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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 also seeks 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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THE GARAGONTIÉ II ROLL

Brother of the deceased Garagontié, great apostle of the faith among the Onondaga, Garagontié II continued his apostolate. He abandoned drunkenness to adhere to the faith and morals of Christianity. The worst drunkard of the village, he became the most temperate.

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✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.L.!

Enclosed find a check for ten dollars. It is sent in grateful appreciation to Kateri for help in getting a plumbing problem settled satisfactorily. God bless you!

(Hackensack, NJ)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.H.!

Enclosed is a check to help spread Kateri's devotion. My mom had a great devotion to Kateri. She even had her name on the family car's plates: KATERI. I kept it and help spread the devotion everytime someones asks what KATERI stands for. Both my parents have passed on to be with Christ and Kateri, but my mom still lives on thru her intercessions. I am getting to know Kateri more and more.

(Biddeford, ME)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.M.!

We recently returned from a visit with S. and A., and our two delightful grandchildren, who live in San Antonio, TX. A. is eleven years of age and has been an altar boy for at least three years. He is so happy when he has to serve at Mass. We need a priest in our family. Enclosed is a check for ten dollars we promised to Kateri. All was perfect, and we thank her so much for protecting us in our travels and for the blessings of good health.

(Bradenton, FL)

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

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOURSELF



Obverse



Reverse

This beautiful bronze medallion of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was struck at the Vatican thanks to Rev. Fr. Paolo Molinari, S.J., Postulator-General of her Cause. It is 5 cm or 2 inches wide. If you are a client of the Lily of the Mohawks, you will be proud to have one. Price \$25.00

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

Already 20,959 have come in.

Please send yours to:

The Kateri Center
Box 70
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- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
- ☐ Financial Aid
- ☐ Happy Marriages
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- ☐ Peace in World

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YOUR INTENTIONS SHALL BE FORWARDED TO FATHER ANTHONY ROUSSOS, S.J., ON MARCH 1, AT BEYROUT, LEBANON. HE WILL CELEBRATE NINE MASSES FOR YOU IN THE AGONY OF CONTINUED WAR. (NO OFFERING REQUIRED)

KATERIGRAM

TOWARDS THE END OF 1677, when Tekakwitha was preparing for baptism, her devotion to the Blessed Virgin increased. From Tionnontoguen, the capital of the Mohawk canton, came astounding news. Fr. Jacques Bruyas had received a miraculous statue of Our Lady of Foye from Belgium.

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, he solemnly unveiled it. The Christian Iroquois sang the litanies of the Blessed Virgin in their language. From that day on, the same ceremony was repeated every Saturday evening. Then, on Sundays, the statue was exposed to the eyes of the faithful, who gathered together to recite the rosary. The heavenly Mother soon showed her appreciation. The Christians of long date renewed their initial fervor and, from day to day, the number of converts increased. Even more surprising, the unbelievers declared that since the arrival of the Mother of **lesos** in their village, they no longer feared anything.

At Gandaouague where Tekakwitha lived, many of the inhabitants were full of admiration for these changes. Many Christians and sympathizers went to Tionnontoguen to pray. Despite the winter cold and the fifteen miles that separated the two villages, Tekakwitha probably accompanied them. Her tender devotion to Mary would have inspired her to do so.

Even if the young catechumen was unable to make it to the chief town of the canton, she was still favored with the blessings the pilgrims to Tionnontoguen enjoyed. The reports about their visits to the Immaculate stimulated her love. From that time onwards, quite often during the day, she turned to the Blessed Mother and prayed: "**Wari tsiati ioianerenstakwa...**" On her lips the Hail Mary was a song of love.

During the Christmas season, let us imitate Blessed Kateri. Let us repeat time and time again, tenderly, with words of fire, the Hail Mary! And why not say some of these Hail Marys at the Lady chapel of the nearest church? It would help us all to live a truly Marian year.

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.,
Vice-Postulator

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.K.!

Please accept the sum of fifty dollars I promised to help the cause of Blessed Kateri in tranksgiving for a safe trip by air to the Maritimes this summer.

(Barrie, Ont.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.D.!

Enclosed is a small offering to say "thank you" to Blessed Kateri. Recently I had ear surgery to correct an existing problem. Not only did the operation prove a success, but my deficient hearing has improved by 10%. My husband requested me to send this offering as he is very devoted to Blessed Kateri and continually asks her intercession. A friend recently returned from Kateri's shrine with a medal/relic and prayer card for my husband. She, too, prayed for our intentions. Thank you, Blessed Kateri, for your intercession on our behalf. We will continue to pray for your sainthood.

(Aberdeen, NJ)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.S.!

I recently wrote you to pray to Blessed Kateri so that my son would sell his home. Needless to say she has answered my prayers again. I am enclosing a check for five dollars and also five dollars in Canadian money that I had when we visited Canada recently. May she soon join the rank of Saints and continue to pray for all of us.

(Erie, PA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D.P.!

Please find a check for thirty-five dollars for favors received. My husband had trouble swallowing. With each test he had I prayed harder and harder to Blessed Kateri. Thanks to her they found nothing. Also a relative of mine had cancer, I prayed to Kateri and after the operation the doctors told him everything was clear. He can live a normal life. I will continue to pray to Kateri and hope she will soon be canonized.

(Staten Island, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F.J.!

Please accept the enclosed check, a thank you for an answer from Kateri. I lost a sum of money and through praying to Kateri, it was found. My gratitude to her!

(Timmins, Ont.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. K.C.!

This check is to thank Blessed Kateri for her prayers towards the safe delivery of my granddaughter's third baby by caesarian section. I have asked my granddaughter to give the baby Kateri as her second name. The father is one-half Algonquin, so you might say he's a distant relative of Blessed Kateri.

(Aylmer, P.Q.)

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

Glory to God
in the highest heaven,
and peace to men
who enjoy his favor.

