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- 2. It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Beatification.
- 3. It seeks also your donations, for without them practically nothing can be done to make Kateri known and to have the important favors attributed to her intercession examined and approved.

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THE LOUIS GARONHIAGUÉ ROLL

An Oneida by birth, Louis Garonhiagué settled down at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier towards the beginning of 1677. He had been known as Hot Powder, but after his baptism he was called Garonhiagué, which means In-heaven. Louis accompanied Kateri's "brother-in-law," when he went down to the Mohawk Valley to help Kateri escape to Canada. His talents and his deeply religious attitude were appreciated by all and he was elected fourth chief of the village. Every day at daybreak he made a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and often attended two Masses. With Father Chauchetière's drawings in hand, he converted many of his compatriots. He died in battle at what is today Irondequoit, N.Y .: "I don't regret life," he said, for Jesus Christ so lovingly gave His up for me."

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

Two years ago, I was very ill. I have been having difficulty obtaining reimbursement from Medicare, Blue Shield, Blue Cross, and Major Medical. I told Kateri I would give her ten percent of any reimbursement I received. Enclosed is a check for one hundred and eighty dollars and seventy-nine cents. There is still more reimbursement due to me. I am especially having trouble collecting on service received from chiropractic care. I'm trusting on Kateri's help and intercession to collect all that should come to me. (Potsdam, NY)

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

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Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W.H.!

The enclosed check is in thanksgiving to Kateri for the many times she has interceded in my behalf. She always comes to my aid with instant help when I call on her in a desperate situation. Recently my wife received the unsettling news that our daughter was becoming involved again with the Jehovah Witnesses. Along with the recent death of her father and other stresses, this was enough to bring her to the edge of a nervous breakdown. In desperation I called upon Kateri for immediate help, to ask God not to let my wife go over the brink into a collapse. My prayer was answered and she is well now with different attitudes and a different outlook. I ask your prayers that my daughter will soon return to the faith and for my wife's spirtual, mental, and physical good (Webster, NY) health.

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

...Enclosed is a ten-dollar offering for favors received. Kateri is very helpful in finding lost or misplaced articles. I always turn to her when my searching has been fruitless and she seldom fails me... (St. Catharines, Ont.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Bro. J., O.C.S.O.!

May the peace and love of Christ always be with you! I have some wonderful news to share with you. Do you recall me asking for a remembrance for my niece in your prayers. She's sixteen years old and had cancer of the lymph glands. The doctor said that it would take a miracle to cure her and now, six months later she's fine. They expected her to die at the time. I had permission to visit her in April. They hesitate to use the word "cure" until several years have passed and they're sure it is a cure. I praved very hard to Kateri and I know that it's through her intercession that L. is still with us. Because of the chemotherapy it can't be considered a first-class miracle, but a miracle is still a miracle! Kateri is so good and I've been praying so hard that she'll be beatified soon. I really feel that Pope John Paul II will be the one to beatify her. The Abbot gave us permission to see His Holiness in Boston Common last Monday. About thirty-six of us went in. An incredibly beautiful experience. I love the man so dearly... Please keep praying for me and all of us as I do daily for you! (Spencer, MA)

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

As we go to press...

Good News From Rome!

KATERI WILL BE BEATIFIED
ON JUNE 22

KEEP ON PRAYING!

KATERIGRAM

EVERY YEAR in the June Kateri, I reserve a few pages for the Heart of Jesus. It is a modest token of my gratitude to Our Lord for His blessings on the Kateri Center during the past twelvementh and on the next one that is beginning.

To all Kateri's friends, may I suggest that they revive their love for the Heart of Jesus and thus add weight to their prayers of thanksgiving for the beatification of the Lily of the Mohawks? And may I also suggest that they

urge their friends to imitate them?

Countless people turn their backs on the glorious Heart of the Risen Christ. One of the most ordinary ways of doing this is not to bother about Him. A posture adopted by all too many of us, which Fr. Andrew Wm. Vachon's illustration on p. 10 perfectly depicts.

In innumerable so-called Christian homes today, nothing on the walls or shelves recalls Him who said, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to me! Let the man come and drink who believes in me! As scripture says: 'From his breast shall flow fountains of living water'" (Jn 7. 37-38).

I don't expect a church and much less a private home to be a museum of religious art. Now what I do hope to see is at least a good picture of Him who loves us beyond all love for my eyes to rest upon. I won't find one if the master of the house doesn't dare to air his convictions or if he simply doesn't care, the customary way of huddling up and turning one's back on Christ of the all-loving Heart.

His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a posthumous discourse he had prepared warned that churches emptied of statues and paintings of Our Lord and His saints would soon be empty of people. In far too many parishes this seems to be so. Of course, it is not only the doing away of these holy images that is at fault but especially the mentality behind it. This is equally true about whatever concerns the exterior cult of the Heart of Jesus.

To help stem this iconoclastic tide, let's not forget that authentic devotion to the Heart of Jesus, guarantees

"peace in your homes, comfort in all your sorrows.

and abundant blessings on your undertakings."

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J. Vice-Postulator

Kateri's smile upon you, Ms B.L.!

Please find enclosed eleven dollars. Ten dollars for a favor received and one dollar to renew my subscription. My father, who is 90 years old and has both legs amputated, had a kidney infection. I promised Kateri that I would write and tell you about the favor. I promised Kateri ten dollars if she would intercede for us and let us keep him at home and not let him go to the hospital. Our prayers were answered and he's doing fine now. Thanks to Kateri. (St. Marys, PA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Miss V.C.!

I shall be moving from my present address on July 16, 1979. So that I can continue to receive the Kateri magazine, I wish to let you know my new address I'm enclosing a check in thanksgiving to Kateri for her help in selling my house and getting another one very well suited to us.

