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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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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..."

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of one daily Our Father  
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## OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Whether one likes them or not, God's saints, canonized or un-canonized, are interested in us. Each race as well as each nation has its own saints to whom the people turn in times of personal or national distress.

Are we interested in the saints of our own continent? Are we at least interested in the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, known as the Lily of the Mohawks? Think of the Amerinds who have no canonized saint of their own, to whom they could appeal in times of need. The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha was born in what is today United States' territory, and achieved sanctify and died in Canada.

I am now launching an appeal for all our friends and subscribers to help spread devotion to this Iroquois maiden by finding 10,000 news subscribers to the *Kateri* quarterly. The subscription rates have not changed since 1949, and I do not intend to change them: \$1.00 a year, which does not, however, cover the printing and postage costs. The new readers to whom you will have introduced *Kateri* will learn to know, love and, through their prayers, hasten the beatification of the "New Star of the New World."

New subscriptions sent in since June:

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**KATERI  
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## EACH NEW MOON



FROM ROME comes the news that seven beatification causes have progressed considerably. On June 22, the Holy Father presided a meeting of the Congregation of Saints and approved the miracles attributed to the Venerable Sister Agostina Pietrantoni, who spent most of her religious life caring for the sick and dying at Rome's Santo Spirito Hospital. She died in 1894.

The Congregation also promulgated the decrees concerning the heroicity of the virtues of six servants of God, thus honoring them with the title of "venerable".

Of these new Venerables, the one who interests us most is a Salesian seminarian, Ceferino Namuncura, born at Chimpay, Southern Argentina. He was the son of the last Indian emperor of Patagonia, Manuel the Great. Namuncura went to Rome to study for the priesthood, but he died there in 1905 at the early age of nineteen. Kateri's friends will pray so that the cause of the Venerable Ceferino may soon be crowned with success. After all, beyond time and space, isn't he Kateri's brother?

In the French daily, *Le Devoir* appeared a protest letter signed by twenty-eight female professors and students of the CEGEP (college) of Old Montreal. On March 5, at the Lafontaine Pavilion of the state-owned UQAM (University of Quebec in Montreal), a day FOR ABORTION was held. *Le Devoir* had not mentioned it, and this group of women waxed indignant:

"We certainly desire that better information concerning contraceptives make abortion less and less necessary. However, in our opinion, the actual legislation is far too restrictive in that it demands a veritable 'judgement' on the woman who wishes to interrupt a pregnancy. It should be broadened in line with the recommendation made by the Association of Nurses of the Province of Quebec, and amended in suchwise that abortion become a medical act decided by the woman and her doctor."

How can a surgeon who has taken the Hippocratic oath to protect human life, or its equivalent, commit wanton murder of the unborn?

Who pulled the strings that led the Association of Nurses of the Province of Quebec to condone such a "heinous crime"?

How can parents allow their children to attend colleges, run by the government, where "professors" publicly advocate feticide?

How can citizens allow the government and the unions to protect such evil, unparalleled in the history of Judeo-Christian nations?

Dear Kateri, you are in a position to awaken our "good Catholic population" from its lethargy. When it is wide-awake, lead it on to fight for the right, and victory.

On April 30, 1672 died the Venerable Mother Mary of the Incarnation, widow and religious, one of the great mystics of the Church, and foundress of the Ursulines in Canada. Last July, her tercentenary was gloriously celebrated in Quebec City.

Father A. J. Macdougall, S.J., in the 1971 winter edition of the *Martyrs' Shrine Message*, Midland, Ontario, wrote about her love for the aborigines of Canada:

Her love of and devotion to the native peoples was remarkable indeed, and the Algonkians and Hurons who came to know her well loved and respected her greatly. To be sure, her efforts to educate the young Indian girls, a number of them from Huronia, never turned out as well as she had hoped. The Indian children, used to the freedom of the wilderness, found boarding-school life rather confining.

But, even at that, a number of the Indian girls overcame the natural obstacles and learned a good deal from the Ursulines. Their most able and successful student, Teresa Oionhaton, was, unfortunately, captured along with Isaac Jogues by the Iroquois in August, 1642, and never returned to her people.

Mère Marie learned the Indian languages well, even composing a dictionary and a grammar, and she entertained high hopes for the eventual conversion of the Indian tribes. However, the unabating harassment of the colony by the Iroquois filled her with dismay. She even saw her own domestics carried off and her convent in imminent danger of being attacked. Like everyone else in New France



she yearned to have more military protection for the colony which barely succeeded in surviving the constant Iroquois invasions. Only in 1666, with the arrival of the Carignan-Salières regiment, would the situation change dramatically for the better.

This great woman lived and suffered through the period that witnessed the destruction of the once powerful Huron nation and brought the Canadian Church its own martyrs. Her letters at this time throb with her own reaction to these sad yet memorable events.

Let me add that many of the Huron girls whom Mary of the Incarnation had so carefully instructed helped the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha later on.

In the June issue of *Kateri*, I promised to reveal the practical



solution that the Daughters of Isabella had chosen to escalate prayer to the Lily of the Mohawks, thereby hastening her beatification. Their plan is working out as anticipated, but the time has not yet come to divulge it. However, be on the watch. It's worthwhile.

