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PRAYER TO KATERI

NOMINATION OF THE VICE-POSTULATOR

TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE IN TUCSON

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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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Your contribution (\$3.00 a year, or more, if possible) enrolls you among "Kateri's Friends" for whom:

1. A weekly Mass is offered;
2. A weekly Mass for deceased friends is offered;
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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KATERIGRAM

Kateri's Cause is in good health...

MY OFFICIAL NOMINATION as Vice-Postulator for Kateri's Cause goes back to July 11th only, so how can I make such a statement: Kateri's Cause is in good health?

During the last month, I've directed my antennas towards Kateri's affairs, at the Shrine in Kahnawake, at the Kateri Center in Montreal and in Quebec City. I didn't beg for testimonies and appreciations, but just the same I received so many comments from so many kind people that I cannot not believe in Kateri's popularity, in her Sanctity, thus in her Cause.

A Frenchman from St-Etienne in France whom I met at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in Kahnawake, told me how he came to thank Kateri for a favor obtained. In 1976, he had come to Kateri's tomb to pray for the cure of his eyes. On his return home, he went back to his doctor, an eye specialist, who couldn't believe his eyes... The cure was perfect.

At the Mission again, I came across two Sisters of Charity from Nicolet who were just too happy to let me know that their church was dedicated to Kateri. They were at the Shrine to renew their zeal and to feel closer to Kateri. They are now back at their Mission in Northern Manitoba. Later on, I met an Oblate missionary, working with the Indians on the frontier of Northern Saskatchewan who was proud to be the pastor of Blessed Kateri Church.

I happened to meet Msgr. René Bélanger, historian, in Quebec, who told me that every early Jesuit missionary in New France, had Kateri on their lips. They made her known and loved by every Amerindian and even the first settlers. She was performing miracles everywhere, so much so that she was called the "miracle-worker of New France." Bishop Saint-Vallier is known to have said that "New France" should be named "the land of Catherine."

Reading all the letters which came to the Kateri Center, getting acquainted with all the new publications on the Mohawk Maiden, getting to know all the interest of so many people in Kateri's Cause, I cannot but give the Cause a good bill of health. So many people pray to her and desire her canonization.

The life of Kateri in a changing world could be an answer to our actual worries and questions. "Kateri lived and died as a totally dedicated laywoman, sustained by prayer, loving kindness to other, and adherence to moral virtues. How important are these virtues for the rapidly changing period in which we live."

It's up to us to take inspiration in her life, in order to inspire others.

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator

THE SISTER MARY THERESA GANNENSAGOÛAS ROLL

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✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. H. F. I

Enclosed you will find a cheque for fifteen dollars for the works of Blessed Kateri as I promised. For two months I suffered with a very sore side and after having cancer I could think of nothing else. I prayed to Kateri and my prayers were answered. The pain is now gone and I can once more live without worry. Thank you Kateri. Please continue to pray for me.

(Douglastown, Qc)

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss J. O. I

Enclosed is fifteen dollars, ten of which is in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping me succeed in a very difficult evening course I had to take. The rest is to cover my subscription, but if that is already paid, please remember my mother whom God has called home this past January at the age of 88. I'm sure she is with Father Béchard and all of Kateri's friends.

(Milton, MA)

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C. B. I

Please accept this as a small gift for a favor received. I prayed to Blessed Kateri when my five month old daughter was being taken off medication that prevents seizures. She had been on it for three months following complications during surgery. She is now well and doing fine.

(Thunder Bay, Ont.)

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D. H. I

Enclosed is a donation for my booklet and for prayers to Blessed Kateri which have been answered. My son found a good job and he is so happy thanks to Blessed Kateri. I love her very much. She has helped me many times. Keep us in your prayers.

(New Minas, NS)

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

EACH NEW MOON



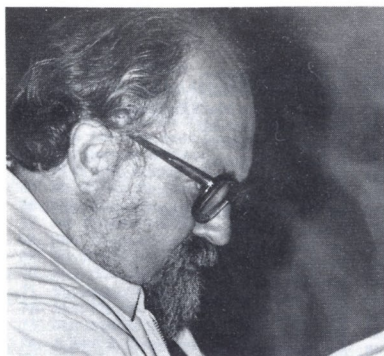
KATERI'S SMILE ...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from May 3, to August 23, 1990:

Alcoholic Problem Solved	1
Articles Found	6
Better Health	29
Cures	13
Employment Found or Kept	14
Financial Aid	3
Happy Death	1
Lodgings	5
Peace in Families	2
Properties Bought or Sold	6
Safe Pregnancies	7
Safe Trips	8
Successful Studies	7
Successful or Averted Operations	11
Temporal Favors	11

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Rev. George Coutlee, C.S.S.R., Big Cove, N.-B., 109.



