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ROQUE GONZÁLEZ AND HIS COMPANIONS

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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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## KATERIGRAM

**T**HE MARIAN YEAR ended on August 15, Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of Jesus. The aim of this year, the Sovereign Pontiff clearly indicated in his Encyclical, *Redemptoris Mater, Mother of the Redeemer*: "It is the prospect of the year 2000, now drawing near, in which the bimillennial jubilee of the birth of Jesus Christ at the same time directs our gaze toward his mother. In recent years various opinions have been voiced suggesting that it would be fitting to precede that anniversary by a similar jubilee in celebration of the birth of Mary."

Let us imagine that Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is alive today. If a Mohawk translation of the Encyclical were offered her, what would her reaction be? She would want to follow the Blessed Virgin Mary in her *pilgrimage of faith*. Now this pilgrimage refers to the interior story of each soul. For Blessed Kateri, this itinerary would include all the years of her life in the service of the Mother of the Savior, followed by the Marian year which has just ended, and also all the years from now to 2000. The Marian year would have given the Iroquois Maiden a more profound habit of Marian life if that were possible.

At the time of the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, Pope John Paul II said that we should imitate her. Particularly in her love of Our Lady. Henceforth, thanks to the habit we have acquired, our Marian devotion must increase until the year 2000. Let us lift up our hearts many times a day to the Mother of the Church, which we are members of. To which we should add at least the rosary beads once a day and holy communion on each of her feasts and on Saturdays, if feasible. It behooves us to offer all the sufferings of life in union with the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the Cross. And much more. Everything a heart in love with Mary as was Kateri's would suggest.

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.,  
Vice-Postulator

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

Enclosed you will find a twenty dollar money order for Kateri's Shrine to be used in any way most needed. I promised her five dollars a month as long as I could possibly send it to her Shrine. I'm sending five dollars for the month of May and five dollars for the month of April. The other ten dollar bill is for a favor granted to me. I got my State and Federal taxes back without any problems and I feel without her I just don't know what I'd do. My three Sisters got theirs back O.K., too. Thanks a million to Kateri. I love her for everything she has done for me.

(Lyon Mountain, N.Y.)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.P.!

Someone sent my name to your subscription department a few months ago and I began reading your articles and praying to Kateri. I am astonished with the results. For two years I wanted to visit my mom in the Caribbean, but finances were so low, I decided to wait until next year. To my surprise my brother called and told me to pack my bags, for he is financing mine and my children's trip to visit my mom. I can't believe it, I am still in shock for I never indicated to my brother I was having financial problems. Not only did that happen but I also received a check from sources I never expected. Thanks to Kateri, I can now go to see my mom, pay off one of my bills, and yet send you a donation . . .

(Willowdale, Ont.)

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

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars in thanksgiving for many favors received through Blessed Kateri's intercession. My daughter graduated from Law School and passed "The Bar"—and I implored Kateri to obtain a good position for her. Last week it happened and she starts her new position June 6. A very responsible position too. Blessed Kateri has proven herself a true friend and helper. I pray every day for her canonization.

(Kingston, Ont.)

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

Enclosed please find a check in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for a favor received. The lump on my thigh was not cancerous. I am very thankful. May God bless you and your good work!

(Armstrong, B.C.)

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

Enclosed, please find cash for seven dollars in grateful appreciation to Kateri for helping me with a health problem. Instead of saying 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary daily I try to say 3. God bless you.

(Trinidad, W.I.)

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

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

Enclosed is a check for two hundred dollars for Blessed Kateri. I have received so many favors, little ones and big ones. The latest big one was last fall when I was in New Mexico. I left my wallet at a Chinese Restaurant and I did not notice it until the next day. I called and they told me they had it and it was all intact (money, charge cards, etc). My thanks to Blessed Kateri!  
(Chester, N.Y.)

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss R.D.!**

Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars. I was very ill for over a week, didn't know what was wrong. I prayed to Kateri. My prayers were heard and answered, and my health returned. I believe her intercession with the Lord really helped, as it has done many times before ...  
(Syracuse, N.Y.)

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

In gratitude with Kateri, to God, for a job obtained, I wish to give Kateri a bouquet of flowers at present, and each time I come to visit Kahnawake. It was through her intercession that I obtained a job, in Palliative care, in a bilingual hospital though I'm not bilingual (yet). Thank you, also, for the extra grace to learn and grow in a new language. I specifically wanted this hospice, part-time day shift. All kinds of obstacles were obstructing this request, but Kateri's love saw me through the obstacles. Kateri's sweetness coated this grace when she delivered this job on my father's birthday, March 9, 1987. I would like to honor Kateri's love with flowers and this letter to be used toward her canonization. May God reward Kateri's charity.  
(Gloucester, Ont.)

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

I am fulfilling a promise to send in a donation if my husband found a job. He recently began a job that pays substantially more than his previous job and offers many more benefits. We are most grateful. I hope my prayers regarding a current health problem will be heard as well. Thank you for your magazine.  
(Fair Lawn, N.J.)

