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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 AND THE GENTLE MARY

Was there a month of Mary and a month of the Rosary for Kateri? No mention of that in her history, but hearing her last words before her death, "Jesus, Mary", one can believe that, as gentle she was, she must have cherished this gentle Mother of Heaven.

The contemporary biographers of Kateri have written that she had "a tender devotion of the Mother of God. As soon as she learned about her qualities, the power and glory of Our Lady and how she was to be honored". "Catherine had not sooner known her that she loved her and loved her to ecstasy."

The Virgin Mary was surely filling up in the life of our young Indian girl the void left by the death of her natural mother. As the Mohawk tribe was governed by the matriarchal regime, Kateri must have prayed Mary to obtain the gift of wisdom for all these ladies exercising power: Mary, Seat of Wisdom...

On the day of the Annunciation, March 25, 1679, Kateri made her vow of perpetual virginity. She begged Jesus Christ to be her only Spouse and to accept her in the same way. She then prayed Our Lady, for whom she had a tender devotion, to present her to her divine Son. Then wishing to accomplish a double sacrifice in one action, she consecrated herself totally to Mary asking her insistently to deign be her mother and to take her as her daughter.

God is really admirable in his saints. "By choosing this Indian girl to be the first Iroquois virgin, He predisposed her with blessings as from the time of her mother's conception. From this source came her tender devotion to Our Lady, the Queen of Virgins and the Mother of purity."

Kateri won the admiration of all hearts. "Like a magnet", she attracted many of her compatriots who envied her lovely disposition: meekness, humility and purity.

May we also draw from the same source so that we may be surrounded by friends who will help us to love more "The gentle Mary".

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-postulator



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In 1667, this young Huron maiden, died at the age of fourteen, after she made a vow of perpetual chastity. She had, apparently, an apparition of the Blessed Virgin three days before she died.

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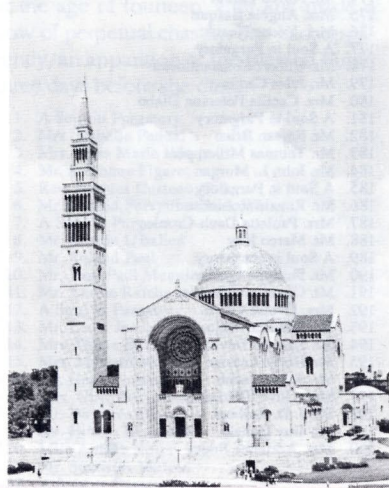
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AMERINDIAN NEWS

KATERI IN THE LAST NICHE...



Those who have visited the magnificent basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. might have noticed that there was still an empty niche...

The basilica was decorated to recapitulate the glories and saints of the United States. So who would occupy this niche more fittingly than one who is the patroness of all the Indians of North America: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. She will also be the first Indian saint ever canonized.

A model for a new statue had to be chosen. So Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, consulted with Frs. L. Cyr and T. Egan, S.J. and a few Mohawk Indians and made a decision for the kind or statue: it is a replica of the statue sculpted by Emile Brunet, standing in front of the Kateri School in Kahnawake. The new sculptor is pleased with the choice.

It is our hope now that the statue will be placed in the niche to coinci-

de with the canonization of Blessed Kateri. Let us pray.

A TEE PEE CHURCH

The Indian Island reserve is the home of a small Micmac band, six miles from Rexton, New Brunswick. The people there are very religious.

The desire of the people to worship in their own church, in their own community, and preferably in English or even better... in Micmac language, made them decide to build a church that would be dedicated to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. A professional designer designed the church which architecturally combines the traditional, Indian spiritual culture with accepted church traditions. It was designed in form of a Tee Pee. It will provide a spiritual home for the Indian Island people and a distinct tourist attraction open to all faiths and cultures.



The Church committee has been working on this project for approximately six years. Their funds are limited and only permit them to work a little at the time.

