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

Enclosed is my check for fifty dollars, which I promised Kateri for a favor I received from our Lord through her intercession for me. I prayed to Kateri at daily Mass and asked her to intercede for me and ask God to help my daughter receive a Federal Grant so that she could continue her Graduate Studies for her Master's Degree in Nursing on a full-time basis. She was notified on Saturday, July 8, that she had been awarded a Federal traineeship, which includes tuition and subsidy. Thanks to Kateri for her intercession! I turn to Kateri many times for help.
 (Baltimore, Md.)

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

Kateri has interceded for me in the past a number of times. I am very grateful. I am in desperate need of her help again. In your Masses, please remember me in my needs. I am doing something to spread the knowledge of and devotion to Kateri. With past issues of **Kateri**, I have done this: I tear out a page containing letters of gratitude and attach a Kateri card to it; I also print the address of the Mission. I had requested a supply of these cards months ago. I have left them in pews, near statues, and in churches that are frequented daily. I trust that at least some of this material will be picked up and accepted. I am doing this for Kateri, and I am looking forward to her appreciation of my efforts. Please, find a seven-dollar check for Kateri's cause.
 (Somerset, Ma.)

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

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

I am enclosing a personal check for the amount of five dollars; one dollar is for the renewal of my subscription, which will be due in the next few months. I wish to thank Kateri for helping my mother get well from a serious kidney infection in October 1975. She has continued doing well thanks to God and Kateri. My mother is eighty-four years old. She has a bad heart condition and the kidney infection was aggravating her delicate condition. She also has a dislocation of her upper upper right arm, and I am praying to Kateri for her total recovery. I am also asking for important spiritual favors for my brother and nephew. God bless you all! Please pray for me and my intentions. I am physically disabled and can't walk to church. I receive communion at home twice a week, thanks to God.
 (Humacao, P. R.)

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

Last January I wrote you a letter mentioning my prayers to Kateri for her assistance in behalf of my dear wife, who was about to undergo a "total hip" operation at the New England Baptist Hospital. I am happy to report that the operation was a great success and that this month for the first time in five years, she can walk without the aid of crutches. We are grateful to Kateri Tekakwitha and to you and all our friends at Caughnawaga.

(Hyde Park, Ma.)

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

Enclosed is my check for twelve dollars. Ten dollars are to be my contribution given in thanks for a good medical report, one dollar for a subscription, and two for novenas. Thank you.
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FROM ROME, the Reverend Father Paul Molinari, S.J., Postulator General for the cause of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, writes:

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

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OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

For this one hundredth and ninth 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, our aim would be achieved. The subscription rates have not changed since 1949, and I do not intend to change them: \$1.00 a year, which, obviously, only covers the addressing and mailing costs.

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EACH NEW MOON



KATERI AT THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

THE JUNE ISSUE of *Kateri* called to the attention of our friends the Tricentennial Kateri Committee's involvement in the coming 41st International Eucharistic Congress. From July 30 to August 6, the Kateri Exhibit in the Philadelphia Civic Center was open to visitors. On Tuesday, August 3 and Thursday, August 5, in the Auditorium of the Civic Center, a program featuring the McCauley Family Theater, Indian dances, slide talks and a sketch on Kateri by Mary-Eunice was presented to the public. Finally, at Old St. Joe's, Willings Alley, Philadelphia, on Saturday, August 7, Bishop Edwin B. Broderick D.D. of Albany presided a Mohawk Liturgy, while Fr. Miachael K. Jacobs, Iroquois Jesuit, was celebrant, Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., Vice-Postulator, co-celebrant, and Fr. Ronald Schultz, O.F.M., Conv., of the Fonda N.Y. Memorial Shrine of Tekakwitha, homilist. The Caughnawaga Iroquois Choir sang during the Eucharistic Celebration. The December issue of *Kateri* shall carry a more detailed account of the activities of the Tricentennial Kateri Committee during the Eucharistic Congress.

STILL MORE PLEDGES

For Kateri's Beatification, prayer is essential. Signed prayer pledges are a priceless gift. Special thanks to Sister Mary Cullen of the Sisters of Mercy, Pittsburgh, Pa., who sent in 106 pledges, which she had painstakingly gathered out of love for Kateri. Our gratitude also to Mrs. J. Morrison of Sudbury, Ont., who valiantly obtained 100 pledges, and to the Sisters of the Child Jesus of North Vancouver, B.C., who knocked at the door of 38 willing hearts and were welcomed.

THE POINT OF THIS REMARK

Several years ago a cure was obtained at the Auriesville Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs through the intercession of the Martyrs and of Kateri Tekakwitha. However, the Martyrs got all the credit. All that could be said about Kateri was that she did not hinder the cure. What is the point of this remark? If you decide to ask Kateri for favors either spiritual or temporal, pray to her *alone* to intercede for you with Our Lord and His Blessed Mother.