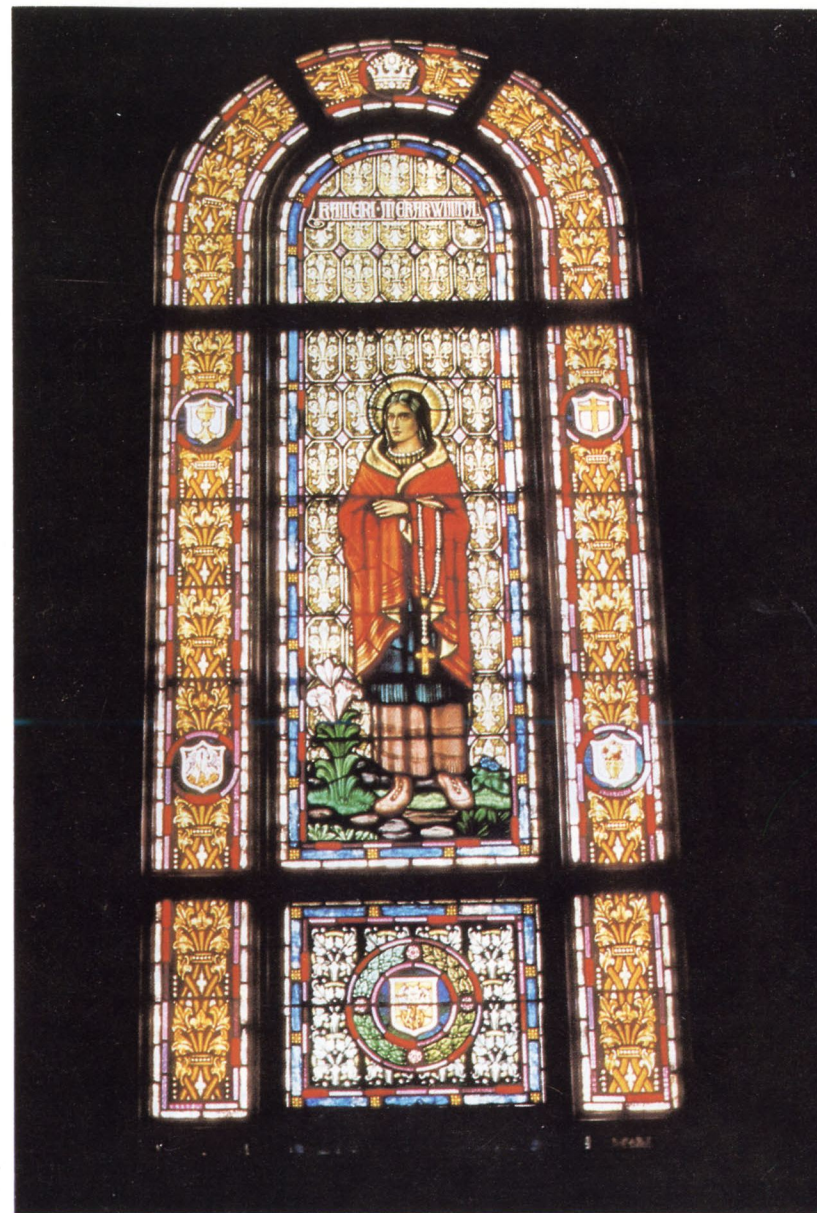
❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. R.B.!**

Here is another ten dollars to thank Kateri for the sale of our house. There is more to come.  
(Sardis, B.C.)

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

In thanksgiving for the success of our granddaughters in school—one at college and one at High School ...  
(Tuckerton, N.J.)

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



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha  
Sacred Heart Church  
Pittsfield, Mass.

## EACH NEW MOON



### KATERI'S SMILE...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from April 22 to June 28, 1988:

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### TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Mrs. J. R. L'Heureux, Maniwaki, Qc, 26.

## ST. ROQUE GONZÁLEZ AND HIS COMPANIONS



Many of our readers have seen the movie *Mission* in which the work of the Jesuits during the 16th century in the famous Paraguay Reductions was portrayed. Fathers González, Alponse Rodriguez, and John del Castillo gave up their lives for their flock.

Last May during Pope John Paul II's journey to South America, he canonized these heroic missionaries. The Most Reverend Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, stressing the importance of the apostolate among the native people, wrote a letter to the entire Society of Jesus, which my Provincial authorized me to reprint. I am delighted to be able to offer it to all Blessed Kateri's friends. (See p. 16.)

H.B., S.J.

### INDIAN PRAYER DAYS AT MIDLAND



At the Shrine of the Jesuit Martyrs, St. John de Brébeuf. St. Isaac

Jogues and their Companions, Indian Prayer Days were held at Midland, Ont. on June 18-19. At Fr. James J. Farrell's invitation, a large group of Objibway Indians along with several people from the Mission of St. Francis Xavier attended. The celebrant of the Sunday Mass was Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J., and the homilist, Deacon Ronald Boyer of Kahnawake, Quebec. Fr. John P. Burns, S.J., who devotes himself to the native North Americans at Thunder Bay, Ont., pronounced his final vows as a Jesuit during the celebration of the liturgy.

