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LITTLE SISTER WANTS TO KNOW...

KATERIGRAM

"PEACE TO MEN WHO ENJOY HIS FAVOR!"

EACH NEW MOON

THOMAS B. CONSTANTINO R.I.P.

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2. It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Canonization.
3. It also seeks your donations, for without them practically nothing can be done to make Kateri known and to have the important favors attributed to her intercession examined and approved.

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Each issue of *Kateri* contains:

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

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

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This beautiful bronze medallion of 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 own one. Price \$25.00

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5 years old
Sainte-Marcelline, P.Q.

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

Some 22,920 pledges have come in after eight years' effort.

Please send yours to: The Kateri Center
Box 70, Kahnawake, P.Q.
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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 needs for Blessed Kateri's canonization is obtained and approved.

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

Temporal

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

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(NO OFFERING REQUIRED.)

KATERIGRAM

IN SPAIN, Our Lady with Opened Eyes is venerated. It's a devotion that pleases me enormously. Our Lady who sees all things, Our Lady who sees how we act during Christmas time, the holy time of the birth of her beloved Son! Blessed Kateri did not know the Blessed Virgin as Our Lady of the Opened Eyes though she realized that her heavenly Mother saw everything she did.

To prepare to render homage to the adorable Child, begin today, by daily or frequent communion—at least each Sunday—by the daily recitation of the rosary—a crown of roses for Mary!—, and by a more Christlike fraternal charity at home and on a parochial level. Our Lady with Opened Eyes will see everything you are doing and won't forget it!

At the same time, you could add whatever your love for Blessed Kateri might suggest. Entrust your sick relatives and friends to her, your very young ones as well as your teen-agers at school, your arthritic elderly, your plans and projects and also, to be sure, all your dear ones in good health. And as I've already recommended, send your guardian angel fifteen minutes a day to Rome at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints so they will persuade its august members through the agency of their angels to examine the medical dossier of the cure obtained through the intercession of Blessed Kateri and judge it favorably. Then we'll have our Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. Our Lady with her Eyes Open will witness all you have done for Kateri, her dear Iroquois child, and will make it up to you. Christmas will be that much more joyful for you and yours.

A final word. Even if an extraordinary cure has been obtained through good Kateri's efforts, her devotees must not cease asking her for cures of all sorts. The more there are the better will be the chances to see the Cause progress. To you and all your dear ones, the wonderful peace of Christmas!

Henri Bechard, S.J.
Vice-Postulator

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. L. S.!

I am writing regarding my wife. In May of 1985 she experienced a brain stem stroke. This paralyzed her completely. She can hear, move her eyes, and her brain is working. She cannot move her hands or legs or any part of her body. She cannot speak, or swallow. She is fed through a gastronomy tube. We communicate through an alphabet board. A light progresses thru the alphabet, and when she wants a particular letter she raises her eyelids. A complete sentence takes about 20 minutes. She communicated this sentence recently: "Promised Kateri one hundred dollars for help to cure me." Please accept the enclosed check for one hundred dollars. As a means of possibly curing my wife who has been paralyzed completely for 4 years and 3 months. Thank you for your help.

(Baltimore, MD)

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

Enclosed is my small donation toward helping the Cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I pray for this cause for her canonization every day. She has answered my prayers. Through her intercession, I have received many favors large and small. The last big favor received was for the sale of some property. Many thanks, dear Kateri.

(Timonium, MD)

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

I enclose for Kateri Tekakwitha's Shrine a money order for ten dollars. She helped me recently when I lost my glasses and couldn't find them although I looked everywhere. Then I got the thought, look again in the cabinet drawer. I did and there they were! I also intend to send ten dollars every month that I can. She has revealed the truth about a malicious attempt to blame an innocent person for something somebody else evilly did. She truly is a friend and I believe she is a Saint. I pray for her canonization.

(Fairhaven, MA)

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

Dearest little Kateri, I am sending the ten dollars I promised if you would help me feel a little better. This was more than two months ago. Today I asked again, because I felt so bad, after I did my floors. I am 93 and live alone. I felt better after I prayed and rested. Thank you Kateri, I always pray, and hope you will be our little St. Kateri very soon. I am an Indian.

(Perry, ME)

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



PHOTO MADELEINE HUET

THE JOY OF THE NATIVITY TO ALL !

