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BLESSED KATERI AND POLAND

HE CAME FROM PARIS!
(continued)

"ABUNDANT BLESSINGS..."

PRAYERS FOR KATERI?

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LILY OF
THE MOHAWKS

Autumn • 1982
Kahnawake, 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 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Canonization 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 Canonization.
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 native peoples of America, with special reference to the people of Kahnawake and their friends.

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2. A weekly Mass for deceased friends is offered;
3. The Vice-Postulator prays at his daily Mass;
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 canonization.

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THE KINNOUSKOUEN ROLL

During 1677, Kinnouskouen, a staunch Christian warrior from Kateri's mission, accompanied the Great Mohawk and Etienne Teganokoa to preach the Good News in the Mohawk Canton.

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(To be continued.)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.S.!

It seems a long time since I wrote to you. I want to thank you ever so much for praying for my son. He has changed a great deal. He no longer uses drugs or gets drunk. I don't have to worry about him anymore. Before I wrote for help for him, he was like a gangster, drank and fought. That's when I turned to our Blessed Kateri and she did help him. I promised I would send a little donation, it's not very much, but it's a help. Once again I thank you from the bottom of my heart.
(S. . . , N.S.)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.M.!

For several years now, my twelve-year-old son has been wearing a Kateri medal that I purchased many years ago at the shrine. He has great devotion to her, as well as our family, as she has helped him so much with an asthma problem which he has had since infancy. Yesterday, on a fishing trip in the woods, he lost the medal and feels very bad about it. I wonder if you have a silver medal I may purchase to replace this one. I would so much appreciate it. Actually, I would like three medals, one for my other two daughters also. And one of the small "Kateri" novena booklets. I am enclosing an offering of five dollars. My mother also wishes to express her thanks for a favor received through Kateri. She had two serious cancer operations, and recently discovered a growth on her neck. She had applied a touch relic that I obtained years ago, and has been praying faithfully every day for the cause of Kateri. God news from her doctor says that it is not cancer—a small tumor that can be removed—a great relief for her!
(Burlington, VT)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. F.L.!

I am enclosing my check for fifty dollars in thanksgiving for a favor received through Blessed Kateri's intercession, for the solution of a business problem.
(Pointe Claire, P.Q.)

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

We strongly recommended A SHINING FROM THE MOUNTAINS by Sr. Providentia, S.P.: \$7.00 postpaid. It presents the mountain tribes' first encounter with Christianity thanks to Ignace Lamousse and several other Iroquois Indians from Kahnawake. Corresponding to their zeal, the Western Indians' predisposition to embrace the faith produced "a shining from the Mountains." Well worth reading.

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

Please find enclosed five dollars for Kateri subscriptions which include one for myself. I visited your Church and Blessed Kateri on September 5. Being a Catholic I cannot understand how I had never heard of Kateri until I read an article in the **National Enquirer** this summer. Father, I cannot explain to you, what came over me, when I read this article, but I just knew that I had to visit her tomb. I had been praying to her from that time on. I am an arthritic since the age of twenty-five. I am now sixty-one. I have suffered pain just terribly. At times couldn't walk without a cane. When in such terrible pain I have even wished for death. God forgive me! I've taken pills including percodan and nothing would help at times. I was so happy to make this trip I cried at Kateri's tomb and begged her to help. If I couldn't get cured to please take the pain away. Father I haven't taken a pain pill since. I thank the Blessed Lily of the Mohawks with all my heart! To me this is a miracle! I wish to tell you what a beautiful Church you have, also how kind you were to us. I will return this spring with my husband, and wish to have Holy Communion at Mass. I am donating five dollars for Kateri. I also am praying for my Indian friend who is blind and hope to be able to have him and his wife come with us this spring. They are from the Oneida and Delaware tribes and are not Catholics, but very good living people with faith. (London, Ont.)

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

Thank you for hearing my prayers. M. has found a job that he likes with plenty of opportunities for the future. (Detroit, MI)

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

Enclosed are fifteen dollars cash for two factors granted by praying to Kateri. One that my daughter wouldn't lose her job and the other that my husband wasn't suffering a heart attack when he thought he might be. (Piqua, OH)

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

I just wanted to let you know that my two children passed their tests and will be promoted. Also all my hospital tests came back negative. I have you and Kateri to thank. I pray to her every day. Thank you for caring. (Brooklyn, NY)

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

Alexandra Mitchell wants to know...



Please send yours to:
The Kateri Center
Box 70
Kahnawake, P.Q.
Canada J0L 1B0

...if you won't help us get at least 50,000 promises of a daily Our Father and Hail Mary!

We need them to obtain from the loving Heart of Jesus the speedy canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Already 4,144 Pledges have come in.

MY PLEDGE TO KATERI

Date.....

I, the undersigned, pledge to offer up each day one Our Father and/or Hail Mary until the miracles needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization are obtained.

Name.....

Street or Box.....

City or Town.....

Province or State..... Code.....

Country..... Telephone.....



PHOTO PAUL LAGACÉ

In 1949, Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J., received his nomination as Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha from Fr. Charles Miccinelli, S.J., Postulator General of the Cause in Rome. — Brenda and Doreen Dearhouse with the Vice-Postulator at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, Kahnawake, P.Q., where Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha achieved union with God.

KATERIGRAM

WILL YOU ALLOW ME to say once again that this September is of special significance for me? It is the fiftieth anniversary of my entering the Jesuits Order in Montreal.

What thanks I owe to the Lord and to His Blessed Mother for my vocation to the Society of Jesus! With my companions I was blessed in having Fr. Guido Leclaire as Master of Novices. A man who knew how to combine austerity and goodness, both indispensable for the formation of the future religious. None or practically none of those he was entrusted with later reneged. And the twenty-two men who will celebrate their fifty years of religious life at the same time as I, and the six who will celebrate their sixty years of religious life, and the four who will celebrate their fifty years of priesthood will all owe him more than they can ever repay.

One of the deep satisfactions of my life was granted to me in 1949. During the previous year, I had been named to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, where Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha achieved union with God. On an October morning, I received from Fr. Carlo Miccinelli, S.J., my nomination as vice-postulator for the Lily of the Mohawks. Despite my duties as principal of the Indian School at Kahnawake and of chaplain of the Sacred Heart Hospital of the Mission, I set to work. Slowly, patiently, by means of the *Kateri* quarterly, launched in 1949, I tried to spread devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha.

I have no illusions about my endeavors. Only thanks to Kateri's friends have I been able to hold out. On September 8, 1982, I will offer the Holy Sacrifice in thanksgiving at the altar of the little chapel of the St. Anthony Daniel Residence, where I live, for all the Katerians who helped me with their prayers, their offerings, their efforts at making the Iroquois Maiden known, to attain the happy day of Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification in 1980. I am counting on them to do as much to hasten her canonization.