The Indian Island People will be very grateful for any donations received. The Mailing address is: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, P.O. Box 3, Indian Island, N.B., E0A 1L0

KATERI IN VANCOUVER

The Oblate Fathers have opened up a Native Catholic Center in Vancouver which they call Kateri Center. It was opened in 1980 and caters to 30,000 Natives living in Vancouver as transients, such as teachers, nurses, lawyers... professionals and ordinary laborers. Fr. Ivan McCormack, O.M.I. is in charge of the Center. There is an Oblate Brother and two Indian ladies as helpers.

Because of the number of Indian people who migrated from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, mass has to be celebrated in English on Sunday, except when homogeneous groups gather for a wedding, a prayer service or a special meeting.

Since Fr. Ivan visited the Shrine of Kateri in Kahnawake at the end of June, Kateri will become more alive in the Center and amongst all Natives of B.C. Father promised to tell every one: "I've seen the Shrine of the Lily of the Mohawks!"

THE V.-P. GOES TO AURIESVILLE

A year after his nomination as Vice-Postulator for Kateri's Cause, Fr. Jacques Bruyère, S.J. is invited to Auriesville, N.Y. on Kateri's Feastday—July 14 in the United States—to celebrate Mass and give the homily at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs.

On this radiant Sunday, Fr. Panet was pleased to see the big turn-out.

Kateri Awards were presented during Mass to Sr. Mary Pelagia Litkowski, to Fr. Walter Stocklosa and a few Girl Guides of Albany, all outstanding in their devotion to Kateri.

The Kahnawake Mohawk Mixed Choir sang beautifully in their own language. Fr. Bruyère in his homily stressed the point that Kateri became a saint for her faithfulness in little things, pleasing God in everything as a "joyful lover".



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At 6 p.m. a banquet was served to honor the awardees and also Fr. T. Egan, S.J. who celebrates his 50th Anniversary as a Jesuit this year. Mary Eunice, Sarah Hassenplug, Terri Steele



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and Mrs Marlene McCauley entertained the guests, Fr. Paret being the gracious master of ceremonies.

Congratulations to Fr. John Paret for the wonderful organization of this Feast Day!

At Kanesatake

BLESSING OF A BLESSED KATERI STATUE

A.A.Q. and OKAMI magazine

On April 21st, at 2:30 pm, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, all radiant, was expecting her guests in the splendor of this historical Church of the Annunciation Parish, in Oka.



Mr. Marcel Demers, P.S.S., the pastor, opened the ceremony addressing a word of welcome to the faithful. Many came from afar, under a pouring rain.

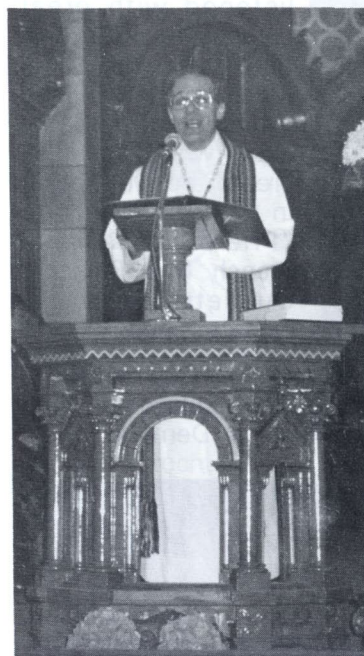
The initial prayer was the one used to ask for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri. Amidst the praying crowd, the sculptor of the statue, Jacques Bourgault, presented his homage to the young Indian girl in a very special manner.



Sr. Marie-Laure Simon, C.N.D., read the prayer, Mr. Philippe Quevillon, the Epistle and Fr. Louis-Marie Turcotte, trappist, the Gospel.

Here are some extracts of the homily pronounced by Mr. Demers:

When we wish to recall the life of Kateri Tekakwitha, nothing extraordinary comes to our mind. And if we are ever asked why she is a saint, we are at times taken aback to find an answer.



Most certainly she mortified herself in many exceptional ways; most certainly she pronounced a vow of virginity in a cultural environment that seemed unable to comprehend it; most certainly she suffered various humiliations because of her faith, but we can foresee that these are not the essential aspects.

It is in her daily life that Kateri showed most impressively her holiness, in the humble actions of her every day existence. Her attention to others and to her Lord was clothed by an exceptional quality but did not make her do anything spectacular.

