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EACH NEW MOON
LILY OF THE MOHAWKS HONORED...
MRS. ROUSSEAU OR JESUS CHRIST?
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FOR KATERI
SIXTY BLESSED YEARS
I HAVE BEFORE ME...
SOME HIDDEN GLORIES
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**LILY OF
THE MOHAWKS**

Winter • 1976

Caughnawaga, P.Q., Canada.



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AIM

1. Our quarterly bulletin, *Kateri*, published by the Kateri Center, intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Beatification will thereby be hastened.

2. It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Beatification.

3. It seeks also your donations, for without them practically nothing can be done to make Kateri known and to have the important favors attributed to her intercession examined and approved.

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Each issue of "Kateri" contains:

1. One or several pages on Kateri's life and virtues;
2. News from Kateri's friends everywhere;
3. The account of favors due to her intercession;
4. News concerning the Indians of America, with special reference to the Caughnawagas and their friends.

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

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THE MARY OF ONONDAGA ROLL

Mary the Penitent was born at Onondaga, one of the five Iroquois Cantons. In 1678, she was twenty-two years old, was married, and enrolled in the Confraternity of the Holy Family. After a serious fault, she was converted and spent the rest of her life doing penance for her sin in true Iroquois style. The crucifix soon became the symbol of her life. St. Paul tells us that such a life is a scandal for some and a folly for others. Most twentieth-century Christians are incapable of understanding it.

At the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, she became a close friend of Kateri Tekakwitha. Fr. Cholenec, her spiritual director, entrusted her with the responsibility of watching over Kateri on the eve of her death. She was profoundly grateful for this favor, for Kateri had stimulated her to live her Christian life in depth.

Our superficial era no longer understands the gravity of sin. Many have lost sight of the greatness, the beauty, and the goodness of God. This poor unlettered Indian was far wiser than the so-called intellectuals and marxists, who infest our schools. The Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Trinity, and Mary Seat of Wisdom were the sources through which she experienced the living and true God.

As soon as the Mary of Onondaga Roll of 200 names is completed, in my capacity as Vice-Postulator, I will offer 100 Masses for the souls of these people. For

every clutch of five subscriptions to Kateri, you may inscribe at no extra cost the name of one of your beloved ones on the Mary of Onondaga Roll.

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

This is in thanksgiving for several favors from Kateri. First we were able to obtain property we wanted very much and then just yesterday our child didn't have to have an operation at the last moment! We prayed so hard and asked Kateri to help us. Thank you so much and God bless you all!
(Payson, Ill.)

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

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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..."

How many written promises
of one daily Our Father
and or/one daily Hail Mary
to hasten Kateri's Beatification
has the Kateri Center received ?
Exactly 13,181
At least one million are needed !

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OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

For this one hundredth and tenth 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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Please help the Kateri Center to find 5317 more subscribers. Kateri love you !



Adrie S. de Groot

ON CHRISTMAS WE CELEBRATE
THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR.

THREE CENTURIES AGO LAST EASTER,
THE VENERABLE KATERI TEKAKWITHA
WAS BAPTIZED AT THE MISSION
OF ST. PETER ON THE MOHAWK RIVER.

"BAPTISM IS A REGENERATION, A REBIRTH"
ACCORDING TO HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI.

BECAUSE KATERI TEKAKWITHA WAS BORN AGAIN,
AND EXPLOITED THE WEALTH OF HER BAPTISM
TO THE UTMOST,
IN 1943, HER VIRTUES WERE DECLARED HEROIC
BY POPE PIUS XII.

*During 1977
under Kateri's loving guidance
may you come to
the total transformation of your life
by exploiting the wealth of your Baptism
to the uttermost!*

*The Birth of the Savior
shall then illuminate for you and yours
the entire New Year.*

With a grateful Christmas Blessing,

Henri Béchard, S.J.

*Rev. Henri Béchard, S.J.
Vice-Postulator*



Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre
of the diocese of Saint-Jean-de-Quebec

EACH NEW MOON

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS and subscribers, my heart-happy thanks for their continued help during the past year. At least three times daily, they are remembered in my prayers, particularly during the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

I appreciate their prayers, offerings, and active recruiting of new devotees. I am grateful, too, for their patience, for it has not always been possible to acknowledge their letters as soon as they may have expected. The year was difficult. Last December, Mr. Albert Lazare,

my longtime Indian secretary was taken to the hospital seriously ill. On the nineteenth of the same month, I had a heart attack, which slowed me down. Then followed the (annual) postal clerks' strike, which lasted no less than forty-three days. I shall not mention the rising costs of printing, mailing, office materials, etc. These difficulties are simply a sign of God's blessing upon Kateri's Cause, a sign that He wants it to progress.

What better time for this progress than the coming triennium? The tercentenary of Kateri's Baptism on April 18, 1676, was celebrated at Fonda, N. Y., and at the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia. The autumn of 1977 will be the tercentenary of

Kateri's escape to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier on the south bank of the St. Lawrence facing Montreal. Christmas of that year will be the tercentenary of her first Holy Communion. The spring of 1978 will bring us to the tercentenary of her entering the unitive life, proper to the mystics of the Church. The Feast of the Annunciation, 1979, is the tercentenary of her private vow of perpetual virginity and of her consecration to our Blessed Mother. April 17, 1976 will be the tercentenary of her saintly death. If we pray sufficiently to Kateri, if we make her known and loved by all the means at our disposal, our Lord, whom she loved so dearly, may see fit to crown this triennium with the extraordinary grace of her Beatification.