From May to the end of July, 254 friends of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha sent in their Prayer

Pledges of a daily Our Father or Hail Mary to hasten Kateri's beatification. My "thank you" will take the form of a daily remembrance for these fervent supporters each day at the Eucharistic Celebration. A million signed and kept Prayer Pledges are being sought — at least four or five thousand each season. I must count on you to help me find them; otherwise to whom shall I turn?

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

Thank you so much for your **Kateri** which I received this morning. I would like you to say a prayer for our suffering people in Northern Ireland that peace may come soon. (Dublin, Ireland)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss I. S. !**

I am a teacher here and I teach fine arts and crafts. We are but a short way from an Indian reservation — the Quinault. Can you send me any prayer cards, novenas or medals or tell me where I might obtain any? I think the Indians here need Kateri's help in so many ways. There has been a high rate of suicides here and much drinking, etc. I'm sure they would grow to love her if they only knew of her even though only two or three families are Catholic. Eighteen percent of the high school students I teach are Indian. I'm in a wheelchair — went through college in it too. God is indeed good! (Pacific Beach, Wa.)

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

Enclosed is a small offering of three dollars. Whenever I need help I always ask Kateri to intercede for me and she never fails. (Springfield, Tenn.)

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

Please find within five dollars, a small thank you to Kateri, who, I am sure, answered two of my prayers within a week. One concerned a family matter (I trust it will clear up completely), and the other a job for my daughter who started to work on July 10. . . Thank you, Kateri. (Montreal, P.Q.)

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

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

I'm sending my promise to Kateri for a found car that was stolen. The five dollars inclosed is my promise. I'm grateful to powerful Kateri. . . (Springfield, Mass.)

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

My daughter asked me to send you this two dollar bill as a small token to Kateri, for having helped her with her health. She suffers from asthma and gets quite desperate at times. We are praying to Kateri for help if not a cure. I have confidence that she will be cured. Would you please pray with us ? . . . (Montreal, P.Q.)

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

Here is a five dollar bill to help Kateri's cause. My young daughter had no job. I asked Kateri to help us and she heard us. Many thanks to Kateri ! I hope she will help me with regard to another great favor I need very much. I thank you in advance, Kateri. Each day, I pray for your beatification. (Lachine, P. Q.)

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Please find enclosed a five dollar bill for Kateri's cause, in thanksgiving, and, also in order to entrust her with our problems: the most complicated as well as the least complicated, that is, often unsolvable without heavenly intervention! A very nervous person must have her teeth removed! Another one cannot get used to her dentures. Still another finds it impossible to get a good house-keeper! Payment on a costly bill seems indefinitely deferred. Subscriptions to be given as Christmas gifts, in order to help and further a very important cause, are not yet in by Easter! One could go on with these flies in the ointment tomorrow come never. Meanwhile my blood pressure is rising. Who can help us? Kateri. At least, so I firmly hope. Please intercede with us. (St. Claude, Man.)

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

Please find enclosed a one hundred dollar check: this is a gift my brother is sending you for your missions. Here is the story: my brother, L. J. G., from Indian Orchard, U.S.A., was in danger of losing his sight completely. According to the specialist who was taking care of him, nothing remained but to risk a graft of the cornea of the eyes. So he began with the right eye, on December 31, 1971, and this was a success. There still remains the operation of the left eye, which cannot be made for twelve months. As my brother has great confidence in the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and the Venerable Kateri, he promised this gift for your missions and for Kateri's beatification. In order to accomplish his promise, he entrusted me with the money; I am sending it to you with a check in my name, but the gift is from him. If you agree, you may send the receipt to him rather than to me, at the address contained in my letter. He lives in the United States, but he came to visit me at the General Hospital, where I am being treated. He could not go to see you because he had travelled here with other persons, in a car. So, in his behalf many thanks to Kateri!

As for me, I recommend myself to your good prayers. You will see for yourself by my writing that I am very, very nervous; I am old and very much afflicted. I ask God every day, through the intercession of the Venerable Kateri, the great grace of being able to endure the heavy burden of old age. My eyes, my legs are much weakened and I lack courage. Please pray for me.

(Sorel, Quebec)

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

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

Inclosed is the sum of forty dollars. I had trouble to get a certain insurance for which I was rejected. I asked Kateri to help me obtain it. After many weeks of waiting, I received notice that I had been given a good coverage. Thanks for Kateri's help ! (Holyoke, Mass.)

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

I thought you might be interested in knowing how I became such an admirer of Kateri Tekakwitha, and why I place so much faith in her, and why I want desperately for her to be canonized.

Many years ago, my mother (Lord rest her soul), heard about Kateri. At that time my brother dived into shallow water and was paralyzed from his neck down. My mother took care of him and placed him in the hands of Kateri. He lost his paralysis and after a due length of time became well and is living today, which we thought was nothing less than a miracle. Since that time we have all become fans of Kateri. My brother who is a Priest, made a trip to her shrine and purchased a statue of Kateri. When my mother became ill with terminal cancer, she had her hair braided and actually looked like the statue. It never left her side until she died. They looked so much alike. My niece became a nun and took the name of Sister Mary Kateri.

Periodically I have sent contributions toward her shrine and have been happy to do so. Not long ago I received another favor through her intercession and am inclosing a contribution in thanksgiving and hope she will continue to intercede for me.

I appreciate all the prayers received through the shrine and please God someday Kateri will receive the sainthood she so worthily deserves. Thank you so much for your continued prayers. (Johnstown, Pa.)

