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THE MARIE SKARICHIONS ROLL
LITTLE SISTER WANTS TO KNOW ...

KATERIGRAM

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EACH NEW MOON

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OF GUADALUPE

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NOTES ON KATERI'S MOTHER

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LILY OF
THE MOHAWKS

Kahnawake, P.Q., Canada

Autumn • 1985



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

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1. Our quarterly bulletin, *Kateri*, published by the Kateri Center, intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Canonization will thereby be hastened.
2. It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Canonization.
3. It seeks also your donations, for without them practically nothing can be done to make Kateri known and to have the important favors attributed to her intercession examined and approved.

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Each issue of "Kateri" contains:

1. One or several pages on Kateri's life and virtues;
2. News from Kateri's friends everywhere;
3. The account of favors due to her intercession;
4. News concerning the native peoples of America, with special reference to the people of Kahnawake and their friends.

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5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's canonization.

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✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. M.!

I'm sending you five dollars for the Kateri magazine. I continue with the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be . . . in her honor. I asked Blessed Kateri to get a job for my friend, he has been searching so long and was getting depressed. I told Kateri that she was to find work for him and that I expected a letter on her feastday, telling me he had work. Well, on the 17th of April, I got a letter saying he had a lovely job, he loves It. Thanks to Kateri. Now I am asking her to cure a mother of four, who got a virus and seems to have brain damage. She keeps asking for food and saying she is hungry. Please ask Kateri to help. There is a lot of sickness in the world, people say "Why did it happen to me?", only God knows why. He knows best. God bless the work.

(Cabra, Dublin)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.W.D.!

Find enclosed a post office order of ten dollars to Kateri for helping me last winter with all the arthritis pain I had, especially in my feet. I prayed to Blessed Kateri and asked her to help me as I could hardly sleep at night and had a difficult time to do my house work. I was helped a lot through Kateri. I am able to do my work now with no problem. Thank you, Blessed Kateri, I will keep praying to you. I am also enclosing two dollars to enroll one of my nieces to your quarterly. She is praying to Blessed Kateri; both she and her husband are in poor health.

(Tignish, P.E.I.)

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

**IF YOU LOVE BLESSED KATERI
YOU WILL PLEDGE A DAILY
OUR FATHER AND HAIL MARY
FOR HER CANONIZATION!...**

Little Sister wants to know...



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

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

Already 16,495 have come in.

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

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

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City or Town

Province or State Code

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- ☐ Positions
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- ☐ Peace in World

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KATERIGRAM

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, I have been begging far and wide for Kateri Pledges of one daily Our Father and Hail Mary to hasten Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's canonization. After five years, I have come up with the rather modest harvest of 16,000 promises although I have said and repeated that my aim was for at least 50,000 or 100,000. Everybody understands why I have suggested an Our Father each day, which Jesus Himself taught us; but why the Hail Mary? All are aware of the power of Our Lady's appeals to her divine Son; then again, Blessed Kateri's devotion to the Mother of God incites us to imitate her. The following lines written by Fr. Pierre Cholenec about the Lily of the Mohawks are enlightening:

"As soon as Kateri learned about Our Lady, the Queen of Virgins, and the Mother of Purity, she loved her ecstatically, and spoke of her with enthusiasm. She learned by heart the litanies composed in her honor, and said them every evening in private after the common prayers of the lodge. She never went without her beads, which she recited in all her goings and comings. She signalized Saturdays and the other days dedicated to the Mother of Mercy by some mortification or extra act of virtue.

"Kateri prepared herself with redoubled fervor for the most solemn feast days, which were for her a time of spiritual renovation, so much pleasure did she take in them, so many graces did she receive. We have also seen that she always chose them when she wished to offer some great sacrifice to Our Lord, as her vow of virginity, which she made partly to imitate the Holy Virgin, and to give her this eminent proof of her admiration and love.

"From the moment she took the resolution at the Sault to take Jesus Christ for her Spouse, she took Mary for her mother, throwing herself into her arms and abandoning herself entirely to her guidance with perfect filial confidence, worthy daughter of such a mother, who, we may believe, obtained from her Divine Son such a marvelous and rare gift of purity by a reciprocal love."

During the month of October, these considerations written three centuries ago may induce the Beata's friends to implore daily through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin the speedy canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.,
Vice-Postulator

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.C.!

In thanksgiving for my daughter finding employment. Please remember my son and two grandchildren in your prayers.
(Tucson, AZ)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. C.D.!

From **Leaves** I learned of your program of prayer to promote the canonization of Blessed Kateri. Without telling you, I joined your prayer group and went a step further. How? From **Leaves**, again, I learned of a doctor in Virginia and of how he was spreading devotion to the Living Rosary. We got in touch; he sent me all his plans; I simplified them with an easy way to keep track, and then proceeded to alert my members. What I want you to know is that all my members are remembering your intentions in the rosaries. (Some have started their own groups.) I have chosen very caring people from those in "high places" in our convents, my former students, and my lay friends. I have confidence in their faithfulness and loyalty. Their responses to me were beyond all expectations. May I ask you to send me a few leaflets on Our Lady of Guadalupe? I have named my little unborn one "Mary". It is my plan to adopt another unborn little one after the year is up. Can you guess the next one's name? You're right! "Kateri." Of course, "Carmel" follows and all along the line will be little **girls** (Women's Lib.!) named after Our Lady. I didn't plan too far into the future with my names—just up to 1990—cause I'll be 92 then—and who knows? May I ask you to please remember me in your prayers? My eyesight is failing; the right eye is gone. God bless you and all your good works.
(San Francisco, CA)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.F.!

Enclosed is a check as a thank you for one of my sons and a daughter who have just gotten very good jobs. I would certainly say Kateri was the one who really helped.
(North Providence, RI)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. I.B.!

Enclosed are ten dollars in thanksgiving for Kateri's help through her intercession on behalf of our daughter obtaining employment. With deep gratitude.

(Brantford, Ont.)

❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.R.!

