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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;
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4. News concerning the native peoples of America, with special reference to the people of Kahnawake and their friends.

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THE MARIE THERESE ROLL

This Marie Therese, not to be mistaken for Marie Therese Tegaiguenta, lived an exemplary life at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in Kateri's time. Her companions described her life as angelic; they were impressed by her peace of mind in her family troubles, by her thirst for corporal punishment like Christ during the Passion as well as by her keen sense of justice and her unstinting love for all.

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KATERIGRAM

BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA arrived at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in October 1677. Fathers Frémin, superior, and Cholenec, her confessor and spiritual guide, soon recognized the holiness of the newcomer and promised her that she could make her First Communion before long.

Vatican Council II declared that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of all the life of the Church." Three centuries earlier, Kateri understood that the Eucharist was truly the source and the summit of all Christian life. As soon as she learned that Jesus, born at Bethlehem, son of a carpenter and carpenter himself, wonder-worker, founder of the Church, condemned to death by Pontius Pilate, died on the Cross and resurrected, is in the consecrated host, her love knew no bounds. How she would have approved St. Teresa of Avila who wrote, "If the faithful really understood what the Eucharist is, there would not be enough churches in the entire world to hold them!"

Every day Kateri attended two masses. Many times, with fervor, she visited Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, but never during the hours reserved to her daily chores.

On Christmas Day 1677, at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, she had the immense joy of receiving Communion for the first time. Before, she was truly good, she was even "a treasure" according to Father de Lamberville; but after, she was a completely different person. Her love of God, of His Blessed Mother and of her neighbor increased to such an extent that within three years she attained the divine union of true mystics. "It would be difficult," wrote Father Cholenec, "to increase the faith, love, and tenderness she felt for the Holy Eucharist. From the time that she had any knowledge of this great Sacrament, she remained devoted to it and delighted in it until her death. . . What have the French to say regarding this, who pass our churches a hundred times a day without the thought every occurring to them to enter even once to greet Our Lord on His altar, and who are so bored in church because the Mass they are obliged to hear appears a little long to them? . . .

Will my Christmas Communion lead me to the union of mystics with Christ in three years? If the grace of the Lord brought about these wonders in the incandescent soul of the young Mohawk, why would it not do as much for me? Nothing is impossible to God on condition that we set no obstacles in His way.

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J., V. P.

❁ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D.R.!

I was married to a non-Catholic in December 26, 1970. I've prayed for 13 years for him to turn. Last year during the Kateri Days in Huron Bay, I was prayed over to get the strength to go on and carry the burden that the Lord had given me. As Priests and the Bishop had told me it was what the Lord wanted me to do to see my strength.

Anyhow this year, just before Easter, I was at the end of my rope. One night I lay in bed beside my husband talking to the Lord in tears! I said to Him I was going to stop praying completely. I even told Him that I was going to give up my Church. In the back of my mind, I was thinking, "How could I miss Mass and Easter Services since I was used to them all my life?" I asked Him for a sign or miracle. The following Monday my husband and I went to a Prayer Meeting and Mass. Fr. B. asked my husband, "When?" Meaning when was he going to turn Catholic! On Wednesday, March 30, 1983, on my birthday, my husband turned Catholic. I was so happy that he could now go to Holy Communion with me and our 10-year-old daughter... We have two other girls in our family and things are much different now. We are all closer to God. Praise the Lord and thanks to Kateri!

My mother went to the Shrine in Midland about the end of June 1983. We were all so happy for her as it was her first trip since dad died in 1982 (Jan.). Anyhow, while she was there she lost her sight in her right eye. I thought miracles were supposed to happen there not this kind of thing. But this was a miracle, because when she got to see the eye specialist in Thunder Bay, the doctor told her she had to have an emergency eye operation or she could lose her sight permanently. She was flown to the Toronto General Hospital and had surgery, two days later. Today she has her sight back and is recuperating in the hospital. I had prayed to Kateri for help and many Masses were offered for Mother and many people prayed for her. Praise the Lord and thanks to Him and to Kateri!

(Marathon, Ont.)

❁ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.M.!

I'm enclosing a small donation to Kateri for a successful operation. Thank you, Kateri! I also had one last year and prayed to you (also wore your medal on my hospital gown). I say my rosary every day and the novena for your canonization. Although I feel that you are already a Saint, I am also going to spread your devotion by putting your novena in our Church.

(Birmingham, AL)

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



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THE MAGI

From an 18th-century missal at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, Kahnawake, Quebec

This is the day sung by David in the psalms, when he said: "All the nations which you have made will come to adore you, Lord, and glorify your name."

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE...

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

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TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

A Friend, Plattsburgh, (NY), 36; Sr. Marie-Ange Fortier, Montreal, (Que.), 30; Mr. Richard Sayers, Iron Bridge, (Ont.), 77; Sr. Éméralda Arsenault, C.N.D., Montreal, (Que.), 25; Miss Jennie Riley, Memphis, (TN), 31; Mrs. Philippe Lamy, Montreal (Que.), 50; Sr. Leonarda, Forestville (CT) 34

HOW MANY PRAYER PLEDGES CAN YOU GET?

JOY!



Peruvian Indian
Crèche

Need I tell you, dear Kateri Guild members, that as I offer my three Masses on Christmas Day, better still, each morning of the holiday season, your intentions shall be specially remembered?

Merry Christmas! I now wish you the joy Blessed Kateri was favored with on Christmas Day 1677 when she made her first Holy Communion; I wish you this joy each day of 1984. I have nothing better to offer you.