### A NEW NATIVE BISHOP FOR RAPID CITY, S.D.



Father Chaput was in his second three-year term as elected Provincial Minister of the Capuchin Province of Mid-America at the St. Elizabeth Friary, Denver, Co. when the Most Rev. Pio Laghi, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to the United States, announced he had been appointed to serve as the new bishop for the Rapid City, S.D. diocese. Being of Native American descent on his mother's side of the family, the Bishop-Elect is an enrolled member of the Prairie Potawatomi. He had been active with the Tekakwitha Conference, an organization for the Catholic native peoples of North America, and on August 10, 1987 addressed the Conference in Bozeman, Mt. His talk appeared in the December 1987 *Kateri*. Bishop

Chaput's episcopal ordination and installation took place on Tuesday, July 26, 1988 at the Rapid City Civic Center. In a recent letter, Bishop Chaput wrote, "The canonization of Blessed Kateri is in my prayers daily." To Bishop Charles Joseph Chaput of Rapid City, with all my heart let me repeat the old Roman wish, "*Ad multos et faustissimos annos*. Many very happy years" at Rapid City! More about the Bishop of Rapid City in the Christmas issue of *Kateri*.

H.B., S.J.

### ST. PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE



On July 3, Blessed Phillippine Duchesne, R.S.C.J., (1769-1852) was elevated to the rank of saint at St. Peter's in Rome. This was a special joy for Catholic Native North Americans, since she reached what she herself considered the high point of her life while living among the Potawatomi people in southwestern Kansas.

Before coming to Indian territory, she had ministered to victims of the French Reign of Terror, joined St. Madeleine Sophie Barat in the early stages of the founding of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and planted her religious community in the Mississippi

Valley, whence it would spread to different corners of the world. She also helped to found the Catholic School system in the United States.

The new Saint helped the Jesuit scholastics with the school for Indians which they opened upon their arrival at Florissant in 1823 and for a brief time the Sisters ran a companion school for girls. Though she had hoped for years to work among the Indians, it was only towards the end of her life, after thirty-five years of longing, that she finally went to give the best of herself to the Potawatomi, through prayer and love.

Father de Smet, the great 19th-century missionary, spoke of Mother Duchesne "as the great protectress of our Indian missions. For years she offered two communions a week and daily prayers for the conversion of the Indians . . . She has struck deep roots in American soil and they will one day bear an abundant harvest. I should not be surprised if someday she were raised to our altars."

### **KATERI HAS A NEW FRIEND IN SCOTLAND**

During March, I received a letter from Glasgow, Scotland: a young



Marie-Anne Kateri Dorrian

miss who was to be confirmed on May 4, wanted to take Kateri as her confirmation name. She asked for detailed information on the Mohawk Maiden. I immediately forwarded her the particulars she desired. Marie-Anne Dorrian has become Marie-Anne Kateri Dorrian. Our sincere congratulations!

H.B., S.J.

### **NEW FRIENDS IN WESTERN GERMANY, TOO**

From Ludwischafen-Oppenheim Western Germany, Fr. Stephan, O.F.M., Conv., sent prayer pledges for Blessed Kateri's canonization to her Center. These pledges had been signed by Father himself and by 15 young men and young women. The friar also forwarded a beautiful statue of the Mystical Rose—Mother of the Church—so the faithful could pray to her for the canonization so many people are hoping for. The Vice-Postulator and his Staff are grateful.

### **BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA SCHOOL CELEBRATES**

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha School in Hamilton, Ontario, will celebrate its 10th anniversary on October 16, 1988. A solemn Mass will be celebrated in St. Margaret Mary Church. A reception will follow the Mass in the gym at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha School. Come and meet your ex-classmates, teachers, and principals. To all, the Vice-Postulator's heartfelt congratulations.

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

I am enclosing a check for the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars for favors received. After 21 years in the same house, we had to find new lodgings. It was a problem because my husband did not want to leave the district. He is on his pension and was very active with the church. So I asked Kateri to find us something. She did and here I am fulfilling my promise.

(Montreal, Qc)

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

I want to say that on Sunday, April 17, 1988, I watched your Mass on T.V. It gives me great pleasure to say that Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha touched my spirit when it was low, she woke me up though your beautiful service. Last year I was there in Kahnawake on April 17, 1987. She healed my left leg. I used to have very bad pains in the bones. Ever since I prayed in front of her statue, the pain has left me and never came back. Thanks to Tekakwitha in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now I'm in need of my right wrist to be healed. On last December 26, I slipped on the sidewalk, fell on my right hand and broke my wrist. I couldn't write but now I am able to write, though it's not quite healed yet. Could you be so kind as to place the note I'm writing separately at the foot of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha? I believe she will heal me!

(Montreal, Qc)

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

Enclosed find a check for thirty-five dollars for many favors received through Blessed Kateri's intercession. Recently my mouth was full of canker sores and Kateri came through again. My mouth is now healed and I thank Blessed Kateri for it. I'm praying daily for her canonization.

(St. Mary's, PA)

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

I am enclosing a check for ten dollars for my sister who is undecided as to whether to move or not. Please pray to Kateri for her to make the right decision. She also wants prayers to Kateri for her son who has had some difficulties in his business and is in the process of looking for a new job and guidance. Please pray to Kateri for both of them. I also want to acknowledge a favor received. I recently wrote to you for my granddaughter who needed internship and help with personal problems. Needless to say Kateri has smiled on us again and granted her both. I hope and pray she will soon be listed among the saints in heaven.

