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KATERIGRAM

N JUNE 22, 1980, at the Mass during which the Holy Father beatified five Venerables, one of whom was Kateri Tekakwitha, he began his homily by insisting that the new Blesseds were to be imitated by the faithful and admired by the world at large.

Blessed Kateri practised all the virtues heroically, but there is one I would now like to draw your attention to-the virtue of fortitude. The young Iroquois Maiden never feared whatever could have impeded her progress in the service of the Lord. She never flinched when stones were thrown at her on account of her fidelity to daily Mass. She never gave in to the pressure her aunts put on her to marry a young brave of their choice, not even when she was temporarily thrown out of her longhouse and obliged to beg for food from her neighbors. She was convinced that God expected something else from her.

At the time of her flight from Gandaouague to Canada. she was aware that if she were captured she would die. As a matter of fact, as soon as her uncle heard about her departure, he took his arguebus (firearm) with three balls and set out to kill his niece and her two companions. Fortunately they succeeded in outdistancing him.

With those who were sympathetic to her, Kateri's conduct was not less steadfast. She never hesitated to displease them whenever she thought their advice was at cross-purposes with the Will of God.

Couldn't Blessed Kateri serve as a model when an opinion contrary to the teachings of Christ is bandied about? Also, when TV programs shamelessly flood the living rooms of the nation with pornography or when laws are promulgated favorable to crimes qualified as heinous by Vatican II? Let us ask the Lily of the Mohawks not to fear being seen as "too religious;" let us ask her to show us how to act. If we follow her advice, we too shall be practising the virtue of fortitude.

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Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.F.!

I am sending fifty dollars that I promised if my daughter and a very special man in her life reunited. Kateri indeed does work miracles!

(Garner, MA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. N.B.!

I am enclosing a check for fifty dollars for two promises I had made and one of them was for my son A, to find a job, which he did . . .

(Berlin, NH)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.T.!

Enclosed please find a Money Order for twenty dollars as I promised Blessed Kateri for the relief of a problem I have with my bowels . . . Thanks Blessed Kateri for many favors received. (Fredericton, N.B.)

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

Last September, I fell and broke my collar-bone. I also injured my neck and left arm. The doctor said it would take at least six weeks to heal. Three weeks later I went on retreat. During prayer time, someone said that a person was being healed of a very painful left arm. A few people laid hands on me and the pain left me instantly. In thankfulness I went to the chapel and spent two hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament, just thanking my Lord for the beautiful healing. My collar-bone was still broken of course, and on my return home, I decided to pray to Kateri and ask for a healing of my bone. I promised to send an offering for the cause of her Beatification. The bone is still not mended but I can do all of my housework and half the time, I'm not even aware of it. I have prayed to Kateri for forty-two years and she has never refused me a request . . . (Winnipeg, Man.)

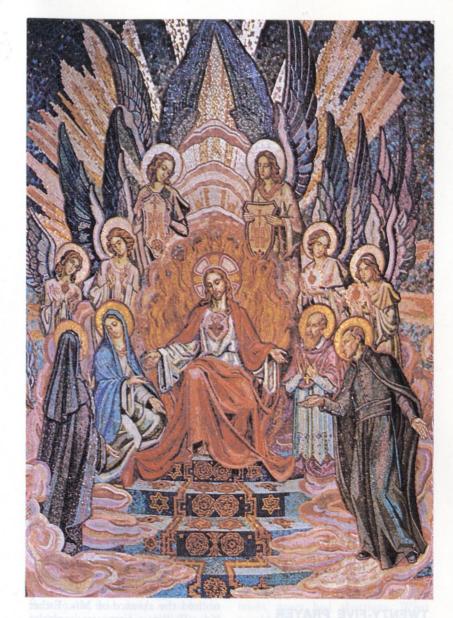
Beloved,

if God has shewn such love to us,

we too must love

one another.

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THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

To His right, Our Lady and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; to His left, St. Francis de Sales, Blessed Claude La Colombière and, in the background, angels of the heavenly Court (Mosaic in the Visitation Chapel at Paray-le-Monial, France)

EACH NEW MOON



BLESSED KATERI'S FEAST DAY



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In Canada, Blessed Kateri's feast

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TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Sr. Clarisse Asselin, St. Hyacinthe, Qc, 67.

is celebrated on April 17, anniversary of her death in 1680. This year it fell on a Sunday and the Beata was gloriously commemorated at the Kahnawake Mission, Bishop Bernard Hubert of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, was the main celebrant at the Mass, concelebrated by Fathers Jean-Marie Archambault, Jesuit Provincial, Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor, Alexandre Guay, S.I., Henri Lacasse, S.J., Assistants, Louis-Marie Turcotte, O.C.S.D., and Henri Béchard, S.J., vice-postulator for the Cause of canonization of Blessed Kateri. The liturgy of the Word was trilingual: Iroquois, English, and French and was televised by CBC for a coast to coast broadcast. An important contingent of Knights of Columbus added lustre to the ceremonies. Father Jacques Bruyère, S.J., conducted the well-known Iroquois choir whose regular auditors certainly noticed the absence of Mrs. Esther Kane-Phillips, first-rate contralto

and former president of the choir,

about whom more will be said in

a future issue of Kateri.