H. B., S.J.

A MOVABLE ALTAR



An anonymous friend of Blessed Kateri presented a movable altar for priests who wish to offer the Holy Sacrifice close by her tomb. Others wishing to touch or kiss the white marble tomb, which would soil easily, may now venerate the altar instead.

A CHAPEL IN THE FAR NORTH

Fr. Gratien Daneau, O.M.I., from the Far North writes fascinatingly (Cf. p. 15) how he built his new

chapel for his Indian flock at Winisk and named it the "House-of-Prayer of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha."

KATERI AND THE OAK LAKE RESERVE

The Rev. Mr. Wilfred Barré, Deacon, of Bellevue, Man. wrote in a report on the Kateri Prayer Days held at the Oak Lake Indian Reserve on July 8, 9, 10. The happening featured the Rev. Mr. Murray Sayers an ordained deacon, who is well known to the Kahnawake, St. Regis-Akwesasne, and Maniwaki Indians. All glory to Blessed Kateri! (See p. 16).

MANIWAKI—LAND OF MARY!

Fr. Réal Paiement, O.M.I., is Pastor of the Algonquin reserve at Maniwaki—Land-of-Mary. I met him for the first time last year at Rouyn-Noranda at a three-day reunion of Algonquin delegates on Blessed Kateri's spirituality. After each talk I gave, he would summarize it in their native language. I met him again at St. Regis last spring and finally on his home ground at Maniwaki. He organized a Kateri Rally for his Indians last June. What a man! Blessed Kateri's mother was an Algonquin; understandably, they are interested in her. Read about it on p. 19, as only Fr. Paiement could have written it.

THE TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

For the last 34 years, in the United States, a group of Amerindians has been gathering together yearly to study its problems under the patronage of Kateri Tekakwitha. For many years these gatherings

were not overly flourishing. Five or six years ago, they attracted at most 40 or 50 Indians. Since the beatification of the Lily of the Mohawks, under the competent leadership of Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, O.F.M. Cap., it has progressed in leaps and bounds. It has become international, and this year from August 10-14, it attracted more than 1500 delegates from 125 tribes. On p. 26, Fr. Thomas Egan writes about it. Read his report, it's worth it!

KATERI INDIAN STOLES

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Indian stoles are being made by Sarah Skanaieah and Anna Kaianontha, 7849 Foster Road, Liverpool, New York, 13088. (315-622-2996). These stoles are for use at Mass by priests and deacons.

KAHNAWAKE JOINS THE RENEW PROGRAM



Sr. Roseline

On Wednesday, September 28, at 8:00 P.M. in the co-cathedral of St. Anthony in Longueuil, Quebec, the parishioners of the St. Francis Xavier Mission at Kahnawake, Quebec, were invited to join the ten other English-speaking parishes of the same diocese, that of St. Jean, Quebec, for the great "KICK-OFF" of the *Renew Program*.

The Renew Program of American origin has been implanted throughout many American dioceses and has now reached Canadian soil in different Provinces.

Renew is a spiritual revival. It is

successful primarily because it largely depends on prayer. People in every walk of life are invited to pray for the success of this program while others join in prayer to praise the Lord and to give glory to their God.

Each parish was represented and our Mohawk Indian people were given the privilege of bringing the gifts to the altar at the Offertory and at the same instant the Mohawk Choir began the "CANTANTE DOMINO" by Vincent d'Indy, translated into Mohawk by Mrs. Annie Lahache, member of the Choir. Our Choir merited applause from the attendance. Many people in the cathedral had never heard the Kahnawake Choir and were most

impressed by their melodious voices. Our Iroquois people gave a coloring to the celebration which no other people could give and for this, we, the organizers of the evening, are very grateful.

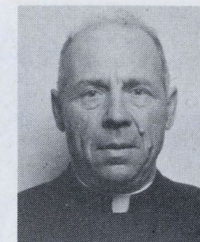
More than one thousand persons attended this diocesan celebration. There was a spirit of belonging, of friendship and of happiness. It probably was the first time that the English-speaking parishes felt the support of the entire Church of Saint-Jean. It was a fine experience!

After the coffee hour, the parishioners left renewed in spirit and in heart because they had "tasted of the goodness of the Lord!"

Sr. Roseline G  n  reux, SS.A.
Parish Coordinator for *Renew*.

A CHAPEL IN THE FAR NORTH

Gratien Daneau, O.M.I.



AT WINISK, an Indian village located in northern Ontario on Hudson Bay, since last Christmas there is a chapel dedicated to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

During the previous spring, an unfortunate fire had reduced our chapel to rubble. In the village there was no longer a decent spot to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Indians, who were all Catholics, were distressed by this state of affairs. They wanted to rebuild their chapel, but where would they find the necessary means to do so? The construction material, which had to be transported by plane, was extremely expensive. All eyes were fixed on the buildings of an abandoned radar station, on the other side of the river. Everybody joined in to see what could be done, beginning with our Bishop, His Excellency Bishop Leguerrier, O.M.I., who was able to obtain the required authorization. Our people offered to carry all this material by snowmobile, by canoe, and in their arms. The work on the building was quickly done and the chapel was ready for Christmas. It was inaugurated on Christmas at Midnight Mass. The celebrant explained that the new chapel would be called: "House-of-Prayer of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha." He drew a rapid picture of the life of Kateri and proposed her as a model of purity, humility, and obedience. He concluded with the edifying death of the Beata.

The blessing of the chapel then took place with the prayers in Cree. The Midnight Mass which followed was also sung in Cree. At the end of the ceremony each person received as a souvenir a picture of Blessed Kateri. These pictures carefully preserved now adorn all the homes of the village.

May Blessed Kateri be the guardian of her House-of-Prayer and watch over our parishioners!



✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss A.D.!