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

You will find enclosed a ten dollar money order for Kateri. I promised that offering when my husband, who is eighty-three years old, was called to pass a test to drive his car. The second time he tried his oral examination, he succeeded; then, he had to pass the test for driving in the streets: he succeeded as well. Thanks to Kateri!

(St. Francis Xavier, Man.)

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## Deep Faith and Business Acumen

Joe O'Brien

IF YOU have the opportunity to visit with Joe O'Brien at his Lyndhurst, Ohio office, you will see that it is built around a beautiful hand-carved wooden statue of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. This masterpiece outshines even his photos of famous people such as that of the late President Kennedy, and his collection of autographed baseballs of well-known players.

During the Depression years, as a young college graduate, Joseph O'Brien of Cleveland did not hesitate to bear up against the misfortune of the times. Like many young men, in those difficult days, he had no financial backing, but plenty of energy and competence. He also had deep faith.

He soon married Miss Gertrude Geis from his home town, and they settled down to live happily on a shoestring. Now shoestrings are not comfortable perches to live on, and he determined to find a better place.

Shortly after the Depression, while conditions were still not looking up too much, one fine day, he fell upon a little blue pamphlet, the cover of which was illustrated with the picture of an Indian girl praying the rosary: *Kateri Tekakwitha America's Marvelous Maiden* by Father Thomas J. Coffey, S.J. He instantly read it, and was deeply touched by the story of the Lily of the Mohawks.

From that day forward, as his devotion to Kateri increased along with his family, so did his success in business. He never forgot Kateri in word and deed.

In the *Decree on the Church* of Vatican II, we read that "our communion with those in heaven, provided it is understood in the fuller life of the faith, in no way weakens, but conversely, more thoroughly enriches the worship of adoration we give to God the Father, through Christ, in the Spirit" (Chap. VII, n. 51).

So it is with Joe O'Brien. He never brags about fulfilling his religious obligations, but I do know that during these last forty years he has faithfully followed an annual closed retreat, and that he has never missed his weekly Sunday Mass — when so many stay away from the Eucharistic Celebration through wanton ignorance, laziness or self-deception.

Deep faith and simple piety can go hand in glove with efficient business acumen. Isn't Joe O'Brien a living proof of my statement? May Kateri's smile continue to rest upon him always!

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. R. !

I am sending you a five dollar check to help Kateri's beatification and to thank her for having helped me in finding a good tenant for an apartment that had been empty for a year and eight months. It was while reading your quarterly that I thought of praying to her with confidence. I am still praying to her for other important issues which I have to solve, and for the renting of another apartment come next May. . . (Montreal, P. Q.)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. I. B. !

Please find enclosed thirty dollars for two favors I obtained. I asked Kateri to sell our house and find us a place to stay. Within three weeks everything was over and we found the place we wanted. It was the first time I had asked Kateri a favor.

I am also sending you one dollar for a subscription to Kateri for a favor I asked Kateri for my grand-daughter. She wanted to be a cheerleader and they were taking only five girls out of ninety-eight girls. Kateri made her one of the five. (Biddeford, Me.)

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# KATERI'S ECUMENICAL APPEAL

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Toronto, Ontario.  
Jan. 28, 1972

Dear and Reverend Father in Christ,

In February of 1970 I undertook to sign your pledge of one Our Father and/or Hail Mary per day for the miracle and resulting beatification of our beloved little Kateri. Alas, I must admit that I have slipped from that particular duty, so I now renew my pledge, and am saying a Rosary each day for her cause to make up for my neglect of that saintly Lily who has not ever neglected me.

As an Old Catholic I am of course in full intercommunion with the Clergy and laity of the Anglican and Orthodox Churches, so that, in my own poor way, I try to make our Kateri better known to those Catholics not under obedience to the Roman See. Perhaps in her simple Christian piety that blossomed here in the New World, the Church Universal of Christ shall seek humbly a reunion in this "New Ecumenical Age." For example, we had a mass said for Kateri's cause in the Anglican Church of St. Thomas here in Toronto, as many Anglo-Catholics love her dearly. Likewise many Old Catholic masses and prayers are said for her, and some of our Prelates have said that she is to be regarded as a Saint already, because the people of the Church of God have already recognized her as such through faith and devotion alone.

I should very much like to see the Holy Father declare Kateri a Saint, not in Rome, but here, in her own land, in a simple ceremony attended perhaps by the Patriarch, of Constantinople and the Archbishop of Canterbury — too grand a dream? Perhaps yes. But then, all the Bishops of the One True Church are Brethren in Jesus and Servants of His Father in Heaven. I do truly believe that Kateri would have appreciated this without any doubt or need for theological study — only childlike faith in the commandment "One Flock — One Shepherd."

I have always enjoyed a great devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen and Empress of all the Americas, for it was as an Indian, as an Aztec princess, that the Blessed Virgin chose to show herself in the New World four centuries ago — not just as patroness of Mexico, but as protectress of all the lands and peoples in the Western Hemisphere. To my mind, the Venerable Kateri is in a very special sense the Handmaiden of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Like the Blessed Virgin she carried Christ in her heart, and just as Mary found scorn in Nazareth — to be an unmarried girl yet with child — so Kateri found scorn in her village, to be an Indian yet with Christ. Like Mary, Kateri stood by the Cross, and again like Our Lady, she received Communion often, wanting full Unity with and in Our dear Lord. Like Mary again, she is a "Lily among the brambles" — both of them pure flowers planted here in our hearts — one a Maiden who appeared from Heaven to show her love to the Indians of Mexico, the other her little Servant girl elected by God to present His Mother to the peoples North of Mexico.