(Lowell, MA)

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

May I tell vou of an incident which occurred today? A neighbor (who knows I am not able to go to Mass when it is cold and windy) called me to say I could watch a Mass at noon on channel 6. I did and to my surprise and delight it emanated from the Mission of Kateri Tekakwith a in Regina with Bishop Halpin as celebrant and Fr. Dan Hannen, assistant. You know my devotion to Kateri. (It goes back to 1941, I think.) The Mass was simple and beautiful. The two readers read perfectly as well as the girls presenting the petitions of the faithful. I am convinced it was Kateri herself who inspired my neighbor to call me. Kateri knows that these days I am sorely distressed over personal matters. To make the event complete, the choir sang my favorite hymn, "The Prayer of St. Francis"—"Make me a channel of your peace." Now Father, I don't expect or desire an acknowledgement of this letter but I wanted to share the incident with you. I was so proud of those Crees—well-groomed, well-spoken and really pious!... I love Indian people and am indignant at the treatment accorded them.

Enclosed are four dollars to redeem a promise I made. Sorry the bills are not too fresh-looking. I am very limited in the money line, not poverty stricken, but I have to exercise prudence... (Montreal, P.Q.)



Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ To St. Margaret Mary

"HERE IT IS, that Heart so deeply in love with men, it spared no means of proof—wearing itself out until it was utterly spent! This meets with scant appreciation from most of them; all I get back is ingratitude—witness their irreverence, their sacrileges, their coldness, and contempt for me in this Sacrament of Love. What hurts me most is that hearts dedicated to my service behave in this way. That is why I am asking you to have Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi set apart as a special feast in honor of my Heart—a day on which to receive me in holy Communion and make a solemn act of reparation for the indignities I have received in the Blessed Sacrament while exposed on the altars of the world. I promise you, too, that I shall open my Heart to all who honor me in this way, and who get others to do the same; they will feel in all its fulness the power of my love."

June 16, 1675

EACH NEW MOON



A JOYFUL TERCENTENARY



A S EASTER approaches, celebrations in honor of the tercentenary of the holy death of the Lily of the Mohawks are preparing.

The Iroquois Knights of Columbus of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier have a Eucharistic Concelebration scheduled, which will be presided over by Bishop Bernard Hubert of St. John of Ouebec, whose diocese comprises Caughnawaga. In 1978 and in 1979. our Indian people worthily honored the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha on April 17, in anticipation of the tercentenary. On both occasions the Bishop of the diocese was the main celebrant, firstly Bishop Gerard-Marie Coderre. who had for years on end untiringly striven to hasten Kateri's beatification, and then his successor, Bishop Bernard Hubert. This year, the Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, April 20, at quarter past twelve, in thanks for the beatification of the Lilv of the Mohawks, will be followed by dinner at the beautiful Knights of Columbus Club.

At the Iroquois Mission of St. Francis Regis, founded by the Catholic Indians of Caughnawaga in the middle 18th century. the tercentenary will not be forgotten. St. Regis is about one hundred and twenty kilometers to the west of Montreal, on the St. Lawrence River, straddling the American frontier between Cornwall, Ont., and Malone, N.Y. There resides Father Michael K. Jacobs. S.J., our only Iroquois Jesuit. Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., a daughter of the Mission, is taking care of the festivities. On Sunday, April 13, 1980, Bishop Robert Lebel of Vallevfield, P.O., will offer the Holy Sacrifice. Dinner will be served at the parish hall of the Mission at Hogansburg, N.Y. The September issue of Kateri will give a detailed account of the celebrations at Caughnawaga and at St. Regis.

But these are not the only two places where Kateri will be honored. Both the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, N.Y., her birthplace, the Kateri Shrine at Fonda, N.Y., the place of her baptism, and the Martyrs' Shrine at Midland, Ont., will have a series of observances in her honor throughout the pilgrimage season. Through her inspirational life and virtue may we all have a new beginning!

THE TEKAKWITHA WICKIUP

I hope you didn't miss the Eucharistic Celebration on "Meeting Place," Sunday, January 20, on the CBC network. Archbishop Charles A. Halpin of Regina presided the Holy Sacrifice with Fr.

Daniel Hannen as co-celebrant. The Indian Congregation was inspiring, the singing and the readings letter-perfect.

The Tekakwitha Wickiup—meeting place or lodge—has been in existence for over four years under the patronage of Kateri. It has been quite successful. The Wickiup, was founded to bring together the native population of

the city for social activities, work, and worship in an attempt to foster their growth as human beings and Christians. It also brings together the white and native in order to break down predjudice and to build up appreciation of each other's values and ideals. More about the Tekakwitha Wickiup in a future issue of **Kateri.**



ABNAKIS HONOR KATERI

From the Mission of St. Francis at Odanak, P.O., Fr. Yves Gagnon, its pastor, sent the staff of the Kateri Center a snapshot of a beautiful wood carving in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks' entrance into heaven on April 17, 1680. It was executed for the little church of the reservation by Mr. Adrian Paradis, one of the parishioners, in homage to "the fairest flower that ever bloomed among red men: Onkweonweke Katsitsiio Teotsitsianekaron." The ancestors of these Indians were natives of Norridgewock, Maine, which they fled in 1724, after the massacre of Fr. Sebastian Rasle and several of their compatriots.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday, June 29, 1930, Pope Pius XI canonized eight missionaries, Sts. John de Brébeuf, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel

Lallemant, Charles Garnier, and Noel Chabanel, who died at Midland, Ont., during the 17th century; Sts. Isaac Jogues, René Goupil, and John de LaLande. who gave up their lives for the faith at Ossernenon, today Auriesville, N.Y. This fiftieth anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, September 20, at Midland, and on Sunday, October 19, at Auriesville. A visit to either or both Shrines during the summer would be worth your time and trouble.

Since the first week of January. I have been urging Kateri's friends to pray to these saints for her beatification this year or in the near future. Why pray to the Martyrs? A very strong link exists between them and the Lilv of the Mohawks. They gave up their country and the relative ease of college life to make known the Lord Jesus to her people. In his decree on the heroicity of the virtues of Kateri Tekakwitha. which Pope Pius XII promulgated in 1943, he recalled that Tertullian's aphorism, "the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians" was verified at Ossernenon. Ten vears after the deaths of St. Isaac Jogues and his two companions. Kateri Tekakwitha was born there, and many of her countrymen became fervent Christians.