(Erie, PA.)

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



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## Canonization of Blessed Roque González and his Companions

TO THE WHOLE SOCIETY

DEAR BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

The Peace of Christ!

In the course of his pastoral journey in Latin America, which will take place in May 1988, John Paul II will canonize three Jesuits who shed their blood in the land watered by the great rivers Paraná, Uruguay and Paraguay. The canonization will take place in Asunción (Paraguay), the birthplace of one of the martyrs, Roque González de Santa Cruz, who belonged to the first generation of Latin Americans to enter the Society of Jesus and did so much for the human and Christian formation of their compatriots. The other two, Alfonso Rodríguez and Juan del Castillo, both originally from Spain, belong to that admirable generation of young Jesuits who, at the end of the sixteenth century, driven by genuine missionary zeal, responded with heroic courage to Christ's invitation and, leaving all (cf. Mt 19.27; Mk 10.28; Lk 18.28), dedicated themselves completely to bringing the light of the Gospel to distant lands - and that at the cost of their lives.

This canonization, taking place as it does in the land where they shed their blood, will obviously have great pastoral relevance for the people of those countries (Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina), who consider the three martyrs their patrons and protectors. But at the same time it should constitute a providential "sign" of God, a renewed call, a

challenge, a spur and an encouragement for the Society. Indeed, the life, activity and martyrdom of the three "companions of Jesus" have a contemporary message, even if they lived almost four centuries before us. This should not be a surprise: saints are forerunners. Led by the light of living faith, they are the first to grasp God's intentions and, responding freely and lovingly to his action within them, they become fellow workers in his liberating, saving plan. This is just what St. Ignatius meant when he wrote in the Constitutions: "the means which unite the human instrument with God and so dispose it that it may be wielded dexterously by his divine hand are more effective than those which equip it in relation to men" (Const. 813).

That "familiarity with God our Lord", which our founder wanted to characterize the "operarius in vinea Domini" (the laborers in the Lord's vineyard) in order to make him an "instrumentum coniunctum cum Deo" (an instrument joined to God), was undoubtedly a mark of the life of Roque González, who wrote: "however busy we have been, we have never fallen short in our spiritual exercises and way of proceeding" (letter of 8 October 1613). From this union with God came that vision of the world, of the Society, of the mission which characterized his life and activity and that of his companions.

Roque González and his colleagues are amongst the pioneers of one of the greatest and most amazing religious and social works in the history of the Society and the missions: the "reductions", that method of integral evangelization which, by enhancing the quality of life and human rights of the natives, by entering into their own culture, opened up new community perspectives for them, protected them from every form of exploitation and led them along the paths of faith to the fullness of Christian life, individual and communitarian.

But all this required the total gift of self on the part of the Jesuits involved in such an apostolate and a serious commitment, putting to use those talents which God himself had entrusted to them. Mindful of that other sentence of St. Ignatius, "the natural means which equip the human instrument of God our Lord to deal with his fellowmen will all be helps" (Const. 814), which complements the one already quoted, they made it a living reality: Roque

González learnt "guarani" to the point where he could speak it perfectly, communicate on terms of equality with the natives and even teach it to the missionaries. He acquainted himself as much as possible with the way of living, acting and thinking of the natives, as well as with their customs and habits, and all that by living amongst them, irreprehensibly and with such transparent goodness that they considered him truly as a father, providing for them, educating them and developing their possibilities. So we see González busy with those tasks and using his own expertise, which would be so useful and fruitful in the human promotion of those people. From one of the annual letters, written by Father de Torres on 12 June 1615, we learn that "he himself is carpenter, architect and bricklayer; wields the axe and chops the wood, delivers it to the building site, yoking the oxen himself, since no other is capable of doing this".

Whilst his actions bore tangible witness to the loving goodness of God who cares for his children, he proclaimed by word, catechesis, and liturgical celebration the good news of the God who loved the world so much that he sent his own Son (cf. Jn 3.16). His catechetical preparation of the natives for life in Christ and his pastoral activity were so enlightened and profound that they succeeded, without any forcing or compulsion, in transforming those semi-nomads into organized communities, characterized by mutual respect and solidarity, based on Christian love and the justice which flows from it. Indeed, Roque González founded no less than ten "reductions".

All this was accomplished amidst difficulties and dangers of every sort, which make one think of the description of the journeys of the Apostle of the Gentiles (cf. 2 Cor 11.25-27) and which can be confronted and overcome only through the strength of the Lord and trust in the protection of the Virgin Mary, whose image, under the title of "Maria Conquistadora", González always carried with him. Conqueress indeed, though not by force and violence, but through the power of love. Roque González himself bears eloquent witness to this method of evangelization by the way he brought freedom in Christ to the native peoples. In a letter to his brother, he made it clear that his apostol-

late and that of his companions had nothing to do with demonstrations of power or human strength, riches or honours:

"Our Lord Jesus Christ did not order his Gospel to be preached with the power of arms and attacks, but rather through the example of a good life and sound doctrine, as exemplified by the Apostles and the other saints, who also shed their blood." (Letter to his brother Francesco, Lieutenant General of Asunción, 13 December 1614).

