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AND THEN EASTER SUNDAY...
EACH NEW MOON
HOW TO PRAY
THE PRESIDENT PRAYED
THE KATERI COMMITTEE
THE POPE THOUGHT OF KATERI
KATERI TEKAKWITHA AND HER PEOPLE
A WONDERFUL FRIEND
MARY-EUNICE AND KATERI
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LILY OF
THE MOHAWKS

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

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

Last May I asked Kateri a big request which was important to me: a place in Florida. Two and a half years ago, we had seen the address for retired people. Sometimes it takes four years before one is called. I told Kateri that if we got our place before September I would give her a generous offering. Here it is... (Bradenton, Fla.)

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



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

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

**How many written promises
of one daily Our Father
and or/one daily Hail Mary
to hasten Kateri's Beatification
has the Kateri Center received?
Exactly 11,306
At least one million are needed !**

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and rush it to:
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City or Town

Province or State Zip Code

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OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

For this hundred and third issue of *Kateri*, I appeal to our friends for help in spreading devotion to the Iroquois Maiden by attaining our objective of 10,000 new subscribers to the *Kateri* quarterly. If each subscriber found from three to five new subscriptions, the trick would be done. The subscription rates have not changed since 1949, and I do not intend to change them: \$1.00 a year, which, obviously, does not cover the printing and postage costs.

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AND THEN EASTER SUNDAY...

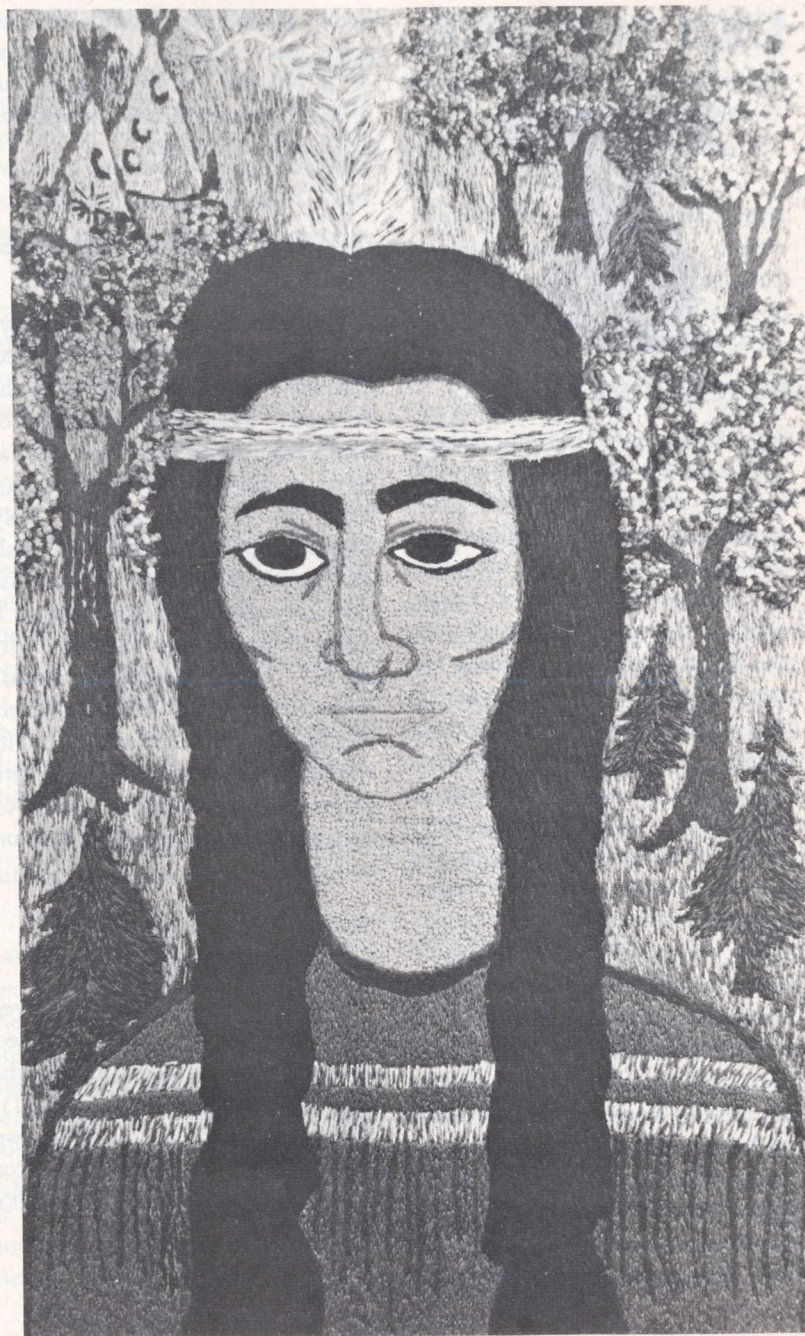
MADELEINE SANSCARTIER

MRS. LOUISE A. TROTTIER had a truly touching, confidence in Kateri. "Kateri must get this favor for me," she used to say. "I can't believe that she won't do this or that for me." When the favor she requested took time to come, she would scold Kateri, and soon obtained it. In thanksgiving, she did all that she could to further the Cause of Beatification.

Three years ago, my admirable cousin began to work on a tapestry of the youthful Indian girl of long ago, from a sketch prepared by her daughter Andrée, an art professor. Affected with arthritis for the last fifteen years, she persisted in this labor of love to fight the growing stiffness of her joints. She spent many hours daily at it except when illness prevented her from doing so. In the summer of 1973, her health went from bad to worse. Andrée finished the tapestry, which was intended for the Kateri Center. Last May, my cousin died at an advanced age, assisted, no doubt, by her protectress, to whom she had so often prayed.