A NEW PASTOR AT KAHNAWAKE

At the helm of the boat of St. Francis Xavier Mission, there will soon be a new captain, Father Louis Cyr, Jesuit. He is replacing Father Léon Lajoie who served in the Mission as Pastor and Superior, for 28 years. A record, and during all this time, it is he who greeted all his parishioners by "allo, mon capitaine!"

Father Lajoie will remain Superior of the Mission but Fr. Cyr will assume the task as pastor. He is well prepared for this post. He already served temporarily in the church of Kahnawake. Specialist in liturgy, he has already participated in the committee of pastoral liturgy at the parochial and diocesan level.

Moreover he holds a doctorate in music, conducts the choir and plays the organ.

He has special interest in preserving the identity. He will certainly invite the Mohawks to express themselves in their own traditions and customs, so that they will feel in their church. A long and fruitful ministry to the new captain.

THE BENEFITS OF STUDY

"It's hard when you want something at the store and you can't read the labels," says Joe Archie, age 68, a member of the Canim Lake Band and one of the band's students, taking Adult Education classes, organized by the Jesuit Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. "We are in a battle and we will only win it with education."

Today, many Indian youth attend the Gonzaga University in Spokane. They know now that they can pull through with a few years of schooling and obtain a diploma. After graduation many go back to their reserves and as tutors try to teach cultural values and traditions to the young.

The university and the reserve, like that of Canim Lake, have spanned the geographic gap (700 miles apart) via electronics: students have access via computer to the card catalogue of Gonzaga's Crosby Library. They send assignments to professors by electronic mail over computer lines and box machines. So Gonzaga University and the Canim Lake Indians are meeting with each other and with success.

Let's hope that many other bands or "tribes" imitate this stretching of hands across so many miles and across two cultures.

COLLECTION OF INUIT ART

The Cultural Institute and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of Quebec worked together for the repatriation of 450 sculptures, 150 pieces on paper and 300 artifacts, a collection originating from the Ministry of Indian Affairs of the Canadian North. Avataq, the official cultural organization of the Nunavik, becomes the owner of these Inuit productions of Quebec.

Stage I. All these objects will be stored at the Museum of Civilization of Quebec where they will be entered on an inventory.

Stage II. Sometime in 1992, this collection will be shown in a favorable light, possibly by itinerant exhibitions for the inhabitants of the North.

WE'RE ON THE PATH TO GOD

At the closing Mass that drew about 2,000 participants, Mr. Burton Pretty On Top, a lay spiritual leader of the Crow Nation, told the 51st Tekakwitha Conference during a pipe ceremony that the gap between Catholic and Native American spirituality is closing, particularly as the magisterial Church begins to reflect seriously on the environmental crisis and the need for ecological spirituality. Native peoples have sustained that spirituality for several thousand years. Native American spirituality is equal to any religion on the face of the earth, for it is also a gift of God.

JUBILEE YEARS



The Society of Jesus is celebrating two major moments in its history in 1990 and 1991. In 1990 the observance of the 450th anniversary of the founding of the Society with the approval of its constitutions in 1540 by Pope Paul III and in 1991 the Jesuits commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Saint Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, writer of the constitutions of the order, and first Superior General until his death in 1556.

During these two years a number of events are scheduled in the many parts of the world where the Society of Jesus is engaged in Apostolates. Each of the twelve assistancies and eighty-one provinces will have special observances, as will the universities, colleges, schools operated by the Jesuit, the parishes, retreat houses and missions under their direction.

All alumni of the Jesuits, their friends and benefactors are invited to join with all the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers to thank God for His great blessings to the Church.

SWEET GRASS LODGE

The Mohawk Community of Akwesasne will benefit of an establishment for persons losing their autonomy, the "Sweet Grass Lodge." It is a building with a 30 person capacity, which will be erected on the Quebec side of the Mohawk territory.