But precisely because his vision was truly evangelical, the letter goes on to denounce the manifest violation of human rights of those peoples and speaks of the suffering and opposition endured by the Society "with much honour and glory on the part of those who suffered, since it is such a just cause to defend the natives and their right to be freed from the slavery and personal servitude, from which by divine and human law they should have been exempt".

Nobody was more sincere or tenacious than Roque González in preaching the doctrine of Christ and fighting the injustice of "sinful structures" nor was anyone more evangelical and priestly than he in "proclamation" and "denunciation", since "the teaching and spreading of social doctrine is an integral part of the evangelizing mission of the Church". These are the words used with unambiguous clarity by John Paul II in his recent encyclical "Sollicitudo rei socialis", in which he recalls that "many canonized saints of the Church offer a wonderful witness of such solidarity and can be an example to us in the present difficult circumstances" (n.40).

Such a claim comes as no surprise to us in the light of the life and activity of Saint Roque Gonzáles de Santa Cruz and his companions. All three loved Christ and their fellow human beings "to the end" and thus, being confronted to Him, offered their lives, since "no one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends" (cf. Jn 13.1 and 15.13).

May these new saints encourage us by their example, inspire us in our apostolate and protect us by their intercession.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.*  
Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.  
Superior General

Rome, 22 April 1988  
Feast of Our Lady,  
Mother of the Society of Jesus.

# ESTHER KANE PHILLIPS



*Esther aged 15 years*

by Nan Phillips

I can still hear her resonant, full-bodied laughter. Esther was given two remarkable and lasting gifts which she shared equally with all who met her: one was her sensual alto voice and the other was her gift of laughter. No matter how serious or dire the situation, she was able to find some levity in it and lift up the spirits of those around her. It is truly a special and much needed gift. That is why we who knew her find it hard to believe that she is gone. Her gift lingers on when we remember her, what she said and what she did.

Esther Kane Phillips was born on December 20, 1920, the oldest of six children. Nineteen thirty-three found her already entertaining the visitors who came to the Indian village tourist attraction situated adjacent to her home. Tents had been set up and a souvenir stand/restaurant to feed the hungry. Esther and other young ladies from the village sang and danced to entertain the people. She adopted the name Princess White Dove, the dove being the symbol of peace. At that early age, she showed that she was ready to begin her career in show business. Forever afterward she would be called upon to drum for the dancers, to sing and to act as master of ceremonies for all manner of occasions.



*Esther at Auriesville, N.Y.*

*To her right, Fr. Thomas Egan, S.J., to her left, Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J.*

In 1934 she joined the Catholic Church's Mohawk Choir which was then under the directorship of Rev. Father Conrad Hauser, S.J. That same year the choir began to make its yearly pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs located in Auriesville, N.Y. The choir has faithfully sung the Mass at the beautiful church there, in its rustic setting, every year since then on the Labor Day weekend. Choir members display their Mohawk jewelry and wares on the benches along the walkway leading to the church. Esther was always there with an anecdote to charm the visitors and ever ready to answer their questions about Indians in general and her Mohawk people in particular. Everyone who listened came away having learned something and having garnered a cherished memory.

In the late 1930's Esther appeared at the Forum in Montreal at a "Western Show" organized by a woman from Kahnawake named Susie Curotte. She was called upon not only for her usual emcee and performance duties but also to initiate Roy Rogers, the famous western singer, into the band as an honorary Mohawk. An Indian feather bonnet was placed on his head, a shawl upon his shoulders. He was invited to join the maidens Princess Blue Bird and Princess Gathering Words in a dance. He was given a name suggestive of his acting career and thus declared an honorary Mohawk.

In the 1940's Miss Flora MacDonald who was working for Father Béchard asked for volunteers to help in the distribution of newsletters about Kateri. There newsletters were sent throughout Canada and the United States, in order to spread the knowledge of, and devotion to, Kateri. Esther and several friends answered the call for volunteers and for many years they faithfully performed this service.



*Esther was always affable.*

The 1950's found Esther organizing and performing in Sportsman Shows in the United States. These shows were reminiscent of the Old West and featured cowboy acts as well as demonstrations by our Indian people of horseback riding, singing, dancing and storytelling. Many noted personalities appeared at these shows: Smiley Burnett and Rufe Davis who later appeared on television in a sitcom called "Petticoat Junction" and the great Yankee legend Mickey Mantle. In Hartford, Conn. Esther was invited to speak to the schoolchildren. She told them about native people and their way of life. Her pride in her heritage showed through her words. Whenever she and Princess Blue Bird were asked to sing for a group, the song most often requested was "Indian Love Call" and it quickly became identified as their trademark.

As the choir gained in fame, people came to them requesting concerts. In 1969 a trip to Piqua, Ohio was organized by Father Harold Sommer, S.J. The choir gave two concerts there at an auditorium filled to capacity. In the 1970's Annie Lahache, Earl Saylor, Esther and Melvin Diabo, all longtime members of the choir, travelled to Israel in conjunction with the Montreal Jewish Choir for a performance. In July 1973 the choir sang at a mass in Deerfield, Mass. on the occasion of that city's celebration of its tercentenary.