(Lk 2:14)



Frederic Barrochi pinxit.
(1535-1612)

THE MANGER

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE ...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from June 16 to September 29, 1987:

Alcoholic Problem Solved	6
Articles Found	6
Better Health	34
Business Bought or Sold	1
Cures	18
Employment Found or Kept	30
Financial Aid	2
Lodgings	4
Properties Bought or Sold	9
Safe Pregnancies	3
Safe Trips	16
Successful Studies	5
Successful or Averted Operations	16
Temporal Favors	22

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Mrs. Helen Bloom, Baltimore, MD, 29; Mrs. Alice Beauchamp, Montreal, P.Q., 41.

POPE JOHN PAUL II HASN'T FORGOTTEN BLESSED KATERI

The most important event since the end of August concerning Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, was certainly the Holy Father's visit to North America. This issue will feature his trip to Phoenix, Arizona on September 14; the next issue will be on his visit to Fort Simpson on September 20.

KATERI FETED AT OKA, QUEBEC



From left to right: Sr. Marie-Laure Simon, C.N.D., Fr. Marcel Demers, P.S.S., and Miss Gabrielle P. Gaspé

On Tuesday, May 5, 1987, in the parish church of Oka, the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was commemorated. The pastor, Fr. Marcel Demers, P.S.S., offered the Eucharist. Sister Marie-Louise Simon, C.N.D., an Iroquois, was responsible for the first two Scripture readings and the prayers. Philippe and Jacques Quevillon of Indian parentage as well as their

sister-in-law, Louise Quevillon, were the servers.

In the homily, the pastor urged the faithful to find a model of inspiration in Blessed Kateri for a more authentic Christian life.

The ceremony ended with the veneration of a relic of the Lily of the Mohawks. It was for all a source of new joy and a sure pledge of happier days to come.

Jeanne d'Arc Gaspé

SISTERS OF BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

During her lifetime, Kateri Tekakwitha tried to found a community of native Sisters, but was unsuccessful.



Sr. Clare Xavier

Now her dream comes true as the following lines taken from a recent issue of "Tekakwitha Notes," published by the Mohawk community of Saint Lucy's Church, Syracuse, N.Y., reveal. "On Pentecost weekend, June 5, 1987, the first Native American Religious Congregation in the name of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha began. The foundress is Sr. Clare Xavier of White Earth, Minnesota. The Congregation began in Waukesha, Wisconsin where Sister Clare attended the workshop of the Fellowship of Catholic Communities. This fellowship was formed to aid new religious communities, which are just getting started, to take the right steps and to avoid making mistakes. Those with experience were

very helpful to the newly formed groups and they were very helpful and encouraging to Sr. Clare Xavier.

"The Sisters of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha will work with the poor and will also work with Native Americans. Their habits will be of the Native American style dress.

"Last summer Sr. Clare attended classes at the Good Counsel Summer School, of Waverly, Nebraska, conducted by the Institute on Religious Life, under the direction of Fr. John Hardon, S.J. This was a program of theology and spirituality for novice mistresses and formation directresses. We urge all the young ladies to think about serving the Lord through this Congregation. Whoever is interested may write to Sr. Clare at the following address: Sr. Clare Xavier, Kateri Indian Mission White Earth, Minn., 56591."

BLESSED KATERI HONORED IN BUFFALO, N.Y.



Fr. Walter Kern, pastor of the beautiful Romanesque church of the Blessed Trinity in Buffalo, N.Y., and headquarters for the Catholic Indians of the city, advised the Kateri Center he had had several plaques of Saints and Blesseds carved by the South Towns Wood Carvers. Among them, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and St. John Neumann. "Each saint's plaque has several symbols to indicate his or her life and/or virtues. Blessed Kateri has a turtle (her clan), the rosary (her prayer life), the crucifix (her reparation) and the lily (her purity). Her clothing is simple (humble and simple lifestyle in ordinary circumstances) and her hair is braided (natural beauty enhanced by her inner holiness of life)."

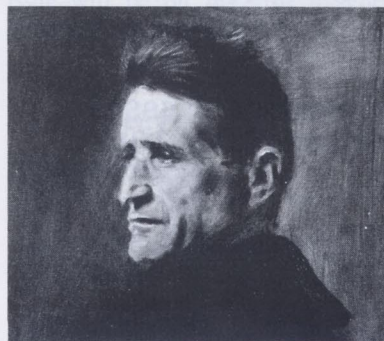
"Each saint," he added, "has an ordinary face, rather than the Hollywood-type of glamorous face so frequent in the iconography of saints. This is to stress that sanctity is not supposed to be unusual but rather the outcome of a good life of Christ-like virtue in our own state in life, which we live with a great deal of love."

BLESSED KATERI CELEBRATION AT ST. LUCY'S CHURCH

The Kateri mass celebration was held on Sunday, April 26, at the 12:00 mass. We were joined by the congregation of St. Lucy's parish and friends from the Sr. Regis Mohawk reserve, the Onondaga reserve, the Algonquins from Maniwaki and Syracuse, friends from Rochester, Utica, Pittsford

and Auriesville. It was a very happy and heart-warming celebration for our Blessed Kateri with a ceremonial blessing of the sacred pipe and sweet grass. Everyone was invited to a feast after the Mass.

TWO VICE-POSTULATORS COMPARE NOTES



Blessed Rupert Mayer, S.J.

Father Thomas Egan, S.J., pastor of the St. Regis Iroquois Mission, had served as a chaplain in the American army and, during his stay in Germany, had become a close friend of Father Karl B. Sieben, S.J. In early spring, Father Egan learned that his friend, who is Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Father Rupert Mayer, S.J., would be in Canada during the summer. Unfortunately, Father Tom was unable to welcome him, for he was away at Berkley taking a course in pastoral theology.