This project was made feasible thanks to the cooperation and financial contributions of the Governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec. The cost of this new establishment was quoted at three million dollars. The work on this building started last Spring and will most probably be completed this Fall.

The joint contribution of the governments is explained by the fact that Akwesasne is a Native Community divided in two by the Canada-American border. Moreover, the Canadian section is also divided between the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The recent formation of a special group of workers is to favor a concertation to realize other projects at Akwesasne.



Little Sister wants to know...



*Kateri Pasipanki
One year old
Brooklyn, N.Y.*

...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.

Some 23,624
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 needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization is obtained and approved.

Name

Street or Box.

City or Town

Province or State Code

Country Telephone



A PRAYER TO BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Blessed Kateri, chosen daughter of God, so full of His Wisdom, you were able to choose the "best share" and desire for yours the "gift of God."

Do obtain for those who share your culture and for all your brothers and sisters of this land, your wisdom in the claiming of their rights and that all parties involved recognize the limits of their rights as well as the justice of their claims.

May the love that burned in your heart and made you accept your people as well as the others inspire all citizens of this country, mutual respect and good understanding in justice and charity.

O Kateri whose vision was as large as the valley of the Mohawks and as the Kingdom of God, intercede for us so that all humans may see high and far, and walk hand in hand as children of God, all invited to share the happiness of Your Kingdom. This we ask earnestly through Christ our Lord.

Amen

NOMINATION OF THE VICE-POSTULATOR



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Beatae Catharinae Tekakwitha

Dilecto Patri Jacobo Bruyère, S.J.

Salutem plurimam in Domino.

Cum in Curia Marianopolitana et in aliis Curiis Nationis Canadensis pertractanda sit Causa Canonizationis Beatae Catharinae Tekakwitha, cumque Nos, aliis curis in Urbe retenti, munus Postulatoris Nobis commissum illic exercere personaliter haud valeamus, vigore Mandati ab Exc.mo ac Rev.mo Episcopo Albanensi in America Gulielmo A. Scully concessi anno 1964 et in Actis Cancellariae Congregationis de Causis Sanctorum rite inserti, Te, de cuius doctrina, idoneitate atque integritate Nobis per certa testimonia constat, per praesentes litteras in legitimum Vice-Postulatorem in praefatis Curiis constituimus ac deputamus, tribuentes Tibi omnes et singulas facultates necessarias et opportunas, ut hoc munus Vice-Postulatoris in praedicta Causa rite exercere valeas.

Mandamus interim omnibus ad quos spectat ut Te talem habeant et recognoscant.

Datum Romae, die 20 Iunii a. 1990

Postulator Causae

We, PAUL MOLINARI, S.J.

Postulator for the Cause

of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

to you, Fr. Jacques Bruyère, s.j.

our most sincere greetings in the Lord

As in the diocese of Montreal as well as in the others of Canada, the Cause of Canonization must go on. And, as we, on the other hand, are detained in Rome by other cares, the charge of Postulator attributed to me that I must exercise here personally, by virtue of the mandate conceded me by His Excellency and Very Reverend G.A. Scully, Bishop of Albany in America, which mandate was confided to him after 1964 and inserted in the acts of the Chancellery of the Congregation for Causes of Saints, so as we are in position of verifying your doctrinal science, aptitude and integrity because of numerous testimonies, by the present we nominate you Vice-Postulator for the dioceses mentioned above and we confer you all the faculties, particular and universal, so that you can exercise this function in conformity with the ritual of the Cause in question.

Meanwhile, we beg all those concerned to consider you and acknowledge you as such.

Rome, June 20, 1990

Paolo Molinari, S.J.

Postulator of the Cause

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF FATHER BRUYÈRE, S.J.

Born in Letellier, Man., on March, 1922.

Latin Philosophy course in Saint Boniface College and at the University of Manitoba.

Joined the Jesuits in August 1942.

Departure for China as a missionary. Language studies in Peking in 1946. Expulsion by the Reds in 1949.

Studies in philosophy and theology at the Scholasticate of the Immaculate Conception in Montreal from 1949 till 1954. Ordination by His Eminence Cardinal P.-É. Léger on June 21, 1953.

In 1954, a second departure for China. Studies in Taiwanese at Hsinchu, Taiwan.

From 1955 to 1978, ministry work among the Taiwanese, choirmaster, teaching in three Universities, hospital and jail chaplain, hockey coach.