Here in Canada, we too often neglect the needs and rights of our Native Peoples, just as we too often tend to neglect devotion to the Immaculate Lady of Guadalupe. Perhaps through Kateri, Christians of many diverse opinions and branches of the Mystical Body may find again a Love for Mary Our Mediatrix, and a love for all her Children regardless of race, color or creed.

This is not too much to ask, rather it is the basic teachings of Christ and of His Holy Church.

Please renew my magazines, and send a few pictures and touch relics,

Much love and affection in the Three Holy Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to all those who know and befriend Kateri,

Your Servant in Jesus and Mary

*John Marie of the Sacred Heart*

Father John Marie of the Sacred Heart  
Office of the Vicar-General  
Diocese of Niagara Falls and the Province  
of Ontario.





KATERI IS COUNTING ON YOU !

(See p. 5.)

## A Little-Known Document Concerning Kateri

The Mission of Sault St. Louis, under the title of St. Francis Xavier, is established to the south of Lachine, where there is a French garrison to protect the Indians of the five Iroquois nations settled there. Three Jesuit Fathers are in charge of them. These nations are extremely proud. They have chiefs who lead them, although they are accustomed to follow their own whims, for among the Indians subordination is inexistent. Their women are pious. In this mission there is a pilgrimage in honor of Catherine Thiatakouita [ sic ], who died in the odor of sanctity in 1680. Within the area contained in this grant, there is plenty of timber of all sorts. The Indians own uninhabited land where they sow Indian corn, kidney beans, pumpkins, melons, and sunflowers. In Montreal, they trade the glut of their crops; besides, they prepare a quantity of maple sugar and maidenhair fern which they also sell in town. Ordinarily the women take care of the farming; the men keep occupied with hunting, fishing, and war. For several years, they have been bartering with the English at Orange (Albany), where they carry their beaver skins and bring back fabrics and other merchandise for trading among themselves or in Montreal, without the police's being able to subject them to the laws. . .

Gédéon de Catalogne

*Mémoire sur les plans des seigneuries et  
habitations des gouvernements de Québec,  
des Trois-Rivières et Montréal.*

November 7, 1712.





Father Béchard, S.J., Sister Kateri, S.S.A., and Father Thomas Coffey, S.J.

**J**UST before the June issue of *Kateri* went to press, I learned that Father Thomas J. Coffey, S.J., former Vice-Postulator for Kateri in the United States, had recently died.

In August 1963, during a trip I took to the historical Indian sites of upper New York State, I stopped at Ossernenon, today the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, at Auriesville, N. Y., where Kateri was born. Father Thomas J. Coffey, S.J., the American Vice-Postulator, came to welcome me in his car with its license: **[KT 1680]**, Kateri Tekakwitha (died in) 1680. Together we discussed the progress of Kateri's Beatification. He then informed me that one of the pilgrims at the Shrine that day was none other than Sister Kateri, S.S.A., an Iroquois from the Mission of St. Francis Regis. In the December 1963 *Kateri* issue, the meeting was mentioned.

## Father Tom Coffey, S.J.

### Safely Home With

### Kateri Tekakwitha

Father Coffey often visited with me at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier; I visited with him several other times at Auriesville.

As Vice-Postulator he wrote fine brochures, *Kateri Tekakwitha*, *America's Marvelous Maiden*, which the Tekakwitha League in Auriesville has recently reprinted; he also authored *America's Martyrs, the Story of Father Jogues and His Companions*. He printed and spread far and wide Sister M. Fides Glass's colored picture of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

Father Tom was very much the Jesuit. He was born on July 7, 1903, in New York, the son of John A. Coffey and of Jennie Ryan. As a teen-ager, he attended St. Peter's preparatory school in Jersey City, N. J. After graduation, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on August 14, 1920. Two years later, he transferred to the Juniorate, during

which he deepened his knowledge of the humanities. In 1925, he was sent to the Jesuit scholasticate at Weston, Mass., for three years of philosophy. Regency followed — that three year period during which young Jesuits formerly tried their hand at teaching. At Fordham Preparatory School, and at Gonzaga High School, from 1927 to 1930, Mr. Thomas J. Coffey, S.J., as he was then called, taught the classics and Spanish to the Freshmen and Junior classes. After completing his regency, he studied theology at Woodstock, N. Y., and was ordained on June 25, 1933. Before his tertianship Father Tom was Prefect of Discipline for a year at Brooklyn Preparatory School.

During his Tertianship, which took him once again to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for 1935-1936, he studied ascetical and mystical theology, immersed himself in St. Ignatius' thirty-day Spiritual Exercises, and on weekends helped out the pastors of different parishes.

Following his year of Tertianship, Father worked with boys in different high schools until the summer of 1939, when he turned to retreat work at the Loyola House of Retreats in Morristown, N. Y. At the end of 1941, he was assigned to Our Lady of Martyrs' Shrine, at Auriesville, N. Y.

In 1949, he was appointed Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Beati-

fication and Canonization of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, to which he totally dedicated himself while residing at Xavier High School in New York City. From that time on, it was my good fortune to work with him.

