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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;
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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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THE MARGUERITE GARONGOÛAS ROLL

Marguerite was an Onondaga baptized at the age of thirteen, who came to live at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier with her four children. She was taken prisoner and martyred for the faith with her little son in 1693 in her home town of Onondaga. Another Indian who should have been canonized a long time ago!

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KATERIGRAM

OCTOBER, which is just around the corner, draws our attention to Our Lady. The Rosary comes to mind and the meditation of the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. For Blessed Kateri, not only October but also the other months were dedicated to Mary.

Orphaned at four, what joy was hers when she discovered at the age of seventeen as she prepared for Baptism that she had a mother in heaven, the Mother of all Mothers. The qualities, the power, and the glory of the Blessed Virgin threw the young Iroquois Maiden into her arms.

She made haste to learn by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Angelus. Later on she memorized the Litanies of Our Lady of Loreto and recited them out loud every night in her longhouse.

It has been said that Mother Theresa of Calcutta is never seen without her beads in her hands. So it was with Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. On her way to or from work, she told her rosary, meditating on the mysteries. One day, after hearing about the penances St. Benedict and St. Aloysius Gonzaga performed, she thought it would be well to imitate them. And behold, there she was barefooted in the snow saying her rosary! Fr. Cholenec, her spiritual director, though he interiorly admired her, gave her a good dressing down.

On Easter Sunday 1678, she became a member of the Confraternity of the Holy Family, recently approved by her Bishop, Blessed Francis de Laval. The spirituality of this association developed even more her love for Mary.

During the following year, on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 1679, about eight o'clock in the morning, Kateri showed her great love for her Queen. A few minutes after having received Communion, she gave herself up entirely to Our Lord who had given Himself up for her, by promising perpetual virginity. "She prayed Our Lady," wrote Fr. Cholenec, "for whom she had a tender devotion, to present her to her Divine Son; then, wishing to make a double consecration in one single act, she offered herself entirely to Mary at the same time that she dedicated herself to Jesus Christ, earnestly begging her to be her mother and to accept her as her daughter." Twelve months later, on Holy Thursday, 1680, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Kateri Tekakwitha expired as she pronounced two words which admirably resumed her life, "Iesos, Wari: Jesus, Mary."

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.
Vice Postulator

❖ 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 accomodation, etc. . . . Before we left, I prayed to Blessed Kateri to help us get good accomodations 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 away 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 here a further donation of twenty-five dollars towards the Cause of Blessed Kateri. In your prayers please remember my daughter-in-law-who is 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, Miss M.A.!

Enclosed please find a check for twenty dollars—ten dollars for little Kateri that she would make sure that my brother's X rays would show nothing wrong, which **she did**. The second ten dollars is again for little Kateri that she would bring my Nickie (my German shepherd) through his operation with flying colors and **again** she answered my prayer. God bless her, she will soon be known worldwide as Saint Kateri, of that I am sure. I say my prayers for her every day. (Pawtucket, RI)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. I.P.!

I have been meaning to write to you again for some time to let you know that my young grandniece, who now lives in North Carolina and who had an extensive operation on her spine last fall and for whom you kindly promised to pray, came through the operation very well. Her father, my brother's son, telephoned me at Christmas time and assured me that all had gone well and that the surgeon who operated was pleased with the results of his work. I am grateful to Blessed Kateri and to you for your help. (Port Dover, Ont.)

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

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from May 1, 1983 to July 29, 1983:

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Successful or Averted Operations	9
Cures	38
Business Problems Solved	2
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Peace at Work	2
Properties Bought or Sold	9
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Safe Pregnancies	1
Business Sold	1

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APRIL 17 AT KAHNAWAKE



Although the liturgical feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha has been transferred from April 17 to July 12 in the United States, this year at least,

it has been maintained in Canada on the day of her saintly death. As during the previous years, she was honored at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier with a Concelebrated Mass, which Bishop Bernard Hubert presided over. At the end of his homily, in which he praised the virtues of the saintly Indian, His Excellency designated the Mission Church as one of the four in the Diocese of St. John of Quebec where the Holy Year indulgence may be gained.

APRIL 17 AT BARCELONA

On Sunday, April 17, for the second year, the Catalanian friends of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Barcelona gathered together at 11 o'clock a.m. in the Jesuit Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima (13, Roger de Lluria St.). The Barcelonians have a special right to celebrate the Lily of the Mohawks, for it's in their

cathedral that the first four Indian converts were baptized in 1493.

Fr. Sebastian Bartíma, S.J., blessed a new terra cotta statue of Kateri, the work of Miss Alicia Tello, who offered flowers for the altar with part of the fee she had received for the drawing of the Resurrection that appeared in the last Spring issue of *Kateri*. Fr. Bartíma, who had prayed at Kateri's tomb in Kahnawake four months after her beatification, gave the homily and concluded by asking Kateri's protection on the environment, as well as her protection against the abuse of technology; he also requested that she help one and all to understand the real meaning of life. During the liturgy, the assistance sang *goigs*, Catalanian hymns written for the occasion. At the end of the Eucharistic Celebration, Fr. Bartíma took the statue of Kateri in his arms and everyone approached to venerate it.

(From the notes of
Señorita Mireille Moreu)

THE REGIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Read the report on the Conference by Fr. Thomas S. Egan, S.J., who was in good part responsible for its success: p. 21.

APRIL 24 AT ST. REGIS



The St. Regis Iroquois graciously decided to honor Kateri on April 24 instead of April 17 so as to avoid confusion with the Kahnawake festivities. The pro-

gram scheduled a Concelebration at the Mission church, which was filled to capacity. The Vice-Postulator, in his homily, spoke of Blessed Kateri's prudence, proper to the strong of heart. After the liturgy, a banquet prepared by the women of St. Regis was served at the parish hall in Hogsburg, N.Y., which is part of the Mission. A well-known Indian, Mr. Iron Eyes Cody attended Mass and was the guest of honor at the Kateri Hall. After the excellent meal for which the St. Regis women are renowned, Mr. Cody autographed his picture for the youngsters and their parents. The next day he went to Kahnawake to pray at Blessed Kateri's tomb, before visiting the schools of the village. Special thanks are due to Mr. Thomas Constantino of Amsterdam, N.Y., for having brought Mr. Iron Eyes Cody to the two Missions in order to show his love for the Lily of the Mohawks.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA HONORED

At the cathedral of Mary Queen of the World in Montreal, thanks to the efforts of Miss Odette Beaudoin, as many as 19 ethnic groups rendered homage to Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, anniversary of her first apparition in 1917. At the Offertory, members of each party vested in their national costumes offered an appropriate gift to Archbishop Grégoire, who was presiding over the Concelebration. Sr. Marie Laura Simon, C.N.D., a Mohawk herself, representing the Amerindians, presented him with a jewel of a beaded turtle, symbol of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's clan.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARTYRS

On May 13, 1983, in the Vatican gardens, the Holy Father unveiled and blessed a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the work of Sculptor Frederick Shradly. His Holiness wanted it as a token of his gratitude to Our Lady for having saved him from death on May 13, 1981, anniversary of the first apparition of the Mother of God at Fatima in 1917.

