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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 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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3. The Vice-Postulator prays at his daily Mass;
4. The spiritual treasure of the good works of the Society of Jesus is opened;
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THE MARIE TSIAOULENTES ROLL

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✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.L.!

I want to have published a small favor, but to me at the time a big one. I mislaid my car keys and searched everywhere through the house and to no avail. I told Kateri I would have it published if she would help me. Just then my sister from out of town chanced to phone and didn't she suggest the very place outside where I might have left them. And there they were! Kateri came through again. May she soon be canonized!

(Kingston, Ont.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F.T.!

I am sending twenty-five dollars to renew my subscription for one year, with the surplus for our good crops and the accomplishment of getting them harvested and dried successfully.

(Wanatah, IN)

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

Alexandra Mitchell wants to know...



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KATERIGRAM

IN HIS 256th SERMON on the Mystery of Easter, St. Augustine invites all of us, to "*sing to the Lord a new song.*" And he continues, "Well, you say, 'I am singing.' You are singing, certainly you are singing. I hear you. But don't allow your life to bear witness against your tongue. Sing with your voice, sing with your heart, sing with your mouth, sing with your life, sing to the Lord a new song!"

"You want to know his glory to sing it. Your heard, '*Sing to the Lord a new song.*' You want to be aware of His glory? '*His glory is in the assembly of the saints*'" And rat-a-tat-tat, the great Doctor of the Church pulls the curtain, "The glory of the one who is being sung is none other than the singer. You are His glory if you live a godly life."

On Christmas Day 1677, Blessed Kateri made her First Communion. During the following spring, with all her heart she prepared for Easter. According to Fr. Cholenec, "she assisted at all the services of Holy Week. She was so touched by sweetness and consolation that she shed many tears, especially on Good Friday during the sermon on the Passion of Our Lord. Her heart melted at the thought of the suffering of the Divine Savior; she thanked Him a thousand times for it, she adored and kissed His cross with feelings of the most tender gratefulness and the most ardent love. She attached herself to the cross that day with Him, taking the resolution to repeat on her virginal body the mortification of Jesus Christ..."

It is well known that Blessed Kateri never deviated from this line of conduct. Truly a professional singer, she sang her life to the gloriously risen Savior. Never a false note in her love of God and of neighbor. The second bishop of Quebec, His Lordship John Baptist de St. Vallier, as he visited her tomb in the company of Governor-General Marquis de Denonville, praised her, calling her the "Genevieve of Canada." He considered her powerful enough in heaven as a result of her holy life here below to be its protectress, as St. Genevieve of Nanterre was for France across the sea. Canon Louis Ango des Maizerets did not hesitate to call her "the apostle of the Indians."

Let us also praise Christ gloriously resurrected. Let our voices, our hearts, our tongues and especially our lives sing to Christ Our Lord. Blessed Kateri will help us to sing as professional singers.

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.
Vice Postulator

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.J.I!

I am sending a small donation in thanksgiving for my daughter's major surgery. I made a novena to Blessed Kateri and my daughter's surgery was very successful. I am very grateful to Kateri. (Rexton, N.B.)

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

Enclosed you will find a check for fifty dollars, a promise I made to Kateri when my apartment in the house I live in became vacant. I promised her if I got good people I would send a check for that amount. Thank you very much, good Kateri! (Chicopee, MA)

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

Enclosed please find a check for ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping my husband, myself, and our two children find a place to live. We had sold our house in a small town and were planning to move to Calgary where my husband was employed. We were surprised to find that there were very few vacancies and very high rents. We were praying daily that we would find a place to live, but as the time grew nearer and nearer when we must vacate our house, we seemed to have run out of places to look at. We were becoming frantic when my mother lent me a prayer card with a prayer to Blessed Kateri on it and suggested that I start a novena to her. She also lent me a copy of the Kateri magazine so I could read how she was helping others. A week after I began the novena, we suddenly stumbled across a large house with a nice yard and garage that we could afford. I cannot tell you how thrilled and relieved we were when the owner agreed to rent the house to us despite the fact that he didn't seem to care for us too much with out thousands of books, our kids and our dog. There were many other people interested in the place but it is ours now and we are very happy here. Our heartfelt thanks to Blessed Kateri! (Calgary, Alta.)

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

Blessed Kateri has answered my prayers, I had a successful operation. I was afraid I had cancer, but I'm feeling fine and well again. Blessed Kateri has answered many of my prayers, but this is the first time I have acknowledged one in writing. Here's a check for fifteen dollars in thanksgiving. (Pittsburgh, PA)

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



THE RESURRECTION

Pen-and-ink drawing by Alicia Tello of an altarpiece dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary at the Barcelona Cathedral in Spain. Baroque high relief carved by Augusti Pujol (1619).

THE BARCELONA CATHEDRAL was already consecrated to the Holy Cross in 599. It was practically destroyed by Al-Mansur in 1046. Count Raimon Berenguer the Elder, of Barcelona, and his wife, Countess Almodis, began the construction of a new cathedral. . . which in turn was replaced in 1298 and completed only in 1913.

On the walls of the baptistery, above the door leading to the sacristy, an inscription recalls the memory of the baptism in April 1493 of six "Indiani ex America," brought back by Christopher Columbus as proof of his discovery of the New World.

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from October 1, 1982 to January 31, 1983:

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Employment Found or Kept	35
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Safe Pregnancies	5
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Successful or Averted Operations	22
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Houses Sold or Bought	10
Happy Deaths	3
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TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Mrs. Steve Baranky, Calgary, Alta., 26; Miss Régina Sauvé, Montreal, Que., 43; Miss Regina Coleman, Cleveland, OH, 50; C.N. D. Sisters, Montreal, Que., 50; Mr. and Mrs. Chet Adams, Northville,

MI, 200; Sr. Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., St. Regis, Que., 197; Sr. Marcella O'Donnell, S.S.M.N., Buffalo, NY, 140; Mrs. Madeleine Roy, St. Hubert, Que., 103; Sr. Saint Pascal, Trois-Rivières, Que., 50; Sr. Berthe Bernatchez, C.N.D., Pointe Claire, Que., 30; Mrs. Honoré Fournier, Pont La France, N.B., 27.