SILVER JUBILEE

September 12, 1976 was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of Jean-Marie Coderre, Bishop of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-de-Quebec. In the territory of this diocese, the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha reached the heights of sanctity and died a saintly death three centuries ago. Since his consecration, Bishop Coderre has always zealously encouraged devotion to the Lily of the Mohawks. He has always furthered the efforts of the Vice-Postulator, frequently at short notice and at great inconvenience to himself. I now invite Kateri's clients to remember him in their prayers. On the occasion of this silver jubilee, I warmly thanked him and offered twenty-five Masses in thanksgiving. He de-

served much better, for he has consistently been faithful to his motto, *Formam Servi Accipiens: Taking the form of a servant* (Ph. 2:7).

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE" IN CANADA ! — GOVERNMENT ACCUSED OF GENOCIDE

The Manitoba Métis Foundation has asked the attorney-general to investigate cases of abortions performed on Indian women in the name of 'social health'. The foundation maintains that evidence is available that a 'quota system' exists under which the racial origin of the mother is a deciding factor in determining whether an abortion should be performed.

The vice-president of the foundation cites one instance in which an Indian girl was aborted against her will and against the wishes of her parents, and asks if the words 'social health' means the same as the words 'one less Indian, one less problem'. Have you heard the one about us having no right to impose our morals on others! That is what Marc Lalonde, Minister For Health and 'Social Welfare' told us. It seems to be a rather flexible guideline like "Don't do as I do, just do as I say."

Montreal Pro-Life Bulletin,
Vol. 4, no. 2, Sept. 1976.

*Do we really believe that
The Child of Bethlehem will
Forget the child in the womb?*

DIMES, QUARTERS, AND DOLLARS

It now costs *Kateri* 10 cents in Canada when a subscriber moves to new quarters and fails to notify the *Kateri* Center in advance of his change of address.

The U.S. Postal Service has increased from 13 to 25 cents the charge for notifying *Kateri* of a subscriber's change of address. With the general increases in mail and in other production costs, *Kateri* cannot afford this added burden and keep its subscription rate down.

We ask *Kateri*'s friends to notify us as soon as they know their new address in order that we might change the mailing sticker and avoid the 25 cent charge.

Devotees of *Kateri* sending in new subscriptions are invited to type these names and addresses or to write them with block letters, *without forgetting to add the Zip Code.*

Many subscribers renew their subscriptions in December. The Staff will love you if you do!

MAO



Father Armand Proulx, S.J., before and after forty-three months in Chairman Mao's prisons.

Chairman Mao is dead. According to his communistic, atheistic teaching, as dead as a defunct Pekinese. Perhaps that is why you could see on satellite the International (strictly Chinese) Proletariat weeping at his funeral. As Christians, let us pray for the repose of his soul. No doubt, according to his lights, he did what he thought best for his country. Today the West no longer has a stranglehold on China and its economy. But at what price? He murdered millions of his compatriots. He made life so difficult for countless Chinese that they streamed daily into Hong Kong — or they did until the authorities of the island began to remand them to the red mainland to a horrendous fate. To get a better insight into life in communist China, may I suggest that you write to the Free China Relief Association, 1 Tsingtao E. Road, Tapei 100, Taiwan, Republic of China, and ask for a free copy of the fifty-page pamphlet, *Ravaged Years, Experiences of a girl who grew up on the "milk of Chinese communism."* In order that we may never be obliged to feed upon the "milk of Chinese or Soviet communism," let us say a daily prayer to *Kateri*, "the New Star of the New World," so that the red star will never shine upon us!

OUR RECORDS SPEAK

On October 8, 1775, was buried Paul Shonniowanen in our mission. He was killed by the Bostonians and was about thirty-six years of age.

On October 16 was buried in

our mission André Shotsienohetanen, who died as a result of the wounds inflicted on him at St. John's. He was about forty-eight-years of age.

The above notes come from our official records. Father E. J. Devine tells us, however, in *Historic Caughnawaga*, p. 297:

"In August, 1775, acting on their own initiative, a band of Caughnawaga Indians sent a deputation to General Washington, who was

stationed at Cambridge, announcing their willingness to aid the rebels in the event of an expedition into Canada. This decision was actually carried out, for in an intercepted letter sent by Sir Guy Carleton to General Gage, the Canadian governor informed him that many of the Indians had gone over to the Americans."

In the March issue look for
"Indian Day at Midland, Ontario."

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

... Last night a friend of mine told me that her brother-in-law, who had told her not to come to his house because of a family squabble, relented and said she is now welcome to come and visit her sister and family. My friend said "This is a miracle!" Two years of bitterness and pain are over. I had been praying to *Kateri* that there be peace in this matter, because my friend was so miserable over the separation. Dear *Kateri*, thank you!

(Rochester, N.Y.)

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

Kateri has surely answered my prayers! My twenty-four-year-old husband had a remarkably successful kidney transplant. We are very grateful and happy. Most hopefully our other intention — a baby — will be also successfully realized. If we ever have a girl her name will be *Kateri* after our gentle friend. Enclosed are five dollars towards helping *Kateri*'s cause.

(Philadelphia, Pa.)

