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THE SISTER GENEVIEVE AGNES ROLL

LITTLE SISTER WANTS TO KNOW...

ENSHRINED IN HER HEART!

"GOD OUR FATHER..."

EACH NEW MOON

THE FIRST INDIAN RELIGIOUS

CORRESPONDENCE

LILY OF  
THE MOHAWKS

Kahnawake, P.Q., Canada

Spring • 1989





# Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

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1. Our quarterly bulletin, *Kateri*, published by the Kateri Center, intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Canonization will thereby be hastened.
2. It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Canonization.
3. It 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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3. The Vice-Postulator prays at his daily Mass;
4. The spiritual treasure of the good works of the Society of Jesus is opened;
5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's canonization.

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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



## Little Sister wants to know...



Kateri Lily Milan,  
about one year old

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

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

Only 22,213 pledges have come in after eight years' effort.

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

MY PLEDGE TO KATERI Date .....

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

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City or Town .....  
Province or State ..... Code .....  
Country ..... Telephone .....

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all the time :

On the occasion of the death of a relative or friend, all you have to do is sign a card and send it to the bereaved family.

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## SEND IN YOUR INTENTIONS NOW

### Spiritual

- ☐ Love of God
- ☐ Conversions
- ☐ Peace of Soul
- ☐ Resignation in Trials
- ☐ Vocations
- ☐ Faithful Departed
- ☐ Happy Death
- ☐ Obedience to the Holy Father

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- ☐ Positions
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
- ☐ Financial Aid
- ☐ Happy Marriages
- ☐ Happy Deliveries
- ☐ Good Friends
- ☐ Success in Studies
- ☐ Peace in the World

Other Requests .....

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



# ENSHRINED IN HER HEART!

Most of our readers received an appeal for funds to continue the publication of the *Kateri* quarterly. An initial debt of \$18,000.00 was dangling over the Vice-Postulator' head like Damocles'sword. Would it be necessary to cease publishing?

An advisory committee was set up. Then Mr. Thomas B. Constantino, a devout Katerian and President of the Noteworthy Company of Amsterdam, N.Y., suggested that an appeal for funds be made to her friends and offered to finance the undertaking. As of now, the main bill has been paid for as well as another of \$9,000.00, all for the printing of *Kateri*.

The members of my advisory committee proposed that before printing an issue, the sum to pay for it be on hand. Then the bill for the December issue of *Kateri* reached my desk: \$10,230.00. Your answer to our appeal will eventually help take care of all of this.

Means to reduce the cost of publication have been closely examined. To begin with, the subscription price of the forthcoming issues will be \$3.00 a year, the actual cost of printing and mailing the four issues. Color illustrations will have to be done away with until better days.

To all the members of the Blessed Kateri Guild, my most sincere thanks! Besides this public acknowledgment, I am sending a word of appreciation to each contributor personally. Better still, Blessed Kateri will keep your name enshrined in her heart and I'll remember you daily at Holy Mass and in the recitation of the Divine Office.

Gratefully yours in the friendship of the Lily of the Mohawks.

*Henri Béchard S.J.*  
Rev. Henri Béchard, S.J.  
Vice-Postulator

## ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Rev. J. M. W.!**

You might be interested to know that (although I am an Anglican Minister) I am going to frame the Kateri picture and hang it in the vestibule of Christ Church, Pouce Coupe, in the Diocese of Caledonia, as an inspiration to the people of native Indian heritage, and as a reminder to all of us of the Grace of God revealed to us in the lives of His servants, and especially as a reminder that your native people often show us the true meaning of Faith. May God prosper the work of Kateri Tekakwitha.  
(Pouce Coupe, B.C.)

## ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D. R.!**

Enclosed is my offering of two dollars for my quarterly Kateri magazine. I started praying to Kateri in June. The fourth day of my novena for financial help for my eye examination and new glasses, my prayers were heard. I have been praying to her ever since. It seems that I receive small favors when I need them most. There are times that what I ask for is refused me because what I ask for will do me harm, and not good for the Glory of God. But I receive more beautiful graces and blessings...  
(Erie, PA)

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

Enclosed find a ten-dollar Money Order. It is sent in gratitude and grateful appreciation to Kateri for helping me in a health problem of internal bleeding. Many thanks to Kateri. Please send me a touch relic. I have prayed for many years to Kateri for her canonization and still do so.  
(Schumacher, Ont.)

## ✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. A. P.!**

On May 9, 1987, I was seriously hurt in a forty foot fall as an ironworker in Manhattan, NY. My Indian friends at the Kahnawake reservation enrolled me in the Blessed Kateri Guild and prayed for my recovery. All went well. I prayed every day for her canonization. I also asked Kateri to help me in my disability approval. Thanks to her, it came through. I am sending a check for fifty U.S. dollars to the Guild. Thank you again and may God bless you all.  
(Levittown, NY)

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

Enclosed find my donation for the good works needed for Blessed Kateri's canonisation. Thanks to Kateri for favors received: my daughter has been accepted at the University and my brother's operation was a complete success. I pray for her canonization every day. She has done a lot for me. One more thing, we are asking Blessed Kateri to help my husband find a position. Many thanks, Kateri.  
(Baltimore, MD)

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





ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN!

## GOD OUR FATHER...

God our Father,  
 by rising Christ your Son  
 you conquered the power of death  
 and opened for us the way to eternal life.  
 Let our celebration today  
 raise us up and renew our lives  
 by the Spirit that is within us.  
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you and  
 the Holy Spirit,  
 one God for ever and ever.

The Breviary



## EACH NEW MOON



### KATERI'S SMILE ...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from October 5, 1988 to January 24, 1989:

Alcoholic Problems Solved	2
Articles Found	10
Better Health	30
Business Sold	1
Cures	29
Employment Found or Kept	32
Financial Aid	7
Happy Death	1
Lodgings	9
Peace in Families	2
Properties Bought or Sold	7
Safe Pregnancies	10
Safe Trips	8
Strikes Averted	1
Successful Studies	8
Successful or Adverted Operations	28
Temporal Favors	20
Peace of Mind	1

### TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corkery, West Greenwich, RI, 27; Mrs. Helen Bloom, Baltimore, MD, 43.