THE OJIBWAYS AND KATERI



Members of the Blessed Kateri Music Ministry from the Ojibway settlements of Northern Ontario travelled to St. Regis and Kahnawake in mid-September to lead an evening of song praise for the Catholic Mohawk people in each location.

Rev. Mr. Murray Sayers, the first married deacon among the Ojibways, and his wife, Betsy, founded the prayer group after they had travelled to Rome along with their two sons to represent their parish in Batchawana, Ont. at the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha. According to Murray's own testimony very few of his people had heard of the saintly Mohawk Maiden prior to the news that the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, had decided to pronounce her a Blessed. On their return from Rome, the Murray couple were prompted to start a prayer group among their people

to make Blessed Kateri better known and to enlist her intercession in a ministry of healing.

Among the twenty-three members of the group who came on the tour were four new candidates for the diaconate among the Ojibway people: Richard Sayers of Iron Bridge, Lawrence Andrews of Birch Island, Dominic Eshkabogan of Massey, and Dennis Thaura of Val Caron.

Their association with the two Mohawk Communities came as a result of the marriage of one of their Ojibway brothers, Ron Boyer to a Mohawk girl from Kahnawake, Sheila Boyer.

Edward Wawia
Nipigon, Ontario

GOOD-BYE AND WELCOME!



Frs. Gerard Lavigne, S.J., Robert L. Fleig, S.J., and Thomas F. Egan, S.J.

On October 3, 1982, a Solemn Mass and dinner were offered in honor of Fr. Gérard Lavigne, S.J., who for four years had devoted himself with heart and soul to his flock at the Iroquois Mission of St. Francis Regis, Akwesasne, P.Q. Open heart surgery was the cause

of his definitive departure, which almost broke his heart anew. He loved his Iroquois parishioners and they loved him. He worked hard and earnestly, ably continuing Fr. Michael Jacobs' efforts over the years. The people were not afraid of his big voice for they had quickly discovered the heart of gold it hid. One of the pleasant highlights of his pastorate was his trip to Rome with over 40 parishioners for the Beatification of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. His successor, Fr. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., quickly assured him that as Pastor Emeritus he would always be welcome at Akwesasne.

The Eucharistic Celebration and dinner were not only in honor of Fr. Lavigne but also of the new Pastor and his Assistant, Frs. Thomas F. Egan and Robert L. Fleig, S.J. In the course of time, before coming to St. Regis, they had made friends among the people. Fr. Egan had been the Martyrs' Shrine Director at Auriesville for fourteen years and Fr. Fleig had worked with him before being appointed Treasurer of the Manresa Retreat House on Staten Island. At Auriesville on Indian day each September, and in their many visits to Akwesasne, they got to know and esteem the Indians of what is now their parish. Needless to say, the French Canadian Province of the Society of Jesus is delighted to have the cooperation of these two first-class men in the international St. Regis Mission. I still remember a few words of Latin, so I'm parading them on this occasion: **Ad multos et faustissimos annos!** Many happy years at Akwesasne!

KATERI AWARDS



PHOTO ANNE SCHEUERMAN

Rev. John Doolan, S.J.; Very Rev. William Cogan, S.J., Rector; Henri Béchard, S.J.; Robert J. Boyle, S.J.; Shrine Director; Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, P.D.

Liturgy at the Martyrs' Shrine
Auriesville, N.Y.

Along with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adach of Gloversville, N.Y., instructors in the city's public schools; Mrs. Peg Bova, Indian Mohawk of Syracuse, N.Y., who chaired the North Eastern Sectional Tekakwitha Conference in Syracuse N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Janeski of Amsterdam, N.Y., ardent promoters of Blessed Kateri; and Mrs. Cathie Ozug, also of Amsterdam, who produced "Godspell" two years ago for the benefit of the Tekakwitha League; Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J., Vice Postulator for the Lily of the Mohawks in Canada, received the Kateri Award at the Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y., birthplace of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The plaques were blessed by Msgr. Paul Lenz, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., and presented by Shrine Director Fr. Robert Boyle, S.J., to the awardees at the 4 p.m. liturgy, Saturday, October 16, 1982. Dinner was then served at the beautiful

Shrine Cafeteria, followed by the stage production "Brigadoon," played by the members of the Sir William Johnson Lyric Theater of Johnstown, N.Y. To Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., Blessed Kateri's devoted Vice Postulator in the U.S.A., Fr. Béchard is deeply appreciative of the honor done to him on the occasion of his 50 years as a Jesuit.

ON CAPE COD

At the suggestion of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Wolf, on November 13 and 14, Rev. John F. Sullivan, SS. CC., Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, West Harwich, MA, invited the Vice Postulator, Fr. Béchard, to speak of Blessed Kateri at the weekend liturgies. The main subject to be treated was the need of prayers to obtain the canonization of the Lily of the Mohawks. Fr. Béchard hopes the Fathers of Holy Trinity and their parishioners were as pleased with him as he was with them.

NEW ALTAR AT KAHNAWAKE



On December 2, 1982, two dear

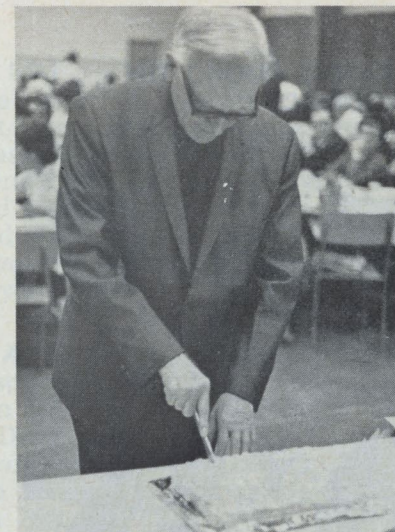
friends of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. O'Brien, saw a dream of theirs realized: a new altar was set up in the mission church of St. Francis Xavier at Kahnawake, P.Q. It had taken some time before their project became a reality. Now the altar is finally in place, a beautiful tribute to Our Lord and to the Lily of the Mohawks.