Atop the tabernacle of the St. Francis Xavier Church at Kahnawake, Quebec, the Child Jesus, carved by the Ursulines at the time of Blessed Mary of the Incarnation, blesses all who come to Him.

Peace to men
who enjoy His favor !

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EACH NEW MOON



KATERI SMILE ...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from August 1, to October 20, 1989:

Alcoholic Problem Solved	2
Articles Found	8
Better Health	21
Business Problem Solved	1
Cures	9
Employment Found or Kept	21
Financial Aid	2
Happy Deaths	2
Lodgings	6
Peace in the Family	1
Properties Bought or Sold	8
Safe Trips	2
Successful Studies	3
Successful or Averted Operations	13
Temporal Favors	10

CONVOCATION OF ONTARIO NATIVE SONS BY THE HIERARCHY

The Bishops of Ontario convened a meeting of the Native

Canadians to discuss their problems together. This gathering took place in Sudbury, August 16-20, under the patronage of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

MSGR. LUCIEN MESSIER IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



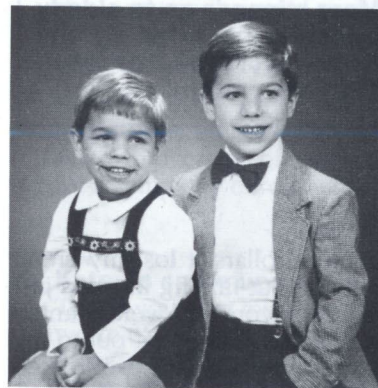
On July 5, Msgr. Lucien Messier died at the age of 88 at St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, P.Q. Ordained a priest in 1925, he actively served his diocese in numerous positions. He taught at the diocesan college for 15 years, was diocesan chaplain of many different organizations including the Knights of Columbus, founder of the *Cercle des Fermières* and bursar at the bishop's residence. In 1947 he was elevated to the rank of Titular Canon and in 1953, Papal Chamberlain. As I see it his preaching and writing to promote the beatification and canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha were the capstone of his priestly endeavors?



A NEW MISSION ASSOCIATION DEDICATED TO BLESSED KATERI

The Rev. Gerald Przywara of Virginia Beach, VA, has received the authorization to launch a new missionary association under the aegis of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Read Fr. Jerry's account of this timely apostolic inspiration, followed by the Roman approbation he received last December. See p.20.

THOMAS B. CONSTANTINO, R.I.P.



Anthony and Nicholas

Another one of Blessed Kateri's good friends has gone to his reward in the company of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and his two favorite "saints", Padre Pio and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Your prayers, please, for this great friend of the Lily of the Mohawks, for Carol, his wife, and for his two little ones, Anthony and Nicholas. See p. 16.

THE TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

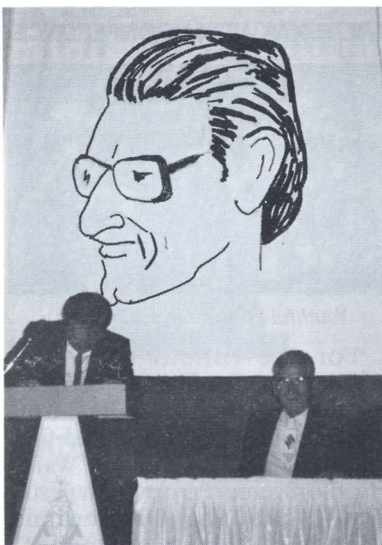


Youthful Pueblo Eagle Dancers.

For the fiftieth time, the Tekakwitha Conference convened, this year from August 2 to 6 at Fargo, N.D., where it had first met in 1939. The theme: "Walking the Sacred Circle With Jesus Christ." About 3,000 Indians attended the Conference. Numerous workshops led by specialists—many of them Native North Americans—were appreciated by the participants. On Saturday, August 5, Bishop James Sullivan of Fargo ordained a Benedictine Indian a deacon with the expectation he would be elevated to the priesthood next May. His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Arinze, delegated to the Conference by the Vatican, gave the keynote address: "An Authentic Response to the Call of Christ in His Church." The *Kateri* quarterly intends to present this significant talk to its readers in one of its future issues.

A ROAST FOR ALBERT!