Please accept my small donation in honor of Blessed Kateri for helping my husband overcome a drinking problem . . .
(Coolidge, AZ)

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



Mrs. Skanaeah Monroe-Hasenplug, Liverpool; NY; Mr. Thomas B. Constantino, Amsterdam, NY; Rev. Henri Béchar, S.J., Kahnawake, P.Q.; Dr. Solomon Cook, Hogsburg, NY; Iron Eyes Cody of Keep America Beautiful. Rev. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., St. Regis, P.Q.; Rev. Gérard Lavigne, S.J., Montreal, P.Q., and Mrs. Peg Bova, Mattydale, NY, all close friends of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

A TRIBUTE TO IRON EYES CODY

by Mr. Thomas B. Constantino at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.,
April 18, 1985

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

I am inclosing fifty dollars for a favor received. I promised Blessed Kateri if my granddaughter could walk again after an auto accident I would send a donation. Thank you, Blessed Kateri (Watervliet, NY)

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

Enclosed is thirty dollars to Kateri for helping me when I called on her. 1. To help find my sister's wedding ring while on vacation. 2. To help find my husband's wallet. 3. To help my cousin obtain credit to buy a house trailer. I have also pledged a daily Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for her canonization. She has also given me stronger Faith than before. A light in me that has been dim is getting brighter and I thank her.

(Garrison, ND)

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

Enclosed is an offering of ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri. My nephew had a serious operation. After many treatments, without much success, he did not seem to be improving and consequently his morale was becoming very low. I prayed to Kateri, as well as to Bl. John Ogilvie, that they ask Our Lady to intercede with Our dear Lord for him. The latest news I had was that the doctor found that things had cleared up, and he does not have to see his doctor for three months. Meantime his appetite has improved and he is feeling more like his old self . . .

(Montreal, P.Q.)

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

Enclosed is a small donation. I was supposed to have a major operation and I prayed to Kateri for a recovery. When in the operating room, the operation was cancelled and cannot be performed. Trying other methods, I can at least eat and swallow at this time.

(Baltimore, MD)

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

Enclosed you will find five dollars for a favor that was granted to me by Kateri Tekakwitha. I work in a county nursing home in the housing department. I prayed to Kateri that everything would turn out great for me at the time the State Inspectors were there. Everything was done the way they wanted it done. I knew Kateri wouldn't let me down. Thanks again to Kateri for being so wonderful.

(Plattsburgh, NY)

(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 to July 31, 1985.

Alcoholic Problem Solved	1
Articles Found	10
Better Health	7
Cures	26
Employment Found or Kept	23
Lodgings	5
Peace in Family	1
Financial Aid	1
Properties Bought or Sold	2
Return to the Faith	1
Safe Pregnancies	1
Safe Trips	6
Successful Studies	4
Successful or Averted Operations	12
Temporal Favors	21

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Sr. Marie Therese, O.S.C., Valleyfield, P.Q., 25; Sr. Marguerite-Marie Lemaire, A.S.V., Nicolet, P.Q. 50... Where, O where are the others?...

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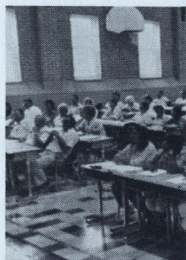


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Sunday, July 7 at 11 o'clock, the Eucharistic Celebration was offered in the Mission Church of St. Francis Xavier's, Blessed Kateri's mission. Bishop Bernard Hubert of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, P.Q. officiated with Auxiliary Bishop Gilles Bélisle of Ottawa and approximately 40 other priests concelebrating. It was attended not only by parishioners but also by Native Canadians from across the country who were engaged in the 6th series of Christian Leadership workshops at Saint-Jean-Vianney College, 12630 Gouin Blvd, E., Montreal, lasting from July 5th to July 12th. It was organized by a committee comprised of Fr. Carl Starkoff S.J. of Toronto, Ont., of Fr. Léon Lajoie of Kahnawake, P.Q., of Mrs. Theresa Hall of Cochrane, Ont., and of Mr. Ronald Boyer of Kahnawake.

INSTITUTE OF ANCIENT MAN



Mr. Stephen Porcelli placed his *Institute of Ancient Man* under the aegis of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It is an educational organiza-

tion recently established to help people share, understand, and preserve information on the sites, artifacts, practices and beliefs of ancient man before this heritage is totally destroyed and lost forever. Three times yearly, the Institute publishes the "Ancient Man Information Exchange." Address: Tekakwitha Institute of Ancient Man, 8171 Willowdale Court, Springfield, VA 22153-3623, U.S.A.

Our congratulations to Mr. Porcelli and long life to the Tekakwitha Institute!

NEW BLESSED KATERI CHURCH

At Indian Island, N.B., the Micmac Indians have just begun to erect a church dedicated to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It is a very beautiful reserve, bound on three sides by the sea and containing well-kept woodlands. The Micmacs were the first Canadian Indians to accept the faith three centuries ago and despite difficult times have always been loyal to the Church.

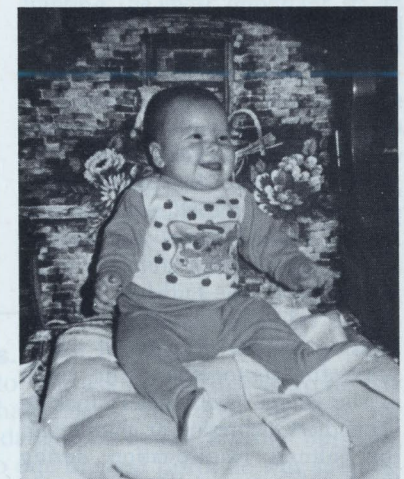
A professional designer made the plans for the new church, which architecturally combines the traditional Indian spiritual culture with accepted church traditions. It will be in the shape of a tepee and will be strikingly unique in its form and decoration.

Blessed Kateri's smile upon the Micmac Indians of Indian Island!

KAHNAWAKE OR CAUGHNAWAGA?