Father Claude Chauchetière, who knew Kateri intimately during the three years she spent at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier (Caughnawaga, P.Q.), where she achieved union with God, recognized the bond between her and the Martyrs. The thought of these saints inspired him to write the first biography of Kateri in 1685, five years after her death: "The honor and respect I owe to the memory of Reverend Father de Brébeuf," he noted.

"and the other Jesuit Fathers, who began the Iroquois missions, have made me break a silence which I kept concerning the events that took place at the death and burial of her whose life I am writing... One of the reasons was that I should not deprive the missionaries of the recompense God gave to their labors, by making the virtue and Christianity of the Indians, so often attacked by slanderous tongues, appear as extraordinary."

It is interesting to note that the causes of beatification and of canonization of the Jesuit Martyrs and of Kateri Tekakwitha began together. On December 6, 1884, the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore petitioned Pope Leo XIII to allow the causes of their beatification to be initiated in Rome. In the following year. Bishops Dominic and Anthony Racine. respectively of Chicoutimi and Sherbrooke, P.Q., also petitioned the Holy Father to favor these causes. For a half century now these Jesuit Martyrs have been recognized as saints of the universal Church: the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification will soon take place, but when can we expect her canonization? Many more prayers to the Martyrs shall be needed.

A NEW EDITION

It has come to our attention that Fr. F.X. Weiser's German biography of **Das Mädchen der Mohaws**, published by Josef Hobbel of Regensburg in 1971, is being reedited. Congratulations to its distinguished author!

IMPORTANT DATES IN KATERI'S LIFE

- 1656 Tekakwitha is born at Ossernenon, today, Auriesville, N.Y.
- 1660 An epidemic of smallpox carries off her mother, her little brother, and probably her father, and her aunts and uncle adopt her.
- 1667 Three Jesuit missionaries visit her village of Ossernenon and spend three days there.
- 1670 Fr. Francis Boniface comes to live at the village.
- 1675 Fr. James de Lamberville is appointed as Fr. Boniface's successor.
- 1676 Kateri Tekakwitha is baptized by Fr. de Lamberville.
- 1677 In October, Kateri escapes to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier on the St. Lawrence River near Montreal.
- 1677 Kateri makes her first holy Communion on Christmas Day.
- 1678 On Easter Sunday, Kateri is admitted to the Confraternity of the Holy Family.
- 1679 Kateri takes the vow of perpetual virginity on March 25, feast of the Annunciation.
- 1680 Kateri Tekakwitha dies on April 17, Wednesday of Holy Week.
- 1680 Kateri appears to Fr. Chauchetière on Easter Monday.
- 1680 She appears to Anastasia, her second mother.
- 1680 She also appears to her friend Marie Theresa Tegaiaquenta.
- 1681 On September 1, she appears a second time to Fr. Chauchetière.
- 1682 On April 21, she appears a third time to Fr. Chauchetière.
- 1682 During March, the first novena made to Kateri results in the cure of an Indian woman.
- 1939 The Cause for the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha is accepted by the Congregation of Rites.
- 1943 Pope Pius XII formally declares the virtues of Kateri heroic, thereby giving her the title of "Venerable."
- 1980 Pope John Paul II beatifies Kateri Tekakwitha.

KATERI'S APPARITIONS

(Continued.)



BEFORE sundown on the very day of Kateri's burial, Father Chauchetière, who already thought of her as a saint, made his way to the little cemetery. At her grave, as he stood alone, head bowed in prayer, despite the chilly spring air, his heart grew warm within him. Perhaps he told her that he had done his best to convince his Superior to bury her in the church; he would see later on what he could do about it. On Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday he returned to pray at her grave and very soon Kateri showed him how much she appreciated, not only these little visits, but also his constant kindness to her during the three years she had spent at the Mission.

Father Cholence, who relates this manifestation of gratitide, after a slew of arguments presented for the benefit of skeptics who would barely admit the possibility of such a favor for a white man and much less so for an Indian girl, indignantly asks if the hand of God is shortened and if He is not the Master of His favors and able to dispense them to whom He pleases.

On Easter Monday, six days after Kateri's death, as Father Chauchetière was beginning his daily meditation at the accustomed early hour of four o'clock in the

morning, she appeared to him as a rising sun in the effulgence of glory in his unheated room. She stood before him, majestic in bearing, her face radiant, and her eyes uplifted towards heaven as if she were in ecstasy. At the same time he heard the following words, "Adhuc veni in dies." This vision lasted two full hours. The priest examined it at leisure and, to his great joy, understood it was her way of showing her appreciation for the services he had rendered to her.

The apparition did not speak to the priest, but he very clearly perceived prophetic signs to each side of Kateri: for instance, to her left, an overturned church, and to her right, an Indian tied to a stake, who was being burnt alive. The first portent was realized three years later, on August 20, 1683 at midnight.

A terrible storm accompanied by thunder and lightning fell upon the village, taking the sixty-foot-long church by one of its corners and so violently that it was overturned and demolished. The sacred vessels were undamaged with the exception of five crosses which were broken. The statue of the Blessed Virgin, on its pedestal of eleven feet, was simply thrown down.

Since Kateri's death, Fathers Frémin and Cholenec had been replaced by Fathers Vincent Bigot and James Bruyas, the new superior; Father Claude Chauchetière was still at the mission. That night two of the Fathers slept in the loft of the church; the superior, in the little Jesuit residence. Awakened by the high winds, Father Bruyas ran out to ring the bell in order to advise the people of the danger. No sooner had he grasped the cord than he felt it torn from his hands and himself carried from the spot where he was. Fortunately for him, for the beams on fallling broke the girders, and left a big hole where he had been. As all this had taken place in the twinkling of an eye, he did not have time to be afraid. Thankful that he had not been hurt, he reverently kissed the relics he was wearing around his neck.