On May 29, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y., His Excellency Bishop Edward J. Maginn, former Auxiliary of Albany, unveiled and blessed an identical statue of Our Lady of Fatima. "Let this statue," reads the day's program, "and also what it represents be a visible expression of the love of the people for the Mother of God and for our Holy Father who reigns over the church of her people, acknowledging their renewed faith in building a stronger bond between God, church, and country."

In the evening, a banquet was served in the beautiful Shrine Cafeteria close by the Coliseum, followed by a symposium on the glories of Mary, organized by Fr. Robert J. Boyle, S.J., Director of the Shrine, by Fr. Louis A. Devaney, S.J., missionary in Columbia, and by Mr. Thomas B. Constantino, President of the Noteworthy Company of Amsterdam, N.Y. Sr. Mary Miranda, Directress of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis the Holy House at the Blue Army Shrine, Washington, N.J., enthusiastically described the ever growing devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Fr. Joseph S. McBride, Vice-Postulator for

Blessed Kateri in U.S.A., spoke beautifully about Our Lady and the Lily of the Mohawks. The Mohawk Beata was certainly present at her birthplace on this day set aside to honor Our Lady whom she had so loved during her short life on earth.

THE FIRST FRIDAY CLUB IN PLATTSBURG

On the occasion of the first Friday of June, invited by Bro. Richard Côté, O.M.I., Messers. Paul Lafontaine and Romuald Lesage, the Vice-Postulator was at Plattsburg NY to offer the monthly mass for the First Friday Club and give the homily on the three loves of Blessed Kateri. He was the guest of the Oblate Fathers who graciously received him at their historic St. Peter's parish, but celebrated the liturgy in a special room at the Howard Johnson restaurant, where lunch was later served. Brother Côté is soon leaving for a five-year stint at Tahiti, where he intends to spread devotion to Blessed Kateri.

ABNAKI FETE BLESSED KATERI



Bishop Martin of Nicolet blesses the new statue of Blessed Kateri.

At Odanak, Que. on June 5 at 8:00 p.m., with Bishop Albertus Martin of Nicolet presiding, the Abnaki Indians feted Blessed Kateri. The pastor, Fr. Yves Gagnon, had worked hard preparing the program of songs and dances. The ceremony began with the liturgy of Confirmation, followed by a Concelebration, during which many children made their First Communion. Concelebrating with

His Excellency were the Vicar General, Msgr. Jean-Marc Vallières, Fr. Lucien Pageau, pastor of the Huron Village at Loretteville, Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., pastor of St. Francis Xavier at Kahnawake, and Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J., Vice-Postulator of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, who in his homily recalled to the faithful the eminent Marian devotion of the Lily of the Mohawks. At the end of the Holy Sacrifice, Bishop Martin blessed a statue of Kateri carved out of hickory, the work of Pierre Chouinard of Sherbrooke, Que. Following the religious service, refreshments were served at the gazebo in the garden while the Abnaki gave a rendition of their dances. A busload of Hurons came with their pastor; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Boyer, Mrs. Louise Rice, and Mr. Albert Lazare, Blessed Kateri's secretary for over 30 years, accompanied Fr. Lajoie.

THE MICMACS REVISTED



Corinne Francis, Chief Jack Sark, and Premier James Lee of Prince Edward Island.

In the previous issue a six-page article appeared about a weekend retreat given by Father Thomas F. Egan, S.J., of St. Regis to a group of Micmac people on Prince Edward Island last January. Father Egan returned to PEI in mid-June for another weekend experience, mostly with the same teenagers. This time the group met at Belcourt Manor, a diocesan retreat house on the north shore overlooking Malpeque Bay. Once again there was a closing mass at the historic St. Anne Church on Lennox

Island. There was also an opportunity for the retreat master to spend an evening talking to parents about their youngsters. As Father Egan reports, Blessed Kateri means more than even to the Micmac Catholic people. Now John Joe Sark, the lay leader who planned the retreats with the full support of his bishop, Most Rev. James MacDonald, is speaking of a way to bring together the other communities of Indian peoples in the Maritime Provinces, Malacite, Abenaki and Micmac, for a special day of conferences under the inspiration of their beatified Indian sister.

T. F. E., S.J.

KATERI AT MIDLAND



The new statue of Kateri at the Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, Ont.

PHOTO RON BOYER

Fr. James Farrell, Director of the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs at Midland, Ontario, invited Frs. Thomas F. Egan, pastor of the St. Regis Mission, and Henri Béchard, Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, to take part on June 25 and 26, in the Amerindian Prayer Days.

On June 24, radiant with sunshine, the two Fathers travelled to the Manresa Retreat House at Pickering, Ont. They were warmly received and spent nearly two hours at the nearby Provincial Infirmary of the Jesuits with Fr. Alexander Rolland, who had served among the Ojibway during forty years. To their great satisfaction, they discovered that Fr. Alex is an ardent

propagator of devotion to Blessed Kateri.

The next morning, after saying goodbye to their hospitable hosts, the two travellers made it to Midland on time for lunch. At four o'clock in the afternoon, the Shrine was full of Indians who had come for the blessing of the new statue of Kateri, the work of Mona, who resides at St. Jean, Que. The Vice-Postulator preached on the virtues of Blessed Kateri, after which, accompanied by Fr. Farrell, he blessed the beautiful statue of the Beata in the left Tran-

sept of the church, facing the altar of the Blessed Sacrament. The ceremony ended with the veneration of a relic of Kateri Tekakwitha.

The next day, a pontifical mass was celebrated by Bishop Pappin, Auxiliary of the Sault St. Marie Diocese, at the foot of the hill where the Holy Father will officiate at Mass next year during his visit to Midland. With the episcopal blessing ended the days of prayer by the Indians, who thanked God for having given them Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

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

Enclosed is a check for thirty dollars. I promised Kateri I would send her twenty dollars if she would help me find a job. I had been sick for a year and needed employment. For whatever remains, please send me three Kateri novena booklets and my **Kateri** quarterly bulletin. I ask prayers for intercession that my patient, J., will be healed of Multiple Sclerosis.