Back in Canada in 1983. Jesuit Missions Procurator. Superior of Garnier Residence in Quebec.

On every furlough from China, stays at the St. Francis Xavier Mission at Kahnawake. Occasionally, choir-master of the Iroquois Mixed choir.



To the right, the new canadian Vice-Postulator, Father Jacques Bruyère, S.J., in company of Father Robert Boyle, S.J., american Vice-Postulator

BLESSED KATERI: HOPE ON NEW HORIZONS»

Theme of the Tekakwitha Conference
held in Tucson, Arizona, Aug. 1-5.

There couldn't be a better meeting place that in Tucson. This city is surrounded by Indian reservations – in fact 40 % of Arizona land is made up of Indian reservations. 41,000 in the Diocese of Santa Fe are Catholics. This land has been evangelized ever since the 16th century, especially when Fr. Eusebio Kino, S.J., rode on horseback in this desert land which was to bloom with missions everywhere – missionaries were making friends with all the people of this desert.

So on August 1, the Tucson Convention Center was buzzing with activities: registration, acquaintance with; the fine set-up, getting to know others, getting organized... Very noticeably, everything was organized by the Indians themselves – a first in the history of the Conference and a great step forward.



In the center, the main stage for all celebrations
To the right, the altar of Kateri

The grand entry by the 40 somewhat native tribes was held that very night in the arena, adorned with a huge stage proper for Eucharistic Celebrations, choir performances and caucus reports. A special Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine was set up on the right side of the altar. It was called "Desert Lily of the Southwest," to remind one and all that this conference was under the sponsorship of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The parade was all colors with so many natives marching in the arena, clad in their native costumes, carrying banners proclaiming their love and devotion to Blessed Kateri.

There were about 2,000 participants, mainly Indians with their missionaries from all over the United States and Canada. Ten bishops attended, amongst whom there were two natives: Bishop Donald Pelotte and Bishop Charles Chaput.

There were talks all day, after the welcome address by Fred A. Buckles, Jr., interwoven with dances, songs and hymns by special choirs, Youth Forums, talks on leadership, Indian and Kateri Spirituality, Drug outreach Ministry, etc. As one priest pointed out: "There were many talks about spirituality; it would have been good to enlarge our vision with the idea of justice, when so many of our Natives in Canada, the United States and Central America are suffering from maltreatments; it would have been good to enliven the concern for our brothers and sisters."



The entry parade at the opening of the 51st Tekakwitha Conference. The 52nd will be held in OKLAHOMA.

Three points stood out during the Conference:

- a) the special way of praying by the natives;
- b) their respect and love for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha who seemed to be making the "unity" between all tribes and people;
- c) their attachment to their customs and traditions and inculturation of their faith.

After the proclamation of the 10th Anniversary of Kateri's Beatification, so much emphasis was put on thanksgiving to the Creator. Thanksgiving is at the root of Indian prayer. "Thanks to the Creator of all things. We thank you for our life of to-day, for all our brothers and sisters, our nations..." Then a prayer was made to the four corners of the earth, to show the universality of their prayer. Finally a dance was interpreted clock-wise to pay tribute to time and the gravitation of our Mother Earth.

It was heard often times during the conference that what brought them together was their saint: Kateri Tekakwitha. And how much they want her to be canonized.

It was admirable to see so many tribes gathered in the name of Kateri, honoring her together, holding her relic high above their heads in procession. It is clear that their "hope on new Horizons" lies in Kateri.



Purification rite with incense at the beginning of the Mass for the Youth



*Danse tribute to time and life at the four corners of the Mother Earth,
before a eucharistic celebration*

Finally the natives showed their attachment to their customs and elders (many older Chiefs were present, with their wives). Their will to make liturgy their own was also evident. The use of incense in the celebrations was preeminent, the pipe of peace also, the singing in the vernacular, the colored offerings by so many tribes. All this in unity.

May Blessed Kateri help to implement the resolutions of the Conference in every tribe and every Native, bringing new dimensions and at the same time a new intimacy with a Church that is their "own."

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.

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

Kateri has helped me again. I have a serious medical condition and take an anti-coagulant daily. I had a drug reaction and was bleeding internally. Kateri helped me and the bleeding stopped without the need of surgery.