Her seductive power was exercised in a mild manner. For example, people would like to go to the Mission church at the same time as she went, in order to see her pray. On her part, there was no ostentation whatever, but others could perceive, through her, an authentic communion with the Lord.

And still we find heroism in her life. For example, she would abstain from eating meat on Sunday. To be faithful to her Lord, she would not work on that day, and the others would therefore refuse to give her food. She found that the love of God was more important than food.

The sanctity of Kateri was then exercised, as we saw, in the humble unfolding of daily life and also in her radical choices.

After Kateri discovered Jesus, she understood that He was the treasure of her life. It was worthwhile renouncing everything else to own this treasure, this expensive pearl. At the age of 20, Kateri discovered with wonder the one who was to give meaning to her whole life.

Now, we, aren't we sometimes worn-out and blasé Christians? Hasn't routine choked our power of amazement?

To take interest in Kateri is to accept a challenge: the one of recovering a new impulse, a new freshness in our Christian life.



The congregation listened with great composure, filled with emotion, the Ave Maria of Gounod sung by a soprano, Carol Cree, who also interpreted the Our Father in English and the "Prière" of Fauré in French. Mrs. Francine Ouellette accompanied the singer.

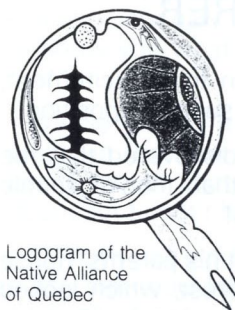
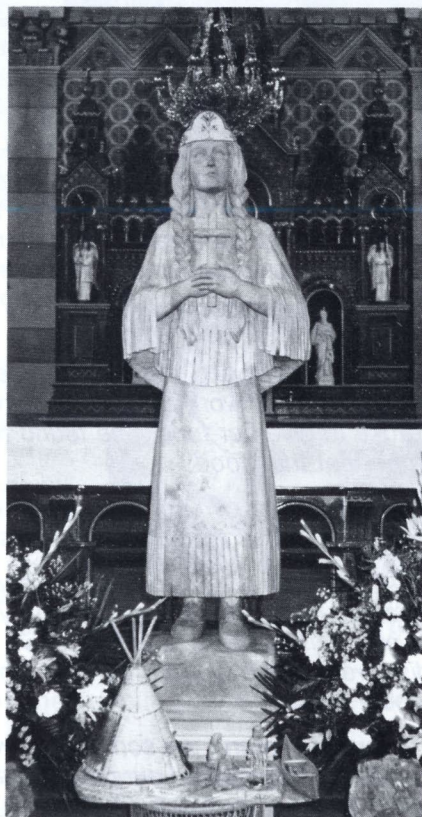
After the prayers of the faithful, read by Mr. Guy Bélisle, a prayer to the Mohawk virgin and the singing of Our Father, then the proper blessing of the statue by Rev. Fr. Marcel Demers, P.S.S.

This sculpture in yellow pine, life-size, is the work of this renowned Quebec artist, Jacques Bourgault of Saint-Jean-Port-Joli, QC.

The ceremony was enhanced by the presence of representatives of the civil state: Mrs. Lise Bourgault, federal member of Parliament of Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes, Mr. Jean-Guy Bergeron, provincial delegate of Deux-Montagnes, Mr. Roger Paquin, member of the National Bureau of direction of the Parti Québécois.

Two singers accompanied by an accordion, Mrs. Mavis Cree Étienne and Helen Cree, livened up the feast.

The admirers without exception offered their sincere congratulations to the artist and those who collaborated in some way to the success of the celebrations.



Logogram of the Native Alliance of Quebec



After the religious ceremony, most of the invited guests went to the Kanesatake gymnasium for the launching of a special issue of the OKAMI magazine (Oka-Ami), journal of the Historical Society of Oka, sponsored by the

Alliance Autochtone du Québec. Mr. Philippe Quevillon, coordinator of the feasts and president of the AAQ, Oka Section, warmly welcomed the attendants.