Father Sieben, who is now 75 years of age, with his competent

secretary, Fraulein Steffi Diepold, arrived at the end of June. Pope John Paul II had beatified Father Mayer earlier in the year and the Vice-Postulator wanted to promote devotion to him among the German communities established from Vancouver to Halifax. During his short stay in Montreal, it was my privilege to receive him as Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. We spent the evening of July 15, together. It was a very pleasant meeting for we were able to compare notes.

I learned that Blessed Rupert had met Adolf Hitler in the political arena as early as 1919, that he quickly denounced him and made it clear in public that in his view a German Catholic could never be a Nazi. He spent many years in concentration camp, but survived the war to take up his ministry again, among the poor and handicapped. He died on November 1, 1945. As a young Jesuit, Father Sieben had known Blessed Rupert.

The next morning, July 16, my Indian secretary, Mr. Albert Lazare, drove us with Fraulein Diepold to Kahnawake. Father and I offered the Holy Sacrifice and afterwards prayed at Blessed Kateri's tomb, before dining at the rectory with the personnel, who were interested in Blessed Rupert's life. To top off his stay in Montreal, in the afternoon, we visited the beautiful Basilica of Notre-Dame and the St. Joseph Oratory. All in all, it was a stimulating experience.

MAINE PASSAMAQUODDY HOST N.E. CONFERENCE



PHOTO ANNE SCHEUERMAN

Hands of peace at the closing liturgy June 28, 1987, at St. Anne's, Peter Dana Point, ME.

This year, the Passamaquoddy Indian tribe of Princeton, Maine hosted the Northeast Regional Tekakwitha Conference. With 400 conferees in attendance, the meetings were enlightening, enjoyable, and successful. Many new friendships were made as life events were shared. "A Journey of Inner Healing" was the theme of the gathering. Fr. John Spencer, whose work zeros in on drug and alcohol abuse, spoke of his success with helping children through the use of his puppets called BABES.

From St. Regis Reserve and Syracuse came fifty native Americans, who traveled the 600 miles from New York State in a chartered bus. They lent completion to the conference with their skills of singing, dancing, and acting. "Life of Tekakwitha" by the St. Lucy's Kateri Actors was deeply moving.

The closing Mass was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Proulx of the Diocese of Portland. He rededicated the lovely St. Anne's Church and recommissioned some twelve Eucharistis Ministers.

Anne Scheuerman

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss T.A.!**

Please find enclosed a small donation which I promised to send for a petition that Blessed Kateri granted to me. I was told that I had an infection for which I had to enter the hospital for treatment. I went and repeated the test and I prayed to Blessed Kateri to help me and through her intercession, my test came back negative and there was no need for me to enter the hospital. Also many other little favors she granted to me on various occasions. Please publish this letter. Thank you Blessed Kateri.

(Baltimore, MD)

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

I had promised Kateri I would send a prayer pledge and a donation if we sold our home. Enclosed is the pledge and ten dollars and I continue to pray to Kateri that we are able to have a smooth closing of our home. I also ask her to intercede for us that we may be able to find a new home in the area which we are moving to. I continue to ask her guidance in our move and everything that we do. Do remember my family in your prayers.

(Richmond, VA)

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

Enclosed is my renewal fee with a little extra. I needed to find a good job close to home working with the elderly. I prayed to Kateri last week and WOW — I've put in four days already on my new job working with the elderly in a neighboring boarding home. Last year I wrote you concerning my sister, M.C., who is suffering with a melanoma cancer. She has shown some physical improvement. She still has her cancer, but my faith in Kateri's prayers to Jesus has been renewed. I still say her prayer every night and "Kateri, do your thing."

(Bland, MO)

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

Please accept this twenty-five dollars donation as an offering to Blessed Kateri. My brother made a novena that I would sell my house. Our prayers were answered.

(South Burlington, VT)

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

I am enclosing twenty dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for the wonderful favor she has bestowed upon me in my financial need at the very appropriate time.

(Kahnawake, P.Q.)

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

Enclosed are twenty dollars for the first part of a petition granted to my daughter, who received the teaching position she wanted. Please keep her in your prayers.

(Cleveland, OH)

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



LORI KATERI WEAGLE 17 YEARS OLD

Fort McMurray, Alta

Lori Kateri's grandmother, Mrs. Anne Kehoe, of Renous, N.B. wrote, "The doll comes from Tekakwitha Indian Mission, Belleville IL. I sent it to Lori for her confirmation because she was taking the name of Kateri."



POPE JOHN PAUL II MEETS NATIVE AMERICANS AT PHOENIX

Mother Angelica, I am told, declared that the highlight of the Holy Father's visit to Phoenix, Arizona was his meeting with the Native Americans from the United States, from Mexico, and from Canada. The encounter took place at 4:30 p.m. in the Veterans' Memorial Plaza, where some 10,125 members of the Tekakwitha Conference awaited him.

Pope John Paul II entered the Coliseum through an entry covered with Navajo rugs and was taken to the center of the building by an honor guard in full regalia, where he was welcomed by Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, coadjutor of the Ordinary of Gallup, N.M., and the first bishop of Native American descent in the U.S.A.