(Old Bridgew, NJ)

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

I am enclosing a check for one hundred dollars to Kateri for granting me the grace of having a good eye examination. I have glaucoma and the pressure has to be checked every four months. I also pray for the canonization of Kateri.

(Baltimore, MD)

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

Tribute to Fr. Béchard, s.j.

FATHER HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.
CANADIAN VICE-POSTULATOR

By Mary-Eunice

We first heard of Father Henri Bechard when my husband, Joseph Spagnola, accompanied two religious to see the areas where Kateri Tekakwitha lived. They visited Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons who helped to open her cause for sainthood. Then a visit to St. Peter's in Fonda, N.Y., where Kateri was baptized. This led them to the Martyrs' Shrine in Auriesville, N.Y., where they visited with the Vice-Postulator, Father Thomas Coffey, S.J. After a tour of the sacred grounds, he suggested they go to Kahnawake and meet the Canadian Vice-Postulator, Father Bechard. So they traveled to Kahnawake and met him. He welcomed the travelers and his hospitality was so generous they would never forget him. The Canadian Vice-Postulator mentioned it was his duty to take care of the Star of the New World. (It was a title she received when she was declared Venerable.)

Father told them how she escaped from the Mohawk Valley and with an Indian guide was brought into the Kahnawake area to what was known as "Land of the Praying Indian." There she lived a life of prayer and helped the elderly and those that were ill. There she received her first Holy Communion on Christmas Day. After her death many favors and cures were reported. Her bones were resting in a glass case in the Mission of St. Francis Xavier Church. Father Bechard felt she should have the dignity of having a tomb and other people of the reservation felt the same. Father helped to eventually bring it about.

After Fr. William Schlaerth, S.J. was Vice-Postulator in the U.S. Father Joseph S. McBride took his place. Father McBride did visit us in our home at Belford, N.J. and asked me to do my character sketch monologue on THE LIFE OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA on Indian weekend at the Auriesville Shrine. At that time I met Fr. Michael Jacobs, Pastor of St. Regis Mission Church and only full blooded Jesuit Indian priest... and finally I met Father Bechard. The two were a wonderful combination. Father Bechard would bring the Kahnawake Choir who sang the Mass in their native tongue and Fr. Jacobs would bring the dancers

and they would entertain the people visiting the shrine. At one of our celebrations in 1970, I remember seeing Fr. Bechard dancing along with the Mohawks and he enjoyed it. He liked the celebrations and seldom ever turned down an invitation. Everybody enjoyed his friendship.

But Father worked hard to spread the cause of Kateri, wrote articles and was the Editor of the magazine *Kateri*. It was produced both in English and French. Many times traveling across the United States with our programs we would find *Kateri* in libraries and schools.

Still Father Bechard was not satisfied and so he had the idea of asking people to pray for the cause of Venerable Kateri... offering one Our Father, one Hail Mary and three Glory be to the Father until the miracle needed for canonization was obtained. Thousands of people signed the pledge of prayer for Tekakwitha.

We did many programs together and then we planned our part in the Eucharistic Congress to be held in 1976. The Vice-Postulators, Fr. Bechard and Fr. McBride had on the committee such people as: Fr. Ronald Schultz, Pastor of St. Peter's, Fonda, Fr. Tom Egan, Director of Auriesville shrine, Fr. Robert Fleig,



Back row, fourth from the left, Father Henri Béchard, S.J., with the members of the Committee preparing Kateri's stand for the Eucharistic Congress of Philadelphia in 1976. Front row, extreme right, Mary-Eunice Spagnola

Chet Adams, the Joe O'Brien's from Cleveland, Ohio, Sarah Hassenplug, Mohawk, Anne Scheuerman, Tekakwitha camera person, Joe Spagnola and myself. Solomon Cook of Hogsburg, N.Y. and Princess Esther Phillips of Kahnawake were selected as chairpersons. Tom Constantino with his usual generosity supplied the booth. We felt that with our work at the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, Pa., thousands began knowing Kateri.

Father Bechard wrote a book called THE ORIGINAL CAUGHNAWAGA INDIANS. It was about the faith of the early native people. Caughnawaga (now called Kahnawake) numbered warriors, mystics and martyrs within its area. The book inspired many because of the faith of the people in those early days. Father also wrote many articles on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He said Kateri had a great love for Jesus and we should emulate her faith.