### TWO MAJOR CURES, THANKS TO BLESSED KATERI!

Two major cures attributed to Blessed Kateri are now before the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. One came from Canada and the other from the United States. If one of them is accepted as miraculous, Blessed Kateri will soon be St. Kateri. Your prayers are requested for this intention.

### WAS KATERI THE FIRST ONE?

During the Beatification of Blessed Kateri in 1980, the Holy Father wondered if Blessed Kateri were the first Native North American to pronounce the vow of chastity. In this issue of *Kateri*, you will find the story of the first three Amerindians to pronounce the vow of chastity.

(See p. 16-28)

### FR. JOSEPH S. McBRIDE, S.J., R.I.P.



Fr. Joseph S. McBride, offering the Holy Sacrifice at the Kateri chapel, Auriesville, N.Y., with Msgr. Anthony de Angelis as concelebrant.

All Blessed Kateri's friends everywhere suffered a great loss, when Fr. Joseph McBride, her vice-Postulator in the United States, died on October 23, 1988. For twenty years, I had been working hand in glove with him. It would have been difficult to find better cooperation anywhere. In the June issue of *Kateri*, will appear a splendid tribute to Fr. Joe by one of his assistants, Mary-Eunice of Mary Productions. The present issue of *Kateri* should have contained this eulogy, but in the little time I had it was impossible for me to translate it for the French issue. The English and French issues carry the same articles. Keep Fr. McBride in your prayers; he'll not forget you in the company of the Lily of the Mohawks.

H.B.

### A NEW CHURCH DEDICATED TO BLESSED KATERI

In December 1987, a new church dedicated to Blessed Kateri at Pointe-Bleue, Quebec opened its doors. As soon as we receive the necessary information about the blessing of the new church, and the devotion of its parishioners to the Lily of the Mohawks, our readers will be informed—in the June issue of *Kateri*, if possible.



### BRENDA RICE, R.I.P.



Brenda Rice in Rome for the beatification of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in 1980

On the afternoon of January 3, the good Lord accompanied by His Blessed Mother and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, we may safely surmise, came to Kahnawake to call Brenda Rice to Himself. Brenda was a fervent devotee of Kateri. During her lifetime of 47 years, she did everything she possibly could to promote devotion to the Lily of the Mohawks. She was a devout and active Catholic and knew how to speak up when it was time. She was admirable in the care she took of her mother who died last year. Brenda was appreciated by all who knew her at Kahnawake as well as at Bourrough's Wellcome, where she worked in Montreal. Blessed Kateri's friends are invited to pray for the repose of her soul.

### A MASS FOR KATERI

A Mass, written in honor of Kateri Tekakwitha is now available to choirs and singers looking for music to honor her. Author: Joan Diamond of Denver, CO. It



was performed at the closing of the International Tekakwitha Conference when it was held in Denver. The Mass, in traditional Latin, is at your disposal in a variety of ways: 1. Four-part harmony using organ or piano, 2. Classical guitar, 3. Flute, 4. Drum or 5. Congregational singing in a simple arrangement. The composer has graciously given permission to copy and use without charge. For further information write: Mrs. Anne M. Scheuerman, 44 Harper Drive, Pittsford, NY 14534, U.S.A.

### CATHEDRAL BELLS

On December 7 around noon, a truck came from Cincinnati [to Cleveland] carrying six bells. They were placed near the Catholic Center to await their new home in the bell tower. On December 8 at 5 p.m., Bishop Pilla blessed the bells in the presence of the Cathedral Bell Committee and other parishioners and friends of the Cathedral. In the cold of early evening, the blessing of Almighty

God was called down upon the bells. They were blessed and incensed for their special work of reminding us of God's invitation to the people of prayer.

In the ancient tradition of the Church, the bells were named. The largest bell, 3,300 lbs., was named after the first naturalized American citizen saint, *Frances Xavier Cabrini*. The second bell, 2,000 lbs., was named after the first American-born saint, *Elizabeth Ann Seton*. The third bell, 1,200 lbs., was named *St. John Nepomucene Neumann*. The fourth bell, 850 lbs., was named *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*. The fifth bell, 525 lbs., was named *Blessed Katherine Drexel*. The sixth bell, 375 lbs., was named *Blessed Junipero Serra*. May the bells be our call to prayer and a life of grace.

Fr. Ted Marszel

**Mass stipends go to elderly priests who offer up the Holy Sacrifice for you. They are grateful.**

#### ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss D. S.!**

My friend and neighbor has been sick for a long time, but lately it has been worse. His problem is his nerves, he hasn't been going to work, or even visiting with his friends. It's been hard for him and his wife. So a few nights ago I made a promise that if there would be any progress in his recovery I would buy the Bronze Medallion of Kateri. The next morning he was feeling better, he even went to work. So enclosed, please find a check for twenty-five dollars for the Bronze Medallion. Thank you.

(Campbellton, N.B.)

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

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

Enclosed is a two hundred dollar donation to Kateri's Cause for favors received. It covers quite a few, dealing with business, health, jobs, etc. I have changed agencies after 12 years and I am in a good place. It was quite a chore...

(Saco, ME)

#### ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. I. M.!**

This money is in thanks to Kateri for my son getting a good full-time job.

(Woodslee, Ont.)

#### ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D. H.!**

I am writing to say I prayed to Blessed Kateri to intercede for me and to heal a relationship. After two months the relationship has been healed and is now more healthy and pleasing to God.

(New Bedford, MA)

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

Just a "little" something in return for Blessed Kateri looking after my daughter when she moved to another part of the States to go to college. I pray to Blessed Kateri every day, and I know she listens. Thank you, Kateri.