RE THE GUILD

Many of our friends use the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild Sympathy cards. We are grateful to them. The Guild forms, it should be noted, are *not* to be sent in to the Center for individual Masses. The spiritual benefits resulting from membership in the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha Guild are clearly indicated on the membership card. Notification of the enrollment has regularly been mailed to the family

of the deceased person; this we shall continue to do. To save on stamps, stationery, and secretarial work (approx. \$1.00), the donors will no longer be notified unless they expressly request an acknowledgment.

IN REMEMBRANCE. . .

In remembrance of his Mother, Mr. Hugh Dashney of Pierrefonds, P.Q., has subscribed 255 new members to the Kateri Quarterly (164 English Edition; 91 French Edition). We welcome these new members of the Guild, and prayerfully trust that Kateri will intercede for them in their every need. Please remember the soul of Mrs. Angelina Dashney in your prayers. Our thanks to Mr. Dashney for his interest and zeal with regard to Kateri's Cause!

WITH OUR HEARTFELT THANKS !

Last June, from Rhoen, Germany, the Kateri Staff received a letter from Father William Greier, who is interested in Kateri's Cause. Before retirement in his native land, he was the Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Tacoma, Washington, from 1956 to 1974. He had a statue of Kateri erected on the church grounds. "It was Kateri," he wrote, "who brought me to America in 1939." As Kateri's friends are well aware, Easter Sunday last was the tercentenary of her baptism; it was also the day Father Greier celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his first Mass. In the Easter Sunday issue of the *Würburger katholisches*

Sonntagblatt, appeared an article of his entitled "Kateri Tekakwitha die Lilie der Mohawks."

MORE HEARTFELT THANKS

The June 13 English issue of the *Messenger of St. Anthony*, published by the Franciscan Fathers of the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Italy, carried an excellent article entitled "Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks," by Mr. Louis J. Wust. Already in the April 1974 issue, F.M.B. told the story of the Mohawk Maid to its many readers throughout the world. In my role as Vice-Postulator for Kateri, I now offer my heartfelt thanks to the Editor and Authors of this highly interesting publication. The subscription to the *Messenger* is \$3.00. In Canada address your check to *Il Messaggero di S. Antonio* — Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce — 25 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.; in the U.S.A., send it to *Il Messaggero di S. Antonio* c/o Banca Nazionale del Lavoro — 24 West 51st Street, New York, N.Y. 10019.

STILL MORE THANKS !

This time to my good friend, Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., Co-Vice-Postulator for Kateri at the Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y., for his stimulating article on the Lily of the Mohawks, which appeared in the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart* in its July-August issue. Special acknowledgment is also due to the Editor, Fr. F. J. Powers, S.J., who thoughtfully mentioned the Kateri quarterly. The annual subscription

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

(First letter: June 28.) I have been in Montreal in Canada for the first time these last three weeks because my youngest son was in an accident here. He has been in the Royal Victoria Hospital for six weeks, in the Surgical I.C.U. for four weeks, and has had three abdominal operations in less than five weeks. I shall not take the time to list all the complications he has had. When he began to feel better, I felt that I had to get away for awhile, so I took the bus tour up the St. Lawrence Seaway, which included a visit to the Indian Reservation and to the beautiful little church where Kateri's remains are. This was certainly the part of the trip I remembered most. The next day when I went to the hospital, my son's temperature had jumped up to 104°. I was worried nearly to death. When I returned to my room, I asked Kateri to help me if she could, not for myself, but for my son. The next day, he started to improve. It has been six days since I first asked Kateri for help and my son is so well, he will be released. We plan to go home in four days. I certainly believe Kateri has interceded for me. I am a Protestant and feel an unexplained rapport with Indians from the northern climates...

(Second letter: June 28.) I awoke this morning very worried as I have been for several days because my son is due to be released from the hospital on June 30, and we plan to fly home back to the U.S.A. However, the airline pilots and traffic controllers are on strike. We both feel that he has been in the hospital so long that he will regress if we are delayed by this strike and if he has to stay longer.

Suddenly a feeling of peace came over me and a voice said, "What are you worried about? You are going home!" Surely enough, by noon that day the strike was over and our doctor had our reservations to fly home.

(Third letter: July 5.) We arrived home without complications and are so very thankful! A small contribution is enclosed, which I hope will be helpful. Many thanks for the visit to your church!
(Elbert, Co.)

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

I am sending five dollars for Kateri's cause. My son obtained a job, the kind he wanted, after praying to Kateri and promising five dollars. Many thanks to her! She helps me very much...
(Biddeford, Me.)

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



PHOTO ARMOUR LANDRY

"The Great King has-made-up this-pile-of-stones (fort) to safeguard these True-men (Indians) Who-make-the-Sign-of-the-Cross. (Catholic)."

The Mission of St. Francis Xavier was founded in 1667 at what is today Laprairie, P.Q. It moved four times until 1716-17 when the people definitely settled down at what is now Caughnawaga, P.Q. In 1725, the French Crown erected the walls of Fort St. Louis "to protect the Indians." Several of Kateri's friends died here.

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

I am again thankful for a new favor from Kateri. My second grandson was in need of work and, as usual, I encouraged him to pray to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Teaching positions are hard to find. He soon received a notice that he was employed. Incidentally, my husband and I brought these four grandchildren to your Shrine. This is the fourth one who received important favors, and acknowledged them. My little offering is in a way a prayer of thanks, for I appreciate their devotion to Kateri, which my late husband instilled in them. . . (Durand, Ill.)

✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A. R. !**

I am looking for relics of Kateri for several families and two members of my own. She has been performing many wonders. One man, especially, was going through the stages of death, and the hospital called on the entire family because he had "minutes to live." A relative touched his head with a blessed statue of Kateri. He was in a coma and had never heard of Kateri. He awoke and asked for Kateri and wanted to learn everything about her. Many are now praying to Kateri for his complete cure as he is a terminal multiple sclerosis case, bedridden for years with muscles completely deteriorated. . . (Fountain Valley, Ca.)

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

I am enclosing a check of five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for favors received. My husband is an aphasia patient and is blind in one eye. I have prayed to Kateri every day to make him well again. He has really improved a lot. He is always happy and cheerful and cooperative. . . I will continue to pray so that he will get better. . . (Wailuku, Maui Hi.)

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

The enclosed donation I promised Kateri when I started the novena to her on April 18, in commemoration of her Baptism, for my son to find a job in hydrography, which he wanted so badly. Two days before the novena was over, he found exactly a position in hydrography in Wyoming. He also wanted to go out west. With all my heart, I knew Kateri would help him as she did many times before. (Johnstown, Pa.)

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

✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. W. !**

The enclosed check is for Kateri's cause, in thanksgiving for a favor granted. In my family there has been a history of glaucoma, so I have a pressure test made every six months. My last test showed an increase in pressure. The doctor made me go back for another test, which proved that my eyes were normal. (New Orleans, La.)

✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L. St. A. !**

Enclosed in thanksgiving is a check for thirty dollars. My legs were swollen and very sore. I had a very bad cut on one leg. As I was going to the Doctor, I asked Kateri for help. The Doctor said I had just made it in time as my leg was infected and not in very good condition. I had to go back to the Doctor every two weeks for a while. I am now fine, thanks to Kateri; she always helps me! Please pray for me. (Montreal, P. Q.)

✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R. McC. !**

We hope this long overdue note finds you well and happy. All the McC's. Are in great health. They especially look forward to their special gift from God, baby "Kateri" — due in July! Allan and I have been praying for the last five years for another baby. It was right after a novena to Kateri ending on Oct. 19 (N. A. Martyrs) that our prayer was answered. We'll have a real baby to play Kateri (as a baby) in our show for the Eucharistic Congress in August!

Enclosed is a check to cover our September bill (\$11.00) and the remainder, a small donation for a few names to be put as subscribers for your beautiful **Kateri** magazine. Our newly formed CUF (Catholic United for Faith) Chapter of Phoenix has chosen Kateri as our patron. On April 4, CUF will have a special celebration for 180 Indian children representing fifteen tribes at St. John's Indian Mission. The celebration will include a Mass for Kateri's beatification and a party following with refreshments and the presentation of scenes from our show "Lily of the Mohawks". We also want to present a donation in the name of Kateri to help defray an outstanding debt. We plan to have a gala pretzel bake sale February 29 at the St. Francis Xavier Church to help benefit St. John's. We want them to know that Kateri loves them. (Phoenix, Az.)

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

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

Enclosed is a money order for one hundred dollars. I am also sending one hundred signed pledges and I have said one hundred rosaries. This was a promise that I made to Kateri if she would obtain something for me. My prayer has not been fully answered, but I will continue to pray. Kateri has helped me in many ways and if God so wills, Kateri shall obtain what I am asking for. (Sudbury, Ont.)

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

I wish to acknowledge another great favor through the intercession of Kateri. Just recently, one of my sisters had two very suspicious brown spots removed. We prayed desperately to God that, through Kateri's intercession, the report on the removal of these brown skin areas would be negative. Sure enough, our prayers were heard and another star shines in her crown!

We are so thankful and so grateful for what we consider a "miracle." We are looking forward to Kateri's canonization soon, and plan to attend that great event in Rome. May the powers that be open their eyes soon and speed along that great event so that Kateri, our Indian maiden, may be known throughout the world as a great saint!

(Chicopee, Ma.)

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

Please accept this donation of ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for a favor received after praying to her for two weeks. The answer came six months later. I was able to rent my apartment and I am truly grateful. I have now retired and have a limited income. But thanks to Kateri, this will surely help me.

(Baltimore, Md.)

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

I am finally getting round to send something for Kateri's cause. In short, I passed the Real Estate License Test and I am now a Broker. I am also affiliated with Peterson Realty, a large firm. I started yesterday and there is much to learn. I had promised Kateri twenty-five dollars for the exam because it was very difficult and I passed... The other five dollars is for other favors received...

(Biddeford, Me.)

