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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 :

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### FOLLOW THEIR LEAD !

**J**UST two years ago, the Bishops of New York State petitioned Paul VI to beatify the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Now the entire American Hierarchy has recently submitted an identical petition to the Holy See. Already, in 1965, the vast majority of Canadian Bishops had made the same request to the Holy Father. Two years ago, the entire Canadian Hierarchy renewed their request. It is encouraging to know that every Bishop of North America minus Mexico is officially behind Kateri's Cause. May all the faithful follow their lead !

### HONORARY CO-CHAIRMEN



Bishop Coderre

sion in which Kateri died in 1680,

On May 6, Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre of Saint-Jean-de-Québec, the diocese to which belongs the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, the Mis-

accepted with pleasure his nomination as honorary co-chairman of the International Committee for the Tercentennial of Kateri Tekakwitha. The other honorary co-chairman is Bishop Broderick of Albany, N.Y., the diocese in which Tekakwitha was born and baptized.

### PILGRIMAGE

On June 8, a group of elderly Caughnawaga Indians went on pilgrimage to the Kateri Cenotaph at Sainte-Catherine-de-Laprairie, where Kateri achieved heroic sanctity in the last years of her life.

### CARDINAL RAIMONDI DIES



Cardinal Luigi Raimondi, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes since becoming a cardinal in 1973, and former apostolic delegate to the

United States (1967-1973), died suddenly of a heart attack in his apartment on June 24 at the age of 62. The Cardinal prepared the seven beatifications and six canonizations scheduled for the 1975 Holy Year. A few months ago, Bishop André Cimichella of Montreal informed me that when he was last in Rome, Cardinal Raimondi manifested great interest in Kateri's Cause. R.I.P.

### ABORTIONS

May the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, "Protectress of Canada," and

"New Star of the New World," clean our ranks of what Vatican II calls a "heinous crime"! May she inspire all her friends to join a Pro-Life movement in their cities, towns or dioceses, and work actively within its ranks!

In Canada, a country which is largely underpopulated, there were, since July 1969, over 100,000 abortions:

1969: 820; 1970: 11,200; 1971: 30,949; 1972: 38,905; 1973: 43,201.

In all, 124,255 legal assassinations!

In the United States, since the

Supreme Court iniquitously authorized abortions in 1973, they have jumped into second place among operations most frequently performed. First are tonsillectomies.

1973: 900,000 legal abortions!

Every Catholic lawmaker, father, mother, brother, sister, doctor, nurse, etc., having recommended a "successful" abortion is automatically excommunicated: Whether one cares or not about the laws of the Church, the Lord will have the last word: "Whatever you bind on earth," Christ told St. Peter, "shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven." (Mt. 16, 18-19).

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

I read that you want new subscribers. So instead of just promising money, I promised twenty-five new subscribers in honor of Kateri. My favor was granted. I operate a kindergarten in the basement of my home. It looked as if I would lose my school because of new fire laws. However, after my prayers and promises to Kateri, the lawmakers reversed their decision and are now allowing me to remain in my basement ...

(Newmarket, N.H.)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W. P. !

One morning just before Christmas my daughter awoke with one side of her face paralyzed. I promised Kateri I would send five dollars per month for a year if she would intercede for a complete cure with no undesirable after-effects. Also, that my daughter would turn to God in gratitude ... At present, her affliction is becoming less and less noticeable. I have high hopes for a complete cure and the fulfillment of the rest of my petition so I am sending a check for twenty-one dollars to cover the first four months of the year.

(Rochester, N.Y.)

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



## KATERI AT ST. ANNE'S

DURING THE FEW WEEKS of June, I spent in Biddeford, Me, earning my keep by helping out at St. Joseph's Parish, I was absent one weekend. Just before I left for Maine, Fathers Gérard Tremblay, C.S.S.R., and Philippe Blais, C.S.S.R., from the Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupré came to the Kateri Center, and invited me to attend the unveiling of a new statue of Kateri in Indiana limestone, the work of Sculptor Emile Brunet, at the Shrine, on June 26. In 1956, the same artist had prepared the beautiful bronze and granite monument of Kateri, in front of Tekakwitha School in Caughnawaga. The new statue would be placed in a niche on the left side of the Basilica, next to Blessed Marguerite d'Youville.

In the Redemptorist parish of Saint-Alphonse-d'Youville in Montreal, the Fathers had already erected a statue in honor of Kateri, which can be seen high up on the left side of the steeple as one drives by on the Metropolitan Boulevard towards the west. They also had placed a fine-wrought mosaic of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha between those of Blessed Marguerite Bourgeoys and Saint Isaac Jogues above the high altar in the Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupré. To show my appreciation to the Redemptorist Fathers, I decided to attend.

On Saturday evening, June 25, I got off the bus at the Quebec terminal, where the temperature was 91° Fahrenheit. Although Fr. Gérard Tremblay had assured me that a room would be ready for me at the Shrine, I passed the night at the Jesuit Residence of Notre-Dame, 14 rue Dauphine, at hardly a quarter of a mile from the Château Frontenac. Visitors should visit the famous Sodality Chapel of the Jesuit residence, for there they can revere the skull of St. Jean de Brébeuf. Strange to say there are two authentic heads of the martyr. After the death of Father Casot, the last Jesuit of the Old Society in 1880, the skull of the great saint was given to the Augustinian Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy. After the French Jesuits returned to Quebec in 1849, the precious relic was divided: the Sisters got a half and the Fathers the other. In each case the missing half of the skull was restored in brown wax. You can now venerate these capital relics of the greatest of the eight Martyrs either at the Hôtel-Dieu or at 14, rue Dauphine.