The Mohawk town several miles to the southwest of Montreal was long known as Caughnawaga, the anglicised form of its original name. Already at the end of the last century, Fr. Forbes, future Archbishop of Ottawa, hoped that the former Iroquois appellation, *Kahnawake*: At-the-rapids (of Lachine), would be used again. About three years ago, the Federal Government approved the use of the former name.

KATERI BARLOW



One-year-old Kateri Barlow, of Leominster, MA 01453, smiles at you for pledging a daily Our Father and Hail Mary for Blessed Kateri's canonization.

THE HURONS HONOR BLESSED KATERI



On Sunday, April 14, 1985, the Lorette Hurons celebrated the 5th anniversary of Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification. To honor the event and also to help make her better known, the Committee of the Huron Church had a splendid oratory erected in the historic chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Loreto (1730), in hand-carved wood, showing Kateri in an Amerindian setting. This Katerian altar is the work of Paul Yves Gagnon of Château-Richer, nephew of the late Abbé George-Sally Gagnon who gave 47 years of his priestly life to the Huron nation. A relic of Blessed Kateri was inserted at the foot of the statue for the veneration of the faithful.

The religious ceremony of the blessing was the occasion of a very successful get-together. The youth of the village (both sexes) took in hand the Celebration at church and the cultural manifestation during the parish picnic at the Community Center. Serving at the altar, doing the first two readings at Mass and offering the gifts to the accompaniment of Huron dances were effected by these youngsters.

His Eminence Cardinal Louis



His Eminence Cardinal Vachon
blessing the New Kateri oratory



Close-up of the oratory.



A child venerates the relic.



A cake for more than a hundred!

Albert Vachon, Archbishop of Quebec, officiated at the blessing of the Kateri oratory during a liturgy celebrated with ten other priests. The members of the Huron Wyandot Council were present as well as 200 of the faithful. The choir sang the Mass in the Huron language. Sr. Ghislaine Houde, S.C.S.L., sang Fr. Alfred Bernier's "Hymn to Kateri."

In his homily, the Primate of the Canadian Church stressed Kateri's faith and, recalling Pope John Paul II's message to the Amerinds, he invited the Hurons to be messengers of the Gospel and at the same time to maintain their culture and ancestral traditions.

After the religious ceremony, the festivity continued at the Community Center with a family picnic (each one having brought her or his supper). For dessert, an immense cake featuring Kateri was shared by more than one hundred participants. The celebration ended with a spectacle of Amerindian dancers executed by the folkloric

troupe "Handiwich," comprised of about fifteen young people.

This celebration of the 5th anniversary of the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha bears witness to the joy it caused among the Amerinds. It is also a proof of the Huron Wyandot nation's fervor towards their heavenly sister, Kateri.

The sculpture of Kateri in the historic chapel of the Huron Village will make her known to the thousands of visitors who come each year to see the historic sites of the Lorette Reserve. To facilitate the acquisition of this knowledge, the Church and Arouenne Museum Committees published a flyer highlighting the most important stages of the life of faith of our Blessed Kateri.

May Kateri Tekakwitha continue watching over her Amerindian sisters and brothers and accompany them on the paths leading to God, our common Father.

Fr. Lucien Pageau

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.P.!

Sometime ago I had written to you asking you for prayers. My prayers—Praise the Lord—have been answered. It was for my son who was in serious danger of losing his big business, home and all, but thankfully to our Blessed Lord, he was successful through the courts. He is sending you this amount enclosed of one hundred dollars and he is asking you to pray for him, as naturally he has a few other smaller events to go through. He has great faith in prayers. Thank you most heartedly for same.

(North Bay, Ont.)

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

The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Because of Blessed Kateri's extraordinary devotion to Our Lady, I think it appropriate to highlight Our Lady of Guadalupe. This tableau which dates back 454 years, is more than a simple picture.

It contains symbols—in a sense, hieroglyphics, or a story in pictures—that reveal part of the message the Blessed Mother brought through Juan Diego to the Indians of Mexico and to all people of the Americas.

But the symbols had a special meaning to the Indians, who, because of their culture, could decipher the code in the Image.



1 EYES

The eyes of the Image are looking down, a position of humility, revealing that, as great as she is, she is not a god. Indian gods never looked down; they looked straight ahead.

2 FACE

The woman's face shows great compassion. The Indians felt that the face was the window of the inner person, a means by which one could read who a person was — the way a person would act. A good woman to the Indians was one whose femininity showed in her face. The head of the woman in the Image shows her with dark skin and dark hair like that of the Indians.

The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe has great significance for those who can decipher the symbols.

3 HANDS

Her hands are not poised in the traditional Western style of prayer, but in an Indian manner of offering, indicating that something is being offered, that something is to come from her.

4 MATERNITY BAND

The maternity band around the woman's waist was the sign of a pregnant woman, a mother who is about to give birth, it was a sign to the Indians that someone is yet to come.

5 STARS

The stars on the mantle are a sign that a new civilization, or era, is beginning. The Indian tradition recognized the end and the beginning of different eras throughout the ages, and the destruction of a particular civilization or era was always accompanied by a comet, or a body of stars. Indian prophets even before the arrival and conquest by the Spaniard Herman Cortes had been predicting the end of their civilization at that time.

6 SUN RAYS

The rays of sun in the Image recalled for the Indians that the sun played a key role in their civiliza-

tion. But the woman in the Image is greater than even the sun. She hides the sun, and only the rays come forth. She hides the sun but does not extinguish it.

7 MANTLE

The predominant color in the Image's mantle is turquoise, the blue-green color reserved for the Great god Omecihuatl. Although the Indians had many "intermediary gods," Omecihuatl was considered the supreme god. It was a mother-father god who sometimes was represented as a man and sometimes as a woman. It was a source of unity for everything that exists.