Aroused suddenly from their sleep, Fathers Chauchetière and Bigot went spinning into the air with the rafters, which boxed in one of them, protecting him from harm, but let the other fall beneath the ruins. Somewhat hurt, the latter arose and was soon himself again.

Before it was possible to pull the three priests out of the debris, Father Chauchetière had time to reflect on the apparition which had foretold the destruction of the little church. It had not entered into his mind that he would be in it.

Considering themselves favored to have escaped uninjured from the windflaw, the three missionaries gave thanks to Kateri.

"As for me," said one, "I offered a Mass this morning in honor of the Blessed Trinity to thank God for the graces He had bestowed upon Kateri during her life."

"And I," continued the second one, "I came this morning to her tomb to commend myself specially to her."

"And I," added Father Chauchetière, "having an insistent idea in my mind for more than a year that some misfortune was to befall the mission, every day since that time and today again, I went to pray to Kateri at her grave to deliver us from it. I have not ceased badgering the superior to remove Kateri's remains into our church, without knowing why I was doing so."

As for the Indian tied to the stake and being burnt to death, whom Father Chauchetière had seen in the apparition, he learned his name ten years later. In August 1690, fourteen Cayugas took Stephan Tegananokoa, an Iroquoised Huron, and his wife Susan, a Mohawk, prisoner. After much suffering, she would one day escape and make her way back to the Christian Mission. On the day of her capture, however, she doubted that she would ever be free again. Stephen had then said to her, "I am going to die, I know very well; God is the master. As for you, you will live, and so I am asking you to persevere throughout your life in the fear and service of God. This is all I ask of you and if you promise to do so, I shall die happy."

All along the way, he did not leave off exhorting his wife to be constant and strong against the terrible suffering she would have to undergo in a few days. Instead of leading them to their own canton, their captors took them to Onondaga, capital of the Iroquois Confederation.

It was the custom to wait for captives at the entrance of the village, but this time the joy the Onondagas felt at having laid hands on their Christian countrymen of Sault St. Louis moved them to go quite far into the woods to meet them. As on festive occasions, the women had put on their most beautiful clothes, decked with many-colored designs and trimmed with porcupine quills; the men simply added a few pretty feathers or strands of purple or white wampum to their headgear. Shephen saw them coming towards him, each one armed with a knife, tomahawk or club, each face smeared with hatred.

"Brother," the first to reach him cried out, "you are dead; we are not responsible for your death: you are killing yourself, for you abandoned us to go live among those Christian dogs at the Sault!"

"It's true," answered Stephen, "I am a Christian, but it is no less true that I am proud of my faith. Do with me whatever you will, I shall fear neither your abuse nor your torments: I gladly give up my life for a God who shed all his blood for me."

The enraged mob jumped on him from all sides, bit off several fingers with their teeth, and with sharp knives cut up

his arms, his thighs, his legs, and his entire body, which was instantly covered with blood.

"Pray now to God," roared one of his tormentors.

"Yes, I will pray to him," answered Stephen, and lifting his shackled hands, he made as well as he could the Sign of the Cross pronouncing at the same time these words in the language which all understood: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit." Rasennakon; Roihna nok Roienha nok Rotkon Roiatatokenti. Ethonaiaouen.

His assailants immediately hacked off half of the remaining fingers of his right hand and then yelled at him once more, "Pray now to God!" Stephen made the Sign of the Cross again and they promptly severed all the fingers to the palm of his hand.

Goading him with all the invectives their hatred could invent, they invited him a third time to pray to his Creator. As he did not hesitate to make the Sign of the Cross still another time with the palm of his hand, they cut if off entirely. Not content with what they had done, they slashed his forehead, his chest, and his two shoulders, which he had marked with the Cross of Christ.

After this bloodstained prelude, the angry braves led Stephen to the stake where an immense bonfire was blazing. From it they withdrew red-hot irons and stones, and placing them between his thighs pressed them together. Thereupon they ordered him to sing the Iroquois death song. He flatly refused, but repeated the prayers that he said every day until one of these madmen rammed a firebrand down his throat. They then tied him to the stake.

When Stephen saw himself, like Jesus on the Cross, about to be put to death he cried out:

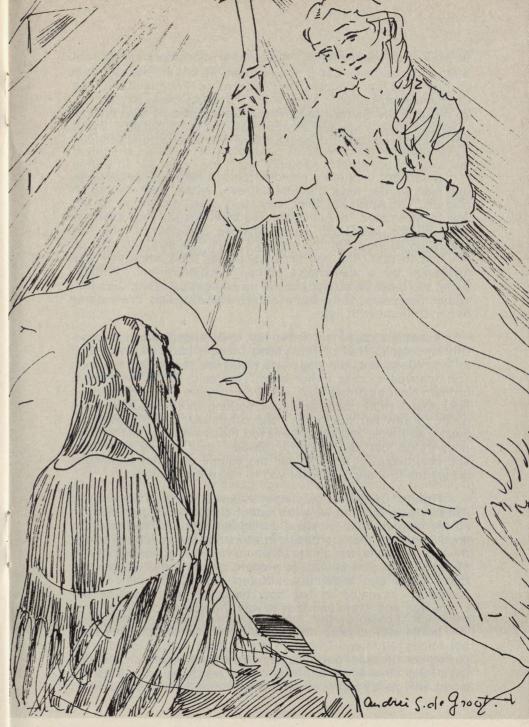
"Courage, brothers, burn me well and, without sparing me, enjoy yourselves as much as you like by roasting me alive! My sins deserve much more than anything you can inflict on me, and the more you torment me, the greater my reward will be in heaven!"

This harangue did nothing to pacify his executioners, who slowly set to work burning his entire body. Not a single sigh, not a single moan escaped him. Instead he cried out now and again, "Courage, brothers, it's not I you are burning, it's someone else, and I don't feel any pain!"