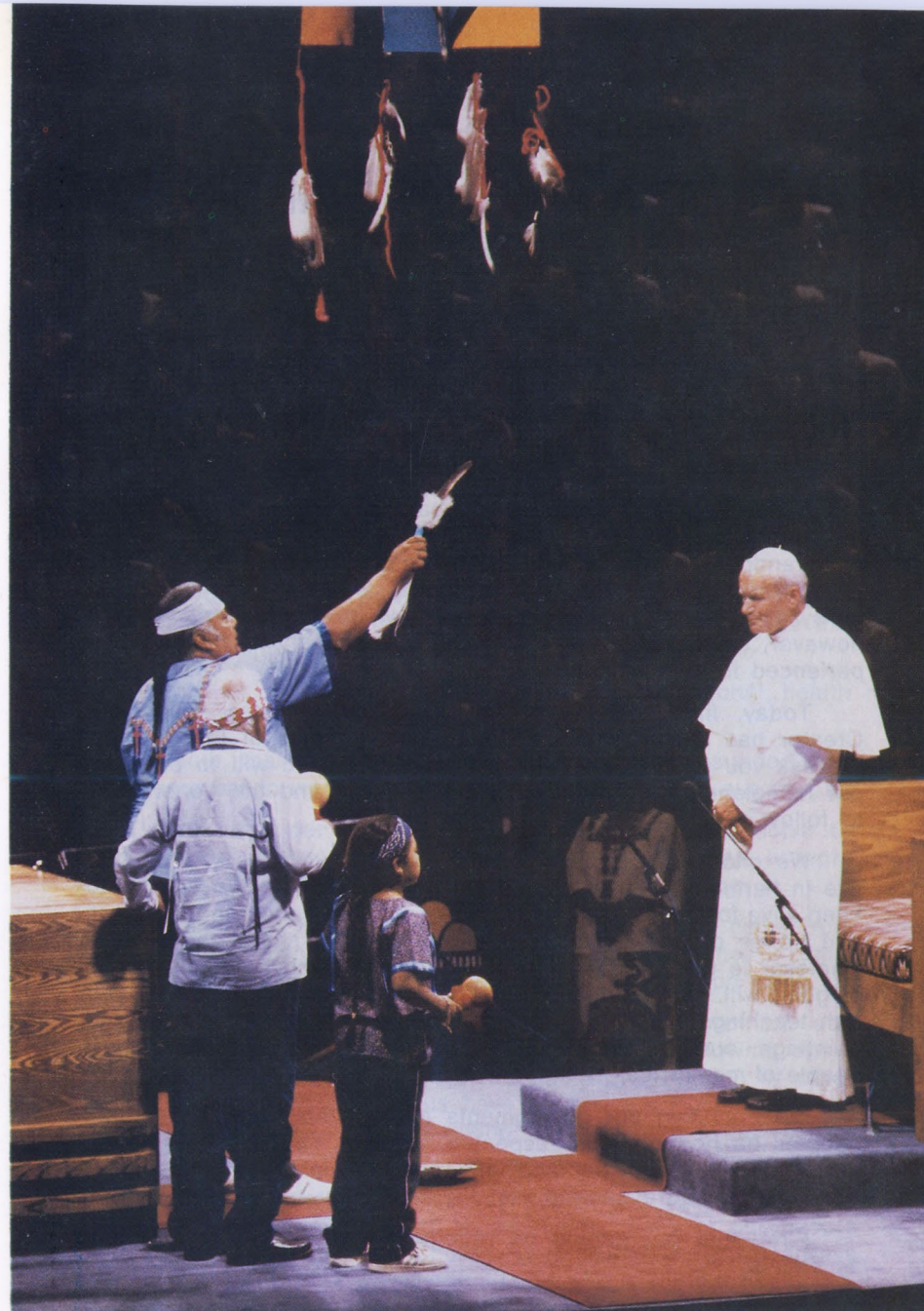
The ornate chair to which the pope was led was on a rotating central stage. It was made of solid ash, with designs carved by David Montour, a Delaware Mohawk, and included inlays of turquoise, ivory, and coral designed by Dennis Numkena, a member of the Hopi tribe. A good deal of the work was by silversmith Richard Aguilar, a San Domingo Pueblo Indian.

Emmett White, a Pima Indian, began the ceremony by presenting an eagle feather symbolizing strength and honor to the Holy Father, who held the feather on high and then clasped it to his heart.

Much applause greeted Bishop Donald Pelotte of the Abnaki nation as he began to welcome the pope. More applause followed when he called for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the "Lily of the Mohawks."

Vice-President Alfretta M. Antone, of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa community addressed His Holiness on behalf of the Native Americans.

In his response, Pope John Paul II warmly praised the Mohawk maiden whom he called "the best-known witness of Christian holiness among the native peoples of North America."



With the authorization of
the Phoenix Gazette

Emmett White, a Pima,
presents an eagle feather to the Holy Father

ALFRETTA ANTONE'S ADDRESS TO THE HOLY FATHER

Your Holiness, Pope John Paul II, we welcome you and thank you for this sacred time together. We are affirmed and encouraged by your support of Native Peoples throughout the world. We respect you as a great spiritual leader and pray that you can help us on our road of life today.

As we approach five hundred years of Catholic Christianity in the Americas, we pray that all who come to this land will respect our grandparents who have lived on this land for over fifty thousand years. Upon initial contact with Europeans, we shared the land given us by our Creator and taught others how to survive here. History, however, stands as a witness to the use and abuse we have experienced in our homelands.

Today, little remains of the gifts and richness which our Creator has shared with us, the original peoples of these lands. We ask you to intervene with all people of good will to preserve our homelands for our families, our children and the generations to follow us.

We choose not only to survive, but to live fully. We want to live in harmony with all people and all of creation. We choose to keep alive for all generations the ways of living carved in the stones and bones of our ancestors. We are open to share and receive whatever is good for the life of the human family with all people of good will. Our traditions, our languages, our cultures with their rich teachings and values, our songs and dances, our stories and paintings, our art and ways of living, celebrate who we are as people of many tribes.

We pray that our governments and all our rights as distinct peoples be honored and respected. We ask Your Holiness to do all in your prayer, power and influence to help us secure, for our present and future generations, the following:

First, that our people be recognized, respected and treated as equals;

Second, that our people determine our own destiny, develop our own lands and resources, plan and make our own decisions in all matters that are properly our own;

Third, that our sacred ways and prayers be respected;

Fourth, that we all learn to live in harmony as brothers and sisters on our Mother Earth;

Fifth, that racism, bigotry and a sense of superiority be laid to rest in our times;

Sixth, that the United States and other governments honor the solemn agreements and treaties they have made with us which safeguard our lands, waters and other natural resources;

Seventh, that just compensation be given for our lands which were taken illegally through theft or violation of treaties with our ancestors;

Eighth, that governments, churches and all people of good will share the goods and resources of Mother Earth so that our people can walk, tall, side-by-side with all people;

Ninth, that the Native American people be given the opportunity for a fair share in the resources of the world to provide the necessary housing, health care and general well-being;

Tenth, that our people share equally in the educational, health and social benefits of the Americas;

Eleventh, that our youth be given the necessary support and encouragement to work for a just present and future of our people;

Twelfth, that our people be strengthened in our resolve to overcome the alcohol and drug dependancies which have brought us such great suffering.