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

AFTER HER BAPTISM



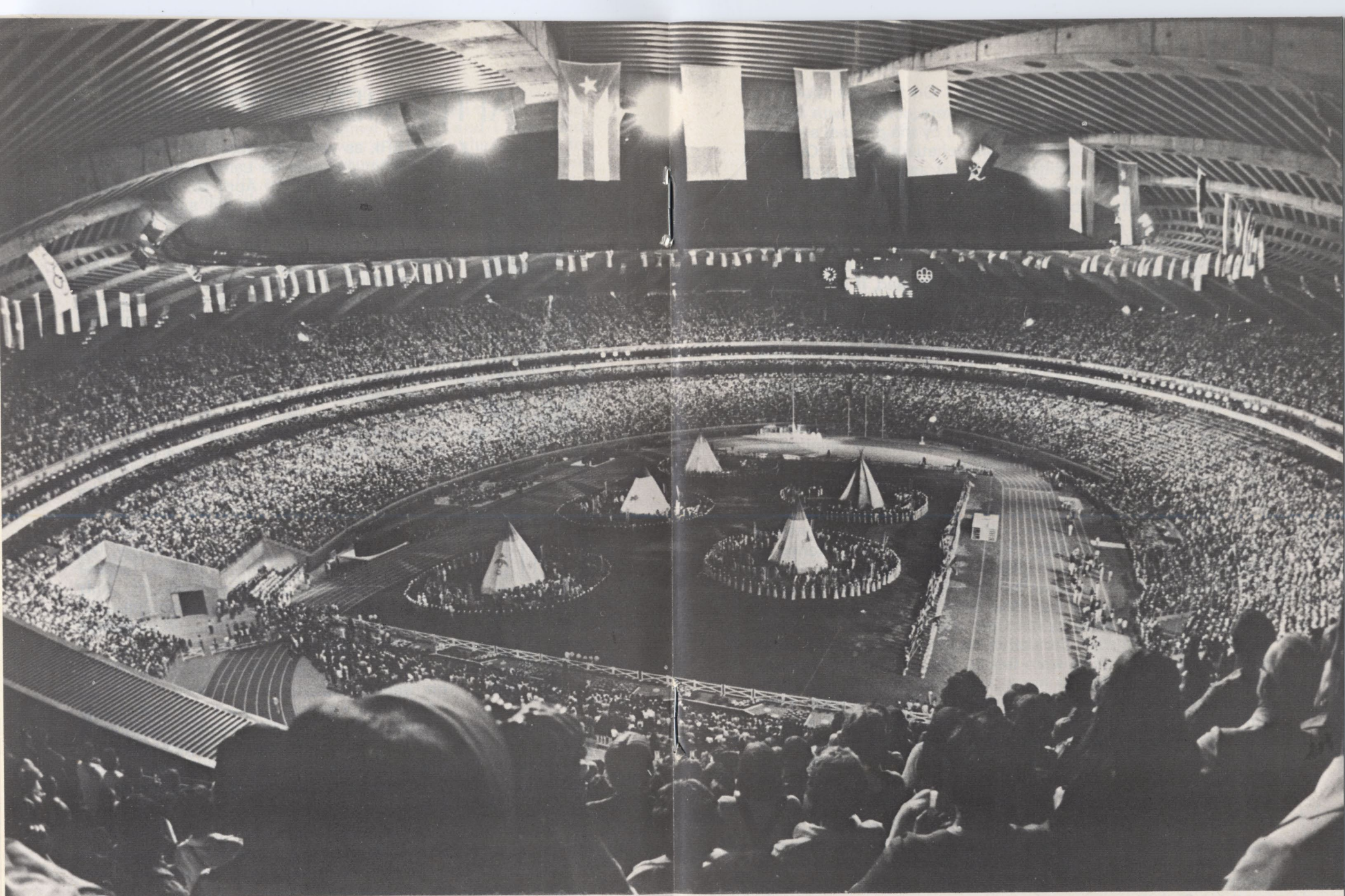
KATERI, as you are aware, was baptized by

Father Jacques de Lamberville on Easter Sunday, which fell on April 18, 1776, exactly three centuries ago. At the same time, he baptized two other Indians whose names we do not know. It was the day of days for the faithful of the village, whom the missionary had invited to the chapel for the occasion. All were pleased with Kateri's exceptional modesty as well as with her profound devotion during the exorcisms, the profession of Faith, and the pouring of the saving waters on her forehead. One of her first biographers (Cholenec) noted that all the Christian Indians exulted at the sight of so perfect a young woman highly thought of even by the non-Christian Indians. For the little group of Christians, she was a valuable acquisition. Quite understandably, they hoped that she would be wholly worthy of the religion she had adhered to and, better still, that she would attract many pagans to follow her example. They could not, of course, foresee the influence she would exercise not only throughout New France in their own time, but also in Mexico after her death, and nowadays throughout the world!

Last May, His Holiness Pope Paul VI, in his weekly audience before 3000 visitors recalled that baptism implied the total transformation of each Christian's life. "For us," he said, "Baptism is a regeneration, a rebirth, a new concept of life, a new mentality, an original philosophy beyond the great problems of our existence, which is identified and illumined by the distinctive wisdom of Christianity."