(Raymond, NH)

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

Enclosed please find eleven subscriptions. I promised Kateri I would spread her name after a favor two years ago. My grandson was born January 4. He was near death and we made a novena to Kateri to ask God to spare his life. Today he is a healthy, happy, lovely boy. We also received a few more favors. So, in return, I'm subscribing to **Kateri** for people I know.

(Rexton, N.B.)

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

Kateri answered my prayers and I want to thank her and if you could, would you put it in the **Kateri** magazine? My mom and dad had a big argument and they separated. I was upset, very unhappy and wanted the family to get together again. I prayed to Kateri and the next day my dad asked my mom and the two of us to go back home. I was surprised but very thankful to Kateri. . .

(....., P.Q.)

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

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

Please accept this small donation in thanksgiving to Kateri and Our Blessed Lord for saving me from a serious automobile accident. I was driving on a boulevard and happened to hit a small patch of ice. The car swung over into a left lane; had there been a car coming I may have been seriously injured. I feel that through the kindness of Our Lord and Kateri's intercession I was really saved. I am still praying to Kateri for better health as I just recently got over a gallbladder attack. Father, the years have slipped by so quickly. My grandson is now 17 years old in his last year of High School. . .

(Baltimore, MD)

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

I prayed two novenas to Kateri for a sister who had severe headaches for seven months. On January 10 the headaches left her. I promised publication if her headaches left her and now that they have, I am fulfilling my promise. May this cure be a help to Kateri's canonization.

(Mokena, IL)

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

I am enclosing a check in thanksgiving for all that Blessed Kateri has done for my family. This past year my son was confined to bed for two months with a severe back problem. The neurologist recommended surgery. I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha that he be spared from surgery and that his health be restored. He is now back to work and is again active in the volunteer fire department.

(Orlando, FL)

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

After an almost unforgivable delay I am sending a check for ten dollars promised to Kateri for her help. I undertook last year a great project to send a container of clothing for needy people in my home country. It was a gamble as I had no idea if it would be possible to collect so much clothing to bring it to one place, sort and pack. I prayed every day to Kateri for help and guidance: She answered my pleas. The response of the people was overwhelming both in material and in help. We collected just enough to fill the container to capacity. It arrived safely to its destination and was greatly appreciated by all recipients. Thanks, Kateri, for your intercession!

(Ottawa, Ont.)

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

Thanks to Blessed Kateri, a friend is now satisfactorily adapting to her work, new geographical surroundings and culture. I am enclosing a twenty-five dollar offering in Thanksgiving. Also I would like prayers for a cancer cure for a friend and a permanent job for a niece.

(Lasalle, P.Q.)

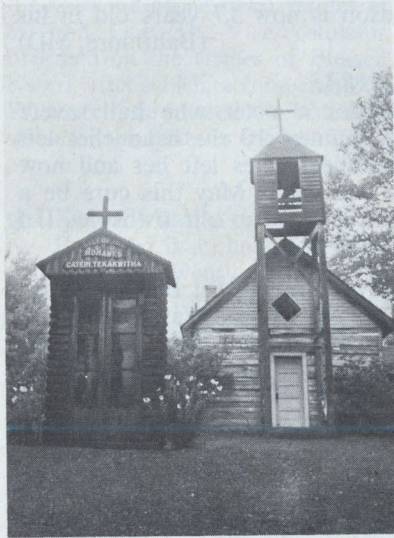
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LETTER FROM SPOKANE

ENCLOSED are two pictures of what seems to be an ancient church and shrine to Kateri (spelled Cateri by the shrinemakers). The sender is a friend who writes from Montana.

I will quote from his recent letter about the pictures:

"I am enclosing two pictures of a Kateri Shrine and humble church along the highway west of Duluth, Minnesota. I took these pictures when we lived at Cass Lake, Minn., and I worked with the Consolidated Chippewa Agency there. That was about 37 years ago and my memory fails me as to the exact location, but I think it must have been near Floodwood, possibly on the Fond-du-Lac Indian Reservation.



"The shrine and tiny church were always an inspiration to me and I took my camera along on one of my trips specifically to get these pictures. I passed this spot many times between 1944 and 1946."

Ralph M. Shane
Billings, Montana

It seems to me that the buildings must be a 100 years old. They are inspiring. I know Kateri is pleased. . .

Sister Providentia, S.P.¹

1. Sr. Providentia is the author of *A Shining From the Mountains* which I have strongly recommended to our readers. It is the story of the conversion to Christianity of the mountain Indians by a group of Caughnawaga Indians during the last century (\$6.00 plus postage).



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

Enclosed you will find five dollars which I promised Kateri if I passed my Driver's Test on May 19. I did pass and many thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha.
(Plattsburgh, NY)

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

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars for a favor received. About a year and a half ago I wrapped in tissues my diamond engagement ring and wedding band along with my deceased sister's diamond and wedding band which she gave to me before she passed away, and I put them under my pillow. The next day, when making up the bed, I saw the tissues, and forgetting about the rings, threw the tissues in the wastebasket. Later on the garbage men came and took the big plastic bag away and drove off. A few hours after I discovered what I had done and called the garbage office, I was told that it was too late to look through the bags, as they were already on the way to the landfill. I was heartbroken, not only about my own rings, but about the keepsakes my sister gave me. I never gave up praying that somehow they would be recovered. I did write to you and many other religious orders for prayers to recover them, as I am a firm believer in the power of prayer. Today my husband was looking for a small pill bottle, and found one in his punk drawer. When he opened the pill bottle, there were the four diamond rings. I could take an oath that I never put the rings in that bottle, and to put them in this particular drawer is unthinkable. I know it has to be a miracle, and while I really do not know what Saint has the most influence, I deeply feel it was Kateri, after hearing the wonderful favours she has granted to other people. . .

(Toms River, NJ)

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

I am writing a short letter to Kateri. I owe her a great deal of thanks. I had two favors thanks to her. She got me and my husband into the nursing home. I put my name down for two and a half years and at last I prayed to Kateri and I got in. Then my husband lost his invalid pension because he married me. He is my second husband. I fought for it and prayed. Today I had a letter saying he will have back his invalid pension.

(New Liskeard Ont.)

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

I am enclosing a check for ten dollars. I wish to thank Kateri for helping me in times of stress. Sincere thanks to Blessed Kateri.
(Windsor, Ont.)

