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"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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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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OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Our Subscription Campaign is now under way. We are appealing to all our friends and subscribers for help in spreading devotion to the 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, however, does not 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."

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

I thought you might be interested in the details of my brother John's illness. He became ill in November of 1971 and was taken to the hospital. The doctors found he had four aneurysms on the main arteries of the brain and that he had hemorrhaged from one of them. The doctors also said the aneurysms were in the most difficult part of the brain to get at surgically. The head neurosurgeon said he expected John to hemorrhage again within the next two weeks and there would be little hope for him.

I wrote to you at that time and asked for a relic and a picture of Kateri.

John held out for three weeks and then he hemorrhaged again on December 8 (a holy day for us). We were told it was only a matter of time now. He had been unconscious for two days when Kateri's relic arrived. He was in a deep comatose stage, even his eyes had set. I touched his head with the relic and then taped it and the picture to his bed. John began to show definite improvement in the next twelve hours. After twelve days he was well enough to leave Intensive Care. It was a few days before Christmas.

On the twenty-sixth of December, minor brain surgery (putting in a shunt) to releave the pressure on his brain was done. The major brain surgery called mini-microscopic surgery enables surgeons to reach very difficult parts of the brain. But Dr. J. agreed with the other doctors that John's condition was too weak and that he could not help him. John was moved from Mercy Hospital to the Veterans' Hospital on February 5, 1972. Dr. J. again went to see him in March. We were told that John was stronger and that while the operation would be still very very dangerous, it was the only step open to John. On March 14, Dr. J. and three other neurosurgeons operated. They also used another new method of freezing on John during the surgery and for ten days after. His body temperature was kept at a very low level so that the brain could rest. He was still unconscious twenty days later. The twentieth day was Easter Sunday. I remember saying to my aunt on Good Friday that, because Our Lord awoke on Easter, maybe it would be a good day for John. It was. He came back to consciousness on Easter Sunday.

After a recovery period we took him home on May 5. He had no paralysis at all. While his mind was confused, over the next eight weeks he improved greatly. He was reaching quite a normal level of functioning. Suddenly he became ill again and was hospitalized on July 12. On the thirteenth his condition grew worse and he again was

taken to Intensive Care. The doctors were confused and were unable to say what was wrong but for about five hours it looked as if we were losing him. For some reason, for the first time since November, I gave up hope that night. I felt he was going to die. Sometime that night I again asked Kateri for help, while we waited at the hospital, and John's condition stabilized. But he remained in a semi-conscious state. The doctors felt it was a combination of things — rejection of one of the drugs plus malfunctioning on the shunt. They operated and replaced the shunt on July 28. Today August 2, he is conscious, can walk again, talk, etc. We hope to take him home again soon.

As for myself I still think it strange that I happened to find my way to Kateri's Shrine last August and became interested in her. I was touring in Montreal and had no plans to visit there. With all the Masses available to me in Montreal, I decided to drive out there for Sunday Mass. Making the decision to drive out, not really knowing where it was, was a difficult one because I had had a bad experience the day before on the Montreal Freeway. It is the only time I used my car while in Montreal. While there I made plans to enroll my brother Bill on her Honor Roll. He died of the same illness John has, five years ago. Who would have thought two months later that she would have become so important to me and my brother John? Her power and closeness to God speaks for itself.

(Pittsburgh, Pa.)

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

Just a hurried note — and a check for ten dollars — keeping my promise to Kateri if all went well in our new business. . .

(Revere, Pa.)

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

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EACH NEW MOON



MAY THE JOY of the Resurrection flood the hearts of all Kateri readers! Easter was an exceptional feast for the Lily of the Mohawks. On Easter Sunday 1676, she was baptized, at what is today Fonda, N.Y. Two years later, she received Holy Communion a second time on Easter Sunday at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, at Caughnawaga, Quebec; there she died in 1680 a few days before Easter.

To do its part in the KATERI ACTION movement, with the Kateri Staff, I have decided to have a novena of High Masses (or the equivalent of High Masses) offered quarterly in thanksgiving for the countless graces she received from the Holy Trinity during her lifetime, and for the many spiritual and temporal favors her friends have obtained from God through her intercession. Your intentions also for the living and dead will be included in these Masses. Simply send them in to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Caughnawaga, P.Q., Cana-

da, on a separate sheet. On page 33, you will find a suggested list of intentions to which you may add others of your own.

I am particularly happy to advise Kateri's friends that these Masses will be offered by the Rev. Anthony Roussos, S.J., a Jesuit priest of the Oriental rite, chaplain of the Carmelite nuns at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Holy Land.

