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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 one 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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Your contribution (\$1.00 a year, or more, if possible) enrolls you among "Kateri's Friends" for whom:

1. A weekly Mass is offered;
2. The Vice-Postulator prays at 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 the Society of Jesus is opened;
5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's Beatification.

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FROM ROME, the Reverend Father Paul Molinari, S.J., Postulator General for the cause of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, writes:

"The idea of launching a Prayer Campaign to hasten Kateri's beatification seems to me truly excellent, and I hope with all my heart that these prayers will obtain for us the miracles that are needed for Kateri's beatification... Naturally I shall take part in your Prayer Campaign..."

**How many written promises  
of one daily Our Father  
and or/one daily Hail Mary  
to hasten Kateri's Beatification  
has the Kateri Center received?  
Exactly 6057.**

Fill out the following form  
and rush it to:  
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MY PLEDGE TO KATERI

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Cascades and falls of Quebec and Ontario illustrated the September issue of *Kateri* as the Lily of the Mohawks achieved heroic sanctity in Canada and died here. Falls, cascades and cataracts of New York State, the land where she was born and became a Christian, illustrate this issue. Shinglekill Falls, N.Y., in the Catskill Mountains, are a beautiful symbol of the 6057 written promises of a daily Our Father or Hail Mary for Kateri's prompt Beatification. Millions more are needed.

## STILL MORE PLEDGES

*The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary*

**The Motherhouse  
Outremont, Quebec  
July 30, 1971**

Reverend Father,

Here are answers to your appeal to the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,  
Sister Ghislaine Lebeau

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, PROMISE TO OFFER DAILY ONE OUR FATHER AND/OR ONE HAIL MARY UNTIL THE SECOND DULY VERIFIED MIRACLE NEEDED FOR KATERI'S BEATIFICATION IS OBTAINED:**

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## EACH NEW MOON



CHRISTMAS, New Year's Day, and the entire holiday season are a special time for thanksgiving.

To Our Lord, to His Father, and to the Spirit of Love, we give thanks for the Incarnation and the Redemption and for our Blessed Mother. Only a God of infinite wisdom and love could have thought up such a solution for the salvation of mankind.

We give thanks to God for His Church and for His saints.

We give thanks to God for the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, "the fairest flower that bloomed among True Men!"

We give thanks, too, for all Kateri's friends who, in the past or in the year that is coming to a close, have helped us with their prayers — there is not enough money in the world to buy a miracle — or with their donations, — money is needed to keep the very modest Kateri Center going (see the Vice-Postulator's plea in the September 1971 issue of *Kateri*, p. 23), and to help us meet our present debt. To all

our friends and supporters, a truly happy Christmas, and, throughout the New Year, the peace and joy that the Christ Child alone can give to this troubled world of ours!

And please remember us all at Mass on Christmas.

The Kateri Staff

Last September at Auriesville, N.Y., Shrine of the North American Martyrs and birthplace of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, it was my privilege to participate in the Eucharistic Celebration with Fr. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., Director of the Shrine, Fr. William J. Schlaerth, S.J., former Vice-Postulator for Kateri in U.S.A., who was celebrating his Golden Jubilee as a Jesuit, Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., present Vice-Postulator for Kateri in U.S.A., Iroquois Fr. Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., of St. Regis, P.Q., and Fr. Manus McGettigan, O.F.M. Conv., Prior of Tekakwitha Friary at Fonda, N.Y. — the very spot where Kateri and her people settled down after Marquis de Tracy's punitive expedition in 1665, and where Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, S.J., baptized the Lily of the Mohawks in 1676.

Father Egan has just notified me as the December issue of *Kateri* is about to go to press, that Fr. McGettigan, and his companion, Fr. Luke Ziegler, were struck down by a drunken truck driver in the vicinity of Albany. The latter died on October 11, and the former on the following day. Pray for them, please, and may the joy of their meeting with Kateri in heaven, be an earnest of our own meeting with her when the good Lord calls us to Himself!

For your convenience and for ours, let us clear up a few odds and ends. To help us save on stamps, should you move, please don't wait to advise us behindhand about your change of address. Beforehand would be better, much better.

Since the Anastasia Roll was primarily meant to find new friends for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, five *subscriptions* to *Kateri*, at one dollar each are essential, if you wish to enroll one of your departed relatives or friends. In gratitude, one hundred Masses are offered for the enrollees when they total two hundred. For more details, see p. 3.

The price of a box of Kateri Sympathy Cards is one dollar; as you use them, add one dollar a year for each person you are having inscribed in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild.

Our editor has definitely assured us that *The Early Caughnawagas (Kateri's Own)* shall come off the press this spring.

Don't forget that the funds coming from UNICEF Christmas seals are used to support population control programs throughout the world (See *Kateri*, June 1971, p. 10.) Use Kateri seals instead.

The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, as I have often recalled, recognized the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha as "the Protectress of Canada," and as "the New Star of the New World." People believed that she extended her protection to the entire continent. More than ever before, we now need her guidance and help. A little less than a year and a half ago, I wrote that Iroquois

women never practised abortion. Unfortunately we cannot say as much for all the white-skinned Canadian women of today.