"I guess you know," he wrote in a letter of August 10, 1961, "that by this time I've moved to Auriesville to prepare for Kateri's Canonization." There he edited the two quarterlies, *The Pilgrim* as well as *The Lily of the Mohawks*, which Fr. John J. Wynne the first Vice-Postulator had launched. However God's ways are not our ways. In 1965, on account of ill health, Father Tom was assigned to St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City with the responsibility of the church attached to it. There in the love of Christ, he died on March 4, 1972. All Kateri's friends will pray for the repose of the soul of this devoted and enthusiastic Vice-Postulator.

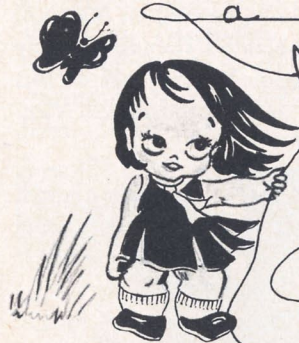




May 30, 1972

Dear Sirs,

My name is Kateri,  
my Mommie's name is Kateri also.  
I am 8 years old and my Mom-  
mie says that you have a ma-  
gazine on Kateri Tekakwitha. I  
would like to know more about  
Kateri. We are Catholics and  
my Mommie's mommy named  
her after Kateri. I guess her  
Mommie learned the name from  
a Priest. I hope to hear  
from you soon. Thank  
you. Kateri Ewing



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

I am enclosing five dollars as an offering to Kateri in thanksgiving for a favor I received: the successful outcome of a serious and most delicate operation my daughter underwent... I am confident that Kateri will not forget her during her convalescence and that everything will go well until she is completely recovered. Also, for my granddaughter who finished high school in June. I hope that Kateri will obtain a position in accordance with her capacities. I also pray that she will be granted an interesting vocation and a happy future. May she do honor to her parents and be surrounded by good friends; should she be called to marriage may she find a fine young man.

Moreover, we have to change everything for the best! I am asking the community to pray with me that I may be answered as soon as possible, since it is most important. In the meantime, I shall place all my hope in Kateri!

(West Warwick, R. I.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. !

We are quite late in answering your kind wishes... Please excuse us: you know how time flies !

Thanks for remembering us; we do not forget you either, even if I always postponed to send my written prayer pledge for Kateri's beatification — which I am doing daily since you asked me. During three years, I requested a special favor, which she has just granted me: that my fifty year old sister may return to work: she had lost her job only because the office where she worked had closed down. She recently was called back to work, and I do hope it will be for a long time. I thank Kateri, and I still pray to her for my sister so that her health, undermined by the shock, may withstand the strain she will have to undergo.

Will you please accept our best wishes for your health and for the success of Kateri's Cause. May you be preserved from the common ills of life, and may your condition in any way not oblige you to alter the very heavy program of your activities.

(Disraeli, P. Q.)

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

In thanksgiving to Kateri for not having to undergo surgery...

(North Babylon, N. Y.)

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



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

It is almost unbelievable the way the Venerable KATERI has answered my wishes. All I have to do is ask.

Two months ago, sales were lagging behind in our office. We were starting a contest period where the secretary also gets a cash prize if the quota is achieved. So I asked the Venerable KATERI to help the salesmen and in turn I would enroll my husband's deceased mother and father in your Etienne Roll with my prize money and send in the name of ten new subscribers.

Within two days the sales came in fast and furious. The manager was happy while wondering what "hit" the fellows. We achieved 116.5% of our quota and also the highest results of all past contests.

Another sideline to this favor received is that there was also a prize drawing. My boss's name was drawn and my cash prize was doubled. (Holyoke, Mass.)

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

I have just learned that I must move from my apartment. It is such a shock as apartments are so hard to find, facilities very poor, and rents sky-high. . .

When I had to move six years ago from Timmins, it was to Kateri I prayed so earnestly that I would find a place for a reasonable sum. My brother's wife knew of my prayers to Kateri, and happened to pass by this apartment, where she used to live, and behold there was a sign saying it was for rent. . . and I came over and took it immediately. Things are much more difficult now, but here I go again, putting my hopes in Kateri. . . The new rents will be eighty and one hundred dollars, and I am a pensioner. Thanking you and enclosing a little donation to Kateri's cause. . . (Porcupine, Ont.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss G. O'C. !**

Enclosed find my check for ten dollars as promised to Kateri if encouraging news was received concerning an X-ray. It proved to be good news, at least for the present. . . (Malboro, Mass.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss R. B. !**

I am sending you five dollars for the subscriptions I had promised, if I were not operated. Here are the names. . . (St. Marie-Salomé, P. Q.)

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

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

It is through my own negligence that I did not inform you about my hip, which was broken last June. I am feeling well; I was two months in the hospital after an operation, and thanks to Kateri, everything went as well as possible. I use a cane while walking, but happily I move around as I want in my house. At seventy-five, I am really lucky to get along that way. I thank Kateri, whom I have never ceased invoking. When I fell (I was alone on the beach near my daughter's cottage), my first thought was for Kateri, and since I have prayed to her every day.

I ask your help in my prayers: I have been waiting these two years for a room in an old folks' residence, and there is nothing so far. I came here, to my daughter's, hoping for an answer to come soon; time is going on, we are lacking space here.

Please find enclosed a five dollar check for your good works. I am very confident that Kateri will soon give me good news. I will inform you. Meanwhile, please remember me in your prayers. (Montreal, P. Q.)