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

I am sending a money order for five dollars for a great favor received from *Kateri*. I have found my eyeglasses, my husband's wallet and, also my little rosary beads, which I am now saying everyday for *Kateri*'s Beatification. I am a new member. If possible would you send me some "touch relics" with *Kateri*'s picture, because I want to spread devotion to *Kateri*, whenever possible?

(Birmingham, Ala.)

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

MRS. YVETTE ROUSSEAU OR JESUS CHRIST?

Mrs. Yvette Rousseau, president of the federal advisory council on the status of women, and her associates:

"On the divorce question, the council said that marriage breakdown, rather than criteria implying fault, such as adultery, should be the only basis for divorce. "Marriage breakdown would be defined by a one-year separation of the spouses or a one-year waiting period if the couple continues to live together."

The Montreal Gazette,
Wednesday, Sept. 22.

JESUS CHRIST:

Some Pharisees approached him, and to test him they said, "Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife on any pretext whatever?" He answered, "Have you not read that the creator from the beginning **made them male and female** and that he said: **That is why a man must leave father and mother, and cling to his wife, and the two become one body?** They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide [nor Mrs. Rousseau and her associates]"

Now I say this to you: the man who divorces his wife - I am not speaking of fornication [illegitimate union] - and marries another, is guilty of adultery.

Mt 19:3-9

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

Enclosed you will find a check for ten dollars. I had promised to send it in thanksgiving for a favor received. My ten-year-old son was very close to death. He was in an accident which left him with a pierced stomach, pierced intestines, and a crushed pancreas. The chances of his recovering normally were very slim. But thanks to my prayers and devotion to Kateri, my son is now healthy and normal. I am saying my prayers every day for Kateri's Beatification.

(Biddeford, Me.)

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

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

Enclosed is a small offering (five dollars) in thanksgiving for Kateri's many intercessions for me. Here are some of them: My husband was able to get help to have his tobacco crop cut and get his fish out of his fish pond for sale. Furthermore, the rent houses near here have had better tenants before, some had been dope peddlers. My little granddaughter I told you about that I was afraid would have sugar diabetes sometimes has to take two shots of insulin every day and she's doing just fine. The doctors say there is no cure for her, but I pray to Kateri that she will have a long and useful life. My greatest concern is that all four of my little granddaughters will continue to go to religion classes on Sunday mornings at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. . .

(Springfield, Tenn.)

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

I read in the last issue of the Kateri magazine that two different people asked Kateri for help in selling their property. So once again I turned to Kateri. I asked that if it were the will of God, I should sell my mobile home by the middle of August. I am happy to tell you I sold it on August 13. I am now living in New Port Richey, Florida. I also mentioned that my husband had not worked since June 15 because of an angina attack. On the advice of his doctor, we moved to Florida. I'm happy to tell you that he hasn't had an angina attack since we left New Hampshire on August 16. He is feeling quite well thanks to Kateri's and the Blessed Mother's intercession to her beloved son. I asked that my son R. find security for his family. He found security. His papers came through and he is going into the army on Sept. 28, 1976. . .

(New Port Richey, Fla.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, F. S. S. !

Please publish in **Kateri** a great favor we have obtained through her intercession. My faithful companion, had been stricken by a serious illness, which was becoming worse. Then we sent one hundred and sixty-five dollars to Kateri for her canonization and promised to publish this great favor should we obtain it. Now my companion is recovering rapidly. Grateful thanks to Venerable Kateri!

(Schumacher, Ont.)

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

"LILY OF THE MOHAWKS" HONORED BY MUSIC, ART AND DRAMA

by Rev. Michael K. Jacobs,

Iroquois Jesuit



Rev. Michael Jacobs, S.J.

THE WRITER of these notes had the privilege of attending the Eucharistic Congress as a member of the committee promoting the cause of Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

She was born at Ossernenon, N.Y., today the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville, and baptized on April 18, 1676, at the age of twenty. This year we celebrate the 300th anniversary of Kateri's baptism by Father James de Lamberville at St. Peter's Mission, now Fonda, N.Y.

During the Eucharistic Congress, I worked in the Civic Center, where 700 booths promoted numerous missionary efforts of the Catholic Church of America. Two of these stands were operated by the Jesuit Fathers.

The first one represented the Shrine of the Jesuit Martyrs of Auriesville, St. Isaac Jogues and his two companions, who died for the Faith and for the conversion of the Mohawks and for the other Iroquois. Father Thomas Egan, S.J., director of the Shrine, helped by Dr. and Mrs. Solomon Cook, their daughter Michele and me, distributed leaflets, booklets, and folders on the work that is being done at this hallowed spot. Mrs. Eileen Jacobs-Catterall and her family from Philadelphia also joined with us in assisting Father Egan. Many bishops, priests, and laymen from all parts of the world stopped at our booth. It was a privilege for us to speak to them about the Martyrs.

The second booth I wish to mention was dedicated to making known the Lily of the Mohawks, Kateri Tekakwitha, "Pride and Glory of the Indian race." A huge placard proclaimed to the visiting public that this stand was dedicated to making known the "Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks." Beneath it four large oil paintings depicted the important chapters of Kateri's life:

- 1) Kateri living in a log cabin with older women, chiefs, and children;
- 2) Kateri's baptism on Easter Sunday 1667;
- 3) Kateri's flight to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;



▲ The Kateri Booth. Note Father McBride, S.J., seated at left, and Mr. Thomas Constantino, standing, with folders in his hand.