(Oldwick, NJ)

#### ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J. S.!**

Enclosed is a check for ten dollars for a Mass to be offered to Blessed Kateri, which I promised for a favor granted. Recently my wife was diagnosed as having a tumor in her breast. I asked Blessed Kateri to have the results of the test and X-ray proven negative, which they did. This is my way of showing Kateri my thanks, love and devotion to her for a favor granted. I pray for her canonization daily, morning and night. Included in this check is my membership dues \$2.50 "renewal" and \$2.50 for a box of sympathy cards, a total of fifteen dollars. Thank you and may God bless you.

(Chester, NY)

#### ✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, SFC D. E.!**

Enclosed is a check for one hundred and fifty dollars. Please use the leftover money as a donation in gratitude for Kateri's helping me recover from cancer surgery. Have you any idea when she'll be canonized?

(Arlington, VA)

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

Enclosed are twenty-five dollars for Kateri. Thank God and Kateri for the safe arrival of three little grandchildren and the sale of a business. Kateri hears my prayers.

(Beaver, PA)

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



## The First Indian Religious

# SISTER GENEVIEVE AGNES SKANNUDHAROUA

THE VERY FIRST Indian Sister belonged to the Augustinian Hospital Sisters in Quebec City, and the next two to the Congregation of Notre Dame, founded by St. Marguerite Bourgeoys in Montreal. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was not aware of them though they lived in Canada during her lifetime.

The first of all the native religious in the New World was Genevieve Agnes Skannudharoua. Perhaps you will find her story touching as I did. She was born about 1642 at Ossossoné, a Huron village of the Bear Clan, located between Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay, in what is today the Province of Ontario. Her parents, Peter Ondakion and Jeanne Asenragehaon were the first Hurons to be united in a Christian marriage. The little one was the first child born to them after they had embraced the faith. The baby was baptized Genevieve Agnes Skannudharoua.

After her people took refuge in Quebec from their foes, some time before 1650 or during 1650, her mother entrusted her to the extraordinary foundress of the Ursulines in the New World, now known as Blessed Mother Mary of the Incarnation. When her convent burnt down in 1650, it was at first thought that the child had perished in the flames. It was not so and at the early age of eight or nine years, in May of the same year, she became a pupil of the Augustinian Hospital Sisters. Genevieve Agnes soon became very fond of the community and of the religious life as she saw it lived before her eyes.

At that time, the capital of New France was no bigger than a small market-town and the Hôtel-Dieu or hospital was far from elaborate. Two years previously the future Beata, Sister Marie-Catherine Simon de Longpré de Saint-Augustin, at the early age

of sixteen, had disembarked at Quebec and though her extraordinary manifestations did not begin until 1668, she had the reputation of an exemplary nun and was loved by one and all. The Hôtel-Dieu Archives contain at least two documents pertaining to Genevieve Agnes Skannudharoua signed by Mother Catherine de St. Augustin, who will be beatified on Sunday, April 23, 1989. The little Huron girl must have quickly grown attached to her.

This beautiful child, blessed with a very fine voice was exceptionally intelligent and, having decided to learn French, she mastered it within two years. She learned to read and write and was better at these accomplishments than all the other children, even the French girls. Many ailing Hurons came to the hospital and Genevieve Agnes was the one to whom the Sisters turned to translate the expression of her compatriots' needs into French.

After she had become proficient in reading and writing, she was sent to work in the kitchen and there she bore herself with so great a fervor and humility as to astonish all the community. Never was she heard to complain. When two or three persons gave her different orders at the same time, she was never irritated, but, did with as much sweetness as she could muster whatever she was bidden. "It was a pleasure," her superior wrote, "to see her leave one thing as many as five or six times, to execute other orders newly given her; and this she did with as much cheerfulness as if she had been allowed to follow her own inclination."

When the little Huron girl was old enough, she made her first communion with great fervor and faith, convinced it was the good Lord Himself who was coming to her. On receiving him into her heart, she begged of him to grant her the grace of a religious vocation and was immediately convinced her plea would be heard.

Her ardent desire to become a nun helped her to find nothing requested of her difficult. Her superiors endeavored by every means to see if her attraction to the religious life were a mere whim or something serious. One day, rather to try her than to punish her for any fault she may have committed, she was submitted to a grueling experience. It was the custom in those days, and may still be the custom to have the Sisters accuse the public transgressions, generally lenient, of one another. The Huron teenager was summoned to the refectory before the entire community. After a rather severe rebuke, she was offered the choice either of leaving the convent or of taking the discipline. The poor youngster had no sooner heard the word 'leave,' than big tears started from her eyes, and joining her hands, she implored the Sisters not to send her away, affirming she would not refuse any punishment they thought fit. At the same time she began to undress, but her Mistress of Novices took care not to proceed further.



The native people very rarely scolded their children and practically never beat them. Having never been punished by her mother and father, it took much strength of will in this innocent girl to accept what by nature she greatly feared. Although her parents tried to induce her time and time again to return home with them, she steadfastly refused. Whenever they came to visit with her, she remained briefly with them and tactfully withdrew for fear her mother would oblige the nuns to dismiss her.

Sixteen hundred and fifty-seven was a year of major importance to the Huron girl. On March 15, 1657, a young Hospital Sister, Mary Frances Giffard, Sister St. Ignatius in religion, fell into a coma and died at noon. She was only twenty-three years old and was the first of the thousands and thousands of nuns in Canada and the United States to consecrate herself to God by the vows of religion. Later that afternoon, vespers were chanted, the next morning at nine o'clock a Mass was offered for the repose of her soul and she was buried. This death certainly impressed the young Huron.