After having mentioned the presence of many religious and political personalities as well as the honorific Abenaki Chief, Mr. Jean-Guy Landry, Mr. Quevillon stressed the point that the AAQ was happy to be able to communicate with all the members of the audience, Quebecers, Metis or Indians and that it desired "to lay the foundations of friendship and of fraternity so that the two communities may continue to live side by side respecting each one's identity. "It's a challenge we gave ourselves and it's a realistic one."

Amongst other homages rendered to many personalities, a peace pipe, full of symbols and named "Kanesatake" was offered to the Historical Society of Oka represented by the president himself, Mr. Noël Pominville.

A delicious buffet of friendship was served gratuitously to close the celebration.

N.B. For more information on Alliance Autochtone du Québec, available in English, please write to:

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WIHIO THE WANDERER

When Wihio was born, the good spirits, in their excitement, blessed him with the urge to travel and a sunny disposition.

He never regretted it. Especially when he discovered that the life of a wanderer is much more interesting than that of people who are always in their teepee. Travelling is fun!

As soon as he could handle a bow, Wihio left his parents' house to seek adventure. He headed for the great forest, which looked blue in the distance, at the feet of the snow-capped mountains.

Once there, there were so many outlooks that, accustomed to the plains, he did not know where to look. And then there were the tumultuous torrents of water sweeping away everything in their path, sunlit clearings, tall pines whose crowns were so high he could barely make them out.

Wihio also met animals there that he had never seen before. He began talking right away with everyone he met. In this way, he acquired much wisdom in the forest. Among many other things, he knew that a bear was king of the animals in these northern forests. A terrible beast, who jealously guarded the rich hunting grounds along the Bear river. It was frozen. Not worrying about bear's den nearby, Wihio made a hole in the ice and started to catch fish. He soon heard a heavy tread behind him and angry growls. Acting as through nothing unusual was happening, he continued to pull one trout after another from the hole. The bear approached in a towering rage.



"How dare you catch my fish!" the bear roared. Wihio gazed up at him, and grinned. "Ah! There you are at last! I've heard that you use your paw to catch fish, so that many get away. I've come to show you what to do to fish in manner worthy of you. Watch me!"

Wihio placed fresh bait on his line, and dropped it into the water. In the blink of an eye, he made such a fine catch that the bear's mouth started to water just to see it. "That's all well and good, but I don't have a fishing rod," he said in a vexed tone.

"That's not a problem! You've got a good thick tail. There's not a fish that wouldn't be happy to take a bite. All you have to do is sit by the hole and let your tail hang in the water. As soon as you feel a fish, pull it out quick."

"That's not a bad idea. But I warn you. Don't play tricks with me, or you'll have this to answer to!" said the bear, brandishing a powerful paw under Wihio's nose. Then, without another word, the bear sat down by the hole.

Soon, he felt something pulling at his tail. He waited a bit for the fish to get a good hold, then tried to pull his tail out. But his tail would not obey him. It stayed where it was.

"Come quickly! I've got a big one!" he cried to Wihio.

"Don't be so silly," answered Wihio, howling with laughter. "You haven't caught anything. It's your tail that's caught in the ice! Serves you right, big bully!"

Gathering the fish he had caught and placing them in his bag, Wihio calmly walked away, humming a tune to the stupid bear.

The bear roared terribly and did everything he could to free himself. But his tail was held fast in the ice that was growing thicker and thicker. So he gathered his strength into one gigantic leap. Crack! He rolled over, stunned. He had almost no tail left, just a little stub. He had really been taught a lesson!

A Micmac tale taken from
Légendes et contes des Indiens d'Amérique,
Vladimir Hulpach, Gründ, Paris, 1966.
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ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CENTER

Our anticipated expenses:

• Kateri issues (4)	30,000.
• Postage	12,000.
• Salaries (4; V.-P.: no salary)	60,000.
• Office expenses (rent, supplies)	17,000.
• Fed. and Prov. Min. of Revenue	7,100.
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Projects:

• Printing of Fr. Béchard's last book: <i>A life of Kateri</i>	15,000.
• Holy pictures - posters... ..	5,000.
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	20,000.