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

Enclosed you will find ten dollars for Kateri. She helped my Julie again. Did you receive my letter about Julie's infected ear? Well the other one became badly infected in the lobe as a result of a problem with a recently pierced ear. The ear was a mess and very painful. We thought also that she would no longer be able to wear pierced earrings. At any rate my sister (a nurse) worked on the ear and I started a novena through Kateri, promising her ten dollars if all would go well and the ear healed quickly. Thank you, Kateri, for your help!
(St. Mary's, PA)

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

Kateri just gave me a minimiracle! I had mislaid my second set of car keys. They were NOWHERE to be found. After about a week, I searched my pocket book again and discovered an opening in the zipper pocket for the first time even though I had gone through this several times. I put my fingers through the tear and felt the keys at the bottom in the corner! Can you imagine my feelings? Kateri had helped. Thank you, little Indian girl! She stands side by side next to the American Saints in our Church. I will spread devotion to her.
(Bayside, NY)

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

Enclosed a check for ten dollars to help towards Kateri's canonization. She has been a big help in my daughters recovery from nervous illness. We thank Kateri for her intercession; we are sure the cure came about through my prayers to her. I will spread her devotion throughout our parish.
(Timmins, Ont.)

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

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 ever so much, good Kateri.

(Chicopee, MA)

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

Recently I was at your center and at that time I made a promise that I would make this donation if Blessed Kateri would help me in selling my car. When I returned home, my car had been sold for a little over the amount that I had hoped to obtain. Therefore, I'm enclosing a check to help in your work in thanksgiving for the favor received in this sale.
(Tacoma, WA)

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



During the Saturday afternoon liturgy presided over by Fr. Réal Paiement, O.M.I., from Maniwaki, Mr. Dennis Wawia, an Objibway from Val Caron, Ont. read the Epistle.



Mrs. Betsy Sayers and her husband, Deacon Murray Sayers, Objibways from Batchawana Bay, Ont.; Mrs. Felicia Jocks and Mr. William Mitchell, Mohawks from St. Regis, served as a panel on family life.

PHOTOS RON BOYER

REGIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE AT ST. REGIS MAY 20-22

Thomas F. Egan, S.J.



Approximately 200 people representing five Indian nations as well as those engaged in ministries among native Americans gathered at the St. Regis-Akwesasne Reservation on the weekend of May 20-22 to participate in the Second Annual Tekakwitha Conference for the region of northeastern United States and eastern Canada.

At the first regional meeting at LeMoyne College in Syracuse in June 1982, St. Regis delegates had offered to host the next conference. The offer was promptly accepted in hopes that because of its unique location on the New York-Ontario-Quebec border St. Regis would draw some of the Indian peoples of eastern Canada to the conference. In the view of Fathers Thomas F. Egan, S.J. and Robert L. Fleig, S.J. who are finishing their first year of service at St. Regis these hopes were fully realized. Not only were there ten delegates from the Mohawk community in St. Lucy's Parish, Syracuse and several other Iroquois people from Buffalo, Rochester and Utica, but also ten participants from the historic Mohawk mission of St. Francis Xavier in Kahnawake, Quebec, eight Algonquins who came with their pastor from Maniwaki in northern Quebec, and 26 Objibways representing a half dozen settlements along the shores of North Channel and Lake Superior in Ontario.

Dr. Solomon Cook, retiring senior chief of the American Tribal Council, welcomed the delegates when they assembled on Friday at 8 p.m. in the Kateri Hall in Hogansburg, New York. The theme of the conference, "A Journey with Blessed Kateri," was explained and the prayer for Kateri's canonization which opened the meeting was repeated at the start of each session.

Father Gilbert Hemauer, O.F.M. Cap., president of the National Tekakwitha Conference in Great Falls, Montana, used the opening address to give a brief account of the beginnings of the organization in 1940 and its phenomenal growth since the beatification of Kateri in 1980. Father Henri Béchar, S.J. of Montreal, vice-postulator of the Kateri cause in Canada, then spoke on the spirituality of Kateri, stressing the influence of the Blessed Mother on her conversion and subsequent spiritual growth and recalling how Blessed Kateri's last words were "Jesus, Mary."

The final portion of the first session consisted in a service of prayer and healing conducted by the Kateri Music Ministry and directed by Rev. Mr. Murray Sayers of Batchwana, Ontario, first married deacon among the Objibway people.

Next morning under the guidance of Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A. the main workday of the conference was launched with an audio-visual reflection on Blessed Kateri and her impact on the Indians of today. A native of St. Regis who spent the past 17 years as a teacher in two of the reservation schools and eventually as principal of the Akwesasne Mohawk School on Cornwall Island, Sister Kateri, had been the major force behind the planning of the conference and coordinator of the various committees until her departure for a new assignment last March.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, executive secretary of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions in Washington, D.C., described for the delegates the workings of his bureau and the various forms of assistance which it is able to funnel from the American bishops to the various Indian schools and congregations throughout the United States. In addition to the support it gives to the activities of the Tekakwitha Conference the Bureau presently seeks to promote two objectives: the canonization of Blessed Kateri and the selection of a native American priest as the first Indian member of the American hierarchy.

Deacon Sayers and his wife, Betsy, representing the Objibway and William Mitchell and Mrs. Felicia Jock representing the St. Regis Community served as a panel of speakers for the workshop on family life. By this time the morning was over and the delegates adjourned to the nearby Mohawk School to enjoy a luncheon which Mrs. Mary Frances and her daughters of St. Regis Village had volunteered to prepare.

A second workshop, scheduled for the early afternoon, dealt with Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Mrs. Marlene Scott, counselor on alcohol addiction at Kahnawake, and Mrs. Lois Terrance, director of the Partridge House at St. Regis, both gave presentations and then fielded a barrage of questions from the floor. The final workshop on Indian Identity and Cultural Traditions brought together Henry Lickers, a native of Brantford, Ontario, now serving as environmental adviser with the St. Regis Canadian Band Council, and Henry George of Utica, New York, for many years the Mohawk Iron Workers representative in that city, who provided insights on the views, both of those who adhere to traditional beliefs and those who come from a Christian background of three centuries.