Sunday morning, June 26, dawned bright and clear. I took the 9:00 A.M. bus for St. Anne's, which sped through Giffard, Beauport, and Courville. Then it followed the corniche through Boischatel, Ange-Gardien, Château Richer, where my forebear, straight from Limoges, France, in the 1680's, had settled down, and then it deposited us at Beaupré. Gleaming in the sunshine, the Basilica with its two lofty spires looked more inspiring to me than I had ever before seen it.

"The Basilica looked more inspiring to me than ever before..."

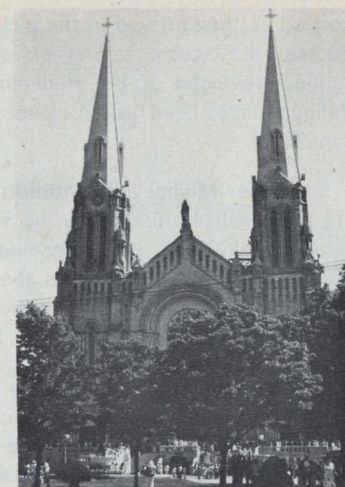


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Father Tremblay welcomed me to the residence of the Redemptorists. He informed me that Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., Vice-Postulator for Kateri in the United States, and Fr. Michael K. Jacobs, our Iroquois Jesuit, had already arrived. So, too, had Dr. and Mrs. Solomon Cook from Hogsburg, N.Y., Mrs. Ann Scheurman and her sister Helen from Pittsford, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Chet Adams from Detroit, all staunch friends of Kateri Tekakwitha.

Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., pastor of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, led a good contingent of Indians to the Shrine. Their presence was most appropriate, for it was at this mission that Tekakwitha achieved heroic sanctity towards the end of the seventeenth century. In full regalia, the Iroquois choir, and the Iroquois Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella with their families had flocked to St. Anne's. Thanks to Fr. Michael K. Jacobs' initiative, more than 75 of the faithful of the Mission of St. Francis Regis took part in the great day specially dedicated to Kateri.

In all, Indians from 13 to 15 different reservations from New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and New York State, several hundred of them, thronged the grounds of the Shrine. For three centuries, each year at the end of June, Christian Indians have spontaneously assembled there. For many Indian tribes "to go to St. Anne's," meant "to become Christians," such was their affection for Our Lord's Grandmother!

The Eucharistic Concelebration began at 11:15 A.M. Mrs. Esther K. Phillips, President of the Indian Choir, was on tenterhooks, for the music, the conductor and the organist were nowhere in sight. She need not have



worried as they arrived in the nick of time. The celebrant was the Reverend Michael K. Jacobs, having as concelebrants the Very Reverend Lucien Gagné, Provincial of the Redemptorists, the Reverends Gérard Tremblay, Philippe Blais, Léon Lajoie, Joseph S. McBride and the Vice-Postulator for Canada.

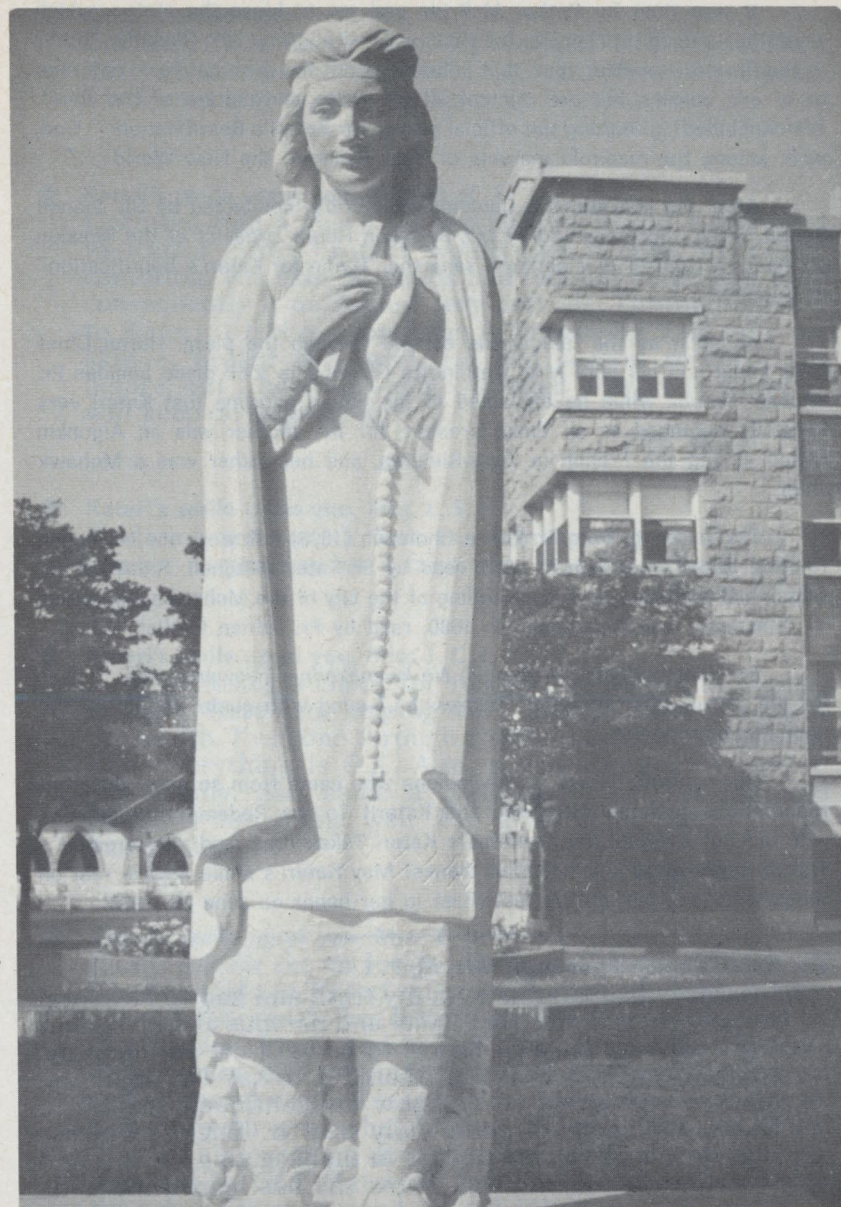
Father Michael officiated in French, but the readings were in English and in French. In his homily, he summarized the meaning of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's life, stressing her love for God and neighbor, virtues that are as relevant today as they ever were. At the celebrant's request, Mr. Chet Adams read the petition which the Canadian Bishops had presented to the Holy Father in 1965, for Kateri's Beatification.