It was prepared under the direction of Mr. Paul Aiello by the Sebastiano Aiello Co. of Montreal, the same firm that prepared the Carrara marble tomb of the Beata to cover the cost of which Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien had also contributed. The altar is simple and clear-cut as it should be and of sturdy pine. Wood was requested as the high altar and the two side altars are also of pine.

The Hoii Sacrifice will be offered on it for years to come close by the sacred remains of Blessed Kateri. The Pastor and the Assistants as well as the faithful of St. Francis Xavier's are deeply grateful to the generous donors. So is the Vice-Postulator, who for many years has been helped in difficult circumstances by these longtime friends from Pepper Pike, Ohio. His constant prayer for them is that Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha will keep on watching over them and their fine family "down the nights and down the days and down the arches of the years..."

GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Vice-Postulator's Indian friends celebrated his Jubilee of



Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J.

religious life at Kahnawake, P.Q., on November 23, 1982, and at Akwesasne or St. Regis on January 23, 1983. See pp. 25 and 30.

MASS STIPENDS

Since January 1981, Mass stipends in the archdiocese of Montreal and the suffragan dioceses are either \$3.00 or \$10.00.

IN BARCELONA

In Barcelona, following Blessed Kateri's beatification in 1980, the Spanish editors of the *Diccionario Enciclopedia Salvat Universal* wrote her up in its new 1981 edition. There you have a publication well abreast of the times!

**A FEW HUNDRED FIRST
DAY COVERS OF THE
KATERI TEKAKWITHA STAMP
REMAIN: \$1.50 EACH.**

KATERI AMONG THE MICMACS



PHOTO THE JOURNAL PIONEER

Fr. Thomas F. Egan and Mr. John J. Stark

On January 7, 8, and 9, Fr. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., formerly Director of the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, N.Y., and now Pastor of the international Iroquois Mission of St. Regis, P.Q., promoted devotion to Blessed Kateri among the Micmacs of Prince Edward Island at the request of Mr. John Joe Sark. Don't miss the captivating story of his stay among them in the June issue of **Kateri**.

Happy Easter

to all Kateri Readers!

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

Last summer my husband and I had the pleasure of going to Ironbridge, Ont. for the Kateri Prayer Days. What a marvelous ministry the Kateri Musical Group are doing through their music. May our Lord be always with them! We have lived here for four years. My husband is from Wikwemikong, Ont. and I'm from Meander River, Alta. Needless to say, there are not many North American Indians here or anywhere in Europe. I've met one girl from Sturgeon Lake, Alta., who was married to a Suede. Enclosed you will find thirty dollars. Our Church Group has asked me to give a talk on Kateri's life story. I really don't have any information. Please send me a book on her life, small pictures of her, and two large ones. Last summer I bought fifty. I've sent them everywhere. We will promote this beautiful soul. Please offer a mass there for my family and for more native priests and religious.

(Aberdeen, Scotland)

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

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

A year and a half ago, I had a serious operation. A friend gave me a Kateri Medal to wear and I said the novena. My prayers have been answered. I am well and I still continue to say the novena and wear her medal. I am a very grateful person and I wish to have masses said in thanksgiving. The enclosed check is to be used for them. I visited your shine in Canada and hope to do so again. My husband and I say the prayer for her canonization.

(Cleveland, OH)

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

Now I realize why I was spared by Our Great Good Lord in 1981. The operation on R.'s eye with 10% vision requires so much attention. Drops fourteen times a day, now to four times, are doing wonderfully well. Dr. V. at Hotel Dieu is very pleased with her, so far as healing is concerned. He did promise a 75% vision!! Imagine, Father, she had been diagnosed for complete blindness by her 60th year. God knows best! The help of Our Beloved Kateri, Our Lady of Lourdes and your intentions, Father, at your masses, are responsible for all this! Glory be to God. Of course it's a long procedure, R. won't be going back to nursing till the end of January 1983, but she draws 70% of her salary and is doing well. . .

(La Salle, Que.)

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

I am enclosing a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri. My daughter just started college in September. When she came home for a fall recess she was very sick. She had a very high fever, sore throat, cough, etc. She had to see the doctor several times before he gave her permission to return to school. I prayed very hard to Kateri to please help her to get well. Fortunately, she only lost three days of classes and when she went back to the doctor for a checkup last week, he said she was doing fine. I am grateful to Kateri for answering my prayers.

(Baltimore, MD)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. M.R.!**

Offering in gratitude to Kateri for a safe trip during the summer months and for numerous little favors here and there. I love Kateri! She seems to be so sensitive to all my needs—be they great or small. Thanks and may Kateri keep you with us for many more years! (Montreal, Que.)

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

KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Bryan O'Reilly, S.J.

Some thirty years ago, as a scholastic in Philosophy, I tried to write an article for the Jesuit Mission Magazine on the North American Martyrs—Frenchmen who had come to convert the Indian tribes in the 1600 or something era. But I really wasn't much good at writing. I had left school at fourteen and worked in a war factory in London. As the war '39-'45 ended I was called up into military service for three years. Over two of those years were spent in the Occupation Force in Germany.

I was twenty-three years old when I entered the Jesuit Novitiate. And at twenty-five was completely lost in the jungle of Philosophy. I was only too glad to escape into the woodland lives of the Mohawk Indians. It was there I came across a young Indian girl with a strange name that I could never remember but could recognise when I heard it—Tekakwitha. I remembered something about her travelling a long distance in an Indian canoe. She couldn't read or write but was very holy. I rather liked her. As I stared at the strange books on Philosophy with their infuriating terminology I reckoned I couldn't read either and when I tried to write my article on those French Jesuits in North America I realised that though I had a thousand thoughts in my mind, I just couldn't write them down. But worse still, I was *not* holy.