A late afternoon liturgy in the Kateri Hall brought the delegates a sense of togetherness, as many admitted, when the principal concelebrant, Father Réal Paiement, O.M.I., pastor at Maniwaki, led them in the votive mass in honor of Blessed Kateri. The homilist, Father Michael Stogre, S.J. of Toronto, spoke of how the gospel message was intended by God to take root in each distinct culture developed within the human family. Mrs. Anne Scheuerman of

Pittsford, N.Y. of the faculty of Monroe Community College in Rochester, was chosen to read the petitions before the offertory. Both the Objibway members of the Kateri Music Ministry and the Akwesasne Singers of St. Regis contributed to the music at the mass, while Richard Sayers of Iron Bridge, Ont. and John White of St. Regis presented solo hymns in honor of Blessed Kateri. The final blessing was given with the first class relic of Kateri after which all present were given the opportunity to venerate this relic.

After an evening meal at the Mohawk School and a period of relaxation both out-of-town and local delegates returned to the Kateri Hall for an evening of entertainment at which they alternatively were treated to Indian social dances with accompaniment by Mohawk tribal singers and drummers and to country western music and square dancing.

Bright and early next morning delegates assembled for a "wrap-up" session of the conference. Father Hemaue first presented a summary of events, then spoke of the direction in which the Tekakwitha Conference movement seemed to be taking. After a spirited discussion from the floor a committee was appointed to select a site for next year's regional conference and in a meeting held before the adjournment the committee members recommended acceptance of an invitation from LeMoyne College to bring it back to Syracuse next year.

At 11 a.m. conference delegates joined regular worshippers for the festive mass of Pentecost in the historic church of St. John Francis Regis on Quebec soil just 500 yards north of the New York border. Father George Mathieu, a Potowatomie of the Diocese of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, one of the seven native priests to assist Pope John Paul II at the beatification mass in 1980, was chosen to be principal concelebrant. As part of the penitential service sweet grass was ignited and then blessed as a native substitute for incense. Each of the priest concelebrants was then asked to spread the smoke and fumes of the sweet grass over his body in a prayer that God might purify him before entering upon the sacred mysteries. The prayer of the faithful was offered in Mohawk, Seneca, Objibway, Algonquin, Potowatomie, and English.

Homilist at the mass was Father Frank R. Haig, S.J., LeMoyne College president, who early this year instituted an Iroquois Studies Program as part of the college curriculum.

All the priests taking part in the conference served as concelebrants at the two masses. In addition to those already mentioned above these included Father Jacques Bruyère, S.J., of the Jesuit Mission Bureau in Montreal; Father Robert D. Cloney, S.J., master of novices at St. Andrew Hall, Syracuse, for the Jesuits of the New

York Province; Father Leon Lajoie, S.J., pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Kahnawake, Quebec; Father Bernard Mayhew, S.J., of the Jesuit urban ministry to Indians in Toronto; Father Joseph S. McBride, S.J., vice-postulator of the cause of Blessed Kateri in the United States with headquarters at Auriesville; Father Richard Sturtz, professor of history at Wadhams Hall Seminary, Ogdensburg, N.Y., and Father Ted Zuern, S.J., director of the Jesuit Social Ministries in Washington, D.C.

A farewell banquet, which still another parishioner, Mrs. Ruth Herne, had volunteered to prepare, gave the delegates a final occasion to reminisce and plan future contacts. Acknowledgments were made to Father Fleig through whose efforts many out-of-town delegates were drawn to the conference and the list of speakers and panelists arranged, to Mrs. Louise Cook, who had succeeded Sister Kateri as coordinator, to Sister Kathleen Navarra, S.S.J., C.C.D. directress at St. Regis, who with Fr. Fleig planned the two liturgies, to Mrs. Elaine Ransom Cook, who found homes for all the visitors, and to Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs, Mrs. Mary Garrow, Mrs. Ruth Papineau and Mrs. Harriet La France, who as hospitality experts, anticipated every need.

An unusual feature of the conference lay in the provisions made to house all out-of-town guests on a personal basis. Visiting priests were accommodated in nearby rectories, sisters were welcomed in area convents, and lay delegates were lodged in the home of St. Regis parishioners. There was general agreement that this arrangement made the conference a warm, family event from the start.

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

For about a month and a half, I was bleeding from the rectum. I prayed every night to Kateri for some help in stopping this bleeding. It didn't stop until I made a nine-day novena to Blessed Kateri, at the end of which the bleeding stopped. I am enclosing a check for ten dollars in thanksgiving. I am grateful to Kateri for answering my prayers through the novena. I would like to give more but we live on a fixed income. Sincerely with love to Kateri. . . (Stockton, CA.)

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

My cousin has offered up many prayers to Kateri for my daughter who was born very ill. Now she is very fine and doing very well. As a result I receive your booklet. I am enclosing ten dollars. I also thank Kateri for helping my husband find a job after six months. (Nashua, NH)

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

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

I am sending three dollars to Blessed Kateri in thanksgiving that my brother A. was able to go to Church, confession and Holy Communion for Easter. I prayed so the coughing and heavy breathing would not bother him, and he stayed till the services were over, from 8 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. There were nineteen adult converts baptized, two teenaged children and one baby. The adults made their first Holy Communion and received confirmation. It sure was beautiful. (Parma, OH)

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

Enclosed please find a contribution in the amount of fifty dollars toward the Kateri Tekakwitha Fund. I asked Kateri for help when my fractured elbow might require surgery. Healing took place in response to prayers and surgery was not needed. Recently my daughter was undergoing many tests for several suspected illnesses. Again I asked Kateri for help and again prayers were answered. All the suspected illnesses were ruled out. Thank you, Blessed Kateri! Recently I visited St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and was so happy to see Kateri's statue on the Great Bronze door. (Seaford, NY)

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

My husband mislaid his truck keys and needed them to go for repairs for his equipment. He searched everywhere. No luck. I promised ten dollars and prayed to Kateri for the favor of finding these lost keys and in a short time he found them. I'm grateful and here is the sum promised. (Wallacetown, Ont.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. A.McG.!**

My brother was in the hospital, undergoing heart tests. He had been there three weeks. His heart beats were irregular, from the time of four till eight in the morning. The doctors were trying the last treatment, which was not working, the next step was a Pacemaker. That was the word I received that evening. I awoke and as if a cloak were about me, all I could think about was Kateri and my brother. The thought came to me to ask her to help him, but on second thought, I said no to myself. "Let God's will be done!" and I added in a vague way, "Go ahead, Kateri, do your thing!" Later that morning, his wife was all aglow, and said, "I just got a call from William, his heart beats are regular this morning!" If an Indian Maid had appeared dressed as she was more than three hundred years ago, and said, "I cured your brother last night," it would not have been any different. (Jacquet River, N.B.)

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PROGRESS

(Continued)

(On March 15, 1932, Bishop Gibbons of Albany requested additional faculties from Archbishop Gauthier of Montreal to proceed with the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha.)