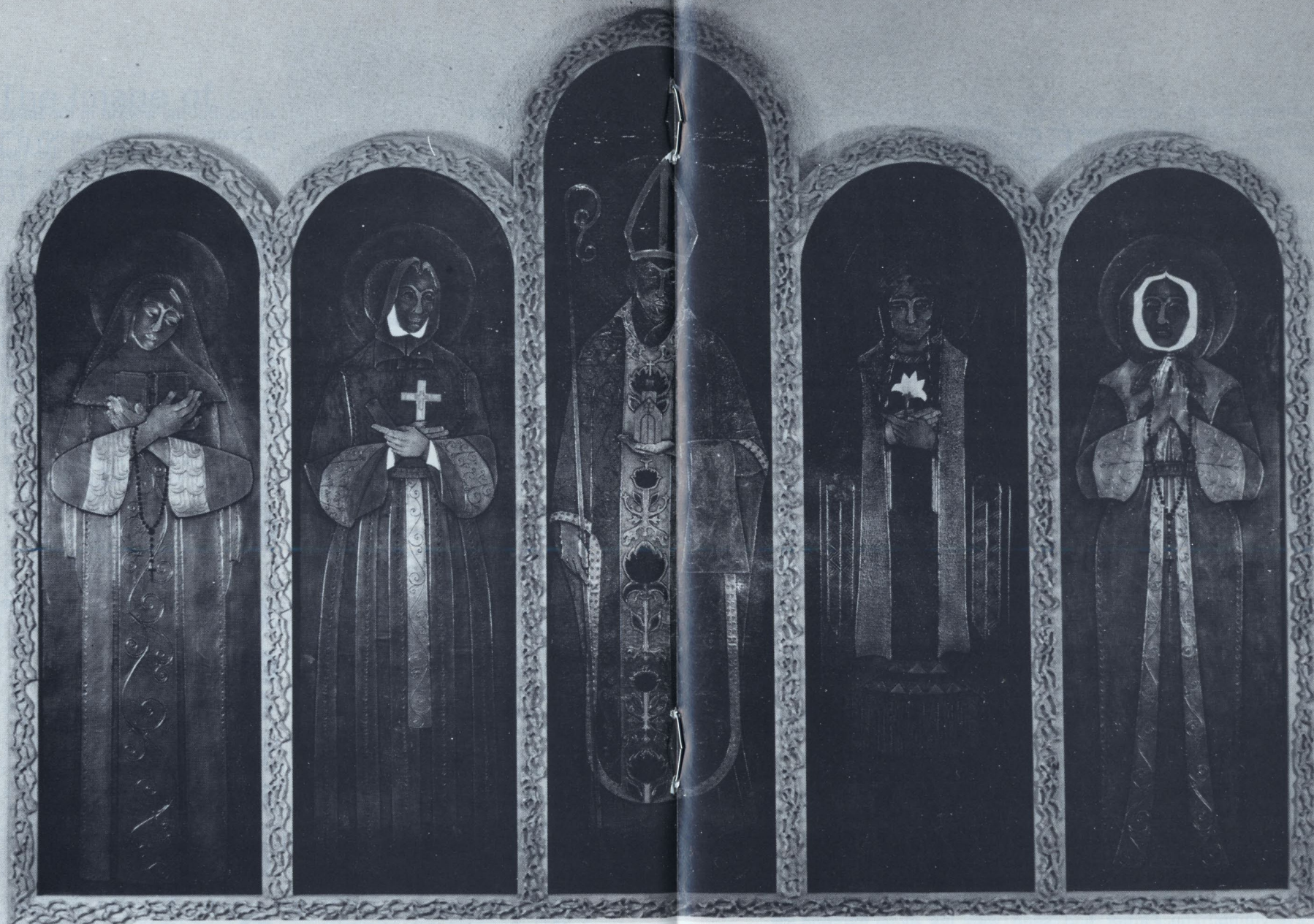
8 MOON

The woman is standing on the moon, indicating that she is greater than the god of night, the moon god.

9 "ANGEL"

The "angel" at the bottom of the Image was seen by the Indians as an "intermediary god" carrying in a new era, the beginning of a new civilization. One era was at an end—had died—and a new one was beginning was being born.

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Patricio Riviera fecit.

OUR BLESSED

Bl. Mary of the Incarnation, Bl. Marguerite d'Youville, Bl. François de Laval, Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Marguerite Bourgeoys.

Copper reredos, Chapel of the Founders in the Cathedral of St. Michael, Sherbrooke, P.Q.
April 30, 1981

NOTES ON KATERI'S MOTHER

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to approach Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha without first of all perceiving, somewhat dimmed by time but nonetheless eminently attractive, the person of her mother. With the scraps of knowledge left to us by the old documents, let us return to her time at Trois-Rivières. The Algonquin chief Capitanal has just begged Champlain to establish a French post there. The French Governor, who resides in Quebec, has decided to listen to his plea and to have a small wooden fort erected on this territory under Capitanal's authority on a small sand platform, instantly named **le Platon** by the French.

On July 4, 1634, with the arrival of M. Laviolette accompanied by the future saints, Frs. Jean de Brébeuf and Antoine Daniel, the work began. The two Jesuits had come to wait for the Hurons who were to lead them to their country. M. Jean Nicolet, discoverer-to-be of Lake Michigan, acted as interpreter. The carpenter, protected by a handful of soldiers, set to work on September 8, but the palisade, the shanties and stores were not completed when the two missionaries Frs. Paul Le Jeune and Jacques Buteux disembarked to preach the good news to the children of the wildwood.

Even in the pre-Columbian days, the Amerindians were fond of this spot and every summer many of them camped there. The riverhead of the mighty northern stream which they called Metaberoutin, Exposed-to-all-winds, was used by them as a hide-out from their enemies. Known to us today as the St. Maurice, during the 17th century, it was called the Trois-Rivières River. This was the one that formed a small delta of six islands, two of which abutting on three channels gave the place the name of Trois-Rivières.

In the **Relation** of 1635, Fr. Le Jeune notes that the original inhabitants of the country had built a little village there, which was abandoned as a result of the Iroquois invasions. The enemy had fired everything. The Father had seen with his eyes the end of burnt stakes, all that remained of a good palisade which had once surrounded the original village. He adds: "there are a few arpents of cleared land, where they cultivated Indian corn."