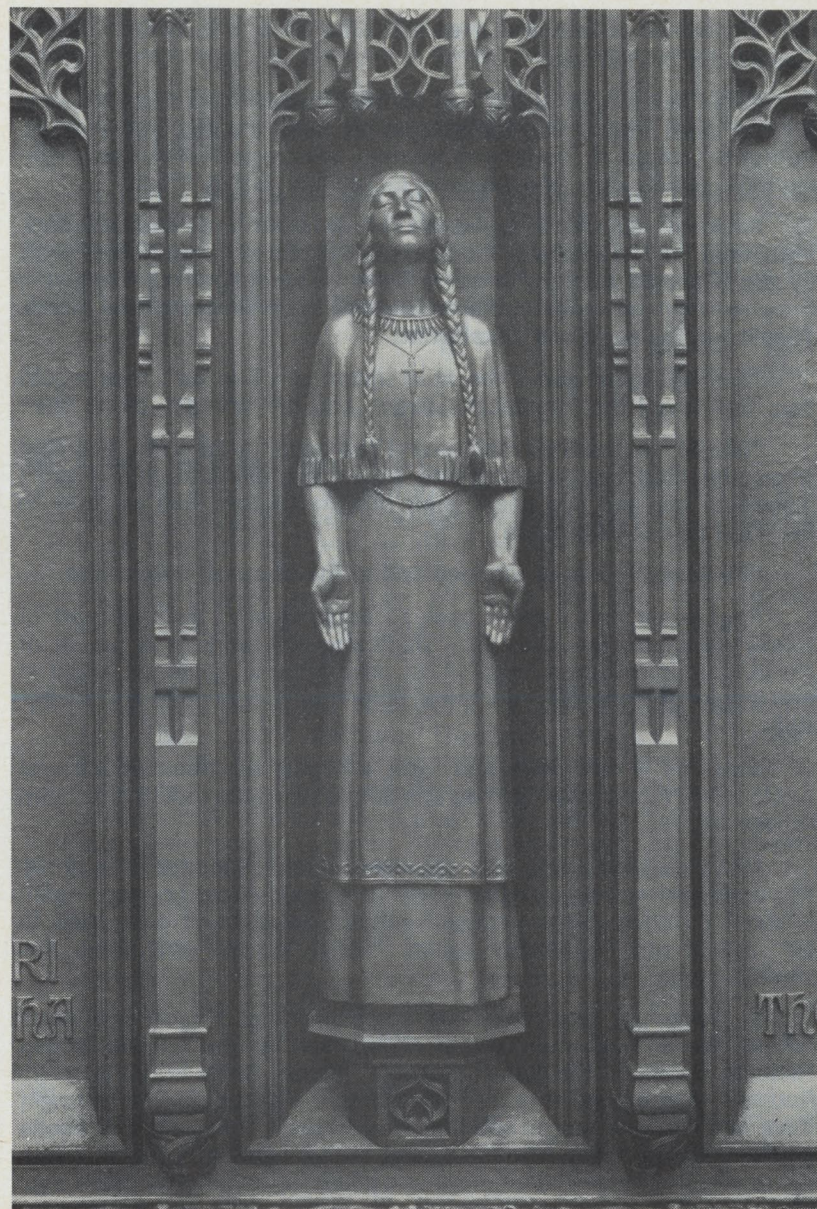
I nearly left the Society of Jesus.

But the good Lord has His own ways. Little did I realise that ten years later I would be travelling the rivers of South America in an Indian canoe.

On the borders of Venezuela I worked with the Amerindians. Along the Barima River in Guyana I had to visit a little wooden hut school on the riverside. Its name "Tekakwitha". And the daughter of the Arawak Indian teacher was called "Tekakwitha".

"Do you know who Tekakwitha was?" I asked Tekakwitha.

"She was an Indian like me. She had brown skin like me. She was very, very, very holy. And she died when she was young and went to Heaven and that's enough for me", said Tekakwitha.



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Statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
on the Great Bronze Doors
of St. Patrick's Cathedral
New York City

I guess in a way that was the start of a friendship with the Tekakwitha in Heaven.

Some years later at the end of 1965 in New York I got to know a little more about her. In fact, on or near the big doors of St. Patrick's Cathedral, there was a small bronze statue of the young Mohawk Indian girl. She became more than just a friend.

Back in Guyana I found myself working with the Macushi, Patamona, and Wapishana Indians. On the banks of the Takatu river by the Brazilian border I used to sit on a moonlight night with the browned skinned Indian children and tell them stories of the saints. They loved to hear about Tekakwitha.

"Tell us again about the little Indian girl like us", they would beg. She loved the forests, the rivers, and the animals, didn't she?

"She loved Jesus so much—and she gave her heart to Him. And when she died her face became so wonderfully beautiful. People prayed to her and she heard their prayers. Father, can we pray to her? Tell us her story again."

In a way I've never stopped telling the story of Tekakwitha.

Four years ago I came back to England after the best part of twenty years on the Mission. I dedicated my work in a parish of North London to Kateri Tekakwitha, asking her to guide me aright in the jungle of concrete and brick buildings. I continued to tell her story.

Two and a half years ago I got a mighty big heart attack and nearly died. Funny how I turned specially to my little Indian girl friend in Heaven.

Nearly a year ago I was appointed Jesuit Superior of a group of parish and college Jesuits working in South-West London. Again I asked Kateri to be my special helper and guide. I even tried to get one of our residences called "Kateri House"—but there lies another story.

In December last year I did something that I had never done before. Me a 'bush man' got a photo pass for the famous British Reading Rooms in the British Museum. "Gosh! Reilly in the Reading Rooms—what's gone wrong?" said some. I disappeared on different days and became lost in reading about Kateri Tekakwitha in books you just couldn't get. Though sitting in the heart of London, I was living miles away and in an era that existed three hundred years ago.