The ticket to the festivities read, "Kahnawake K. of C. Club. Roast Beef dinner in honor of Brother Albert Lazare ('20 plus' years of service). Not only was



the beef roasted, but Albert also. The roasting took place on September 23 at 6:30 P.M. at the K. of C. Hall and was planned as

a surprise. Cost: \$30.00 for a couple; \$15.00 single. Carefully prepared, the event drew a good crowd. To the amusement of all, his son Arnold, his brother Tommy, Messrs. Alan Goodleaf, John Beauvais, Roger Jacques and Ted Watling "roasted" him in their speeches. The gifts his fellow Knights gave him amply compensated for the roasting.

Fr. Béchard, Blessed Kateri's vice-postulator, made the most of the occasion to publicly thank Albert for his 39 years' faithful and competent cooperation at the Kateri Center. See p. 23.

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

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

Enclosed please find my check for ten dollars. I lost my credit card and searched everywhere for it without finding it. I had just received my *Kateri* and had read all the favors that were granted through Blessed Kateri. So I said a prayer to her, went out to my closet and found my card in a coat pocket that I had overlooked before. Thank you, Blessed Kateri. Please pray for my son's reemployment.

(Pierrefonds, Qc)

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

I'm enclosing twenty dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for prayers answered. I was praying for a boy friend and I met a wonderful man. He is very ill and needs many prayers for his health. This I continually storm Kateri and heaven for. Thanks again for the quarterly magazine, I pray for your health, too, Father. God bless and keep you.

(Vancouver, WA)

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

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss K. F.!**

Thank you very much for your kind and inspirational letter with its enclosures in reponse to my prayer request for success in my French exam. I am pleased to report that I successfully passed my course with a 'C' and am continuing with my French studies this Fall. Enclosed is a small offering in support of your prayerful aid which is greatly appreciated. I wish you to know that your prayers, for which I am most grateful, were a great help to me. Thank you once again. God bless you and your work.

(Winnipeg, MB)

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

Kindly accept this donation for favors received. My son sold his car and got a new job. Thank you, dear Kateri!

(Mount Prospect, IL)

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

My little Kateri found my son James' keys which he had lost. I'm sending my twenty dollar offering for July and August because she is so good to me. I pray to her each day.

(Bristol, CT)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars. Twenty dollars for a safe trip overseas of my daughter and her family. Also five dollars for a sympathy enrollment.

(Ottawa, Ont.)

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

Thank you very much for all the information on Kateri. My cousin wrote to you and told you about my illness. I have had it for over 8 years. I am praying very hard to Kateri for a cure. I am saying my prayers also for Kateri's canonization until the next miracle. I have been reading all about her. I have a friend who is expecting a baby and she was very upset because they told her that the baby could be born with a bad birth defect. I lent her my relic and prayer card and she put the relic on her stomach and when she had another test, it showed she was going to have a perfectly healthy little girl. So I know that Kateri can help people. I really believe she helped my friend. I thank my Aunt and Cousin for telling me all about Kateri and getting me my prayer card and relic...

(Uxbridge, Ont.)

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

THOMAS B. CONSTANTINO

R.I.P.



THE GOOD LORD called to Himself on Monday afternoon, September 25, a dear friend of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and of the Native North American Indians, Mr. Thomas B. Constantino. After Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Padre Pio and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha were his two great devotions.

As early as 1965, Tom and I became acquainted. I saw his love for the Lily of the Mohawks grow and expand. Already in the summer of 1965, he visited Kahnawake with Fr. William Schlaerth, former Vice-Postulator of Kateri for the United States.

Tom was the inventor of the litterbag and founder of the Noteworthy Company of Amsterdam, N.Y. which became a great success in the quarter of a century he directed its destiny. He was widely known for his countless benefactions and efforts to promote the beatification and canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. Only the directors of the Shrines of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville and of Kateri Tekakwitha at Fonda, N. Y. along with the pastors of the surrounding parishes could tell what he did to help them in their work. He also founded scholarships for Indian students in different colleges.

Here are a few samplings of Tom's widespread interests. At the International Eucharistic Congress held in Philadelphia from July 30 to August 7, 1976, he did a tremendous job preparing and financing two stands—one dedicated to the Jesuit Martyrs and the other to Kateri Tekakwitha. His Eminence Cardinal Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II was no doubt impressed when he visited the Tekakwitha booth and was shown around by a Polish guide.