Father de Lamberville had anticipated this regeneration, this transformation in a life already so upright. "The goodness of Kateri's temper, the vivacity of her spirit, her simplicity and candor, caused the missionary to believe that one day she

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The Indians of Canada were spotlighted at the closing ceremonies of the Olympics in Montreal, where all the nations of the world were represented. The Amerinds have no Saint of their own. When will the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha be spotlighted in the eyes of the whole world? That depends on you.

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would make great progress in virtue." On the other hand, he was quite aware that many converts were content with receiving the sacrament of Baptism, followed by the gradual slackening of religious practice. Father Chauchetière wrote: "One has seen Indians become indifferent almost as soon as they have been baptized; one has seen them become worse than they were before Baptism, because they did not have the courage to disregard the human respect which is a common fault of these people. There is no doubt that the devil, regretting his prey, tempts new Christians all the more to make them lose grace as soon as they have received it. Indeed, it is a miracle when a Christian perseveres in the country of the Iroquois."

The hopes of the missionary and of the fervent Christians were not deceived. Kateri exceeded them all by her fervor during the following months. All her beautiful dispositions, hidden until then within the precincts of her long house, shone forth as soon as she was obliged to appear in public and to take part with the other neophytes in the common exercises of piety. She was a model of fidelity to the habitual reunions in the little chapel of St. Peter's, whether it was at Mass, at daily community prayer, or at the regular religious instructions, not to speak of fasting and abstinence as it was then observed.

Kateri was not satisfied with the ordinary spiritual itinerary of her Christian compatriots. The Holy Spirit had beckoned to her and she responded with all her heart. To the Jesuit Father she went to ask him to guide her on this strange new way that was opening out before her. She had her prayers, devotions, and penances approved by him, and showed herself so faithful to the plan of Christian perfection he proposed that in a short while the other converts were left far behind. Her companions were not slow to find in her a model of humility, devotion, sweetness, charity, and of the other Christian virtues. Even among those who had no intention of imitating her, the esteem they nevertheless had for her was quickly transformed into admiration. Father Jacques de Lamberville, her first spiritual director, better than anyone else sums up the first few months after her christening:

"Since that time I can say I have found nothing in her in which she would seem to have relaxed in the slightest from her first fervor." Indeed, the effects of the sacrament of Baptism in Kateri were exactly those the Holy Father expects of today's baptized Christians.



"Her companions were not slow to find in her a model of humility, devotion, sweetness, charity, and of the other Christian virtues."

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

Kateri has helped us once more with our summer cottage. Every year we invoke her help to find us good tenants. It won't come under the heading of miracles. Kateri has never failed us. We are forever praying to her for many problems to be solved, so I shall renew my pledge of a daily Pater Noster and Hail Mary. I am also enclosing a check for fifty dollars to help her cause. In the meantime, we call her Venerable, adorable, and lovable Kateri!

(Montreal, P. Q.)

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

... You know Kateri is mighty slow, and we must exercise patience; but then, once she has had her fill of petitions, she just simply grants us whatever we request. As for myself, for many years, I have taken her for granted, anxiously begging for others to become as close to her as my husband Chuck and I have been and still are. Today this age of humanity is very impatient: it wants the answers now, immediately if not sooner! So we try and try again. Eventually all is well. I wish I could list all the magnificent favors she granted me, but they are important only to her and me.

Could you believe that, within the last three weeks, things have been really happening here? My husband has obtained a new position. People at this new plant have lately learned of Kateri and are pleading with the Sacred Heart to allow very soon a miracle to take place for her beatification.

Chuck is very happy. One of the reasons is a move to California (Garden Grove near Anaheim). There he will assume the responsibility of the entire plant of the North American Coffee Company, Filter Division. With regard to moving, expenses will be paid. Chuck has checked at the new plant and loves the area. Now I shall fly down to look over the housing situation, hopefully traveling with Kateri. . .

(Greenwich, Oh.)

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

I am doubling my offering this month in return for a favor received. Recently, a friend underwent a series of X rays, fearing a malignancy would be present. I prayed to Kateri to grant that her fears would be unfounded and She answered my prayers. All is well. Many thanks to the Lily of the Mohawks!

(Montreal, P.Q.)

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

Three centuries ago...

A TRUE MISSIONARY

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF
FATHER JACQUES DE LAMBERVILLE,
WRITTEN FROM GANNAWAGE, A
VILLAGE OF AGNIE, ON THE
6TH OF MAY, 1976

ALTHOUGH I am not yet very well versed in the language of the Iroquois, with whom I have lived only a year, and consequently cannot labor for their conversion as much as I would like, God has nevertheless had pity on some of the Indians who are under my charge. I baptized thirteen persons before Easter, in two months, and seven¹ since then within a very short space of time. The death of two adults gave me much consolation; the first was nearly forty years of age. He had resided with the Flemings, our neighbors, but God withdrew him from them for his salvation, through a slow fever, which compelled him to come here to seek some relief among his kindred. I took care of him and assisted him to the best of my ability; this won him, and made him listen to me willingly whenever I spoke to him of his salvation. I made him pray to God every day, and he did this with such willingness that he had an amiable quarrel with me when I let a few days pass without going to see him — which happened occasionally, in consequence of the visits that I was obliged to pay to a village near here, which is also under my charge. Our sick man continued to sink, and his fervor increased so that one day he said to me: "You have no pity on me; you will leave me to die without baptism, for I shall

die before long." When I saw him so inclined, I instructed him two or three times, and baptized him. Afterward, he ceased not to pray every day, until he could no longer speak.