Last December, in Montreal, plenty of out-going and in-coming Christmas mail was delayed for weeks. The Kateri Center had taken great pains to post its material early. As the postal rates grow higher the service goes from bad to worse. I wish Canada could borrow someone like President Nixon for a few days: he would end the postal unions' annual official or unofficial malfeasance by sending in the army during the Christmas rush. In December 1972, no legal strike was voted; on the other hand, in Montreal, a slow-down strike was in operation. The blame must not rest only on the unions but on the government too. There should be enough intelligent men in the two administrations to be able to come to reasonable terms without trafficking the public. In my humble, perhaps mistaken opinion, civil servants who enjoy an incomparable security of employment, should not strike, and should not forward to Halifax mail addressed to Vancouver, as some newspapers openly claimed. Nor should they deliver letters in the middle of January that were addressed to Kateri at the end of Novem-



ber or at the beginning of December.

The above cartoon, published in *The Montreal Gazette* of January 11, 1973, illustrates the general public's mood with regard to the Canadian postal service during the last few years. So does the following letter, which appeared in the same issue of *The Gazette*:

SIR, — Congratulations to Raymond Lette for coming up with the brilliant idea of sending the postal employees their pay cheques through the mail. Why did not anybody think of this before? No doubt this would simplify things for the Postmaster General as all the cheques could be mailed in plain envelopes from Ottawa. A little of their own medicine would do a world of good to the postal unions.

I hope the Postmaster General will not delay in carrying out this brilliant and practical suggestion.

PATRICK O. WELLS

Last year, in more than one *Kateri*, I mentioned that, at the suggestion of Bishop André Cimi-chella, Auxiliary of Montreal, and with the complete approval of Bishop Gérard Marie Coderre of Saint Jean de Quebec, the Daughters of Isabella had resolved to intensify prayer for the Beatification of the Lily of the Mohawks. These plans were successfully implemented, and today, in the right transept of the Mission Church of Caughnawaga, you may kneel and pray close by a beautiful white Cararra marble tomb in which has been incased the reliquary of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Most of this issue of *Kateri* is devoted to the translation of the relics and to the blessing of the new monument. Far better than words the following photographic report will tell you the story. Dr. Solomon Cook of Hogsburg, N.Y., officially representing Rev. Joseph S. McBride, eluded the photographer. See, however, *Kateri*, No. 94, p. 32.

Please remember in your prayers the Rev. Henri Lalonde, S.J., for many years director of the Caughnawaga Indian Choir, who recently suffered an infarct of the heart. Ask Kateri to cure him if such be the Will of God.

In the June issue of *Kateri*, for your reading pleasure, Father Frémin's biography, interrupted in this issue for lack of space, shall be continued; also, a pictorial report on the investiture of the Rev. Michael Jacobs, S.J., in the Order of Merit, Diocese of Alexandria, Ont.

THEN and NOW

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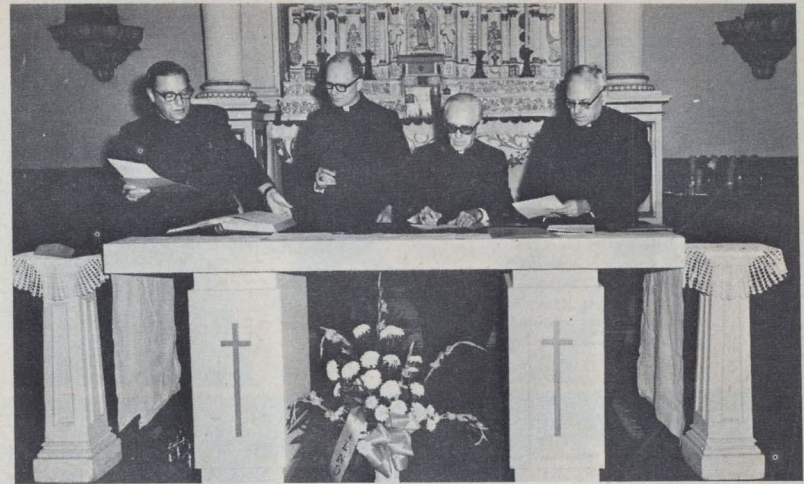
So many persons were seen to commend themselves to the deceased Catherine Tekakwitha; so many good Indians were seen to offer this devotion and found themselves in such necessity this year to address themselves to her, that we believed it was but paying a just tribute to her virtue to remove her from the cemetery — where a little monument had been erected to her, a year before — into the new church. All opinions were unanimous upon that. This transfer, however, was accomplished by night, in the presence of the most devout. Some Indians have since been seen to go to pray at the place where she lies, who had begun to go to visit her on the very day when she was buried. . .

Claude Chauchetière, S.J., "Narrative for each year from the foundation of the Mission of the Sault until 1685," *The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents*, Thwaites Edition, LXIII, 241.