The young Indian's expression, stamped with seriousness, seems to have a presentiment of the struggles her nation must, in the course of centuries, carry on to maintain its cultural identity and to keep a few strips of its territory.

May Kateri Tekakwitha help the many peoples who inhabit Canada (and the United States) to accept one another with their resemblances and differences, and to live together, if not in complete harmony, at least without too much clashing of interests. For her countrymen, may Easter Sunday follow close on Good Friday, and for all of us, too!



EACH NEW MOON



NOVENA TIME

WHEN SHOULD one make a novena to Kateri? Any time is good. Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Paschal Season, and all the rest of the year. May I suggest then that you and your relatives and friends, wherever you may be, join in with the Kateri Staff in a novena for your intentions from April 8 to 16, the 295th anniversary of Kateri's saintly death? In the December 1974 issue of *Kateri*, the story is told of the cure of young Peter McCauley in Phoenix, Arizona. His parents, brothers and sisters began a novena to Kateri on Easter Sunday 1973, for a cure of otitis media which had left the boy deaf. The novena ended on the eve of April 17, and the next day Peter could hear perfectly. The medical reports are now in Rome, before the fourteen doctors of the Congregation of Saints. What prayers are to be said? Either the official prayer for Kateri's beatification, or one Our Father, one Hail Mary and three Glorias (to

thank the Blessed Trinity for the graces granted Kateri here on earth), or *A Novena for the Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha* by the Vice-Postulator.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

Nineteen hundred and seventy-five was set apart by the United Nations as the International Women's Year. On November 6, Paul VI welcomed Mrs. Helvi Sipila, Secretary General of the Women's Year. In his address, the Holy Father proposed to all "who wish to enhance the dignity of the mission of women, that they take as a perfect model the Blessed Virgin..." Three centuries ago, that is exactly what the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha did, and, as a result, she achieved union with God here below. Is there a better means of enhancing the dignity of the mission of women?

NO CRYSTAL BALL...

Often the Kateri Staff receives the names of living or deceased mothers, wives, widows and daughters (both married and unmarried). When no indication is given, we write MISS. Too bad the editor hasn't a crystal ball... But that's the way it is.

ABORTION = MURDER

The *Montreal Gazette* obviously favors abortion and opposes its opponents. In the January 18, 1975 issue, for example, George Radwanski attacks Justice Minister Otto Lang.

"Lang's views on the issue are abundantly known," he writes, and restated by him at every opportunity, but two public pronouncements perhaps best convey their essence.

"The first is a widely circulated memorandum in which he states:

'I have consistently affirmed my belief, that those who talk about easy abortion ignore the rights of the human life... and that those persons... may soon next be willing to do so in other circumstances, and that abortion, except in very limited circumstances, ought to remain a crime...'

"The second is a TV interview in July in which he said:

'This silly slogan of the woman having the right to the control of her own body, ignoring completely the question of the rights of the unborn child, does miss that point, that the unborn child is indeed the beginnings of a human being, that our whole system is based on the dignity of a human being, every one of them, however weak or feeble, however unintelligent we may think them.'

Because of such a reasonable stand, resulted the "recent calls for his replacement as justice minister." So sings Radwanski. "Canada deserves better!" he dramatically proclaims.

For my part, I believe that Canada is very fortunate to have such a justice minister. He would never vote against a strong antiabortion bill after the manner of certain politicians. No matter to what party you belong, no matter what religion may be yours, if you believe that the horrible murder of a human being is not one of the "values" of our present-day society, and that it is not for the "best interests of the country," let Kateri, called "the protectress of Canada" as early as the seventeenth century, place her hand on yours as you write a note of congratulations to the Honorable Otto Lang in Ottawa, and a short letter to your favorite newspaper approving fully the Minister of Justice's stand.

SUNDAY MASSES

You may participate in the Eucharistic Celebration at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in Caughnawaga, P.Q., on Saturdays at 7 p.m.; on Sundays at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (originally reserved for children, now for all), 10:30 a.m. (High Mass), and at 12:15 a.m. The High Mass is ordinarily sung in Iroquois, Kateri's language.

Kateri knew:
"The gifts are His
for the giving."

HOW TO PRAY

I planted a tree on the hilltop high;
Then ordered its needs from the friendly sky:

Send sunshine, heavens, then rain and frost
So fruit of my labour will not be lost.

I loved my tree and I tended it well,
But, when it came time for the buds to swell,

My poor little tree just withered and died.
'Twas only a scar on the green hillside.

I heard a little bird's song from a tree
And this is the message he gave to me:

Just start in again but, when you pray,
Don't order it all for yourself that way.

Remember that God made everything living —
The gifts that they need are His for the giving.

He knows what it takes to make things grow —
His wisdom surpasses yours, you know.

Nora Routledge
Nora Routledge

THE PRESIDENT PRAYED

One of the aspects of John F. Kennedy's life that is particularly inspiring was his fidelity to daily prayer and to Sunday mass. In the White House, the President would slip into his sleeping jacket, would kneel down beside his bed and say his prayers. Then he would get into bed, and say to Dave (F. Powers), "Good night, Pal, will you please turn out the light?"



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In 1946, during the first congressional campaign, he attended mass with a friend of his, and afterwards lit a candle for his dead brother Joseph P. Kennedy, killed when his plane exploded during the war.

On the day of his inauguration as President of the United States, his mother had walked through the snow to attend an early mass in Georgetown. To her great joy, she saw him coming in. "I had not urged him to go," she said later. "The fact that he did go on his own, and did think it important to start his administration with mass in the morning gave me a wonderfully happy feeling."