Enclosed are ten dollars that I promised if my nephew got a job. He did. Please pray for him that he may never be laid off. Thank you.
(Chicopee, MA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. R.D.!

I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to Kateri for the answer to my prayers regarding my studies and examination.
(Far Rockaway, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M.F.!

Enclosed please find more pledges and new subscriptions to the Kateri Quarterly. I am praying so hard that you'll meet your goal. . . I must tell you what happened to me recently. I was at my sister's home and that evening my niece became quite upset, almost hysterical, about a personal problem. To top it all she had lost her job that week. Needless to say, we were all upset with her. You have to know my niece, but she is a 23-year-old, who had had nothing go right for her in her young life. The very next day I started a Novena to Our Blessed Kateri and begged her to help this young lady because she really needs help. Well within the nine days her personal problem was resolved and on the tenth day someone sought her out and offered her a job. In fact she starts the new job today. Please say a prayer that all goes well for her. Thank you, my Blessed Kateri, for answering my prayer so quickly. . .
(Staten Island, NY)

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KATERI AND THE OAK LAKE RESERVE

Rev. Mr. Wilfred Barré

OAK LAKE Indian Reserve near Virden, Manitoba hosted the "Kateri Prayer Days" on July 8, 9, and 10, 1983. At their invitation a group of native people from various places in Ontario came to share their faith with them.

The group consisting mostly of married couples coordinated by Rev. Mr. Murray Sayers, an ordained Roman Catholic deacon, and his wife, Betsy, from Batchawana Bay, Victor Pelletier and his wife, Maureen, and four children from the Fort William Reserve, Robert Moses, his wife, Irene, and one of their many children from Heron Bay Reserve, Lawrence Andrews, his wife, Jean, and three children from Birch Island Reserve, Dennis and Nancy Wawia of Sudbury.

Mrs. Rose Dooley of Little Current on Manitoulin Island and Bertha Desmoulin also of Heron Bay gave their testimonies and conducted healing services. They mentioned that sometimes their group is as large as thirty.

The group is known as the "Kateri Prayer and Music Ministry," named after their patroness Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, a Mohawk Indian maiden of great Christian courage, who died in 1680 in Kahanawake, Quebec at the early age of 24 and was beatified on June 22, 1980 by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

The event began on Friday evening and ended on Sunday evening. It happened that an Oblate missionary priest from Meander River, Alberta, Fr. C. Mariman, O.M.I., who has worked with the Indian people there for 47 years, was visiting in the area. He was delighted to take part in the whole weekend and he admitted he had never experienced anything like it before.

The local Indian people and those from the white community were very much impressed with the music and the moving experiences of faith which the individuals of this ministering group shared with us.

The Kateri Ministry people said they had held prayer evenings at several points along their way to Manitoba, some of which were Nipigon, Fort Frances and Winnipeg. On their way home they planned to go to the Sandy Bay Reserve, North of Portage La Prairie and another prayer weekend in Pays Plat Indian Reserve in Ontario.



PHOTO BERNICE COMADA

The Kateri Music Ministry Group

Rev. Mr. Sayers said that although some of their group were fortunate enough to be employed, they would never have been able to make this tour had it not been for the love offerings, accommodations etc., which each community provided. Miraculously enough the amount of support was just sufficient to take them to their next engagement.

❁ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. S.B.!

Enclosed find twenty-five dollars as a donation to Kateri. I have been worried over colon cancer and offered many rosaries to Kateri over the months. Last week I got a clear bill of health and am ever so grateful to Kateri. (Ashland, MA)

❁ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. B.P.!

To my fantastic faith builder, who means the world to me! I realize, as I'm sure you do also, that my finding a job, with all the competition around here, was nothing short of a miracle. And yet, more importantly, as I was searching, I knew something would work out. For all these reasons I would like you to donate the pay from my first day of work to whomever you see fit regarding Kateri. (Staten Island, NY)

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

I'm enclosing a check for fifty dollars for a promise that I made about my job. I was having a problem and it's all straightened out. I pray to Kateri every single day. Now there's one more thing: I would like my son to find a better job. That's asking too much maybe, but I'm going to keep on praying.

(Berlin, NH)

✿ **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 or more without work. I'm sure she answered my prayers.

(Noranda, P.Q.)

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

Enclosed is an offering in thanksgiving for many favors received through Kateri's intercession. I was undecided about accepting an offer for early retirement and I asked her to help me make the right decision because of my financial situation. My prayer was answered and after my retirement I am paying off almost all of my bills. Now I have a request that I sell both my camper and my car by the middle of April without taking a loss on the sale as this will enable me to pay off the last of my bills. Please renew my subscription and pray for my intention, as I am praying for Kateri's beatification.

(Webster, NY)

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

The enclosed check for five dollars is an offering for Easter and for Blessed Kateri's feast day, April 17. Many thanks for your remembrance in your daily Mass and prayers to Kateri Tekakwitha for my successful operation and speedy recovery. I am now using a cane and hope and pray, God willing, that I may soon walk normally again.

(Rego Park, NY)

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

I promised Blessed Kateri alms if my eye operation was a success. The doctor says everything is fine. Please pray for my nephew who is very ill.

(Detroit MI)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. F.S. and L.!**

In thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha for the health of my dearest friend L., please accept ten dollars for the cause of her canonization by the Holy Church as the Saint of today, in the whole world.

(Sarnia, Ont.)

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

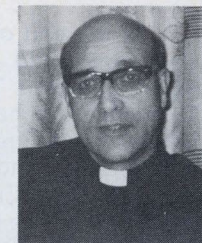
Enclosed is fifty dollar in thanksgiving for my son's summer job. He was discouraged about summer employment. I promised a donation and prayed to Kateri. The next day he went back to the job he had last summer.