▼ Mrs. Agatha Foote and Mrs. Esther Phillips of Caughnawaga.



4) Kateri's death in 1680.

After the Iroquois maiden's death, in the presence of the Fathers and many men and women, her pock-marked features suddenly became very beautiful, somewhat like our Lord at the time of the Transfiguration on the mountain. The people present in her humble dwelling were convinced that a ray of the eternal glory that was hers in heaven was reflected upon her body.

People galore stopped at the Kateri Tekakwitha booth. Princess Esther Phillips and Mrs. Agatha Foote with two young braves, all of whom were dressed in full Indian regalia, attended on Kateri's new friends. War and peace dances were danced by two young Indians to the delight of the crowds. Thousands of leaflets telling Kateri's story were distributed to visitors from all over the world by Vice Postulator Father Joseph McBride, S.J., who is stationed at Auriesville, N.Y., at the Martyrs' Shrine, aided by Father Ronald W. Sams, S.J., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spagnola. (Mary Eunice Spagnola plays the role of Kateri in a one-act play, which she created.)

The highlight of the Eucharistic week for the Mohawk Indians of the Caughnawaga and St. Regis Reservations was the "Mohawk liturgy," which took place on Saturday, August 7, at "Old St. Joe's," the oldest Catholic church in Philadelphia, founded in 1733 by the Jesuits, and now called the National Shrine of Religious Freedom.

I had the privilege of being the celebrant at the noon Mass with eight other priests concelebrating, among whom were Fathers McBride and Egan.

The homily was given by Father Ronald Schultz, O.F.M., Conv., director of Tekakwitha Shrine at Fonda, N.Y., where Kateri was baptized, three centuries ago.

Archbishop Edwin B. Broderick of Albany, N.Y., presided at the Iroquois Indian Mass. (In Kateri Tekakwitha's time, today's Auriesville was part of the diocese of Quebec, the only Catholic diocese north of Mexico; now it belongs to the diocese of Albany. Here Kateri was born; here she lived until the age of twenty before going to the Christian mission on the banks of the St. Lawrence near Montreal.)

Old St. Joe's was filled to capacity. The Caughnawaga Indian Choir beautifully sang all the parts of the Mass in Iroquois — the Introit, Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei. Special mention must be made of the "Hymn for the Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha," rendered in the language of the Lily of the Mohawks.

Bishop Stanislaus Brzana of Ogdensburg (the American section of the St. Regis Mission comes under his jurisdiction) was the presiding prelate at the five o'clock Eucharistic Celebration. Before the end, of the Mass, he said to the Iroquois Choir: "You sing with such piety and such faith that you are an inspiration to the whole congregation. This Mohawk liturgy will bring about more devotion to Venerable Kateri, and we hope that Holy Mother Church will soon declare her Blessed."

These are some of my unforgettable memories of the Philadelphia Eucharistic Congress.

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

I am writing and, too, sending you this little donation in thanksgiving for favors received through Venerable Kateri's intercession. I have been working for two weeks now on my new job, which I sought for over a year and a half. I had many disappointments and setbacks along the way, but I know that this job is what God wills for me. I had had a better paying job that was close to home, I had power and authority, but I was very unhappy. Now I am a case worker in a rehabilitation hospital. I make less money and have to travel quite a distance. I no longer have power or influence. But yet, I am very happy because I am surrounded by good people and I am helping to alleviate the sufferings of the sick and the poor. I thank Kateri for her help. She has been a dear and good benefactress to me and I try to make her known to others. I have one thing to ask of you; please use part of this donation so that I can receive your magazine regularly. Thank you very much. God bless you and may Kateri smile upon you always!
(Carson, Calif.)

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

Enclosed is a check for ten dollars besides forty-five Prayer Pledges. Five dollars are a donation in thanksgiving for the many favors I have received through the intercession of Kateri. I feel her presence at all times and, when I am in distress and call on her, she never fails me. Recently I lost an important bunch of keys and, I am sure, through her intercession, found them. A misunderstanding between two people was cleared up; I had promised to report it...
(Pittsburgh, Pa.)

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

Enclosed are fifteen dollars promised to Kateri for my grandson's recovery a week ago from pneumonia. On a Wednesday morning the lung was only slightly improved and on Friday completely clear (after X-rays both times). Don't tell me that wasn't a prompt answer to prayer! She is so helpful that I pray daily for her beatification. Of course, I have other Saints and the Blessed Mother and the Holy Spirit and Our Lord, and the Poor Souls who must also be acknowledged, but I directly asked Kateri for this favor and it was given me. The baby is only twenty-eight months old and very precious.
(Chicago, Ill.)

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PHOTO: SISTER PATRICIA DESAULNIERS

KATERI

on the grounds of the Maryknoll Sisters' Motherhouse, Maryknoll, New York.

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. Mary Philip B. !**

Last week, one of our dear Canadian Sisters gave me this lovely picture she had taken of Kateri [see previous page] on the Motherhouse grounds. Sister's name is Patricia Desaulniers and I told her I was going to send the picture to you for your file . . . This view of the lovely statue is better than the other one I sent some time ago. We love Kateri and pray that she will soon be beatified and help our modern youth and religious. Please keep Sister Patricia and me in your prayers and know that we will not forget you in your dedicated labors. . .

(Maryknoll, N. Y.)