In critical occasions, the President never hesitated to pray. During the Cuban missile crisis, on his way to a luncheon at the Libyan Embassy, given in his honor by the Crown Prince of Libya, he stopped at St. Matthew's cathedral. To his companion, who was unaware of the situation, he said: "Have you forgotten that I proclaimed today a National Day of prayer? Right now we need all the prayers we can get." Kennedy was a more religious man than he appeared to be or wanted to appear to be.

The day before Krushchev decided to withdraw the missiles from Cuba, as he retired for the night, Kennedy told his friend David F. Powers: "We'll be going to the ten o'clock mass at St. Stephen's, Dave, and we'll have plenty of hard praying to do, so don't be late." Thus began the two most momentous days in John Fitzgerald Kennedy's lifetime.

From "Johnny, We Hardly Knew Ye"
by Kenneth P. O'Donnell and David F. Powers
with Joe McCarthy.
(With their kind permission.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. M. F. !**

I am enclosing a money order of five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping me to be free from sugar in my test and so that it will be free when I return in two months for another test. Also, that wife C. will find relief from her back and headache pains which she has suffered since 1971, after fracturing her back . . .

(Windsor, Ont.)

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

I prayed Kateri to help what was wrong with my daughter, at the hospital. They said it was meningitis and after I was not happy with her eyes, and I prayed and they found a blood clot on her brain. She went to surgery and she is recovering very well. Her eyesight is not perfect yet. The doctor told my daughter it will take about four months to get better, but I promised Kateri ten dollars as soon as I heard that her eyesight is going to be O.K. So now I enclose this check to Kateri. Please pray for my Joyce . . .

(Melbourne, Australia)

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

Enclosed, in thanksgiving, find a check for ten dollars, which I promised if my girls sold their homes. They did. Pray for us and our intentions.

(Somonauk, Ill.)

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

. . .Thirty-nine years ago, we were just starting to come out of the depression. We had our first baby and things were really tight. I prayed so hard to Our Lady and all the Saints. No one would budge to help me. My husband's boss would not give him a raise. Then Father Albert, O.D.C., sent me the canonization prayer for Kateri. I started to say it. In about six weeks, the boss broke down and gave him a five dollar raise. From then on, in each difficulty Kateri was my help. So I am enclosing a check for one dollar to help cover the mailing. Will you send me information about your shrine and the direction to reach there from Quebec. I would appreciate it so much. . . Kateri will help us to get there, if it's God's Will.

(Pittsburgh, Pa.)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars. I promised it to Kateri for a successful operation. All went well and I am very grateful to Kateri.

(Fall River, Mass.)

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



KATERI COMMITTEE — First row, from left, Esther Phillips, co-chairwoman; Rev. Ronald Schultz, O.F.M. Conv.; Mrs. Mary-Eunice Spagnola, Dr. Solomon Cook, co-chairman; Rev. Henri Béchar, S.J.; Rev. Thomas Egan, S.J. Second row, from left, Mrs. Sarah Monroe Hassenplug, Mr. Thomas Constantino, Mr. Joseph Herold Spagnola, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, Mr. Chet Adams, Rev. Joseph McBride, S.J.; Rev. Robert Fleig, S.J.; Rev. John Barrett, S.J.

A New Committee

A committee has been formed to honor the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha at the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, Pa., in the Bicentennial year 1976, the tercentenary of Kateri's baptism in the Indian village of Caughnawaga near Fonda, N.Y., in 1676.

In 1677, Kateri escaped to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, today's Caughnawaga, P.Q., Canada, where she achieved union with God. She died there on April 17, 1680, before her twenty-fourth birthday.

It is hoped that Kateri will soon be beatified. Much depends on the prayers of her friends. To encourage prayer for this intention, let us not forget the teaching of Vatican II: "Every genuine testimony of love which we show to those in heaven tends toward and terminates in Christ, Who is the 'crown of all saints'."

The "Bicentennial Kateri Committee" held its first meeting at the Auriesville Shrine on November 8-10, 1974. Each member presented some project concerning Kateri with the hope that an appropriate programme would evolve worthy of presentation at the International Eucharistic Congress to take place on August 1-8, 1976. The next meeting of the committee is to be held at the Fonda Shrine on April 18-20.



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Perhaps you have already seen this photo of Paul VI surrounded by a group of Indians. Left to right are Alvina Anderson, Elk Rapids, Lonnie Chingwa, of Petoskey, Pope Paul, Esther Koon and Gregory Bailey, both of Peshawbestown. The Holy Father received them in an audience on Wednesday, September 11, 1974. He certainly thought of the Cause of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, which all the Archbishops and Bishops of Canada and of New York State had recommended to him shortly before. The Pope asked for the headdress and donned it himself.

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

This letter is written in thanksgiving for a favor received eight years ago. At that time, I was hospitalized with a nervous breakdown in a hospital along the St. Lawrence River. I made a good recovery, am back working, and have a good family life. I am still praying to Kateri. Enclosed is a check for ten dollars. (Jedda, Saudi Arabia)

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

I am enclosing a check in thanksgiving to Kateri for her help in getting a job for my grandson who has been searching for one for a long time. With a family to support it was very hard and sometimes depressing for him. Five dollars is for Kateri's cause and two for subscriptions to the **Kateri** quarterly. (Hyde Park, Mass.)

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

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

...I have just returned from a trip to the Holy Land. It was a beautiful trip and one I have always dreamed of taking since I was a little girl. The place that impressed me the most was the road Jesus took on Palm Sunday in Jerusalem. It was very plain and peaceful. I don't think it has changed too much with time.