As for her beatification, prayers and still more prayers are needed for her canonization. You are aware of the Our Father and Hail Mary drive begun in the first months of the year. My present aim: 50,000 signed pledges before the end of September. May I count on your active participation in gathering this magnificent bouquet of daily prayers? Speak about it to your relatives and acquaintances. All these appeals to Heaven will surely obtain for us the great favor we are hoping for, the miracle needed to obtain our St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.
Vice-Postulator

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE

Favors registered at the Center from May 1, to August 1, 1982:

Spiritual favors	7
Articles found	2
Safe trips	16
Successful studies	10
Employment found or kept	18
Financial aid	5
Saved from accidents	5
Safe pregnancies	13
Peace of mind	2
Successful or averted operations	6
Cures	36
Temporal favors	11
Lodging	7
Business problems solved	4
House sold	1
Return to the faith	2

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE...

Sr. Berthilde Croteau, Montreal, P.Q. 51; Servants of Jesus and Mary, Québec, P.Q. 29; Sr. Francoise Gareau, Moonbeam, Ont. 21; Sisters of the Presentation, Methuen, MA 39; Mrs. A. Connell, Hamilton, Ont. 50; St. James Church, Fort Plain, NY 58; Miss Marie Farello, Staten Island, NY 44; Sr. Marcella O'Donnell, Buffalo, NY 277; Servants of Jesus

and Mary, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, P.Q. 74; Mr. Joseph Cassar, Toronto, Ont. 25; Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, Marcus Hook, PA 50; Rev. Gabriel Miller, Montreal, P.Q. 150. and Mrs. Marlene McCauley, Phoenix, AZ 497.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, Diocese of St. Jerome, celebrated its 27th annual convention with a Mass at Holy Family Church and a luncheon at Two Mountains Restaurant, Oka, P.Q., on Saturday, May 1, at 1:15 p.m. The guest speaker was Father Béchard, Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. A beautiful centerpiece featuring the Lily of the Mohawks adorned the head table.

COUNCIL KATERI TEKAKWITHA

On May 2, 1982, the new Council 7935 Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks received its charter from the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Chief Solomon Cook of Hogansburg (Mission of St. Francis Regis) presided at the ceremonies of presentation at the Newman Center, 41, Main St., Potsdam, NY, at quarter past nine in the morning. The Catholic students of Potsdam State and Clarkston College of Technology founded the Council. They are to be congratulated for having chosen the examples of purity and sacrifice of the Lily of the Mohawks to take pattern on. "Our youth," wrote Mr. D. D. McCabe, "are faithful to these ideals."

FLORA MACDONALD, R.I.P.



On May 9, the good Lord called Flora to Himself. On the following Tuesday, May 11, the funeral Mass was offered at the St. Francis of Assisi parish church, which a large number of relatives and friends attended. Her departure was a great loss for the Kateri Center and for Kateri's devotees. From Christmas on, she was in the doctors' hands, first at St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal and then in her home at St. Lambert, where her brother, John, lovingly took care of her.

For about 50 years, she worked at the Toronto Dominion bank—the first distaff teller on Craig St. in Montreal. At home she was attentive to the needs of her beloved parents until their death at an advanced age. On retiring in 1964, she volunteered to work at the Kateri Center, which has its office in Montreal. Next to her desk, a picture of Our Lady smiled down upon her as she faithfully, competently and joyfully bent her efforts to furthering the Cause of canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. Her banking experience, her down-to-earth common sense, her humor, and her great

faith in Jesus and Mary made her a priceless member of the Kateri staff.

She was a long-time devotee of the Lily of the Mohawks. As far back as the mid-thirties, of a Saturday afternoon, after a long week at the bank, she left St. Lambert and came to Caughnawaga to help the pastor, Fr. Réal Lalonde, S.J., answer the Kateri correspondence. She worked at the presbytery and at the nearby home of Miss Esther Kane, today Mrs. Phillips, with several other Indian girls, who as children of Mary, sacrificed their Saturday afternoons under her direction.

I'm convinced she will keep on helping the Kateri Staff in their work and all of the Lily of the Mohawks' friends whom she was so interested in. Say a little prayer for her so that she may offer it to Jesus, Mary, and Kateri. As she used to answer, when I asked her to do something at the office, she will reply, "Will do!" And she will.

FAREWELL TO A GOOD FRIEND



On October 8, 1981, Dr. Wilfrid Jury died in a London Ontario Hospital at the age of 91. Ontario Premier William Davis paid the following

tribute to him: "(He was) a great scholar and gentleman... I came to know him well while I was Minister of Education... I also came to appreciate his fine mind..."

"He was a great and sharing man... We have lost a warm and good friend."

Dr. Jury and his gracious wife, Elsie McLeod Murray, played a major role in the excavation of Fort Ste Marie, at Midland, Ontario, where five of the eight Canadian Martyrs died, and, thanks to his know-how, in the discovery of the fourth site of Caughnawaga (1696-1719). There, during 1955 and 1956, he unearthed over 3643 relics. The Fathers at the Mission soon got to know and love him. He hoped to find the remains of Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, who had baptized Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in 1676, but the St. Lawrence Seaway interrupted his search. To Mrs. Jury, our sincere condolences and for Dr. Jury the ancient prayer, "May he rest in peace!"

THE BLESSED KATERI FLOAT



Fort Plain, New York celebrated its 150th birthday with a two-hour parade Saturday, June 5, 1982. Floats, bands, and over 2,000 marchers weathered the rain. The float that seemed to welcome the rain, however, was the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha float as the nature design was alive with trees, growing grass, living flowers and a waterfall that pumped water from the Tekakwitha spring near

where Kateri lived 11 years of her life. Stuffed animals adorned the nature setting and under the rainbow were a proud Mohawk—Little Peacock from the St. Regis Indian Reservation and the drummer, Collin Phillips, from the Kahnawake Iroquois Reservation near Montreal.

St. James, Church of Fort Plain, New York, sponsored the float, and parishioners, with the help of The Noteworthy Company of Amsterdam, NY, built and donated, it. The float was viewed in various places throughout the Mohawk Valley during the summer.

THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

This Conference took place at LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY, on June 25, 26, and 27, 1982. It was hosted by the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St. Lucy's Church of the same city, in conjunction with the National Tekakwitha Conference. Peg Bova, Harriet Ellis, and Sr. Mary Elizabeth made up the perfect reception committee. On Saturday morning, the Kateri Blessing was pantomimed by Iroquois Indians living in the neighborhood. The subjects treated during the day were certainly worthwhile. Fr. Gilbert F. Hemaier, O.F.M., Cap., President of the National Tekakwitha Conference, spoke on alcoholism and Chief Solomon Cook of St. Regis on Indian leadership: both were exceptionally good. Chief Shendoah and Lloyd Elm of the Onondaga traditionalists explained their point of view and tendered a promise of better understanding

between their people and the Christian Indians. The Conference closed on Sunday morning with a Concelebration presided by His Excellency, Bishop Frank Harrison of Syracuse. Instead of the homily, the life of Blessed Kateri, written by Mrs. Sarah Monroe

Hassenplug, was played by a fine Indian cast. This Regional Conference was an excellent preparation for the 43d Annual National Tekakwitha Conference which was held at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, from August 9-13, 1982.