We recognize that our Native brothers and sisters come from many distinct tribes. We pray that we can work together in unity and mutual respect for both our individual and common good.

We also recognize that many of our Native brothers and sisters have exercised their freedom of religion by following either their own traditional sacred ways, another world religion or other Christian traditions. Many of us have chosen the Roman Catholic way of walking with Jesus, speaking His truth and living His life of grace.

As Roman Catholics, we Native Peoples ask Your Holiness to strengthen and affirm us. Until recent times, many of our people have turned away from the Church. Holy Father, we have always respected the one God, who made all and who is without beginning. The Creator has given us a way of life on Mother Earth. As Catholic Natives, we have come to know Jesus as the Son of God who loves us and lives with us. The Holy Spirit works in many ways

through our people. We are encouraged by the support the Roman Catholic Church gives us in affirming the beauty and value of our traditional prayers and ceremonies.

Our people are sharing their own cultural gifts in living and celebrating the mysteries of our Catholic faith. Our languages, which we treasure, are now even spoken by some of the missionaries. Yet, we still need your help and guidance in certain areas:

First, as Native Peoples, we seek to follow Jesus Christ in the languages and cultures which God has given us.

Second, we seek a fuller participation in the life of the Universal Church as bishops, priests, deacons, religious, catechists and in all lay ministries.

Third, we seek a fuller inclusion of our cultural gifts and languages in the sacramental life of the Church.

Fourth, we seek the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. This young Mohawk woman has given our people a beautiful example of a Native person living out the Christian Gospel. Through her help, our people are being gathered to the Church.

Your Holiness, as Native Peoples, we are affirmed in our journey and encouraged in our work through your love and support of us. We pray that God will continue to bless you and your ministry.

In the name of all Native Americans, we ask Your Holiness for Your blessing and guidance as we walk together with God as we live here on Mother Earth and for all time to come.

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

Once again my prayers to Blessed Kateri have been answered. My daughter's two businesses and home were sold in a very short period of time. I told my daughter that I would make a novena to Blessed Kateri. The enclosed offering of fifty dollars is from my daughter who is most grateful.

(Bonita Springs, FL)

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

Greetings from Stone Mountain, Georgia! We hope that this letter finds you well. Recently we sent a letter to you asking that Fr. R.W.'s name be placed on Kateri's altar. He has experienced a healing of his throat, and it was not necessary for the doctor to do surgery. We are so grateful to Kateri for her intercession. Enclosed you will find a check for five dollars . . .

(Stone Mountain, GA)

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

The Story in Pictures

Anne M. Scheuerman



On September 12, at the Tekakwitha Conference on the grounds of the Heard Museum, a member of the Native American Wisdom Dance Group of Phoenix performs the Loop Dance.



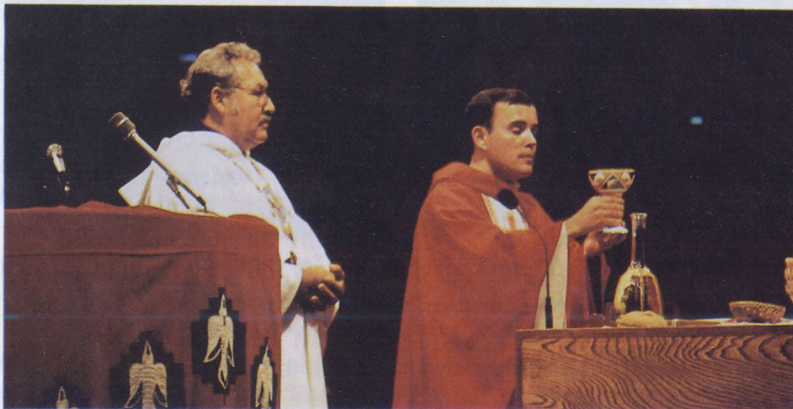
On September 13, Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S., of the Abnaki tribe, coadjutor of the Ordinary of Gallup, N.M., offers the Holy Sacrifice.



On the Coliseum grounds, members of the Tekakwitha Conference attend the Sunrise Prayer Celebration.



During the inter-tribal sharing, Mohawk Julie Daniels of St. Lucy's parish, Syracuse, N.Y., held the Conference spellbound by her interpretation of Blessed Kateki Tekakwitha.



Fr. Chaput, a Potawatomi, offering the wine.



On the morning of September 14, Native Americans took part in the liturgy in honor of Blessed Kateri offered by the Very Rev. Charles J. Chaput, Provincial of the Mid-American Capuchins.

Waiting for Pope John Paul's arrival: to the left, Mrs. Alma Ransom of St. Regis-Akwesasne; in the background, Fr. William Carey, pastor of St. Lucy's parish, Syracuse, N.Y., and Mr. Burton Pretty on Top, Crow Indian.