SISTER MARY MARCELLA, S.S.M.N., R.I.P.



Last December, with her Christmas and New Year wishes, Sr. Mary Marcella, S.S.M.N. admitted in a note addressed to me that she was feeling tired. I little realized how tired she must have been until I learned of her death on Friday, January 29 at Lowell, Mass. She was 76 years old and for more than 57 years had been a Sister of Saint Mary of Namur.

Bishop Edward Head, D.D., of Buffalo, in a statement from the Chancery, wrote that "In a particular way, she shared her joy and faith and enthusiasm with young Native Americans." For more than 15 years, she was the directress of the Buffalo Diocesan Department of Indian Affairs, devoting much of her time and energy to the Tuscarora Reservation.

Since Kateri's beatification in 1980, I have been collecting signed prayer pledges of one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and three Glory Be's to be said daily in order to hasten her canonization. It has taken me eight years to get 21,000 pledges. Sister Marcella cooperated magnificently in this area. No

devotee of Blessed Kateri harvested more than she—exactly 1,000 pledges! May Sister inspire 99 Kateri devotees to do as much, for she enjoys the company of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in heaven!

H.B., S.J.

KATERI ONCE AGAIN!



Marie Elaine Kateri Eve Dupras of Montreal, born on May 10, 1980 and baptized on the following June 22, the very day of Blessed Kateri's beatification.

PRAYERS, PLEASE!



Miss Cecilia Moore

The Latin poet Ovid (43 B.C. - A.D. 17) disgusted with the abortions going on in Rome, wrote that the lionesses in their lairs, superior to many of his feminine compatriots, never had abortions. What would he say about the Minister of Human Resources of British Columbia who dismissed Miss Cecilia Moore because she refused

to sign and issue the certificate for abortion medical coverage? Her union refused to back her up in her demand for redress, so she went to the Supreme Court of the Province which turned her down as well as the Court of Appeals. So far her legal expenses total \$40,000, but she has not given up the fight. She recently received a letter of congratulations from Mr. David Packer who had been ousted from the Toronto police force for refusing to drive away the "Right to Life" people protesting in front of the Morgentaler abortion clinic. Mother Teresa of Calcutta congratulated him on his stand. According to Vatican II, "abortion is a heinous crime." Prayers to Blessed Kateri, please, for Cecilia Moore and David Packer, who at the cost of losing their jobs refused to cooperate with perpetrators of this terrible crime.

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FRAY CONTARDO MIGLIORANZA



Catalina Tekakwita "Piel Roja" Santa

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his credit. After carefully collecting the material concerning the Lily of the Mohawks, he was in a position to give the public a worthwhile story of her life. The presentation with Blessed Kateri as the cover girl in color is attractive, the pen-and-ink illustrations are smart and, best of all, the crisp styles makes for good reading. This biography will certainly help to promote devotion to Blessed Kateri, not only in Argentina but also throughout South America. 176 p. Three dollars plus mailing expenses. May be obtained from the author at Misiones Franciscanas Conventuales, Cóndor 2150, 1437 Buenos Aires, Republica Argentina.



& Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.L.!

I was quite worried because the person who had been my power of attorney had gone to another city, possibly never to return or at least for some time. I gave Blessed Kateri three days to find me one as I was going away for a month and am old. On the third day I got a telephone call from my former agent for whom circumstances had changed. He was back! Needless to say I am grateful and enclosing ten dollars for Kateri. I pray for her canonization every day. She had done a lot for me. Please keep me and mine in your good prayers, Father.

(Kingston, Ont.)

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

My sister's brain operation was a complete success. Words cannot express the joy in our and her family. The grace of God is with out future saint, Blessed Kateri.

(North Hollywood, CA)

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

This is an offering to Kateri, I was told I would need a very serious surgery (hysterectomy) but a new pathology report was negative. Please send me a Touch Relic.

(Old Bridge, NJ)

★ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.B.!

Enclosed find a check for ten dolars. It is sent in grateful appreciation to Kateri for helping me in health problems. Many thanks, Kateri.

(Marlboro, MA)

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

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AT ROME

ON JUNE 22, 1980, the Pope beatified five Venerables among whom was the young Iroquois Maiden Kateri Tekakwitha. The four others had devoted themselves to the Native Americans throughout the Americas.