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.B.!

Having a missionary relative in Africa, I would like to share my donations with her, for she certainly needs them, but, Kateri, I won't let you down, you have helped me so much and I do hope you will keep it up in spite of my cutting. "Seems I now have the fever of cutting." Therefore my check will be twenty dollars monthly. I hope it will be in some way useful. We seem to be getting along fairly well. My little baby in Nashua is doing fine. The doctors did admit she will not be retarded. Alleluia to God and our Little Maiden, Kateri! Well, Father, you will celebrate your golden jubilee this year as does my cousin in Manchester, so sharing is a must...

(LaSalle, P.Q.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.B.!

Enclosed are ten dollars to help towards Kateri's Canonization. I prayed to her for four years, hoping some way would come up for my daughter to make her Confirmation. In this country, since the age limit was raised in our Diocese in the past few years, my daughter couldn't receive this much needed sacrament even though she wished to. This April, our Parish Priest allowed her to make it at another Church in our area. B. is now eighteen years old so you can see why I was concerned. I thank Kateri for her intercession. I'm sure it was through her my prayers were answered.

(Brush Prairie, WA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.K.!

I am sending this donation in thanks to Kateri. I have been wanting a child for years and the pastor at my Church gave me a booklet for a novena to Kateri, and in March I gave birth to a beautiful son. I pray for her canonization. She has been a great help to me.

(Altoona, PA.)

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

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

Your beloved Kateri was introduced to me several years ago by your most devoted follower Mary McG., now deceased. The enclosed is a "Thanksgiving"—return to our faith of two members of my family. One is also coping very well with a drug and alcohol problem. Abstinence of almost two years. Many thanks to Kateri, St. Ann, and Our Blessed Mother. We still have many problems and know she will continue to assist us. (Timmins, Ont.)

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

I am enclosing a donation of ten dollars to Kateri. I recently had to have surgery, a major one. It was a very successful operation. I prayed to Kateri, and I even wore her little relic on my hospital gown during surgery. I would like to have some novena cards also some more touch relics to distribute in our Church. I promised Kateri I would spread her devotion throughout our parish. (Birmingham, AL)

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

Enclosed you will find twenty dollars, two dollars of which are for my subscription and rest to help Kateri's Cause. I thank her in my daughter's name; she underwent an operation for a cyst on the thyroid gland and she is completely cured, thanks to Kateri. (Montreal, P.Q.)

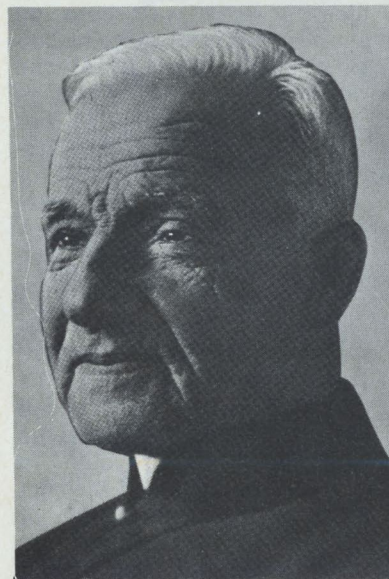
✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. H.W.!**

I have such wonderful news for you, Kateri has proved again she hears our prayers. My friend, who is suffering from cancer, is responding to treatment. We visit her in the hospital several times a week and I can see the improvement. She looks so much better and her spirit is so good! My other friend in Atlanta had a very successful "talking to that little Indian girl, thanking her and praying for me"—isn't that wonderful? I shall write and ask her to send a pledge in and spread the word about Kateri to others. This she probably has already done. I am enclosing my May contribution to her Cause. May God bless you and all your faithful workers up there for Kateri's Canonization. (Queens Village, NY)

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

THREE NEW BLESSED

BLESSED ANDRÉ BESSETTE



BLESSED ANDRÉ BESSETTE, C.S.C., saw the light of day at St. Grégoire d'Iberville, P.Q., on August 9, 1845. He became an orphan at an early age with his eleven brothers and sisters, and his youthful years and early manhood were marked by one failure after another. He was illiterate and suffered from poor health. Even so, in 1870 he entered the Holy Cross Brothers. For 40 years, he was porter at Notre Dame College in Montreal. Besides his responsibilities as porter, Brother André continued laundry and sacristy work as well as his messenger and maintenance services. He was the factotum of the college.

His ardent devotion to St. Joseph whose zealous apostle he became, the hundreds upon hundreds of cures he obtained through the Fosterfather of Jesus, the immense basilica he erected on Mt. Royal in his honor, all this in unceasing prayer, constant humility and love for suffering humanity led him to the summits of holiness.

"People who suffer," he said, "have something to offer to the good Lord." The little Brother spoke words of hope and encouragement to all. "Do not seek to be spared of trials," he advised, "ask instead for the grace to bear them well." During the intense pain he suffered in the course of his final illness, he whispered to a companion: "How good God is! How beautiful, how powerful! He must indeed be beautiful since the soul, which is but a ray of his beauty, is so beautiful!"

Truly his life was anything but a failure. His Holiness Pope John Paul II beatified him on May 23, 1982.

BLESSED MARY ROSE DUROCHER



OF CANADIAN EXTRACTION, Eulalie Durocher was born on October 6, 1811 at St. Antoine-sur-Richelieu, P.Q., Canada. At the age of nineteen, she moved to Beloeil to the rectory of her brother, Father Theophile Durocher. Here she became known for her love for prayer, for her charity and for her concern for the lack of Christian education among the young.

Harkening to the call of the Most Reverend Ignace Bourget, under the direction of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, she founded a Congregation dedicated to the Christian education of youth. In

October 1843, with her two companions, Henriette Céré and Mélodie Dufresne, she established the first house of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in Longueuil. On December 8, 1844, they made their first profession and Bishop Bourget of Montreal canonically erected this new Congregation.

Mother Mary Rose lived with her Community for only a brief six years. She died at Longueuil on October 6, 1849. Her work, however, was solidly established despite the enormous difficulties presented by this simultaneous foundation of a religious congregation and its schools.

Her unfailing and generous devotedness to the Church, found its inspiration in her faith in God and in her devotion to Jesus and Mary. Her charism still lives on in the lives of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, who continue the mission of their foundress through Christian education especially in the Faith and includes pastoral work, adult education, and various ministries to the poor and disadvantaged, primarily in Canada, the United States, Lesotho (South Africa), Brazil, Peru and Haiti.

Mother Mary Rose was declared Venerable on July 13, 1979 and proclaimed Blessed by Pope John Paul II on May 23, 1982.