The unveiling and blessing of the new Kateri statue was scheduled for the early afternoon. The statue, draped in white, stood on a high pedestal at the end of the plaza facing the Basilica. At the stroke of two, the white-robed priests with long bright red or green stoles, preceded by the Indian chiefs, the Iroquois Choir, and the crossbearer with his two acolytes, entered the sanctuary, bypassed the miraculous statue of good St. Anne, went down the nave and out onto the large stone porch flooded by the hot sun.

The Very Reverend Provincial was the first to speak. He recalled the early Indians' devotion to St. Anne. Indeed the first pilgrimage to the original shrine was composed of a band of Indians escorted by Fr. Claude Dablon, S.J., onetime Superior of all the Jesuits of Canada. Formerly a missionary in Vietnam, Father Gagné drew attention to the meaning of the early Jesuits' apostolate in North America. Before the coming of these men, there were saints among the Amerinds, such as those depicted by Cardinal Daniélou in his book on the *Pagan Saints of the Old Testament*. However, through the Church that Christ established, sanctity and salvation became much easier. The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha is proof of the strong impact of Christianity on the first inhabitants of North America, three centuries ago.

In my capacity as Vice-Postulator for Kateri in Canada, I added a few words about her devotion to St. Anne, which grew with her enrollment in the Confraternity of the Holy Family.

Then it was that Mrs. Mary Cook of the Mission of St. Regis, and Miss Wanita Mitchell of Maniwaki unveiled the statue. There Kateri stood in beauty. Her crucifix, held in her right hand, rests on her left hand, which is uplifted towards here face; her rosary hangs from her arm to her knees. The message is clear: "Love the Lord who loved you so; love His Blessed Mother!"



Kateri at St. Anne's



It was time for Father McBride and me to bless the statue, which would henceforth proclaim to the thousands of pilgrims who devoutly gather at the Shrine year after year, that holiness is not the prerogative of one race or of one culture, but the right of all the races and culture of the world. We concluded by reciting the official prayer for Kateri's Beatification: " God, who, among the manifold marvels of Your Grace in the New World . . ."

After the prayers, the Caughnawaga Choir, conducted by Sr. Jeanne Benoit, S.S.A., accompanied by Mr. Bernadin Houle, organist at the Mission for nearly a quarter of a century, sang the "Hymn for Kateri's Beatification" in Iroquois.

As soon as the last words echoed through the plaza, Huron Chief Gros Louis and his wife Mrs. Antoinette Gros Louis took place besides Fr. Michael Jacobs while he explained to the Indian pilgrims that Kateri very specially belonged to all those present, for her mother was an Algonkin raised among the French in Trois-Rivières, and her father was a Mohawk chief.

Two excerpts from Fr. Pierre Cholenec (1696) followed, one in English relating Kateri's baptism in 1676, read by Sr Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., of St. Regis, and the other, in French telling of the Lily of the Mohawks' apparition to Anastasia Tegonhatsihongo in 1680, read by Fr. Adrien Pouliot, S.J..

An Iroquois hymn, *Sewenniio Ne kwanekennis kwawennarakw*, "Hymn for the Glorification of Kateri Tekakwitha," sung with gusto, concluded the unveiling ceremonies.

Our congratulations to the Indians who came from so many different reservations to honor St. Anne and Kateri! To the Redemptorist Fathers, who did not overlook the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, and who erected a statue to her glory, our heartfelt thanks! May Kateri's smile always rest on those who took part in the festivities in her honor on June 26, 1975!

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

I recently had trouble with my teeth and had to have oral surgery done. I was very upset and nervous about this but I prayed very hard to Kateri to be with me and help me come through it well. I'm thankful to say I've made remarkable progress and I know my continued prayers to Kateri will help to completely heal it. Enclosed please find my check for ten dollars in thanksgiving for this and for other favors, which I know she has helped me with.

(Baltimore, Md.)

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

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

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars. I had promised Kateri I would send it if I sold a certain piece of property. I will continue to pray for Kateri's Beatification.

(Dennis Port, Mass.)

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

Enclosed find a check for ten dollars, which I promised to Kateri if my brother would find a cure for a skin condition. His skin on hands and feet kept cracking, and, consequently it made him very nervous. Through prayers to Kateri, I feel his condition is improving. Just now the skin is healed very well. He had several recurrences before, but I hope through continued prayers to Kateri it will keep on improving.

(St. Marys, Pa.)

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

Enclosed are ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri in answer to prayers for a favorable test at the hospital.

(Piqua, Ohio)

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

I am enclosing a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping me. I was quite worried about my health. I've gone through a series of X-rays and thankfully everything is O.K. Also, a new member arrived in our family. She came a little early, but Mother and Daughter are doing well. I'm grateful to Kateri for so many things ! . . .