When Steven felt his strength diminishing, he asked for a respite of a few minutes so as to commend his soul to God. Then, in a final prayer, he begged the Lord to have pity on him and to pardon his torturers. Shortly afterwards his great heart ceased to beat and his soul went to Him who had created it for His glory.

Steven Tegananokoa was not the only martyr from the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. "Kateri," wrote Father Cholenec, "had foreboded the glorious death of several Christians of this Mission long before it arrived, and it is probable that from heaven where she now is, she sustained the courage of these great-hearted faithful, who manifested their constance and their faith in the most awful torments..." In 1692, an Onondaga woman, Frances Gonannahatenha perished in the most atrocious torments. Her maryrdom took place in her native village, and was followed in the next year by that of one of her compatriots, Marguerite Garongoüas with her son, who was still at the breast, and last of all about 1693, by a young Mohawk with a very long name, Stephen Haonhouentsiontaouet. With Kateri, these martyrs are the purest glory not only of the Iroquois but also of all Amerindians.

This vision was not the only one granted to Father Claude Chauchetière. During the following year, on September 1, 1681, and on April 21, 1682, Kateri favored him again with her presence. In these last two apparitions, she appeared to him as glorious as the noonday sun, and he heard the following words: Inspice et fac secundum exemplar: See that you make it according to the pattern." (Exod., XXV, 40). Father Claude had the reputation of being something of an artist and he understood by these words that the Lord wanted him to paint pictures of Kateri. This he did not hesitate to do despite the opposition he had met with until then with respect to them. The happy effects of these portraits of the Iroquois Maiden exceeded the missionary's fondest expectations. She rapidly became popular throughout New France. Why? A picture or her was placed on the heads of the sick and many extraordinary cures were thus obtained, even miracles. In the Lettres édifiantes et curieuses, Book XIII, published in Paris in 1718, Father Cholenec wrote of "... the young Iroquois Maiden who died here in the odor of sanctity, and whom we consider the protectress of this colony..." About the same time, Mother Juchereau of St. Ignatius declared in the Annales de l'Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec: "The Frenchmen who saw her dead honor her as a saint... From that time on, people have recourse to her from every quarter of Canada, and God has performed many miraculous cures



Kateri Appears to Anastasia.

through her intercession." In another document written in Mother Juchereau's hand, she is listed as one of the founders of the Canadian Church. In 1744, Father Francis Xavier de Charlevoix wrote in the same vein: "For more than sixty years," he noted in the **History and General Description of New France**, "she has been regarded as the Protectress of Canada, and it has been impossible to oppose a kind of **cultus** publicly rendered to her."

Kateri not only manifested herself to Father Chauchetière, but also to her dear old instructress, whom she wanted to comfort. On April 24, 1680, two days after appearing to the Jesuit, she came to Anastasia Tegonhatsiongo. That evening, after all the people of her longhouse had retired, she had stayed up to pray. Finally, feeling sleepy, she stretched out on her mat to rest. She had hardly shut her eyes when she was awakened by a well-known voice, "Mother, arise." Without being the least bit afraid, she sat up and turned in the direction where the voice came from. Kateri was standing there close to her, brilliant with light.

Anastasia could not feast her eyes enough on this beautiful spectacle. Half of her young friend's body was engulfed in brightness and the upper part was as radiant as the sun. "She carried a cross in her hand," she said, "which was more brilliant than anything else, and from it there showed so much light that I think there could be nothing more beautiful upon earth. "I saw her distinctly," she continued, "in this position, awake as I was, and she addressed these words to me which I understood just as distinctly, 'Mother, look at this cross and see how beautiful it is! It was the source of all my happiness during my life, and I counsel you to make it yours also."

Father Cholenec explains Kateri's loving-kindness to Anastasia. It was the way she had of showing her gratitude for all the help she had received during her lifetime from her. The good Lord had many crosses in store for the elderly woman; three of her sons, the eldest of whom was one of the war chiefs of the village, died at war. To prepare her to accept generously these trials and tribulations, Kateri, whom she called "her daughter," revealed to her how beautiful and ravishing the cross was and explained that it was the source of all joy.

In the eternal bliss of heaven, the Lily of the Mohawks did not forget her friend Theresa Tegaiaguenta. As she used to do during her lifetime, one fine day she entered into her companion's longhouse while she was alone, sat down next to her on a mat and gently reprimanded her for something she had done. Kateri then gave her a bit of affectionate advice for the future and withdrew as she had come.

For many long years, there was never any mention of other celestial visits. Then in 1948, a letter from Poland addressed to the "Roman News Service of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate" and published thirty years ago, caused considerable astonishment. The writer, Father Kowlaski had been Pastor of the Polish parish of the Holy Spirit in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Here is the letter as he wrote it:

Poznan (Poland), June 24, 1948

My Very Dear Reverend Father:

In my recent letter I omitted something rather important. No doubt you know—for how could you not know?—Kateri Tekakwitha.

Could you give me some information, send me a Life, some pictures of this saintly Iroquois Maiden? This is why I ask of you this favor.

Some days ago one of our authors, whose writing I knew a long time before the war, came to see me and requested information about Tekakwitha; and he narrated what follows:

"I had never heard the name nor the story of Tekakwitha. Now, one evening in January or February, 1941, I, my wife, brother-in-law, and an elderly man of 75 years, were sitting on our bundles, awaiting the Gestapo which was coming to exile us. We were all dressed, as the emissaries of Hitler could come to seize us at any moment. I was the only one to fall asleep. and I slept 'jak sabity' (as if dead) until seven o'clock the next morning. The Angel of sleep transported my soul to Canada, to the environment of Caughnawaga, Montreal, on the banks of the Saint Lawrence River and Gulf. A grand drama unfolded itself before my astonished eyes: the life and customs of the Iroquois and Algonquins, and the introduction among them of the Christian faith mostly for the rest of the time. It was during this drama (which I saw in my dream) that I heard for the first time in my life this name, some (the actors) calling it Tekakwitha, the others 'Takadia,'

"Finally, in a voice very sweet and agreeable, she spoke in terms somewhat like these: 'I am Tekakwitha, called also Takadia. God has granted me heavenly beatitude at the foot of His Throne. I intercede for my fellow Indians and also for those who need the grace of God. Make me known in your country, Poland; make known that I dwell at the foot of the

Throne of God and that with your Patrons, I intercede for you. Keep me in your memory and Our Savior Jesus and His Immaculate Mother in your hearts. God will console and relieve your country, but do not forsake Him, so that you may escape ruin...'"