BLESSED MARIE RIVIER



MARIE RIVIER was born at Montpezat, a little village in a hollow of the Cevennes Mountains in the south of France, on December 19, 1768. She was barely two years old when a fall left her unable to walk. Each day her mother carried her to the foot of the Pietà behind the altar of the old chapel of Montpezat, and explained to her the meaning of the mystery of love represented by this group. She allowed the child to continue praying alone and later on someone went to get her. During this pilgrimage, which lasted four years, little Marie intensely lived the Mystery of the Presence; she

learned steadfastness in prayer, the meaning of the Cross and Christian life and was already afire with zeal to make known Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin: "O Blessed Virgin, if you cure me, I will gather together little girls and I will teach them to serve you well."

This promise she realized at the height of the French Revolution. As a matter of fact, on November 21, 1796, Marie Rivier and four companions consecrated themselves to the Lord, having for main objective the Christian education of youth. Despite her meager resources and the difficulties brought about by the revolutionary laws, she was able in the course of the forty-two following years, until her death in 1838, to open 141 schools and establishments where her Sisters continued her work. Today, her Congregation, the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, numbers 2545 religious in 17 different countries, among them Canada and the United States.

In declaring Blessed this indomitable handicapped, the Church invites us all to live better what she lived, for her spirituality truly belongs to the treasure of the Church.

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

Many years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting with you and Brother Hardy at Kateri's Shrine. We have turned to her many times for favors and she has always come through. When my only daughter joined the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, she wanted to take the name Kateri but was told she could not because she was not a saint, however she took the name Katherine and that is close enough. During the month of May I was taken ill and did not respond to medicine and was ordered to the hospital for tests and X-ray. Of course I feared the worst and promised Kateri if tests showed no signs of cancer, I would send you a check to be used to further her cause. I came through with flying colors as X-rays showed no signs of cancer, only intestinal virus. . . The enclosed check is for Kateri's cause, in memory of my husband who died March 29, 1973. Hoping you are well and can continue to help Kateri's cause.

(Lancaster, PA)

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

I am enclosing a check for five dollars. I wish to thank Kateri for helping me in times of stress. I have also prayed to her for assistance for friends who were ill and I feel that she healed them or else the ailment turned out to be less serious than it was first thought. I'm sorry I failed to keep track of all who I felt were helped by her, through the year. . . I'm not saying it was a miracle, but it always turned out less serious. A boy, five years old, suddenly got some sort of paralysis. He was in the hospital two weeks when I was told how serious it was. Then I begged Kateri to heal him. A day later I was told he was coming home and was able to walk. I do believe it was Kateri who healed him. I have been saying the Our Father and Hail Mary every day for Kateri to be canonized a Saint. I even try to say a prayer for you, Father.

(Martville, NY)

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

I'm happy to accomplish my promise to our Blessed Kateri. My husband was taking part in a strike. I made a novena in honor of Kateri and three days later the strike was over and he began to work. Sincere thanks to Blessed Kateri!

(Rimouski, Que.)

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

BLESSED KATERI and POLAND

Poznan, Poland

June 24, 1948

Reverend Fathers,

In my recent letter, I forgot something important. I'm sure you know—how could you not know her?—Kateri Tekakwitha!

Could you give me some information, send me a Life, a picture of this saintly Indian girl? Here is why I'm asking you this favor.

A few days ago a Polish author requested some information on Tekakwitha and told the following story:

"I had never heard speak of Tekakwitha and I knew nothing about her. Now in January or February 1941, with my wife, my brother-in-law and an elderly man of seventy-five years, we were slumped on our travelling bags as we waited for the Gestapo—Nazi police—who were to take us into exile. We were dressed, since Hitler's henchmen could arrive at any moment to arrest us. I was the only one to fall asleep and I slept like a dead man until seven o'clock the next morning.

"The angel of sleep carried me in spirit to Canada, to the vicinity of Caughnawaga, near Montreal, on the banks of the St. Lawrence. There to my astonishment, was enacted a veritable scene: it was the life and customs of the Iroquois and of the Algonquins, and the introducing of the Catholic faith among them. It was during this scene that I heard for the first time in my life the name of Tekakwitha; some called her Takaia.

"At last, with a very sweet and pleasing voice, she spoke to me in just about the following terms: 'I am Tekakwitha, and I am also called Takaia. God has granted me the bliss of heaven. At the foot of his throne. I intercede for my Indian compatriots and for all those who need God's grace. Make me known in Poland, your country; make known that I stand before the throne of God and that, with your holy Polish patrons, I intercede for you. Remember me and keep in your heart our Divine Savior Jesus and his Immaculate Mother. God will comfort and help your country; but don't forget this if you wish to avoid the ruin of your country.'"

With this he awoke, quite comforted and assured of the Divine Protection. As a matter of fact, this family did not suffer exile.

This person wished to know who could tell him if there really was a St. Tekakwitha, but no one could give him any information. He was advised to write to the Bollandist Fathers in Brussels, but it was impossible to write to Brussels in 1941.

He began to pray to this patroness, asking her to help him find some information concerning her. Shortly afterwards, he had the impression that someone had whispered in his ear: "Write to St. Boniface's in Paterborn, and to the Pustat Editions in Regensburg!" He immediately wrote to these two places and in less than eight days he received, brief and precise, the information he desired about this saintly girl who had lived in Canada during the 17th century.

During January 1942, he began to write a play called **Tekakwitha, Flower of the Indians of Canada**, in rhythmic verse (after the manner of Boileau and others), a manuscript of 115 pages, copybook size. He graciously sent it to me. It contained everything he had seen in his memorable dream. He completed it in 1948. I read it from beginning to end. It is not a masterpiece, but it's well done.

Now, dear Father, what can you do for me? I know something about the life of Tekakwitha. I know that our Father Burtin wrote a Life (published in 1894 at Quebec). I had it in Winnipeg, and I read in the *Dictionnaire théologique et ecclésial* (Herder, 1937) that J. Laverigne had written *Vie gracieuse de Tekakwitha, The 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 would be easy for you to send me her life (the booklet distributed free of charge on the occasion of a beatification), two copies if possible and a packet of her pictures (100) for which I would be most thankful. This Life could be in French, English, German or even Italian, which I read with a little difficulty.

This is asking you much; but I hope you can accomodate me to satisfy our dreamer and myself, for I want to compare the dream with reality.

In thanking you for this favor, for which we shall be indebted to you, I'm happy to declare myself, dear Father James,

Very truly yours in Our Lord and Mary
Immaculate,

P.B. Kowlaski, O.M.I.

To the Rev. Fr. J. R. Brackelaire, O.M.I.,
Editor of the Roman News Service
Via Vittorino da Feltre 5
(Italia) Roma 102

Detroit, Michigan
June 15, 1965

Dear Father,

Please supply me with a colored picture of Tekakwitha.

Here is my story. I took a tour of Poland and earnestly desired to see Our Lady of Bright Mountain in Czestochowa.