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On All Saints' Day 1972, the 295th anniversary of the arrival of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, with Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre of St. Jean de Québec presiding, and Bishop André Cimichella, Auxiliary of Montreal attending, as well as a small group of Indians and whites, the Rev. Henri Béchard, S.J., with all due respect to the regulations of Canon Law, transferred the relics of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha from the Jesuit residence to the Carrara marble monument in the Mission Church of St. Francis Xavier. The monument was donated by the Daughters of Isabella with the entire approval of the Supreme Regent, Mrs. Richard H. Walsh, and of the State Regent, Miss Claire Déry. Bishop Coderre blessed the new monument at the half past ten o'clock Eucharistic Celebration, on Sunday, December 17, 1972.

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Rev. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor, Bishop André Cimichella, Auxiliary of Montreal, Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre of St. Jean de Québec, and Rev. Henri Béchard, S.J., Vice-Postulator, sign the testimonial documents pertaining to the translation of the relics of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha from the Jesuit residence to the new monument.



Architect Edouard Piché, who graciously prepared the plans of the monument, is about to set his hand to the official attestation, while Rev. Léon Lajoie, S.J., signs a second copy, and Rev. Henri Béchard, S.J., checks the French version a last time. Mr. Albert Lazare, Secretary of the Kateri Center since 1951, Mrs. Ida Goodleaf, Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, Lily of the Mohawks Circle, Caughnawaga, P.Q., Mr. Paul Aiello of the Firm of Sebastiano Aiello Monuments and Statues, Montreal, and Miss Claire Déry, State Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, Victoriaville, P.Q., await their turn to affix their signatures.



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On the Feast of All Saints,
in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-two,
The Most Reverend Gérard Marie Coderre,
Second Bishop of St. Jean de Quebec,
and The Most Reverend André Cimichella,
Auxiliary of Montreal and Bishop Ponens to the Episcopacy
for the "Founders of the Canadian Church,"
The Reverend Léon Lajoie, S.J.,
Pastor of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier,
The Reverend Henri Béchard, S.J.,
Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Canonization
of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha
and official Guardian of her Relics,
Architect Édouard Piché,
Mr. Paul Aiello
of Sebastiano Aiello Monuments and Statues
of Montreal,
Miss Claire D'ry, Provincial Regent
of the Daughters of Isabella,
and Mrs. Ida Goodleaf, Regent of the Caughnawaga
Lily of the Mohawks Circle, 1130,
were present at the translation of the relics
of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha,
from the vault of the Presbytery
to the St. Francis Xavier Mission Church,



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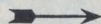
where they were deposited in the
Carrara marble monument,
donated by the Daughters of Isabella
to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier,
Caughnawaga, Province of Quebec.
The relics from the lower part of the body
of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha
are contained in a dark brown wooden chest
about thirty inches in length and fifteen in height,
with a heavy nylon covering,
and are shielded by a double glass cover
adorned with faded red ribbons,
and sealed with five seals carrying the coat-of-arms
of The Most Reverend Paul Bruchési,
Archbishop of Montreal,
during the pastorate
of The Reverend Arthur Mélançon, S.J.,
at the turn of the century.
The reliquary was placed within
a larger aluminum box

before being enclosed in the monument.
+ Gerard Marie Coderre, évêque de Saint-Jean P.Q.
+ André Marie Cimichella, évêque de Montréal
Léon Lajoie S.J. pasteur de la mission
Édouard Piché architecte Montréal
Claire D'ry régente de l'Église des Mohawks
Ida Goodleaf Régente Lily of the Mohawks



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Paul Aiello 39, rue St. Michel
Alfred Legare, Caughnawaga
Honoré Bruchési S.J.
Margaret Rier, Caughnawaga
Genevieve Savois Victoriaville
Edouard Legare, Caughnawaga
Alfred Coderre, Jorquivil
Paul E. Bruchési S.J.
Harold Van Caughnawaga Inc.



With the help of Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre, Mr. Paul Aiello removes the ivory handle of the reliquary.

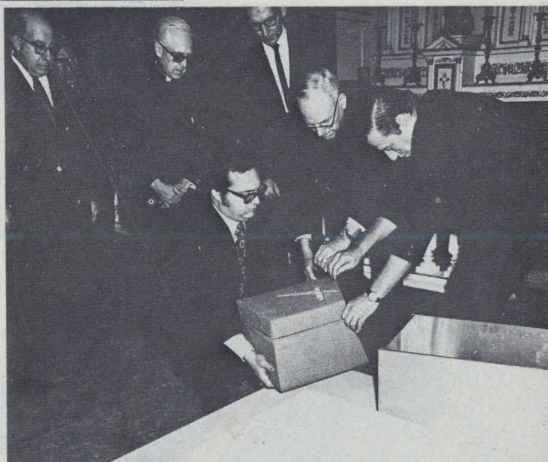
Singer and entertainer André Fontaine takes a final look at the relics of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. In the closing years of the last century, Archbishop Paul Bruchési of Montreal deposited under glass the relics of the Lily of the Mohawks in the brown wooden chest, now covered with rose and gold nylon, some thirty inches long by fifteen inches high. His Grace's five seals of red wax are in perfect condition and his motto stands out clearly: *Confido in Domino: My trust is in the Lord*. Two red ribbons, aged by time, which gave way, leave the seals intact.