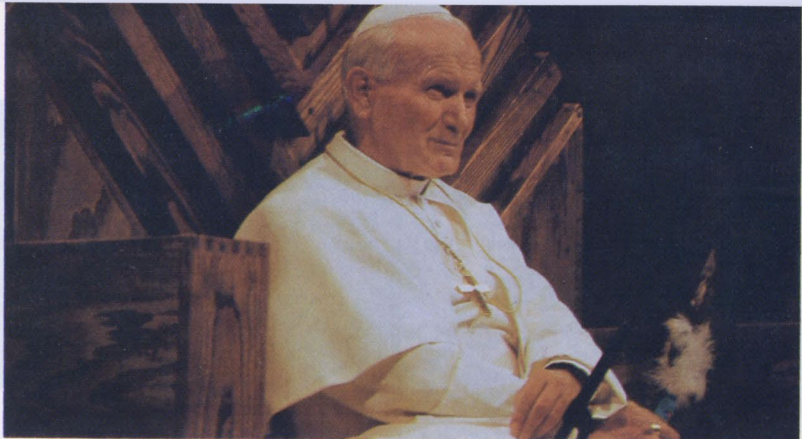


Grand Entry Procession: Carrying the banner, Bro. Bertrand Gérard, S.J. of St. Regis, Quebec and Mrs. Marlene McCauley of Phoenix preceded by her son Joseph.

Fr. Larry Smith, S.J., St. Anne's Church, Pleasant Point, Me, Fr. Thomas Egan, S.J., St. Regis Church, Quebec, Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J., Canadian Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri and Fr. Bernard Fagan, St. Francis Mission, South Dakota.



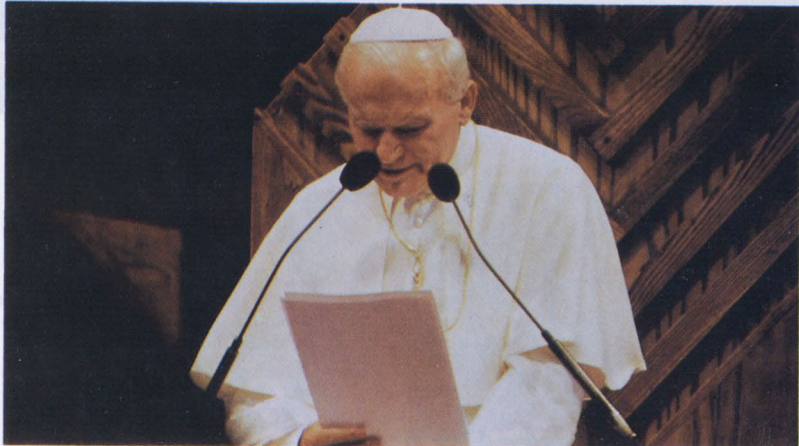
A welcome embrace by Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S. as he completes his introductory speech.



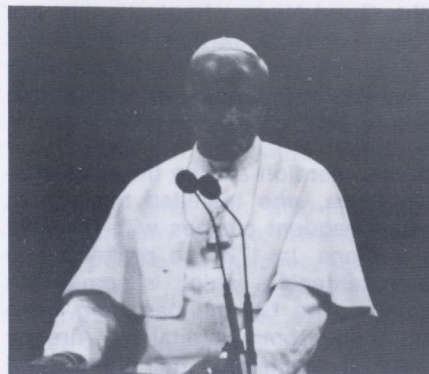
Pope John Paul II listens attentively to Alfretta Antone, speaking in the name of all the Indians of the continent.



The Audience pays attention to the Holy Father as he delivers his message to the Native Americans.



Pope John Paul II pours out his heart to the North American Indians.



POPE JOHN PAUL II's RESPONSE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

1. I have greatly looked forward to this visit with you, the original peoples of this vast country. **I greet you with love and respect.** I thank you for inviting me to be with you and for sharing with me some aspects of your rich and ancient culture.

I have listened to your concerns and hopes. As your representative spoke, I traced in my heart the history of your tribes and nations. I was able to see you as **the noble descendants of countless generations of inhabitants of this land**, whose ways were marked by great respect for the natural resources of land and river, of forest and plain and desert. Here your forefathers cherished and sought to pass on to each new generation their customs and traditions, their history and way of life. Here they worshipped the Creator and thanked him for his gifts. In contact with the forces of nature they learned the value of prayer, of silence and fasting, of patience and courage in the face of pain and disappointment.

2. **The early encounter between your traditional cultures and the European way of life was an event of such significance and change that it profoundly influences your collective life even today.** That encounter was a harsh and painful reality for your peoples. The cultural oppression, the injustices, the disruption of your life and of your traditional societies must be acknowledged.

At the same time, in order to be objective, history must record the deeply positive aspects of your peoples' encounter with the culture that came from Europe. Among these positive aspects I wish to recall the work of **the many missionaries who strenuously defended the rights of the original inhabitants of this land.** They established missions throughout this Southwestern part of the United States. They worked to improve living conditions and set up educational systems, learning your languages in order to do

so. Above all, they proclaimed the Good News of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ, an essential part of which is that all men and women are equally children of God and must be respected and loved as such. **This Gospel of Jesus Christ is today, and will remain forever, the greatest pride and possession of your people.**

3. One priest who deserves special mention among the missionaries is the **beloved Fray Junípero Serra**, who travelled throughout Lower and Upper California. He had frequent clashes with the civil authorities over the treatment of Indians. In 1773 he presented to the Viceroy in Mexico City a **Representación**, which is sometimes termed a "Bill of Rights" for Indians. The Church had long been convinced of the need to protect them from exploitation. Already in 1537, my predecessor **Pope Paul III proclaimed the dignity and rights of the native peoples of the Americas by insisting that they not be deprived of their freedom or the possession of their property (Pastorale Officium, May 29, 1537: DS 1495).** In Spain the Dominican priest, Francisco de Vitoria, became the staunch advocate of the rights of the Indians and formulated the basis for international law regarding the rights of peoples.