Any self-respecting woman will immediately make known her stand on this subject to the federal government. Many lives may depend on your written complaint to the Prime Minister. Something short and to the point such as this: "Sir: Not only do I strongly oppose any liberalizing of the law concerning abortion, but I also strongly request that the present law be repealed. (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So."

Now, despite the ghoulish score being written and played in favor of abortion on request as its principal theme, a wholesome reaction is setting in. Among many others, I wish to draw to your attention two instances of this tendency: a letter written last May by Miss Claire Déry, Quebec Provincial Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, urging the 35,000 members to campaign energetically against abortion; followed upon by Mr. Joseph Borowski's resignation from the Manitoban Provincial Cabinet brought about by his unshakable opposition to Premier Edward Schreyer's position in favor of the heinous crime called abortion.

Mr. Joseph Borowski

On September 8, 1971, a CP article in *The Montreal Gazette* informed the public that 37 year-old Joseph Borowski, Highways Minister for Manitoba had tendered his resignation from the Cabinet. Why? Because Premier Schreyer would not suffer anyone, least of all, one of his Ministers, to oppose the murder of unborn children. Mr. Borowski, who has plenty of backbone, did not



fear to attack the law concerning abortion. The Premier then ordered him to cease all opposition against his provincial platform in favor of fetuscide (murder of an unborn child), or to resign as Cabinet Minister. Mr. Borowski, whom the French daily *Le Devoir* contemptuously qualifies as "a moralist of sorts," behaved as a genuine Christian.

"I cannot be a party to," he stated, "or accept child-destroying legislation in which we are involved."

Mr. Borowski quite frankly and consistently explained to the reporters who questioned him, the horror he felt at the thought of assassinating a child in its mother's womb. Time and time again he attacked provincial aid to Winnipeg's Mount Carmel Clinic, which he accused of being an illegal referral agency for abortion.

"I just cannot bury or abort my principle in this paramount and very basic issue. . .

"I simply cannot accept my government's casual stand on the character-destroying, dirty, and degrading pornography that is sold on our newsstands and shown in our theaters. . . Nor can I in good conscience remain in cabinet knowing the permissive attitude of cabinet in regard to inhuman. . . barbarous destruction of human life through abortion.

"I realize that therapeutic abortions are legal in Canada through federal law, but federal law does not say that medicare must and should pay for that type of abortion.

"So, while we cannot as a government violate federal law, we cer-

tainly can and should refuse to pay for sexual irresponsibility. Nor should we pay for any abortions outside Canada. . .

"I find abhorrent that their (Ottawa's) law should force our doctors and nurses to become hired killers in order to fulfil Ottawa's election promise."

*Miss Claire Déry*

"Dear Daughters of Isabella, this is a pressing appeal that I am making to each one of you. I am asking you to assume your responsibilities as women. You know that the bill concerning abortion at request could soon be in force.

"Well then, each Daughter of Isabella who is respectful of human life, should make it her business to write to the Right Honorable Pierre E. Trudeau, and to her federal deputy, a brief, frank note: 'Sir: Respecting human life, I cannot accept a law that would permit abortion on application.'

"Dear Daughters of Isabella, through apathy, would you allow this massacre of innocent victims to take place? Their destiny is in your hands! . . . Please write these letters in the very near future. . ."

In the Spring issue, 1970, of *Kateri*, I wrote a book review of Father Franz Weiser's German biography of the Lily of the Mohawks, *Das Mädchen der Mohawks* was widely read in Germany and Austria. In a few months a new English biography of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha will come off the press. Since all other books on Kateri, written for adult consumption are now out of print, his new book will be most welcome.

The Reverend Francis Xavier Weiser, S.J., was born in Vienna (Austria) in 1901, entered the Jesuit Order in his native city, studied philosophy, theology and psychology at Munich and Innsbruck. He was ordained in 1930, and received his doctorate in philosophy at Innsbruck, later also a doctorate of Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. In 1931, he went to the United States for a year of special studies. From 1932-1938, he was national moderator of the Austrian sodalities, editor of a youth magazine, and wrote a number of books (novels and biography).

In 1938, he returned to the United States, became an American citizen, and served as curate, then as pastor, at Holy Trinity Church, in Boston, until 1950. From 1950-1961, he taught at Emmanuel College, gave retreats and lectures, and wrote many articles for Catholic

magazines. He also continued writing books in English and German. In 1961 he was called to Boston College, where he taught for ten years in the departments of Theology and Philosophy.

He is widely known as lecturer and author. His field of concentration is Cultural History, especially the connection between liturgy and Christian life in the home. So far he has published the following books in the English language: *The Christmas Book* (1952), *The Easter Book* (1954), *The Holyday Book* (1956), *The Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs* (1958), *The Year of the Lord in the Christian Home* (1958 and 1964), *The Holy Land* (1965).

In recognition of his scholarly and literary achievements, he was awarded the citation of honor and the Jubilee Medal of the University of Innsbruck in 1970.

#### ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. C. !**

Enclosed you will find ten dollars as I promised Kateri. I had also promised her to have published in her quarterly the favor I obtained of a new job for my husband. Kateri has come to my aid any times.

(Ste Anne de Bellevue, P.Q.)

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)

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✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Rev. A. F. X. R., S.J. !**

...I do pray to Kateri daily. She is my patroness for finances. Some time in the distant past, I started asking her to obtain for me a car for my mission work and perhaps ever since then, I've been calling on her to help in all my finances. In about 1942, I had a model A Ford coupe, which was eight or more years old at the time, and I had the word KATERI painted on the back in seven inch letters. . . (Nakina, Ont.)

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

About a year ago, I decided to earn a little extra money, and all I could do was to work a few hours weekly as a door to door saleswoman. This job is not the easiest of all as folks are continually canvassed on all sides. I promised Kateri a small percentage of what I earned if she gave me a little courage. You will find enclosed my check for thirty-one dollars, the extra dollar being the renewal of my subscription to **Kateri**. I ask you also to pray so that someone who is dear to me will obtain a cure. I hope and pray for Kateri's beatification. (Ottawa, Ont.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. !**

My recently deceased Sister-in-law passed away on March 25 and is on the Anastasia Roll as "Miss"; it should be "Mrs." as she had many sons and daughters. Two of the sons married out of the Church ten to fifteen years ago. After their mother's death they had their marriages blessed in a double ceremony . . . This was their mother's one hope when she was alive. Thank you, dear Kateri, for straightening out another situation close to a mother's heart. (Chicago, Ill.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. K. W. P. !**

It has been some time since I last sent a donation to be used for Kateri's Cause and since she has answered my prayers so many times, I want to help a little. I know this is not a large amount (twenty dollars), but I shall continue throughout the year to send whatever I can spare. I am so grateful to Kateri because I am sure it was through her intercession that my son was returned home to us safely and unharmed from the war-torn jungles of Vietnam. He had several narrow escapes and he said that "there were a few times when he thought his time on earth was up." He has been home a year now. Last Saturday my son was married and I pray to Kateri that his marriage will be blessed with much happiness and that Kateri may smile upon him and his wife always! . . . (Fair Lawn, N. J.)

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)



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Waterfalls at the John Boyd Thacher State Park near Albany, N.Y., another symbol of the 6075 written pledges of a daily prayer for Kateri. But when will the onrush of our prayers for Kateri's prompt Beatification build up into an impressive waterfall of appeals to Almighty God ?

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

I am sending the sum of twelve dollars for Kateri's cause, which I had promised if I sold my house. I did. I am adding an extra dollar to renew my subscription. I thank Kateri for all the favors she granted me. I am asking her for another one. My young daughter is marrying a young man whom we do not know too well. I hope that Kateri will take care of her. Would you kindly publish this letter? (Boucherville, P. Q.)

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

Enclosed is a check for one hundred dollars toward Kateri's cause for helping me to sell a cottage. I do hope you have had a very nice summer. A. is coming along very well. He is like his old self again — as he was before the accident. Without Kateri's and your prayer, this would not have been possible. I am forever in your debt. I am sure you know how we feel. . . (Willowdale, Ont.)

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Sparkling waterfalls at Watkins Glen, N.Y. Prayer is ever so much more powerful than this mass of falling water. Make use of it to hasten Kateri's Beatification.

## Katharine Tekakwitha

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An eighteenth century write-up on the Lily of the Mohawks

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THE REPUTATION OF THE IROQUOIS girl, Katharine Tekakwitha,<sup>1</sup> is so commendable in this new world that we must not pass by this model of virtue and holiness in silence. Her memory is held in great veneration, and it has been observed that many persons have felt wonderful effects from the pious confidence they have placed in her on different occasions. However that may be, about twenty-five years ago [ 1680 ] there was among the Iroquois a girl twenty-five [ -three ] years of age, who possessed the best qualities of the Algonquin mother and of an Iroquois father. Her mother had been captured forty years previously in the great overthrow of her nation. Conducted to the Iroquois, they spared her life and married her to one of their tribe. She had been baptized at Three Rivers by the Jesuit Fathers and never forgot the duties of Christianity in the midst of an infidel nation.

Tekakwitha, who was born later, doubtlessly was the recompense of the Christian life she always led. This girl lived among the Iroquois in an inexplicable innocence until she was twenty-two [ twenty ] years old. While still very young, she had smallpox which disfigured her considerably. Before her Baptism she preserved a natural modesty which led her to shun the pleasures of the senses, and even marriage. This was not in order to be freer in her actions, but so that she might be guided only by Providence, and to devote herself more freely to the exercises of piety.

One did not find in her the vices to which the other girls, who care only for debauchery, are so much subject. She was not at all given to the visions and dreams which occupy their imagination so much, and of which they make a divinity.

