Prés is a Parisian landmark. Kateri's bishop, François de Laval, was consecrated here on December 8, 1658.



This bas-relief of Bishop François de Montmorency Laval was offered to St. Germain des Prés by the people of French Canada in 1923.



The National Archives in Paris, an appropriate symbol of the departmental and municipal archives I consulted during my stay in France.

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OUR HAPPY NEW YEAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR and happiness all the year round is the wish of the Vice-Postulator for the Cause of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha for all who are devoted to her; and this wish is repeated in prayer every morning at Holy Mass "for all who are helping me in this Cause by their prayers, works and offerings and for all belonging to them who may be in special need; for the members of TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE living and departed."

The Indians of Kateri's day had no New Year's customs such as we have. Their missionaries kept reminding them of the feast days of the Christian year and their meaning, but just at this time of the year the mind of the Indians was centered on the Crib and the Child Savior. Even non-Christian Indians were attracted to that and had some faint glimpse of its meaning. Images and pictures appealed to them more than lessons in their own language.

It is not likely that even the Christian Indians took New Year's resolutions, and they certainly had no vain thoughts like do many deluded persons among us today of creating a new world and new human order of things. For those who dwelt happily with Tekakwitha at Caughnawaga the new order was the peace, purity, sobriety in which they passed their days, trusting and helping one another, observing in

the chapel and in their cabins the religious practices taught them by the missionaries.

There is only One Who can say: "Behold, I make all things new" — the One Who made all things in the beginning and Who controls the order in which they exist and move. He it is Who enables His ministers to revitalize what is decadent and reform what has lost its original integrity.

Tekakwitha was handmaid to the ministers of God by her example, her chastity, her industry, patience in suffering, continuous prayer, and outshining devotion at Mass and when she was receiving Holy Communion. By God's special grace she had become a new creature, and by aid of this grace she helped the missionaries to make new the benighted human beings who had come under their care and keep them in their new condition.

Kateri's influence on this new order did not cease with her death. As narrated by her director, her death had a remarkable effect on the mission: "Devotion became general; the Indians all spoke of penances, self-denial, of renouncing all in order to give all to God in imitation of Catherine. From every side the people came to inform me of their beautiful resolutions, and, what is more, they succeeded in them... and persevered in them in spite of their youth and other strong reasons." Visit Caughnawaga today to see how all this has lasted.

John J. Wynne, S.J.
First Vice-Postulator
for Kateri's Canonization

To All Who Venerate the Lily of the Mohawks

HERE is an urgent invitation to all who know the Servant of God Kateri Tekakwitha, to join in a movement to make her known to as many others as possible.

Though already known and venerated by thousands, they are but few in comparison with the multitudes who would be benefited and grateful for knowing her.

Those who do come to know her become enthusiastic in her praise. They conceive a confidence in her which knows no bounds, and often they communicate this to others.

Why not do so on a large scale? Why not join in a concerted and well organized plan to make this saintly Indian Maiden known and loved everywhere?

Not a day passes without inquiries from earnest petitioners telling how by merest chance they have heard of her and want to know more.

The story of her charmed life is so fascinating. It grips all who come to know it, even those who are not familiar with the ways of Catholic life.

The movement to make her known is not so much to increase the number of her admirers as to win them to an example of goodness which all can imitate.

All can imitate virtues so primal as her simple faith in God, hope in Him as a matter of course, childlike love of Him and of her people, fondness for the Cross, Our Lady's Rosary and Litany.

Then this child of God was always at home in the House of God, at every Mass daily, at any free hour of the day, long into the evenings: at home in the House of Prayer.

No pressure is needed to win people to imitate such homelike goodness. It appeals to all, young and old, sinner and saint.

Rapidly in Rome the Cause for the beatification and canonization has proceeded, and is now nearing a happy termination. There they know how eagerly we desire to honor her on our altars, and they, too, are keenly interested.

Now, too often, it happens that those who are declared Saints are known only to a few, to people of their own countryside, or fatherland, to priests and others in a few dioceses, to members of their religious Congregation.

The highest tribute of veneration we can pay to Tekakwitha is to make her known here and to all the world. It is strange how people in distant lands seek knowledge of her.

Even reports of favors, received through her intercession come from Mexico, England, Ireland, Australia, China, Africa, India, West Indies; from priests, sisters, laity, non-Catholics.



"Make her known . . . to all the world!"

Already many bishops, pastors and their assistants; priests, brothers and sisters of religious communities, and devoted men and women are untiring in efforts to make Tekakwitha known to others.

Why not all join in one great effort to spread this knowledge?

The means at hand are plentiful, a brief *Life*, leaflets and pictures which tell her story in a few words and some of the rare favors obtained by invoking her gracious aid.

A first step is to send to me as Vice-Postulator for her beatification and canonization the names and addresses of all to whom it is desired to make her known.

Everyone who venerates the Lily of the Mohawks has friends and acquaintances, few or many, who would gratefully consider it a blessing to know about her.

Priests, pastors and assistants, have their congregations and pious societies; sisters their pupils and groups of lay auxiliaries; everyone comes in contact with some who need to know this saintly Indian Maiden.

We all need to know this pattern of innocence and purity in these dark days. Do we not all know how urgent is the need of relief of many in distress, of cure of bodily ailments, of conversions, peace in families, money, employment?

As Vice-Postulator I beg of you to consider this as a personal appeal, to act on it promptly, and to let me have as many names as you can on the leaflet enclosed.

Those who cannot help by sending names or who may have already sent some, all, in fact, can help by an offering to enable me as Vice-Postulator for her Cause, to make her known and to extend the benefit of this knowledge to as many as possible.

John J. Wynne, S.J.
First Vice-Postulator
for Kateri's Canonization.

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KATERI'S OWN

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.

**The Kateri Center
Box 70
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Oddments

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favor asked of him. To pretend to barter with God for a temporal or spiritual favor is preposterous. Sometimes even devout people seem to fall into this error. A careful examination of Christ's miracles — often "purely material blessings" — would place this problem in its proper perspective. Whatever we ask for, whether it be that the Father's Kingdom come or that our daily bread be given to us, must be requested in the bright light of faith, hope and charity.

We can truly say that in a way there are no "purely material blessings" and that nothing is "anti-religious" except through individual self-interest to the exclusion of any superior and eternal good. St. Paul in his letter to Timothy writes that: "Whatever God has created is good," in the sense that everything comes from Him and normally leads to Him.

I am convinced that Kateri will be beatified when enough people implore God to glorify her here on

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earth. Since last March, the Kateri Center has received 947 promises from friends devoted to the Lily of the Mohawks. They have pledged to offer up daily for this intention an Our Father and/or a Hail Mary. Surely if all our subscribers got ten friends to sign this pledge, within the next twelve months our goal of 100,000 pledges would be achieved. Will a miracle immediately follow? Who knows? Perhaps Our Lord shall want us to pray even more. Let's find out!

To Kateri's Friends

Come to the Mission alone or come with others to venerate Kateri's relics (private devotions).

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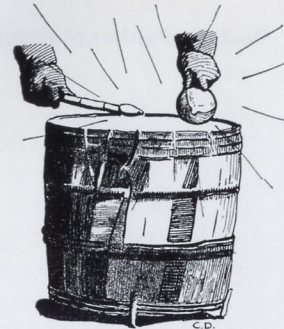
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