When it was announced that Kateri would be Beatified, we were thrilled. Father Henri would say to Anne Scheuerman and Tom Constantino: "See the value of prayer petitions... Look! God listened to the people and now Kateri is to be Blessed!" Three separate pilgrimages, two from the United States and one from Canada, including over 400 Native Americans, attended the beatification Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. At the ceremony I had the honor of sitting between Fr. McBride and Fr. Bechard. Later that day we had the audience with the Holy Father and I was so proud of the two Fathers when they were embraced by the Holy Father. Both came back from the trip saying that they must work harder than ever before... and they did!

After more promotion and work at the shrine, we began to lose many of our friends such as Father Jacobs, Tom Constantino, Princess Esther, Fr. Fleig, Joe O'Brien, and Father McBride.

Father Bechard always reminded us that Blessed Kateri, when on the hunt, would send her angel guardian to the Mission to attend Mass for her each morning. So Father implored all of us to send our angels to Rome to the Congregation for the causes of saints to encourage the members to examine favorably the documents concerning the cures attributed to Blessed Kateri. He reminded us to pray for new members so

they might take up the cause and when Kateri is sainted they will carry on the work making her known to those that have not had a chance to become acquainted with this remarkable soul.

It was St. Joseph's Day, March 19, 1990, at the age of 80, that Father Henri Bechard was called home to God. He was buried from St. Francis Xavier Church and laid to rest at St. Jerome Cemetery. (St. Joseph must have welcomed him on that special day.) Both Fr. Bechard and Father McBride must be busy working, as it is hoped soon two miracles will be coming forthone presented by Father Bechard and the other from Father McBride. What a consolation to know we have those two saintly souls working for us in the heavens... and it would not surprise me at any time to hear of the canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

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

First of all I would like to let you know that I have changed my address from Middlesex, England to Angus, Scotland. This was due to Blessed Kateri who made it possible when all hope had gone. My mother and I had no way of achieving this without Kateri's help and intercession on our behalf. I want this known that it was done in a matter of weeks. My mother is 80 years old this year and suffers from osteoarthritis and her sight is very bad. She only has sight in one eye and the other eye is going fast. My mother holds Kateri dear to her and is praying her sight can stay for a little long and that she may be left on this earth for a little while longer to enjoy her new home... I ask most faithfully for your prayers for my mother and, if possible, could you send me some of the Blessed Kateri prayers for her canonization which I will distribute at my church for all the help she has given. May God love, bless and protect you all.

(Angus, Scotland)

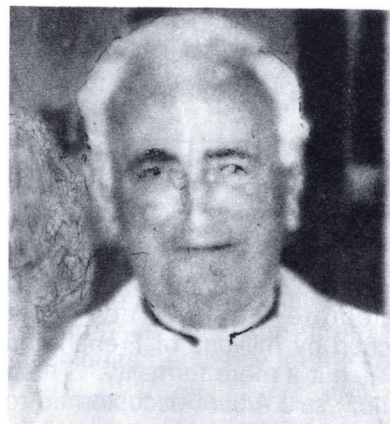
✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. R. D.!**

Early this year, my husband and I placed our ten year old son in Blessed Kateri's care. We had become so concerned about his rebellious attitude, that we both felt that extra prayers, novenas and intercessions were required. As a result, we placed our son in Blessed Kateri's care, and promised that if a significant change occurred in his attitude, we would send fifty dollars toward her cause as a sincere token of our gratitude. Enclosed please find the cheque as promised and we praise God for His Communion of Saints who intercede for us.

(Saskatoon, Sask.)

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

Tribute to Fr. Béchard, s.j.



Beyrouth, May 25, 1990

Dear Albert,

The return to the Father of our dear Father Henri Bechard, has plunged me in deep sadness. I was informed of it by a friend of Kateri who attended his funeral and I immediately started a series of Masses for the repose of his soul. It is during my first stay in Montreal in 1964 that I had the pleasure of making his acquaintance and his precious friendship has never left me since. So I am infinitely grateful to you for your letter and for all the comforting details that it brought me concerning his unexpected departure.

I offer you and all the staff at the Kateri Center, with whom I share the sorrow and mourning, my most sincere condolences. Moreover the "friendly and happy smile" of Father Henri before he left you, as you mentioned in your letter, makes me think of the words of Our Lord before he left His disciples: "If you love me, you will rejoice that I am going to the Father."