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

Please find enclosed a twenty dollar check for a favor granted to me. This is the second favor obtained after appealing to Kateri. The first one, seven or eight years ago. The second, quite recently, was for a position as probationer for my grown-up son who is graduating from university this year: that is a really difficult thing to obtain, but everything was settled in the most satisfactory way for all concerned. So, many thanks to Kateri!

(Tracy, P. Q.)

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

Please find enclosed a five-dollar offering for a cure. I am grateful to Kateri. I pray to her always. Kindly publish in Kateri. (Holyoke, Mass.)

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

Please accept a five dollar check in thanksgiving to Venerable Kateri for a favor I received. I had promised this amount if a member of my family obtained the job he desired. My prayer was heard. Thank to Kateri.

(Lasalle, P. Q.)

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



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

I wrote to you, many months ago, about a sick cousin, A. R. from Baieville, whom I had recommended to our dear Kateri, so that she might obtain his recovery. Having read in your periodical that December 24 was the 245th anniversary of her first communion, I thought: "This is the right time to get a miracle, considering the fervor which she must have felt on receiving her Jesus..." On Easter Sunday, our cousin's wife wrote to us that her husband was going to Mass every morning, but had not yet used his car. . . !

A few weeks ago, I received a letter from my great friend from Verdun, Miss A. D. who has become Mrs. A. L. since last fall. She had news that her husband, in the hospital, was suffering from a cancer, now spreading; you may understand her profound grief. So, I did the same thing as for A. R. I sent her a picture of little Kateri . . .

On the last evening of my past 90 years, I received from my two best friends their anniversary greetings, mentioning also the cure of both persons. Mrs. L. was jubilant; she had gone to fetch her husband, now as well as herself. . . ! That good news was the nicest gift anyone could offer me. . . !

There are some more people I would commend to Kateri... Please excuse me for being so lengthy. Your time is precious . . . and my way of climbing across the lines show you clearly enough that my eyes are not so keen as when I was fifteen years old.

Yesterday I began my 91st year; will I see the end of it? If I compare that to all the things God has given me to do for the missions, I must go on till my 100th birthday. Thanks to Kateri for the joy she gave me!

(St. Zéphirin, P. Q.)

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

I am subscribing for one more of my daughters who was operated two weeks ago. I had prayed to Kateri and everything turned out well, so I am fulfilling my promise: one subscription for a year. Thank you in advance. Please say a prayer for me. . .

(Waterville, P. Q.)

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

Now recovering after a serious accident, I thank Kateri for having cured me beyond all hopes.

(Boucherville, P. Q.)

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

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss B. G. !**

Please find enclosed a ten dollar bill for five subscriptions to the **Kateri quarterly**; the remaining sum is a gift to the Cause.

Kateri granted me many favors, which would be too long to tell. First a nice job for a good friend, the recovering of a sick woman, the success of a business undertaking, a piece of land well sold, etc.

I am trying to spread devotion to Kateri and I hope that some day she will be canonized.

(St. Narcisse, P. Q.)

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

Please find enclosed two dollars for Kateri. She helps us extraordinarily. While I am writing to you, I have before me a bill that must be paid as soon as possible. Would you go to Kateri's statue and invoke her in my name: I have so much faith in her. I place my eighteen year old daughter under her protection. Oh Kateri! Please understand me !

(St. Eustache, P. Q.)

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

Please find enclosed five dollars for Kateri who made me win one hundred dollars at bingo. Dear Kateri, do not forget that my husband did not work for a whole week: come back and help me pay my bills! Please.

(St. Eustache, P. Q.)

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

Our Motherhouse is much interested in the good cause of Venerable Kateri's beatification, so forty-four of our Sisters promised to recite daily one Our Father and Hail Mary, in order to attain, by the obtaining of another miracle, the glorious day of the glorification on earth of this heroic little Indian girl.

Please accept also our offering of five dollars, for our dear Kateri Tekakwitha's cause.

(Hull, P. Q.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss R. L. !**

I recite the prayer for Kateri's beatification every day. These last months I was worrying about a change in transportation to my job. Now, I was informed yesterday that the problem is solved, at least for this year. I had asked for Kateri's help. It seems that my request was granted thanks to Kateri. My offering is enclosed.

(St. Anne de Bellevue, P. Q.)

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



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

I am sending a small donation because of the answer to my prayers. I consider it a miracle. Being on my way to become an invalid, I now have a new doctor, who is doing wonders for me. He says that in time I will be able to do lots of things and start driving again, but in slow motion. I hope this check for twenty dollars will help in some way the wonderful cause of Kateri... (Bellaire, Texas)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Rev. R. L. A. !**

Years ago when I was still in the seminary, I had a devotion to the Venerable Kateri. Just recently I was enrolled in the Guild by my cousin because I'm praying for a very special intention. If you send me some medals and prayer leaflets, I'll try to promote devotion to her here in our parish. I'll also be happy to sign the prayer pledge for her beatification... (Chicago, Ill.)

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

I am sending you ten dollars for Kateri's cause. I was suffering greatly from intestinal trouble and I asked her to help me. Without her help I would have suffered much more. It was practically a hospital case. I am thankful. I never beseech her in vain. Please publish this favor; it is a grace among others! (Montreal, P. Q.)