(Montreal, P.Q.)

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

Kindly accept the enclosed offering for the Kateri Center. I've heard about Kateri quite some time ago, and decided to send this ten-dollar donation to be used as desired by this center. I am saying the daily prayer for Kateri's canonization and praying to her for the family's spiritual and temporal needs. I was in an auto accident a week ago, and although somewhat bruised, I am praying to Kateri that nothing serious develops due to this accident. I am thankful to God that both my husband and I and also the other driver escaped serious injury.

(Detroit, Mich.)

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To the Reverend Father Henri Béchard, S.J.

Dear Father -

Thank you for your communications concerning Kateri Tekakwitha for whom I have long had a great devotion. I was first told about her here in Paris by a Canadian friend of mine who sent me later, her picture. He and I, are both artists and I cannot put into words how many times Kateri has "come to my rescue" in this difficult life of a struggling painter and writer. I have made her name and her powers known to many of my friends and shall always continue to do so. I carry her picture always in my pocket wallet. I have your book - "L'heroique Indian Kateri Tekakwitha" telling me the story of her life and devotion.

I wish that I could contribute more financially and will do so as soon as I can - I shall be having an exhibition of my work in the Maison de Bretagne here in Paris next month and I do well - after that.

Incidentally I am a member of the Society of Friends commonly called "Quakers" but my family was originally Catholic - Being a Quaker I do not make pledges but I

affirm in the manner of "Friends" that I will do my best to offer up each day the traditional prayers that I know so well - "Our Father", "Hail Mary" and the "Gloria". To do this is a great pleasure to me.

My excuse for writing in English - my written French is not very good I fear.

Again with many thanks and sincere good wishes for the Beatification of Kateri who so richly deserves this great honour

Cordially yours

Basile Ivan Patoczki.





Mrs. Matilda Jim with a young Salish Indian.



A Salish Indian Basket, Mrs. M. Jim and Sr. Benedicta.

## CENTENARIAN MATILDA JIM

Thanks to Sister Benedicta, M. Srs. of C. the King, the Indians of Mount Currie, B.C., are interested in the Cause of Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. She writes:

"We have a group of elderly Indian ladies (Mrs. M. Williams Mrs. M. Saul, Mrs. H. Dan, and Mrs. S. Pascal) who gather every evening to pray for God's protection on the Reserve. One of the above is Mrs. Matilda Jim, the prayer leader, who is 105 years of age. She passes her days in weaving baskets and praying. Members of this group are the new friends of Kateri. They are now praying for her beatification and asking her to help their own Indian people, the Interior Salish of British Columbia. Pictures and pledges are inclosed...

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss R. C. !

This must be my lucky day. It was so nice speaking with you on the telephone, and I can only repeat what I said — how very grateful I am to Kateri, to you and all the people you asked to pray for my particular intention. Yesterday, my niece was informed that she is the successful applicant — the position is a very fine one and far more than I dreamed of. The enclosed is a thank you to "Kateri".

(Montreal, P.Q.)

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

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

Enclosed is a small offering to Kateri for her intercessions for me. I prayed to her that my little eight-year-old granddaughter would go to summer religion school and that her monther would let her make her First Communion tomorrow. The child will make her First Communion. Her mother, who is not a Catholic, carried her to school every day, helped in every way that she could to assist the Sisters — she even helped prepare for a reception they are having after Mass tomorrow and in staying to help serve . . .

(Springfield, Tenn.)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W. Q. !

Enclosed are five dollars for favors received. This morning, I was desperate, having looked for a charge card for a month and my eyeglasses for three days. I told dear little Kateri I would send this five today and include three subscriptions. I found both. Kateri has guided and protected our son for four years at St. Michael's on Lake Champlain — land of Kateri. He came out the best and most qualified . . .

(Garden City, N.Y.)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. S. R. !

I just finished reading a book about the life of Kateri Tekakwitha by Fr. F. X. Weiser, S.J. The life of Kateri impresses me so much that I would like to see her promoted to the honor of sainthood. Could you please tell how I can go about, promoting the cause for Kateri's sainthood? Also could you tell me if she was given the title of Blessed? [Not yet, but, hopefully, soon.] Thank you very much, for answering my questions. May God bless you in your work.

(Buffalo, N.Y.)

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

I would like to tell you that my granddaughter is getting married June 7. My daughter took her for a physical and the doctor foud that she had sugar diabetes. He ordered insulin. For two weeks I prayed so hard to our Venerable Kateri. I didn't say one Our Father and Hail Mary, I said many. Well, my granddaughter S. went to the doctor on the 12th, and he found that the sugar has been controlled. I'm sure Kateri must have heard me.

(Newark, N.J.)

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



# A Sad Letter to the Pastor

Ag., Mass., U.S.A.  
April 10, 1975

To Whom it may Concern,

I would like to have my name removed from your membership rolls as I am now One of Jehovah's Witnesses. Since I started to study with them, I've found that your teachings do not agree with God's Holy Word, the Bible.

Did you know that while Jesus was on the earth he reproved those persons who claimed to serve God but who relied heavily on the traditions of men in preference to God's Word, the Holy Bible? Isaiah 29:13 were God's words and Jesus applied them in Matthew 15:9.

So, since God's approval is far more important than having the approval of men, I'd appreciate it if you would take my name off your rolls. Thank you.

Mrs. C.