In the fall of 1981, Tom wrote to President Reagan, sending him the stamp of the Beata issued by the Canadian government. "We are very fortunate here in the Mohawk Valley," wrote the President of Noteworthy to the President of the United States, "to have been inspired by the holy Mohawk Maiden, who here spent most of her life." President Reagan was pleased with Tom Constantino's letter and said so; he also congratulated him on the environmental park dedicated to Blessed Kateri he was then planning.

On May 13, 1983, feast of Our Lady of Fatima, a bronze statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was unveiled in the Vatican Gardens. It was the second anniversary of the attempt on the Holy Father's life in 1981. As a visible expression of his gratitude, His Holiness desired a statue for the Vatican Gardens. The model chosen was the work of Frederick Shrady, a noted American sculptor. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima was commissioned by Cardinal Casaroli, Vatican Secretary of State, acting in the Holy Father's name, and Tom Constantino underwrote it.

At the Auriesville Shrine, Blessed Kateri's birthplace, a replica of this statue was unveiled and blessed by His Excellency Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany on May 29. Once again Tom took care of the cost.

On February 12, 1984, an artistic reproduction of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas, was unveiled in the sanctuary of the St. Regis church at the St. Regis-Akwesasne reservation. Tom Constantino, longtime friend of Kateri and the Mohawk people, donated the painting to the Mission. Among other kindnesses to St. Regis, he also completely renovated one of the rooms of the rectory he didn't find to his liking.

On October 27, at the invitation of Pope John Paul II, representatives of the world religions gathered in Assisi, Italy to pray and fast for world peace. At the request of Fr. Gilbert Hemauer, OFM Cap., Tom Constantino financed the presence of Mr. Burton Pretty On Top, who ably represented the traditionalist American Indians in praying for world peace.

Then for the episcopal ordinations of the Very Reverend Fathers Donald E. Pelotte, first Amerindian Bishop, Gallup, N. M. and of Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., second Native American Bishop, Rapid City, S. D. in 1986 and 1988 respectively, Tom supplied Fr. Tom Egan and myself with tickets for these events as well as for other destinations where Blessed Kateri's interests were at stake.

About thirty years ago, the Kateri quarterly was in the red. The late Joseph O'Brien of Cleveland, Ohio, rescued me and kept me afloat for many years. Last October, once again, I had financial difficulties. Like Queen Victoria, my Provincial told me "I am not amused!" This time it was Tom who came to my help. He organized a drive which saved me from going under and, I believe, "amused" my Provincial.

That's one of the many reasons why I attended my benefactor's and friend's funeral. Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany celebrated the funeral Mass with some 20 priests concelebrating and about 800 friends and acquaintances in attendance in beautiful St. Mary's Church, Amsterdam. My prayers and heartfelt condolences to Carol, and to their two beautiful children, Anthony and Nicholas.



Tom welcomes visitors to the Kateri stand at the Eucharistic Congress, Philadelphia, 1976.



The Holy Father welcomes Tom to Assisi in 1986.

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars. I promised it to Kateri Tekakwitha if we sold our house, so here it is. Now I ask that you pray for my husband who has recently lost his job. We are in the midst of having a house built and my husband needs to find a good job.

(Montreal, P.Q.)

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

We met you last year and this is our second donation in thanksgiving for favors received through Blessed Kateri. This favor was "Hugo" (the hurricane) not hitting Maryland. It would have destroyed our place of business.

(Servana Park, MD)

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

Thank you for your kindness in praying for our intention. My son now has steady work—thanks to Blessed Kateri.

(Windsor, Ont.)

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

Well for sure, Kateri has smiled upon me and my family. She helped me to get this new position. I can only send a check as my way of saying thank you, Kateri, for the favors received. I have loads of work to do but I feel confident that I am being helped from above. Please remember me and mine in your daily mass. I will do likewise (but can't say mass)...

(Whitedog, Ont.)

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

We are now having beautiful weather, and I honestly must say through Blessed Kateri's intercession I had many prayers answered, it would be honest to say they were more like miracles. The basement of my house has been finished, and rented, which will help me a great deal this winter. I do not like living alone, so the winter will no doubt pass very quickly. After spending a month in the hospital last winter I want to try and look after myself this winter. Just had my 76th birthday, lots of presents and cards, visits this summer from the family and friends have been very nice so I do have to be very thankful. I tell people about Blessed Kateri and what she has done for me through faith and prayers. Thank you, Father Béchar, I wish you the best of health.