Mrs. A. A. passed away in her sleep. Kateri answered her prayers, not the way she prayed, but in a very peaceful death she just slept away. Her death could have been one of great pain. God heard our little Kateri and granted A. the greatest gift He could give her, a peaceful death. . . . Kateri has always been very good to us. Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars, fifteen for Kateri's Cause and five dollars for some Kateri prayer cards and medals. I have given all the others away. (Willowdale, Ont.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. E. B. !

A few weeks ago I stopped at the bank which we patronize and found a teller, a dear friend, on the verge of tears. She had inadvertently given somebody too much change. It happened on a Tuesday. I spoke with her on Thursday. I tried to console her (she was to be discharged at the end of the week) and promised I would go directly home and pray that she would be kept. As promised, I came home and prayed for Kateri's assistance and intercession to save Mrs. H.'s job.

On Monday morning I stopped at the bank, and there was Mrs. H. beaming. On Saturday morning the person who had been given the extra money returned it. The bank manager phoned her and asked her to report for work on Monday as usual. I can only conclude that the prayer was heard and answered. My way of saving thank you to Kateri consists in trying to find additional help and friends for her cause of beatification. Hence the enrollment list.

(Ansonia, Conn.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M. T. !

I am sixteen years old, and was participating in a "Voice of Democracy contest" locally. I promised Kateri three dollars if I could win or place second in this contest. Well, I placed second, and send my thanks to Kateri. Also enclosed is my pledge for one Hail Mary for Kateri's beatification. If I ever get married and am blessed with a baby girl, I wish to name her Kateri. (Altoona, Pa.)

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

KATERI TEKAKWITHA and HER PEOPLE

COLUMBUS landed upon the shores of the New World in 1492. History records this event as the discovery of America. As significant as it may have been, the fact is that man had discovered this Continent many centuries before. Columbus was greeted, to his amazement, by natives who, except for pigmentation of skin, differed in physical appearance very little from himself and his men.

The discovery of America and its Indian inhabitants in the fifteenth century was as significant to the Europeans as man's landing upon the Moon in our time.

Whereas Columbus found America teeming with life, our astronauts found the surface of the moon barren and lifeless. Should they have found the moon populated, the answer as to the origin of its inhabitants would have been more perplexing than the presence of man on this Continent.

MAN IN THE NEW WORLD

There are several theories as to how man found his way to our Continent, the most creditable being that he crossed over from Asia across the Bering Straits. The fact is that man was present on this Continent many years before the historical discovery of America by Columbus.

Sites of primitive villages have been unearthed in many parts of the American Continent which date back centuries before Columbus ever set foot upon it. The entire continent was settled by people collectively called Indians, but who differed greatly from each other from region to region. Just as we know the World today comprised of different nations, so we find that the Indians also had their nations, tribes and confederacies with cultures of their own, and government so well organized that our own form of government was actually patterned upon it. Volumes have been written about the various tribes of the Indians who lived in every part of this New World.



Mr. Chet Adams

PHOTO JIM ADAMS

THE IROQUOIS

We will concern ourselves here with but one segment of the North American Indians: The Six Nations of the Iroquois,¹ who united and formed one of the greatest and most glorious confederacies: the Iroquois League or Confederacy under the leadership of the legendary Hiawatha. This union, it is said, endured some 800 years as an organized society, and ended only with the American Revolution. These Indians lived in the west and central counties of New York State and extreme northern Pennsylvania, below Lake Ontario. Not more than 12,000 in number, the Iroquois mustered at most 2,200 warriors at any one time, but they ruled almost a half a continent of Indians during a century in which they concurrently played an astute political, diplomatic, and strategic balance of power game in the conflict between the French, and the English white colonial settlers.

The military prowess of the Six Nations was inspiring even in their final hour, The Confederacy was divided by the Sullivan Expedition sent by George Washington in 1779 to destroy its long houses and farms with a scorched-earth policy, thus administering the final blow that broke its back.

The Six Nations were actually five small neighboring farming tribes, plus a later sixth addition. The five were, from west to east: the Senecas in the Rochester area of New York State, the Cayugas in the Ithaca area, the Onondagas of the Syracuse area, the Oneidas of Oneida, and the Mohawks of the Utica-Schenectady sectors. They lay across the present route of the New York Thruway, between Albany and Buffalo. Late in the history of the League, the Tuscaroras, harassed by southern tribes and white settlers, moved up along the Pennsylvania line to become the Sixth Nation in 1722.

Benjamin Franklin credited the Iroquois League with more political wisdom than that of his fellow colonists, and with more ability to govern themselves. The role they played seems out of all proportions to the slim resources at their disposal. They were the Romans and the Greeks of the New World. They were an array of independent village-states that acted in concert and amity in their League without ever surrendering their individual independence to it. They did not war on one another.

1. The word "Iroquoian" is used to designate all the Indians who spoke variations of the Iroquois language, including, besides the Six Nations, the Eries, the Hurons, the Cherokees, and many others.

The strategic resources of the Six Nations, however, were more ample than is readily apparent. Thanks to the Dutch and the English, they were heavily armed against the French and their Indian allies from about 1610 on.

Sitting at the center of a continental spiderweb of waterways, they prevented interior movements north, south or west, and thus were able to dominate eastern America for many years. Their roaming war parties brought other tribes into subjection. They crushed among others the Hurons who, with the help of the French, attempted to defy the Six Nations.

Most of the Hudson Valley was peopled by Iroquois-hating tribes of the Algonquin language. It was Samuel de Champlain who triggered the struggle between the Iroquois and the Hurons, when with the help of French firearms, the Iroquois were massacred. This encounter set the stage for the balance-of-power struggle between Britain and France in North America.

In 1610 the Dutch founded a fort at the site of Albany, and opened a vast trade with the Iroquois by way of the Mohawk Valley.