Czestochowa was to be the beginning of the tour. This served my purpose very well for I intended to leave the group afterwards and go to Germany. When I got to Poland, I discovered that Czestochowa would be the last city on the itinerary, which meant I could not make my flight connection to Germany. This disturbed me for then I would not be able to go to Czestochowa. To make a long story short, I quit the group and, with a cousin, I set out for Czestochowa. After visiting the miraculous shrine, we were to proceed to Warsaw on the last train. My cousin made some inquiries and we were able to board an earlier train. During this trip, a lady on the train asked me if I were a Canadian and if I had a picture of Tekakwitha. I told her I could obtain it for her since my sister had played the part of Tekakwitha in her senior year. I questioned her about this interest of hers in Tekakwitha. She explained: "I am a retired art and religion teacher. I want to paint her. For years, I have been asking everybody if they had a picture of Tekakwitha

but no one was able to help me. Finally I decided to pray to her, telling her I couldn't find anyone to help me and that if she wanted me to paint her, she must find some means of obtaining her picture!" Then she told me the story of a writer who, with his family, was to be taken prisoner. He had a dream in which he saw an Indian maiden who said to him: "I am Tekakwitha and I want Poland to know about me for I want to help her!"

This is where I come in. The lady was so glad when I promised to get her a picture of Tekakwitha that she opened her suitcase. She was on her way to another town to attend her nephew's First Communion. She had painted a picture, "The Baltic Sea," and had it framed for her nephew's First Communion gift. Instead she gave it to me.

Strange as it may seem, had the tour, as originally planned, been carried out, I would not have met her and she would still be in search of a picture of Tekakwitha to paint. She was so happy that she promised me that she would paint a copy of her own picture of Tekakwitha for me. She kept asking me what the color of her attire was as she wanted her work to be completely authentic...

Mrs. C.O.

Jan Wasaznik
1351 Summerville Avenue,
Ottawa, Ontario K1Z 8G9
April 5, 1982

KATERI CENTER,
P.O. Box 70,
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Dear Fathers,

I have to confess and say that I am sorry, Fathers, **quia peccavi mea negligentia**. I should have but—did not send you what we published about Kateri. Frankly, I forwarded 10 copies of the Bulletin **Z Pomoca** to Caughnawaga through a man, a salesman from Ottawa whose parents live there. But, as he told me later, he left the copies somewhere in the Church, not giving them to you as I had asked. Probably they were taken by some of the visitors or parishioners.

Ad rem. Who are we? The answer is given in the English version of the four-page Bulletin. Together with Miss Zofia Zawidzka, I am an editor of the Mission Bulletin, a quarterly of the St. Hyacinthe Mission Fund, in Polish for the Polish community, "**Polonia**" as we call it.

Miss Zawidzka always was and still is enthusiastic for Kateri. Myself, before 1980, I did not know anything about Kateri. A couple of years ago, visiting my old country, Poland, I was asked there about "a good Indian girl who lived in the past and whose tomb is now near Montreal." Unfortunately, I could not answer this question then. When I read the article and the poem about Kateri written by Miss Z. Zawidzka for the Bulletin **Z Pomoca**, I found that this "good girl" must be Kateri and I also became her admirer.

With the new issue of the Bulletin No 2/16/1980, before it was delivered to its readers, I made the pilgrimage to Kateri's tomb at Caughnawaga two days before her beatification with my family. I placed the Bulletin on the tomb and asked Kateri to help in making herself known in the Polish community.

Miss Zawidzka's poem and the article about Kateri was warmly accepted by the readers here and in Poland. Many copies of the Bulletin have been sent there. Some of the readers in Poland made an effort to retype it to make Kateri known among their friends. They loved to read that Kateri prays for Poland.

A week before Kateri's beatification in Rome, I took part in the meeting organized by the archdiocesan Mission Office in Ottawa. Having a Xerox-copy of Zawidzka's poem and article, I showed it to the people there and told them what Kateri did in Poland. I was asked by one of the ladies for this material and the next day Mr. Matthew R.W. Dale telephoned me asking for the Bulletin. He was going with the Canadian delegation to Rome for Kateri's beatification and wanted to present this poem to the Holy Father. The Bulletin was not ready yet, but I gave him a Xerox-copy and this was presented by him to the Pope.



THE QUEEN OF POLAND

This year, August 26, we Poles celebrate the 600th anniversary of the picture of our Lady of Czestochowa. The Blessed Virgin is the Queen of Poland, so declared by the Polish king Jan Kazimierz (John Kasimir) in 1656. Please join us with your prayers on this occasion.

We pray also for the conversion of Russia. The Blessed Virgin asked for that in Fatima. With the conversion of Russia peace will come to the world and Poland's oppression and the oppression of other countries will disappear.

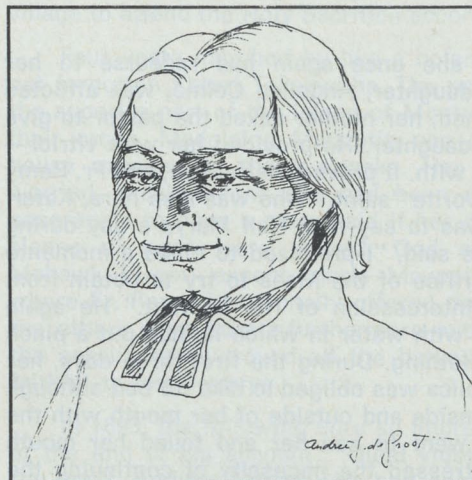
In the peace of Christ
Jan Wasaznik
Kateri's admirer

One of the readers from Toronto said in his letter that he read somewhere that Kateri told the man in his dream that she prays for Poland along with the Polish Saints. Poland would get independence. But she also said that the Poles must be close to the Lord Redemptor and His Immaculate Mother if they did not want to lose their freedom.

Sending this material, two copies of each, I am fulfilling the promise I made and ask Kateri for her further intercession with our Lord for my beloved Poland.

HE CAME FROM PARIS

(Continued.)



Fr. Remy as seen by our artist

IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, a boy of thirteen years, Louis Fortier, pining away from an incurable disease, was entrusted to the physicians and the Hospitallers of the Hotel Dieu of Montreal. After treatments lasting many days, his condition was no better. His mother, with tears in her eyes, begged Fr. Remy to say a mass so as to obtain the cure of her son

through Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession. The pastor willingly fell in with her request, the medication was successful and the youth was able to return home in perfect health.

Adults, Too

Kateri continued to be partial to the children of Lachine, but she did not restrict her kindnesses to them; she also took care of the adults. Fr. Remy sets before us the long train of those she cured. First of all, in 1683, a woman of twenty years, Madeleine Moisson, who lost her way in the middle of the woods. Through cedar groves, waste lands and bogs, she stomped and stumbled for half a day. She could make out no recognizable landmark anywhere. Suddenly she perceived the distant noise of Sault St. Louis: she remembered the marvels attributed to the Iroquois Virgin and with all her heart she prayed to her. She also promised to have a mass said if she was able to find her bearings. Shortly afterwards she came upon a barren tract opposite the rapids she well knew, at seven or eight kilometers from the spot where she had lost her way. The following day, she gratefully accomplished her vow and her pastor offered a mass for her intentions.