The two missionaries had a temporary chapel constructed, dedicated to the Conception of Mary Immaculate. There was baptized the little Algonquin girl who was to become the mother of our Beata.

The missionaries would henceforth faithfully keep up-to-date the **Catalogue des trépassés du lieu nommé Trois Rivières**, the oldest register of births and deaths in Canada. At my request, Fr. Hermann Plante, archivist of the seminary and of the diocese of Trois-Rivières, obligingly transcribed the names of the Algonquins and Hurons baptised from 1635 to 1639 inclusively.

During this period, 66 names of Algonquin women or of girls of Algonquian stock were listed in the **Catalogue**. From this impressive cortège of baptized Amerindians, I began by eliminating those who were not properly Algonquin. Then, those who would have been eighteen years old at the time of the presumed marriage of the mother Kateri Tekakwitha.

Five of them caught my attention. I settled on the first name. On July 16, 1636, the future martyr Charles Garnier (Saint) christened a little girl he called Marie. Fr. Claude Chauchetière, who alluded to Kateri's mother, admits that he didn't know her Christian name. Three centuries later, we are not absolutely sure about it; besides, her surname or rather, her Algonquin name is still unknown. (In the following pages, as Fr. Garnier did for the little one he baptized, I'll call her Marie, trusting I'm not mistaken).

In 1639, the year when he became superior of the Mission of Trois-Rivières, Fr. Buteux wrote to the Most Reverend Father General, Mutius Vitelleschi, that the Algonquin families of Trois-Rivières were not less faithful in accomplishing their duties as Christians than the French. In one of these families, among the whites, Kateri Tekakwitha's mother grew up to become an excellent Catholic as the rest of her life will show.

From Quebec in 1649, Bro. Jean Liégeois rode up the river to supervise the construction of a house for the Black Robes and a chapel 90 feet long by 27 large, which served as the parish church for quite a while. The little one with basalt-colored eyes and olive-hued skin frequented it regularly.

From year to year, the Iroquois continued to attack Trois-Rivières and all the surrounding country. Fr. Buteux, who had said he would die quite willingly for his neophytes, was killed with the blow of an ax on May 10, 1652, as he was portaging his canoe in the vicinity of Shawinigan and his remains were thrown into the seething waters of the Metaberoutin. He had labored at the Trois-Rivières post for more than 18 years.

At that time, the state of the Trois-Rivières settlement was anything but promising. It had a population of barely 203 people, without including the Amerindians. The palisade, the two redoubts and the bastions which the workmen had been building for the last two years would not be finished before the beginning of the summer. This fortification then enclosed about 30 low-roofed houses. They would now be well protected, but none too soon.

Furious at the death of their chief Aontarisati, captured by the Algonquins during the previous year, the Iroquois took counsel together to satisfy their desire for vengeance. They had killed the Lieutenant-Governor of the place, M. Guillaume Duplessis-Kerbodot and several of his best men, but this was not enough. They agreed not to spare the life of any Frenchman or Huron taken captive in wartime. Finally, they resolved to overcome Trois-Rivières and put to fire and to blood everything they found within it. The life of young Marie was in danger.

The enemy did not lose time. A small army of Mohawks took up its winter quarters in the heart of the woods at three leagues approximately from Trois-Rivières. It hoped to surprise the French during the great winter snowstorms and the freezing spells, when the thought of an attack would be far from their minds. They did, however, discover the trail of some Mohawk spies about a league from the settlement. The bastions and the military curtains were fortified, the guards and sentinels doubled, in a word everything was so well under cover that the invaders, who found no game in neighboring forests, were obliged to return home for provisions.

They did not stay in their canton very long. As soon as the spring thaw set in on the St. Lawrence, many bands of Iroquois warriors flooded the country. They fell on the Indians and colonists who left the safety of the palisade, alone or in small groups. Finally during August, they finalized their plan of attack, not at all European to be sure, but even so of consummate cleverness. They hoped to take the place by surprise rather than by force.

Their first movement was to send squads of warriors towards Montreal and towards Quebec so as to stop the inhabitants from even thinking of lending assistance to Trois-Rivières. Immediately afterwards, on August 19, 1653, from 500 to 600 Iroquois hid in a small neighboring bay where they hoped to pass unnoticed. At nightfall, they spread out in three groups and surrounded the post. A canoe manned by ten braves hid in the islands of Trois-Rivières; twelve other canoes took cover in the rushes and underwood in a point of land facing the fort. The main body of assailants lay in ambush on the hillside hung with trees behind the settlement.

What did they have in mind? Fr. François Le Mercier tells us in the **Relation** of 1653:

Seeing some indian corn planted on those little islands, they thought that those to whom this corn belonged would come in the morning to work in their fields, according to their custom; and that the ten men in ambush would capture one of these and carry him away in their little boat, passing in front of the fort, in order to incite the French to pursue them; and then the eleven canoes that were concealed on the other side of the river would come to the rescue. Thereupon, as they imagined, the French would get excited, come out of their Village, and rush in crowds to the banks of this great river, partly to embark and put to rout these twelve canoes, partly to see the engagement; and while these were engaged,—some in the fighting, and others in looking on,—the main body, concealed behind the Village, would easily surprise it, as it would be emptied of the greater part of its Inhabitants.

The Iroquois had sold the skin of the bear before taking it. Nothing happened as they had foreseen. The next day, August 20, the Algonquin and Huron owners of the land did not go to their fields.

Still, for Trois-Rivières, for the French settlers as well as for their Indian allies, in particular for the young Algonquin girl of 16 or 17 who interests us, danger threatened. Fortunately the commander of the post, Pierre Boucher, could not have been better chosen. He had the indispensable qualities of a military chief fighting against the Iroquois: courage, prudence, and a profound knowledge of Indian psychology. Aged 30 years, he had lived with the Indians since his youth, studied their languages and even married a native girl, a former student of the Quebec Ursulines, who had died in 1646. In July 1648, he had remarried, this time with a Frenchwoman, and he knew that in protecting Trois-Rivières he would at the same time be saving his little home.