The second adult's conversion is a special effect of grace and a particular favor from Father Isaac Jogues, who shed his blood here in God's cause, for he was massacred here... The man of whom I speak had been ill for six months, and his relatives had recourse to all the juggleries imaginable, to obtain his cure. They are, moreover, the most superstitious of the country — to such an extent, even, that the grandmother of the sick man says that she is the sister of the lord of the sky. I knew not how to approach him, for entrance to his cabin was completely closed to me. In this extremity, I had recourse to Reverend Father Jogues, to whom I commended that man; and immediately afterward I found that the doors of the cabin were open to me. This gave me the opportunity to instruct and baptize him. He has since consoled me greatly by his constancy in praying to God, which he retained in a very extraordinary manner until death. During the year that I have spent here, I have baptized nearly fifty persons, nine or ten of whom died happily after baptism; three or four escaped me, two children and an old woman who, notwithstanding my efforts, died without baptism. My heart bleeds for them, and I am inconsolable. . . ."

1. Among them Kateri.

Jesuit Relation of 1676-77.



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The statue of Kateri pictured above appears in the beautiful American Catholic Bicentennial Calendar published by the National Council of Catholic Bishops.



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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

September 26

1974

Father Henri Beshard, SJ
Kateri Takakwitha Center
Caughnawaga, Que, JOL 1BO

Dear Father Beshard,

A few days ago I received a letter from one of the Sisters in Rochester, Minnesota, asking that I send you some information concerning the statue of Kateri Tekakwitha which stands on the shore of our Lake Sagatagan. She indicated that she had sent you a snapshot of this statue and that you would like to print it in your magazine "Kateri" with a little background information. I am happy to give you this permission and to give you the following information:

The statue of Kateri Tekakwitha was erected originally alongside the church of St. Olaf in downtown Minneapolis, about 1950. The pastor of the parish at that time was Rev. Leonard Cowley, later one of the auxiliary bishops of the archdiocese. When a fire completely destroyed the church, the statue was damaged (the head was knocked off). Father Cowley had the head replaced by the St. Paul Statuary Company (who may have made the statue originally).

Because the plans for the new St. Olaf Church did not make provision for the statue, Father Cowley offered it to St. John's Abbey in 1955, and it was placed on the shore of Lake Sagatagan. I am quite sure that Father Cowley wished to call attention to the Catholic background of many of the Indians who are still in Minnesota and to add something to the Indian lore which is quite strong in the city of Minneapolis itself.

Unfortunately, the envelope in which the letter from the Sister arrived has been lost, as I was seeking information concerning our statue. Perhaps you will know who she is and perhaps you can inform her that I have sent you this information.

With all good wishes and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John Eidenschink

(Right Rev.) John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
Abbot

JE:fp

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. R. H. !**

Enclosed, you will find a bank draft to be drawn off the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York. Kateri's smile certainly brightened up my life. I hope she can be as wonderful for others as she was for me. My daughter is enthralled with Kateri. Please send me a Kateri statue for my daughter and twenty small Kateri picture touch relics. Also send twelve aluminum medals and four English and four French novenas. Kateri has a good following in Biddeford.
(Biddeford, Me.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss J. M. !**

Thank you for the medals. I would like to get three hundred more pledges signed for the three hundredth anniversary of her baptism. Please send two hundred more medals. Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars. Thank you.
(Kennebunk, Me.)

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

Please accept this small donation in honor of Kateri for her beatification. I pray to her frequently and she always listens to me. In January I was very ill and received the Sacrament of the Sick. I had edema and my heart has been badly affected. God did not take me for some unknown reason. His will be done. It is good to suffer for Him. I will try and send another donation later.
(Quebec, P. Q.)

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

Enclosed find ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri. I promised five dollars if we should get someone to take care of our house when we will be away for a month. A neighbor came in and offered her services. So again Kateri has helped us. I know she will take care of our house...
(Edmonton, Alta.)

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

...On December 29, 1975, I sent in several intentions; one was for my father, E. M. He has been a chronic asthmatic most of his life. With the help of Kateri, he is 90 o/o free of asthma and no longer has to depend on an inhaler. Furthermore, his back no longer presents a problem. He is most grateful for Kateri's intercession...
(Laconia, N. H.)

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

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

Enclosed is a check for five dollars, which I promised Kateri if the lump in my breast was not serious. It wasn't. I'm grateful to Kateri for so many things.
(Pittsburgh, Pa.)

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

Please accept the enclosed two dollar offering which my neighbor, Mrs. L. S., promised to little Kateri if her son, Frank, gained admission into a neighborhood high school. Mrs. S.'s prayer was answered.
(New York, N. Y.)

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

The enclosed check for twenty-five dollars is a "no strings" offering for Kateri's Cause in thanksgiving. No acknowledgement is necessary. Save the postage for Kateri. Her cause and all of you who are working for it are in our prayers.
(San Diego, Calif.)