Madeleine was again to meet with Kateri. In 1690, she could not feed her baby and went to the hospital for treatment. Three years later, with another child, the same difficulty occurred again, but

she did not want to fall into the hands of the surgeons once more. She consulted Fr. Remy, who advised her to call upon Kateri Tekakwitha by means of nine Our Fathers a day during nine days. The cure she had reckoned on took place painlessly and she was able to nurse her little one.

During February 1696, she once again had recourse to her celestial friend. Her eldest daughter, Angelica Colmé, was afflicted with cancer. Greatly concerned, her mother asked the pastor to give her some medicine for her daughter. He provided her with vitriol—sulphates—to rub her mouth with. It proved ineffective, and Fr. Remy drew her attention to his favorite “saint,” who was also hers, Kateri Tekakwitha. This time she was to say nine Hail Marys a day during nine days. “For my part,” he said, “I promised to make a memento for her each day at the Sacrifice of the Mass to try to obtain from God her cure through the intercession of His Servant.” He again gave her some vitriol mixed with water in which he had put a pinch of the ashes from Kateri’s clothing. During the first three days, her trouble grew worse and Angelica was obliged to take to bed although her mother had rubbed the inside and outside of her mouth with the precious liquid. The pastor went to see her and found her mouth horribly deformed, but he stressed the necessity of continuing the same treatment and encouraged her to be patient and to put her trust in the virtuous Iroquois girl. Before the end of the novena, the cancer had completely disappeared.

The Gospel relates how the Lord cured a woman suffering from a hemorrhage for many years. Fr. Remy tells how Kateri obtained that the Savior perform the same miracle at Lachine. In 1684, the young wife of Louis Fortin, Catherine Godin or Gaudin known as La Grandeur, had been suffering from hemorrhages for three months. Despite the medical care she received at the Montreal Hôtel Dieu during two months, she came out no better than on entering. Believed incurable, she was sent home without much hope. She had barely returned to Lachine, when she met a Father from the Mission of St. Francis Xavier to whom she told her trouble. He spoke to her of the Lily of the Mohawks, Kateri Tekakwitha, who had died in the odor of holiness, thanks to whom many ailing people had recovered their health. Why didn’t Catherine have a novena made by “Kateri’s band?” She consented willingly to the suggestion, and during these days of prayer, Kateri must have recalled to the Savior His miracle of long ago in Judea. Happy to please His little Servant of the woodland, He deigned to do as much for Catherine Godin, who was only twenty-five years old.

During that same year, the health of Madeleine Bougery, a woman of thirty years, who was tormented by the same illness, was restored. Her neighbor, Michelle Perrin, convinced her that the saintly

Indian might well be useful to her. Quickly, she promised to have a mass offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. Feeling immediate improvement, she soon noticed that the hemorrhages had stopped. Her heart overflowing with gratitude, she hurried to the Iroquois village to attend the Holy Sacrifice according to her word.

Four years marched by like a colonial regiment. Madeleine had not forgotten Kateri Tekakwitha. The pagan Indians began to invade the superior part of the Island of Montreal as the settlers harvested their crops. Madeleine Maupetit, one of her daughters, lived in a house exposed to these attacks. Her mother, who was extremely worried, recalled how she had been cured in 1684 and promised once again to have a mass said if her daughter’s home with its two slopes of peas were spared. God admirably responded to the Mohawk Virgin: except Marie Maupetit’s house and another one where Fr. Remy occasionally offered the Eucharistic Celebration, all the others were burnt; furthermore with the exception of her peas, the assailants destroyed all the harvests. Madeleine Bourgery was faithful to her promise.

In 1693, the following cure so impressed Fr. Remy that he wrote at the end of his account: “*Quod videtur*,” in English “It was seen [by me]”. Andrew Merlot, who had celebrated his fifty-third birthday, was troubled with sore eyes, which made it difficult for him to discern things. He feared to lose his sight completely. The priest gave him some good advice and told him how to make a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha. At the same time he commended him to the Father in heaven at his daily mass through the merits of the young Iroquois girl, who on earth had been plagued with bad eyesight. Merlot was also advised to rub his eyes with water in which earth from Kateri’s tomb and ashes from her clothes had been dissolved. At the end of the novena, Andrew Merlot could see as well as at the age of fifteen. With all his heart, gave thanks to his heavenly oculist.

During the same year, a woman of fifty-five and not sixty-four years as Fr. Remy stated, Michelle Garnier, wife of Simon John Cardinal, was dying of high fever. She asked for Fr. Remy, who heard her confession and, before leaving her bedside, inspired her to pray to “good Kateri.” He left with her some purgative pasties of the clergy, to which he added some earth from the tomb of the virtuous Indian. Michelle did as she was told and was cured.

In 1694, Kateri again proved her affection for the inhabitants of Lachine by intervening for them five times. As for the first one in June, that of Marie Cesire or Cecyre, born Legier, the pastor played an important role. This parishioner of thirty-five years had been pregnant for five or six months and had been a prey to a raging fever since the month of May. The medicine she was given was of no use. Her neighbors, fearing she would die in a short time, had the pastor

come to hear her confession. He gave her absolution and committed her to the heroic Indian, Kateri Tekakwitha. He advised her about a novena to make, a vow to take, a mass to have offered, Hail Marys to be recited, and earth from her tomb to be used as a relic; he also assured her of a special prayer every day at the Holy Sacrifice. After the novena, the fever ceased and Marie began to feel better. At the appointed time she gave birth to a son, whom Fr. Remy baptized on August 10, giving him the name of Francis. One can easily conceive with what piety the happy mother carried out her vow.

Before taking up the series of cures that were to follow in 1694, I want to insert that of Marie Cecyre's daughter of eighteen years, Marie Roy, in 1695. Unable to give birth after three days in labor, the young woman asked her pastor to offer a mass for a happy delivery. Fr. Remy did so and had her sister Catherine tell her to hang a reliquary of Kateri round her neck and to urge her to put her trust in the Servant of God. As soon as she had done this, Marie Roy gave birth to a daughter, whom she called Marie Frances when she was baptized on July 8, 1695. Six days later, the young mother fell deathly sick, and Fr. Remy was called to her bedside. He acted as he usually did in these cases and almost immediately began a novena, said the masses, and prepared cups of water in which he had dissolved ashes from good Kateri's dresses for the patient to partake of. What he had hoped for happened: Marie Roy fully recovered her health.

The following "miracle," as Fr. Remy qualified it, took place without his assistance. On October 28, 1694, Marguerite Picart's stable door fell on her back and hurt her grievously. This woman of approximately twenty-eight years had been pregnant for seven months and, as she feared a premature birth, asked for the assistance of Anne Malteau, one of the midwives of the parish. The mother was truly in danger of losing her child. The midwife, an excellent Christian, suggested as Fr. Remy would have done, that she pray to Kateri Tekakwitha to help her. She accepted the suggestion without hesitation, accomplished all that was to be done, and Kateri blessed her with the birth of her son, James, on June 18, 1695.