Thanks to wars in Europe, the English replaced the Dutch in the Hudson Valley and, as an ally of the Iroquois by 1664, and with continued arming, the Iroquois power expanded enormously: from the St. Lawrence to Tennessee, and from the Mississippi to the Atlantic, subjugating all their enemies therein. The French pursued their policy of warring with the help of their Indian allies by making hit and run raids upon the Iroquois, who outfought their enemies for many years. Eventually they were overwhelmed by the French and their Indian allies, and they sued for peace.

It is simply impossible to detail here the innumerable events of these historic times, nor to portray the legions of legendary men who played such important roles in these tragic chapters of the history of our nation, and that of the Indians who were so unscrupulously used, exploited, betrayed, and eventually dispossessed of all of their lands by the white man. This sad and shameful period in the development of our country is replete with furious and bloody battles, tortures, pillaging and burning of villages, treaties made and broken.

THE BLACK ROBES

This is the backdrop, the setting for the great men of God who appeared upon the scene, preaching the gospel of a

God Who ordained love, brotherhood and understanding among all men. The most prominent were the Jesuits, whom the French sent into the conquered Iroquois country with the hope that they would persuade them to embrace this Loving God, abandon war, and live in peace. The Iroquois called them the Black Robes. Among them were the saintly Father Isaac Jogues and his companions René Goupil and John de Lalande.

They converted many of the Indians, but they paid the supreme price for it by laying down their lives for their Faith. They thus became America's first saints when they were martyred upon the hallowed grounds of the Mohawk Village of Ossernenon, now Auriesville, New York, between 1642 and 1646.

KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Ten years later, in 1656, a lovely child was born to a Mohawk chief and his Christian (Catholic) Algonquin wife on the very soil upon which these holy martyrs toiled and died. Her name was Kateri Tekakwitha, a gentle and beautiful soul. Born in a time of strife, Kateri preached and practised love of God and man, peace and understanding, for which she also suffered and paid dearly. In 1660 she was orphaned at the age of four by a scourge of smallpox which swept through her village and wiped out her entire family. The dreaded disease disfigured her face, leaving it pockmarked, and impaired her eyesight for the rest of her life. She suffered much at the hands of her uncle and aunt who adopted her. Her greatest trial was the deprivation of the practice of her mother's faith. She was not baptized until she was twenty years old.

After the epidemic subsided, the Mohawks of Ossernenon moved their village a mile west of its former infested location. Kateri lived here until she was ten years old. In 1666 the French and their Canadian Indian allies destroyed this second village of Ossernenon which was located on the south bank of the Mohawk River, and the Mohawks fled fourteen miles west to the village of Tionnontoguen. The survivors later crossed the Mohawk River and built a village on the north bank of the River, just west of the present village of Fonda, New York, and called it Caughnawaga. Kateri lived here ten years, and it was here that she was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1676, in the chapel of St. Peter. For her practice of the Faith she was ridiculed and persecuted by her people. A year and a half later, upon the advice of the Jesuit Fathers, she was taken to Canada where she joined her fellow-

men at the Indian Mission of La Prairie near Montreal, some 300 miles away.

KATERI'S FIRST COMMUNION

On Christmas Day, 1677 Kateri received her First Holy Communion, and once her lips tasted the body and blood of her Lord, her soul was set afire. Her entire being became consumed with complete love of God and dedication to her brethren at the Mission.

She refused to marry, a deed unheard of among the Indians, and made a vow of perpetual virginity on March 25, 1679. Kateri gloried in the exercise of her Faith in her new surroundings. She was humble, pious, and in all ways led a most exemplary life, to the edification of her people. They revered her during her life and practically worshipped the very ground she walked on, and even more so after her death at the age of twenty-four on April 17, 1680 of the Holy Week.

Her parting words were, "I will love you all in Heaven. I will pray for you, and I will help you, Jesus, I love You!" Thus, although she did not live a very long life, she filled it in those short, but fruitful twenty-four years.

How well she lived up to Father James De Lamberville's prophecy when he wrote to Father Peter Cholenec at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, as he sent Kateri to him: "You will soon know what a treasure we have sent you!"

Kateri was not a martyr. She was just a simple Indian maiden who loved God and her fellowmen with all her heart. By her simple life she set an example for others to emulate. She was pure — truly a lily amongst thorns: A Lily of the Mohawks, simple and pleasing to God. She is the fairest flower that ever bloomed among her people. She is their pride and glory!

And, just as her name means, "moving all things before her", and, "putting all things in order", she does just that. She has found favor before God, and God smiles upon her simple petitions, and answers her prayers.

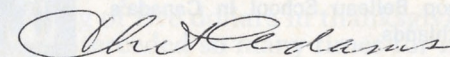
Kateri loved Nature which her God created in such splendor. Kateri would walk through the woods and savor this unspoiled beauty. Today, we indeed need her pleading before God to restore this beauty which man so wantonly despoiled.

Yes, history ironically and wrongfully labels the American Indians as cold, calculated people — thanks to the greedy

white man, who used them as pawns and scapegoats to attain his goals and wealth.

Kateri belies this image! She was a gentle, unassuming soul, who, though born of strife, is the epitome of all that is good and holy. Even though she was but a simple product of the forest, uneducated and perhaps unable to adequately put her thoughts into words, in her own innocent way she conveyed to God her complete love for Him, and God listened and understood.

Let us ask Almighty God to give to the Americas a Saint of its very own: Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, — a true product of the original inhabitants of the New World!



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A Wonderful Friend

ANNE M. SCHEUERMAN

I WOULD like to share with the devotees of Kateri, a special blessing I have had. I have been privileged to meet a wonderful friend of Kateri. She is Sr. Catherine Tekakwitha, a native Cree religious, who in 1971 was teaching at the Bishop Belleau School in Canada's Northlands.