(Saco, ME)

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ALGONQUINS HONOR KATERI

Réal Paiement, O.M.I.



FROM ALL THEIR RESERVATIONS came the Algonquins who revere Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, their very own saint. They came for August 5-7 to Maniwaki on the verdant shores of Lake Bitobi. About 300 of them took part in the ceremonies.

A committee of a dozen from the reservations prepared the manifestation. A few had even gone to St. Regis for the Regional Tekakwitha Conference to draw inspiration from the beautiful events in which they participated. They were also able to count on the help the Catholic Church Extension Society granted for the development of pastoral life among them. For this reason we expect much from our protectress in heaven with regard to the spiritual progress of our communities.

Friday evenings was livened up by the Kateri Choir from Sault Sainte Marie, which volunteered its help. It was an evening of prayer and reconciliation. They were seven in all, besides a family from Kahnawake, which joined them. The good Lord asked quite a bit of them. To the fatigue caused by a trip of 700 miles was added engine trouble, which delayed their arrival for a couple of hours. They had not had any supper. This did not stop them from singing the praises of the Lord, of proclaiming His word, and of lifting hearts up to Jesus during this first evening. At their call, from the outset, Kateri enfolded the place with her love of the Cross. Relevant indeed was a large wooden cross on the stage inviting the faithful to open their hearts to Christ crucified as Blessed Kateri did.

Saturday morning dawned with the promise of a beautiful day. The weather contributed to the success of the festivities. A few discreet clouds tempered the heat of the sun for most of the forenoon.

By nine o'clock, the crowd had gathered at the main pavilion. After a brief prayer and a song of praise, Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J., gave an instructive and interesting talk on Kateri's devotion to the Virgin Mary. He explained how this love for the Mother of God contributed to her sanctification until the day of her death. Kateri used to accompany Mary by meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary and by opening her heart to the maternal tenderness of the Queen of Heaven.

At the end of the talk, all headed for the wharf, where a line of rowboats could be seen approaching, with an Indian girl impersonating Kateri Tekakwitha and holding carefully a relic of Kateri Tekakwitha in her hands. Dressed in Indian garb, she was accompanied by a group dressed likewise, wearing colored feathered headdresses and singing Algonquin hymns. Having stepped down from the boats, they advanced with stately bearing towards the platform, while the crowd sang "Ave, ave, ave, Kateri," to the rhythm of the drums. A statue of the Blessed was exposed for the day. A hymn to Kateri and the veneration of her relic ended the ceremony about noontime.

At 2 o'clock, began a remarkable demonstration of faith. Very softly, Bridget Stevens began to sing the hymns she had composed in honor of Kateri. A few others joined her to make up a little choir. Then the new Kateri choir went on the boards to continue this comber of praise. They interspersed the melodies with their personal witnessing in order to draw all hearts to the Lord. One of them with a prophetic tone of voice proclaimed that the people of Maniwaki had everything it takes to evangelize, as they themselves were doing. Richard Sayers, director of the ensemble, executed a few songs he had composed in honor of Blessed Kateri.

Four o'clock! The tables are laden with tasty dishes of typically Indian food. As the people began to queue at the tables, they noticed our good Shepherd, Bishop Jean Gratton of Mt. Laurier, approaching them with a smile on his face. The Bishop, it must be admitted, is a good friend of the Indians and feels quite at home among them. After this warm welcome, the meal began. The abundant food was fraternally shared. The tall trees, the vast field, the blue waters of the lake, the tasty comestibles meant a lot to these stout hearts, who in the past enjoyed the charm of unspoilt nature.

About eight o'clock, all were invited to the Mass, which Bishop Jean Gratton was to be main celebrant of. Concelebrating with him were the missionaries of the Indians, Frs. Rémi Cadieux, O.M.I., Vincent Cadieux, O.M.I., Réal Paiement, O.M.I., our kind visitor, Henri Béchar, S.J., Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Blessed Kateri, joined by Raymond Barrette, O.M.I., Pastor of St. Patrick's parish. Not to be forgotten were seminarian Mario Dufour of Mt. Laurier and Deacon Yves Masse, of Hull. In the wings, Mr. Ken Brazeau, who is indispensable, took care of the sound system and registered on cassette whatever was said or sung.

The singers intoned the **Wenician manito**, a prayer to the Holy Spirit, which is ordinarily sung during the Bishop's visitation. The Amos choir led the crowd in singing the Kyrie and the Gloria in Indian. The readings follow, one after another, in French, English, and Indian. Bishop Gratton was the homilist. He particularly extolled the virtue of chastity and of virginity heroically practised by Kateri



Friday evening the members of the Kateri Music Ministry from Sault Sainte Marie set the mood for the Kateri Rally.



At 4 P.M. on Saturday a first-class supper was served to all.



The Algonquins were interested in Blessed Kateri.



Bishop Gratton of Mont Laurier with Fr. Réal Paiement, O.M.I., Pastor of the Maniwaki Reserve, to his right; and to his left, Fr. Vincent Cadieux, O.M.I.



(Photo J. Whiteduck)
At 10 A.M. Saturday morning, "Kateri" was welcomed at the Wharf.



Sunday morning, the above cast presented Kateri's life in twelve tableaux. (To appear in next Kateri.)

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Tekakwitha in surroundings completely hostile to this Christian value. Today, as many are led to follow the large and easy way, her example should furnish us with food for thought. His Excellency did not forget to mention the beautiful painting that his Amerindian parishioners presented him with on the occasion of Kateri's beatification.

At the end of the Mass, the Bishop said the prayer to Kateri and blessed the beautiful Kateri badges.