Pierre Boucher had only 46 men under his command. He himself relates how he made the most of them to prevail over the enemy. On August 23, the Iroquois, invisible until then, appeared on the river as well as on the land. The ten warriors in the canoe hidden in the little islands, convinced that no one would come to work in the fields, joined the eleven canoes hiding on the other shore. Pierre Boucher gave the order to follow it in order to discover how many assailants there were. The French were unable to catch up with it so the Commander sent a well-manned shallop

up the river. The soldiers plying the oars soon discovered a large number of canoes on the sandy beach and shot at them before proceeding in haste back to the fort. The drummer to whom the Commander had given the order to beat his drum if he saw the enemy, faithfully transmitted the message. As he was about to enter the fort, Boucher saw a host of the enemy running at full speed in his direction.

He immediately called his men to arms, had the gates closed and two cannons rolled into place. On firing at the attackers he kept them at a good distance, but on the other hand, out of spite, they rushed upon the settlers' cattle and butchered them all. They then went down to the shore of the St. Lawrence and discharged their muskets upon the shallop, which was still trying to reach the fort. It found itself assailed on all sides, for the flotilla of twelve canoes also pounced upon it. Soon the air was full of flames, smoke and noise until the shallop reached safety without a single wounded Frenchman.

Very much annoyed, the Iroquois vent their anger on the corn fields, destroyed the plows and carts left in the open and burnt piles of peas and Indian corn which they had gathered. They completed their task by setting fire to several squatters' houses and slaughtered the Fathers' cattle which they had not yet touched.

"We were under arms all night long; I doubled the sentinels, and the Trumpeter and Drummer played almost constantly at the fort. Everywhere was to be heard only the cry, 'Who goes there?' The Redoubt fired several arquebus volleys; and, as a result of all this, the enemy, after making their approach, were frightened by these noises, and despaired of being able either to capture or to surprise us."

After a few more violent brushes, the invaders withdrew from fighting and ended up by offering gifts to the white men, protesting that they had no more bitterness or venom in their hearts. Finally, ten or a dozen of them sued for peace in the name of their comrades in arms. At the end of September, it would be signed in Quebec. Governor de Lauzon acknowledged that Pierre Boucher had saved not only Trois-Rivières but all the colony as well.

From the start, at the settlement, especially when the offer of presents between the former foes began, the exchange of beaver pelts, of wampum, of cloaks, and of blankets and cauldrons between the French and the Iroquois, an extraordinary change of attitude was noticed in both parties. Complete trust soon existed between these men who, a few hours before, were seeking only to kill one another.

One can imagine in part what Marie, the young Algonquin, felt, especially when the enemy left for Quebec to meet Onnontio, Governor de Lauzon. They wanted to negotiate "to make bright the Sun, darkened by the clouds and the disturbances of so many wars." After signing the peace, several Iroquois returned to Trois-Rivières to spend the winter with the Algonquins.

All these people got along very well. The Algonquins were so very much pleased with their former enemies that they even allowed them to marry some of their widows and young girls. Then it was, it would seem, that the future mother of Kateri Tekakwitha accepted the hand of a Mohawk chief.

During the winter, the young married couples made their way into the woods with their Christian wives. They were looking for game or for venison. A few days went by and no wild beasts either small or big were to be found. One of the hunters then said to the women, "For some days now we have been crossing these great forests without finding anything. Why do you not pray to Him Who made the animals to give us some for our food, since you are acquainted with Him?"

These fine Christians directly began to pray. "They asked God for something to eat as a Child would ask its Father. Strange to relate, although these Hunters had beat up all the region around their Cabins without finding anything, yet the very next day, in the same district, they came upon and killed a large Elk. They were astonished at this, and were filled with wonder at the effect of the Christians' prayer, and at the goodness of their God."

Back at the settlements after the chase, they joyfully spoke about the help received from Heaven and were still full of the subject when they departed for the Mohawk Canton with their Algonquin wives.

In their fragile elm embarcations, which the young women must not have found as easy to handle as the elegant Algonquin canoes, one fine day, the young couples took the Iroquois war trail in reverse. They soon reached the debouchment of the River of the Iroquois, called the Richelieu by the French, descended it to Lake Champlain and then to the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament which the English preferred calling Lake George. Afterward either by canoe or on foot through the forest, they came to the Mohawk River and at last to their destination.

The Mohawks, a branch of the Iroquois family inhabiting the east of what we now call the State of New York, was the most warlike of the Five Nations and formed with the Oneidas, the

Lower Iroquois. Following them in a westerly direction nearly as far as Niagara Falls were the Onondaga, the Cayuga and finally the Seneca, also called the Superior Iroquois. Together they formed the Iroquois Confederation.

The Indian town on the south shore of the Mohawk River opposite today's Fonda, N.Y., was then called Ossernenon. Dr. Solomon Cook from the Mission of St. Regis, gave me its meaning until now unknown. "In the **Jesuit Relations**," he wrote on January 30, 1778, Fr. Isaac Jogues describes the location of Ossernenon as equidistant between the Mohawk and Scholarie Rivers. **Ossenon**: middle, **nonwe**: there: hence "In the center of the area." It is consequently not a deformation of Guadaouague, as many have believed.

This village, situated on a verdant slope which descended to the foaming river was certainly enclosed with a palisade of pointed stakes. The long houses, homes of from three to seven families, contrasted with the one-family homes of the Algonquins. Alongside the Mohawk dwellings, large fields of Indian corn, of beans and of squash, "the three sisters," stressed in the eyes of the young woman the importance of agriculture in the Mohawk milieu as contrasted with that of the Algonquins who were more taken up with hunting and fishing.