Her greatest fault was to permit them to dress her too

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1. The illustrations are by George Dickson of Caughnawaga.



properly, which she did only to pass the time or to comply with the wishes of her relatives, who wished to oblige her to marry. When they pressed her to make a decision she hid behind a stack of maize or ran away into the fields.

A sore foot confined her to her cabin and contributed in no small way to her conversion. The Jesuit Father who at the time was at the Mohawk village called Gandaoagué, entered the cabin by chance. He spoke to her of the faith and exhorted her to come and pray. She obeyed. Her fervent devotion hastened her Baptism, which was solemnized in the chapel of her village on Easter Sunday. There were some who contented themselves merely with being baptized, and who practised scarcely any of the duties of Christianity. For this reason it was not easy thing for this girl to maintain her faith in the midst of so many bad examples. What was admirable, however, was that she bravely resisted all these temptations, and all the efforts that were made to prevent her from following: the example of the most fervent Christians. One day she was touched by the following incident.

Some drunkards wished to force a Christian woman to drink some brandy. They adroitly drew her to the cabin where they did their best to pour it into her mouth. She spit it in their faces three times, and did likewise each time they pressed her to drink it. The example of this good Christian woman confirmed Tekakwitha in her good resolutions. For two years an admirable perseverance could be observed in her in the midst of that Babylon. The Jesuit Father who instructed



Kateri's fervent devotion hastened her Baptism.

An Oneida captain... arranged an opportunity for Tekakwitha to leave for Montreal.



her in the mysteries of our religion, told her she would be always in danger of losing her soul. She realized that he was right. For some time she had decided to come to Montreal to live, but she awaited a favorable occasion to go there when no one would be suspicious. It was customary at this time among the Iroquois to visit one another on the return from the hunt. Some came to Montreal in passing, while others went to the English and stopped among the Mohawks to see their relatives and to try to inspire others to become Christians. This annual visit was quite successful, so that many left the Mohawks to live with their relatives at the Sault [Caughnawaga], near Montreal.

An Oneida captain, recently baptized, who was later killed in the war against the Senecas, made a voyage to his country for the purpose of preaching the faith there. He first passed through the Mohawks where, after having preached in the full council more by example than by words, he arranged an opportunity for Tekakwitha to leave for Montreal. When she arrived at the Sault, she made the resolution to live there as a perfect Christian.

Kateri would have wished to choose the state of which she had only a confused idea, namely that of virgin... Only marriage was suggested to her, in order to persuade her to remain at the Sault. She decided to establish herself there permanently, but she could not make up her mind to marry. She remained in this state, begging God to inspire her with





Kateri received her First Communion on Christmas Day, 1677.

what would be most pleasing to Him. It has been said that the close friendship she had with an Oneida woman was instrumental in her decision to embrace the state of perfection. This woman had been baptized for a long time, but had only been converted for two years.

The occasion of her conversion was an accident which occurred on the hunt. Of a band of twelve hunters, including her husband, only two returned. The other ten died of hunger. This... is not common among the Iroquois, because outside of the hunt they have grain and come to seek provisions when they have no meat.

Those of whom I speak had not taken this precaution. They thought that in going along the Sault and following the river of the Ottawas they would find game. The contrary happened. They had among them a dying old man whom they had to carry. He himself asked that they should kill him. They asked the Oneida woman who was baptized, what the Christian law said about a matter of this kind. Fearing that they would kill her likewise when her turn came, she did not dare to answer. The fear of death, her drunkenness, and the disorderly life she had led since her Baptism, caused her strange trouble of spirit. She reflected seriously enough, however, to realize that she had been unfaithful to the lights and graces of God. She promised to lead an entirely different life if she might safely escape from the cruel circumstances in which she found herself. In the meantime the old man died. . . A child and others



After Kateri's death, many cures were obtained by her intercession.

successively died. . . , until they arrived at an Algonquin village where they received sufficient provisions to last them on their journey home. This disaster made a great impression on this woman, so that she changed her way of living. She has since lived as a good Christian and has persevered for twenty years. Her husband died after the return of the hunt, overcome by misery.

This widow and Tekakwitha lived two years together in excessive penances which are known throughout Canada. The Jesuit Father in charge of them saw that the time had come to speak and revealed to them the excellence of the state of virginity. He told them that God had made us master of those two states and that it was for us to chose. Tekakwitha embraced this state with such a fervor that she took the vow on the feast of the Annunciation, and died twenty days [ a year ] later. Several girls afterwards imitated her in spite of the disorders which the last wars caused among these new Christians.

While I was in Canada, several people sick with fever had great confidence in Kateri Tekakwitha, but since I left there two years ago I have learned of many who were cured through her intercession, and it is perfectly clear that there was something extraordinary in the graces obtained from heaven by addressing her.

Claude Charles Le Roy, Lord of Bacqueville and of La Potherie, *Recent Journey in Canada or New France and the Wars Between the French and the English and the Aborigines*, (Paris, 1716).

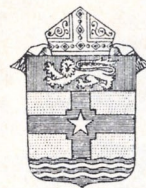




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Located in the Finger Lakes' region, Chequaga Falls, with a 156-foot-high drop, are composed of millions of droplets of water. If Kateri's friends and all others, who think kindly of the Indians, would join together in daily prayer, her Beatification would soon come about.