In the Holy Father's homily during the Mass, he praised Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and the other Blesseds stressing that they would henceforth be offered "to the imitation of the faithful and to the admiration of the world at large:"

"O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever" (Ps 135 [136], 1).

This exalting invitation of the Psalmist to unite, all of us, in glorification of God, for his infinite goodness and mercy, is taken up today by the whole Church, overflowing with joy because she can bow to venerate five of her members raised to the honors of the altars by means of Beatification and, at the same time, can present them to the imitation of the faithful and the admiration of the world. They are, a Jesuit, the "Apostle of Brazil", Joseph

De Anchieta; a missionary mystic, Mary of the Incarnation (Guyart); a Franciscan tertiary, the founder of the Bethlehemite Congregation, Peter De Betancur; a bishop, Francis De Montmorency-Laval; and a young Redskin maiden, *Kateri Tekakwitha*.

Further on, he thus summarized the life of the Mohawk Maiden:

This wonderful crown of new Blesseds, God's bountiful gift to his Church, is completed by the sweet, frail yet strong figure of a young woman who died when she was only twenty-four years old: Kateri Tekakwitha, the "Lily of the Mohawks", the Iroquois maiden, who in seventeenth-century North America was the first to renew the marvels of sanctity of Saint Scholastica, Saint Gertrude, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Angela Merici and Saint Rose of Lima, preceding, along the path of Love, her great spiritual sister, Thérèse of the Child Jesus.

She spent her short life partly in what is now the State of New York and partly in Canada. She is a kind, gentle and hardworking person, spending her time working, praying and meditating. At the age of twenty she receives Baptism. Even when following her tribe in the hunting seasons, she continues her devotions, before a rough cross carved by herself in the forest. When her family urges her to marry, she replies very serenely and calmly that she has Jesus as her only spouse. This decision, in view of the social conditions of women in the Indian tribes at that time, exposes *Kateri* to the risk of living as an outcast and in poverty. It is a bold, unusual and prophetic gesture: on 25 March 1679, at the age of twenty-three, with the consent of her spiritual director, *Kateri* takes a vow of perpetual virginity, as far as we know the first time that this was done among the North American Indians.

The last months of her life are an ever clearer manifestation of her solid faith, straightforward humility, calm resignation and radiant joy, even in the midst of terrible sufferings. Her last words, simple and sublime, whispered at the moment of death, sum up, like a noble hymn, a life of purest charity: "Jesus, I love you..."

The Holy Father concludes his homily with the following prayer:

O Blesseds, whom the pilgrim Church glorifies and exalts today, give us the strength to imitate your limpid faith, when we find ourselves in moments of darkness; your serene hope, when we are disheartened by difficulties; your ardent love of God, when we are tempted to idolize creatures; your delicate love of brothers, when we would like to shut ourselves up in our selfish individualism!

O Blesseds, bless our countries, those of your origin, and those given to you by God, like the "Promised Land" to Abraham, and which you loved, evangelized and sanctified!

O Blesseds, bless the whole Church, a pilgrim that is awaiting her lasting Country!

O Blesseds, bless the world, which is hungry and thirsty for holiness!

Blessed Joseph of Anchieta, Blessed Mary of the Incarnation, Blessed Peter de Betancur, Blessed Francis de Monmorency-Laval, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

Oss. Romano, June 30, 1980

In the early afternoon of Tuesday, June 24, His Holiness granted an audience to some 400 Native North Americans who had come to Rome for the beatification of the Mohawk Maiden. Here is his allocation:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

It is a joy for me to meet today with all of you, representatives of the North American Indians of Canada and the United States. I greet you in the peace of Christ, and through you I wish to extend my greetings to all whom you represent, to all the Indian people of your continent. When you return home, please tell your families and friends that the Pope loves them, and that he invokes upon them joy and strength in the Holy Spirit.

You have made this long journey to Rome to participate in a special moment in the history of your people. You have come to rejoice in the beatification of *Kateri Tekakwitha*. It is a time to pause and to give thanks to Gcd for the unique culture and rich human tradition which you have inherited, and for the greatest gift anyone can receive, the gift of faith. Indeed, *Blessed Kateri* stands before us as a symbol of the best of the heritage that is yours as North American Indians.

But today is also a day of great happiness for the Church throughout the world. All of us are inspired by the example of this young woman of faith, who died three centuries ago this year. We are all edified by her complete trust in the providence of God, and we are encouraged by her joyful fidelity to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In a true sense the whole Church, together with you, declares in the words of Saint Paul: "Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever" (Eph 3:20-21).

The Church has declared to the world that *Kateri Tekakwitha* is blessed, that she lived a life on earth of exemplary holiness and that she is now a member in heaven of the Communion of Saints who continually intercede with the merciful Father on our behalf.