While I was on vacation with the family in the remote Moosonee in the northern Ontario Province of Canada, I met Sr. Catherine. From the beginning, it was a mutual friendship that was further strengthened through correspondence and photographs.

Last summer Sr. Catherine taught the Cree language to native teachers at McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada, for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She invited me to observe her classes there and to enjoy a social evening with her students at the end of the course.

In 1974, Sr. Catherine celebrated her twenty-fifth Anniversary in the religious life (Grey Nuns of the Cross, founded by Blessed Marguerite D'Youville). She was born in Ft. Albany, which is 125 miles north-west of Moosonee by plane. It was on the suggestion of her spiritual adviser that Sr. Catherine took the name of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. She has elected to keep this name, even though she may now use her original family name.



The Author and Sr. Catherine at McMaster University

In Ft. Albany, Sr. Catherine teaches the Cree language to 250 boarding pupils (ages 5½ to 14). She readily acknowledges her love of children and feels most at ease with them.

This delightful Sister is fluent in French and English. She spends her summers furthering her studies at Canada's many colleges and is busily occupied with teaching in education workshops.

Pittsford, N.Y.

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. M. T., M.N.D.A. !



With all my heart as a missionary, with a heart that I would like as large as the world, I come to thank you. The Vice-Postulator may be sure that I shall work to find people to pray for the second miracle needed for Kateri Tekakwitha's Beatification.

It is a pleasure for me to send you a recent snapshot of the two children who are named after her. The little girl in her mother's arms is Kateri, and the other Tekakwitha Brothers. Both are Catholics. The mother is Protestant but is sympathetic to Catholicism. . . (Faa-Tahiti, French Polynesia.)

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

Enclosed is a small offering of five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for her having interceded so many times for me. I can't write them all for they are too numerous, but one is a two hundred and thirty dollar refund paid to my husband. A mistake had been made but the person found it and paid. I prayed to Kateri that he would. I'm still praying that my four little granddaughters will learn and keep their Catholic Faith. Kateri has always answered my prayers. (Springfield, Tenn.)

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

Please send me any information you have about books on Kateri. I understand through M. McC. from Arizona that there are books, novenas and medals.

I am giving praise to God through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha for curing my grandson at the time of his birth last September. He had a lung condition and was critically ill. I stormed heaven with prayers through Kateri, having heard from her through reading an article in the paper by Mrs. McC. She spoke of her little son being saved from an operation for Otitis Media by her prayers to our little Indian Saint.

I am spreading her word and would appreciate knowing more about her. Thank you — God Bless You.

(Winchester, Mass.)

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

Thanks again to Kateri for a favor received and also for her help in encouraging me in everyday life. I am enclosing a check for five dollars in thanksgiving for helping get my child transferred to a parochial school. She is very happy in her new surroundings. . . (Baltimore, Md.)

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

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

...Several years ago when I first became a postulant, I had a fault which I tried very hard to overcome, but always without success. Finally, I took Kateri as my patroness in this particular cause, and surprisingly, I conquered the fault very quickly. In thanksgiving to Kateri, I named my guardian angel after her. So, continually, I am invoking the name of Kateri usually referring to my guardian angel. However, all my friends know, or soon find out, about Kateri Tekakwitha. In this way, I can spread devotion to both Kateri, and the guardian angels at the same time.

A friend of mine also loves Kateri very much. Not too long ago, I found out that he always invokes Kateri when he needs a parking space. She had never failed him. I, too, began this particular practice, and unhesitatingly, I can say, she has never failed me either. (Our particular Order travels extensively, so this is saying a lot.)

Our Order (The Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) was founded to preserve doctrinal teaching amidst so much Liberalism in our century. I have inclosed the first and the current issues of our periodical **The Center Review**. If you would like to subscribe, please let us know. I shall certainly pray for you and for Kateri's cause. Please pray for us. Thank you again. (Still River, Mass.)

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

I am writing you a few lines for a friend of my Sister... He came to see us, and was in pretty bad shape. He couldn't find peace of mind anywhere. We gave him a picture of Kateri and asked him to pray to her for help in this condition. He is not a Catholic, but he said he would. The next day he came back to tell us that Kateri had healed him. He felt very happy, so he is sending two dollars in thanksgiving to her. He would like you to publish the thanks in the Kateri quarterly.

(Toronto, Ont.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. O. P. !**

Enclosed please find my second donation of twenty dollars to help the cause of Kateri Tekakwitha. She did not grant me what I really wanted, but she did grant me, what might be better for my own good. So, I am very happy to donate my second donation. (Holyoke, Mass.)

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

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

Sometime ago I wrote and sent you a contribution which you acknowledged. I stated that we had a daughter named after Kateri — you requested a snapshot — which I am happy to enclose. You may keep it. Our daughter is a physical therapist working mostly with retarded children. She is very devoted to her work and so compassionate!

I am enclosing a small amount (wish it could be more) once again to thank Kateri for favors received. My husband had been gone for several hours and I feared something had happened as he was driving and had been ill. Finally I challenged Kateri — If he would call or come home within ten minutes I would send something. In exactly that time, my husband called and said he had been detained and was fine and would soon be home. How thankful I was! Also my doctor's report was very good, thanks again, my prayers were answered... (Bath, Me.)

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

Enclosed is my monthly offering for Kateri. I am also sending the price of two subscriptions for the bulletin. One for a non-Catholic friend, and the other for my niece in Ottawa. She visited me recently and seemed quite taken with Kateri. I gave her the miniature statue of Kateri, and she is encasing it on her charm bracelet. I am also enclosing the price of Mother Nealis' colored picture (9 1/4" x 13 3/4"). Will you kindly send that to Ottawa along with the subscription? My niece has also promised a daily Our Father and Hail Mary. Not bad for a teen-ager, Father, don't you agree? Her mother has also promised the prayers... (Montreal, P.Q.)