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Bishop E. G. !**



Perhaps in your memories of the distant past, have you still a little niche for Bathurst, N.B., and for a Hotel Dieu chaplain whom you met there. Kateri is faithfully keeping alive Father Béchard's memory here at Bathurst.

"For a Better Insight" interested me particularly. In **Kateri** No. 84, p. 25, "The Plaque at Port Luneau" recalled to my mind my ancestor's departure in 1653 for Montreal. I have a copy of the certificate of baptism of Pierre Godin, the forefather of all the Godins in Canada. Some day, I hope to follow in your footsteps and to make once again the journey my ancestor made on coming to Canada. . . (Bathurst, N. B.)

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

Enclosed you will find a thirty-five dollar check to help with the Beatification of Kateri, in thanksgiving for favors obtained. I particularly wish to mention a lawsuit which we won. We expected to lose it. Thanks, many thanks to Kateri whom I pray to daily! (Longueuil, P. Q.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. !**

Inclosed please find an offering of ten dollars as a part of the promise I made to Kateri. . . This first ten dollar bill is for a favor of a job I asked Kateri to help my nephew to secure and to be able to fulfill. So far he is doing fine. The second request for Kateri's help involved a relative of my wife, who, on Friday August 24, was dressing and leaned over to tie his shoes. Naturally at that moment he was in a bent over position. He was unable all of a sudden to take a standing position. The Doctor was called and he was taken to the Vincent of Paul Hospital in Philadelphia, where it was discovered he was paralyzed. He was put into traction. On hearing of his predicament, I at once prayed to Kateri to help him as he is the father of six children. He is about forty-five years old and does office type work. On August, Tuesday 31, we heard that he was responding to treatment. . . I will be in touch with you at Caughnawaga. My wife and I have been to the shrine there with the Holy Spirit Guild two years ago. I do hope my wife and I can in some way be helpful in seeing Kateri canonized. I know it will be a happy day for all your people in Caughnawaga. I always keep in mind my kneeling at the glass-enclosed reliquary of Kateri's sacred remains at Caughnawaga.

(Atlantic City, N. J.)

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Our Lady of Caughnawaga

## Our Lady of Caughnawaga

*Our Lady of Caughnawaga,  
receive my prayer and offer it  
to your Son.  
He is there strapped to your back. . .  
A funny little feather brightens up his dark hair.  
His tiny fist rests upon your shoulder.*

*Better still, Our Lady of Caughnawaga,  
pray the Child  
to draw from the hearts of those who hope,  
to draw from the hearts of those who love,  
the written pledge  
of a daily Our Father or Hail Mary;  
better still, of both,  
to hasten the glorification here below  
of the golden-skinned Iroquois maiden,  
Kateri, the pure of heart,  
who so loved you and your Son!*

*You spoke a word to Him  
when He reached man's estate  
and saved from embarrassment  
the newly weds  
of Cana in Galilee —  
for them just a little wine,  
simply a cupful for each guest  
at the wedding feast!*

*Our Lady of Caughnawaga,  
not for any wine do I plead,  
save that of His love:  
Pray your Son  
on Christmas Day, 1971,  
to open His little hand  
and to shower with the gifts of His love  
everyone who begs Him to grant us  
the second miracle needed  
for the Beatification  
of Kateri, child of the wildwood, Tekakwitha.*

Amen



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

For the past twenty-five years, I have been praying to my dear friend Kateri Tekakwitha, and looking back, I cannot think of one prayer that was not answered one way or another. I have seven children and sometimes worried myself sick over them. Then I decided to put everything in the hands of God and of my friend Kateri. Somehow everything always seemed to turn out all right. Last year, one son seemed to drift away in another Province and had no work, while a younger one at home seemed to be keeping bad company (though he gave me no problems). I dreaded the coming summer because he had mentioned traveling without funds. So once again, I turned to Kateri. The older boy is now home and working. The other has decided to take a special two-year course beginning in September so he is now going to summer school to complete one grade 12 subject, and working five evenings a week to help pay for his course. All this he did on his own without any nagging, and without a doubt through the help of my very dear friend Kateri.

I recently came across an old Kateri copy and found a prayer pledge and I am sending it gladly. I am also enclosing a ten-dollar check for the cause of Kateri. Would you kindly send me seven medals and one touch relic?

We are taking three of our children for two weeks to visit a relative in wild mountainous country. Frankly, I'm not too brave about going in bush country in a small plane, but I know that Kateri will watch over us all. Thank you for making Kateri known to me. I think of her as a dear personal friend. (St. Boniface, Man.)

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

I am forwarding the enclosed check to cover the cost of the Kateri Sympathy Cards. Please use the remainder of the money for Kateri's Cause. My life has changed since I first learned of little Kateri. I hope others will learn of her. (Brooklyn, N. Y.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. S. !**

This is an offering of fifty dollars to Kateri for her Cause in thanksgiving for having cured me promptly from a severe illness. I promised to publish this cure. . . (Boucherville, Quebec)

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

I am forwarding you this check which I promised if I sold my cottage. I am faithful to Kateri. (Montreal, P. Q.)