Her beatification should remind us that we are all called to a life of holiness, for in Baptism God has chosen each one of us "to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence" (Eph 1:4). Holiness of life—union with Christ through prayer and works of charity—is not something reserved to a select few among the members of the Church. It is the vocation of everyone.

My brothers and sisters, may you be inspired and encouraged by the life of *Blessed Kateri*. Look to her for an example of fidelity; see in her a model of purity and love; turn to her in prayer for assistance. May God bless you as he blessed her. May God bless all the North American Indians of Canada and the United States.

On the same day, June 24, Bishop Bernard Hubert of the Diocese of Saint Jean-Longueuil, in whose territory Blessed Kateri achieved union with God and died, received a message from Pape Paul II for the faithful of his diocese.



To the faithful of the Church of Saint-Jean-de-Québec

Dear sons and daughters,

Last Sunday, June 22, in the Basilica of St. Peter of Rome, Kateri Tekakwitha was beatified! This young virgin lived her Christian life in your country and, after her death, was buried on the South Shore of the St. Lawrence River.

Today, you render homage to her in this diocesan pilgrimage. Together with brothers and sisters of her race, you thank the Lord that the "Lily of the Mohawks" has flourished in your land.

The beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha reminds us, first of all, of the missionary epic of New France. Indeed, how could she have come to the Christian faith without the admirable action in your midst of the holy Martyrs of Canada, of Blessed François de Montmorency Laval, Marguerite Bourgeoys, Marguerite d'Youville, Marie de l'Incarnation and of the other founders of the Church of Canada? In the 17th century, your country became a vast and active field of the Mission of the Church. The Indian people as well as the white people established in North America received the Word of God and built a young and dynamic Church.

Down to this day, the Gospel has yielded abundant fruit in your country. The Church of Canada, particularly that of Quebec, has supplied thousands of missionaries to all continents of the world. After receiving the Good News brought by Christ, your families have prepared for the universal Church men and women who accepted to give their lives to proclaim the Gospel.

This generosity is at the source of the vitality of the Church in numerous dioceses throughout the world. May you remain constant in your openness to the Word of God and in your preparation of missionary vocations.

Not only does the beatification of <code>Kateri</code> bring to mind the missionary role of the Church in New France but it also points out the invaluable contribution made by the Amerindians in the life of the Church community. The liberation brought about by Jesus Christ is for all the peoples of the earth. The salvation given by God is a universal salvation. The Church, which is the visible sign of this divine action in history, must manifest in its members that salvation in Christ is accessible to men and women of every race and of every land.

The public recognition of the spiritual merits of <code>Kateri Tekakwitha</code> brings into light the catholicity of the Church. This young virgin was not conceived in a vacuum. She carries in her being the experiences and values of her people. The life of this Indian woman enriches the testimony of the Church. The Mohawk people, who gave this beautiful flower to the community of believers, is still called today to contribute to the life of Christ. Dear Mohawk sons and daughters, do not hesitate to put your trust in Christ and to place yourselves and your talents at the service of the Church. Count on Jesus to affirm your human and Christian identity. Build the Church in your midst by living the Gospel of Jesus to the full.

As we reflect briefly on the beatification of <code>Kateri</code> <code>Tekakwitha</code>, it is also essential that we recall a few aspects which characterized the life of this blessed woman. She shared in the daily chores of the women of her time. She chose to live her love for Christ in virginity. We find her life a message that is most relevant to everyone.

The consumer society offers all kinds of commodities. It allows you to free yourselves more easily from the constraints of everyday tasks, particularly those pertaining to home life. This, however, involves the risk of your being swallowed in the quicksand of material possessions. It could contribute to promote justice among peoples by allowing for development and sharing. It does foster a drift towards the least effort, toward egotism and depersonalization. It is the scene of many struggles for equality and respect of all persons. Too often, it settles for exploitation of the poor through injustice, and exploitation of women through the exaltation of sexuality.

By responding to the grace of God, Kateri asserted her own personality in a remarkable way, which calls for our admiration and, again, offers an example that is most beneficial for our time. She manifested a spirit of solidarity with her people by accepting the tasks that were hers within Indian society. She refused, however, to let her life be determined for her by the morals of her time. She freely chose to became a Christian and to live in accordance with her Baptism. She loved Jesus profoundly, to such a degree as to consecrate her whole life to him in virginity. This did not prevent her from serving her people with joy and tenderness. She is a model for any member of a Christian family.

At the same time, she is a model of a virgin consecrated to God and, for all Christians, a model of intimate union with Christ with whom she lives in constant prayer, constant offering of her existence, and serene acceptance of the cross. In God must be sought the secret of her strengh and of her radiating joy

Next Fall, in Rome, there will be a Synod of the Bishops of the universal Church. Together, we shall study the role of the Christian family in today's world. I invite you to help your bishops to prepare this important event by offering your prayers to God for this intention and by informing your pastoral leaders of your experience of a Christian family as the Lord grants you to live it.