This is the spot where Isaac Jogues had shed his blood for Christ on October 18, 1646, Rene Goupil, on September 29, 1642, and Jean de La Lande on October 19, 1646. It is possible that some elderly Huron woman long indentified with the Iroquois told her. Be that as it may, Fr. Claude Chauchetière attributes to the Rev. de Brébeuf and to the other Jesuit Fathers who began the Iroquois missions a favorable role in the life of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and consequently even in her mother's.

As the chief's wife, the Algonquin was welcomed by the women of the place. Besides, as Daniel Sargent notes, "This was not an extraordinary combination, for the Mohawk sachems liked to take wives from . . . the Algonquin . . ."

Her new life began calm and happy. All that was missing was the presence of a Blackrobe and a little chapel where she could pray as she wished before the Blessed Sacrament. No missionary had passed through Ossernenon since the martyrdom of Brother Jean de La Lande Fr. Chauchetière states that she had the reputation of a fervent Christian and that she prayed until her death, which means that she always remained steadfast in the faith. Fr. Cholenac is even more laudatory, "It was told of this virtuous woman, as it has been said before her of the holy man Tobias, that she preserved her faith in the fear of God in her captivity—he



Ossernenon in the 20th century

thought that she had been taken captive!—that she always prayed until her last breath...”

In 1656, a great joy was given to her with the birth of a beautiful little girl and later on with that of a son. Without the permission of a priest, she did not dare baptize them. She committed them to the Father Most Holy, sure He would take good care of them. Often, to calm them or to help them sleep, the attentive mother sang to them the hymns she had formerly learned in the distant country of her youth; she also murmured to them the morning and evening prayers. Fr. Claude Chauchetière informs us that “the care her mother took of her while she was still living, that is until she was four or five years old, went far to make her grow in age and wisdom.” The little ones were thus swathed in the purest love.

As they grew, the elder child ventured farther and farther from her long house. At times she went down to the river and as children do enjoyed throwing pebbles into it. One after another they fell into the choppy waters of the stream, gold-washed by the sun. In like manner the months, then four years disappeared.

In 1660, a great misfortune befell the little village. Smallpox, probably contracted from the neighboring Dutch, slipped into one long house after the other. Children and adults succumbed to it. The mother of the two children died. “It was said... that she prayed until her death, and that perhaps her prayer obtained the grace of Baptism for her daughter, and, for us, the grace of possessing a saint.” Although the village medecine-man, on account of the epidemic, had more than he could do, the chief must have intervened so that he would come, his false face well adjusted, to dance in the longhouse besides his children. The grimace of the wooden mask, the empty turtleshell transformed into a rattle and shaken to the rythm of the mad dance, and the awful cries of the shaman terrified the two tots far more than it frightened away the terrible disease. Shortly afterwards, the little boy was unable to hold his own before the onslaught of the pernicious disease. He left his four-year-old sister, who was also a prey to smallpox. Her features, which had been remarkably beautiful, were completely spoilt. She nearly lost her eyesight, she could no longer endure the bright sunshine and smoked glasses were unknown at Ossernenon during the second half of the 17th century.

What happened to her father? Fr. Francis Xavier de Charlevoix mentioned him in his monumental **Histoire et Description Générale de la Nouvelle-France** which appeared in Paris during 1744: Kateri was still quite young when her father died, leaving her to the care

of one of her aunts, and under the control of an uncle who exercised the chief authority in his village.

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

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars, a promise I made to Kateri when my brother was selling his car and also the purchase of a new car. Everything went smoothly; thank you, dear Kateri, in the name of our Lord. Also please pray for me, for I recently took on a new job with the same company after twenty years. Please pray that I won't find it too difficult. Please pray for my brother for continued good health. He had a big operation six years ago.

(Chicopee, MA)

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

The enclosed money order for twenty dollars is in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for favors received. Through Kateri's intercession my tooth was saved and she helped me through a very uncomfortable test and successful surgery. I wore Kateri's small touch-relic taped to my hospital gown. Also please renew my subscription to **KATERI**. Many thanks to Blessed Kateri from the bottom of my heart.

(Ridgewood, NJ)

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

Thanks for my daughter, she passed her exams. Enclosed is an offering of five dollars. I will remember her if my other requests are granted. Will you send me a silver-plated Kateri medal? I need prayers for a drinking problem, a severe problem in the family, and also for my brothers and positions for my daughters and several other requests, like peace in the family.

(Guelph, Ont.)

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

Enclosed, please find a check for ten dollars in thanksgiving for a favor received through the intercession of Blessed Kateri. My two sons were reconciled through prayers for them. Thanks be to God! Would you please send me a few more prayer cards to Blessed Kateri. I keep giving them to my friends to spread devotion to Blessed Kateri. May God bless you and your work for Blessed Kateri.

(Armstrong, B.C.)

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

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

This check is in gratitude to Blessed Kateri for helping me find a new job and for her intercession for my good health and that of my family. I intend to keep praying and supporting her cause for sainthood. We were fortunate enough to visit her tomb in Canada and have prayed to her ever since.

(St. Louis, MO)

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

I had an eye implant and the nerve behind the eye was open. This happens to one out of a hundred. The eye was draining. The doctor tried several treatments. We all prayed to Blessed Kateri and I used her relic on the eye each day. The last treatment closed the opening. I feel this is a miracle. Enclosed are twenty dollars for your needs and I'll try to send more in the future. Also, I have a list of names for you. These people are praying for Kateri's Sainthood. Thank you and God bless you.

(St. Marys, PA)

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

We have much to be thankful to the Blessed Mother and Kateri for petitions answered. Enclosed find a small offering plus two dollars for our subscription. Our daughter did not have breast cancer as was first thought. Also, sobriety has been regained with God's and Kateri's help.

(Beaver, PA)

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

Enclosed is my next payment to Kateri for helping me to complete the winter semester at school. I have added five dollars to my promised ten, because I had three difficult subjects that had to be completed for the spring semester. The results were a B,C, and a C. Thank you Kateri, and all who were praying for me.

(Milton, MA)

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

... Kateri has done and still does magic for me. When I can't fall asleep all I have to do is start the three Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glory Be's. I never know how many I get said, because before I know it my alarm goes off.