Nineteen hundred and seventy-six, the bicentennial year in the United States found them in Fonda, N.Y., singing in honor of the tricentennial of Kateri's baptism, and in Philadelphia, Pa. for the closing of the Eucharistic Congress. That same year they also



*Esther and her son, Colin*

appeared at two Montreal landmarks, the Queen Elizabeth Hotel and the Beaver Club. Esther organized a group of young people including her son Colin, Skypeak, to dance at these shows. It was a very well-balanced and entertaining show and they were asked back year after year.

About the same time, a group organized by Andrew Delisle and Esther travelled to Lucerne, Switzerland for an exhibition of Indian crafts and dances.

The event which all Kateri's friends around the world had hoped and prayed for came to pass in June 1980. Pope John Paul II declared Kateri "Blessed," the second step along the road to sainthood. Naturally, the choir was asked to sing in Rome for this occasion. Esther's proudest moment occurred during the mass of beatification in St. Peter's Basilica. She felt very honored to be chosen to read the intentions at the altar during the mass, the first woman ever to perform this task. Furthermore, she recited them entirely in Mohawk, Kateri's own language. Two days later the entire Indian delegation was granted a private audience with the Pope. The choir sang several of their traditional hymns at the Gregorian University and the Canadian Martyrs' Church in Rome.

Even though Esther spent the last eight years of her life in a wheelchair and in pain, she always kept a smile on her face and hope in her heart. She travelled whenever she could with the choir and spread the knowledge of Kateri. In 1985 she was rewarded with a plaque in Auriesville in recognition of all her work over the years for Kateri.

On November 6, 1987 the Lord called Esther to sing for Him in heaven. She answered as she always had "*Onen wa kate we nen ta on-a kats*", which is "I'm ready—let's go."

*Ia:wen kowa*, a "big Thank you!" to everyone who helped me in the research of this article, especially my mother.

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

I offered prayers to Kateri for my daughter's successful major surgery operation and I'm sending this small donation in thanking, also for another daughter's successful operation and the sobriety of someone near to me for nearly two years. Many thanks to Kateri.

(Douglas, Ont.)

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

## BLESSED KATERI IN BRAZIL



The unfinished chapel dedicated to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and the carved wooden altar surrounded by native parishioners, December 1986.



Indians gathered together before the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel, Holy Keek 1987



A native teacher Mr. Alcindo, explains to his pupils the representation of Blessed 2 inches wide. If you are a devote of the Lily of the Mohawks, you will be proud to

In Brazil the Fathers of the Divine Word decided to build a chapel dedicated to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha for the Cainangue Indians at one of their posts in southern Brazil. The construction began in 1986.

At Christmas, though the chapel was not completed, the ab-origines celebrated the birth of the Savior of mankind within its walls. "Miserably," wrote Fr. Fabiano S. Kachel, "but better than under the trees." Since the Cainangues are fond of dramatic performances, their catechist advised them to act out the Christmas story. They arranged the chapel as they saw fit. It was Bethlehem. The doors and the windows were taken as the different hotels. Mary and Joseph made the rounds, knocking at each door, but were welcomed only at the stable of the ox and the donkey. An angel intoned the "Glory be to God in the highest" and the Indians joined in with them to praise the newborn Child.

During Holy Week, Fr. Fabiano resolved to honor the Passion of Our Lord with a Way of the Cross three kilometers long ending at the cemetery where the Cainangues adored the Cross and showed it to their ancestors. The bronze cross had been offered by the seminarians of Toledo (Parana, Brazil).

Since 1987, the Native people use this unfinished chapel "ÊG JÓG MÁG TY TOPÊ IN", *The house of our very great Father, who is God*. The seminarians of Penha (Corbélia) managed to defray the cost of a bas-relief for the altar. On Sundays, the Cainangues devotedly attend Mass. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is certainly happy to accompany them and to intercede for these poorest of the poor, who love her so.

Close-up of the altar of the Indian Chapel  
at Posto Indígena Faxinal, Candido de Abren, Pr. - Brasil



# KATERI, EVERLAST- INGLY BLESSED!



*Bishop Bernard Hubert*

The annual feast of Blessed Kateri at Kahnawake mentioned in the last issue of **Kateri** was presided by Bishop Bernard Hubert of Saint-Jean-Longueuil. It is a pleasure to share with Katerians everywhere His Excellency's homily on mutual love, solidarity, and hope.

"What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; . . . it is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?" (Ws 9, 13-14, 16). Those words from the Book of Wisdom express human interrogation in front of life. On the other hand, for centuries, Christian believers have said that the answer to those questions has been given by Jesus, the risen Lord, the Son of God sent to us by the Father.

There is the content of Christian Faith. Understanding our world comes from Christ. Our quest for happiness is fulfilled by a new life that flows from the resurrection of Jesus. Nevertheless, it is hard to believe. Evil is everywhere. This past week, we heard every day about terrorism on a Kuwait airplane, sexual abuses on children in a foster home, Turkish immigrants sent back to their country so that Canadian Law be obeyed. Evil is also active in our personal lives through all kinds of violence, sickness, selfishness, failures in love. Living all kinds of worries, it is difficult to know God and to live in fidelity to Him.