Pray God. Pray Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Live according to your Baptism as she did in faithfulness to the Lord and the service of others. Thus, you shall contribute to giving families stability and joy and you shall build the Church of Christ which is in Saint-Jean-de-Québec.

In this hope, I give you most affectionately my Apostolic Blessing. I give it first to your Bishop Bernard Hubert, who is the "Shepherd of your souls," to the priests collaborating with him, to the men and women religious, to the lay people of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-de-Québec, fathers and mothers of families, young people and adults. May God strenghthen all of you in faith, through Christ, in the Spirit!

From the Vatican, June 24, 1980.

Joannes Paulus M. 4



The Holy Father at the Quebec Minor Seminary

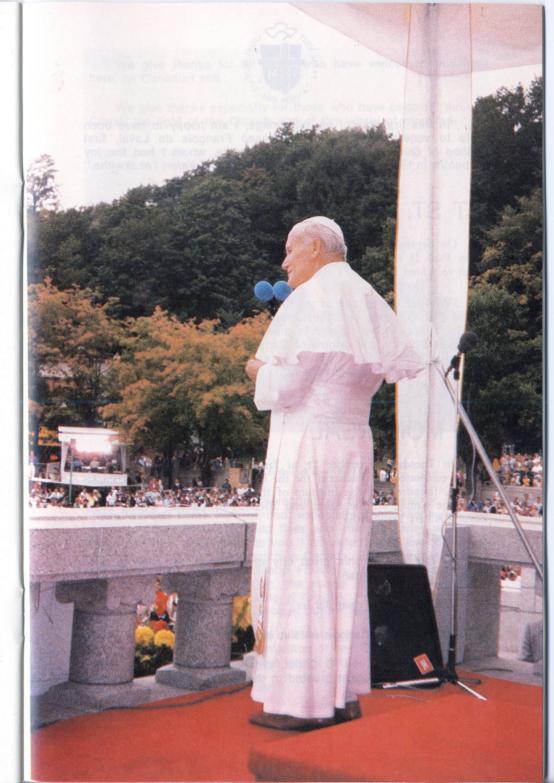
AT QUEBEC

During His Holiness's pilgrimage to Canada, in 1984, he mentioned Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha many times. In his allocution at the Minor Seminary of Quebec on September 9, to the diocesan clergy and to the representatives of the religious communities which had participated in the foundation of New France, the Beata was mentioned along with the two other Canadian Beati:

> Pope John Paul II encourages Blessed Kateri's Brothers and Sisters at St. Anne de Beaupre

> > Photo Brenda Rice of Kahnawake







"In this first day of my pilgrimage, I am happy to have been able to venerate the tomb of Blessed François de Laval, first bishop of Quebec and of all North America, whom I had the joy to beatify in 1980 with Mary of the Incarnation and Kateri Tekakwitha."

AT ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE

On September 10, at the Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupre, Pope John Paul II met a large gathering of Native North Americans and Inuit to whom he recalled Blessed Kateri's beatification. He told them:

"Without losing any of your cultural identify you have understood that God has sent the Christian message to you just as he did to others. Today, I come to greet you, the native peoples, who bring us close to the origins of Canada. I come to celebrate with you our faith in Jesus Christ. I recall that beautiful day when Kateri Tekakwitha was beatified in Rome where several of you were present..."

AT MONTREAL

On Tuesday, September 11, at Jarry Park in Montreal, the Holy Father celebrated the Eucharist for the beatification of Sr. Marie-Léonie Paradis, foundress of the Institute of the Holy Family. In his homily, the Pope named all the Saints and Blesseds of Canada, among them Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha:

On this day, in this great city of Montreal, we wish to pay tribute to God made man.

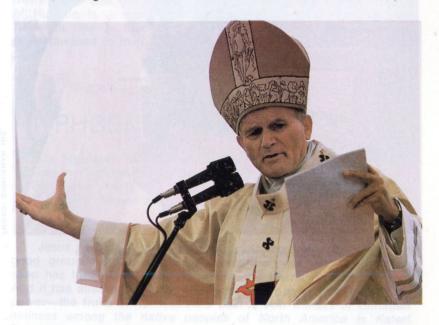
"A holy day has risen for us.

... the light has shone on the earth.

• ... Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the people; glory be to you, O Christ greeted in this world by faith" (cf. 1 Tm 3:16), Alleluia!

We give thanks for all those who have welcomed this light here, on Canadian soil.