(Chalk River, Ont.)

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

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha North American Mission Association (NAMA)

The harvest is indeed great but the laborers are few!
Mt 9:38.

The scene is a remote Indian Village in Northwestern British Columbia. A death has claimed the life of the chief and his people await their priest. Long hours of air travel bring him to the village and a mood of sorrow gives way to hospitality and joy! Since the ground is frozen Father begins to take his turn at digging the frozen grave site warmed and melted by the fires of the last few days. This task completed, the people are ready for the Funeral Mass of Christian Burial.

I remember this incident because it is permanently locked in my memory. I mention and recall it because of the love, faith and hope that was expressed by the people of that village. But I also know that the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Therefore an inspiration has arisen to found a new Missionary Association for North America (Canada and the USA) which will exclusively serve the needs of the poor and the abandoned with particular concern for the native and indigenous people of these lands. The inspiration seeks to place this new association under the protection and help of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The hope is that it will begin at first with clerics and then it will eventually include the non-ordained. Its purpose and objective is threefold: 1) The poor and abandoned, 2) the rejuvenation and renewal of the Christian life in all its members, 3) a promise of respect and obedience to the successor of St. Peter.

As a priest I have been given permission by my bishop to transfer to the Diocese of Gallup New Mexico where I hope I may begin to do my part and return to the work I love best in the Church. My hope is that this call and message for service, return and renewal will find a ready reception in the ears, hearts and minds of the Christian Community, throughout our continent and even beyond and that the Lord of the Harvest, and His Spirit begin the cultivation and planting! Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha pray for us.

Fr. Jerry A. Przywara
St. Luke Parish, 2304 Salem Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23456



CONGREGATIO
PRO GENTIUM EVANGELIZATIONE
SEU DE PROPAGANDA FIDE

PROT: 5635 / 88

Rome, December 6, 1988

Reverend and dear Father,

The Secretariate of State has transmitted to this Dicastery, for its competence, the letter you addressed to the Holy Father requesting authorization to found a new North American (Canada and the U.S.A.) Mission Society for priests.

In this regard, I wish, first of all, to express to you the appreciation of this Congregation for your missionary work and for the interest you are continuing to take in the diffusion of the Gospel Message.

With regard to the foundation of a new Society for the Missions, it would be advisable for you to present your project to the Bishop of the diocese where you intend realizing it, so as to commence what subsequently could become an Association with an exclusively missionary finality "ad Gentes".

Only after some years, when the Association will have become consolidated and have about 20 members, who have been duly formed and bound to the same by well defined ties, can one think of asking the Holy See, through the diocesan Ordinary, to elevate the said Pious Union to a Society of Apostolic Life with an exclusively missionary aim.

For your information, I am enclosing herewith a list of the documents and requirements so that your request may have the sequel you desire.

With every best wish and my kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

Josef Card. Touko
Prof.

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

Inclosed is a check for fifty dollars in thanks for a favor granted, pertaining to a house rental. Also, would like you to send me six "Touch Relics" and a few prayer cards. Thank you.

(Cambridge, MA)

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

You will find enclosed a check for thirty dollars which I promised to send for your Missions. On July 24 I had surgery and a week and a half later I had another one. I made a promise to send our little Indian Maid twenty-five dollars if the surgery was successful. It was tough going but then I survived. The other five was also a promise if my daughter had a safe flight back to Toronto, which she did. Please keep me in your prayers, also a brother of mine who had a heart attack. He is out of the hospital now. Thank you so much. Always in Kateri.

(Timmins, Ont.)

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

I would like to thank you for your kindness and prayers. Since I last wrote you of my father's struggle with cancer, I am now writing to let you know that he died peacefully on May 20, 1989 in the company of all his children and family, with the assistance of two very kind priests. I am sure that our prayers were answered through the help of Kateri and that God granted my father a happy death. Father, I have another big favor to ask of Kateri. I have been praying for a Micmac priest, one who speaks the native language. If you check the past you'll see that there has never been a Micmac priest. There have been several women called who are nuns, but sadly no priests. If it be God's will I know that Kateri will do her best to help. Father, I am enclosing ten dollars. Could you please sent a box of sympathy cards, and the rest in prayer cards so that I may pass them on to friends and relatives in the hope of making Kateri better known among our native people? I will continue to pray for Kateri's canonization.