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

Enclosed find five dollars for Kateri's Cause. It isn't much, I know, in return for all the favors she has granted me. All my prayers to her have been answered. My daughter recently had surgery of a serious nature and prayed for a successful operation and a speedy recovery. Both requests were answered. A friend was also ill and I prayed for her recovery. She also recovered quickly. I could fill pages with the favors Kateri has done for me and mine. I'm hoping that many people will visit your beautiful church and get to know the wonder of Kateri and be as blessed by her as I have been.
(Northampton, Ma.)

❖ **Kateri smile upon you, Mr. J. L. !**

I am enclosing ten dollars for Kateri's help. Since I started praying to her, my school life has been more enjoyable this past year. I know she will continue to smile upon me, if I continue praying to her. (Kingston, Ont.)

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

Enclosed is an offering in thanksgiving to Kateri for answering my prayer that our daughter and her husband would find suitable accommodation as they had to find a place with just two weeks' notice. They found a bachelor apartment and seem very happy with it. (Arden, Ont.)

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

THE MORAL OF THIS TALE

THE "Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning Sexual Ethics" prepared by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and approved by Pope Paul VI on November 7, 1975, restated the age-old moral principles taught by the Church since the time of St. Peter.

"In this domain," we read, "there exist principles and norms which the Church has always unhesitatingly transmitted as part of her teaching, however much the opinions and morals of the world may have been opposed to them."

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, praised the Vatican document on sexual ethics as "an act of courage and statesmanship." He made his comments in an address to 500 rabbis meeting in New York for the Council's annual Torah convocation. Rabbi Schonfeld hailed the Vatican condemnation of pre-marital sex "for its forthrightness and its refusal to bow to the sexual permissiveness that pervades our society." He also said the Vatican document was rooted in traditional Jewish teaching, which sharply condemns deviant forms of sexuality." (*The Pilot*, Boston, Friday, Feb. 6, 1976).

The document condemns those who vindicate the right to sexual union before marriage, homosexual relations, and masturbation. It also recalls that "the virtue of chastity, . . . is in no way confined solely to avoiding the faults already listed. It is aimed at attaining higher and more positive goals. It is a virtue which concerns the whole personality, as regards both interior and exterior behavior."

"Individuals should be endowed with this virtue according to their state in life: for some it will mean virginity or celibacy consecrated to God, which is an eminent way of giving oneself more easily to God alone with an undivided heart. For others it will take the form determined by the moral law, according to whether they are married or single. But whatever the state of life, chastity is not simply an external state; it will make a person's heart pure in concordance with Christ's words: 'You have learned how it was said: 'You must not commit adultery.' But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery in his heart."

During her life, the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha attained this purity required of everyone by Christ and His Church. Her conduct reproached the non-Christians with their profligacy more powerfully than words. In order to discredit her, they resorted to deceit so as to make her fall. Unavailingly.

Kateri's trust in God, her distrust of self, and her fidelity to the Holy Spirit within her led her to fear even the slightest appearance of impurity and won for her a complete victory over her enemies.

She was once accused of incest, and Father Jacques de Lamberville, who had baptized her on Easter Sunday, 1676, informed her of this grievous accusation. Her answer was to the point. She could not remember having ever stained the purity of her person, even before her conversion and she did not fear receiving any reproach on this point in the day of judgment. How many could say as much had they lived in the same circumstances?

Later on, at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier of Caughnawaga, Kateri felt called to consecrate herself to God by a vow of chastity. Her spiritual director had her give the problem mature deliberation. Her progress in all the virtues and in the many graces our Lord showered upon her finally convinced the priest that this unexpected vocation was God-given. He set the day on which she was to take this private vow: March 25, 1679, feast of the Annunciation.

It was certainly one of the happiest days in the life of Tekakwitha. After receiving Holy Communion, she gave herself entirely to the Lord. She vowed perpetual chastity and then offered herself to our Lady, praying her earnestly to be her mother and to take her for her daughter.

Certain historians have accused the missionaries of weakening Amerindian culture, with the Church's teaching regarding chastity. Perpetual virginity as a way of life came into existence with the coming of Christ. Pre-Christian civilizations were fundamentally incapable of grasping its value and beauty. When Kateri and her compatriots accepted Christianity, they were enabled to understand and appreciate voluntary chastity for the love of God.

The Indians of the village as well as the missionaries agreed that Kateri's characteristic virtue was purity. She "had passed more than twenty years in the midst of the corruption of her country and two years and a half at the Sault, virgin in body and soul, without ever, during all that time, having felt the least thing contrary to this virtue, either in body or soul." Unbelievable, it would seem, but true.

On the evening before her death, Father Cholenec questioned her as to whether she had any anxiety concerning her practice of purity. He noted: "Although she had difficulty in speaking, she made an effort and answered me in a firm tone of voice, 'No, no,' with a gesture that showed the pain she felt in still being questioned at her death concerning a sin that she had held in horror all her life."

After she died, her face was left uncovered, such was the pleasure

people took in gazing at it. The Indians as well as the French read on it what was said of her: "hers was a face of chastity and virginity."