When Genevieve Agnes Skannudharoua reached the age of fourteen years and four months, as a result of her prayers and appeals, the community council reached the conclusion that the daughter of the forest was ideal material for the monastic life. Mother Mary Forestier of St. Bonaventure of Jesus, Superior of the Hôtel-Dieu, with the consent of the girl's parents and of all the nuns, sanctioned by Father Jean de Quen, S.J., Vicar General of New France for the Archbishop of Rouen, admitted Genevieve Agnes to the novitiate as a potential Choir Sister if it were later decided she had the necessary qualifications. The 3,000 livres portion demanded of every candidate was promised and 800 livres soon paid by Mr. and Mrs. Bodeau, Parisian bourgeois, who adopted her as their daughter. The formal act of her admission states, however, that even had there been no portion, Sr. Genevieve Agnes would have been welcomed to the monastic life in the name of Jesus' adorable family.

On March 25, 1657, feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the teenager began her postulancy, the period during which a person is admitted to a religious house as a probationary candidate. The Mistress of novices, who was at the same time responsible for the postulants, Mother Mary Renée Boulic of the Nativity, for approximately the two months she still held this charge, was quickly convinced that the young Indian would make an excellent Choir Sister. Her successor, Mother Jeanne Thomas of St. Agnes, thought not otherwise. The youngster's humility, sincerity, gentleness, and her devotion to the Immaculate Mother

excited the admiration of the community. Her Superiors saw a most promising future in store for her in the Order.

Our Lord, however, who had other views than the Sisters, ordered her destiny otherwise. He visited her with an illness common enough among her people—"a kind of weakness, together with a slow fever; and this so exhausted her that she wasted away... with an inflammation, accompanied by a severe cough, which affected her whole chest to such an extent that her lungs were gradually destroyed." Obviously she was stricken with consumption.

How did she react? She was as patient in her sickness as she had been peaceful and tranquil in good health. She worked as much and even more than her strength permitted, taking part in all the observances of the Choir and the Community, and after that, if some time were left, she would pay visits to the Blessed Sacrament, a joy to her heart. She especially practised chanting *Tenebrae*, doing it with such devotion and attention that it served as an example to all the Sisters. That Lent, though she was already quite ill, she sang each day of Holy Week.

Day by day her health deteriorated until she was obliged to retire to the infirmary on October 4. She there displayed such sweetness and submission to the will of the Most High as passes belief, growing constantly in devotion to the Blessed Mother. The infirmarian, a Mother recently arrived from France, was astounded. "I observe," she declared, "that she does everything I have seen the most perfect nuns of France do in their times of sickness." At the very beginning of her illness, she asked for a crucifix, which she never parted with. She caressed it continually and it was the most usual subject of her conversation.

Faithful to the divine office, she never omitted her other prayers, especially her Rosary, even if her pain was excruciating. When she was told that this fidelity to prayer was the cause of more suffering, she immediately said, "My Mother, I'll do whatever you think best; but that is my sole consolation and diversion!"

A characteristic of the Native American is a thirst for freedom and is marked by the strong desire for what is pleasing and by an avoidance of what is displeasing. The young Huron novice had perfectly overcome such impulses. If now and then she allowed herself to be betrayed into some momentary impatience, she was instantly seen asking forgiveness again and again with admirable humility. Her innocence was so great that if she were asked whether she wished to confess or not, she would reply, "Alas, my God, what shall I say? Since my last confession I have done nothing." Bursting into tears because she feared her perplexity