*Editor's note.* This letter, written by an Indian woman born at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, shows that she is certainly well-meaning. May I ask our readers to pray for this excellent person so that she will once again firmly believe in the Holy and Divine Trinity? Since this is not the place to discuss the pros and cons of the problem, I suggest that anyone who is tempted by the teachings of this less than a century old religion read and study *The Inside Story of Jehovah's Witnesses* by W.C. Stevenson. Order your copy from Hart Publishing Company, Inc. New York, or from the Diocesan (Anglican) Book Room, 1446 Union St., Montreal, P.Q. H3A 2B8, Montreal, Canada. (Price, \$3.75)

## The Inside Story of JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

*W. C. Stevenson*

Here is the story of the fastest growing religion in the world. Today, more than one million zealous men and women belong to that dedicated sect who call themselves Jehovah's Witnesses.

These men and women predict the end of the world in 1975. They believe that they alone will survive the coming Armageddon.

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W. C. Stevenson writes his revealing account from firsthand knowledge. He was a member of the Witnesses for 14

years, five of which he spent as a full-time minister of the sect.

He traces the growth of the Witnesses from their beginnings in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1872, right down through the 1960's. During this time their vigorous proselytizing has made the Witnesses familiar figures at doorsteps around the world.

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Mr. Stevenson has tried to be fair, even when critical. However, if his personal experience is a guide, the book sounds a warning for potential recruits that should not be taken lightly.

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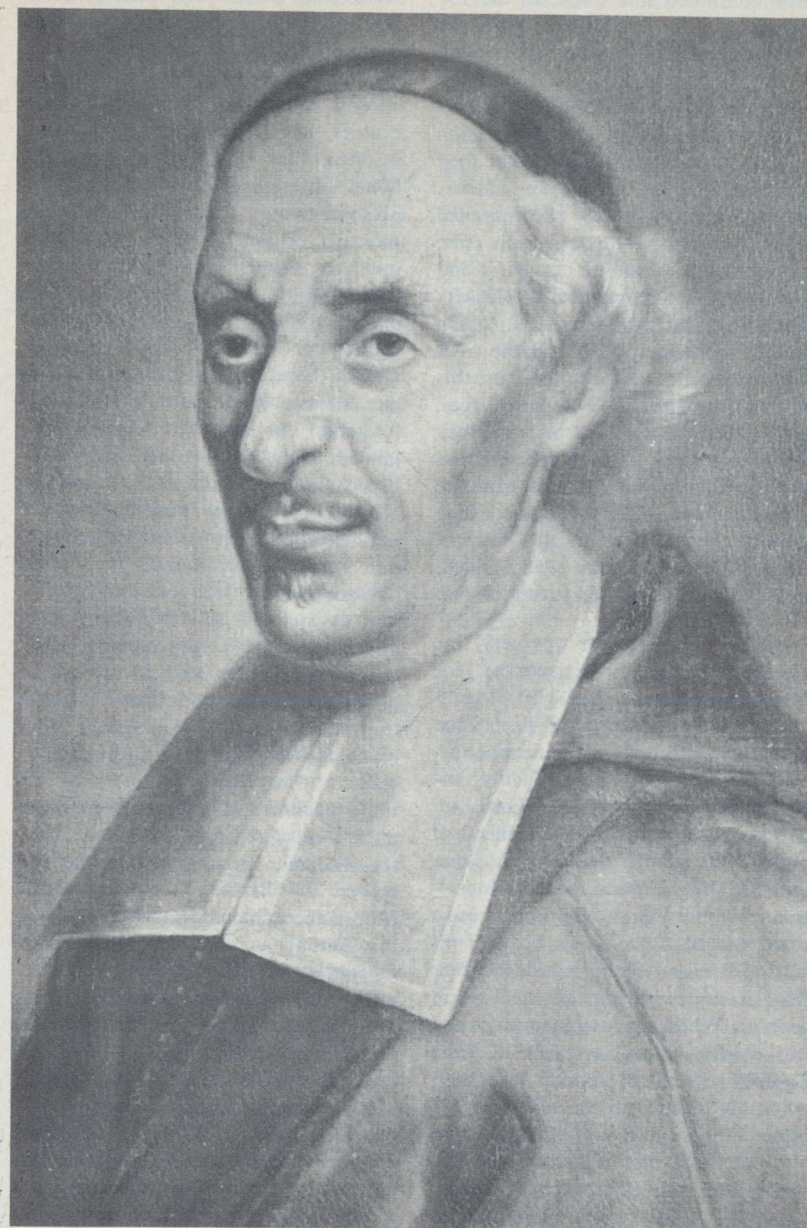
## KATERI'S BISHOP AT THE MISSION MAY 1675

VISIT PAID BY MONSEIGNEUR THE BISHOP OF QUEBEC, AND MONSIEUR THE INTENDANT, TO THE INDIANS OF LA PRAIRIE DE LA MAGDELEINE, WHERE THE MISSION OF SAINT FRANÇOIS XAVIER IS ESTABLISHED.

ON the twentieth day of May, while Reverend Father Claude Dablon, superior of the Missions of the Society of Jesus in New France, was here on his visit, we learned that Monseigneur de Laval, the first bishop of Quebec, was only three leagues from Montreal, which he was to enter on the following day. Upon receiving this news, the Father superior took Father Cholenec with him, to go to pay his respects to His Lordship. They found that apostolic prelate with the train and equipage of a prince of the primitive Church. This man, who is great by his birth, and still more by his virtues,—which have recently made him the admiration of France, and which on his last voyage to Europe justly won for him the king's esteem and approval,—this great man, I say, while visiting his diocese was conveyed in a small bark canoe by two peasants, with no other suite than a single ecclesiastic. He had with him merely a wooden crozier, a very simple miter, and only such other ornaments as were absolutely necessary for a *golden bishop*,

as the authors say when speaking of the first prelates of Christianity. As in this miserable canoe he was exposed to all the inclemency of the weather, he reached Montreal on the twenty-first day of the month, after enduring all the rain, which was unusually heavy in that quarter.