It was time for the much anticipated candlelight procession. One of the women indicated that it was being organized in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, because the Mexican Virgin first appeared for the native inhabitants of America; she promised them help and comfort in their needs. Kateri had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Besides, it was the first Saturday of the month and the beginning of the preparatory novena for the Assumption.

With the recitation of the Rosary, the procession following the Cross and Kateri's banner set out. The sight of this trail of light moving slowly to the rhythm of the Ave Marias and to the chanting of the Mysteries was truly impressive. Several men devoutly carried the statue of Our Lady accompanied by young torch-bearers quite honored by the role they were playing.

The Rosary was followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with Bishop Gratton blessing the people and reciting the Divine Praises. The ceremony concluded with a final hymn of praise and a song of gratitude to Blessed Kateri.

The night must have been short for many, but on Sunday morning the little crowd was present for the final ceremonies. The Kateri Choir sang the morning praises to the Lord. Quite recollected, all took place, before the outdoor stage.

Three Indian women then came to the microphone and one after the other explained in French, in English, and in Algonquin, the first tableau on the life of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha that was to follow. The curtain opened, the people stared open-eyed at the stage, cameras clicked, the scene changed. Kateri had become an orphan. And so on and so forth for the twelve tableaux leading to her holy death and glorification by the Church.

We owe a lot to the family of Mr. Norman and Mrs. Florence Commanda, who provided the magnificent costumes, gave a fine dramatic interpretation and worked behind the scenes. Miss Bridget Stevens splendidly played the role of Blessed Kateri. All took place without a hitch and was truly edifying. This performance will be long remembered and talked about.

After a few minutes' respite, the opening anthem for Sunday Mass was chanted. The devoted musicians from Sault Sainte Marie alerted the attendance with a few well-known hymns in English and sang the common of the Mass in Algonquin. Worthy of note is the

fact that it was offered in Algonquin, something that is now unusual at Maniwaki. Fr. Béchard spoke about Kateri's faith inherited from her Algonquin mother and crowned by her devotion to the Eucharist. Fr. Rémi Cadieux developed the same subject in French, and Fr. Réal Paiement in Indian. The Mass presided by Fr. Vincent Cadieux ended with the prayer to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

Mr. Tom Rankin then gave his impressions of the festivities; he expressed the hope that they would become an annual tradition. He was followed by Mr. William Commanda, M.C., who thanked all the participants. We owe a great deal to Mr. William and Mrs. Mary Commanda, who graciously lent their land and who worked hard with one of their friends, Mr. Basil Dewashie, to prepare it. Special thanks go to Mrs. Bernice Commanda, President of the parish committee, who spared no trouble in decorating the tables, preparing the banquet, and in seeing that nothing was lacking.

After the Eucharist, the choir kept on singing and the enthusiasm of the attendance remained in high gear while good wishes were exchanged as well as good-byes which will echo to August 1984.

Maniwaki, Quebec
August 24, 1983

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. & Mrs. J.P.D.!**

My husband's position has been secured with another job within the same company, thank God and Blessed Kateri! The second intention for which we prayed, needs more divine help. The re-attached foot of my son-in-law's brother is still giving him problems and needing operations. More importantly, resignation to God's will is difficult for this poor young man to accept. Please continue your good prayers for him and his loved ones. Thank you.
(Matawan, NJ)

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

I am enclosing my check for Kateri. It is in gratitude for the favor Blessed Kateri bestowed on our family. My daughter-in-law gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on May 27, but five days later had to return to the hospital for a condition that could have been very serious. A ten-day stay at the hospital was necessary and I promised Kateri a special donation. My daughter-in-law recovered and is doing fine, but we were all very worried. Kateri didn't fail to hear my prayers and I wish to show my thanks, as I promised. May God bless you and all those who work for Kateri's cause and thank you, Father, for your special prayers for me.
(Queens Village, NY)

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Bro. Bertrand Girard, S.J., Frs. Henri Béchard, S.J., Robert L. Fleig, S.J., and Thomas F. Egan, S.J.



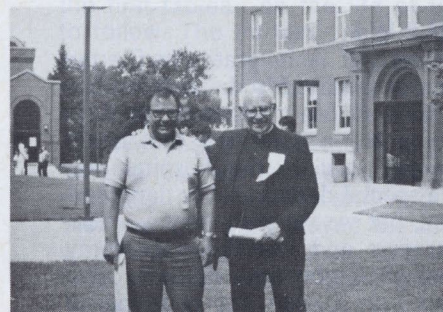
Bishop John F. Kiney of Bismark, ND, leads one of the many Concelebrations of the Conference; Deacon Spears gives the kiss of peace.



Indian liturgy conducted on the bank of Lake Sagatan by Fr. Edmund Sevilla, a Pueblo Indian



Saturday evening powwow



Fr. Béchard and Mr. John Joe Sark, a Micmac from Prince Edward Island



The Mohawk banner from St. Regis

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St. John's Abbey — University Church at Collegeville, MN.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Thomas F. Egan, S.J.

FROM MANY RESERVATIONS in Canada and the United States, Indians set forth for St. John's University at Collegeville, MN during August for the Annual International Tekakwitha Conference. They came from as far as Alaska and from Prince Edward Island. Albert Lazare, Blessed Kateri's longtime secretary, and his son Arnold represented the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, Kateri's own, while from the sister-mission of St. Regis-Akwesasne no less than 47 Mohawks set out by bus under the leadership of Alex Mitchell.