Now back to 1694. Marguerite Nicole Plumereau, wife of John Cardinal, and Marie Roy, already mentioned, wife of Andrew Merlot, known as the "Little Laramée," were ill with fever, then widespread, and implored the Indian Maiden to come to their help. They promised to go to her grave to have a mass celebrated. Their prayers were heard, and as many others, they crossed the St. Lawrence to be faithful to their engagement.

During the spring and summer, the parish of the Holy Angels of Lachine benefited by its Indian Protectress. The Iroquois of the Five

Nations had begun to raid the Island of Montreal. To make matters worse, a two months' drought threatened the people of Lachine with famine. Wouldn't Kateri come to their assistance? Trusting in their friend up above, the women and the girls made three consecutive novenas in order to obtain rain and the safeguard of their families, their cattle, and their harvests. One after the other, each woman received Communion at the mass she had requested for these intentions. Already on the second day of the novena, a light rain began to fall; at the end it fell in abundance and the crops were saved. Not a single hostile Indian appeared at Lachine. Fr. Remy remarked: "This year was fertile and abundant. Not one person of this parish was taken or killed. . . , nor were their animals or their grain damaged by their enemies. . ."

The came 1695 with its golden cord of favors. In the month of March, Mary Madeleine Pichard, née Fortin, aged twenty years, could not bear her child. The midwives, once again, acted as Fr. Remy in similar circumstances. "Pray to Kateri!" they said to her. And they had her drink some water sprinkled with ashes from their protectress' clothing and told her to have a novena made at her grave. She did not think all this was sufficient and sent someone to beg the priest to celebrate a Mass for her intentions. While it was being said she gave birth to a daughter, who was happily baptized Marie Louise on March 16.

A woman of twenty-two years, Catherine Angelica Matour, wife of James Lanthier, pregnant for six months, following many weeks of a slow fever, feared a miscarriage like the one she had had the year before. This good Christian called for her pastor to come to hear her confession. After giving her absolution, he urgently advised her to put her trust in Kateri. She did as she was told and the fever disappeared. Without any complications, her child, Catherine, was born on December 23. Three months later, Fr. Remy dropped in at Fort Cuillierier, where the father of the little one worked as a farmer, and the mother informed him that the baby was dying. They had already dedicated her to the Iroquois Maiden. They now asked him to offer holy mass for her recovery. The same day Catherine felt better and the following morning was cured to the great joy of the parents.

Fr. Remy concludes his report on the blessings Kateri showered down on Holy Angels' parish with the cure of Mr. Francis le Gantier, de la Vallée-Ranée,³ an officer in the detachment of the Marine, commander for the king at the fort of the Church of the Holy Angels in Lachine. On his way back from Ville Marie, though perspiring profusely, he called upon his pastor. During their conversation, some soldiers came to tell him that one of the garrison boats had broken

3. Fr. Remy writes "sieur de Rané."

adrift. The commander excused himself for leaving, quickly ran out to the riverside and jumped into the water to recover it. Gripped by the cold of the water and of the air, he suffered a painful colic with constant vomiting.

A Montreal surgeon informed by a soldier of his condition, hurried to his bedside and obliged him to swallow one draught after another. But the disorder redoubled and hiccoughs, which would not stop, came on with the vomiting. Fr. Remy heard the commander's confession and prepared him for Extreme Unction. As he had so often done before for other sick people, he then spoke to him about Kateri Tekakwitha. Would he agree to pray to her? The dying man acquiesced to all his suggestions. He was willing to have a mass said and to have a novena made at the Indian Church on the other side of the St. Lawrence. He also asked the priest to celebrate three masses at the parish church of the Holy Angels and to make a novena to Kateri for his recovery. Fr. Remy insisted that the commander take some water in which he had soaked some cotton batting with ashes from the young Iroquois' clothes. To this, the surgeon added theriac, a confection of hyacinth,⁴ and potable gold⁵! At the end of the novena, despite these empirical remedies, thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession, the good Lord restored the commander's health.

All this took place shortly before Christmas and New Year's Day. With Mademoiselle his wife, as a nobleman's better half was then called, he certainly enjoyed the holidays. They did not forget their friend in heaven. With their devoted pastor and a group of parishioners, they planned to go, if the weather permitted, to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier on April 17, anniversary of the holy death of Kateri Tekakwitha. It can be said without fear of error, that they went on this pilgrimage, their hearts filled with gratitude and their lips overflowing with praise and thanksgiving.

In his masterpiece, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*, Cardinal Newman sets store on "the miracles, providences, graces and favors of the Lord." In the years that followed upon her death, Kateri Tekakwitha obtained from God favors, graces, providences and miracles for those who trustingly invoked her, as one may gather from the above pages.

4. "A concoction made up of hyacinths, sapphires, emeralds, topazes, pearls, corals, goldleaf, hartshorn, amber, musk, etc. It is used to restore one's spirits, to fortify one's heart, to resist the corruption of one's body fluids, and to stop the flux of vomiting." *Dictionnaire universel français et latin*. . . (Trévoux) New Ed., Vol. 3, Paris, 1752.

5. "A concoction prepared by quacks, which is yellow in color, and which people are made to believe is liquid gold to sell it better, though it is certain that gold has no nutritive nor curative value." *Ibid.* Vol. 4.

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

I am enclosing my check for favors I've received through Blessed Kateri's intercession. I've discovered such inner peace! I know she is by my shoulder daily.

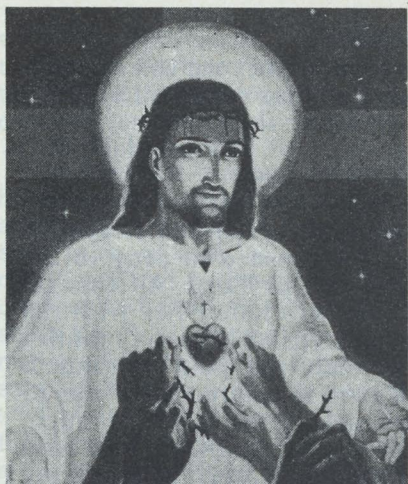
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✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.R.!**

I want to make known what Kateri has done for me and my family in order to increase faith in her and to remind everyone that she intercedes for those who pray to her with fervor. She is very close to Our Lord. All this because I want Holy Mother Church to honor her with the name of "Saint." I had a sore arm for at least six months, I even went to see a healer, but the pain continued. Finally I thought of asking Kateri to intercede for me, to take away the pain which was making me suffer so much, and she really interceded for me, for I now feel no pain whatsoever. Consequently, I thank Kateri with all my heart. I had also counted on her to find a subtenant for my son's rent. She quickly showed how tender she was for those who trust in her. On the last day, I met a subtenant, the kind I wanted. Together we said, "Thank you, Kateri!" He also wanted to find an apartment for himself for this September. I entrusted the Lily of the Mohawks with this intention and my son nearly without any difficulty found a good rent. This time he thanked Kateri before I did. And then he had an attack of paralysis on the right side, but with the help of our protectress, he is now very well, furthermore she helped him very much in successfully passing his exams which had been delayed on account of his sickness. Once again, "Thank you, Kateri." My husband's job is already in the able hands of Blessed Kateri. If he succeeds in overcoming the change decided upon by the employers, I'll let you know, for I am praying confidently. My son obtained a job for the summer, thanks to Kateri who inspired him with the words to say at the right time. Really extraordinary! He was surprised at himself, at what he said without even thinking about it. Kateri did not have any difficulty in speaking in his place. I'm grateful for this marvellous Kateri. I'm sending you one hundred dollars, including the sum for two subscriptions destined to people whose names I am including and a few pictures of the Iroquois Maiden to make her better known. Whatever is left over may be used to further her canonization. I'm closing with a special thank you to Kateri. May she always watch over us and over our children!