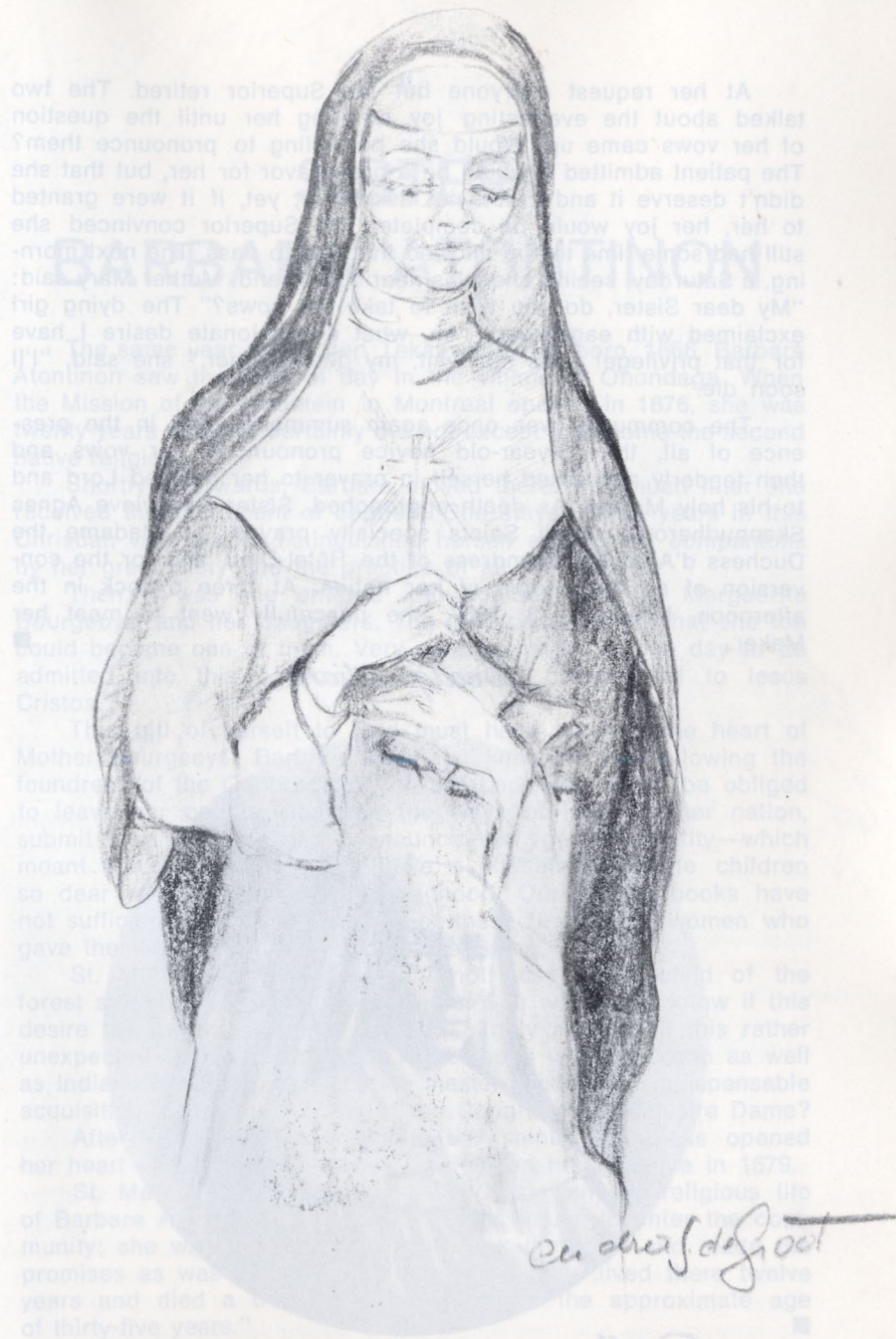


sprang from her blindness, she then cried out, "Ah! I pray you, examine me, for I'm too dim-witted to know by myself." This opinion of herself did not at all concur with that entertained by her spiritual directors. They were convinced she rendered them most intelligently an exact account of all the emotions of her heart and asserted that in all probability she had preserved her baptismal innocence. When it came to receiving Holy Communion, no matter how great her weakness, never did she want to receive Our Lord in bed, but begged to be conducted to the chapel as long as she could drag herself there.

The Superior thought that this young religious was so pure, so pleasing to Our Savior at the start of a beautiful career that he snatched her from earth to give her to heaven.

Her nurse soon became aware of her patient's perfect abandonment to the love of her divine Master and her intense desire to be invested with the religious habit, which she requested repeatedly. The Mistress of Novices and the Superior, Mother Mary of St. Bonaventure, were advised and it was decided that her wish would be granted. On All Saints' Day, the ceremony of vestiture as a Choir Sister was presided by Father Gabriel de Queylus, P.S.S., Father de Quen's replacement as Vicar General. He was attended by Father Bartholomew Vimont, S.J., and Father John Le Bey, chaplain at the monastery. "If you have ever seen joy and satisfaction depicted on a face," wrote the Superior, "it was expressed in that of this angel incarnate; for, though she was enfeebled to the last degree, she helped in dressing herself as if she had been well." She responded to all the ritual questions with great presence of mind. As soon as she had been clothed as an Augustinian novice, she was given the Holy Viaticum, which she received with touching devotion. Shortly afterwards, she requested Father Queylus that she be called "of All Saints." He readily consented.

Her delight knew no bounds from the day she saw herself dressed as a Hospital Nun. The Mothers and Sisters felt no less joy at having given the religious habit to the first native girl who ever had the happiness of entering a religious order. But she was not to remain long among them. The Sister Infirmarian who never left her night or day soon saw that Sister Genevieve was at the point of death and notified the Mother Superior, who had the sacrament of Extreme Unction, as it was then called, administered to her. She received it with her mind fixed on God alone in the presence of the entire community. She begged forgiveness of all the Sisters for her failings and repeated with compunction and love the acts of faith, hope, and charity to which she was prompted from time to time.



**SISTER GENEVIEVE AGNES SKANNUDHAROUA  
OF ALL SAINTS**



At her request everyone but the Superior retired. The two talked about the everlasting joy awaiting her until the question of her vows came up. Would she be willing to pronounce them? The patient admitted it would be a great favor for her, but that she didn't deserve it and dared not ask for it; yet, if it were granted to her, her joy would be complete. The Superior convinced she still had some time to live allowed that day to pass. The next morning, a Saturday, seeing she was nearing her end, Mother Mary said: "My dear Sister, do you wish to take the vows?" The dying girl exclaimed with eagerness, "Ah, what a passionate desire I have for that privilege! Let's not wait, my dear Mother," she said, "I'll soon die."

The community was once again summoned and in the presence of all, the 15-year-old novice pronounced her vows and then tenderly addressed herself in prayer to her beloved Lord and to his holy Mother. As death approached, Sister Genevieve Agnes Skannudharoua of All Saints specially prayed for Madame the Duchess d'Aiguillon, foundress of the Hôtel-Dieu, and for the conversion of all the people of her nation. At three o'clock in the afternoon, November 3, 1657, she peacefully went to meet her Maker. ■

### *Beatification*



*Marie Paterine de St. Augustin*

## II

# SISTER BARBARA ATONTINON

The same year that Kateri Tekakwitha was born, 1656, Barbara Atontinon saw the light of day in the village of Onondaga. When the Mission of the Mountain in Montreal opened in 1676, she was twenty years old. She certainly did not expect to become the second native religious.

Shortly afterwards, Barbara moved there. Not much later she received the sacrament of baptism. She stayed three years in this Christian village and distinguished herself among her companions by her great piety and the practice of all the virtues.

Then it was she entered into contact with St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, and her daughters. The idea came to her that she too could become one of them. Very simply she asked one day to be admitted into this community of women consecrated to Jesus Christ.

This gift of herself to God must have touched the heart of Mother Bourgeoys. Barbara Atontinon knew that in following the foundress of the Congregation of Our Lady she would be obliged to leave her people, abandon the ways of living of her nation, submit to a superior and pronounce the vow of chastity—which meant that she would never have a husband nor little children so dear to young iroquois womanhood. Our history books have not sufficiently sung the praises of these first native women who gave themselves to Christ and to the Church.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys did not accept this child of the forest straightaway among her sisters. She wanted to know if this desire for the religious life was not simply a whim, if this rather unexpected candidate was cut out to teach white children as well as Indians. Would she be able to master French, an indispensable acquisition for a future Sister of the Congregation of Notre Dame?