The aluminum container in which the reliquary is to be placed.

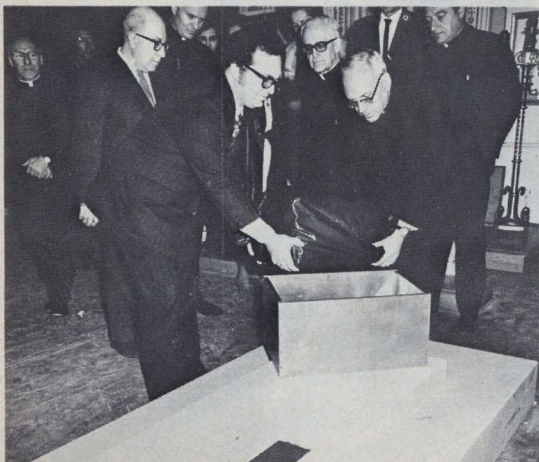




Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre places within the reliquary a copy of the official attestation concerning the translation of Kateri's relics, 1972 Canadian and American coins, a copy of the Kateri quarterly, and of *L'Héroïque Indienne Kateri Tekakwitha* by Henri Béchar, S.J.



Mr. Edouard Piché, Rev. Paul-Emile Beaudoin, S.J., Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre and Mr. Albert Lazare, look on attentively while Mr. Paul Aiello, the Vice-Postulator, and Rev. Léon Lajoie, S.J., insert the reliquary in a plastic bag.



Rev. Paul-Emile Beaudoin, S.J., Mr. Edouard Piché, Bishop André Cimichella and Bishop Coderre with Rev. Léon Lajoie, S.J. to the far right, act as witnesses while Mr. Paul Aiello and Rev. Henri Béchar, S.J. deposit Kateri's relics in its aluminum container.



Bishop André Cimichella, Mesdames Eileen Lazare, Margaret Deer, Annette Savoie, Vice-Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, Victoriaville, P.Q., Ida Goodleaf, Miss Claire Déry, Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre, Revs. Henri Béchar, S.J. and Léon Lajoie, S.J., observe the closing of the aluminum container with Kateri's relics by Mr. Paul Aiello.



In the right transept of the Mission Church of St. Francis Xavier of Caughnawaga, Mr. Paul Aiello, Rev. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor, Miss Claire Déry, State Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, Mesdames Ida Goodleaf, Regent of the Lily of the Mohawks Circle of Caughnawaga, P.Q., Annette Savoie, Vice-Regent, Victoriaville, P.Q., Margaret Deer and Eileen Lazare, Bishops Gérard-Marie Coderre of St. Jean de Québec and André Cimichella, Auxiliary of Montreal, and Mr. Edouard Piché listen closely to the Vice-Postulator reading the deposition signed by all present, which is to be enclosed in the reliquary.



Mrs. Eileen Lazare and her husband, Mr. Albert Lazare, Mrs. Ida Goodleaf, Miss Claire Déry, Revs. Henri Béchar, S.J., and Léon Lajoie, S.J., Bishops Gérard-Marie Coderre and André Cimichella, Mr. Edouard Piché, Miss Annette Savoie, Mr. André Fontaine, Mr. Howard Deer, Rev. Paul-Emile Beaudoin, S.J., and Mr. Albini Coderre attend the enshrining of Kateri's relics in the base of the monument by Mr. Joseph Nardone, and Mr. Paul Aiello.



Several Daughters of Isabella, Mesdames Annette Savoie, Ida Goodleaf, Eileen Lazare, Margaret Deer, and Miss Claire Déry, State Regent, pray before the relics ensconced in the base of the monument.



Bishop André Cimichella examines the gold-leaf inscription *Kaiaianoron* (Venerable) *Kateri Tekakwitha* 1656-1680. The stylized turtle refers to the Turtle Clan to which Kateri belonged; the stylized lily symbolizes the Trinity, and Kateri's appellation as the "Lily of the Mohawks."



Messrs. Manuel Lucio, Albert Lazare, Leon Rossboeski, and Joseph Nardone roll into place the upper part of the monument.