(Cape Breton, NS)

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

Please accept this check of twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for her intercession. After a kitchen fire, I asked her to see to it that the insurance replaced everything. The adjustor came yesterday and apparently everything will be taken care of.

(Webster, NY)

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

ALBERT!

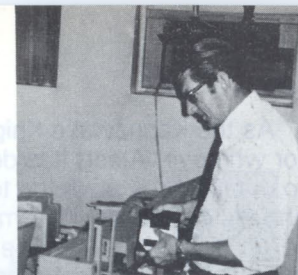


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ON HEARING that the Kahnawake Knights of Columbus intended to celebrate Albert Lazare's 20 years of faithful service to his fellow Knights, I was really pleased when Alan Goodleaf invited me to say a few words on this occasion. I have known Albert for more than forty years as well as his classmates at Tekakwitha School. I could tell at least one story about him during his school years. Lack of time keeps me quiet.

During the next two years, Albert finished his high school in Montreal and at the same time began to devote himself to the one then known as the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. I soon really began to become more acquainted with him. What I didn't make out was that I had at least 36 more years to do so.

In 1960 it was my privilege to bless Albert's and Eileen's marriage. It was and is a happy home, as you are aware.

About this time, I was transferred to Montreal, where I organized the Kateri Center for the coming years with the English and French office to propagate devotion to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Very generously, Albert consented to come to work in Montreal and this he has done ever since...

After years of expectation, the long-desired beatification took place in Rome. Many Mohawks from Kahnawake and Akwesasne were there. Among them, Eileen and Albert and they were privileged to receive Holy Communion from the hands of the Holy Father.

Following the Beatification and the joy thereof, Albert continued his daily work for Blessed Kateri, helped in times of need by Eileen.

Later on, with Sheila and Ron Boyer they took part in the fantastic Annual Tekakwitha Conference where they met representatives of over 125 Indian groups and attended the various workshops prepared by specialists, many of them fellow Native Americans. They witnessed the popularity of Blessed Kateri among practically all the Catholic Native North Americans.

As the Kahnawake Knights of Columbus show their appreciation for whatever Albert has done for them over the years, so do I want to manifest my gratitude tonight. I salute his loyalty, his competence and his effectiveness. I'm convinced I would never have been able to do what I have done without his constant and faithful help during the past years. Far better than I, Blessed Kateri, who has a first-rate memory as well as all the saints in heaven, will certainly show Albert that she has not nor will ever forget what he has done for her.



Bishop Howard Hubbard, Albany, N.Y., confers the Tekakwitha Award upon Albert at the Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y., in 1977. Behind His Excellency, note the late Fr. Joseph McBride, S.J., former Vice-Postulator for Kateri in U.S.A.



Albert helps move Kateri's marble tomb into place in the church of St. Francis Xavier at Kahnawake in the spring of 1973.



Albert holding the Medal of Diocesan Merit, Bishop Hubert of Saint-Jean-Longueuil has just conferred upon him (June 29, 1980).

PHOTO PAUL HAMEL, S.J.

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

My grandson recently developed a urinary problem. His doctor put him on medication. It did not help the situation. He was then sent to a urologist. The latter diagnosed it as possibly M.S., but, however, suggested he go to a neurologist, who performed an MRI. The MRI was negative, thereby ruling out M.S. and a cystoscopy was suggested, which was performed today and they found a stricture near the bladder. This is being corrected as I am writing you. At the start of this problem, I put it in the hands of Blessed Kateri, and again she came through. She has granted me many favors. Enclosed is a check toward your efforts for her canonization. I say the "Our Father", "Hail Mary", and three "Glories" every day. Thank you, Kateri.

(Towson, MD)

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

I am enclosing a check for five dollars. I went for an eye examination, and I promised Kateri an offering if everything was O. K. Well, once again, she heard my prayers and granted me my wish, I am sure she is right next to Jesus. Thank you, Kateri. I pray daily for her to be canonized, but as I said before, in my heart she is a saint.

(Southbridge, MA)

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

Enclosed please find a twenty dollar bill. This is for the prayers and help you have given me. I have a new job now. Please continue to pray for me, so that I will have good luck on the job and no problems or breakdown. Thank you.

(Downey, CA)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars to thank Blessed Kateri for a favor received in helping with a family crisis and in the recovery of my son from an illness. Thank you, Blessed Kateri!