I almost heard the words of my Jesuit brother priests, Frs Cholenec and Cauchetière who had been with Kateri when she died and her face became so beautiful. I found out something about some

of her friends. The story of this young Indian girl was taking on a greater depth and her life held a deeper meaning for me.

Over the Christmastide, I was to talk to four different groups of Sisters about Kateri. They were somewhat fascinated by the young Iroquois Virgin.

God speaks to us through the lives of people and I feel He has something very special to say to us through the life of Kateri Tekakwitha. Anyway I'll continue to talk to her and talk about her. I was even wondering if I could write an article about her in the Jesuit Missions Magazine. Maybe one day I will.

23rd January 1983
Wimbledon, London

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

First of all, congratulations on the 50th anniversary of your entering the Jesuit Order in Montreal! The Lord has been good to you and to all of us who have shared in all your good works! My sister and I continue to pray to Blessed Kateri each day, not only for her help in our needs but also for her canonization, which we hope shall come soon. Kateri has continued to protect us at all times. Just recently, she listened to our urgent plea, when my sister had to go for X-rays for a condition which could have been very serious. However, thanks to Blessed Kateri, the X-rays were negative, and we were so relieved and happy. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to turn to someone so close to God and really feel her strength. We are all sure that it won't be long when we will be praying to "Saint Kateri", as we are already now doing. We are enclosing a donation for the work which is going on at the Center. We love the Center and go every year to visit the beautiful Kateri Shrine at the Church. (Ten dollars for subscriptions listed). We pray not only for Kateri's canonization, for sainthood, but also for your health. Many thanks to Blessed Kateri. (Williamstown, MA)

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

Enclosed please find a check for the sum of five dollars. I wish it could be more. I promised I would send money after prayers to Kateri if my son-in-law was able to find work—he did. I pray to her every day for her Canonization. (Noranda, Que.)

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

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

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of fifty dollars in gratitude for work found for my two daughters. Once again I am begging Kateri to find work for my daughter who is in college. I pray that Kateri will answer my prayers soon.
(Grand Rapids, MI)

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

J.D., our daughter-in-law, was stricken with illness in May 1981. She hemorrhaged so badly from the bowels she was clinically dead for three hours, was unconscious for three days. While unconscious she would utter, "Oh! God don't let me die, my family needs me." She had cobalt treatment in October and November of 1981 and in June of 1982 she had a colostomy and left the hospital in March. Her Dr. gave her three months to live, but didn't tell her, as she didn't ask him. She was so sure she would recover. A large tumor was in the colon area which resulted in her having to lie down most of the time. In April I visited her and gave her a relic of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and asked her to pray for a cure, she often put the relic on the tumor and prayed. In September 1982, she went to her Dr. for a checkup: the tumor had almost disappeared, her glands were back to normal and her eyesight almost perfect, (she had lost her eyesight in May following the hemorrhaging). It is gradually returning to normal. I saw her again in October 1982 before she went into the hospital for treatment of her spine. She responded well to the treatment and it left no paralysis of her legs as it mostly does. I have prayed to Blessed Kateri daily for her and continue to pray for a cure for her. She wants so much to be with her family. Three girls, 17, 15, and 10 years. We ask your prayers for her recovery.

(Bloomfield, P.E.I.)

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

Three years ago I prayed and asked Kateri's help to sell my home and purchase a suitable one to replace it. Kateri answered my prayers. Today I'm enclosing a check for ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping a friend sell her home. The home was practically sold and a snag developed. Thanks to Kateri the problem was resolved, and the house sold. Kateri has been so good to us. I wish that Kateri could have been the first American Saint but in the long run it really doesn't matter, a Saint is a Saint.

(Lowell, MA)

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

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

Blessed Kateri has been helping us in many ways. Last month, all of a sudden, we decided to go to Hawaii on a couple of weeks' vacation. We had not made any arrangements for accommodations, etc. Before we left, I prayed to Blessed Kateri to help us get good accommodations and a Church nearby. We were really taken by surprise when on landing in Hawaii (Waikiki), we managed to get a beautiful condominium apartment and St. Augustine's R.C. Church just a few steps way from our building! Because Kateri interceded for us to Jesus and Mary, my husband and I were able to attend mass every morning and also participate in other devotions like prayers to St. Jude (they have his Shrine there) and novenas to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This kind of thing never happened to us before, when we went holidaying in other islands. Am enclosing a further donation of twenty-five dollars towards the Cause of Blessed Kateri. In your prayers please remember my daughter-in-law who's scheduled for open-heart surgery on the 19th of next month. She has been a wonderful wife and a mother to her children, a nine-year-old girl and a six-year-old boy. (Don Mills, Ont.)

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

My husband was seriously ill and in a coma. He could not get better so I prayed to Kateri on the eve of her beatification to ask God to take him if it was His will. The morning of her beatification my husband died quite peacefully. I really do have faith in her prayers. Thank you Father, and please pray for my special intention.

(Albany, NY)

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

My dear Kateri came through again. Our son was out of work for less than a month and was offered a job with the Power and Water Co. in his town. In this day of high unemployment this has got to be Kateri working. I am enclosing a check for ten dollars. God bless you.

(Chicago, IL)

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

Just a small donation for a favor received: we got the O.K. for the house we wanted to buy. Please say a special prayer to Blessed Kateri that I feel better. I visited her tomb several years ago and hope that I will be able to come again.

(Bronx, NY)

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PHOTOS BY PAUL HAMEL, S.J.

Bishop Andre Cimichella, O.S.M., Auxiliary of Montreal and responsible for the Causes of the Founders of the Canadian Church, was the Main Celebrant at the Jubilee Mass. To his left, Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor of Kahnawake; to his right, Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J.