The Kateri Monument



THE HOMILY

HOMILY BY BISHOP JEAN-MARIE CODERRE of St. Jean de Quebec, delivered on the seventeenth of December, nineteen hundred and seventy-two, at half past ten, in the Mission Church of St. Francis Xavier, on the occasion of the blessing of the new monument to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha and of the Eucharistic Celebration offered in thanksgiving on the two hundred and ninety-fifth anniversary of the Lily of the Mohawks' arrival at Caughnawaga, Quebec.

My Dear People,

Two hundred and ninety-five years ago, the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha came to live at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, where she was soon allowed to receive her First Communion. Today we have gathered together to thank God for having led her to this village of the "Praying Indians", and to bless the new mausoleum that contain her relics.

Kateri had an adopted sister who was living with her husband at this same Mission. The zeal of these Christian Indian to draw their relatives and friends to the new village, inspired this woman with the same thoughts with regard to Kateri. When she disclosed her plan to her husband, he readily gave his consent. In the company of the noted chief Hot Ashes, and a Huron Indian from Lorette, he travelled to the Iroquois country with the intention of engaging Kateri to follow them, and to share in the blessings of their conversion.

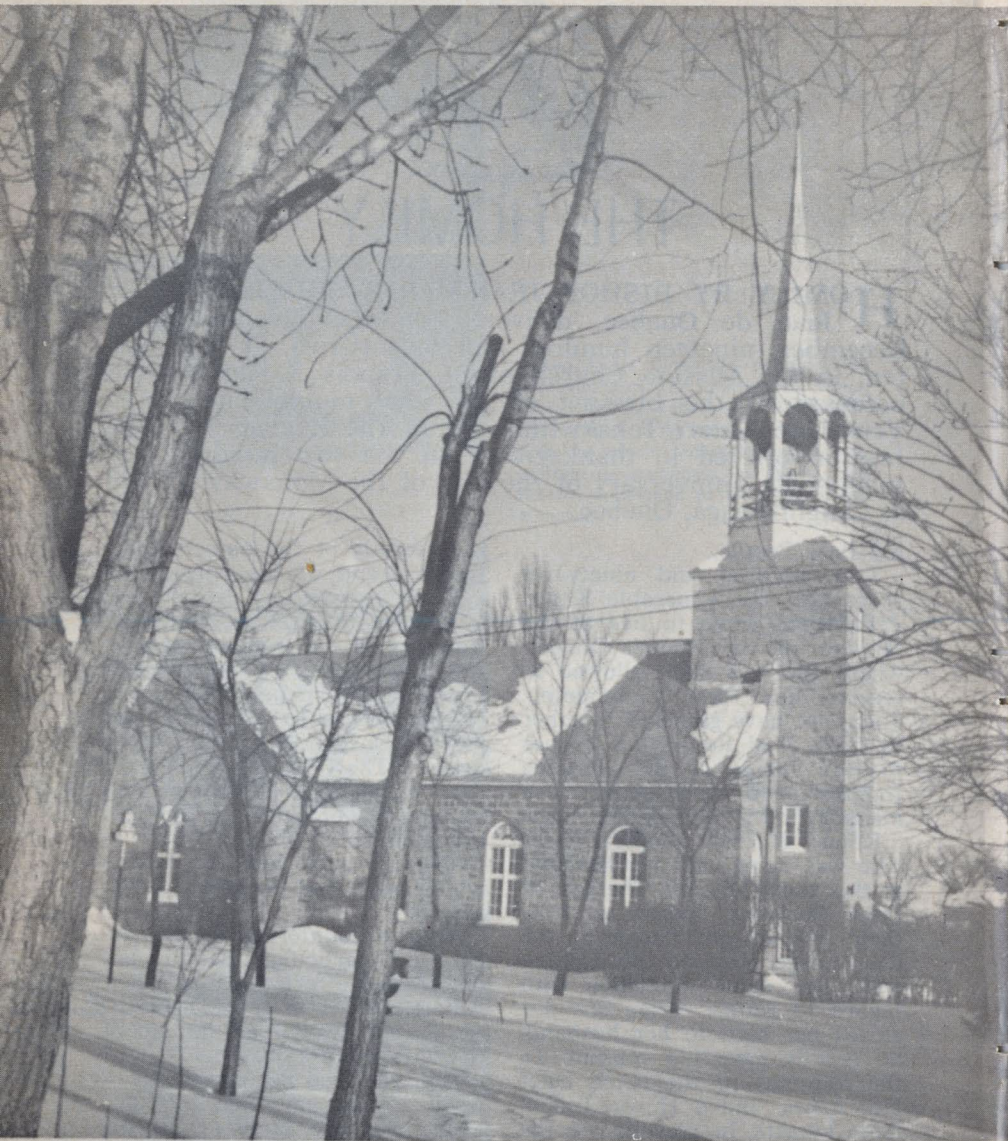
With difficulty, he reached Kateri's village. There he informed

her secretly of the object of his journey, and of his wife's invitation to come and live at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. As Kateri appeared transported with joy, he warned her to hold herself in readiness to depart. Her foster-father uncle was then absent, and had no suspicion of his niece's design. The missionary on his part, while he could not withhold his approval of Kateri's resolution, exhorted her to place her trust in God, and gave her the advice which he judged necessary at the time.