He awoke very much consoled and assured of divine protection. In point of fact the family was not exiled. He wanted to know who could say truly that there was a holy Tekakwitha. No one could inform him. Someone advised him to write to the Bollandist Fathers in Brussels, but to write to Brussels in 1941! Impossible! Then he commenced to invoke his new patroness, asking her to show him what to do to obtain information about her. Almost immediately, as if someone whispered in his ear, he heard, "Write to the House of St. Boniface at Paderborn and to the Pustet Company at Ratisbon." He sent two letters at once to these houses and within eight days he got notes, brief but precise, to the fact that in the 17th century this holy maiden had lived in Canada.

In January 1942, he began the task of composing a drama entitled, "Tekakwitha, Flower of the Indians in Canada," in rhythmic verse (after Boileau and others), a manuscript of 115 pages, copybook form. He sent it to me most cordially, all that he had seen in his famous dream. It was finished in February, 1948. I have read it. Though not a masterpiece, it is beautiful.

Now, my dear Father, what can you do for us? I know a little about Tekakwitha. I know that our Father Nicholas Burtin wrote her life (published in Quebec in 1894). I had it at Winnipeg, and I have read in the **Theological and Church Dictionary** (Herder, 1937) that a J. Lavergne has written a **Gracious Life of Tekakwitha** (Montreal, 1934). I have heard it said that she was beatified by Pius XII during or after the war. If this is true it will be easy for you to send me her Life (the brochure which is distributed freely on the occasion of a beatification), two copies if possible and a package (100) of her pictures for which I shall be very grateful. The Life may be in French, English, German or even in Italian, which I read with some difficulty.

This is something grand; but I wish you would do for us whatever you can to satisfy our dreamer and me also, for I wish to compare the dream with the real story.

Thanking you in advance for this favor which you will do for us, I take pleasure in saying, my dear Father James,

Wholly yours in Our Lord and Mary Immaculate, (Signed) Fr. B. Kowalski, O.M.I.

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(To be continued.)

* Kateri's smile upon you, Miss V.E.S.!

Enclosed is my check for ten dollars. I always send Kateri a few dollars of my winnings from bowling tournaments.

(Catonsville, MD)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. L.D.!

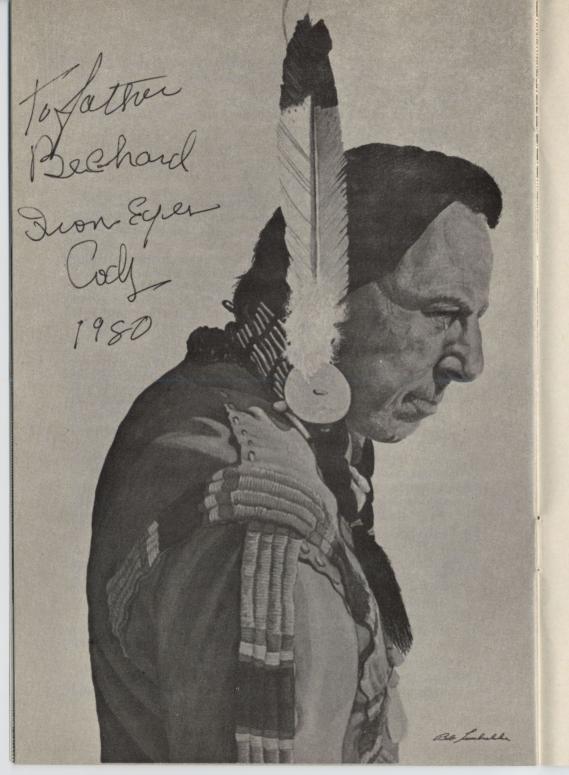
I had promised Kateri that if I won at the lottery I would send her something. My winning was only seventy-two dollars and fifty cents but you shall find enclosed a check for five dollars. I also asked her to settle my long overdue strike with the government and I am told this morning that everything is finished. (Magog, Que.)

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

Enclosed you will find a money order for twenty-five dollars which I promised, together with publication of this letter, in thanksgiving for a very special favor. While kneeling in a church pew after confession, my purse was stolen. In it were all of my valuable papers and keys. I prayed to Kateri, Our Blessed Mother, and St. Anthony to recover it for me Five days later, I received a call from the Sanitation Department saying that one of their workers did find my purse in one of the garbage bins at a nearby high-school. Everything was in it, except the money; of course Kateri, Our Lady, and St. Anthony have never let me down in desperate situations. (Detroit, MI)

Enclosed is a check to cover my renewal for a year plus a small contribution for favors received. For many years my husband has suffered open legs following phlebitis which would heal only to reopen intermittently. I placed him in the hands of Kateri. His legs have been healed for several months. I also thank Kateri for her consideration of a friend who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I asked Kateri to help her, and not allow her to suffer for long. After four months my friend passed away.

(Abingdon MD)



Great Spirit Prayer

Oh Great Spirit Whose Voice in the winds I hear,
And Whose Breath gives life to all the world—
Hear me.

Before You I come, one of Your many children.

Small and weak am I.

Your strength and wisdom I need.

Make me walk in beauty.

Make my heart respect all You have made,

My ears to hear Your Voice.

Make me wise that I may know all You have taught my people,

The lessons You have hidden in every rock.

I seek strength, not to be superior to my brother.

Make me able to fight my greatest enemy—myself.

Make me ready to stand before You with clean and straight eyes.

When life fades, as the fading sunset, may our spirits stand before You without shame.