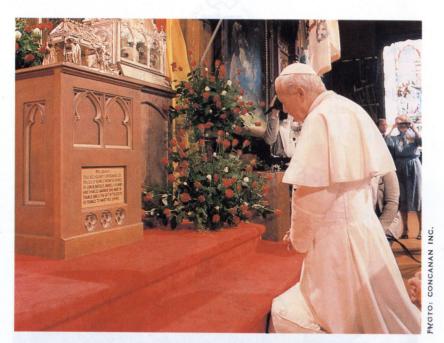
We give thanks especially for those who have become, through Christ, the light of the Church and of the whole of mankind.



The Holy Father at Jarry Park

The Church has officially recognized the holiness of some of them; several came from abroad, especially from France, but it is here that they completed their lives and attained their measure of holiness. They are familiar to you. I am referring to the holy Jesuit Martyrs, founders of the Church in Canada; Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys; and the Blesseds Bishop François de Montmorency-Laval, Mother Marie de l'Incarnation, the young Iroquois woman Kateri Tekakwitha, Mother Marguerite d'Youville, Father André Grasset, Marie-Rose Durocher, and Brother André Bessette.

I personally had the joy of celebrating in Rome the beatification of five of these and the canonization of one. But I know that other cases are under consideration and I hope the decision will be positive . . .



Pope John Paul II prays before the relics of the Jesuit Martyrs before speaking to the Native Americans.

AT MIDLAND, ONT.

On Saturday, September 15, 1984, at the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs at Midland, Ontario, the Pope addressed about 100 000 Amerindians. He did not forget to speak to them about Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha:

A young woman of Algonquin and Mohawk ancestry also deserves special rocognition today: *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*. Who has not heard of her outstanding witness of purity and holiness of life? It was my personal joy, only four years ago, to beatify this woman of great courage and faith, who is known by many as the "Lily of the Mohawks". To those who came to Rome for her beatification, I said: "Blessed Kateri stands before us as a symbol of the heritage that is yours as North American Indians" (June 24, 1980).

As we are gathered in prayer today at the Martyrs' Shrine, we remember the many efforts of the Church, beginning three and a half centuries ago, to bring the Gospel of Christ into the lives

of the native peoples of North America. The Martyrs honoured here are only a small representation of the many men and women who took part in this great missionary effort. We wish to pay tribute as well to all those who joyfully embraced the Christian faith, like Blessed Kateri, and who remained faithful despite many trials and difficulties. Of great importance to the Church of Huronia is Joseph Chiwatenwa, who together with this wife Aonnetta, his brother Joseph and other family members lived and witnessed to their faith in an heroic manner...

AT PHOENIX, AZ

On September 14, 1987 at Phoenix, Arizona, during the annual Tekakwitha Conference, His Holiness John Paul II recalled the history of the Native Americans, their relations with the Church, and the significance of Blessed Kateri's life:

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 . . .

★ Kateri's smile upon you. Miss M.McA.!

I have been to the Shrine on two occasions,—one in either 1935 or 1936, when Father Menard was there, and on another occasion when you were there. I have great devotion to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and, in fact, on my first visit there, I had received a picture which had been touched to her relics and had received a cure when I touched it to my ear. In fact, I put it under my ear which the doctor thought was a mastoid, and when I awoke, it was cured. When I went to the doctor the next morning, he was quite surprised and said he did not even have to clean it out. I have never written to the Shrine concerning this and perhaps I should have. At any rate, I have now another favor to request at the Shrine. I have recently had two operations (one on each eve) for my eyesight. I am still having my eyes checked and, while I still have my sight, it is not as good as it was. As you said in your letter, I must practice fortitude . . .

(Philadelphia, PA)

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

I am enclosing a check in the amount of sixty dollars to be used towards the Canonization of Kateri. As you requested I am also sending you a picture of myself. The photo is eight years old, but it was the only one I could find. In it, I am holding my daughter, Anna Kateri, who was then one year old. I also want to share with you a small "Miracle." Last spring, I found out that my sister-in-law was trying to conceive a baby, so I started praying to Kateri and Our Lady of Guadalupe (whose prayer card you had sent me) to help her. Well, you guessed it. Last week my brother called and said they're expecting in October. I knew my prayers had been answered...

(Waldorf, MD)

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

About three years ago I called you from the United States to seek help for an infant. She had been diagnosed with cancer of the liver. They did perform some surgery. At one time they removed one of the adrenal glands. I have prayed to Kateri for this intention since. This child is apparently doing well. I am sure and her parents feel Kateri's intervention. Continue to pray for little A.

(Wilson, NY)

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

Enclosed is a check for Kateri. I pray to Kateri for guidance in our life. My daughter came thru some tests without any problems which we are thankful for.

(Fairview, PA)

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

★ Kateri's smile upon you. Mrs. W.J.!