After encountering many dangers, in particular, her uncle's determined effort to capture her, Kateri arrived at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier at the end of the autumn of 1677.

"What edified her exceedingly," wrote a missionary who knew her well, "was the piety of all the people who composed this numerous mission."

That very Christmas, Kateri who was then twenty-one years old, was granted a special favor, usually reserved to those who had



The Mission Church of St. Francis Xavier,
Caughnawaga, P.Q.,
December 17, 1972

been Christians several years. This rule did not apply to Kateri; she was too well disposed and desired with too great an eagerness to receive Our Lord, to be deprived of this important grace, so she was promised some time before the feast that she might receive Our Lord on Christmas.

She prepared herself for the great event with an increase of devotion suitable to the exalted idea that she had of the Eucharist. It must be admitted, however, that it was at this first Communion that all her fervor was renewed. "The ground was so well prepared," wrote Father Cholenec, her confessor, "that only the approach of this divine fire was necessary to receive all its warmth. She approached or rather surrendered herself to this furnace of sacred love that burns on our altars, and she came out of it so glowing, with its divine fire that only Our Lord knew what passed between Himself and Kateri during her First Communion. All that we can say, is that from this day forward she appeared different to us, because she remained so full of God and of love of Him."

Father Cholenec, remarked: "All this will seem very surprising in such a young Indian, but it will seem even more so when I add that, having afterwards had the happiness of receiving Holy Communion frequently, she always did so with the same disposition and fervor she had the first time, and undoubtedly she received the same love and various graces from Our Lord, who seeks only to visit us in this Sacrament of Love, and who puts no limits to His grace, when He comes in contact with hearts disposed to receive and profit by them, as was the case with Kateri."

We may then safely conclude

that the frequent and devout reception of Holy Communion led Kateri to the highest sanctity within three short years.

Today, we firmly believe that Kateri, thanks to her devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, achieved holiness, since the late Pius XII formally declared that she had practised all Christian virtues to a heroic degree. We hope, through the pleas of the faithful who devoutly and frequently receive Holy Communion for this intention, that she will soon be declared "Blessed" by the Holy Father and eventually "Saint".

When Kateri Tekakwitha left the Mohawk Canton to come and live at St. Francis Xavier's, Father de Lamberville, who had instructed her in the faith and baptized her entrusted her with a letter for Father Frémin who was in charge of the Mission.

"I send you a treasure," he wrote, "guard it well."

The Superior faithfully executed this recommendation.

Today we find that God in His wisdom committed the precious remains of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier and to the Diocese of St. Jean de Québec. Over the centuries we hear Father de Lamberville's recommendation: "We send you a treasure, guard it well!"

For many years, the relics of the Lily of the Mohawks were preserved in a small wooden box, exposed to fire, theft, and destruction. These relics have a long history. In 1684, four years after Kateri's death, one night, in order to avoid any semblance of public cult, her relics were exhumed and placed in the mission church, at what today is known as Côte St. Catherine. Three more times they were moved and placed under the

high altar of the mission church. They finally came to the present site of the mission between 1717 and 1719. About 1756 part of those relics, consisting of her skull and of the upper part of her body, were transferred to the Mission of St. Regis. Unfortunately, the church burned down many years ago, and the priceless remains were lost.

Today the treasure of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier is contained in the reliquary of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Actively encouraged by Bishop André Cimichella, Auxiliary of Montreal, and with my full approval for the 295th anniversary of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's arrival at Caughnawaga and, of her First Communion on Christmas Day, 1677, Miss Claire Déry, Provincial Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, with the support of the members of the association, decided to implement Father de Lamberville's recommendation: "Guard this treasure well!" A very substantial donation

allowed the purchase of the Carrara marble for the mausoleum. Architect Edouard Piché, a longtime friend of the Mission, graciously prepared the blue prints. The firm of Sculptor Sebastiano Aiello of Montreal, executed the monument.

The Iroquois wording on the monument is short and to the point: **Kaiatanoron Kateri Tekakwitha**, that is the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, 1656-1680. To the left of her name a stylized turtle recalls that she belonged to the Turtle Clan; to the right, a stylized lily, liturgical symbol of the Blessed Trinity, recalls that this Mohawk Maiden of long ago is universally known today as the "Lily of the Mohawks."