ARCHBISHOP GAUTHIER did not need to be asked twice and on March 18, 1932, he granted Bishop Gibbons all the necessary faculties and privileges.

On the preceding day, in Rome, the Postulator General, Msgr. Breslin, had named Fr. John J. Wynne, S.J., Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, a position that he had held until then without having been officially named to do so. At the rectory of the Albany Cathedral, the new Vice-Postulator formally gave notice that the Informative Process on the reputation of holiness, on the virtues and miracles of the Iroquois Maiden, was over and invited Bishop Gibbons to call the Process of non-cult, without which the beatification of the young Indian maiden could not take place.

The priests present, future members of the Tribunal *de non cultu*, were told, if they did not already know, that His Excellency had forwarded the documents concerning the Informative Process to His Eminence Camillo Cardinal Laurenti, Prefect of the Congregation of Rites. Fr. Joseph M. Congedo, pastor of the parish of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and of Mary in New York had served as courier.

The time had now come for Bishop Gibbons to launch the important process on non-cult. He set about it on the spot by appointing to the Tribunal, Fr. Joseph Delaney, Judge Delegate; Frs. Michael Looney and Henry Miller, Assistant Judges; Fr. John Glavin, Promoter of the Faith, popularly known as the "Devil's Advocate," Fr. James H. Hilden, Notary, and Fr. Joseph Kelly, Messenger.

On the morning of July 12, all the members took the usual oaths: that of secrecy, which bound even Bishop Gibbons under pain of excommunication reserved to the Holy Father; that of not accepting gifts, of faithfully fulfilling their duties and of aiming positively at the success of the mission; of speaking the truth and

of being careful about the accuracy of the statements made by the witnesses after their recorded testimony has been read back to them. As the Postulator in Rome, the Vice-Postulator must take the oath to preclude calumny, in other words that he would speak the truth throughout the process, and that in promoting the cause before the tribunal he would not use fraud or deception of any kind.

For the following session, the Vice-Postulator had carefully prepared a series of articles about which he intended to question in detail Fr. Charles J. Mullaly, S.J., National Director of the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart* from New York; Fr. Peter F. Cusick, S.J., from the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y., where Sts. Isaac Jogues, René Goupil, and John de La Lande were martyred and where Kateri Tekakwitha was born; Fr. Arthur Mélançon, S.J., archivist at St. Mary's College in Montreal; Fr. Conrad Hauser, S.J., pastor at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier of Caughnawaga, where the Mohawk Maiden attained union with God; Fr. John J. McGrath, S.J., from the Auriesville Shrine; and Fr. Joseph H. O'Connor, pastor at Fonda, N.Y., where Kateri was baptized.

Here are Fr. Wynne's articles or propositions:

1. That is was and is true that the Servant of God Catherine Tekakwitha departed this life 17 April, 1680, at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier on the St. Lawrence River, in Canada, and that her sanctity and singular graces won the great esteem of her people; that a great crowd of them came to view her remains at the house where they were exposed until her funeral; that a multitude of people attended her obsequies and her burial in the cemetery of the Mission. Because of the renown of holiness of this Servant of God, which is widespread, a great many still visit the place of her burial. However, in all this, there never has been, nor is there now, any sign of solemn and ecclesiastical, public worship by which the decree of Urban VIII, of holy Memory has been violated...

2. That, to satisfy the desire of the faithful, because of the renown of holiness of the Servant of God, her images have been painted, carved, and cast, but they have never borne raised aureolas, diadems or the inscription of Blessed or Saint, or any other that would indicate public veneration or worship...

3. That the images of the Servant of God, whether painted or carved, or cast, have never been exposed for the public veneration of the faithful in churches or in oratories or in any other sacred place; they have never been carried in processions or hung upon her tomb; nor placed in churches or oratories alongside the images of the Saints and Blessed...

4. That the relics of the Servant of God, although eagerly sought after, have never been placed upon the altar, exposed for public veneration, or carried in processions, or placed alongside of the relics of the Saints or Blessed. Nor have lamps or candles or other lights been lit at her tomb or before her images or relics...

5. That although a great many favors are attributed to the intercession of the Servant of God, still when thank-offerings to God are made, for favors obtained, through her invocation, they are never placed as votive tablets or in any other form at her tomb or in church or in any other public place, but kept in a separate and private place...