I asked our Blessed Kateri to pray that my son would do well in his new job and so far everything is going fine. I also asked for her prayers that he and his wife would find a new home and they did. I'm sending ten dollars to say thanks to Kateri. (Euclid. OH)

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

... I have been asking Kateri to help with our grandson who is one year old. He had a bad rash all over his body and it was getting worse until I prayed that he be cured. It is so much better now and I know that Blessed Kateri had something to do with this. I have so much faith in her and I keep telling other friends to pray in her honor. My husband has not been very well for some time (heart problem and diabetes). Please pray for him. I am sending one more sympathy enrollment. I also would like one box of sympathy cards. I am enclosing a check for ten dollars. You can apply the balance towards Kateri's Cause. I will keep on praying to Kateri for as long as I live. (Sudbury, Ont.)

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

I am sending you thirty dollars as promised to Blessed Kateri, if she would intercede with our dear Lord Jesus and the Blessed Mother on behalf of my daughter and son-in-law, whose marriage was going down hill (they had two daughters, were talking about separation). Blessed Kateri obtained the graces I asked her for. My daughter and her husband have stopped talking about separating. Father, please know that I pray for Blessed Kateri's canonization every day, and I gave my daughter a prayed card, too, at which she commented, "How very pretty Blessed Kateri was!" And to think I only learned about Blessed Kateri less than two months ago when we came to Canada and made a visit to your church.

(Westbury, NY)

☆ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.M.!

We spent Christmas in San Antonio, Texas, with our son and family. The weather was cold. We had had thoughts of returning to Ohio—now, we believe we will stay here where it is warmer. In Texas, the cedar trees emit a mold causing allergies. It 'got to me' and I felt badly all the time we were there. The allergy cleared as soon as we left the area. Enclosed is a check for ten dollars. I prayed to Kateri that we would have good flying weather, pilots, and planes. Our prayers were answered. Kateri must have given me this idea—to purchase a crossword puzzle book to use en route—the flying hours passed so quickly...

(Bradenton, FL)

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Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

SOME THOUGHTS THAT KFFP MF CLOSE TO KATERI **TFKAKWITHA**

Bryan O'Reilly, S.J.

So many thoughts have crossed my mind since first I made the acquaintance of Kateri some thirty-five years ago. I remember reading a letter written by Fr. Claude Chauchetière to France on the 14th October 1682. He spoke of journeys being continually made to Kateri's tomb-of intercession made, and wonders worked through her. In a strange way I have made many a journey also. I have not been fortunate enough to go there physically, but my mind and soul have searched the rivers and the forests; all places Kateri was familiar with. I sought to find some little understanding of the mystery and the meaning of that young Indian's life and death. She has fascinated me-and helped me in a strange but real way.

I am never ashamed to tell folk that in over twenty years of work in parishes I have begged her help so often. I have tried to know more about her in books and articles (Kateri has deepened that knowledge).

In New York at Fordham in 1965 I eagerly asked questions of a Jesuit there. Nearly twenty years later I sat in the reading rooms of the British Museum Library.

Ellen Walworth, Margaret Thornton, Justin Steurer, Francis X. Weiser and our own good Henri Béchard are among those who help me on my pilgrimage.

I often wonder just how devotion to Kateri started for me. I certainly remember nine-year-old Tekakwitha—an Arawak Indian chirpily saving, "Well, she-Kateri was brown skin like me and had eyes like me. She was very holy and died very young. And that's good enough for me." So perhaps it was that little Indian girl from the riverside in Guana I met in 1962 that really got me started on a friendship with an Indian girl in heaven.

Reading about a saint can be very helpful but it's only when you start talking to them that a friendship starts. And it's not long then that you want to talk about your friend to others.

Since coming back from my seventeen years on the missions I have talked about Kateri to so many different folk in Lourdes and Edinburg, in Zimbabwe and London, in Italy and Liverpool, and in India and Ireland.

What are some of the things that different folk are attracted to in her? The gentle call of Jesus and her response to it amid forests, rivers and village life. An old lady said "I'm glad she couldn't read or write. There's many of us like that in this world."

It is a strange thing but many are comforted by the very real loneliness that Kateri knew at times. And yet she knew the loveliness of friendship—that beautiful friendship she had with Theresa Tegajaguenta. Folks smile at times at parts of the story of Theresa. And also at the great character, the Oneida Chief Hot Powder,

On learning about Kateri's private yow of chastity one dear soul said, "It's a good thing she never became a nun. We've got too many of them put up as saints already." But almost in the same breath said "Of course my favorite saint is Thérèse of Lisieux. Funny thing, both of 'em died about the same age, Guess they have a bit of a pow-wow together up in heaven."

Although our knowledge of the saints on earth is important. it is in a sense our contact with them in heaven that enables us to enter into the Risen Christ and each play our part in the great Paschal Mystery. Why does God give us friendship with certain saints in heaven? I guess it's the same as on earth-part of the wonderful plan and love of God.