(Johnston, PA)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. T.G.!**

Enclosed is an offering for a Mass of thanksgiving to Kateri, for a vacation trip which was safe and happy.

(Kersey, PA)

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

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

I am sending you five dollars to do as you wish. I had an operation and I promised if everything went well, I would send five dollars to Kateri. Everything went well, thanks to Kateri.

(Campbellton, N.B.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. G.A.!**

Enclosed are twenty dollars in thanks to Kateri. Our daughter has been cured of her alcoholic problem. She came to visit from Alberta. She is cured but we still pray to Blessed Kateri, as my son-in-law has cancer—we just found out. Blessed Kateri, please pray for him.

(Goulais River, Ont.)

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

I promised a donation if my sister was placed in a nursing home. She was placed in a home, so I am enclosing a ten-dollar donation. Sincere thanks. Also I have more requests that your prayers and Blessed Kateri's will restore my health, stomach ailment and nerves, and that I will be able to take care of myself. Please pray for my family also. I will greatly appreciate what can be done for me. I do pray for Blessed Kateri's canonization. Please pray. My offering of ten dollars for these intentions.

(Grafton, ND)

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

Again I've come to thank Kateri for her powerful intercession in my behalf. She helped me in a tricky dental treatment—capping a broken tooth—and also in fixing a bad fence situation which seemed impossible to straighten out. It's at times like these that I automatically seek Blessed Kateri's help...

(Williamstown, MA)

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

Enclosed are ten dollars to Kateri for all the favors she always grants me. Lately she helped me with my granddaughter, who had a very high fever. I prayed to Kateri and the fever broke. I also prayed to Kateri to look after my son when he was on holidays.

(Melbourne, Australia)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss G.F.!**

Enclosed is my monthly offering for Kateri. I am sure you will be happy to know my niece gave birth three weeks ago to a baby girl. Mother and baby are well. Thank you for your prayers.

(Montreal, P.Q.)

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✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. M.M., O.P.!**

I, too, have been trying to help my friend V. whose sight was really gone and her top ranking Doctor told us point blank there was **nothing** but **nothing** could be done. He even got nasty when I queried about the new surgery being done. To say the least, it was most discouraging but good little V. went right on trusting and praying—and this in the face of a very hard home situation . . .

Now to tell you the happy part. A friend of V.'s had to have eye surgery—and got her sight back. She told V. to go at least to her doctor for a consultation. So Easter Tuesday we went to see Dr. G. He looks about 36 years and had mechanisms the like of which I've never seen. V. told him her whole story of gradual loss of sight since 1960 and how the first doctor said he would not operate because of poor retinas. He listened, took notes and then started an intense examination. Finally he said, "Now we will talk, V., I can help you." I couldn't believe I heard correctly! He said, "You can't see out and I can't see in—because of your terrible cataracts. We will remove one—from the worst eye—and see what happens."

So on Ascension Thursday we (I accompanied her with special permission) went to Mt. Sinai Hospital and the next day—First Friday, June 1—he operated. She was calm, prayerful, perfectly resigned. Me, I was screwed in a knot! She went up at 11:30 and was back by 1:30. No moans or groans but a bad headache. They gave her Tylenol and she slept. About 3 o'clock she asked for some Ginger Ale, then something to eat!!! She said the doctor was wonderful and ate lightly. That night the doctor came and changed the dressing. The next morning at 7 A.M. Dr. G. removed the bandages and tested her sight. She could see! What a miracle! We were so excited. Well, we went home three days later and kept going to Dr. G. who recommended very light glasses. Everyone everywhere was so happy for her. She couldn't believe she was seeing so well. I tended her eye four times a day washing gently and administering 2 kinds of drops. Her activity was very limited so there would be no strain on the eye at all. With permission I'd go after school to help her.

Then the doctor told her he'd do the other eye on July 20. So in we went on the 19. On the 20, she had the second operation. Well, this one was a bit harder. The cataract was larger and solid black, was difficult to remove and necessitated more cut-

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ting. Dr. G. said she was an excellent patient. Both cataracts were more than twenty years old.

She suffered two bad days but now it's stabilizing. This time we have to continue the same drops in both eyes. She has 20/30 and 20/40 vision and can see better with the eye that was operated on last than on the one that was operated on first. It is unbelievable. I can foresee her back to driving in a few months. Even T.V. is clear! She is so grateful to Our Lady of Lourdes and Kateri and your prayers, Sister. We only expected limited vision and would have been grateful for that. But V. is a holy prayerful, trusting, little lady who bears all things with equanimity and is very happy with her unexpected GIFT. As for me, I feel I have witnessed a miracle and am much in awe! **Kateri did help! . . .**

V. and I want to send a thank-you donation to Kateri through you. If there is a place for records of miracles please list V., O.K.? . . .
(Cambria Heights, NY)

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

I am enclosing a check for one hundred dollars for past "favors." I am now praying to Kateri for a "special intention." We think of Kateri often and pray for her canonization. My husband, who is Jewish, has special devotion to Kateri because of her special help several years ago. My husband is a junior high school teacher. Four years ago he was accompanying a student down the stairway at school. The student threw herself down the stairs and then accused my husband of pushing her down the stairs. There appeared to be no witnesses and needless to say the situation was very serious. My husband was to be brought up on charges and potentially lose his job. I told him to pray to Kateri. Reluctantly he did and suddenly a witness appeared. The witness was a school custodian who had gone on vacation the day of the incident, and had just heard about the problem. The witness verified my husband's account and all charges were dropped. Since then my husband is very devoted to Kateri and speaks of her often.
(Old Bridge, NJ)

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

Enclosed please find a twelve-dollars check for payment of my own subscription to Kateri and five new subscriptions. My thanks to Blessed Kateri for two favors through her intercession. Two jobs for my family members were found in this time of great recession here in B.C. May God bless you. I hope and pray Blessed Kateri will be named a Saint . . .

(Armstrong, B.C.)

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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 Skarichions Roll.

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