A day earlier, August 9, Father Thomas F. Egan, Father Robert L. Fleig, and Brother Bertrand Girard, S.J., of St. Regis with Father Henri Béchard from St. Francis Xavier's at Kahnawake had flown out to Minneapolis, where they were met by Father Beachhuber of the Jesuit Mission Service, who most graciously drove them to Collegeville, MN, ninety miles away.

At the end of the afternoon, the opening liturgy began with a solemn procession of over 1000 native people dressed in distinctive garb and grouped according to tribe. Principal Concelebrant of the mass, the Most Rev. Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate of the Holy See

to the United States and personal representative of Pope John Paul II, brought the greetings of the Holy Father and reminded the delegates of the unique human experience with which God the Creator had gifted the Indians. Later in the evening a candlelight procession was climaxed by a holy hour in the great abbey church conducted by His Eminence, John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Next morning, Father Henri Béchar, S.J., of Montreal, vice postulator for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, opened the first working day with a talk on the spirituality of Blessed Kateri. The Most Reverend Thomas Joseph Murphy, Bishop of Great Falls, MT, explained to an attentive audience they had come together to glorify the Almighty and to heal the brokenness caused by many painful memories in the peace which the Church gives.

The delegates then broke up into groups in order to participate more actively in the eight workshops of the conference. One particularly popular workshop for the St. Regis delegates, the one on Native Catholic Catechesis, was directed by Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., former principal of the Akwesasne-Mohawk School on Cornwall Island.

Mohawks from St. Regis expressed themselves as deeply moved by two unusual Catholic liturgies, the first of which was a memorial service on Thursday afternoon conducted by Father Sevilla, in which candles were placed in the ground to symbolize the graves of relatives and friends of the delegates who had died during the past year and corn meal sprinkled on the candles. The second liturgy was a sunrise mass next morning conducted by Fr. Hascall. A majority of the St. Regis group was on hand a half hour before sunrise for this latter service at which cedar boughs were burned. The main part of the liturgy began with the canticle of Daniel in the place of the usual Gloria. The memorial acclamation after the consecration of the bread and wine was a poignant chant of a Chippewa elder uttered in his ancient tongue.

On Friday morning the general session opened with a dramatization of the life of Blessed Kateri, written and directed by Sarah Monroe Hassenplug, a native of St. Regis, and enacted by fifteen delegates from the Mohawk congregation of St. Lucy's Church in Syracuse. In a moving display of Mohawk solidarity the players from St. Lucy's invited both St. Regis and Kahnawake representatives to portray additional roles in the drama. The presentation was so well received by the Indian delegates that they requested their Mohawk brethren to give a repeat performance. With the help of Father Gilbert Hemauer, O.F.M. Cap., President of the Tekakwitha Conference from Great Falls, Montana, arrangements were made to schedule this encore at the start of the general session that evening.

Both Thursday and Friday evenings were devoted to prayer services. The first of these on Thursday, was a communal penance



Statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha on the Campus of St. John's University
Collegeville, Minnesota

service, stressing the need for reconciliation of man to God and man to fellowman. It was conducted by Very Rev. Father Donald Pelotte, S.S.S., of the Abenaki nation, who presently serves as provincial superior of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers in the United States. Charismatic prayer and healing brought the greater number of the delegates together Friday evening in a service which lasted until after midnight.

The workshops continued through the second and third days of the conference. While many delegates chose to follow through with the workshop they had chosen, others were free to sample what was taking place in the various workshops.

On Saturday afternoon a period of intertribal sharing led by Sister Eva Solomon, C.S.J., an Ojibway from Anderson Lake, Ontario, prompted many of the groups to perform extempore. The Akwesasne Singers from St. Regis were called upon to present songs from the traditions of Blessed Kateri's people and Alexandra McDonald did a solo with a hymn in honor of the Mohawk maiden. The informal program was followed by a native meal prepared by the Chippewa people of Minnesota and Wisconsin. As dusk approached the native people from over 110 tribes assembled for a gigantic Powwow at which they all demonstrated their distinctive social dances.

Reports from the eight workshops constituted the order of business for Sunday morning. Father Hemauer announced that arrangements had been made to hold next year's conference from August 2 to 6 in Phoenix, Arizona. Soon the delegates were assembling in the abbey church for the closing liturgy at 10:30 p.m., a concelebrated mass led by the Most Rev. George Speltz, Bishop of St. Cloud. Over fifty priests joined in the concelebration. Included were six priests who were native Americans, two of them well known to the Mohawks, namely, Father George Mathieu, a Pottawatomie from the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin, who took part in last May's regional conference in the Kateri Hall, and Father Joseph Brown, a Blackfoot member of the Jesuit order, whom many of the St. Regis people met at the beatification of Kateri in Rome. Fathers Béchard, Egan, and Fleig found themselves walking in the procession with Monsignor Paul Lenz of Washington, D.C., director of the Catholic Bureau of Indian Missions, who has helped to fund the religious instruction program at St. Regis-Akwesasne, and who covered the vice postulator's expenses to Collegeville on the occasion of his 1982 Golden Jubilee as a religious.

In the homily the Most Rev. John Kinney, Bishop of Bismarck, ND, and episcopal moderator of the Tekakwitha Conference, spoke reassuringly of the great love of God the Father for all His people and of the spiritual blessings He has showered on the native people of this continent.

Amid a round of farewells the worshippers on leaving the church made for one final meal in the college cafeteria. Most of



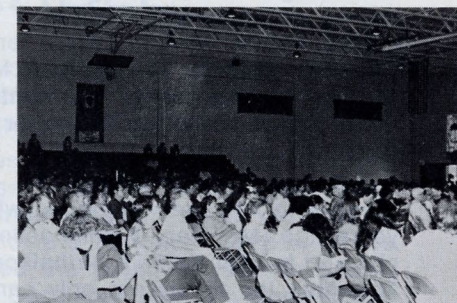
His Eminence Cardinal Krol and Archbishop Laghi (miter) in the processional...