(Baltimore, MD)

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

Enclosed are fifty dollars in thanksgiving for our many blessings. I am 90% recovered from an auto accident injury which occurred in April of 1988. My husband was out of work for six months but now has a job which is better than any of the ones he had in the past. God bless you in your work.

(Fair Lawn, NJ)

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



BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Stained Glass from Christ the King Church Moosonee, Ont.

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

I feel I should send something to Kateri now and then because she has always been good to me. She is always with me during the rough spots in my life. That's why I like to send something from time to time as a small token of my appreciation and to help her cause. I gave Kateri's medal and prayer to a dear non-Catholic friend of mine who, in addition to having problems with an elderly mother in a nursing home, also has some physical problems of her own. She started with a loud air-blowing type noise in her ear. Of course this is very annoying since it is constant. She had gone to a couple of doctors and they told her that there was nothing that could be done. There was a possibility that it would subside by itself but no guarantee nor medication. She had the noise day and night, she wasn't sleeping and, of course, it worked on her nerves. I told her how I always turned to Kateri and how she had helped me through the years and asked if she would like me to bring her the medal and prayer. At the point she was desperate and ready to try anything. Four days later she called me on the phone and told me that the prayers to Kateri worked. The loud air-blowing noise had subsided tremendously—it wasn't entirely gone, but at least she could live with it. Of course, I felt really good about the results of her prayers to Kateri (and mine). This is just another incident of Kateri coming through for me and my friend. Could you please send me some more of her prayer cards—I have a lots of medals but am now out of the prayers. Thank you.

(Catonville, MD)

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

Enclosed please find thirty-five dollars for your efforts of Canonization. This is in thanks for my husband's success in business and our healthy family. We are blessed with so much and I know Kateri is watching over us.

(Waldorf, MD)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars for a favor received when I prayed to my friend, Kateri. My son had an autographed baseball which was very valuable and was misplaced. I prayed to Blessed Kateri to help me find it. Lo and behold no sooner had I prayed then I found it on a shelf in a closet. I'll always be grateful to Blessed Kateri. Please publish this. (I looked everywhere for it, she really came through.)

(Baltimore, MD)

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

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

...Kateri healed A.'s swollen painful finger last week after a blessing with her relic. The finger of the right hand (3rd) was so bad, A. couldn't bend his hand. Even the touch of the relic was agonizing. After prayers to Kateri for a quick healing, I left to pray at the adoration chapel at St. Thomas and A. called the orthopedist who offered his input on a variety of causes. When A. hung up the swelling was gone and within two hours, the finger was perfect! Blessed Kateri is wonderful, she never stops helping! Kateri healed O. R., an Owage Indian, of bone cancer. I'll have O. write it up. She returned to the faith and is now off morphine and does not need a cane. Her time is spent visiting people in the hospital and spreading devotion to Blessed Kateri among her tribe...

(Phoenix, AZ)

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

Thanks very much for the beautiful letter you wrote to me on June 12. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha smiles upon you marvellously in response to the great trust you have in her. My brother L. died last Saturday in a happy death at the hospital in Ohio. I told Kateri to take him to heaven soon so he wouldn't have to suffer more on this earth. It happened so suddenly. Will you please have a Mass said for him and pray for him? I will remember you in my prayers.

(Huntingdon, IN)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrjs. D. H.!**

Enclosed are five dollars for Kateri Tekakwitha to express my gratitude for a favor granted to my nephew. He got a job as Manager at the Club of a Naval Installation.

(Virginia Beach, VA)

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

Enclosed are ten dollars for three new subscriptions to the little Kateri booklet. It is in thanksgiving for curing my backache. Please mention it in the booklet.

(Hanover, Ont.)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars to thank Kateri that once again my children are back to their homes safely. She always answers my prayers...

(Brunswick, ME)

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



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To Philatelists!

We have 100 unused Kateri stamps, souvenirs of her Beatification to dispose of. They were issued in June 1961 following the Beatification of the Lily of the Mohawks: \$1.00 plus postage.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION; SEND GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO:

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FROM: NAME
ADDRESS

As I am sending **the names of FIVE new subscribers** and their address to the Kateri Center (\$15.00), I now inscribe, free of charge, the name of one deceased person dear to me on the Sr. Marie-Thérèse Gannensagouas 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.