Anticipated income:

• Subscriptions	45,000.
• Donations	40,000.
• Sale of medals, statues, cards... ..	5,000.
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KATERI TEKAKWITHA

URGENT

Dear friends of Kateri,

Every month, the Kateri Center is sinking in the red. To remedy this situation and to financially stabilize the Center, we are founding a Club, the "Band of Kateri". The revenues obtained by support of this Club will permit the Center to pay for all its expenses incurred for a good administration: rent, salaries, printing of the magazine, cost of materials, taxes... for a total amount of \$126,000.00 a year.

Why this name? According to the story of Kateri, we learn that, about 1678, at the Mission, they talk about "Kateri's Band". The choice of this little group was made by symbiosis. "The holiness of Kateri attracted, like a magnet, the most fervent ones". She had intimate friends who will be called after her death "her sisters". Their life was exacting: renunciation to coquetry, devotion towards the poor and the sick, sharing of their spiritual life.

Our "Band of Kateri" will adapt to the times: devotion to the Mohawk Virgin, promoting of the Cause and commitment to help Kateri Center.

The commitment consists in guaranteeing a donation of one hundred dollars every year. For the Kateri Center to continue to exist, we must attain 1,000 members. The continuing state of deficit of the Center is harming the flowering of the Cause.

To become member of this Club, please fill in the attached formula. We will send you a membership card of the "Kateri Band Club".

We are aware of your generosity and we rely on your prayers and collaboration so that the "Kateri Band" will survive. Our wish: May it grow like it was born, by personal relationship!

The Band Chief,

Jacques Brumby

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HERITAGE AND HOPE; EVANGELIZATION IN AMERICA (cont'd)



*The great explorer greets the Tainos
Indians on Hispaniola island.*

For 500 years the Gospel of Jesus Christ informed the life of the Americas, attempting to complete and fulfill that which was good in both the native, and immigrant cultures and confront what was not. The stories of the many evangelizers who strove to spread the good news are numerous and varied. Here are a few examples.

Christopher Columbus

The year 1992 marks the half-millennium of the voyage of Christopher Columbus. He was the son of a Europe freshly astir, reaching out for new resources and new trade routes to the East. It was also a Europe in which missionary fervor ran

high. On Oct. 12, 1492, Columbus planted the cross on the soil of the Americas. He named the land San Salvador—Holy Savior—and thus began the process of bringing Christianity to the hemisphere.

Early Spanish Missionaries

Spain surpassed all other colonial powers in its comprehensive efforts to bring the Gospel to America. The hundreds of missionaries who came to the new land shared a concern for applying the Gospel to all of life.

Secular priest **Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales** dedicated the first Catholic parish in what is now the United States in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1565 and began work among the Timucuan Indians of Florida. In 1599 **Franciscan friars** established churches in northern New Mexico to serve new communities of settlers as well as Native American converts. **Eusebio Francisco Kino**, the 17th-century Jesuit missionary to Sonora and Arizona, set the stage for the conversion and transformation of tens of thousands of desert-dwelling Native Americans. The upper California coast

was the venue for the work of one of the most indefatigable of Franciscan missionaries, Blessed Fray **Junipero Serra**. Serra's zeal for the conversion of souls has carried into our times as special inspiration for priestly vocations.

Juan Diego and Hispanic Americans: The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

That process by which Christianity became not the religion of the invader but the prized possession of the native peoples and of the many peoples of mixed European and Native American descent is perhaps best symbolized in the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. According to the long-established tradition, the Nahuatl Indian peasant Juan Diego recounted his vision of the Virgin Mary appeared to him in Tepeyac in 1531. He told of how she appeared on the site of a shrine to the virgin mother goddess Tonantzin, venerated by the native peoples. As one greater than the sun god, Mary appeared to hide the sun, whose rays shone around her. As one greater than the moon goddess, she seemed to stand on the moon itself. Yet she appeared not as a warlike goddess, but as a young *mestiza*. She wore a little black band that indicated she was an expectant mother. She was beautiful and comforting, promising protection and liberation to Juan Diego in a time of great loss and hardship. The devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe that followed—recently advanced by the Church's beatification of Juan Diego—illustrates vividly how the Gospel was able to find forms of expression that came from the cultures of those to whom it was addressed.