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

Enclosed is a check for five dollars, a small offering in thanksgiving for favors received through the intercession of Kateri. She has helped me through many trying times of illness, has helped a nephew to obtain a teaching job, and other favors! Use the small offering as you deem necessary. Thank you Kateri!

(Dover, N. H.)

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

Enclosed are five dollars for a promise made for a successful glaucoma eye examination. Please pray that the pressure in my eyes will remain good. Also ten dollars promised for the recovery of my little granddaughter, who was hospitalized because she was dehydrating and wouldn't eat or drink. She is fine now and is ten months old.

(New Orleans, La.)

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

Enclosed are six dollars, four of which are for two Masses of thanksgiving for a favorable answer to two petitions I was praying for. I also promised publication in the Kateri magazine:

1. That the Olympics would be concluded without any needless violence;
2. That in the recent local election the candidate whom I considered best for the moral and economic leadership of Cape Breton and of Canada as a whole would be elected. I offer my prayerful thanks to the Holy Family and to Kateri for my favorable answer to both of these petitions...

(Cape Breton, N. S.)

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PERSECUTION



DURING SEVERAL MONTHS after Kateri's baptism, she lived peacefully and happily. Her relatives did not blame her for the style of life she was living. Her soul was exuberant with the joy of her meeting with the Lord. However, Scripture and history tell us how the faithful soul that begins to unite itself with God must prepare for temptation. The words of Christ that sorely upset the Apostles are always true from one century to another: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." At first glance, this is not a very enticing task. True, St. Theresa of Avila used to say, "either suffering or death!" Everyone has not come to this repose of the will in God. Kateri had. It was not a question of morbid suffering, a plunge into the dark tunnel of self-destruction, but rather of the supremely positive action of putting one's foot into the bloody footsteps of Jesus on his way up to Calvary and to the glorious Resurrection.

It was Kateri Tekakwitha's exceptional virtue that incurred hostility to her on the part of those precisely who could not help admiring her. Her conduct seemed to be silently but inflexibly accusing them of their misconduct.

Her purity was their first target. How did they take aim? Father de Lamberville simply says that she lived in a land subject to all sorts of vices, and where the mere effort to resist the attacks of the enemies of Christianity was no mean achievement. Father Claude Chauchetière states: "She overcame impurity from the first, a sin the very shadow of which made her afraid, and as she was always very careful to flee the occasions of it, she had no trouble in avoiding it; but one must consider that she had a special grace which God had sent to her in order to make her His spouse." Another of her contemporaries, Father Pierre Cholenec, and later on her spiritual

director, does not specify what these occasions were any more than the two other missionaries. He wrote that with the design of discrediting her life so pure, most of her people endeavored by divers artifices to throw a taint upon its purity. "But the confidence which the neophyte had in God, the distrust she felt of herself, her constancy in prayer, and the delicacy of conscience which made her dread even the shadow of sin, gave her a perfect victory over the enemies of her innocence." It is easy to understand why the first cure performed through her intercession after her death was a confirmation of her exquisite purity. "I know of more than thirty," wrote the same missionary in later years, "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 graces for souls."

Not only were there attacks against purity to be won; no novice either old or new has ever been more trying for its novices than her own village for Kateri. Her longhouse, that is her relatives, began to torment her because on Sundays and on holy days she never missed attendance at the little chapel dedicated to St. Peter. Besides the Mass, the recitation of the rosary by two alternating groups was one of the exercises the Christian Indians liked best. It was interspersed with hymns and sacred canticles, "which our Indians chant with much exactness and harmony," wrote Father Cholenec, "for they have a fine ear, a good voice, and a rare taste for music." There is no reason for thinking that Kateri was not blessed with as good a voice as the others.

Her assiduity in frequenting the chapel on Sundays naturally kept her from working in the fields with her aunts on these days, who were displeased and more so from one week to another. They ranted against her: Christianity had made her effeminate, had changed her into an idler, a do-nothing! Harsh words were not enough and the aunts proceeded to act against her. Kateri soon became aware that no food was left for her in the longhouse on the days she abstained from going to the fields. Not only her aunts but also all her relatives were determined to make her labor on Sundays and on holy days as well as during the rest of the week.

The young women bore all the ill-treatment such as reproaches, abuse, hunger. She chose to go without food rather than to disobey the commandment of keeping holy the Lord's day; she even said that she would rather die than transgress the Will of God.

To be continued.



On September 10, 1960, at the historic Mission Church, Father Henri Béchard, S.J., blessed the marriage of Miss Eileen Paul and of Mr. Albert Lazare.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FOR KATERI

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX is a very special year for the Kateri Center. All our friends know that it is the tercentenary of Kateri Tekakwitha's baptism. Very few know that for a quarter of a century, Mr. Albert Lazare of Caughnawaga, P.Q., has been the efficient and devoted secretary of the Center.

The *Kateri* quarterly was launched in December 1949. I was then principal of the Tekakwitha Indian School at Caughnawaga. Between the school and the publication, I was soon swamped with paperwork. I needed a secretary. Mr. Thomas Lazare, a young man from the Mission, who was on the verge of finishing high

school, consented to serve as my secretary after school hours and on Saturdays. Following his graduation, in September 1951, Tommy found himself a car-accounting position at the Canadian Pacific Railways in Montreal. Who was to take his place? None other than his younger brother Albert, who had just completed his ninth grade at Tekakwitha School and was continuing his business course at Catholic High School on Durocher Street in Montreal with the Irish Presentation Brothers.