The approach of the festival of Pentecost compelled him to stop on that island for the consolation of the French, many of whom had not yet seen him. He promised our Fathers that on the following Monday, the 25th of May, he would go and visit their Mission of Saint Xavier at la prairie de la Magdeleine; and he begged them to assure the Indians of the tenderness of his affection for them. This news caused great rejoicing in the village; and, as we have always impressed upon our catechumens and neophytes the esteem due to the character and merits of so worthy a bishop, it is impossible to express either the joy caused them by the mere hope of seeing him, or the ardor that they displayed, of their own accord, in preparing everything to give him the best reception in their power. Consequently, on the very same day, they began to clean and level the approaches, the streets, and the public place in their village; and



Kateri's Bishop, Monseigneur François de Laval



they continued this work on the following day, the eve of Pentecost. On Monday, which was the second day of the festival, after hearing holy mass, they asked Father Frémin, their principal missionary, for permission to work at the preparations that they had been unable to make any earlier. Having obtained it, they all proceeded to the woods, whence each one brought back a load of branches; and with these they made a pleasant avenue in the public place, which extends from their chapel to the river Saint Lawrence. At the end of this avenue, on the bank of the river, where Monseigneur was to land, they placed a small platform raised about two feet above the water. In the middle of the same avenue, they erected a bower and at the door of the church, where the walk ended, there was still another green bower.

Happily, the weather was very fine on the day which he selected for honoring us with his visit. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon his canoe came in sight. Our Father Superior, who was then here, immediately embarked to go to meet His Lordship. At the same time, the church bell began to sound, and every one hastened to the place where Monseigneur would land. Father Frémin stood on the right, at the head of all his Indians; and Father Cholenec took the left, and with him all the French people. When Monseigneur's canoe was within speaking distance, The Captain of the Hurons, who had taken his place with the elders of the same nation on the platform, called out in a loud voice: "Bishop, stop thy canoe, and hear what I have to say to thee!" Monseigneur the bishop had been asked to permit that our Indians should practice the ceremonies

usual with them when they give receptions; and having had this compliment explained to him, he enjoyed their naive greeting. Accordingly, he readily halted to listen to these two orators, who harangued him in turn, assuring him of their joy, and the hope entertained by them that his presence would crown them with the blessings of Heaven. They praised his intellect, virtue, and dignity, which exalted him so high above other masters of the faith and the prayer; and invited him to come ashore among them, that they might conduct him at once to the house of the great master of our lives. Monseigneur then landed; and, having robed himself in his camail and rochet, he gave his blessing to all the people, who remained upon their knees. Father Frémin immediately intoned the "Veni Creator" in the Iroquois tongue, and was assisted by all the Indians, men and women, as is their custom. They accompanied him also in a sort of procession, which he headed, along the shaded walk which had been made for that purpose. Monseigneur walked after them, followed by all the Frenchmen, who chanted in Latin the "Veni Creator" alternately with the Indians. In this order the 1st bower was reached, under which Monseigneur halted, and a captain of the Onondaga and an elder from Oneida addressed him, in the name of all the 5 Iroquois nations. After that, they proceeded to the 2nd bower, under which His Lordship was addressed, for the 3rd time, by our devout catechist, named Paul,—who, being accustomed to speak often in public, when instructing his brethren, now offered his congratulations with a spirit, piety, and eloquence surprising in an Indian. Having mounted upon the stump of a tree, which

served him as a rostrum, he took off his hat and made the sign of the Cross. Then, lifting his eyes and his voice toward heaven, he thanked God for the favor that he had granted them in sending them the holy Bishop, his representative; and prayed, further, for the grace of profiting by his visit. Afterward, addressing His Lordship, he praised him for his zeal and his charity for souls, returning him a thousand thanks for his watchful care, extended equally to the French and the poor Indians. This address ended, Monseigneur entered the church, where Father Cholenec, in surplice, presented to him holy water and gave the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At that ceremony the French and the Indians chanted again, in two choirs, the "Pange lingua," "Ave maris stella," and "Domine salvum fac regem,"—after which the Indians alone, men and women alternately, sang a second motet of the Blessed Sacrament. The Benediction ended, Monseigneur came into our house. Perceiving that the Indians were following him, he made the men come in and gave to all of them his hand to kiss, bestowing upon them many tokens of regard, especially on those who, as he was informed, were the most devout. Having gone into another room, he gave permission to the women to come in, in order that he might praise their piety in proportion to the good that was reported to him respecting each of them. At length he dismissed them, bestowing upon them all his blessing. It was also received by some infidel Iroquois, who had recently arrived from their own country, and who breathed only war and arrogance; for they paid all respect and submission to His Lordship, the same as our Christians gave...

The morrow, which was Whitsun Tuesday, was truly a day of the descent of the Holy Ghost upon this mission, through the grace of the sacraments which Monseigneur most gladly and kindly bestowed upon it, and which our Indians received with admirable modesty and devotion. He commenced, in the early morning, with the baptism of ten adults,—4 men and six women;—following this up with 3 marriages, at which he himself officiated. After that, he said Holy Mass, during which our Indians chanted and received communion,—in most cases, from his own hand. He further gave them Confirmation, permitting also the French who had not received it to join the Indians—for whose sake alone, he asserted, he had come. Father Frémin repeated to them, in the Indians tongue, the sermon which His Lordship preached to them in our own.