A few years later, Father Cholenec wrote the following lines, which are also true today: "I know of more than thirty people she has aided in the reform of their lives, while she has delivered many from violent temptations of the flesh and obtained for them the gift of chastity. It is in this matter that she obtained special favors for souls."

A devotee of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha confided to me that in all his temptations against chastity he turned to Kateri and they immediately disappeared. He allowed me to reveal this special favor to you.

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

I am enclosing a six-dollar money order for Kateri. One dollar for the subscription. The rest to be used for Kateri's Cause. I promised this small donation for the many favors received in helping my husband in his illness, which proved not to be serious and in helping my daughter find work. I will always have devotion to her. So many thanks to her!
(Bronson, Mi.)

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

Enclosed please find a check for twenty-five dollars for a favor granted by Kateri. Every day for many years (I am almost ninety-four), I have said her special prayer and she has granted me many favors.
(Riverside, R.I.)

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

I am sending a small donation to Kateri in thanksgiving for a safe trip to Europe.
(Bellaire, Tx.)

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Enclosed are five dollars I promised to Kateri for the last June graduation. Kateri answered me again.
(Bradenton, Fl.)

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WISDOM'S FOOL



WISDOM'S FOOL by Eddie Doherty, once billed as "America's Star Reporter," is well worth reading. It is a biography of St. Louis de Montfort, priest, poet, sculptor, founder of Religious Congregations, miracle worker, preacher of the Cross, and prophet of the Reign of Christ through Mary.

Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort was born at Montfort-sur-Meu on January 31, 1673, the second of eighteen children. At the early age of nine, after having been tutored by his his uncle, Father Alain Robert, he began his formal education at the parish school. He grew up with a Rosary in his hands and taught his brothers and sisters how to use it.

Louis was considered a genius and at the age of twelve was sent to St. Thomas à Becket College in Rennes, conducted by the Jesuits. In his spare time, he spent hours every day before the statue of Our Lady in the Carmelite church served by his uncle. No doubt, he asked the Blessed Mother to help him curb his temper, inherited from his father, "one of the most choleric individuals in Brittany."

Through his first teacher, Father Camus, he became a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, which helped him deepen his love for Mary. One day, as he prayed before her statue, he became convinced that she wanted him to be a priest. He walked to Paris to study for the priesthood. A walk of more than two hundred miles. On the way he gave his money to the poor and exchanged his clothes for a beggar's rags.

During 1698, Louis de Montfort was ordained a sub-deacon. He fell ill and was taken to the hospital, where he read the *Letters of Father Surin, S.J.*, a book full of glorious thoughts concerning the folly of the Cross and the Incarnate Eternal Wisdom. There he had his first dreams of spreading devotion to the Eternal Wisdom of God, to the Cross, to Jesus in Mary, and to Mary herself. "True devotion to Mary," he wrote, "is an easy, short, perfect and safe road to perfection, which means union with Christ."

Accordingly, he consecrated himself as a slave of Mary (St. Paul called himself a slave of Jesus Christ), believing that the more truly a soul is consecrated to her, the more truly it is consecrated to her Son. This is what he means by "True Devotion to Mary."

After his Ordination on June 5, 1700, and for the rest of his life, Fr.

Louis de Montfort endeavored to bring the whole world to the feet of our Blessed Mother. After tremendous opposition in so Jansenistic an age, he died on April 28, 1716, and was canonized on July 20, 1947, by Pope Pius XII.

It is interesting to note that the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha who died when St. Louis de Montfort was seven years old, attained holiness through devotion to the Rosary and through consecrating herself to Mary. Kateri was also a member of the Association of the Holy Family and of Marian Slavery. (Hardcover, \$4.95, Montfort Publications, Bay Shore, N.Y., 11706.)

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I am enclosing a check for ten dollars for Kateri's Cause. I prayed to Kateri for a successful operation and again she has answered my prayers. (Meriden, Ct., U.S.A.)

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

I am enclosing a money order of five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping my son from being laid off from his job. So far it looks as if he will keep it. (Munnsville, N.Y.)

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

On April 18 of this year, my brother had to have his bladder removed because of cancer. On that day I promised a large sum of money if the doctor would find that he could be cured after the operation. The next day I spoke to the doctor, who said my brother would be cured. I realize a lot of it is in the hands of God, so please pray for him that he may be strong mentally and physically. Please enroll him for life to Kateri's cause. I would like you to send him a blessed statue of Kateri so that he may have her in his room. He also loves her and prays to her with plenty of confidence. Could you also send me about one dozen pictures with the relic on it and the prayers. . . (Chicopee Falls, Ma.)

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FAITHFUL TO KATERI !

The Kateri Staff and friends in Caughnawaga were happy to welcome Father George Maher, Pastor of the parish of St. Pius X in West Heidelberg, Victoria, Australia. After having taken part in the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, Father Maher decided to come to pray at Kateri's tomb. Since his visit to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier thirteen years ago, he has never missed praying daily for Kateri's Beatification. Three cheers for you, Father!

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