HOW TO ASK FOR A MIRACLE

A T TIMES it may seem that the good Lord and the saints you have begged to intercede for you are pretending not to hear you. To ensure the success of your prayers, here are some practical suggestions.

Our Savior Himself revealed the first condition of a good prayer of impetration or entreaty: faith, the source of true hope. It is not simply a question of believing in the existence of God, of His Wisdom and Power, for this is already implied in the mere fact of addressing Him. What did Jesus praise in the centurion who implored Him to cure his servant? Faith, of course. But what kind of faith? A faith focussed on the infinite Goodness of Jesus Christ. "I tell you, "said He," not even in Israel have I found faith like this (Lk 7.10).

Before asking for a cure or the sale of property—which is perfectly legitimate—one must request a great love of God, and request it ardently and persistently. This is the gift of gifts, thanks to which it will be easy to speak to Him about problems either big as a mountain or small as a molehill. You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind... (Lk 10.27).

With this love of God enshrined in our hearts, it will be easy to say to Him from the bottom of our hearts, "Let your will be done, not mine" (Lk 22.42). Still, we must not forget Jesus' words, "You may ask what you will and you shall get it" (Jn 15.7). Taking into account the explanations of the Fathers of the Church, Father Charles de Foucaud remarks, "All that you want or something better... Jesus' only restriction is that if He doesn't give you what you will, He will give you something better... O blessed restriction worthy of You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus! For we are so ignorant that with the best intentions in the world, we often beg for second-rate or dangerous things..."

In all homes there are medicine chests containing colored pills, tablets, and capsules, which little children take to be candy. "Keep safely out of the reach of children," reads the warning on the bottles. Even if he little ones clamor for the pretty pills, the mother who loves them dearly will not give them any. Our Lord loves us infinitely better than the best of mothers. He will give us everything we ask for and much more, if it is for His greater glory, which is the source of our own true happiness. But not false candy.

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The Lord, gentle and humble in heart (Mt 11.29), teaches us another condition to be fulfilled if we want our request to reach Him: humility. This virtue should be easy for us, for every prayer, every entreaty implies inadequacy, poverty of of some sort, a posture of appeal. The parable of the Pharisee and the publican is transparent. The publican implores God's pardon for the miserable life he has led; he is convinced of his worthlesness, for all his sins are before him, a disgusting midden to turn from. "God, be merciful to me a sinner," he cries out. And what did Jesus say? "This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not." (Lk 18 13-14).

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True love of God never goes without love of neighboor, even to the extent of forgiving their trespasses against us. How can we dare ask for a favor, a miracle of God, if we are fighting a cold or hot war with one of his children tenderly beloved by Him, even if they do make life unbearable for us? "So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering" (Mt 5: 23-24). Despite our susceptibilities gone awry, it is imperative that we forgive those who have hurt us in words or deeds. Just a few months ago Archbishop Oscar Anulfo Romero of El Salvador, as he died from the bullet wounds of an assassin, forgave him from the bottom of his heart. There we have a line of conduct to follow. That is what Jesus did upon the cross: "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing."

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Another parable points out the last condition for obtaining a miracle. The villain of the parable is a wicked judge who did not want to do a widow justice against her enemy. For a long time he would have nothing to do with her. Finally, annoyed by her interminable pleas, he said to himself: "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." (Lk 18, 4-5). Now God is not a wicked judge. He is Love, Goodness, Wisdom and Power, We must not hesitate to pester Him with our requests on condition that we make them with hearts overflowing with faith, love of God and of neighbor, submission to His holy Will, and humility. Pestering is the final word. He wiil always answer our prayers beyond our fondest expectations.

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

Enclosed please find a check of five dollars to Kateri. Please use if for whatever needs you have. Last night I went to bed with a fever. I prayed to Kateri and promised a donation if the next day I would not have the fever. I did get up feeling better and without a fever...

(East Aurora, NY)

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

I am sending five dollars as promised to Kateri's cause in thanksgiving for a favor granted. It was thought my daughter had a chronic condition that would get progressively worse as she grew older, but tests proved to be negative. I prayed asking Kateri's help and promised publication and a donation. I also promised the daily prayers for a miracle for her cause... (Tewksbury, MA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.B.!

Since I first wrote to you, my mother (66 years old) had a cancer operation. The doctors did not think she would survive the surgery. She kissed the relic of Kateri and after twenty-four days in the hospital, seven of which were in intensive care unit on the critical list, she is now living with us in our home getting stronger every day...

(Erie, PA)

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

Enclosed is a long overdue check. We enjoyed safe trips last summer and I had promised this to Kateri for one trip in particular. (St. Marys, PA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W.H.!

You will find enclosed a check for twenty-two dollars for the following: ten dollars from Mrs. S.G. in thanksgiving to Kateri for safe driving and happy holidays. One dollar in honor of Kateri from P.S. for good marks in her nursing exams. The other ten dollars are from me in honor of Kateri for a safe holiday, which we enjoyed very much, free from accidents and without car troubles. Thanks to Kateri and your kind prayers! (Schumacher, Ont.)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.F.!

Enclosed is a money order for five dollars which I had promised. I had eye surgery and although the operation was not 100% successful, it is no worse. I am still hopeful little Kateri will help me. I have a lot of faith in her since I visited her tomb this past year with a group from Manchester... (Manchester, NH)

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

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

Here I am again, Father, thanking and begging for favors from our little Indian intercessor. First the thanks—about two months ago I promised a contribution to Kateri's Cause if my sister and a friend were able to obtain suitable employment. Within four weeks the friend was fortunate enough to receive a very favorable offer and is succeeding in the new venture... (Montreal, Que.)

% Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.S.!

I am enclosing a check of fifty dollars for Kateri's cause. In the many years I have known of Kateri she has helped me through many trials and tribulations and a year ago I prayed to her for guidance and strength to continue my job until retirement could take place. I am now glad to say I will be retiring at the end of March...

Thank you for your many prayers and continue to pray to Kateri for me. I hope that soon we may have all our prayers answered with her beatification. (Erie, PA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. H.W.!