TO THE ORGANIZERS OF AND THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT KAHNAWAKE

WHEN ALBERT¹ first informed me of your plans to honor me on November 28, on the occasion of My Golden Jubilee of religious life, I realized that in doing this you were really honoring Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, so I gladly consented.

I well know all the hard work that went into the planning and carrying out of your design and the resulting success at church and at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Everything went off perfectly well; not a single hitch anywhere. Both Bishop Cimichella and Bishop Hubert were quite pleased. Despite their heavy schedules, their Excellencies took time out to grace this celebration with their presence. It is now fitting for me to thank them and I'm happy to do so. I only wish I had the right words to do so more appropriately.

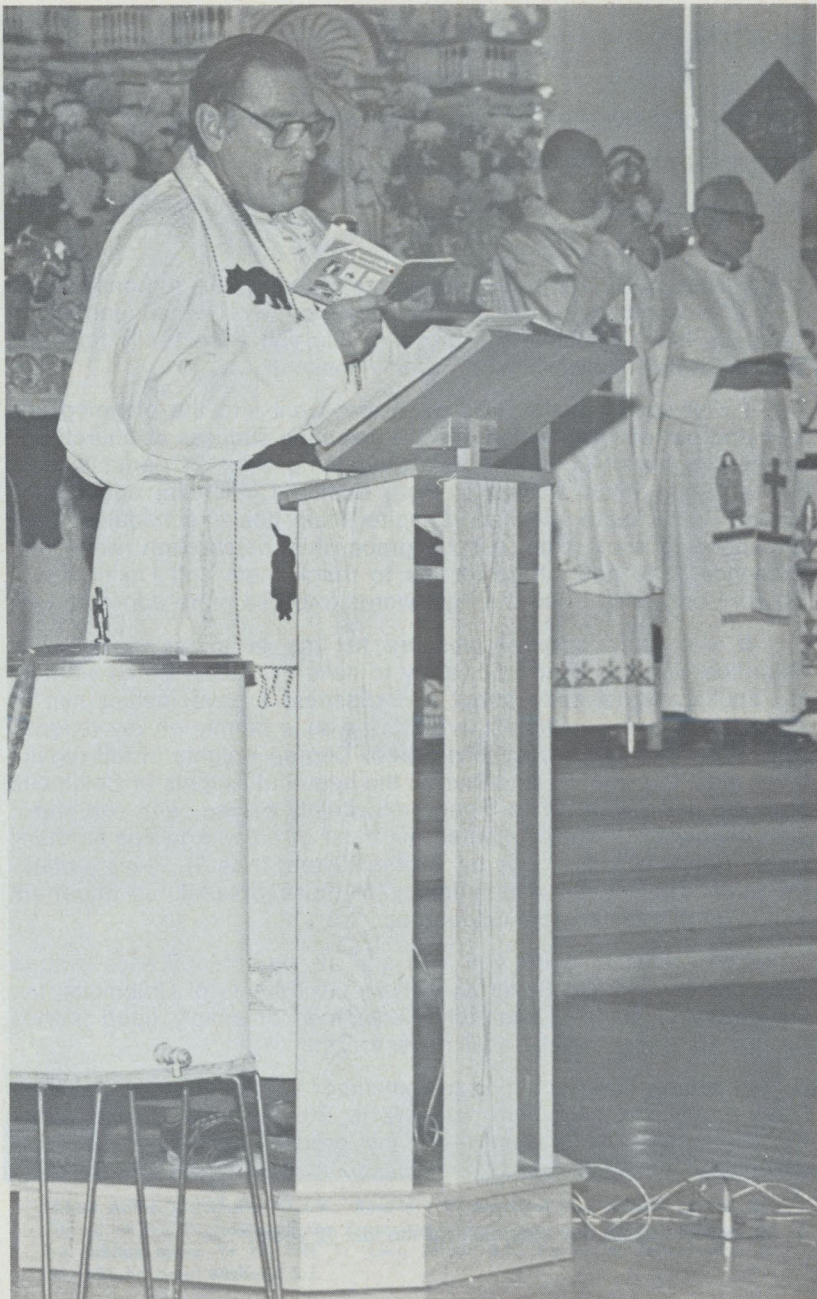
It was truly a great pleasure for me to assist at the Holy Sacrifice with you. And what a joy to have Fr. Albert Burns with us! He spoke very warmly about my qualities; I have invited him to come back and complete the picture with a homily on my defects. The Choir was at its best. The Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia were most impressive. And then at the beautiful Knights of Columbus Hall, we partook of a fine dinner, excellently served, with soft music and candlelight! What delighted me most of all was to see so many good friends of years gone by. Brother Girard from St. Regis remarked upon the warmth and intimacy of those present, an important aspect of this remarkable celebration.

I now want to thank you, one and all, particularly Miss Brenda Rice and Mr. Ronald Boyer as well as the Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Isabella, the Holy Name men or simply good friends for this great day, which I shall never forget.

In return, I will continue to remember you, one and all, at Holy Mass every day and in my prayers to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. To you and to your dear ones, my grateful and prayerful good wishes!

H. B., S.J.

1. Mr. Albert Lazare, my secretary for the last 32 years.



Fr. Lajoie welcomes Kateri's friends.



Fr. Albert Burns, S.J., from Markstay, Ont., was the homilist. Seated close by are Frs. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., Robert L. Fleig, S.J., and Ernest Richer, S.J., Fr. Provincial's replacement.



All present listen attentively.