After testing her thoroughly, the saintly foundress opened her heart and her house to her. She began her novitiate in 1679.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys summed up well the religious life of Barbara Atontinon, "She came to this house to enter the community; she was received here and took the habit and made the promises as was the custom at that time. She lived there twelve years and died a truly Christian death at the approximate age of thirty-five years." ■



## SISTER MARIE THERESE GANNENSAGOUAS

During July 1654, the Iroquois offered to sign a peace treaty with the French. With this object in view, they delegated their best men to Quebec. To the governor and to the Jesuit Fathers, they offered several wampum belts and submitted their propositions. After many meetings, it was decided that Father Simon Le Moyne, S.J., whom they called Ondessonk, would go to the Five Nations to see if all agreed to the terms of this treaty. When the Jesuit, accompanied by a young Frenchman, was still on his way to their country, messengers as swift as the deer of their forests made their way throughout the land crying out, "Ondessonk is coming! Ondessonk is coming!" On all sides, the Iroquois gathered to welcome him with all the customary honors on these occasions. Among those present was Francis Thoronhiongo baptized by St. John de Brébeuf in Huronia. He had been brought as a slave to the Seneca canton, where he practised his religion with an exemplary fidelity.

Fr. Le Moyne returned to Quebec after fifty days. He thereupon went to found a mission at Onondaga, capital of the Five Nations. Not long afterwards, however, as the Hurons among the Senecas, the Jesuit was reduced to captivity. After being exposed to many hardships, he succeeded in 1662 in escaping with his companions.

Five years passed without any contact with the Iroquois. Finally, after the expedition of the Marquis de Tracy in 1667, the Five Nations asked for missionaries. That year, among the Senecas was born Gannensagouas, granddaughter of Francis Thoronhiongo. This child was barely five or six years old when her grandfather was freed from slavery by the death of his masters. Then, to pray the Lord in complete liberty, he quit the Seneca Canton and went to live at the Mission of the Mountain founded in good part by former Hurons of St. Francis Xavier's. He brought along with him the only son he still had and his granddaughter Gannensagouas.



Andre J. de Groot



Francis was always most respectful to all the clergy and was much attached to the newly-formed Church of the Mountain. His charity to his elderly compatriots whose longhouses he built and restored was remarkable. One day as he devoted himself repairing the bark door of a longhouse, on realizing he had used his awl three times without first making the sign of the cross, he upbraided himself. "Ah! what a scoundrel I am! I've used my awl three times and to no advantage! I forgot to offer it to the Master of Life."

Francis Thoronhiongo rejoiced in seeing his granddaughter entrusted to the Sisters of the Congregation established at the Mountain, one of the first children to frequent their school. Governor de Courcelles adopted her, made her one of his main protégées and gave her the name Marie Therese in honor of the Queen of France. When Frontenac succeeded him, he wrote from Quebec to the Abbé Dollier de Casson, on November 3, 1672:

"You will find enclosed a report of what is provided for Marie Therese, which comes to the sum of one thousand livres. Some profit might also be forthcoming from the sale of provisions. I beg of your charity that this sum be placed in safekeeping so that it may be assigned to her, and that, as much as possible it be invested to good account. I know that you hold charity in sufficiently high esteem to be assured that you will take care of it when the aforesaid provisions will have been sold. You will have the contract drawn up and will send a copy to Dupeiras, my secretary, so that he can send it to me next year."

The Abbé Dollier entrusted this sum to Mother Bourgeoys, who used it to buy some land, partially cleared, on which there was a wooden barn with many outbuildings, all for the sum of 1,050 livres tournois.<sup>1</sup> The foundress of the Congregation of Notre Dame did so well that this sum of 1,000 livres given by Governor de Courcelles in 1672, constituted nine years later a capital of 3,000 livres. On entering the Congregation, Marie Therese brought as her dowry this pretty sum to the community.

Fr. de Belmont thus spoke in praise of the young aborigine, "She was sent to the Sisters of the Congregation established on the Mountain, among the Indian girls whom the King keeps there for their education, and she excelled above all the others, especially by her modesty. After several years in this school of virtue, where she learned the French language, as well as how to read and write, she asked to become a Sister." Time and time again she begged to be admitted among the daughters of Mother Bourgeoys.

1. When the livre tournois was replaced by the franc in 1795, it was worth about 19.1 cents.

At the age of twelve, she was admitted among the applicants in 1679. The Mistress of Novices, Sr. Anne Hyoux, was soon aware of the exceptional qualities of the newcomer, specially of her uncommon virtue and had her admitted among the Sisters on March 14, 1681.

After having her take the private vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as was the custom at this time for the Sisters of the Congregation, Mother Bourgeoys sent this young fourteen-year-old teacher to the Mountain to teach the little girls of her people, and, according to Fr. de Belmont, "she carried out her duty with much perfection until the age of 27. The virtues that she was most noted for were modesty, silence, and corporal mortification. It is said that she never gazed on the face of a man. It was not easy to have her moderate her practice of austerity."

The grandfather of the young religious was much consoled at the sight of the progress that Sister Marie Therese was making daily in the life of piety. Unfortunately a dark cloud threatened; his son was living a dissolute life and completely ignored the instructions of the missionaries. At last the dark rain-cloud broke and this son whom it had been impossible to dispose to baptism, after abandoning his family, returned to live among the Senecas. Shortly after his departure, his wife gave birth to a boy. Later on, Francis, who had lost his sight, made his way to church every day after lunch, with the help of his grandson, who came for him at nightfall. This saintly old man opened up his heart to Jesus in the Eucharist and ardently prayed for the conversion of his son. God heard the prayers of the devout father thereby helping the new Christians of the Mountain understand that a humble and persevering prayer obtains everything from his goodness.

In March 1690, Francis's grandson, who was of age to be a soldier, took part in a fighting expedition with a detachment of French and Indian men under the orders of Monsieur de Beaucourt. On the following April 21, his grandfather died at the advanced age of one hundred years.