The morning having thus passed, there was given in his name a feast to all our Indians in a large cabin. As they knew that His Lordship was to be present thereat, they prepared for his suite places, which they decked out with all the most beautiful articles which they possessed. The feast, which was protracted,—rather by addresses, songs, and similar ceremonies than by eating,—being over, Monseigneur, not contenting himself with this favor granted to all in general, was further pleased, by an excess of his goodness and of his usual condescension, to visit each family, and each individual in his own cabin. Our Indians no sooner perceived this than, in order to show their gratitude for a favor so great, they decorated their cabins with all that was most precious in their scanty stores,—making ready a place wherein to seat His Lordship, and



spreading upon the ground, in some places, branches of trees, and others, handsomely worked mats; some laid down rich furs, others blankets of ratine and of similar stuffs. Monseigneur was greatly pleased and edified at all these sincere tributes of affection and respect; and, although it was late by the time he had visited all the people, the zeal which some parents showed to have him baptize their children resulted in our presenting to him seven of these, on whom he immediately conferred that Sacrament. He then assisted at Benediction, which took place as on the preceding

day. On the following morning, having again been pleased to say Mass for our Indians, who sang at it very well, as they usually do, he set out on his return to Montreal,—all bearing him company as far as the river, as had been done on his arrival. When he was on the point of stepping into his canoe, they knelt down to receive his benediction, which he again bestowed upon all assembled, who followed him with their eyes as far as they could see. He carried away all their Hearts, while leaving them his own.

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

I am enclosing a ten-dollar money order in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping me when I went to the doctor last week, and also to keep me in good health. I just discovered Kateri through a friend and am so grateful.

(Chicago, Ill.)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars for whatever purpose you wish to use it for Kateri's Cause. This is to give thanks for my mother's successful surgery last year and to ask Kateri's continued help for our family and my mother, who has multiple medical problems. We do feel that Kateri's help has been shown to our family in many ways.

Also, I am the general chairman of the Discalced Carmelite Third Order Congress, which our Schenectady Chapter will host, August 14-17, 1975. One of the highlights of the Congress will be a trip to Auriesville. I expect that one of the Fathers will give a talk on the North American Martyrs and Kateri. I would like to order 400 cards with Kateri's picture and prayer. Please let me know the price of these. Each person attending the Congress will receive one, and perhaps, this will help to make Kateri a little better known. Those attending will be from all over the United States and a few delegates are from Canada...

(Schenectady, N.Y.)

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



# SECOND REUNION OF THE KATERI COMMITTEE



**THE SECOND MEETING** of the International Committee for Kateri's Beatification was held, as I wrote in the last issue of *Kateri*, at Fonda, N.Y., formerly Gandaouagué, the very spot where the Lily of the Mohawks was baptized in 1676 at the age of nineteen. The Conventual Franciscan Fathers made us feel quite at home in their beautifully restored one-hundred-and-fifty-year-old convent, which stands beside St. Peter's Shrine, so named after the chapel of the same name, erected by the early missionaries.

In the basement of the Shrine, the Friars patiently built up a Museum of Mohawk culture, which has been officially recognized by the State of New York as of great historic value. There is was that the meetings of the committee began on Friday evening, April 18, 1975, 299th anniversary of the baptism of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

Father Joseph S. McBride, Vice-Postulator for Kateri in the United States, welcomed the members, who came from every corner of the horizon, and handed out to each one the agenda of the different sessions. He recalled that next year, at the end of July and at the beginning of August, the International Eucharistic Congress would take place at Philadelphia, Penna. As it would be during the Bicentennial of the United States, the theme of the Congress would be "With liberty and justice for all." He was happy to inform the Kateri Committee that the Committee for the Eucharistic Congress of the N.C.B.C. in Washington, had set aside a booth for Kateri propaganda material, and had also authorized an Amerindian Eucharistic Celebration, to be sung

by the Iroquois Choir of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier from Caughnawaga. The Episcopal Committee had furthermore requested that an in-depth study of the Indians of America be made, taking into account the theme of the Eucharistic Congress. Finally, the N.C.B.C. had already launched a 1976 calendar containing a full-page colored picture of a beautiful statue of Kateri.

After Fr. McBride's opening words, the official name to be given to the Committee was discussed. It was finally decided to give it two names: *International Committee for the Tercentennial of Kateri Tekakwitha*, with reference to the Venerable's baptism three centuries ago; and *International Bicentennial Kateri Tekakwitha Committee*, with reference to the American Bicentennial and to the Eucharistic Congress.

The choice of committee members was the next question on the agenda. It was unanimously decided to accept any other candidates able to second the efforts of the Katerians. Four new members were thereupon admitted: Fathers Bernadine Golden and Salvador Pantano, O.F.M. Conv., Mrs. Solomon Cook of St. Regis (Hogansburg, N.Y.), and Mr. Joseph O'Brien, Jr., of Cleveland, O., who offered many constructive suggestions at each session of the Committee.

One of the first resolutions was to invite Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre of Saint-Jean-de-Québec and Bishop Edwin E. Broderick of Albany, to be honorary co-chairmen of the International Kateri Committee. Both Canada and the United States would thus be represented.