Thanks again for your kind letter and for the Mass Stipends. I am sure that I can count on your kindness to continue sending me regularly *Kateri* that I receive with joy and which allows me to share your prayers and your concern for the Cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Rest assured, dear Albert, of my sincere friendship in Jesus.

Father Antoine Roussos, S.J.

ALBERT STALK, J.R., OF KAHNAWAKE, HAS PARIS AT HIS FEET

This sturdy Mohawk of Kahnawake, 32 years old, was invited to scale the Eiffel Tower to celebrate the 100th edition of "Adventure", a T.V. program watched by millions of Frenchmen every week. This exploit for him was but a mere formality. "Three hundred meters, that's easy to climb," said Albert, accustomed to climb the skyscrapers of New York.

Like many Indians, Albert has no vertigo, what enables him to make a few stunts on the way up, diverting himself by keeping his balance on the tip of his feet, and saluting spectators down below.

The Mohawk Stars

The "Relations" of the Jesuits speak of the remarkable leadership of the Iroquois Chiefs and of skillful and fearless Mohawk hunters... There have been heroes among the Mohawks in all spheres. The "Lily of the Mohawks", Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, transcends them all. A fragile maiden, she paddled a canoe for hundreds of miles, making portages, to avoid a pre-arranged wedding and to join the Christian Indians, as well as her spiritual father in Kahnawake. Then there was Joseph Onondaga, an extraordinary layman, worthy of canonization. On the reserve, they still talk of John Canadian, a great lacrosse player, pilot of the ferry crossing the Lachine rapids, leader of the expedition on the Nile in Egypt, in order to save General Gordon, besieged in Khartoum in Sudan.

More recently yet, Aylwin Morris won two gold medals for Kahnawake after his triumph in canoeing at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. His training and perfect discipline were due to his grandfather.

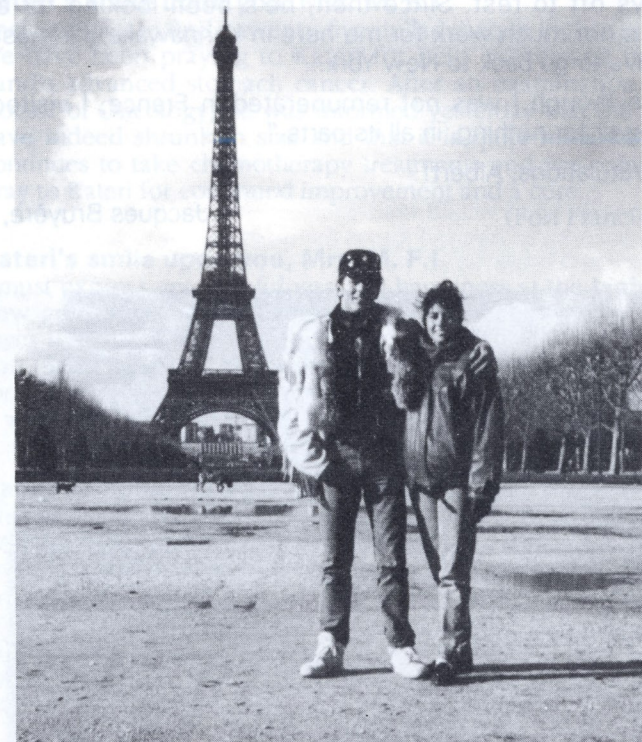
Albert with Iron Nerves

Albert owed his art of working on high steel structures to his father and grandfather. It's just about a tradition for the Mohawks in Kahnawake to be able to work at such heights without difficulty – or is it due to the courage inherited from the Mohawks? When Albert was climbing alongside the Eiffel Tower in an easygoing

manner, the Parisians had goose pimples, so did his wife Ann. "I encouraged him before the climb," said his gentle spouse, "But as he started going up, I couldn't watch him any more. I said a prayer for him."

For Frenchmen, this scaling was something original and dangerous. Nicolas Huot, adventurer and star-animator of the broadcast "Adventure" (ushnaia) and Jean-Sébastien Knoelzer, alpinist, had roped themselves and helped one another at more difficult passes. For Albert, it was easy: he only wore gloves and worked solo. The three accomplished this feat in ten hours, whilst Albert would have done it in three. He had to wait for the others and pose quite frequently for the cameras.