Unfortunately not all the members of the Church lived up to their Christian responsibilities. But let us not dwell excessively on mistakes and wrongs, even as we commit ourselves to overcoming their present effects. Let us also be grateful to those who came to this land, faithful to the teachings of Jesus, witnesses of his new commandment of love. These men and women, with good hearts and good minds, shared knowledge and skills from their own cultures and shared their most precious heritage, the faith, as well. Now, **we are called to learn from the mistakes of the past and we must work together for reconciliation and healing**, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

4. It is time to think of the present and of the future. Today, people are realizing more and more clearly that we all belong to the one human family, and are meant to walk and work together in mutual respect, understanding, trust and love. Within this family **each people preserves and expresses its own identity and enriches others with its gifts of culture, tradition, customs, stories, song, dance, art and skills.**

From the very beginning the Creator bestowed his gifts on each people. It is clear that stereotyping, prejudice, bigotry and racism demean the human dignity which comes from the hand of the Creator and which is seen in variety and diversity. I encourage you, as native people belonging to the different tribes and nations in the East, South, West and North, **to preserve and keep alive your cultures, your languages, the values and customs** which have

served you well in the past and which provide a solid foundation for the future. Your customs that mark the various stages of life, your love for the extended family, your respect for the dignity and worth of every human being, from the unborn to the aged, and your stewardship and care of the earth: these things benefit not only yourselves but the entire human family.

Your gifts can also be expressed even more fully in the Christian way of life. **The Gospel of Jesus Christ is at home in every people. It enriches, uplifts and purifies every culture.** All of us together make up the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Church. We should all be grateful for the growing unity, presence, voice and leadership of Catholic Native Americans in the Church today.

Jesus speaks of the word of God as the seed which falls on good ground and produces abundant fruit (cf. Mt 13:4ff.). The seed has long since been planted in the hearts of many of you. And it has already produced the fruits which show its transforming power — the fruits of holiness. **The best known witness of Christian holiness among the native peoples of North America is Kateri Tekakwitha**, whom I had the privilege, seven years ago, of declaring "Blessed" and of holding up to the whole Church and the world as an outstanding example of Christian life. Even when she dedicated herself fully to Jesus Christ, to the point of taking the prophetic step of making a vow of perpetual virginity, **she always remained what she was, a true daughter of her people**, following her tribe in the hunting seasons and continuing her devotions in the environment most suited to her way of life, before a rough cross carved by herself in the forest. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the great gift of God's love, is never in contrast with what is noble and pure in the life of any tribe or nation, since all good things are his gifts.

5. I would like to repeat what I said at my meeting with native peoples at the Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupré during my visit to Canada in 1984: "Your encounter with the Gospel has not only enriched you; it has enriched the Church. We are well aware that this has not taken place without its difficulties and, occasionally, its blunders. However, and you are experiencing this today, the Gospel does not destroy what is best in you. On the contrary, it enriches, as it were from within, the spiritual qualities and gifts that are distinctive of your cultures" (No. 3). The American Bishops' Statement on Native Americans rightly attests that our Catholic faith is capable of thriving "within each culture, within each nation, within each race, while remaining the prisoner of none" (Statement of May 4, 1977).

Here too I wish to urge the local Churches to be truly "catholic" in their outreach to native peoples, and **to show respect and honor for their culture and all their worthy traditions.** From your ranks have come a Bishop, a number of priests, many permanent deacons, men and women Religious and lay leaders. To all of you who have an active part in the Church's ministry I wish to express my gratitude and support. But the Church has some special needs at this time. And for this reason **I directly appeal to you, especially to you young Native Americans, to discover if Jesus is calling you to the priesthood or to the religious life.** Hear him and follow him! He will never let you down! He will lead you, in the Church, to serve your own peoples and others in the best way possible, in love and apostolic generosity.

At the same time I call upon your native Catholic communities **to work together to share their faith and their gifts,** to work together on behalf of all your peoples. There is much to be done in solving common problems of unemployment, inadequate health care, alcoholism and chemical dependency. You have endured much over hundreds of years and your difficulties are not yet at an end. Continue taking steps toward true human progress and toward reconciliation within your families and your communities, and among your tribes and nations.

6. One day Jesus said: "The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy. I came that they might have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10).

Surely, the time has come for the native peoples of America to have a new life in Jesus Christ—the new life of adopted children of God, with all its consequences:

A life in justice and full human dignity!

A life of pride in their own good traditions, and of fraternal solidarity among themselves and with all their brothers and sisters in America!

A deeper life in charity and grace, leading to the fullness of eternal life in heaven!

All consciences must be **challenged.** There are real injustices to be addressed and biased attitudes to be changed. But the greatest challenge is to you yourselves, as Native Americans. You must continue to grow in respect for your own inalienable human dignity, for the gifts of Creation and Redemption as they touch your lives and the lives of your peoples. You must unyieldingly pursue your spiritual and moral goals. You must **trust** in your own future.

As Catholic Native Americans, you are called to become **instruments of the healing power of Christ's love,** instruments of his peace. May the Church in your midst—your own community of faith and fellowship—truly bear witness to the new life that comes from the Cross and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

AN ACCOUNT OF THE HOLY FATHER'S VISIT TO FORT SIMPSON, N.W.T. WILL APPEAR IN THE MARCH 1988 ISSUE OF **KATERI**.

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

I am enclosing two Canadian Postal Money Orders for the enclosed requests. I thank you for your kind attention to this letter. I hope that you and all your Jesuit Community are well and happy; but I will not add busy—for if you are like the Ursulines you are fully employed!!! in the Lord's Vineyard. I asked you to pray for our school. We were on the verge of closing it and selling all our property for we could not go on financially. Just this month our Ontario Government has granted us full funding. This is really a miracle. We have children here, and all of them prior to entrance into our school had learning disabilities. If our school had closed, these children would have been deprived of the education offered by highly skilled and trained teachers, not even to mention the deprivation of our special Ursuline brand of loving care and the religious and peaceful atmosphere of our "Convent-school" facilities. We have seen the direct results of our prayers plus the prayers we requested for a very difficult and sensitive situation. My two sisters are coping with health problems, but they are not invalids... For me, I am one of thirteen Ursulines who will celebrate on May 9, the 60th Jubilee of our years in our Ursuline Order. We are anticipating this celebration because the "Goldens and Silvers" celebrate in the summer. There are two celebrating 65 years, four celebrating 70 years, and one celebrating 75 years. With the exception of three in our infirmary, all the rest of us are very ambulatory and quite active. So, that list of celebrants should tell you that the Lord grants Ursulines long years of good health to serve in His Vineyard. Deo Gratias!
(Windsor, Ont.)