Albert Lazare thereupon spent most of his spare time at the old Jesuit residence and quickly became indispensable. Quietly and efficiently, he

went about his work. If he were ever impatient, no one was aware of his impatience. Elderly Father Omer Péloquin, S.J., the first subscriber to *Kateri* and a keener judge of character you will never meet, after having observed him for more than a year, said to me, "Kateri herself chose him for this task!" I can think of no greater complement and often wonder how he could improve on it today if he were still alive.

In 1953, Albert successfully graduated from Catholic High. Needless to say, I was worried. Would he prefer to look for work in Montreal with his brother Tom, where no doubt, his salary would be higher? I breathed a sigh of relief when he chose to remain at the Kateri Center. He prudently took an evening course in mechanics in case Kateri did not allow him to live on his pock nook.

In 1959, for many reasons, most of them practical, it was decided to move the Kateri Center to 1673 Rachel Street East in Montreal. At the end of 1957, I had begun the publication of a French edition of *Kateri*, a counterpart of the English one. The Center was crying out for a French secretary. Mrs. Juliette Charlebois, a longtime friend of my mother's, heard the cry and decided to devote her time and energy each day at the modest Kateri office. The address of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier was retained, for this was Kateri's Mission, where she had achieved heroic sanctity. Albert commuted daily, stopping each evening at the Jesuit residence for the Kateri mail, stimulating interest in the Cause among the Indian people, and finding, when the occasion demanded, financial support among his friends.



After 7 years of working for Kateri at the Mission, Mr. Lazare moved into the new Kateri premises, which were blessed on April 17, 1959.

During the following year, Albert married Miss Eileen Paul of Caughnawaga, a graduate from Business College and a lifetime friend. Their happy marriage has been blessed with five lovely children: Arnold, Warren, Dawn, Louis, and Tammy, who are now all of school age.

At Caughnawaga, Mr. Lazare has shown himself very public-minded. He is active with the Indian Knights of Columbus, the Caughnawaga Boys



Albert at Work

and Girls' Club, the local firemen. He plays a fair game of golf, but Father Léon Lajoie, S.J., his Pastor, generally outplays him. I constantly urge him to do better.

The years have slipped by, extremely busy at spreading devotion to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Since 1966, Miss Flora MacDonald of St. Lambert, P.Q., after forty-five years at the Toronto Dominion Bank, accepted the position of volunteer accountant-secretary for the Kateri Center. Ever since our books have been in perfect condition. In 1971, when bad health obliged Mrs. Charlebois to quit the Kateri Center, we were fortunate enough to find a volunteer, Sister Lynn Binet, C.N.D., as a replacement. Mademoiselle Madeleine Sanscartier, who won the Irish Sweepstake a dozen years ago thanks to Kateri, used to work during afternoons at the Center until failing

health curtailed her activities. To the sundry Kateri helpers, no matter whom they may have been, Albert was always his gracious self.

Last December the bottom seemed to have dropped out of our little world. Albert, seriously ill, was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, where he was treated for six weeks. With excellent care and many prayers to our Blessed Mother and to Kateri, he was finally well enough to go home. In February he was able to come to the office three days a week and eventually during the whole week.

As I wrote above, in September, Albert completed a quarter of a century of hard work for Kateri. May I ask the friends of the Lily of the Mohawks to pray for him, his wife Eileen, and his five children? May health, happiness and the comfort of the Lord be always theirs.



MR. EDGAR GROS-LOUIS

MRS. EDGAR GROS-LOUIS

CARDINAL MAURICE ROY

SIXTY BLESSED YEARS

VILLAGE HURON close by Quebec City, last September 26 was given up to rejoicing. An elderly couple, close friends of Kateri, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gros-Louis, were celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage in the historic church where their had vowed fidelity to each other so many years ago.

Three weeks before, at the request of the husband and of the wife, Father Lucien Pageau, the pastor of Our Lady of Loreto, had sent me an invitation to partake in their happiness. It brought to my memory a letter that Mrs. Gros-Louis had written to me in 1971. "Nowadays," she wrote, "it is very difficult for us to live in our beautiful Canada. We see the others rushing on ahead of us, and we, the Indians, are always left behind, always shoved hither and thither. The day will come when Kateri will score a hit for us so that we can take the lead. All the other nations have their saints, and as for us, we have not the pleasure of seeing our dear Kateri honored in our churches..." How could I refuse this invitation? I certainly did not want Mrs. Antoinette and Mr. Edgar to feel left behind by Kateri's Vice-Postulator.

On September 25, with my good friend Father Paul Chartiez, S.J., I took the south-shore superhighway at Montreal and reached Quebec in the course of the afternoon. As usual my Jesuit confrères at the historic dwelling of 14, rue Dauphine, welcomed Father Chartiez and me very

cordially. I availed myself of the opportunity to discuss with Father Adrien Pouliot, S.J., the well-known Canadian historian, some complicated details regarding the arrival of the first settlers of Montreal in 1641. Later on in the afternoon, I had a talk with Monsignor Bélanger, P.D., a specialist in the history of the Lower St. Lawrence River. I learned from him the extraordinary role the Iroquois had played in the Etchemin country hundreds of miles away from the Five Nations' Confederacy.