The mausoleum will certainly encourage the faithful to pray for her speedy beatification and canonization, which will be a blessing for all the Amerindians of North America, and, also, for all other Canadians and Americans, and, too, for all the developing nations of the world. Amen.



Kim Delisle, Karen and Dawn Jacobs participate in the Eucharistic Celebration.

Revs. Michael Jacobs, S.J., and Henri Béchar, S.J., precede Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre as the choir sings the Entrance Antiphon in Iroquois for the Eucharistic Celebration offered in thanksgiving on December 17, 1972, the two hundred and ninety-fifth anniversary of the arrival of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, of her First Holy Communion on Christmas Day 1677, and of the blessing of her new monument donated by the Daughters of Isabella. Despite the bitter cold, a large number of Daughters of Isabella and of other parishioners attended the anniversary Mass.



Surrounded by Revs. Michael Jacobs, S.J., Henri Béchar, S.J., and altar boy Collin Phillips, Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre reads the Opening Prayer of the Mass. Two other Concelebrants do not appear in this photo: Msgr. Joseph Poissant and Rev. Léon Lajoie, S.J.



Revs. Michael Jacobs, S.J., and Henri Béchar, S.J., listen to Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre's remarks as he introduces the homily.





Altar boys Larry Loiselle and Collin Phillips, Rev. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Msgr. Joseph Poissant, Diocesan Chaplain of the Daughters of Isabella, Revs. Henri Béchar, S.J., and Michael Joseph, S.J., accompany Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre as he blesses Kateri's new monument.



Bishop Coderre sprinkles with holy water the tomb of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha as altar boy Collin Phillips, Revs. Michael Jacobs, S.J., Henri Béchar, S.J., and Msgr. Joseph Poissant think of the future beatification of the Lily of the Mohawks. .



Bishop Coderre sprinkles all sides of the monument with holy water.



Mrs. Thérèse Racicot, Deputy Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, Miss Claire Déry, State Regent, take the chalice and the ciborium to the Bishop for the Offertory, while Mrs. Gisèle Gendron, State Secretary, and Mrs. Ida Goodleaf, Regent of the Lily of the Mohawks Circle, receive the wine and water for the Holy Sacrifice from Rev. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor and Concelebrant.



At the Offertory, Mr. Albin Coderre, Revs. Michael Jacobs, S.J. and Henri Béchar, S.J., attend Bishop Coderre as he receives the ciborium from Miss Claire Déry and the Chalice from Mrs. Thérèse Racicot.



After the Eucharistic Celebration, Sisters Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., Dorothy Ann Lazore, S.S.A., Rev. Michael Jacobs, S.J. and altar boy Collin Phillips, all of Kateri's people, rejoice.

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

This is long overdue but I am enclosing a check in thanksgiving for many favors and some enrollments. The most important favors are the quick settlement of a strike at a plant where my son works. He has a large family and strongly opposed the decision to strike. After only three days the union held a second meeting and the strike was voted down.

Another great favor is that my sons and grandsons came through the hunting season safely. This area is considered great hunting grounds for turkey and deer. Many strangers come here to hunt and there were a few fatal accidents at the beginning of the season so I promised to send five dollars to Kateri if they would get through it unharmed. I'm also thankful for my daughter's improvement in health. She had a bout with nerves last winter but is much better now. My own health has been quite good and I have two good roomers. In any crisis in my family and sometimes for friends and neighbors, I always go to Kateri. . .
(St. Mary's, Pa.)

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

Please find enclosed a five-dollar check for the Cause of Kateri for a great favor. We have been praying for a state check due my husband for a broken arm. Thank you again, it came before the holidays. . . Please continue to pray for us. . .
(Cleveland, Ohio.)

✿ **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 obtained for 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 again many thanks to Kateri! Please pray for me.
(Montreal, P. Q.)

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

I am sending ten dollar to Kateri for all the help she was to me in obtaining a new home. We did not have ample room for our family and wanted to get closer to our children. Kateri helped us get an adequate home in the country. I want to thank her so much for this and I will try to make her known.
(Raymond, Me.)

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

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

Enclosed please find an offering for some Kateri pictures touched to her relics. I want to make her known to others for her powerful aid when calling upon her. I attribute my recent short stay in the hospital two weeks ago and finding a new doctor to her intercession. . .

(Hazel Park, Mich.)

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

Tekakwitha has granted me many favors, especially financial ones, over the years. I have sent donations for her cause, and I have been to Caughnawaga to thank her. Now I wish to make the enclosed one thousand dollars in thanksgiving to her and to ask her to obtain a very special blessing for me. . . I ask for her prompt canonization in my memento at daily Mass. Her grateful devotee. . .