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

Some time ago, I wrote to you in order to obtain a favor: that my husband may come back to work here in Richmond, where we are living. Well, I have been answered by Kateri, with the help of your prayers: I thank you very much, and I will continue to pray Kateri. I am sending you two dollars for her cause. (Richmond, P. Q.)

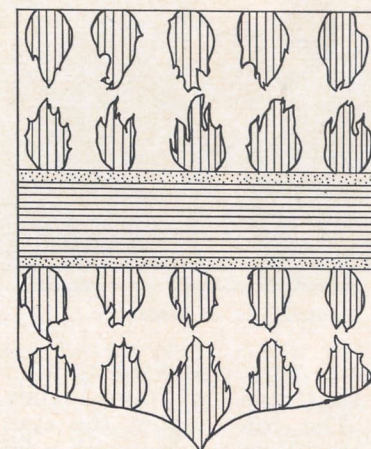
✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W. H. !**

Several weeks ago my wife suffered a temporary mental disturbance after receiving a severe emotional shock and I asked Kateri's intercession to bring her out of it. In fulfillment of my promise of publication and a donation, I am sending you five dollars. Thanks again to Kateri who never seems to fail me in a time of crisis.

(Rochester, N. Y.)

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

Jacques Frémin, S.J.



Arms of Antoine Frémin,  
Father Jacques' father

## The Superior of the Mission (1677-1680)

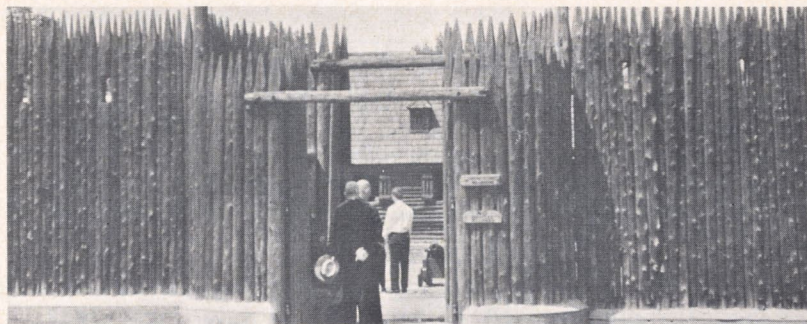
IN SYRACUSE, N. Y., during the great depression, the Government of the State restored old Fort Sainte Marie of Ganentaa. Student guides full of good will, tell you that in 1656 the Jesuits founded Sainte-Marie with the help of Zacharie Dupuy, Sieur of Verdun, an excellent and better still an honest officer.

More than three centuries ago, the Onondagas requested missionaries and the establishment of a French center on their land. In 1655, Fathers Claude Dablon and Jean Marie Chaumonot went to Onondaga, the capital of the Five Nations to investigate the feasibility of such a project. After considerable hesi-

tation, the civil and religious authorities decided to send Jesuits and fifty laymen to this far-away canton. With Fathers François Le Mercier, Jacques Frémin, René Ménard, Brothers Ambroise Broar and Joseph Boursier, the little troop of Frenchmen piled into two large shallops and several canoes. They waved a last farewell to Quebec on May 17, 1656. The shore was lined with friends who applauded the members of little flotilla. Many looked at them with compassion, convinced that they were all to die at the stake.

For a young missionary, aged 27, as was Father Frémin, who had landed in





Sainte-Marie de Ganentaa

Canada the previous year, this was really his first missionary adventure. The following day all the travellers nearly died at the hand of three hundred Mohawks. One of the Brothers escaped with a light wound inflicted by gunshot. On May 20, they stopped at Three Rivers where they rested more than a week. On May 31, they disembarked at Montreal. This is probably where they prepared a flag of white taffeta, adorned with the name of Jesus in large letters. It was reserved for the first canoe of a flotilla of twenty destined to carry them from the French settlement to Onondaga.

Like the others, nearly every day, Father Frémin — he was such a stalwart that he was often thought to have been a soldier in his youth — had to jump into the water to drag the canoes or carry them filled with his share of supplies on his shoulders over the long and numerous portages. "We were wet through

and through; for, while a half of our bodies was in the water, the sky saturated the other with a heavy rain."

There was plenty to eat during the first half of the journey. About June 12, the hunters shot a great deal of elk and deer; the twentieth, they killed five fawns and the fishermen took a hundred catfish. Then the famine began. They survived thanks to the *atocas* or cranberries that the youth of the expedition picked in the neighboring fields. The fishing was vile: a single pike must do for sixty men!

As they made their way up the river, at the sight of the flag carrying the name of our Lord, a friendly group of Mohawks approached, but the Onondagas of the convoy, vexed that another band of Mohawks had attacked them shortly after leaving Quebec, hurled insults at them, jumped into their canoes, robbed them of their weapons and of the better part of their equipment.

The canoes were often damaged and had to be repaired there and then. An Onondaga woman gave birth to a child; it was baptized since it may have been in danger of death. Afterwards the mother continued the journey despite a heavy rain which lasted twenty-four hours. That same evening a party of hunters fled at the sight of the flotilla.

Their baggage, beaver pelts and weapons were seized, but were returned when it was discovered that these men were Andastogué with whom the French were on friendly terms. The Indian guides, however, did not consider themselves bound by such diplomatic considerations and would not return their loot. Each day brought something new. For Father Frémin and his companions, emergencies had become a way of life.