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

While I was at my Grandmother's we ran across a booklet called **Kateri**. I thumbed through it and found a page with items and a price list. But since the booklet was published in 1960 the price list is not accurate. So could you please send me a price list? I found the booklet interesting so could you send me some material on Kateri? Please excuse my spelling. I am eleven years old. Enclosed is one week's allowance (one dollar). Please put it to good use. Thank you and may God Bless...

P.S. They say it takes three times as many muscles to frown as it does to smile. Conserve energy.

(Natural Bridge, N.Y.)

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

Mary-Eunice and Kateri

WHILE preparing a play on Our Lady of La Salette and Our Lady of Guadalupe for the St. Francis Xavier Theater on West 16th Street, New York City, Fr. Thomas Coffey, S.J., Pastor and Vice-Postulator at the time for the Cause of Tekakwitha, gave me the *Positio* on Kateri Tekakwitha (the Position of the Church on the Cause) and said: "Please work on a play about one of Our Lady's handmaidens."

Researching the *Positio* brought about a stage play, *Tekakwitha*, which was produced by the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Fulgens Corona, New Monmouth, N.J. The play was produced at many schools and societies.

When the late Fr. William Schlaerth, S.J., became Vice-Postulator in the United States, he supplied my husband, Joe Spagnola, and me with thousands of pieces of printed matter about the Indian maiden, which we gave out at our programs and sent through the mail to people interested in the Cause. He also put us in touch with his successor, the Rev. Joseph S. McBride, S.J.

Later I wrote a one act play, *Maid of the Mohawks* for Fr. McBride. I followed it up with a short play, *A Christmas Star*, for our friends who wished something of Tekakwitha during the holiday season.

I eventually added *Death of Kateri* to my repertoire of character sketch monologues, which I perform at shrines, schools, societies, con-

vents and civic groups. In 1962, the premier performance took place at Kateri Hall in Caughnawaga, P.Q., Canada, a few miles from the spot where the Lily of the Mohawks achieved heroic sanctity before her death in 1680. Other performances followed, especially in the New England area. *Death of Kateri* was so well received that I included it on my *Skeptic and Saints* record, produced in 1966. The cloistered Dominican Sisters in Syracuse, N.Y., offered it to the public in their publication *Center Stage* about the same time.

Continued interest in the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha resulted in my present monologue, *Kateri Tells Her Story From Heaven*. Upon an invitation of the Vice-Postulator, it was played at the Martyrs' Shrine in Auriesville, N.Y. It was then that Fr. McBride decided that we would tour with a combined program — his picture slides on Auriesville, Fonda, and Caughnawaga, and my dramatic monologue. My husband, Joe, took care of the lights, music, public relations, and emceed when it was necessary.

Because of our efforts in favor of Kateri's beatification, on April 17, 1970, Fr. Joseph McBride and I were made honorary members of the St. Regis Indians through the kindness of the Rev. Michael K. Jacobs, S.J. Father McBride was given the name Chief Rakeni Karonhiio (Father Beautiful Blue Skies) and my name was Princess Kateri Kasennioostha (She who makes the name of Kateri Beautiful).

Our initial tour began in May of the same year, and the first showing was at the Sisters of the Resurrection, Mt. Loreto, Amsterdam, N.Y. The Rev. Thomas Egan, Director of the Auriesville Shrine joined us for the occasion. We had many other bookings, for instance at the Sisters of Charity, Hamburg, N.Y., in Buffalo, etc. Fr. Schlaerth blessed our fully packed car as we left for the Midwest. I did the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha in lieu of the homily at Mass in St. Isaac Jogues' Church, Detroit, Mich. Then we performed at several Detroit schools and at the Marytown Friars' of Kenosha, Wisc. We travelled to Assisi Heights, Minn., and visited with a distinguished recipient of the Kateri Award, Sr. Winifred. Then we did some showings in Wisconsin, at Duluth, which were handled by Mrs. Clementine Lenta. On we went afterwards to St. Louis, Mo., and to the Scapular Carmelite Headquarters at Westmont, Ill. Fr. Howard Rafferty, O.C.D., gave us much help and our appearances there were a highlight for us. Our last stop was in the Pennsylvania area.

On our 1971 tour, we had a return engagement at the Scapular Shrine as well as at Marytown, and at Assisi Heights. The big event though, was Father Bernard Fagan's Prayer Day at the Jesuit Mission of St. Francis at Rosebud, S.D. We continued on to two other Jesuit missions, Holy Rosary and Pine Ridge, S.D., where Fr. Ted Zuernas was our host. I had the honor of

1. Publishers of *Immaculata*, in which were featured articles about Mary-Eunice, Father Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., and the Fonda Shrine of Kateri.



Mary-Eunice as Kateri Tekakwitha

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opening the Tekakwitha Indian Congress at Milkcamp, S.D., with my monologue. Our last appearance in South Dakota was at the Mother Butler Center at Rapid City. Fr. Lawrence E. Edwards, S.J., the director, facilitated all arrangements.

A little later we went on the St. Louis region, and then to the Indian River Shrine at Indian River, Mich., upon the invitation of Fr. Thomas Dominiak, which Mr. Chet Adams, a recipient of the Kateri Tekakwitha Award, had contrived. The occasion was well worthwhile — the unveiling of a lovely statue of Tekakwitha.