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## Many Iroquois lived among the Quebec Hurons

# INDIAN CHRISTMAS 1671

THE REVEREND MOTHER MARIE DE L'INCARNATION... presented at the beginning of Advent to Louis Taondechoren, chief Dogique [ catechist ] of the little Huron Church, close by Quebec, a very beautiful waxen image of the holy Infant Jesus in his cradle. This good Indian manifested more gratitude for the gift than if he had been presented with all the treasures of the world.

The entire village shared his joy, and regarded this holy image, although given to an individual, as a common possession and a present sent from Heaven.

Their Pastor — who seeks only new opportunities for inflaming that zeal of theirs for everything connected with God's service — formed the plan, with Louis' consent, to afford consolation to all with this treasure; and to take such action that each of the cabins might enjoy it in turn.

Being well instructed, they beheld in this image Him whom it represented; and well knew that the honors which they rendered it would not stop at the figure before their eyes, but would pass on even to the sacred person of

the Savior of the world, who graciously condescended to become a child for love of us. They conceived the idea of making the honors bestowed upon this holy image an atonement for the ill reception that His compatriots gave the Infant Jesus when He came into the world.

The Father, seeing them filled with such pious feelings, assured them that this act of devotion would secure them a thousand blessings from Heaven. He gave them a whole week to prepare to receive the image in their cabins. That week was spent in a renewal of fervor that was highly acceptable to Heaven and Earth. A missionary is happy when he finds means to reach the heart; and anything that can serve to advance his Church in the spirit of the faith and in the practice of the solid virtues, seems to him of importance. He wrote on separate slips the names of the heads of all the cabins; and when the day for this act of devotion came, after singing the **Veni Creator**, the first slip that came to hand was the one inscribed with the name of a good widow, who had displayed especial zeal in the preparation that she had made for rendering herself worthy of





"A very beautiful waxen image of the Infant!" This statuette is nearly two hundred years old.

being the first hostess of the little Jesus. She had thought only of what might please Him, — often rising before dawn to go and offer Him her prayers in the chapel; and to recite her Rosary there for the purpose of inclining his holy Mother's heart in her favor. At this news she thought that she would die with joy.

Speedily all was made ready, her cabin thoroughly cleaned, and a very neat little altar prepared, with its dais and adorned with all the beautiful things that she could find for the reception of such a guest. For she was convinced that this choice was a stroke of Heaven, and the sign of a special Providence of Our Lord toward her and all her family. The holy image having been borne to her cabin in a sort of procession, and placed on the altar, the Father had the company offer a prayer in greeting to their guest and present to Him all that they possessed, — their goods, their persons, and their lives. At the close, they all began to sing Christmas carols in their language in honor of the Holy

Infant Jesus, continuing this practice at their little evening Benedictions on each of the following days.

The ceremony was followed by a feast which this good woman gave to the chief people of the village, but before placing the food before them, she thus addressed the whole company:

"The little Jesus is entertaining you; and you must know that, although everything is His, independently of me, nevertheless I of my own free will make him a special gift of all that belongs to me, — my corn and other grain, and my little furnishings; and I pray Him also to take possession of my person and of my children, to make such use of them as he shall choose during this life and throughout eternity. It was to make this solemn declaration in your presence that I prepared this little feast in His name."

That act of devotion was approved by all the company and the Father, who was present, caused them after the benediction, to offer a prayer to the holy

Infant Jesus, supplicating his acceptance of this good widow's offering. She wished further that two of her children should also share in this offering. To this end, she sent for her little son Joseph, thirteen years old, our pupil in the sixth class, and godson of Monseigneur our Bishop, who is having him reared in his house. Upon his arrival, she first made him pay divine honors to Our Lord in his image; and then asked him, at the same time showing him some porcelain [wampum] collars, — wherein the entire wealth of the family consists, — whether he were not well pleased to give the little Jesus half of his share. "Yes, indeed," said he. Putting the same question to a daughter of hers, she received a like reply. Thereupon she said: "You gratify me, my children. So the little Jesus will be pleased to accept half of our most precious possessions, and will sanction our using the rest in making our little necessary purchases."

On the following day, she begged the Father to come to her cabin where, in her children's presence, she besought him to accept a fine collar of 4,000 porcelain [wampum] beads for the Infant Jesus. This was given in order to strengthen the friendship which the latter had deigned to show them by choosing their cabin for his first abode in the village; and to implore Him to regard them always as persons who, while wholly His from the necessity of their being, and the constant help of His grace, had, by a voluntary resolve of their own free will, pledged themselves to serve Him the rest of their lives more faithfully than ever. They also besought Him not to forsake them; and, although he made his abode in other cabins, to extend to them always a special providence. The Father accepted the collar at the time in order not to deprive her of the merit of her generosity and gratitude; but because of her poverty, he made her take it back

two weeks later, assuring her that Our Lord would be well pleased thereby as if it were used in adorning His altar.