THE KATERI COMMITTEE

Members of the International Tercentennial Kateri Committee, who met at the Fonda Memorial Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha on April 18, 19, 20, to prepare a program for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Philadelphia in 1976: first row, left to right, Mrs. Mary (Wahiaronnon Jacobs-Cook, St. Regis Indian Reserve, Hogansburg, N.Y.; Mrs. Sarah (Skanaiah) Monroe-Hasenplug, Syracuse, N.Y.; Princess Esther (Kwaronhiotakwen) Kane-Phillips, co-chairwoman of the Committee, St. Francis Xavier Indian Reserve, Caughnawaga, P.Q., Canada; Mrs. Ray Scheuerman, Pittsford, N.Y.; Mrs. Mary-Eunice Spagnola, Belford, N.J.; — Second row, left to right, Rev. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., U.S. Vice-Postulator for Kateri's cause, Auriesville, N.Y.; Dr. Solomon (Tehoneion) Cook, co-chairman of the Committee, St. Regis Indian Reserve, Hogansburg, N.Y.; Mr. Joseph Spagnola, Belford, N.J.; Rev. Henri Béchar, S.J., Vice-Postulator for Kateri's cause in Canada, Caughnawaga, P.Q.; Mr. Joseph O'Brien, Sr., Cleveland, O.; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Conway, Vicar General of the Albany diocese; Mr. Joseph O'Brien, Jr., Cleveland, O.; Mr. Thomas Constantino, Amsterdam, N.Y.; Mr. Chet Adams, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Robert Fleig, S.J., Associate Director of the Auriesville Shrine, and Rev. Ronald Schultz, O.F.M. Conv., Director of the Fonda Memorial Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha. Missing when the picture was taken: Rev. Thomas Egan, S.J., Director of the Auriesville Shrine; Rev. Bernardine Golden, O.F.M. Conv., and Rev. Salvator Pantano, O.F.M. Conv., Associate Directors of the Fonda Shrine.

During the two sessions on Saturday and the final session on Sunday, ways and means to introduce Kateri to the crowds that would flow into Philadelphia next year were considered. Practical suggestions and offers were not lacking.

On Saturday, Father Gregory S. Weider, Scout Counselor for the Diocese of Albany, attended the afternoon session, and invited the Iroquois Choir to sing at the Auriesville Shrine on June 6 during the Eucharistic Celebration at which the Girl Scouts of the diocese would receive the Kateri award. The recipients were to have read a biography of Kateri and performed each day some charitable action in her honor. Three of our best singers did go, Mesdames Esther K. Phillips, Annie Lahache and Eileen Lefebvre. More than 300 Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls were present, most of whom received Holy Communion.

One of the members of the Committee, Mr. Tom Constantino, President of the *Noteworthy Printing Company* at Amsterdam, N.Y., and inventor of the litterbag, hosted the Kateri Committee for dinner at The Teepee in Amsterdam. It was a restful, pleasant evening, during which the members of the Committee exchanged

impressions on the work accomplished during the previous sessions.

In Italy, the Daughters of St. Paul recently launched a filmstrip on Kateri Tekakwitha, which Fr. McBride showed to the members at the Sunday morning session. I regretted not having brought along the French filmstrip *Kateri Tekakwitha*, prepared by the *Editions du Berger* in Paris a few years ago.

At noon on Sunday, a Eucharistic Celebration was held in St. Peter's Chapel, which the public attended. Sister Mary Catherine Rich, S.S.J., spoke on Kateri. "Although her eyesight was poor," Sister said, "she clearly saw the divine realities which encompass us." Msgr. Joseph P. Conway, Vicar General of the Diocese of Albany, was the Celebrant while the priests of the Committee, who were not called away for pastoral work, were the concelebrants. All were united in their prayers to obtain the prompt Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha.

The Franciscan Fathers then served all a tasty lunch in their beautiful old monastery. Then the Committee dispersed, each member resolved to make Kateri better known, and loved among their friends and acquaintances.

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Enclosed is a twenty-five dollar check I promised Kateri if my daughter's home would be sold. Through Kateri's intercession my prayer was answered, and now we are waiting for the final bank loan to be approved.

(Erie, Pa.)

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I'm sending a donation in thanksgiving for the success of an operation that my daughter underwent. Thanks to Kateri, everything went well, and she is back home. Thank you for your prayers.

(Caughnawaga, P.Q.)

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On Thursday morning, June 5th, we visited the Kateri church and museum, and were much impressed by the quiet beauty of the church and the personal and admirable ideas expressed in the children's drawings. The town, too, was most attractive.

About 9:30 we returned to the entrance of the main highway (Route 4, I think). We didn't know which way to go and were studying the map when a man in a red car with a slant back, pulled up and got out of his car, and offered to help us. He was a tall strong man, with a warm likable face and a good-natured manner. He gave my father and me good directions but sensing our uncertainty, he did not hesitate to get in his car and to lead us on to the freeway. After several miles he stopped his car and came back to tell us again the right way. My father wanted to offer the man money but he would have nothing to do with it.

Frankly, his behavior was so exceptional, we were at a loss to know how to reciprocate his generosity. We have talked of nothing else for days and dearly wish we had asked his name.

If it would not be out of order, Father, would it be possible to read this letter at Sunday Mass? Someone is sure to know him and we would like to write him and thank him personally. My father says in his forty-six years of driving he has never seen anything like it and we all felt that we have learned more about Christian charity here than any other place.

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Enclosed is a check in the amount of five dollars, which I am sending to keep my subscription to "Kateri" active and to express my thanks to Kateri for her help in securing a satisfactory apartment when I was in great need of one, with very limited time to find one. I think the magazine is very enjoyable. I especially liked your reports of your European journey.  
(Binghamton, N.Y.)

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I thank Kateri for helping me with my eyesight. I can see well now, to do bead work . . .  
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A satisfied customer today gave us a twenty-five dollars tip. So I am splitting with Kateri. Remember us in your prayers.  
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This is a long overdue letter in thanksgiving for two specific (and many other) favors received through the intercession of Kateri, our Blessed Mother, and Mother Seton. One was a reasonably favorable outcome of a long series of tests on my mother. I had feared the results to be much worse. Also a wonderful financial benefit. Enclosed is a check for five dollars in thanksgiving.  
(Baltimore, Md.)

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