Today's Gospel (Lk 24, 35-48) calls our attention to the Apostles. They believed in Christ gloriously resurrected, not at

first because they had touched him or because they had seen him eating bread and fish, but because through their contact with him they understood the story of Israel. In the light of Scripture, they remembered what had been foretold about the Messiah and the life Jesus lived. His death accomplished the promises made to Israel. They then recognized Jesus gloriously resurrected. Conqueror of death, the Lord inaugurated the Kingdom in which henceforth all human beings are called to become sons and daughters of God and to take part in the construction of the Kingdom of God.

For us, too, recognizing Jesus resurrected comes from the interpretation of the events of our lives in the light of the Word of God and in the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Our worries, our suffering, our failures don't destroy life but serve as the materials for the new life. By his death and resurrection, Christ gives a meaning and eternal value to what we are living. We enter into the Kingdom thanks to our Faith and our baptism in Christ Jesus.

When the young Iroquois maiden, Kateri Tekakwitha, asked for a Christian baptism, that is what she had understood. Impressed by the witness the missionaries bore, she put her trust in the goodness of the Father in heaven and wanted her love and her service to last eternally. Because of the illness which led her to death at the age of twenty-four, afflicted with poor eyesight, of a very ordinary physical appearance, her life in the world promised to be rather dull and not too happy. Because she believed in the salvation given her by Jesus and because she lived a life of devotion to duty, of prayer with the frequent reception of the sacraments, Kateri is everlastingly blessed. She radiates the beauty and the purity of a lily in the Mohawk Valley. She intercedes with God for the brothers and sisters of her race and for us.

The Indian nations have today come to the parting of the ways in their history. In the course of the last centuries, they have often been forgotten, ostracized, despised, oppressed by the white majority of the country. Of course, everything was not negative. The various governments have ensured certain services and a minimum of rights to the native population. Missionaries along with the Church have succeeded in sharing the life of the Indians. Even so there's a long road to be travelled before the Indian nations of North America come to know a full blossoming of their cultures and of their rights. Christ Jesus is not indifferent to this affirmation of the cultural identity of the Indians and to their search for justice and to the communication of what they really are to the world. Even if Christianity came to America by means of the whites, it is not their property. It belongs to every human being, to every nation that wants to live its complete liberation with the Victor over evil and death.

Dear Mohawk sisters and brothers, Jesus Christ is alive among you. He shares your aspirations and your hope. He suffers and dies with you. He rises again with your people. As bishop of St. Jean-Longueuil, I tell you that it is the desire of our diocesan Church to walk and work with you so that, like Blessed Kateri did, you may find in the God revealed by Jesus your way, your strength and your future. The values of the Gospel give to every nation, opportunity to be fully developed in faithfulness to its roots and traditions. Baptism is not a foreign element to your aspirations, It is part of your future as it was Blessed Kateri's. Being active in Christianity, you show that the risen Lord is also Indian and that your culture may grow within the Church which is the Body of Christ.

In today's gospel, we see the Lord sharing a meal with his apostles. Through the Eucharist, Jesus actualizes the marvel of bringing us to communion with Him. The Word of God heard at mass makes us aware of the relationships between our daily life and salvation in Christ. Through the Word of God, we meet Jesus alive today. On the other hand, the Bread of Life brings us to a new heaven and a new earth when we "do this in memory of Him," when we forgive those who have offended us, and when we live as God's family in the world. For you, today—and this is the same for us,—there are many challenges in the fields of justice, of unity, and of the understanding of heart and soul. May Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, help you to succeed. May this Eucharist that we celebrate together keep us, through the risen Lord, in mutual love, solidarity and hope. Amen.

Kaknawake, April 17, 1988

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

Enclosed is a donation I am sending for prayers answered. It seems that Kateri always come through in time of distress. I am so ever grateful to her for all she has done for me and my family. We were able to settle a lawsuit stemming from an accident that occurred over three years ago. This has been heavy on my mind and I am so glad it's over. Please pray for a special intention and that is for my oldest son to find employment with security and a decent salary. I enjoy the Kateri booklet very much and I pray for her daily.

(Phoenix, AZ)

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

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

I am mailing a check for twenty-five dollars as promised to Kateri for a favor granted. My son was getting married and I had bought shoes totalling fifty dollars to match my dress. They kept coloring them, staining them and spotting them at the shoemaker's till I thought they were destroyed. I promised Kateri half the amount of the shoes if we could straighten this mess out. I wound up calling the store where I bought them. They were the ones who sent me to this particular shoemaker. They gave me a new pair of shoes and had them colored correctly. The day before the wedding they came back. This is the second time I have written with a favor granted through Kateri's intercession and both were related with problems concerning my feet. Thank you, Kateri, for your help in a very stressful situation.

(Albany, N.Y.)

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

A friend who is a nurse at the Brockville General Hospital sent me the enclosed letter which was written by another nurse whose husband is a convert. Her son M. is walking now and speaking coherently. We all believe his recovery is a true miracle. I myself have a friend here in Stirling whose daughter had lung cancer. She had an operation and the tumor was removed. Our whole parish began a novena for Kateri's Canonization. Shortly afterwards the doctors found another tumor on her other lung. There wasn't much chance that she would survive the second operation but, with Kateri's prayers, she not only survived the operation but has been declared quite healthy. Now she will have to have another check-up at the end of this year. We are quite confident that, with Kateri's prayers, she will have another good report. We will keep you informed about her health.