The Maryland Jesuits

It was not only in the Spanish dominion that missions blossomed. The English Jesuits with their pioneer **Andrew White** had great success with the Anacostians and Piscataways despite the persecution of Catholic missionaries by Protestants from Virginia and the decline of the missions in ensuing decades.

The Evangelizers in New France

In New France as well the Gospel accompanied settlement and exploration. French Jesuit missionaries **Pierre Biard** and **Enemond Massé** began their work at Port Royal, Nova Scotia, in 1608. From there they brought the Gospel to Native Americans throughout northern New England. During the 1650s **Blessed Marie of the Incarnation** was part of a small group of Ursuline

Sisters who had come from France to work with the children of Native Americans and French colonists.

In fact, martyrdom was an awful reality for some of the earliest evangelizers. Not all of the native peoples welcomed the missionaries or saw in Christianity a faith and way of life that complemented their own. Brave Franciscan Friar **Juan de Padilla** became the first martyr in North America in 1542. He dwelled with the native people in the Kansas Prairie. Spanish Dominican Friars **Luis Cancer**, **Diego de Tolosa** and lay Brother **Fuentes** were killed in the area of Tampa Bay in 1549. Jesuit **Juan Bautista Segura** lost his life in Virginia in 1571. Eight other Jesuits, who were later known as the North American martyrs, gave up their lives in the spread of the Gospel. Among them were **Isaac Jogues** and **Rene Goupil**, who were killed in 1646 in what is now Auriesville, N.Y.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha



The word that was brought by the early missionaries to the Native American peoples yielded rich fruit that was nowhere more evident than in the life of the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Kateri was born in 1656 in the Indian village of Ossernenon (in the area that is now upstate New York). Orphaned as a child, she came to the Christian faith at age 20 through the ministry of a French Jesuit. Her new faith brought upon her abuse and ostracism from her family and tribe. A year later she fled her village to another Christian one near Montreal. There she became known for a life of great charity as she shared her faith.

Evangelization and the African Americans

Around the time of Columbus' first voyage, Europe was also taking new interest in Africa. The need for laborers in the American colonies gave rise during the next century to the slave

trade that linked the three continents during the colonial period. The injustice done to the African peoples was profound and deplorable. Despite the oppression, there were those evangelizers who sought to serve their black brothers and sisters. **Alonso de Sandoval** and Jesuit St. Peter Claver who began his work as a priest and physician that resulted in the conversion of over 300,000 slaves to Christianity.

The Gospel took root and bore fruit among the African-American people. Peruvian mulatto **St. Martin de Porres**; in Florida, former slave **Francisco Menendez**; the saintly **Pierre Toussaint**; Mother **Mary Elizabeth Lange** became the foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1829, the first congregation of African-American women religious. In 1842, **Henriette Delille** and **Juliette Gaudin** began the Holy Family Sisters in New Orleans.

St. Elizabeth Seton, the first person born in the United States to attain sainthood, founded the Sisters of Charity. In 1840, Father **Pierre de Smet**, a Belgian Jesuit missionary, began an extensive evangelization program for the entire Northwest of the United States. He was frequently called on by the U.S. government to write treaties of peace. His successful missionary work marked one of the most imaginative evangelization efforts in the history of the church in the United States. **Felix Varela**, born in 1788 in Cuba, strove to spread the good news in his native land through his teaching and writing in areas of philosophy and politics. **Isaac Hecker** in 1858 founded the first society of North American priests, the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle. **St. Philippine Rose Duchesne** established 6 schools along the Mississippi and worked among the Potawatomi Indians in Kansas. **Blessed Katharine Drexel** founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People.

Economic, political and religious disruptions in Europe during the 19th century occasioned the immigration of thousands of Catholics—Armenians, Czechs, Germans, Irish, Italians, Lithuanians and Poles among others—who were followed by faithful pastors and religious. **St. John Neumann**, himself an immigrant seminarian from Bohemia, served immigrant communities. **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**, Italian-born founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and worked among Italian immigrants.

In the 20th Century, each generation has tested the resolve and inventiveness of those who tried to spread the good news. The call of the Gospel to penetrate every aspect of human life has been heard by many in our day.

In addition to those who have become widely known for their work, there have been millions who have passed down the faith from one generation to another within the family. The stories of those family evangelizers need to be remembered and told in this time of commemoration.