About the same time, Monsieur de Beaucourt and his soldiers discovered a band of Senecas at the end of Sault St. Francis. Both sides fought violently until the Senecas were defeated. The grandson of Francis Thoronhiongo took one of the enemies prisoner and brought him as a slave to the village of the Mountain.

On arriving at Ville Marie, the captive was extremely surprised at seeing himself taken to the very spot from which he had fled many years before, and finally to the longhouse where he had then dwelt. The mother of the young warrior immediately recognized her husband and her son learned that his prisoner was no other than his father.



The arrival of the son of Francis Thoronhiongo was the answer to the ardent prayers of his loving father. This man's homecoming was marred by illness resulting from his long journey in the heavy snows of the season. During his first stay at the village, he had refused baptism but now he requested the saving waters that open the gates of heaven. His request was granted and he died with great sentiments of compunction and piety. His compatriots of the Mountain were convinced that the merits of his saintly father had obtained this happy death for him.

The pastor, Fr. de Belmont, then resolved to have the body of the venerable old man exhumed from the cemetery and interred in the church.

It is easy to imagine the joy felt by Sister Marie Therese Gannensagouas on learning about the exemplary death of her uncle and of the esteem manifested to her grandfather on the occasion of the translation of his mortal remains to the church of the mission. She did not outlive them very long. Shortly after, she caught some sickness—probably consumption—which imperceptibly led her to death's door. Her modesty inspired her, a few minutes before the end, to request that she be buried with her poor little habit, without a change of clothes. After having devoted herself during thirteen years to teaching on the Mountain, she expired with a reputation of great holiness at the age of 28 on November 25, 1695. She was buried with her grandfather in the mission church, but after it was demolished the remains of this saintly girl with those of her grandfather were transported to the tower of the fort on the Mountain, from which later on, her ashes were transferred to the burial vault of the Sisters of the Congregation along with those of her grandfather and of the recluse Jeanne Leber. ■

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

On October 1, our youngest son was in a M.V.A. and only by a miracle was his life and the life of the young man driving spared. The car that they were driving in was split in half when it hit a hydro pole. Please accept this offering to Kateri for the miracle. My prayers for her canonization will continue.  
(Chalk River, Ont.)

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

Enclosed is a donation for prayers answered for a friend selling her house. I'm also paying for my Kateri magazine which I enjoy and am keeping for my granddaughters when they are old enough to read...  
(Johnstown, PA)

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

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

Please find enclosed a check for thirty dollars, sent in thanks-giving to Blessed Kateri for the many favors received. At one point, two of our sons were desperately looking for work, thanks to Kateri, they both found good positions. Also we had a good and safe trip to British Columbia and God blessed us with a beautiful granddaughter on our return. We are still asking our beloved Kateri to intercede for special intentions... We know our prayers will be answered through Kateri's intercession and I will write and thank her when it happens. I always pray for her canonization. Thank you, Kateri.

(Winnipeg, Man.)

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

Enclosed are ten dollars for which please renew my subscription to Kateri for another year. The remainder of the money is to help wherever it is most needed. Last month while on vacation in a foreign country, a friend's purse was snatched. Everything valuable and necessary for her vacation was in it! I promised publication and a gift in thanksgiving if the most important items were found. The next morning the purse with plane tickets, driver's license and other items were recovered. Thanks to the American Consulate there were no problems about passports, visas, etc. And just this morning I misplaced a ten-dollar bill and promised, if found, to send off this letter, immediately. Within ten minutes I had found the missing bill in a place where it shouldn't have been at all. Thank God and Kateri! That was really fast work on her part.

(Webster, NY)

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

I am sending fifty dollars to thank Kateri for a favor received. I asked her to help a very special young man pass his medical exams. He studied very hard and passed. Again, thank you, Kateri, you always answer my prayers.

(Gardner, MA)

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

I do hope I am sending this to the right address so it will reach you. I thank you for your fervent prayers to Blessed Kateri on our behalf. I had promised to send ten dollars if the strike got settled where our daughter works. It got settled New Year's Day, but she was not recalled to work until yesterday to start work on January 17. They went on strike December 8. It was a long and costly strike. We are glad Blessed Kateri was instrumental in this great favor.

(Manville, RI)

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

A month ago I wrote and asked you to pray for my grandson who is in college in Arizona. He is looking for a job. He wrote to me to pray for him and last week he called home; he has the job and is very happy so I'm sending ten dollars to help out. I'm sending you my grandson's address, so please send him a few prayers so he doesn't forget Kateri...

(Suncook, NH)

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

Please find a check for fifty dollars to help you with your work. This is part of my winnings at Bingo. I had promised Kateri I would share any winnings. Please continue to pray for my daughter T. and grandson C. He is still experiencing some emotional problems plus his physical problems. Also please remember the soul of my deceased mother. Please ask Kateri to help me with my health problems also.

(Woburn, MA)

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

I am enclosing a check for fifty dollars for Kateri's Cause in thanksgiving for favors received this spring and summer. I would like to go more into detail but being 86 years old and having difficulty in writing, my hand becomes cramped so I am sure Kateri understands my problem... One special favor I will be grateful to Kateri for: her intercession before the Throne of God for my niece who was diagnosed as having cancer of the uterus and did not know if it had spread to other organs in her body. Thank God it centered in just one place and after surgery and a week in the hospital she came home with a report of all her tests being negative, for which we all thanked God and Kateri...

(Silver Springs, MD)

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

Please accept this donation of twenty dollars for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. She gave us safe and happy travels, wherever we went by ourselves, she was our companion. And thanks again to her for visiting, touching and kissing her tomb in Kahnawake.

(Regina, Sask.)

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

Through prayers to Kateri, I was able to receive relief from a kidney infection caused by an obstruction, without having to have an operation. I am still praying that I will not have a recurrence.

(Baltimore, MD)

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

Enclosed is fifty dollars for all the favors received, safe delivery, healthy normal baby, employment, lost articles, guiding and looking after troubled son, selling property, recovery of a sick friend, etc. etc.