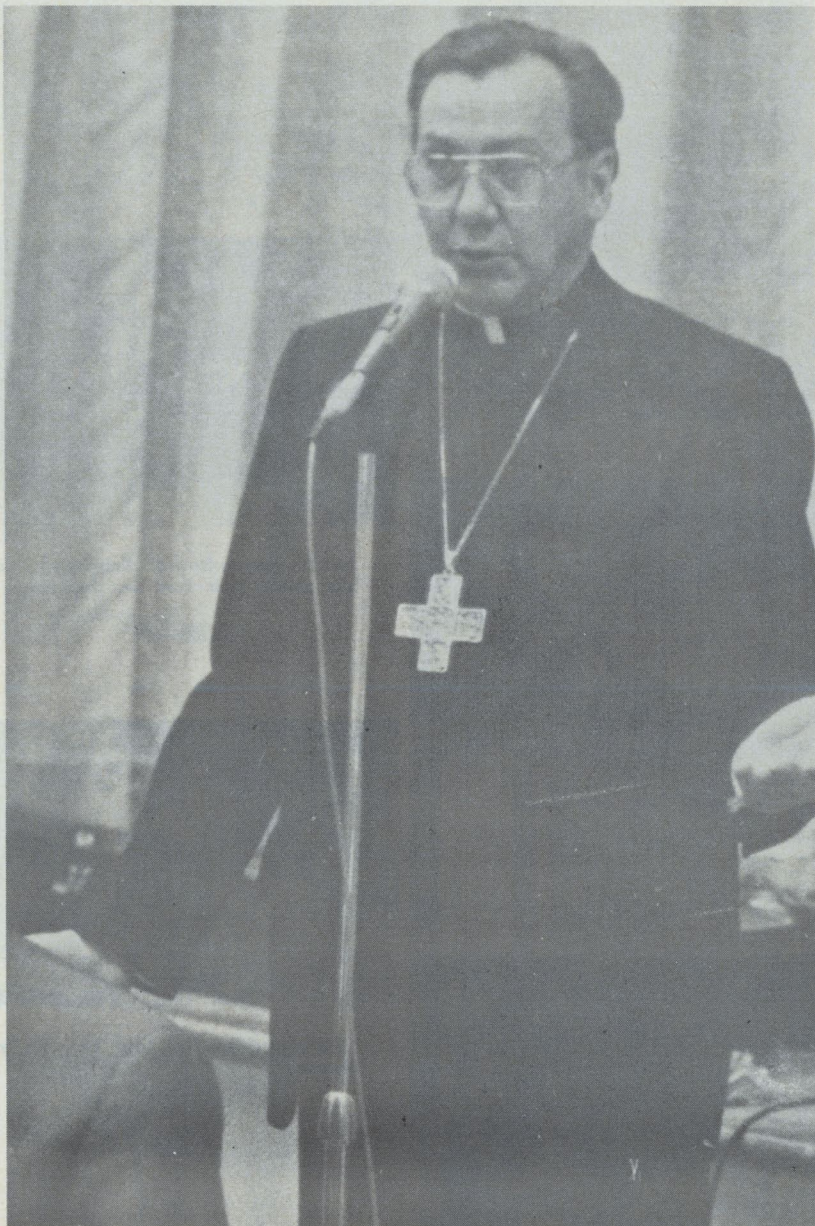
Frs. Albert Burns, S.J., and Thomas Egan, S.J., Rev. Murray Sayers, permanent Ojibway deacon, Frs. Paul Chartiez, S.J., Léon Lajoie, S.J., Bishop Cimichella, O.S.M., Henri Béchar, S.J., Ernest Richer, S.J., Robert Fleig, S.J., and Paul Emile Beaudoin, S.J.



Fourth Degree Iroquois Knights of Columbus salute their Lord on the altar.



"The peace of the Lord be with you always!"



Bishop Bernard Hubert of St. Jean de Quebec, ardent devotee of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, congratulates the Vice Postulator.



The Kahnawake Knights of Columbus Hall on November 23.



The toast at the head table: Mr. and Mrs. Richard White, Frs. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., Léon Lajoie, S.J., Henri Béchard, S.J., Bishop Bernard Hubert of St. Jean de Quebec, Frs. Ernest Richer, S.J., Paul Chartiez, S.J., Albert Burns, S.J., Bro. Bertrand Girard, S.J.



Ojibway friends rejoice with the Mohawks: Mrs. Gladys Eshkabogan, Mrs. Phyllis and Mr. Richard Sayers, Mr. Dominic Eshkabogan. At the microphone, Mr. Ronald Boyer.



Sr. Dorothy Lazore, S.S.A., teacher of Iroquois linguistics at Kahnawake, offers a symbolic representation of his vocation to the jubilarian.



The jubilarian expresses his thanks to Blessed Kateri's friends, his friends, too.

TO THE ORGANIZERS AND THE PARTICIPANTS IN
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
AT ST. REGIS

CHRISTMAS EVE and Christmas Day, I was privileged to spend at the Iroquois Mission of St. Regis. Before I returned to Montreal, Fr. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., your new pastor, invited me to celebrate my Golden Jubilee as a Jesuit with you on Sunday, January 23. I gladly agreed as I had at Kahnawake and for the same reason: it would truly be a festival in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

On Saturday afternoon, January 22, with Fr. Gérard Lavigne, S.J., Pastor Emeritus of St. Regis, at 1 p.m. I took the train at the Central Station in Montreal for Cornwall, Ont. where Bro. Bertrand Girard was waiting for us. One must cross the Cornwall-Massina Bridge and pass through New York State to enter Canada and reach the Mission Church. In Hogansburg, N.Y., we stopped at the parish hall, where a preparatory meeting was being held for the May Eastern Regional Tekakwitha Conference.

Participating were Fr. Egan and Fr. Robert L. Fleig, S.J., who welcomed us; Sr. Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., Chairperson; Sr. Kathleen Navarra, S.S.J., Sr. Mary Wilfred Tremblay, S.S.A., the Mrs. Elaine Ransom, Ruth Papineau, Josephine Angus, Mary Garrow, and Mr. Alex Mitchell of St. Regis; Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor at St. Francis Xavier, and Sr. Roseline Gagné from Kahnawake; Mr. and Mrs. Art Bova from Syracuse, and Mrs. Sarah Monroe Hassenplug from Liverpool, N.Y.