(Stirling, Ont.)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. K.B.!**

Our youngest son had a MVA September 5, 1986 and he sustained serious head injuries. He was in a coma for about four and a half months and the prognosis was poor. A friend gave us the prayer for the canonization of Kateri and my husband and I started praying harder than ever and more frequently petitioning Kateri to intercede in helping M. be restored to better health. We are still praying the prayer and we know that our son continues to improve through this pure and tender lily. He is in a rehabilitation unit at the present time but we are praying for his full recovery and he is showing signs of this continually. You can be sure that we believe that this young girl should be counted among the Saints of Holy Mother Church as soon as possible.

(Prescott, Ont.)

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

# TEKAKWITHA AND CONFESSION



Dear Father Henri,

20 August 1987

Peace of Jesu!

British Guyana

If Tekakwitha can behave in such an extra-ordinary way to a sinful priest like me, I'm wondering what she might do to a good one.

And she only does this for me on one channel... the Sacrament of Penance.

I can pray through Tekakwitha for years for some favour. She will not take the slightest notice. I cannot ask her to help in this Sacrament without an answer, swift and overwhelming.

I sit in an empty confessional. "Send some one", I ask her. Some one inevitably comes, and through my own sins I feel the presence of Christ in the love of the confession that is made.

Uncanny is not the right word. But Tekakwitha seems to present on such occasions. The feeling comes just like when you are in the dark and see nothing, hear nothing, but know very well that somebody is in the room.

Some of us lead very far-flung lives. This is an Amerindian Reserve in South America, and we are very short of priests. Monthly confession means two days river travel every time, yet Tekakwitha never fails to help me reach to a confessor.

This little Beata was centred on our Crucified Master. Her penance was an atoning love that has given the world the sort of fragrance that filled the house at Bethany when Mary anointed Our Lord. She is well suited indeed to be a patron of the Confessional.

My reason for writing is to encourage others to turn to her for an understanding of the Healing Sacrament.

XYZ, South of the Orinoco

## ❖ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. T.D.!

This past year I had been praying to Kateri Tekakwitha for the sale of my home with the intention of making a contribution once the sale was finalized. But since then a more important intention has come to mind. My father, who with my mother, visited your New York Shrine, is diagnosed as having bone cancer. I enclose a contribution for the promulgation of devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha and ask that you keep my father in your prayers.

(Euclid, OH)

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

I am enclosing a check for one hundred dollars for a favor received. My son was having problems with his nerves and was unable to work. I prayed to Kateri. He is now working and feeling better. Would you please pray for him and for me as my health is not good?

(Quyon, P.Q.)

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

Enclosed is a donation for my magazine and for the gift I promised Kateri if we got good renters in our house and we did. Thanks to Kateri. I love her very much, she has helped me many times. Keep us in your prayers.

(Johnstown, PA)

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



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 devotee of the Lily of the Mohawks, you will be proud to have one. Price \$25.00*

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

Enclosed is a five dollars bill I promised to Kateri if I found a part-time job. I continue to pray to Kateri for guidance.

(Fairview, PA.)

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

This is an offering to Kateri. After two unsuccessful pregnancies, my beautiful, healthy daughter, Chelsea was born 7-5-88. Please keep us in your prayers. Thanks to my Mom and Chelsea's grandma for enrolling us in the Kateri quarterly.

(Chino, CA)

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

I enjoy reading the Magazine very much. I pray daily to her. I heard that our home during a tornado, that hit Palm Harbor, Fla, 7/14/88 was spared...

(Cleveland, OH)

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

I feel that I haven't been keeping up my letters, so today I must start. I thought I would never meet a new person that might be interested in Blessed Kateri. But my hopes came true when I became acquainted with another widow who has been driving me back and forth to Mass. I received the Kateri booklet, and she mentioned something about her sister being so ill, it didn't take me long to know that the only way I can keep the faith in Blessed Kateri is by giving it away. So Vicki (her name) will be reading my quarterly. My son Edward has finally got a house to live in located right here in Chalk River... Please continue to remember Edward in your prayers. Thank you Father and God Bless all the people that are trying to have Blessed Kateri canonized. I feel strongly that 1988 will be the year.

(Chalk River, Ontario)

✱ **Kateri's Smile upon You, Mrs. A.B.!**

Enclosed is a check of twenty-five dollars for Kateri, since she has been very good to me and my family. I have promised two hundred dollars for Kateri but will have to send it at least once a month in small payments. I have just returned to work. So it will take me a little while to get it to you.

(Chicopee, MA)

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

Enclosed please find a cheque for thirty dollars in thanksgiving for a safe trip. We would also ask for some prayers for a successful heart operation for a friend. The money may be used to further Kateri's Cause.

(Etobicoke, Ont.)

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**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 (\$12.00), I now inscribe, free of charge, the name of one deceased person dear to me on the Sr. Genevieve Sganndharova 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.