(Hamilton, Ont.)

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

We have a family business and have always prayed to Jesus and the Saints for help and have kept going, thank God! This has been an extremely difficult year. On July 14, I went to mass and the Priest mentioned Blessed Kateri's Feast Day. I started a novena for her help and things seem to be a little brighter. I am asking continued help financially. I am also asking Kateri's help for my daughter, son-in-law and two young sons to be able to sell their house in Michigan and receive a small profit to buy a home for their family. This situation is extremely difficult and could only work out with miraculous intercession. Enclosed please find my offering of fifty dollars.

(Mastic, NY)

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

I promised to send dear Kateri some money if she would help my sister, who is in great need, to find a job and she did. I also promised her more in the future, if it works out for her. I am praying Kateri will keep on helping her. She always seems to come through. I have a great devotion to her, also I buy cards and give them to people in need and I tell them to pray to her, for she will help them. I know she is always by my side. She has granted me many favors which I am very grateful for. I pray to her daily that she will be canonized very soon. Thank you once again, my dear Kateri.

(Southbridge, MA)

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

I promised to send a donation to Kateri if my prayers were answered. I have Glaucoma and I was losing my eyesight. In the month of May my doctor told me if I was no better in three month's time I would have to be operated on and would have to go to Halifax, N.S. for my operation. Now I just got my checkup, my pressure is normal and the tests were fair. I thank Blessed Kateri for helping me another time. I pray every day for her canonization. Find enclosed my donation and two dollars and fifty cents for the Kateri quarterly which we read from cover to cover and enjoy very much.

(Tignish, P.E.I.)

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✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, D. M.!**

Enclosed is a check for thirty dollars as an offering of thanks for the intercession of Blessed Kateri. My 74-year-old mother lost a ring given to her by my deceased father. My daughter and I searched with my mother in every nook and cranny of the house. I felt certain that it had been lost in the plumbing system. I prayed and asked Kateri to please let the ring be found suddenly in an unexpected place. Four days later my mother went to take headache medication and found the ring in the pill bottle! I will continue to pray for Kateri's canonization and tell others of her works.

(West Chester, PA)

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

I am sending ten dollars for help Kateri has given me. My husband was ill with bronchitis for two months and finally through Kateri's intercession, he is getting better. I also prayed to her for my grandchildren who are having a few problems and again they seem to be resolved. I can never thank Kateri enough for all the blessings she bestows on us through the years...

(Erie, PA)

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

Here I am with some good news. I prayed to my dearest Kateri to help me get a job that I really wanted so I could help out at home. I did tell you about the cut my husband took at work. Well I did get hired and started August 15. I am so happy. Now my next project is to stop smoking. So I am praying and asking my dearest Kateri to help me. I have enclosed a small check... Say a little prayer for me.

(Orange Park, FL)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars in fulfillment of a promise made to Kateri that I might sell a particular item *now*. Within a few hours I received a phone call from the prospective buyer. Thanks again to Kateri. She always helps me in an emergency.

(Webster, NY)

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

I am enclosing a check of fifteen dollars to be used towards the canonization of Kateri. I was looking after my son's cat which disappeared, so I asked Kateri Tekakwitha to bring it back to me. After four months I finally found the cat thanks to Blessed Kateri. It is now again with my son and his family.

(St. Gregor, Sask.)

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

Enclosed is a check for fifteen dollars. Two fifty for which I would like a box of 12 sympathy cards. The rest is a donation to make Kateri known and hopefully to obtain sainthood. I begged her and St. Joseph to find employment for my son who has not worked in nine months. He went to work last week in an entirely different field. I'm most grateful. I will send another donation as soon as I'm able. God bless you, Father, and keep you well to continue the work you are doing.

(Valley Stream, NY)

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

My niece's husband, T.D., has found another position! Thank you so very much in joining with me requesting Blessed Kateri's aid. Once again, Kateri came to the rescue. T. is a good man; he and my niece, have three children, ages 8, 5, and 4. They live in Denver, CO and, although T. is not Catholic, he leads his family to all of the Catholic services, and does his best to raise his children in a very good Catholic environment. Keep him in your prayers, please, that all will work out well for him in this new position. Enclosed is a check for thirty dollars. The five dollars is for a Mass for the Poor Souls. God bless you for all your help.

(Cincinnati, OH)

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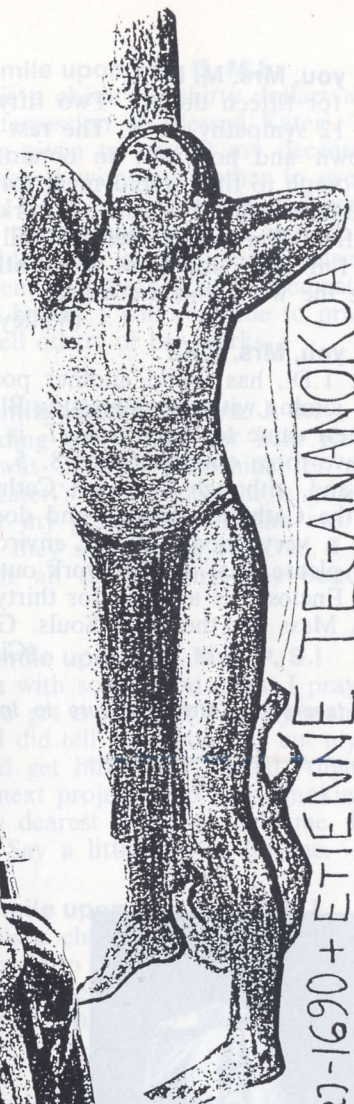


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Decorated egg presented to Pope John Paul II at Des Moines, Iowa in 1979.



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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 (\$15.00), I now inscribe, free of charge, the name of one deceased person dear to me on the Sr. Barbara Atontinon 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.

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