6. That, before the painted or carved images of the Servant of

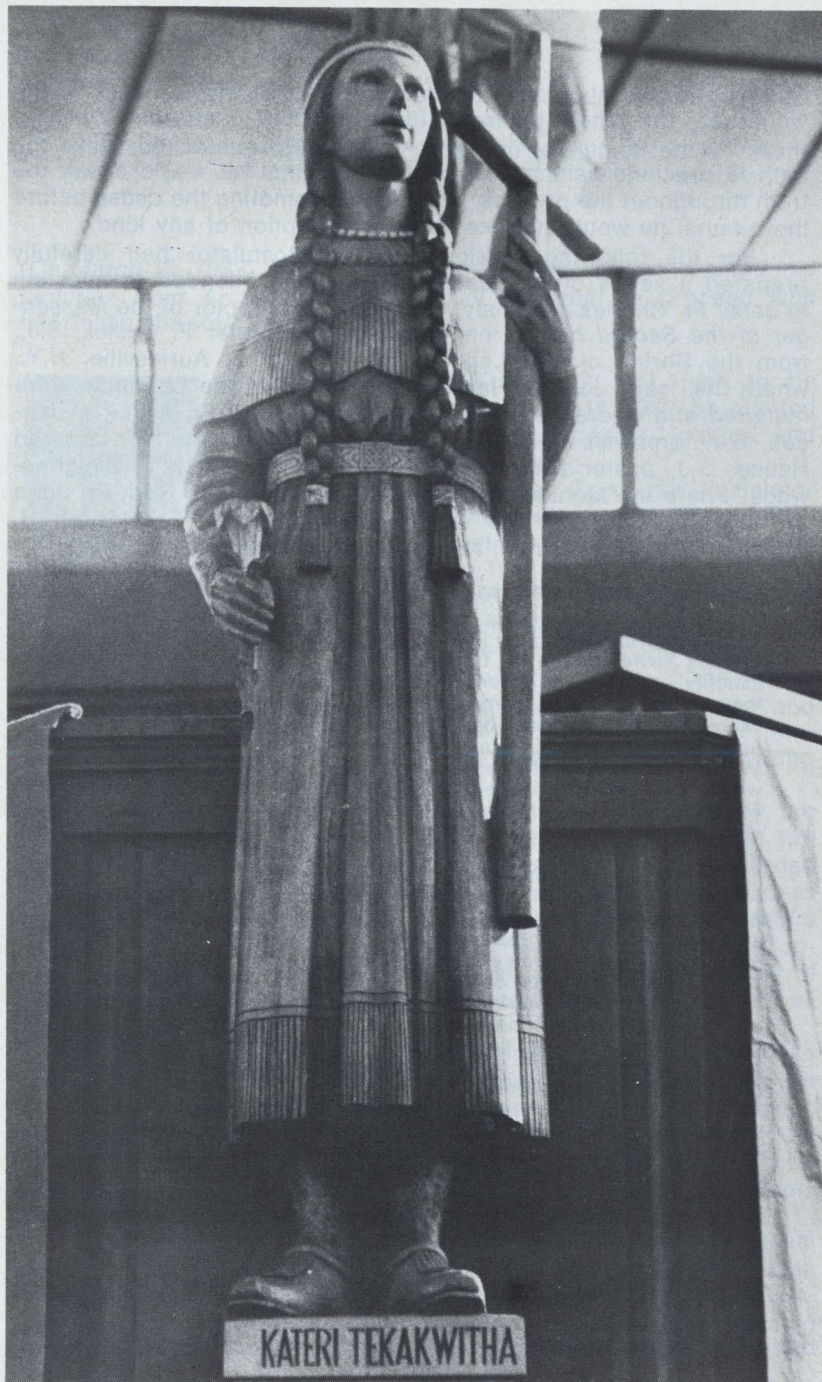


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KATERI TEKAKWITHA, MARTYRS' SHRINE AURIESVILLE, N.Y.

God or at her sepulchre or in any other place, there are found no eulogies, epitaphs, inscriptions, which give or suggest the title of saint or blessed or any other, which might indicate public worship. Moreover, although the aforesaid Servant of God is considered by all as a Saint never by word or mouth, writing, whether public or private, in manuscript or in type, is she honored by the title of saint or blessed. Nor are eulogies pronounced of her which imply public or ecclesiastical worship. . .

At two o'clock in the afternoon of July 12, the witnesses gathered in the rectory of the Albany cathedral, where they took the oaths of speaking the truth, of secrecy and of not mentioning anything concerning the process except to the judges of the Tribunal. Then followed the interrogations, the answers of which fully confirmed the six articles, with only two exceptions. To the question, "Do you know a book or manuscript in which the Servant of God Catherine Tekakwitha is called 'Saint' or 'Blessed'?", Fr. Mullaly replied, "Yes, I know of a typewritten English translation of a biography of the Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha, from the original French biography, the title of which reads as following, *La Vie de la — B — Catherine Tekakwitha* by Fr. Claude Chauchetière, of the Society of Jesus. In this translation of the French original, the English translator gives to the letter — B. — the meaning of the English word 'Blessed.' In my opinion, this is a faulty translation, seeing that the letter — B. — of the French biography apparently means 'Bonne.' Furthermore, this English typewritten document was not widely distributed and consequently the error of the English translator did not result in the violation of the Decrees of Urban VIII."

The pastor of St. Cecilia's at Fonda, N.Y., Fr. Joseph M. O'Connor, to the question, "Is there an image or a statue of Catherine Tekakwitha in your church?" answered, "There is no statue in the church but there is a stained glass window in an inconspicuous place in the church namely, behind the organ, representing Catherine Tekakwitha."

To the next question, "Have you seen any image or statue of her with any sign that would indicate 'Blessed' or 'Saint' or public worship of her?", the priest replied, "The glass window, which I have mentioned above, has a halo, it had been placed there by a non-Catholic artist in the year 1926 as a donation of a non-Catholic lady. After the window had been placed, the artist called me to look at it. When I saw the halo I called His Excellency's attention to it, who told me to change it. Never was any public worship held and Bishop Gibbons was able to see for himself on March 6, 1939, that the halo had been replaced by a colored glass."

On the following July 21 at two o'clock in the afternoon, Bishop Gibbons, the Judges of the Tribunal, the Promotor of the Faith and the Notary for the Cause gathered together in the sacristy of the church of the Jesuit Fathers in the old Mission of St. Francis

Xavier of Caughnawaga, today Kahnawake. Appeared before them, Fr. Benedict Dechêne, S.J., who, after having sworn to tell the truth, answered among others, two important questions concerning the place of internment of Kateri Tekakwitha and the absence of any forbidden cult relative to her. He had no doubts about it, since, for three centuries, pilgrims visited her tomb; the Indians themselves never had any misgivings concerning its whereabouts. For three centuries also, never was there any public cult in relation to the Servant of God Catherine Tekakwitha. The next witness was Fr. Conrad Hauser, S.J., who expressed himself in just about the same way.

The little group of clerics then proceeded to Côte Ste Catherine de la Prairie, exactly where the Mission of St. Francis Xavier was located in 1680. Bishop Gibbons, the Tribunal and the Promoter of the Faith carefully examined the cenotaph erected by Fr. Walworth. The Iroquois inscription *Onkweonweke Katsitsiio Teotsitsianekaron* worried them. What did it signify? Fr. Hauser translated it for them: "The most beautiful flower that ever bloomed among Indians." It did not contain even the slightest indication of public worship.

Thereupon, returning to the 18th-century rectory, they visited in detail the church built in 1845 by Fr. Marcoux. They faithfully followed the prescriptions of Canon Law and examined closely the altars, statues, columns, the sanctuary and the sacristy, and especially the ebony chest containing the remains of Kateri Tekakwitha. They looked for votive plaques, lettered in Kateri's honor, epitaphs indicating public cult. Everything was in order, no illegitimate manifestation of worship was to be found.

The diocesan Informative Process on the reputation of holiness of Kateri Tekakwitha did not call for a sentence nor, of course, did that of her writings. This was not the case, however, for the Process of non-cult. On August 5, 1932, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the customary hour of these reunions, at the rectory of the cathedral of Albany, Fr. Joseph A. Delaney, Delegate Judge, formally pronounced the sentence of non-cult in the presence of the Bishop, the other judges, the other members of the tribunal, and the Vice-Postulator, to their great satisfaction.

From heaven, Blessed Francis de Laval, first Bishop of Quebec, whose territory took in the Mohawk Valley during Kateri's lifetime, must have smiled down benignly on the Bishop of Albany and on Fr. John Wynne. They had well played their roles, for the Cause of the Mohawk Maiden's canonization had at last gathered momentum.