(Texarkana, Tex.)

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

Please find enclosed ten dollars to help the cause of good Kateri for a year's subscription and in thanksgiving for having kept my left eye through an arthritis crisis. I pray to her every day and I make her known to my friends. I expect other favors from her. Let us pray together. . .

(Montreal, P. Q.)

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

Enclosed please find one dollar. Our dog was lost, I asked Kateri to find him and she did. We were very thankful.

(Niagara on the Lake, Ont.)

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

I am enclosing a fifty dollar money order to be used in any way for Kateri's Cause. I promised this amount for two favors I recently received — the custody of our grandchildren and an uncertain amount of money which finally arrived. . .

(Hogansburg, N.Y.)

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

There seems to be a renewed interest in Kateri in our area. We have been making novenas to Kateri for two ladies, the one's eyes were crossed and they have straightened after the third novena and the other lady is blind and is going to have an operation in six or eight months. We are so happy that the one's eyes have straightened. Thank you kindly, and a very Blessed and Holy Holiday season.

(Eugene, Or.)

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

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

Thank you for your kind note of July 4. You must have kept to your promise of remembering me in prayers regarding an apartment. Your envelope bears a stamp-mark of July 6 and on July 7, I learned I could remain in my present apartment if I would be willing to pay an added \$40.00 per month rent (double the former rent) even though the owners still would like to have the apartment for themselves. This I agreed to do since rents have really climbed in our area and places are almost impossible to obtain. Of course, I am feeling the "pinch" of the increase. . .

On July 6, I became so discouraged at no word from my landlord as to what their decision would be, I promised to send twenty dollars to Kateri if I did not need to move and the rent was no more than eighty dollars all told. . . but later in the day I decided to raise the amount to forty dollars! As you will see, as usual, our beloved Kateri came through so, while it is somewhat of a squeeze, I am only too glad to be able to begin fulfilling my promise. Since, I am on a pension, I think I will be able to handle it best by sending roughly five dollars a month over a period of 8 months, totalling forty dollars. This will be either in masses, subscriptions or straight donations for stamps, etc.

I know Kateri does not "hold" anyone to such a promise, and does not always even ask a donation, but this time since it was such a special favor to ask, for several relatives could not have helped me move let alone seek other accommodations, due to their entering hospital for surgery. I felt this one time I would try and "make it a special monetary effort as well as spiritual." Now, I thank her very humbly and leave things in her hands to do as she thinks best.

(South Porcupine, Ont.)

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

Please find enclosed the sum of twenty dollars won at our Centenary's embellishment competition. We had a real success. I am sending this sum to you for Kateri's beatification. I ask her for good health, as I always have done. We generally have some worries when we are not too much in a hurry. I am quite reassured, though, since I am sending in my offering in advance. My brother's health is getting better and better. Thanks to Kateri!

(St. Narcisse, P. Q.)

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

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss F. S. P. !**

I am sending you ten dollars in thanksgiving for a favor I received. My friend fell down some stairs and, as she is very much devoted to Kateri, she is now keeping her promise. I thought she had broken some disks of her spine, but everything is perfect. A thousand thanks to Kateri!
(Montreal, P. Q.)

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

All is well with us here. B. has been elected as a member of the Senior Honor Society at school. He is forty-seventh in a class of three hundred and seventy-five. We are grateful to Kateri for her help. I enclose some pledge slips. Please send me more so I may continue to help in your efforts to obtain the needed million. God bless you!
(Akron, Ohio)

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

I am sending you ten dollars for a favor I obtained: a job for my young daughter. The other ten dollars is for another favor: my grandson, who is two years and a half old, fell down the stairs and I am praying that there will be no complications...
(Montreal, P. Q.)

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

This check for ten dollars is in gratitude for the help of Kateri's prayers to God for the restoration of my wife's health after two serious operations. (Hyde Park, Mass.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G. T. !**

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars. This past summer, my mother, (who prays daily to Kateri and constantly works to spread the devotion to all of her friends) had to undergo surgery. After being dismissed from the hospital, she became violently ill due to complications after surgery; she had to undergo emergency surgery for a bowel obstruction just two weeks later. At this time, I asked Kateri's intercession to allow her to live. In thanksgiving for what I consider a miracle, I'm sending this small token of appreciation and I, too, shall continue to spread the devotion for Kateri's Cause.

(Saginaw, Mich.)

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



To know and love the Lily of the Mohawks, I wish to receive an autographed copy of **Kateri Tekakwitha**, the exciting new biography by Rev. F. X. Weiser, S.J., of Boston College, with a Prefatory Note by John Cardinal Wright.

My check is enclosed:

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Henri Béchard

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