Note Mr. Albert Lazare, Kateri's secretary for more than thirty years, and his son Arnold.



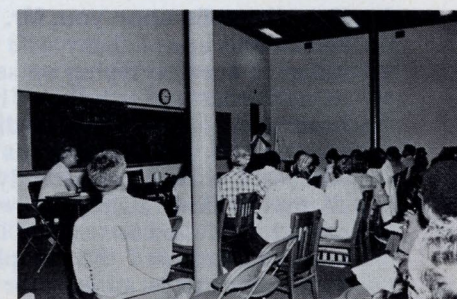
Archbishop Pio Laghi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, receives the offerings.



General Assembly



Mohawk players following the successful performance of "The Life of Kateri"



Native Ministry Preparations. Chairman (on the right) Fr. Carl Starkoff, S.J.; facilitated by Fr. Charles Peterson, S.J. (seated) on left, from Fairbanks, Alaska

PHOTOGRAPHY BY ANNE SCHEUEURMAN

the delegates left Collegeville about 1:30 P.M., by bus. Having arrived at Minneapolis about 4 o'clock, Fr. Béchar, Mr. Albert Lazare, and Mr. Arnold Lazare rented a car and drove to Hastings, some 40 miles to the south. A fervent devotee of Blessed Kateri for more than a quarter of a century, Miss Mary Lucile Moran lives there. Father wished to thank her personally for her untiring generosity over the years.

During the Conference, Fr. Egan had made contact with a friend who had been stationed with him at Benning, GA, nearly 20 years ago. Mr. Gary Kemmitueller had brought his wife and four children to visit Kateri's birthplace at Auriesville several years ago. This time the family not only came out to Collegeville to be with Father, but also took this old friend with Fr. Fleig to their home on Sunday afternoon.

After a restful night at the Jesuit residence in the city, the three Fathers, along with Brother Girard, Albert and Arnold Lazare, father and son combination from Kahnawake, headed for the airport where an American Airlines flight would take them first to Chicago and then to Montreal.

All those who managed this year to attend the 34th annual Tekakwitha Conference at Collegeville agreed it had been an extraordinary adventure for them, and promised they would not miss the 35th annual Tekakwitha Conference.

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

The attached check is for favors granted by Kateri in connection with problems at work. Kateri has seen me through many tough situations on my job. (Alton, IL)

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

Please find enclosed my wife Rose's and my pledge to Blessed Kateri. I am also typing up several copies of the pledge to give to my friends in North Bay. I have also enclosed my intentions as I am going in for some medical tests shortly and also for the reuniting of my son and his wife, who are now separated. I purchased a used car recently and locked my keys inside with all the windows tightly up with no way of retrieving them. I prayed to Blessed Kateri and inside of ten minutes the lady from whom I purchased the car phoned to advise me that she had found an extra set of keys for the car I bought from her. Kateri smiled on me. I am enclosing five dollars to help you, Rev. Father Béchar, in your good work to have Blessed Kateri canonized a Saint. (North Bay, Ont.)

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

VENERABLE!

DURING THE THREE YEARS following the expedition of the diocesan documents from Albany, no news was forthcoming from Rome. However the Congregation of Rites was not idle.

The deaths of their Eminences Cardinals Ceretti and Sincero, successively Ponents of the Cause of the Servant of God Kateri Tekakwitha, retarded somewhat the proceedings; so did that of Abbot Quentin, O.S.B., President of the Historical Section of the Congregation of Rites, who favored the young Iroquois in preference to many others. Even so, in December 1936, Fr. Carlo Miccinelli, S.J., who has already been mentioned, took over Msgr. Joseph A. Breslin's responsibilities. With all his know-how he continued the work of the previous Postulator.

After six years dedicated to the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, before leaving Rome, Msgr. Breslin could write to his certain knowledge that the Cause was progressing well. The documentation was put down as near perfect, so much so that the **Osservatore Romano** did not hesitate to state that "few causes were as well documented."

It had been turned over to the printers of the Vatican Polyglot Press which intended to make a large quarto of it. The Congregation of Rites was awaiting the publication of this book to formally introduce the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha. The former Postulator also noted that no one doubted any longer about the Lily of the Mohawks' holiness and that not only in North America but also just about everywhere in Europe people were interested in Kateri Tekakwitha. They realized that the Mohawk Maiden had brought something truly new to the annals of holiness.

At this period, the role of the Congregation of Rites comprised not only the prescription and the observance of the rites and ceremonies of the Catholic Church, but also the processes of the beatification and canonization of future saints. No court in the world, as Fr. Wynne, whom I am closely following, noted, had such serious responsibilities. It must examine the virtues of the Servants of God, weigh the testimony of the experts concerning the favors obtained through their intercession, especially the cures of illnesses reputed incurable, and satisfy the Sovereign Pontiff that he could proclaim such and such a candidate for canonisation worthy of veneration and imitation on the part of the Christian people.

On February 6, 1930, His Holiness Pius XI had instituted the Historical Section for the Causes of Saints, which was added to the Congregation of Rites. It took in all the historical Causes such as that of Kateri Tekakwitha, for whom witnesses no longer existed.