On the evening of June 26, about nine o'clock, a voice was heard in the woods, loud, indeed, but wailing. Zacharie Dupuy, the leader of the expedition, ordered the drums to be beaten to show that it was a French encampment. A few minutes later, an unfortunate Huron, a walking corpse who sent shivers down every one's spine, came out of the shadows of the tall trees. He had escaped from the Mohawks and had walked for seventeen days through the forest. As he was famished, he was given a certain beverage so that he could eat without danger.

The day after this encounter, the settlers arrived at the last rapids half-way between Montreal and Onondaga, about one hundred and twenty-five miles from their destination. Then everything went from bad to worse.

Father Le Mercier, the Jesuit Superior, fell sick and his companions could offer him no other bed than the earth and no other shelter than the sky. Their Indian escort, forty to begin with, gradually diminished to five.

On July 7, about nine o'clock in the evening, the French reached the mouth of the river that forms Lake Ganentaa, on the bank of which their quarters were to be built. The gaunt and drawn faces of these men told more clearly than words their deep dejection. The following day, they made only three miles' progress because of the breakers which forced them to recede nearly as much as they advanced. Then it was in the depths of their dejection that they were relieved by the arrival of a canoe with bags of Indian corn or maize and some large salmon sent by Father Chaumonot and the elders of Onondaga. Two other canoes as heavily laden as the first came in its wake.

About three o'clock in the afternoon of July 11, the French debouched into Lake Ganentaa, six miles long and a mile and a half wide. They hailed the assembled people by a discharge of five small



pieces of cannon and of all the harquebuses. The flotilla, in which Father Frémin was rowing, advanced in rows of four to the shore. A second discharge was fired and it delighted the Onondagas present. Two scaffolds had been erected by the elders to pay the French chiefs their compliments but a heavy down-pour forced the Fathers and Monsieur Dupuy to seek shelter.

The next morning Father Frémin and his fellow priests chanted the **Te Deum** in thanksgiving and took possession of all the country, not in the name of the king of France but in that of Jesus Christ. The following Sunday, all the settlers, priests and laymen alike, carried out the vow they had made during their journey — a general communion if they reached their destination safely and soundly.

The day after, Monday, the seventeenth, the men began to work at their lodgings and at a good redout for ten of their soldiers on a height overlooking the lake and the entire neighborhood. Meanwhile, Father Le Mercier with a group of soldiers proceeded to the town of Onondaga, some ten and a half miles distant, where he was solemnly received by the inhabitants.

If Father Frémin did not accompany his superior, on the other hand, he took part in a great council of the Five Nations held on July 24. His

colleague, Father Joseph Chaumonot, who had been living there for more than a year and had perfectly mastered the Iroquois tongue, acted as interpreter. This important assembly had been called to reconcile the Mohawks and the Senecas who were on the verge of making war with one another as a result of the killing of one of the latter by the former in the vicinity of Trois Rivières. They would also discuss the establishment of this new settlement in the heart of their country and last of all take the means to assure a common defense against their enemies. Father Le Mercier, named Achien-dasé by the Indians, was called upon to settle the disagreement between the Mohawks and the Senecas. This he accomplished to the satisfaction of all. The French settlement among the Iroquois was also approved. Then each group deposited their presents in the war-kettle. The Fathers also had presents to offer: wampum, harquebuses, powder and lead, coats, hatchets, kettles and other such articles. Father Chaumonot not only translated the harangues of the Indian orators, but also made a speech which aroused the admiration of all and brought down their applause:

"It is not for purposes of trade that you see us appear in your country... For the Faith, we have left our country; for the Faith, we have

abandoned our relatives and our friends; for the Faith, we have crossed the ocean; for the Faith, we have quit the great ships of the French to embark in your small canoes; for the Faith, we have given up fine houses to lodge in your bark cabins; for the Faith, we deprive ourselves of our natural nourishment and the delicate viands that we might have enjoyed in France . . . You solemnly

promised to lend ear to the words of the great God. They are in my mouth; listen to them; I am but a spokesman..."

Father Frémin never forgot this grand council where he first came into contact with the Five Nations. And each new day added experience to his knowledge of Iroquois ways that would be useful to him in the years to come.

*(To be continued)*

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

On April 18, you acknowledged receiving my donation of three dollars for prayers to be said to get a new tenant soon, and my prayers were answered. To thank you and Kateri, enclosed please find an additional ten dollars as a "thank you" donation. (Secaucus, N.J.)

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

Please find enclosed a five dollar check, as a very modest token to Kateri, who certainly contributed to the success of a glaucoma operation which my wife had to undergo five weeks ago. Another similar operation will have to be done to her right eye in a couple of months, but we are confident that Kateri will once more grant us her help. I had the pleasure, as a child, to live with my maternal grandparents, a mile from Kateri's cenotaph, at Côte St. Catherine de Laprairie. Every evening during May, my aunt used to bring me to the cenotaph, where the young people of the "Côte" gathered to pray and sing hymns during the Month of May. I was but six years old, I am now seventy and it is not without emotion that I recall the happiness I felt at those very simple but sincere ceremonies. (St. Hyacinthe, P.Q.)

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

We are sending you a twenty-five dollar check, my mother and I, for the beatification of our good Kateri, who got me a good job that I had wished to obtain for a long time. I suffered from an ailment and nobody would assume the responsibility of hiring me. Once more, many thanks to Kateri! Please pray for me.

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