While this image of the holy Infant Jesus was passing from cabin to cabin each week, in the manner related, until the Festival of the Purification, each person, with a holy jealousy, took pleasure in preparing for it an altar more magnificent than the last, inventing new devices to guard it from smoke.

This devotion wrought incredible blessings everywhere. So great was the modesty and self-control of the occupants of the cabin enjoying that happiness, that for the time being they conducted themselves almost as if they had been in church. Benedictions were held there regularly every evening, even in the Father's absence, — the little ones as well as the adults attending without fail, while after the usual prayers, which they all recited aloud at the usual hour, they sang responsively — the men and the little boys in one chorus, and the women and the girls in another — songs and hymns in their own tongue on the mystery of the birth of the Son of God. Their manner of singing was so pleasing and so devout that the French living in the neighborhood, and even some in settlements at a considerable distance, heard them with admiration, and were touched.

The more enlightened among the Indians noticed so great a change in the families who had received in their midst the image of the holy Infant Jesus, that, whenever they saw any disorderly conduct in a family, they immediately wished, and, as far as they could, brought it about that the holy image should be carried to that house. This course was adopted by their Captain. Seeing one day that all the remonstrances offered to a young woman to lead her to a reconciliation with her husband were of no avail, he





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Taughannock Falls, in the Finger Lakes district, highest single waterfall east of the Rocky Mountains, has a 215-foot drop. Think of the power they would furnish if they were harnessed. Your prayers for Kateri's Beatification would still be more powerful with God.

appealed with much simplicity and trust to the holy Infant Jesus.

"You see, my Lord," said he, "this woman's obstinacy. Take pity on her, and have the goodness, I pray you, to choose her cabin next week for your abode; and her heart will surely be softened, and she will return to her duty..."

He declared his purpose to the Father, and the prayer he had offered. It was answered by Our Lord, as he had hoped; for on the following Sunday, when the Father called them all together in the chapel, according to his custom, to choose the little Jesus's lodging-place for the coming week, the lot fortunately fell on the young woman's cabin; and what is still more remarkable is that, while she had been unyielding up to that time, and had shown an intolerable pride, she appeared in an instant wholly changed,

and came to a perfect understanding with her husband. To effect this result, God made use also of a good Christian, her aunt, who represented to her in strong terms that, unless she speedily put a stop to the scandal caused by her obstinacy, the holy Infant Jesus would not enter her cabin; but the people would proceed, to her great confusion, to choose another one worthier of Him who loves only humility, sweetness, patience, and charity.

If they feel so confident of being heard in the prayers which they address to Our Lord and to his holy Mother for the cure of spiritual ills, the reader will not be surprised at their trust in cases of bodily disease. I could cite a hundred examples of the latter, but one or two will suffice for closing this article. A Christian Iroquois woman promised the Blessed Virgin to visit her chapel nine consecutive days, and recite there each time the rosary of the



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This is Middle Falls, 107-feet high, Letchworth State Park, N.Y. Prayer is ever so much more powerful than this onswEEPing water, powerful as it may be. Help Kateri's Cause with your daily Our Father!

Holy Family for the benefit of one of her children who was very ill. On the second day of the novena, the child was entirely cured, and came to the chapel, as usual to pray with the other children.

The principal **dogique** [catechist] of this church, whose son was also at death's door, sought the Father as the latter was preparing to say Mass, to tell him his determination to cease using so many remedies for the cure of his son. "Last summer," said he to him, "I had such an obstinate dysentery that no remedies whatever could give me any relief. I begged one of your Fathers who was going to the altar, to ask God for my cure, and on the same day, I was made well. The same will happen to my son, if you will be so good as to say Mass for him." Father Chaumonot granted him his wish, and on the same day the child was likewise entirely cured.

This good man is wholly filled with God, having in his turn had in his cabin the image of the holy Infant Jesus, which properly belonged to him. He communed with him in his heart without ceasing; and, in recounting to the Father the pious emotions he had experienced while enjoying this happiness, he said: "My Father, I have conceived the idea of observing in regard to the good Jesus, when he leaves my cabin, the same custom that I follow when my son leaves me. You would say that my soul attended him, and bore him company everywhere, so often do I think of him, — being anxious when he is far from me lest some one do him an injury. I would be equally grieved if, in the cabins where Jesus is received in his holy image, anything should occur in his presence that might offend him."

**Jesuit Relations, LV, 277-289.**



✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. L. J. G. !**

Enclosed you will find a ten-dollar check for favors received through the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession. Among other things she got our house rid of ants... I am also asking her to help me with my eyes which are going bad on me... (Indian Orchard, Mass.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss T. T. !**

You will find herein a thirty-five dollar check for Kateri Cause. I had promised twenty-five dollars if I could cash certain checks that belonged to me, but that had lapsed because the adjustment of an account had taken much time. I received the full value of the checks. The extra ten dollars were added for other favors. I am most grateful to Kateri for having obtained for me these favors and I'm asking her to intercede for my family, procuring spiritual graces, the most important of all...