(Pointe Bleue, P.Q.)

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



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SHOULD WE PRAY FOR KATERI'S CANONIZATION?

by Paul Legault, S.J.

LET ME BEGIN with the remark that beatifications and canonizations are on the same level, so to speak, for the Church does not introduce a cause without a very serious probability of carrying it through.

Some people say they have qualms about praying for Kateri's beatification, for she is already happy in heaven, whereas so many other souls would make better use of these prayers. One must not forget that the aim of prayer is not so much to reap benefits for one's sake as to succeed in adjusting one's will to the Divine Will, as Jesus did in the Garden, thereby glorifying God in Himself and in His Saints. It is precisely with these intentions in mind that we must "pray for Kateri"; we and the whole world with us must come to see in her the marvels of grace.

Kateri will never "become a saint": she was already a saint before her death, otherwise she could never be recognized as one. Our prayers, which assuage the souls in purgatory, who are not yet pure enough to enter into heaven, are incapable of transforming those already among the elect.

Moreover, the canonization and beatification decrees do not send the person concerned to heaven. They only proclaim the holiness of someone whose life illustrates the value of the evangelical precepts and counsels. These decrees may possibly contribute to the celestial happiness of the saints; however we know nothing about the matter and the Church is silent on this point.

Then again are our prayers able to influence the Church and should they be used to do so for this purpose? The Church may freely proclaim that a given person, because of the perfection of his virtues has observed the divine Commandments and counsels well enough to have already and undoubtedly gained a place in Heaven and thus testified in an outstanding manner to the sanctity of the institutional Church. Unlike a democracy, the Church has no need of the popular vote to decide what is true or false, good or bad, excellent or mediocre. It would not be wise for her, however, to exercise the power of the keys without having first taken public opinion into account, especially that of the most fervent and the most convinced of the faithful. The more we insist in order to obtain a canonization the more we make known the manner of thinking and of feeling of the entire Church and not only of the hierarchy, for Jesus, when He founded his Church on Peter, did not in any way

intend to disparage the other Apostles and disciples. In our times, particularly, when some Catholics complain about the lack of democracy in the Church, would it not be relevant to emphasize this particular and real aspect of public consultation? It is good to remember then that this is a very serious matter resting upon the apostolic succession. Nothing must be resolved abruptly through mere enthusiasm.

Since the so-called developed peoples seem to be taking more and more interest in the rest of the world concerning economical and cultural matters, must it be that "the sons of light" have so much less wisdom than "the sons of darkness" to the point they keep lagging behind and restrict their attention and devotion to those saints who lived in traditionally Christian countries? The other peoples vividly feel the inferiority in which Catholics of European descent have been keeping them for so a long time, without looking down upon them, to be sure, but merely as a result of circumstances. For centuries, we must admit, colonialism has influenced the apostolate too much. Fortunately, the arrival at Vatican II of bishops and delegates of all colors, languages, and cultures, allowed us to realize the urgency of a better and truer equality among the faithful.

With a few fine exceptions, the conquerors of the three Americas were not overly preoccupied about winning the hearts of the Amerindians. Among the many causes proposed to Rome, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's glorification would certainly contribute to dispel many of the resulting misunderstandings among nations and publicize the numerous spiritual contributions of the non-whites. It would favor the Christian way of life among the developing countries, more often than not living in spiritual poverty. It would show that the Spirit blows where it wills and that the humble remain as always the most apt to profit by divine grace, the most capable of understanding and following Kateri.

It is primarily through prayer that Kateri's clients will prove that they admire and love her, that they long to see her honored very specially by the Universal Church. Because of their total submission to the Will of God, their prayer would not disobligingly force the Holy Father to act; indeed, they would be going ahead according to the directives of the Roman Congregation for Saints, whose responsibility it is to examine and promote these causes. Furthermore, the sincerity of our prayers will engage us to imitate the Indian Maiden, who succeeded in fulfilling her role in a prosaic and humble existence, but one hidden in God. To the youth of today, Kateri will show the folly of the present sexual pervasiveness and the possibility in the most difficult situations of sanctifying all love simply by accepting the grace God never denies.

While attesting with our prayers and imitation that we believe in Kateri's holiness and in the possibility of somewhat resembling

her, we shall also proclaim our faith in the human and spiritual, local and universal work of those who, like her, have known how to live according to the Gospel and thus testified to the sanctity of the Church founded by Christ.

I wish to add without any hesitation that this proclamation of Kateri's holiness by the Church would not only allow Christians but also non-believers and fallen-aways throughout the world to understand somewhat better the possibility of virtue under all circumstances, the inner value of a peaceful, simple, and busy life, and the eternal importance of every sacrifice joined with the unique Sacrifice of the Cross.

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

Our Mother's home was on the market for six and a half months. Mom's house was very big—four bedrooms, five bathrooms, den and all the other necessary rooms. In her town and in the surrounding towns, there were one hundred and ninety-two houses for sale with only three selling since January. Most of the other houses were as large and some larger. And with economics getting tighter, interest rates already high, and our need to sell very pressing, we turned to Blessed Kateri upon the suggestion of a friend whose house Kateri also helped sell. We prayed on a Saturday evening, promising Blessed Kateri our continued prayers for her canonization, and Our Lord a donation after the sale as well as for Kateri's Canonization! After several phone calls that same evening with the real estate agent, volleying bids back and forth with a very low bid perspective buyer, the evening ended with my husband increasing the final bid by ten thousand dollars. He felt certain the low bidder was playing games. However, early the next morning the same bidder bought the house at the original low fair price. Alleluia! Thank you, Blessed Kateri. Thank you, my God and my All. Please enroll me in the "Kateri" Guild and send twenty novena cards that I may help spread devotion to her as I promised. (Great Barrington, MA)

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

I asked a favor of Kateri last month and it was granted. My daughter was to drive across the United States with two children and I asked that she have a safe trip. She did. I am enclosing my check for twenty dollars to be used as you see fit. (Huletts Landing, NY)

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