Albert confided to the French journalists that this climbing was marvellous. "I had all the city of Paris at my feet. I didn't have time to analyse the structure of the tower before the ascension, because I lost my way in Paris... I just put on my gloves and I set off



Albert and his wife

to conquer the summit. Once there, I dominated Paris, I had the whole city under me, Paris scintillated with its thousand and one lights.

Salary

Glory! The glory of being the first ever to climb the tower, an exploit accomplished once, in 1964, by the French alpinist René Demaison, but not in such a spectacular way.

One would think that this achievement would have earned for Albert thousands of francs, but he made it for nothing, just to amaze millions of Frenchmen. "I didn't receive any money," he said, "but I was welcomed as a king wherever I went, and my wife as a queen. The Frenchmen paid all our expenses. They put us up in one of the finest hotels of Paris. They organized for us a real big party."

On his return to Canada, Albert accompanied by his wife, took a few days off to rest. Since then, he's been looking for a job. "There is not much work for me here in Kahnawake. I'll most probably have to go back to New York..."

"Even though I was not remunerated in France, I visited the Eiffel Tower for nothing, in all its parts."

Congratulations, Albert!

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.



Albert has Paris at his feet

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

Thank you for telling me of Father Béchard's death. I considered him a friend and hope his work continues and Kateri will be canonized. I thank Kateri for all the help and blessing. My husband's recent back surgery was healed much sooner than expected. He is now going to have cataract surgery and needs prayers. This is his fourth surgery in two years. Thank you for your prayers.

(Valley City, OH)

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

Enclosed you will find the sum of twenty dollars, which we had offered to Blessed Kateri to help our little S. K. to overcome her asthma and Blessed Kateri was there to help and we are sure she will continue to help all people who ask her for assistance. Our sincere thanks to her and we wish a speedy canonization for our Miracle Worker.

(Rexton, NB)

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

Enclosed please find a twenty-five dollar cheque in thanksgiving. We have been praying to Kateri for help concerning my husband's advanced stomach cancer. After an examination by his Doctor of Oncology, he was informed yesterday that the tumors have indeed shrunk in size and that it is quite remarkable! He continues to take chemotherapy treatments and we continue to pray to Kateri for continued improvement and a cure...

(Fort Francis, Ont.)

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

I must express my gratefulness and happiness at the birth of my new grandson. He is beautiful and born healthy. His brother loves him and is so very happy too. All my thanks to our Blessed Kateri... I shall continue my daily prayers for the miracle needed for the canonization of our beloved Kateri. All things are possible if we have true faith...

(Taunton, MA)

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

First I want to say how sorry I am to hear of Father Henri Béchard passing away. He was very helpful to everyone personally. He always had a kind word for every letter he received... Enclosed is ten dollars I promised Kateri if I would find my set of keys that I had lost. On the key chain I also had a little statuette of Kateri. I knew if I prayed to her that she would come back to me. It took a whole week but someone was kind enough to bring them back where I lost them. Thank you Kateri.

(Sudbury, Ont.)

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

An important reminder

We appreciate very much your subscription to our *Kateri* magazine. Maybe you forgot to renew it this year or are you on the point of doing it?

The fee is always \$3.00 per year only and we suggest you that send us this little sum as soon as possible, so the secretariat will not have to remind you once more.

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Thanks in advance!

The Vice-Postulator

✱ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M. G.!**

Enclosed please find a check for ten dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for favors rendered. I have had a problem with my eyes since 1969. Yesterday I went to another doctor and was told, in his opinion, I would not lose my eyesight. Needless to say I am very grateful to Blessed Kateri for watching over me. I had to give a talk on her life when I was in grammar school almost 50 years ago, so we are old friends.

(Chestnut Hill, MA)

✱ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. F. R.!**

Thank you Blessed Kateri for helping us sell our trailer.

(Westbury, NY)

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

I am enclosing a check for fifteen dollars for the Kateri Center. Ten dollars is from my neighbor in thanksgiving to Kateri for restoring her son's position. I recently wrote and asked for Kateri's intercession and needless to say she came through again. She truly is a Saint... I have always relied on Kateri for myself, my family and my friends who now pray to her and ask for her intercession. She has always helped us all. May she bless us all and your efforts in promoting her beautiful powers in heaven.

(Erie, PA)

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Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

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