As time went by, we had the opportunity of visiting many places with Fr. McBride, especially in New York and New Jersey, New England, and the Niagara area. We also presented *Kateri* at the Catholic Daughters of America's Convention in 1972. Many other bookings resulted, since one of the projects of

the Junior Catholic Daughters is the promoting of the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha.

With our own work, we have covered over 50,000 miles presenting our program, "Lives of Saints," in which we always included the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

In 1973, we were invited by Archbishop Thomas Donellan to speak at a Rosary Rally in Atlanta, Ga. Last May, since Joe and myself are Fr. McBride's assistants, we were asked to represent him at the Campfire Girls' Prayer Day, at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C.

May I add that numerous appearances on TV or radio in which I played the role of Kateri have helped to make her known throughout the United States. Articles, too, in *Jesuit Magazine*, in the *Twin City Circle* weekly, the *Immaculata Magazine* and the *Queen*, a publication of the Montfort Fathers.

I hope that Kateri can be presented more to the west and south, thus acquainting people with this wonderful Mohawk girl.

For further information, write to *Mary Productions*, 58 Lenison Avenue, Belford, N.J. 07718.

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

Enclosed is a fifteen-dollar check I promised to Kateri for two favors I received. One for my income tax (1973). The Internal Revenue people found a mistake in it. I was called in for an audit. I promised Kateri ten dollars if I didn't have to pay much more money. I didn't — just a couple of dollars. Then in July, my mother and I took a trip up to Canada. We had to turn around and come home as there were no vacancies. Mother drove for eight hours straight. Coming home from Canada, she took the wrong turn, and we landed in Franconia. It was getting later, it was dark. We started to worry as we had no place to stay. My mother was tired from driving. I don't drive. So I began to pray to Kateri. I promised five dollars if she would help us find a place to stay for the night. In Franconia I saw several motels. We stopped the car to inquire. No luck. No vacancies. Then I happened to look right across the street. There I saw another motel. We went to inquire. There was a place. It was the first time we took a room without looking at it. It turned out to be the most beautiful room you ever saw. We were the first people to use the room. I said, "Thank you Kateri!" So Mother and I had a wonderful night's sleep. I thank Kateri over and over. I say a rosary for her every night.

(West Roxbury, Mass.)

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

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

At long last I have news of little Dominique R., for whom we have been praying to Kateri. Presumably she was the victim of cerebral palsy. Now the doctors are not sure that she was afflicted with that condition. We, who have been praying to Kateri for a cure, consider this a minor miracle. Last weekend Mrs. R. called me to tell me that Dominique had been released from the St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, where she had followed a series of courses. By this time, Monday, Dominique has returned to a normal family life in Granada, Nicaragua.

Dominique is now six years old. Two years ago, a friend of Mrs. R. suggested that Dominique live with her family and go to the hospital each day. Whereas two years ago Dominique was, compared to other children, practically immobile, she can now walk, talk, eat and drink as a normal little girl. She visited me during the summer and I could not believe the change.

However she must return to the hospital in six months for a check-up, and possibly for another operation on her left eye. She has had two operations so far but she still has no vision in her left eye.

Please continue to pray for a definite cure. Mrs. R. is not concerned about her returning to family life as the family are very devoted. She is worried about her attending school with those who do not understand.

Mrs. R. and her family, my own family, and the Sisters here have been praying to Kateri. Our little saint has not let us down. Could you possibly let me have a few Kateri seals. I have used my last. Enclosed are five dollars.

(Water Mill, N.Y.)

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

I am sending ten dollars in return for a great favor received from Kateri on August 8, 1974. After five years of suffering great pain in his legs and being told by many doctors that nothing could be done for him, my husband was admitted to the Montreal Neurological Hospital for tests. I prayed that Kateri would help and that Dr. B. would find the cause as as soon as possible. Within three days, his doctor said the problem was caused by a disc pressing on the nerve and he was operated on the next day. His surgery was successful and we are very grateful to Kateri and Dr. B.

(Bombay, N.Y.)

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

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

Most of the enclosed check is an offering for a favor received last summer. I started having an ache in my leg below the hip. It gradually became worse so I decided to have it checked by a Doctor. When he asked if I ever had an injury there, I suddenly remembered a bad fall and resulting severe bruises I had suffered more than ten years ago. Although X-rays showed normal the pain continued, sometimes throbbing so badly that I couldn't sleep. The possibility of something serious seemed very real to me. As always when troubled, I appealed to Kateri promising to send an offering of fifty dollars if this condition cleared up by the end of the year. Once in a while I feel a slight twinge but it goes away quickly.

A related incident to this story is that on the day I decided to write the check I won the exact amount I had promised. As my neighbor said, "Kateri even gets you the money to send her."

The three dollars is from my neighbor who promised a dollar for every pound her little son, who was underweight, would gain.

I have received many side benefits from praying to Kateri. May she soon be raised to Sainthood! (Saint Marys, Pa.)

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

Enclosed is my check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving for many things, a very important one being my job which I have started after being twelve years with one company. I was fortunate to find it and hope I can serve the company and find satisfaction. Prayers are always needed but I especially thank God for health.

(West Vancouver, B.C.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. A. P. R. N. !**

Being a subscriber to the monthly magazine **Messenger of St. Anthony**, Padua, in the April issue I came across a story about Kateri Tekakwitha and that you were going ahead with the cause of Beatification of this Venerable Lily of the Mohawks. Last May the dentist recommended removal of teeth and dentures. Immediately I started praying Kateri to grant two petitions only: 1) for perfect dentures; 2) for a son whom we shall name Katero (as we have four daughters). The first petition is now fulfilled, and I am enclosing a draft for ten Canadian dollars. I am still continuing with daily prayers hoping for the fulfillment of the second petition... (Safat, Kuwait)

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