To be continued...



A MOHAWK IN THE SPORTS' PANTHEON OF QUEBEC

The story behind the medals won by Alwyn Morris at the LA Olympics in 1984, is nothing less than a homage to the ideal of amateur sports.

Since he joined the Onake Paddling Club in Kahnawake at the age of 15, Alwyn became the greatest specialist of canoe-kayak in the history of Canadian sports. With the challenges he had to face, his successes demonstrated his worth.

Born in the small native locality of Kahnawake, practically assimilated by a Canadian way of life, certain activities offered themselves to assure the personal development of the Natives. He pursued his training in spite of inevitable sacrifices: isolation and the unavoidable prejudices against his origin.

HIS EXPLOITS

A long list of personal exploits testify of his perseverance and courage. Member of the Canadian team in three Olympic Games (1980-1984-1988), he was also a member of the Canadian delegation in nine world championships. He was the Canadian champion in K-1 between 1980 and 1985. But his best paddled stroke was given in 1984, at the LA Games, when he received the Gold Medal (1000 m) and the bronze (500 m) in K-2. After spending eight years with the best paddlers of the world, his participation in the Games of Seoul represented the last contribution of his remarkable athletic career.

NEW FIELD OF INTEREST

Education, problems related to drug and alcohol, physical fitness and environment account for the fields of interest of Alwyn Morris. His personality and facility to communicate with others have made him an excellent spokesman for different groups and on a variety of subjects.

He represented Canada as ambassador of the Youth during the International Year of the Youth and created the National Foundation of Education and Sports among the Natives.

At each moment, Alwyn donated himself to the cause of excellence, which allowed him to reach his goal.

(La Presse, 17 mai 1991)
Translated by J.B.

KATERI CENTER NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from April 22 to July 22, 1991.

Alcoholic Problems Solved	2
Articles Found	7
Better Health	23
Business Problems Solved	2
Cures	9
Employment Found or Kept	21
Financial Aid	7
Lodgings	5
Properties Bought or Sold	3
Safe Pregnancies	7
Safe Trips	7
Successful Studies	5
Successful or Averted Operations	13
Temporal Favors	15

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

A religious nun, Montreal, Qc, 30;
Sr Elizabeth Côté, Montreal, Qc, 100.

BIRTH OF KATERI'S BAND CLUB

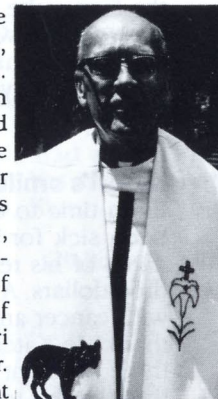
The "KATERI BAND" Club is born. A lovely baby who should please Kateri and Fr. Béchar.

Already its future is taking shape: a Club of a 1,000 members, of 2,000 members! The baby will grow fast. The members will rush to his crib like generous fairies. They will be proud of showing their member card. Their affection for the Indian maiden will grow. They will experience the protection of Kateri on themselves.

If your heart is stirred by this call, please fill in the formula of adhesion on p. 19.

NEW AMERICAN V.-P.

Since the month of June, Fr. John J. Paret has been appointed director of the Shrine of our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, N.Y. and vice-postulator of the Cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Fr. Paret has spent 25 years doing parochial work in the district of San Juan of Puerto Rico, in Manhattan and in the Crown Heights of Brooklyn. He worked especially with the Hispanic group, but his zeal also brought him to take care of an Haitian community in Brooklyn. These ministries have really enlarged the horizons of his apostolate.



Fr. Paret is replacing Fr. Robert Boyle, S.J. who exercised the same functions during 10 years. He is now continuing to work for the Cause of Kateri.

CORRECTION

In our last issue, the Center published on p. 25, a tableau painted by Sr. Mariette Bergeron. A faithful reader attracted our attention to the fact that it was rather the painting of Mother Nealis. We warn the readers concerned with authenticity that the tableau of Sr. Mariette Bergeron is a copy of the pictures rightly attributed to Mother Margaret-Mary Nealis, R.S.C.J.