On Sunday, September 11, 1932, at the Shrine of the Jesuit Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y., the very spot where, according to Pius XII, Kateri Tekakwitha was born from the blood of the Martyrs Isaac Jogues and of his Companions, the Diocesan Tribunal for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization held its last meeting. Bishop

Gibbons set the episcopal seal to the documents furnished by the Tribunal as proof of the absence of illegitimate cult concerning the Servant of God Kateri Tekakwitha, and handed them over to Fr. Wynne, Vice-Postulator, to see that they reach the Eternal City.

(To be continued)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F.R.!

I know what happened to me will not be considered a miracle but to me it will always be my own little miracle. For over sixteen long years, I have been praying for my son, who is an alcoholic. Sixteen years is like forever. I never gave up though often filled with despair. To watch someone you love destroying himself and you can't do a thing about it, tears your heart apart. I prayed to half the Saints in heaven. Then, a year ago, my sister told me about Blessed Kateri. I began praying to her for my son. I felt so very close to her. My beautiful little mother died two years ago. She was in her ninety-fourth year. I thought I was going to have her forever. I miss her so much, her love and her strength. I would pray to her and cry. I asked her "what was going on up there. My son, your grandson is dying, doesn't anyone care? Why doesn't someone hear me?" Well some one did care and heard me. February 28, this year, my son took violently ill. He was admitted to the hospital for tests. I prayed to Blessed Kateri, "Oh God, don't let it be cancer!" His liver was in very bad shape but it was not cancer. His weight had dropped to 115 lbs. and he was very ill. He has not had a drink since February 28. His doctor is amazed that he did not get help during his drying out period. He does not know how he did it alone. But my son was not alone: our beautiful Kateri was right there beside him. Enclosed is a twenty-five dollar offering for Masses in thanksgiving for my son.

(Islington, Ont.)

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

I returned home from the hospital yesterday after surgery. The results of the biopsy proved benign and with proper medication, rest, and prayers, I shall return to work within a few weeks. I'm forever grateful for the prayers of Kateri Tekakwitha and feel more positive about future health and happiness.

(South Amboy, NJ)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.K.!

Please find the sum of ten dollars, promised if the removal of a cataract on my right eye was successful. It was a success and I can see to read once more. I'm sure Blessed Kateri helped me.

(Barrie, Ont.)

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

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

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)

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

I am writing to inform you of two favors granted me by Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Without her help I am sure that things wouldn't have gone my way. I had applied for a very important job and promised Kateri through the Kateri Novena that I would burn a candle and write to you if the job was granted. I have just lately received word that I have been granted the job. I know that Kateri helped me and that I couldn't have done it without her help. Also, the most important favor followed when my son was sick with an ear infection. Just this morning when I left for work he was not feeling well and was very irritable. After I started working, I asked Kateri for her help to make my son better and began to say the Kateri Novena. I phoned up my husband after that and he said that J. was feeling much better and now sleeping soundly. Bless Kateri for helping me! I hope that I can help her by saying an Our Father every day.

(Fort Coulonge, Que.)

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

Please offer three Masses in thanksgiving in honor of the Holy Family and Blessed Kateri for the sale of my son's house. It has been on the market quite some time. Several realtors took 90 days exclusives on the sale and did nothing with it. This last one had four days left and really got busy and sold the house. As nearly as we can tell, I had started praying daily five Our Fathers, five Hail Marys and five Glory be to the Fathers for the intention at the time the realtor got busy. It is beautiful house, but not in a prime location. We are grateful. Blessed Kateri really came thru.

(Arlington, TX)

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

Please find a small contribution enclosed. It is to acknowledge Blessed Kateri's help in bringing to an end a denial by an insurance company of their responsibility for a work-related injury. With the help of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Kateri, I am going to be granted what I was being denied. May Blessed Kateri soon be canonized and may we all work hard to make her known to those in need!

(Pendleton, OR)

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



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To know and love the Lily of the Mohawks, I wish to receive a copy of **Kateri Tekakwitha**, the exciting biography by Rev. F. X. Weiser, S.J., of Boston College, with a Prefatory Note by John Cardinal Wright.

My check is enclosed: (Paperback) \$6.00
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(In Block Letters, Please)

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

Enclosed, please find a check for ten dollars to be used for Kateri's Cause, in thanksgiving for a safe trip.

(Etobicoke, Ont.)

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

Again our little friend Kateri has helped see B. through another brush with death. He had surgery for a fractured leg and developed bilateral pneumonia, a collapsed lung and congestive heart failure. A tracheotomy was performed and he was maintained on a respirator for several weeks. He is coming along nicely now and just maybe I'll be able to bring him home for dinner Easter afternoon! He's been wheelchair bound since a bomber crash in 1944. We made several trips to Kateri's Shrine years ago. Maybe you remember. Now B's health has deteriorated so that I doubt we could make the trip again, but we'll never cease to pray for Kateri and for you, Father. We send our love.

(Oak Brook, IL)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss E.P.!**

I'm enclosing a little something extra in addition to the donation for enrollment. My doctor was looking for cancer in my colon, but everything is O.K. As usual I always ask Kateri to ask our dear Lord on the Cross to help me.

(Bellerose, N.Y.)

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

The enclosed check for one hundred dollars is a thank you to Blessed Kateri for a favor she granted me, that of selling my home. I am grateful for her continuing kindness to me.

(Dorchester, MA)

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

Enclosed is a twenty-five dollar donation to Kateri. I have been worried over colon cancer and have offered many rosaries to the Lily of the Mohawks over the months. Last week, I got a clean bill of health and am ever so grateful to Kateri.

(Ashland, MA)

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

Please find enclosed a check for three dollars to honor Blessed Kateri for favors received. My son-in-law found employment after a year and more without work. I'm sure she answered my prayers.

(Noranda, Que.)

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

I'm sending five dollars in honor of Kateri Tekakwitha because I had a slight heart attack. I was in the hospital for a week and a half, then I went home. On Sunday, July 10, I took part in the pilgrimage to Our Lady and I prayed to Blessed Kateri daily. The doctor told me that following Wednesday that my heart was O.K. . . .

(Denzil, Sask.)

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

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As I am sending the names of FIVE new subscribers and their addresses to the Kateri Center (\$10.00), I now inscribe, free of charge, the name of one deceased person dear to me on the Marie Therese Roll.

- Mr. ☐, Mrs. ☐, Miss ☐.....
- When the Roll is complete with the names of 200 deceased, 100 Masses shall be offered for the repose of their souls.
 - If no name is submitted for the Roll, "A Suffering Soul of Purgatory" shall be inscribed instead.