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

Enclosed, please find an offering of five dollars for a favor received, the health of a friend. I had asked Blessed Kateri to help her regain her health.
(Grand Rapids, MI)

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

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

I accidentally came across a copy of the **Kateri** magazine. Since then I have become an ardent enthusiast seeking the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. My first blessing happened about two years ago. A distraught child separated from his mother for a few hours was nearly in hysterics. I asked Blessed Kateri and our Blessed Mother to quiet the child who immediately was consoled and fell asleep. Some months later in our family a problem arose over the disappearance of a valuable cat. I prayed to Blessed Kateri and the cat was soon found. Last year I had a warning of a serious physical problem. I prayed to Blessed Kateri and so far my problem has disappeared. Now, every day, I call on Blessed Kateri many times to help me... At present I am fulfilling my promise of thirty dollars to further her Cause of Canonization. (Winnipeg, Man.)

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

The enclosed fifty dollars is in thanksgiving to Kateri. I made this promise when I was ill in the hospital. All tests came back and nothing was found to cause my illness. I am sure Kateri's prayers helped me. (Albany, NY)

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

Enclosed is the five-dollar check I promised Blessed Kateri if my prayers were answered. I've been praying to Blessed Kateri that my husband get a good raise. Well he did, along with a promotion. This is the second prayer Blessed Kateri answered for me. God bless you and yours. (Jessup, PA)

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

I started a novena on August 9 for special intentions regarding my life's health and got help on the eighth day. I hope to get more names for you shortly. I'm also enclosing my prayer pledge... (Ottawa, Ont.)

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

Enclosed find a check for five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping me with my driving tonight. My sight at night is not very good. Please, Kateri, pray for me and lead me to the right doctor for an eye examination. (Hackensack, NJ)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss A.M.T.!**

Enclosed is a check for five dollars for Blessed Kateri; she gave us a safe and happy trip to Florida. Father, please pray with me to Blessed Kateri as I have just been diagnosed as having rheumatoid arthritis in the heels of my two feet. Please pray with me that my condition get better... (Jessup, PA)

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

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

Enclosed are twenty dollars for Kateri's Cause in thanksgiving for the numerous small favors I have received through her intercession. She has never failed me. I have been praying every day for her Canonization. (Kahnawake, P.Q.)

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

I'm sending you fifty dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for answering our prayers regarding health problems and a lost article. God bless you and we thank you. (Duncan, B.C.)

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

I want a Mass said to Kateri for helping my daughter with her cataract surgery. Everything came out very well with Kateri's help. (Phoenix, AZ)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars, which I promised to Kateri if she would help us find a new home. I continue to pray to her that everything will work out for the best. I also pray that everyone in the family will be able to make an easy adjustment. (Richmond, VA)

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

Enclosed, please find twenty dollars. This is for the prayers and help you have given me. I have a job now. Please continue to pray for me, so that I will have good luck on the job, and no problems or breakdowns. Thank you. (Alexis Creek, B.C.)

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

... In the past few years I have been introduced to Kateri and have been praying to her at every opportunity. All my problems have not been solved but I know she is trying to help me and I find myself in a better frame of mind as I have favors granted... (North Bay, Ont.)

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

The last time I wrote to you I had asked Blessed Kateri to look over my family, especially one of my sons with a business which wasn't doing well at all. So just last week the business was a bit better and I told him that I had written about it and assumed that it was Blessed Kateri who is helping out. So he gave me ten dollars to send you as a donation... I want to thank you with all my heart and I'll keep on praying every day to Blessed Kateri. (Sudbury, Ont.)

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

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

I promised to send ten dollars to Kateri's cause if my husband didn't need an operation; so far he hasn't.

(Piqua, OH)

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

The enclosed twenty-five dollars is in thanksgiving for a safe holiday, to be used for Kateri's Cause. We always rely on her help for many occasions. Your prayers, Father, are greatly appreciated.

(Etobicoke, Ont.)

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

I am hoping you receive this letter even though I found your name and address in a 1983 copy of the magazine LEAVES. I am writing to tell you of my devotion to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I took the name Kateri when I made my confirmation about twenty years ago. My father's family is descended from the Mohawk Indian tribe, so I have always felt a special bond with Kateri. When my daughter was born seven and a half years ago, I named her Anna Kateri. Her two greatgrandmothers were named Anna and I just felt I had to use the name Kateri if I ever had a daughter. Everyone comments on what a beautiful name it is and they ask where it comes from. So I end up telling the story of Kateri's life quite often. About six months ago I received a letter from the Kateri Foundation in Auriesville, N.Y. It contained a prayer card to be said daily for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri. I have been saying that prayer daily since I received the letter. Then I came across the article in LEAVES and I have added the Our Father and Hail Mary to this prayer. I have been praying that I would somehow have a hand in her Canonization. I hope my prayers will be answered soon. Any further information you may have on the progress of efforts for her Canonization would be appreciated.

(Waldorf, MD)

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

An offering for my dear Kateri's Cause for two safe trips, the welfare of a nephew, for finding important papers for me and for her constant help and attention. Many, many thanks, Kateri.

(Kahnawake, P.Q.)

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

Kateri has answered my prayers so many times and I feel she is responsible for healing two fingers which had given me problems for a long time. Please use the enclosed ten dollars for Kateri's promotion...

(Bellerose, NY)

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

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION;
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(GIFT NOTE SENT UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED)

FROM: NAME
ADDRESS

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 Garagontié II Roll.

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

PLEASE INDICATE MR., MRS. OR MISS & CODE