TESTIMONIES OF FAVORS OBTAINED

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

I used to write to Father Henri Béchard quite often and tell him some of my problems. Now dear Father Bruyère, I hope you don't mind getting my letters. I want to thank Blessed Kateri for the favors she has bestowed on me and my family. Thanks to her I have a son who was cured of a drinking problem and I want to say that he hasn't been drinking for over a year now... I am enclosing a sympathy enrollment, my renewal and a five dollar donation.

(Sudbury, Ont.)

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

From time to time I used to write to Father Béchard but having been sick for the past year have not kept up to date with the name of his replacement. I am enclosing a cheque for two hundred dollars. A dear religious friend of mine was sent home to die with cancer and no hope of recovering. Now she is on the mend thanks to Kateri. I, too, have been diagnosed as having cancer in three different places and hope that Blessed Kateri will help me through this trying time. I have confidence Blessed Kateri will get me into remission. She has never failed me. With prayers for Kateri's canonization.

(Montreal, QC)

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

I recently won a small amount of money and would like to donate some of it to Kateri's Cause. I feel she helped me to get by with this money. Many thanks.

(Grand Coulee, Sask.)

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

Enclosed find a cheque for ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for her help and prayers for recovery from a serious operation of a pinched nerve in my back. I feel much better...

(Saco, ME)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, H. and A. O'N.!**

On January 3, 1991, I had cancer surgery and the surgeon saw a spot on my liver but he left it alone. My brother and I promised one hundred dollars each for Kateri's Cause if the CAT Scans were favourable. Both scans reported my liver normal. Enclosed are two checks of one hundred and twenty dollars each for Kateri's Cause. We are very grateful for this favour and will continue to pray for Kateri's early canonization.

(Chatham, Ont.)

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

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

Please find enclosed a cheque for one hundred dollars to renew my subscription, for a sympathy enrollment and the balance in thanksgiving for so many favors received, among which were work obtained for my son, great improvement in health for myself and a safe vacation for my daughter. I would be happy to receive a few Kateri prayer cards. Thank you.

(St. Catharines, Ont.)

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

Please accept my donation of twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for many favors received. In 1990 I had my right hip replaced due to arthritis, this January I had my left hip replaced. I prayed to Kateri to help me and she has answered my prayers, my health is improving. Thank you, Kateri. May your canonization be very soon.

(Baltimore, MD)

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

I am enclosing a check for seventy-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri. I had a very bothersome rash on both feet and I am sure my daily prayers for the canonization of Kateri helped clear up this condition. Please use the amount needed to renew my subscription for a year and the remaining amount to be used at your discretion. I will continue to pray to Kateri daily and may God soon number her among His family of Saints.

(Baltimore, MD)

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

Enclosed is a cheque for one hundred dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri. I had prayed to Kateri, to help me get more business from Ontario. She has helped me get business and also keeps me firm in the knowledge that she will always help me. My family and myself pray for her canonization. I have sent literature on Blessed Kateri to India and they are praying for her too...

(Pointe Claire, QC)

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

I had written to you a few weeks ago, to pray for me so that I wouldn't need an operation. Well now I'm sending you this check for all the prayers said. I didn't need the operation and I am so thankful to my friend Kateri.

(Bristol, CT)

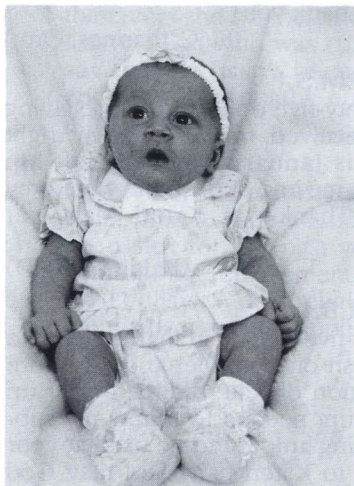
✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. T.L.!**

Enclosed is a small offering for Kateri's intercession so many times. The last one was that we could have our car repaired and not have to buy another one.

(Springfield, TN)

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

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Kateri Dudsak
Born April 4, 1991
Nowell, New Jersey

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- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
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- ☐ Success in Studies
- ☐ Peace in the World

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Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

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