(Montreal, P. Q.)

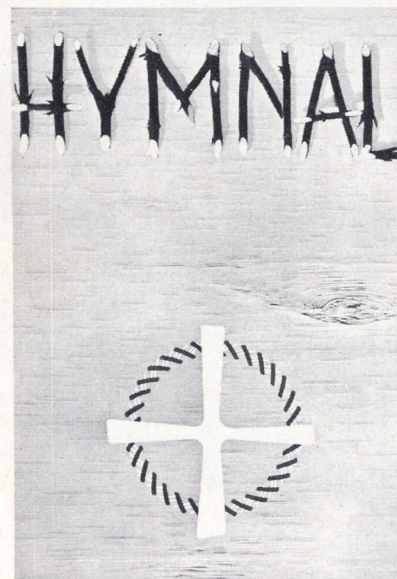
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## A New Iroquois Hymnal

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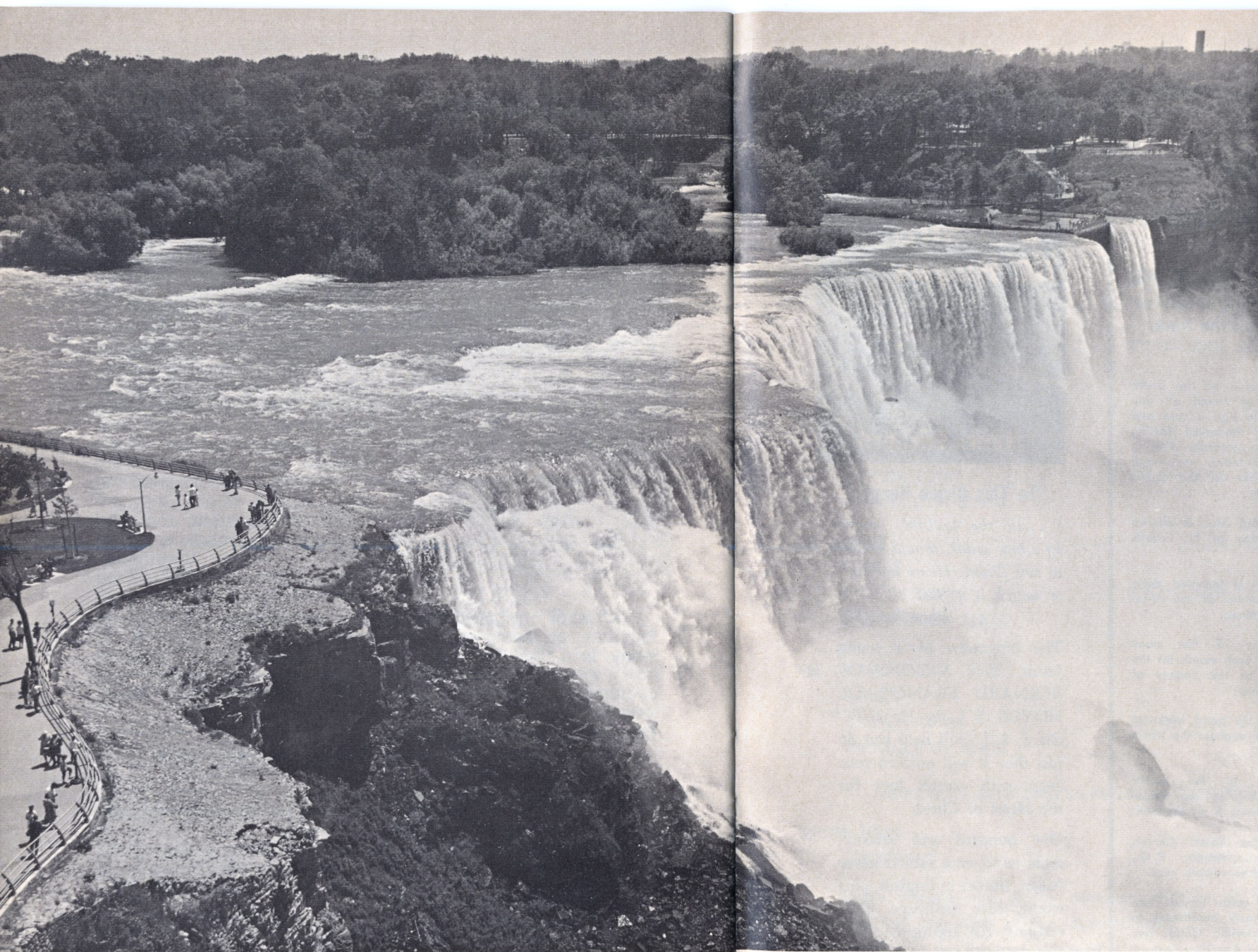
One of the purposes of this publication, "is to keep together, at least, some of the sacred songs known to so many, in a booklet for the use of all those... who, here and now, maintain very faithfully and very successfully the centenarian tradition of the liturgical chant in the Mohawk tongue."

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