Time does fly so fast when one is busy, and being busy is a good sign for me. I am feeling stronger every day,

thanks to Kateri.

A visit today to the eye surgeon pleased him very much because of the condition of the cornea implant. An operation on my right eye may be necessary next summer because of a cataract but I am confident Kateri will help me.

A young relative had a premature baby delivered last week. I have been asking Kateri to help in the recovery. The young mother reports Kateri is doing terrifically! So in gratitude, again I am enclosing my check for five dollars to Kateri. God bless you and all who work for Kateri's Cause. (Queens Village, NY)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.H.!

... I asked you to pray specially that my two sons would find work. Well, they both found jobs. One is permanent and the other is temporary. I am sure it was through your prayers to Kateri and those of our other special friends that all this happened. Please keep us in your prayers and devotions, and once again, thank you.

(Montreal, P.Q.)

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

Enclosed is another check for ten dollars to further the cause of Kateri. My husband had some serious problems at work. He promised a hundred-dollar donation to Kateri's cause if the Lord resolved the situation. Thank God, it worked out well. He is happy in his job once again... Thank you all for your prayers and you shall have ours. God bless. (Matawan, NJ)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F.J.!

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars to further Kateri's cause. It is in thanksgiving for the many favors received through her intercession. The strength received during really dark times is due in part to her, I believe.

(Bombay, NY)

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

.. Enclosed is a small stipend for your efforts to further Kateri's cause and gift subscriptions. Three years ago my wife was operated on for breast cancer. Another operation was required to remove a malignancy one year later and that was followed with two years of chemotherapy. In August the treatments were terminated and in the view of my wife's specialist, she will see a long life. We are grateful to Kateri for many answered prayers...

(Arlington, TX)

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

Enclosed is a check for ten dollars for your cause. My husband asked me to send you a donation each month or so for a favor granted that resolved a difficult situation beyond his fondest dreams Our grateful thanks to Venerable Kateri for her intercession. (Natawan, NJ)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.N.!

I wish to thank Kateri for the following favor. During the summer I had an eye infection which was most painful. I prayed to her and asked her to ask Our Lady that it would not prove serious. I had a complete eye examination and it proved to be an infection caused by an insect bite and I am grateful to say it is clearing up. Attached is a small check towards Kateri's Cause. Laval West, Que.)

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

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

Someone I love has had a drinking problem and as a result suffered a nervous breakdown. He never sought medical help. With my prayers to our Lily of the Mohawks, he managed to face reality and is now a medical student. A five-year period of turmoil and sorrow is over and now there is hope and joy. (Dennis, MA)

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

Enclosed find a money order for ten dollars as my donation for a favor received. I had a problem with my right leg. After praying to Kateri the pain subsided and I am most grateful to Kateri for this favor. (Detroit, MI)

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

Enclosed is a check which I hope will be a little help in spreading devotion to Kateri. She has been in my life for many years and I have received many answers to my requests. In the beginning my name was sent to you by a friend of mine, unbeknown to me, hoping for my recovery from a bad case of bursitis. It lasted some time but it was cured—sometimes I wondered if it ever would disappear. I'm sure Kateri was the help I needed and I can never forget her. I pray for her speedy beatification. Please continue to send me the **Kateri**. It is such an interesting publication... (Marlboro, MA)

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

Through Father Canisius, who is a Trappist, I have been successful in acquiring the prayerful support of a number of monasteries here in Southern Ontario... Kateri has been wonderful in "showing her hand" to me and I have been responding with letters and words to anyone who will listen. In one area, the conversion of a very dear friend, the results achieved by Kateri's powerful intercession, has been nothing less than amazing! The conversion of my friend, who is Acadian from New Brunswick, is awe inspiring but not yet complete, so perhaps I can enlist your prayers, Father Henri, at Holy Mass.

I have been making a pest of myself and storming heaven with quick and continued short prayers and with the rosary. It will pay dividends one way or the other. I will close now, wishing you a successful Lenten season and a very happy Easter. (Georgetown, Ont.)

The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

good reasons for having a box on hand all the time:

On the occasion of the death of a relative or friend, all you have to do is to sign a card and send it to the bereaved

We confirm your sympathy offering with a personal letter, and enroll the departed one in the Kateri Guild, for whom,

- 1. A Weekly High Mass is offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;
- 2. An Intention is included daily in the Memento of the Vice-Postulator's
- 3. The Treasury of the many Masses read each month for the benefactors of the Society of Jesus is opened;
- 4. A Share in the good works of the Jesuits throughout the world is assured;
- 5. Participation in the merits gained in helping the Cause of the Mohawks is guaranteed.

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One dozen cards boxed: two dollars.

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☐ Conversion	☐ Health
☐ Peace of Soul	Lodging
☐ Resignation in Trials	☐ Financial Aid
☐ Vocations	☐ Happy Marriage
☐ Faithful Departed	☐ Happy Delivery
☐ Happy Death	☐ Good Friends
☐ Obedience to the Holy Fath	er Success in Studies
	☐ Peace in World
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YOUR INTENTIONS SHALL BE FORWARDED TO FATHER ANTHONY ROUSSOS, S.J., ON SEPTEMBER 1, HE WILL SOLEMNLY CELEBRATE NINE MASSES FOR YOU IN THE BEAUTIFUL BYZANTINE LITURGY IN THE HOLY LAND. (NO OFFERING REQUIRED)

PLEASE RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION: SEND GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO:

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		PROVINCE OR STATE		
MISS	2)	NAME STREET CITY OR TOWN CODE PROVINCE OR STATE		
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CATE MR.,	(4)	NAME STREET CITY OR TOWN CODE PROVINCE OR STATE		
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	As I am sending the names of FIVE new subscribers to the Kateri Center, I now inscribe, free of charge, the name of a deceased person dear to me on the Louis Garonhiagué Roll.			

Mr. , Mrs. , Miss ... • When the Roll is complete with the names of 200 deceased, 100 Masses shall be

offered for the repose of their souls.

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