The next morning, Sunday, September 26, at eleven o'clock, the sixtieth anniversary Mass was offered at Village Huron. The little church was artistically decorated in Indian fashion with magnificent pelts and snowshoes (local touch) for the liturgy. Many wore their Huron regalia, especially the little children. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gros-Louis were garbed in their beautifully beaded doeskin costumes.

To preside the Concelebration, Father Pageau appropriately vested himself in a beaded chasuble. Father George Saily Gagnon, former Pastor of the parish for many years, and I, in my capacity as Vice-Postulator, were the two concelebrants at the altar, while Fathers Gérard Tremblay, C.S.S.R., and Laurent Proulx, C.S.S.R., from the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Beaupré, with Fathers Adrien Pouliot, S.J., and Paul Chartiez, S.J., were the other concelebrants.

Like the Iroquois, the Hurons have superb voices. With organ and instrumental accompaniment in which the silver trumpets dominated, they sang the Huron version of the Kyrie, Sanctus, and Angus Dei by Mademoiselle Marguerite Vincent. How Father Pierre Joseph Marie Chaumonot, S.J., the great seventeenth-century specialist of the Huron language, his contemporary Father Jacques Bruyas, S.J., author of the *Huron Radices* (roots), and later, Father Pierre Potier, S.J., author of a *Huron Grammar* as well as of a *Huron Radices* must have been happy to hear this praise to God in the Huron language they had so loved! All the other Jesuits, too, who labored among the Huron and had always been partial to Huron culture despite the contrary statements of a few modern writers!

At the beginning of Mass, a congratulatory address was read to the happy couple, a bouquet of splendid roses was presented to Madame Antoinette, and a boutonniere to Monsieur Edgar.

The dynamic Pastor, Father Pageau, gave the homily. He congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Gros-Louis for their fidelity to one another over the long years since their wedding, despite the difficulties inherent to one and every conjugal union. What a fine example for countless young and not so young couples, who, after a few years of wedlock, glare at each other as sharks do, and never manage to patch up their quarrels!

The evening before, the Pastor had called upon the jubilarians. A crucifix and pictures of the Sacred Heart and of our Lady were well in evidence. (Many modern homes look like oversized luxury kennels in which holy pictures are nonexistent.) Mr. and Mrs. Gros-Louis were not blessed with children, but during their lives, they did all that was possible to help their nieces and nephews, who now lavish attentions on them. For many years Mr. Gros-Louis was the soul and drive behind the marching band of the place. Mrs. Gros-Louis gave much of her time to church activities. She organized pilgrimages to the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Beaupré and to Cap-de-la-Madeleine; she also lovingly spread devotion to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

"What did you do," the Pastor asked Edgar, "to make a success of your marriage?"

"Every evening," he replied, "before going to bed, no matter what may have happened during the day, I kissed my wife good night!"

After the homily, the jubilarians renewed their marriage vows, and embraced each other publicly, something they had not done in 1916.

After the final blessing, the Pastor read a letter of congratulations from the Right Honorable Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

On Mrs. Gros-Louis, in Cardinal Roy's name, he then bestowed a silver medal.

The Eucharistic Concelebration ended with the song, *La Huronne*. Their hearts filled with the joy of the Lord they had received in Holy Communion, arm in arm, they walked out of the church.

READ THE STORY OF HER LIFE !

In order to know and love the Lily of the Mohawks, I wish to receive an autographed copy of KATERI TEKAKWITHA, the exciting biography by the Rev. F. X. Weiser, S.J., of Boston College, with a Prefatory Note by John Cardinal Wright.

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Fr. C. J. Eberle, S.J., of St. George's, Winchester Park, Kingston, Jamaica, W.I., writes: "Would you be so kind as to put a blurb in *Kateri*: 'Used copies, even old ones, gratefully accepted by Mr. A. Davis, Beachamville, Maneague, P.O., Jamaica, W.I.' They are not rich people, but are hungry for Catholic literature."

INFLATION

Since January 1, 1975, in Montreal and its suffragan dioceses, the former one-dollar Mass stipend is now two (\$2.00) dollars, and the former five-dollar stipend is now seven (\$7.00).

I HAVE BEFORE ME...

I HAVE BEFORE ME the new *Sunday Mass Book for Canada*. Careful planning and much care went into this beautiful gilt-edged prayer book. Besides the Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations, over one hundred pages are devoted to the Sacraments; forty-six to helps in prayer, and twenty-eight to the Order of the Mass in French in case one should find oneself stranded in a French-language parish in Quebec or elsewhere. The price \$10.95, is reasonable if one considers that it is less than 1¢ a page.

Several of the illustrations are exquisite, for instance, "The Temptation of Christ," *The Raising of Lazarus*, *The Sign of Love*, *The Resurrection*, *The Effects of Pentecost*, *That All May Be One*, and *The Baptism of Christ*. Others, I am sorry to say, I frankly dislike, for example, the print of our Lady. Without trying to quip, my spontaneous reaction was that the model was no other than the granddaughter of Tugboat Annie (You haven't forgotten Tugboat Annie of the 1940-50 issues of the *Saturday Evening Post*?) impersonating the witch of Endor. She certainly is not the one the Bridegroom spoke about in the Song of Songs: "How beautiful you are, my love, how beautiful you are! ... How beautiful you are, how charming, my love, my delight. ..." It is all very well to shy away from the saccharine iconography of yesteryear, but not to the point of being led to pray, "Blessed art thou, oh, Virgin Mary, who lookest so harsh and grim!"