We are able to share many of His gifts and helps through the saints.

Maybe much of the message of Kateri is like that of Thérèse. Her burning love for Jesus in the Eucharist and her closeness to

Him on His Cross. When I look at my small picture of Kateri on my wall and see her with the cross I can almost hear her saying those lovely words in Thérèse's Oblation to Love', "It is with joy I shall contemplate you on the Last Day carrying the sceptre of your Cross. Since you deigned to give me a share in this very precious Cross, I hope in heaven to resemble You and see shining in my glorified body the sacred stigma of Your Passion."

I would never put pressure on anyone to have a devotion to Kateri and yet I will never cease at times to explain the wonder of her life on earth and the power of her prayers in heaven.

Many find in her prayers a great help in the problem of drugs and drink.

In a world so mixed up in its attitude towards sex and purity, Kateri Tekakwitha has brought enlightenment and help from Heaven.

"Do you think she would teach me to paddle a canoe properly?" asked one young girl. I've never seen the girl since so I hope she didn't do anything stupid!! Quite a lot of symbolism in that request I thought!

Any way whatever attractions Kateri has for others, and whatever help she gives others, I know that she is something of a very special friend to me.

In the active days of my life as a priest, she has indeed played a remarkable part. And now as I start on the slope down—or should I say up—I find the message of her life and love grow much deeper.

I'll still carry on praying to her and talking about her.

I laugh when I hear some of my friends and acquaintances say, "What was the funny name of that friend of yours in heaven that you often tell us about?—ah! that's right—Kateri Tekakwitha."

Campion House 122 Thornbury Road Isleworth Middlesex TW7 4NN England * Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.K.!

Thanks to Kateri for my amazing recovery. I asked Blessed Kateri to watch over me when I was hospitalized. I can honestly say that I am cured. My promise was to enroll my friends and relatives, every month. I would also ask a prayer for my son so he would find a good job. He's been looking and hasn't had any luck yet. I was a very unhappy woman, but since I got interested in Kateri, I've changed and have become very active and very happy.

(Rexton, N.B.)

(Toronto, Ont.)

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

... Enclosed, find my poor donation. May it help for the good works needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization. We prayed to her for R.; now he has the job. One more thing we are asking Blessed Kateri: it is to help R. find an apartment. We are very grateful for small mercies.

* Kateri's smile upon you. Miss E.L.!

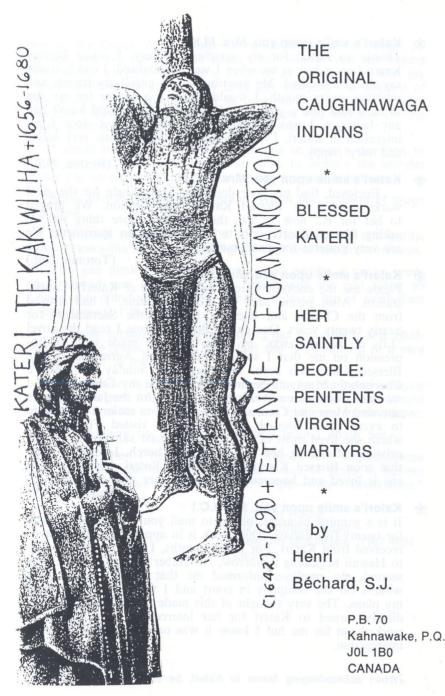
Please use the enclosed check for the Cause of Kateri's Canonization. Also, please send me your magazine. I had straved from the Church and had not received the Sacraments for nearly twenty years. One day while idling time I read the novel "Lily of the Mohawks" by Jack Casey. It made such an impression on me that I subsequently visited Auriesville, where Blessed Kateri was born. That particular Sunday there was a Charismatic Mass and Sermon, and I made my Confession and received Communion at this Mass. I have for the last two years attended Mass and Communion, I decided to make a Pilgrimage to every place Blessed Kateri lived. I visited Fonda. NY. where she lived most of her adult life. Last summer I had the privilege of visiting her Tomb at your Church. I sincerely pray that soon Blessed Kateri will be Saint Kateri, but know that she is loved and honored by many for her great kindness. (Watervliet, NY)

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

It is a genuine pleasure for me to mail you the enclosed check for twenty-five dollars. This check is in appreciation for a favor received from Kateri. For many months, I have planned a trip to Hawaii beginning tomorrow, November tenth. On November second, my employer informed me that I was needed as a witness for the company in court and I might have to change my plans. The very thought of this made me sick and I immediately turned to Kateri for her intercession. Finally, things worked out for me but I know it was only because of Kateri's intercession.

(Burlington, MA)

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