After dinner prepared and served by Brother Girard at the historic rectory, at 7 p.m., I concelebrated with Fr. Lavigne at the anticipated Mass, with Fr. Fleig as main celebrant and homilist. Before the final blessing, I briefly spoke on Blessed Kateri as "protectress and model of Kahnawake and Akwesasne¹." In the beautifully decorated sanctuary, stood a statue of Blessed Kateri in a woodland setting, the work of the Mrs. Marie Mitchell and Glenda and Lily Benedict.

On Sunday morning, at 8:30 a.m., Fr. Egan was the principal celebrant and homilist at Mass. I summed up Blessed Kateri's meaning for St. Regis at the end of the Eucharist.

1. Where-the-partridge-drums.



Frs. Gérard Lavigne, S.J.,
Thomas F. Egan, S.J., and
Henri Béchar, S.J.

Bishop Robert Lebel of Valleyfield and Bishop Eugene P. Laroque of Alexandria-Cornwall would have come had they not already been engaged. They sent in warm letters of congratulations. Bishop Stanislaus Brzana of Ogdensburg phoned instead for fear a letter would not arrive in time. Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., Blessed Kateri's Vice-Postulator in the United States, and Fr. John Doolan, S.J., both from Auriesville, N.Y., also forwarded their fraternal felicitations.

During the forenoon Fr. Paul Emile Beaudoin, S.J., arrived from Kahnawake, delegated by the Very Rev. Fr. Bernard Carrière, S.J., Provincial, who was attending a three-day reunion of the Canadian Religious Conference, and by Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., who was taking care of the religious services at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. About the same time, undeterred by the icy roads to the south, Fr. Robert J. Boyle, S.J., Director of the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, N.Y., reached St. Regis in time for the 11 a.m. liturgy. With them and Frs. Egan, Fleig, and Lavigne, I offered the Holy Sacrifice.

Music during the Eucharistic Celebration was supplied by the Akwesasne Singers and Dancers led by Sr. Kateri assisted by Guitarist Pat Sunday. The first reading of the liturgy of the Word was done by Mrs. Ruth Papineau; the responsorial psalm, by Todd Papineau, Todd's father and Ruth's son. For the gospel procession, Mr. David Wood bore the Book of the Gospels accompanied by the Misses April Lazore and Tira Benedict. Fr. Egan read the Gospel and gave the homily. During the prayer of the faithful, Mrs. Marjorie King and her son Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell, Mrs. Agnes Lazore and her daughter Maureen, Mrs. Dorothy Jacobs and Miss Lillian Herne acted as bearers of gifts. Before the final blessing, Sr.

Kateri Mitchell, and Sr. Kathleen Navarra offered an audiovisual presentation on Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The recessional was sung in Iroquois (words by Miss Elizabeth Francis and Sr. Kateri).

Fr. Clarence M. Devan of St. Joseph's in Bombay, N.Y., and Fr. Roland B. Menard of St. Mary's of the Fort, Fort Covington, N.Y., after offering the Holy Sacrifice in their own parishes, were able to attend most of the Eucharistic Celebration at St. Regis, before joining the parishioners who were all invited to dinner at Kateri Hall in Hogansburg, N.Y.

The hall was tastefully decorated. One of the most artistic centerpieces you could wish for graced the head table. Three eye-catching cakes accompanied it. Behind, on the wall hung a banner of striking beauty with Kateri modeled on her image at St. Patrick's cathedral in New York City, the work of the Mrs. Marie Mitchell, and Glenda and Lily Benedict. The food, including Indian delicacies, prepared by the Kitchen Toilers² of the Altar and Rosary Society, was fit for the most fastidious gourmets.

The very able Program Coordinator was Fr. Fleig; the M.C., Mr. Harry Pyke. For the Akwesasne Singers and Dancers, Mrs. Agnes Lazore presented me with a hand-carved rosary with Mohawk motifs on the beads; Dr. Solomon Cook, Senior Chief on the American side of the Reserve, offered a ribbon Indian shirt in the name of the parishioners; Chief Billy Sunday, a fine bone collar with a beaded wolf pendant in the name of the Canadian Band Council.

The afternoon continued with square dances. The musicians Mr. John White, electric guitarist, and Mr. Joseph Jacobs, violinist, set the couples into motion. The Caller was none other than Mr. Mose McDonald, President of the Parish Council. Miss Kateri Pyke ended the festivities by tap-dancing her way into the hearts of all.

And now my heartfelt thank you to all of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's sisters and brothers here at St. Regis. As I have been doing for many years, I will keep on including you daily in my intentions at the Eucharistic Celebration and in my prayers to the Lily of the Mohawks.

H. B., S.J.

2. Mrs. Margaret Montour, President; Mrs. Nancy Terrance, Vice-President; Mrs. Margaret Tarbell, Treasurer; the Mrs. Josephine Angus, Agnes Lazore, Louise Cook, Elaine Ransom, Charlotte Tarbell, Mae Betters, Inez Bigtree, Mary Thomas, Mary Mitchell, and the Misses Dorothy Phillips and Maureen Lazore, assisted by the Messrs. Mose McDonald, Charles Terrance, Joseph Cook and Robert Cook.



Sr. Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., and Mr. Patrick Sunday

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

Enclosed is a small donation for many intercessions of Kateri—especially one when I prayed to her that my son would not lose his job. Please pray for me and all my family in these trying times. (Springfield, TN)

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

Enclosed are ten dollars I promised to send to Kateri if my husband recovered from an auto wreck. (Piqua, OH)

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

I thought I would write a few lines to let you know that at the last visit I made to Dr. A. on Oct. 26, 1982, he found my eyes good, thanks to Kateri. If it wasn't for her prayers, I know I would never have made it with my eyes. I ask Kateri to still keep praying that when I go back, he will find them still improving. I am enclosing ten dollars for Kateri. She can use it as she sees fit. Also, I renewed my subscription in June. . . (Renous, N.B.)

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



BEFORE JUNE COMES...

"I will shower down abundant blessings on all their undertakings," the Sacred Heart promised those who were devoted to Him.

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