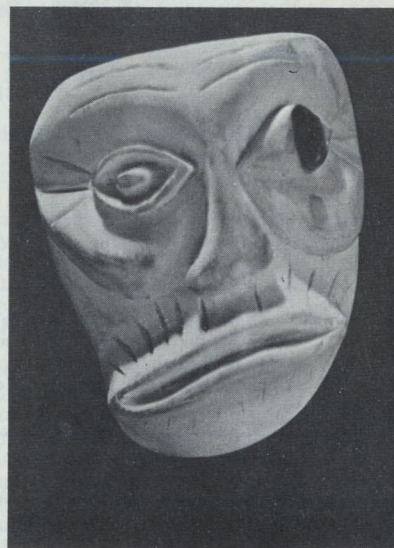
The biggest bone I have to pick with the editors is the symbolic illustration of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. To begin with, let me say, that I am truly grateful to them for having thought of inserting a portrait of Tekakwitha in the *Sunday Mass Book*. Still, as Vice-Postulator for the Lily of the Mohawks, I cannot approve of the Kateri depicted on page 1008.

Of course, everyone wants to observe St. Ignatius' recommendation:

Sentire cum Ecclesia: To think with the Church, so let me recall the guidelines set by Vatican II on religious art:

"We must carefully exclude from the house of God and from other sacred places those works of artists which are repugnant to faith, morals, and Christian piety, and which offend the religious sense either by their distortion of form..." (*Vat. II, "Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy," Chap. VII, p. 124.*) The same decree also speaks of "Truly worthy, becoming signs and symbols of heavenly realities."

For my part, I do not believe that these principles were observed in the picture of Kateri Tekakwitha. Let me illustrate my point. Some time ago, a good friend of mine, Mr. Larry Taylor, a Caughnawaga Indian, gave me an Iroquois false face he had carved. Here it is:



Iroquois Mask

If I draw a white cross in the sooty left eye, it could be considered a symbol of Christianity:



Iroquois Christianity

Since Kateri Tekakwitha is the most eminent of Amerindian Christians, this false face could conceivably be named after her:



Kateri Tekakwitha (?)

Now all of this is quite logical and coherent, but is it in good taste? Does it respect the Vatican II guidelines? I do not think it does.

"But," you might say, "this is not the picture of Tekakwitha that appears in the *Sunday Mass Book*."

True enough, through no fault of mine. I would have much preferred to publish a reprint of the *Sunday Mass Book* painting. I was refused the permission to do so by Miss Claire Dubé of the Canadian Catholic Conference for her own good reasons.

The Montreal Star, however, was able to publish it in its issue of Saturday, June 12. Iroquois friends drew my attention to it. They were resentful and hurt. At first glance, I was convinced it was the Abominable Snowman in ebony.

Turn to pages 1056 and 1296 of the *Sunday Mass Book*. There you have Blessed Marguerite Bourgeoys and Blessed Marguerite d'Youville in a somewhat more conventional style. Why not have had something in the same vein for the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha? Perhaps a carving such as this by Caughnawaga Indian Larry Taylor:



Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO OWN...

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SET YOURSELVES DOWN in a comfortable armchair; turn your FM radio on to a Mozart symphony, and read *Some Hidden Glories of the Canadian Mission Church*, the story of heroic Christian Hurons and Iroquois of three centuries ago.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs at Midland, Ontario, and of the 350th anniversary of the arrival of St. Jean de Brébeuf in Huronia, Historian James O. McGivern, S.J., had the excellent idea of collecting fourteen biographies of these extraordinary Indians, which had appeared in several publications, particularly in the *Shrine Message* during the last forty years.

In the foreword, the editor writes: "Of all the examples we would choose to show the constancy and the apostolic heroism of the native Christians, perhaps the best known is Joseph Onahere... There is greater evidence of his martyrdom than there is for that of St. Jean de la Lande. Perhaps some day we can make up for this omission and hopefully he will be recognized as a true companion of the Canadian Martyrs." Father McGivern then gives us the details of his supreme sacrifice as given in François Ducreux' *History of Canada or New France*.

Another uncanonized Huron martyr was Eustace Ahatsistari, a formidable war chief baptized in 1642, who with five Frenchmen and twenty Hurons accompanied Father Jogues and Raymbault from Huronia to Quebec. On the return trip, he was captured and killed. William Couture, after witnessing his death, brought the sad news to St. Isaac Jogues at Ossernenon.

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You will also come to know Genevieve-Agnes Shanudharoua, whose parents contracted the first Christian marriage in Huronia. She was the first Indian girl to become a nun in North America. She died at the Quebec Hôtel-Dieu on November 3, 1657.

To my great satisfaction, in this booklet of 62 pages, considerable space is devoted to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Fathers Patrick Mary Plunkett, a collateral descendant of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, George P. Leach and Gordon F. George contributed the following articles: "The names of Catherine Tekakwitha," "Lily of the Mohawks," "A Model for Moderns," "A Lily Under the Stars," and an exquisite poem, "Kateri's Prayer."

I have brought to your attention only a few of the great unknown Christian Indians whose tale is told in this booklet. I trust that that this short résumé of their lives will encourage you to order your copy of *Some Hidden Glories of the Canadian Mission Church*. Distributed by Jesuit Missions/833 Broadview Avenue, Toronto M4K 2P9. \$2.00.

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