Fr. Ferdinand Antonelli, O.F.M., was its Relator General and the Vice Relator was Fr. Joseph Law. The Consultors were Monseignori Ravanat, Curesi, Kirsh, Paschini and until lately, Tisserant and Mercati, promoted cardinals. The priests of this Section, all religious, were Frs. Callacy, O.F.M., Cap., Delahaye, S.J. and Bollandist, Dom Mguanez, O.S.B., Newdigate, S.J., Peters, S.J., Pouy Mart, O.F.M., Silva Taronca, S.J., Tacchi-Ventura, S.J., and Thery, O.P. To these add two names well known in intellectual circles: Dr. Franchi de' Cavalieri of the Vatican Library and Mr. Georges Goyau of the French Academy. Msgr. Ruis y Sera served as Assistant. The names of these scholars indicate the patient work that must go into the preparation of a Cause, particularly that of Kateri Tekakwitha. Everything must be examined and weighed with the greatest care in order to prepare the articles about the life of the Iroquois Maiden, about her particular virtues, about the proof of her reputation for holiness, and about her response to the prayers addressed to her in order to obtain her intercession with God. One hundred articles were submitted, 36 on her life, 31 on her virtues, 19 on her reputation for holiness, and 14 on her response to prayers. Each article had to be accompanied with one or more references to the books or documents in which they were mentioned and finally, with a complete list of all the writings or printed material in different languages pertaining to "good Kateri."

Is it necessary to note that all these articles had to be written conscientiously, for they would be used by the witnesses for the Cause as well as by the Promoter of the Faith or, if you prefer, "the devil's advocate," who needed them for his investigation? Besides, each member of the Congregation of Rites was to receive a copy in French, English, Latin, and Italian. Fortunately the sources of



In 1938, Fr. Georges Mongeau, S.J., organized pilgrimages to Caughnawaga and to Côte Sainte-Catherine-de-Laprairie.

information were abundant and of incontestable value. All concerned soon discovered that no other Servant of God from a primitive people in an obscure mission had ever been so well memorialized as this young Indian of the 17th century.

All this work aimed only at proving Kateri Tekakwitha's holiness. But what is holiness? First of all, let me recall that it is the greatest homage that a soul can offer to its Creator. It proves one's total consecration to Him. It is religion at its best. Since true religion consists in union with God, holiness is nothing else than the link of this union.

If we speak of holiness, it is necessary to note that we are not alluding to ordinary virtue, but to virtue elevated to perfection, which is practised despite all opposition and every difficulty, to the point of being truly heroic.

No one will be surprised to learn that the Congregation of Rites uses very precise criteria to verify the holiness of candidates for beatification and canonization. It begins with the examination of the three theological virtues which directly unites them with God: faith, hope and charity.

To believe in Jesus Christ and to live this belief, there is no greater adventure proposed to any man. It is the heart of Christian life. Thanks to it, we hold as true that Jesus of Nazareth is "Christ, the Son of the living God," sent by the Father and who, by his death and resurrection brought to mankind the gifts of pardon, of justice and the Spirit of holiness. Faith's vistas can open out on martyrdom, as millions of followers of Christ have demonstrated, and then it is heroic.

Christian hope leaves one to desire God as the supreme good and to await with the greatest trust grounded on the goodness and power of God eternal beatitude and the means to attain it. This virtue becomes heroic as soon as it manages to focus all its aspirations on eternal life with the Almighty.

To love God with all one's strength, is pure heroism as well as one's neighbor for the love of God if one realizes the commandment of the Lord Jesus: "There is no greater love than to give one's life for one's friends." If not through martyrdom, at least through a life of devotion and sacrifice.

Then follows the brochette of cardinal virtues, on which depend all the others: justice, prudence, temperance and strength. They may be practised in a purely profane manner or again by taking into account the fundamental ideas of Christianity, or finally in the heroic manner of the saints.

The Congregation will take up the life of the Servant of God and, detail by detail, it will see if it squares with what these virtues and many others demand, with the word "heroic" as exponent.

(To be continued)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. R.F.!**

Enclosed please find a check for the Kateri Center in thanksgiving for a great favor received through Blessed Kateri's intercession. Our great-niece was baptized on Pentecost Sunday. I have received many favors through Kateri and Our Lady of Guadalupe. . . (St. Marys, PA)

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

Enclosed you will find a check for twenty dollars, to use as you wish. I am sending you this for a favor obtained. I thought my life wasn't worth living for a while, but now I know it really is, and Kateri has had a lot to do with it! (Old Orchard Beach, ME)

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

I am writing, hopefully, to further the cause for Sainthood of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. My sister and I have always considered the following incident to be the result of Divine intervention through the intercession of Kateri. The year was 1938. My sister M. was the third child of the surviving six of the thirteen children of our parents. M. had completed Grade XII, with good standing in June and wanted to attend Normal School (Teacher's College) in the nearest city. Our father said it was impossible as the tuition fee was one hundred dollars plus the cost for books and board and room. Dad was a miner with mostly seasonal work for many years and later foreman for public works. We were on welfare during the depression. That summer, an opportunity to become a live-in baby-sitter for a family acquaintance in the city presented itself. It seemed providential so M. determinedly resolved to go. In late August we still did not have the tuition fee for the term beginning on September 1. She and I began a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha and M. bolstered by faith, boarded the train. I am the eldest and had been working as a domestic for four years but at this point had a part-time job with the telephone company. My last employers were quite affluent and as we had always had a good relationship with them, I then decided to approach the father. I went to his office the morning M. took the train, I made my request for one hundred dollars with the offer to repay it at ten dollars per month. He hesitated, saying that he had had a previous request that morning. My heart sank! However, shortly he reconsidered and wrote a promissory note with no interest asked. The first living accommodation proved unsatisfactory but a former friend, filled the breach until I was earning more and able to supply the needed fee for room and board. We feel Kateri sent M. to Normal School and kept her there. It was a miracle! (Innisfail, Alta)

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

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