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BLESSED KATERI IN WASHINGTON D.C.

FATHER A. JOVENEAU, A GREAT MISSIONARY, R.I.P.

THE TREE OF LIFE

A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO YOU!

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THE MOHAWKS**
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Aim

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.

Contents

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.

Benefits

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

The tree of life in the Garden of Eden has always moved our curiosity. The fruit of that tree was to confer immortality. Thus man was naturally mortal... The Sages though see in Wisdom that "the tree of life" was able to satiate right away those who ate from it.

Whatever it may be, it was a tree of life, sign of the vital force of God in the world.

«By the forbidden fruit, we were vowed to death;
But the tree of life on which the Lord suffered
Has made satisfaction for our sins.»

Man lost by the fruit of the tree of Paradise was then saved by the tree of Golgotha. The new Adam was nailed on to it to make up for all the sins of the world.

Golgotha means "cranium, skull", and the cross of salvation is often represented as being planted there where the skull of Adam would repose. This tree of the cross is evidently the tree of life par excellence giving us not only natural life but also making us regain divine life. This tree renders to men what he has been created for: to share the very life of His Creator. The tree of the cross opened the way which leads to the regained paradise where the tree of life gives fruit to us.

What a lovely coincidence that the Natives would adopt the tree of life as their vision of life. This tree which pushes its roots in the four directions show us how all human beings get their life from the same source and that the Indians share peace and love with all people. The tree stretches its branches and its foliage to shelter and protect all human beings.

Blessed Kateri had from her youth the love of the cross. She would carve it in the bark of trees. It inspired her to make penance in order to imitate the Lord in His passion. This cross meant for her the love of the one who hung on it, a love stronger than death. In an apparition to Anastasia, Kateri showed herself holding a cross and telling her very distinctly: "Mother, see this cross; see how lovely it is, how I loved it on earth! I love it just as much in heaven. How I wish every one would love it like me!"

May the good Kateri obtain for us the love of the cross which is for us a tree of life - a tree reaching to life eternal."

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator

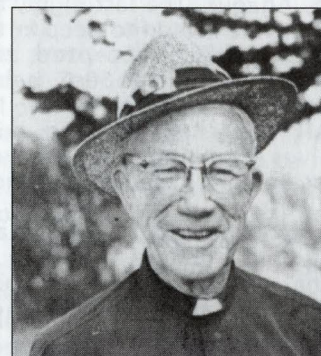


The Martin Skondegonrasken Roll

Martin Skondegonrasken, one of Kateri's contemporaries was only 18 years old when he settled down at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in 1673. Predisposed to Christianity, he was baptized after only two months of probation. He had a great devotion to Mary. During the Xmas hunt, he fell seriously ill. In the heart of the forest, Our Lady appeared to him three times. Soon he would be with her in paradise, she promised. He died on Xmas day.

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AMERINDIAN NEWS



An un-retired missionary monk...

This year **Fr Daniel Madlon** O.S.B. will be 86. "According to stipulation for priests, he writes, I was supposed to be retired at 76. But I have always been un-retired. Thank God. I still keep doing pastoral work, offering Mass for the elderly going on communion calls, visiting the hospital, working with AA and having prayer meetings. We are short of priests.

This year I shall be a priest 60 years. God has been so good to keep me healthy and spry. I thank Him all the time. What sufferings I have I share with my Saviour. Jesus says: "Do this in memory of Me!"

I came among our Indian people on June 24th 1934, in a Model Ford, in the midst of a dust storm. It was during the "Dirty Thirties". I drove in a much needed rainstorm at night. Dust and Rain and Wind changed the Dust to mud. It plastered my windshield. I have survived crossing the frozen Missouri River in a snow-storm. I have slept in the snow. When roads were blocked by a blizzard, I

put food on a child's sled and pulled it over snowdrifts to the isolated and hungry. I also rode a horse. I drove trucks and begged for grain, cattle, hogs and chickens, picked up old refrigerators, old time iron cooking stoves and charity clothes... for our school and mission store.

Trouble is opportunity in work clothes. It helped me to be a good shepherd, a good samaritan and bring others out of the ditches of selfishness, self-pity, alcoholism, addictions to drugs, hunger and want. I pray for all priests so that they will not be disposal maniacs, disorderly but prudent planners, diligent in their work, blameless in their speech and conduct, so that their lives will be well ordered like Blessed Kateri. Lord, help us to make your work our work."

Daniel Madlon O.S.B.

*St Michael's Indian Mission
St Michael, North Dakota 58370*

P.S. Father said he was forgiving those who were torturing his name "Madlon", calling him "Mad Lion".

If you wish to meet Fr Madlon you can do so at the annual Tekakwitha Conference or else go and see him at the St Michael's Indian Mission, at St Michael, North Dakota, 58370.



A Grand Premiere in the Artic

This movie costing \$32 million, *Agaguk* (Shadow of Wolf) was shown as a premiere in Povungnituk, on January 27, 1993, *Agaguk*, all about Inuit culture, was presented in the gymnasium of the village school. A full house, as could be expected, where the Innuits recognized themselves more or less even though one elder said: "For the first time, we get the impression that the Whites have understood us." This remark holds an oriental connotation... because there were too many incongruities on the screen (like killing a whale with one shot, lack of silence in the tundra, a Polar bear from a Florida Zoo crying to go home, a melting pot of influences, the American being predominant.)



It was quite a picnic for the 22 media from Quebec, Ontario and France invited to the gala. The village people welcomed them with dog-sleights to offer them strong emotions, then showed them an igloo being built and the banquet made of local delicacies: marinated caribou, frozen belungas ilgoo-cake in honor of the

hero, *Agaguk*. The last night, the guests were invited to sleep in the igloos. Fifteen accepted this nocturnal exploit at 50 C. below zero.

All the films dealing with Natives (Dancing with Wolves, Black Robe...) have revealed how difficult it is for Whites to incarnate their souls. The Indians don't hold a grudge to us because of that. All they expect is respect and understanding from their White brothers and sisters.

Oregon missionaries meet

For the first time in the province, missionaries from Alaska and the Rocky Mountain Missions met to talk about common concerns and approaches.

Organized by the two superiors, Frs. Ted Kestler (Alaska) and Dick Mercy (Rocky Mountain), the 19 participants met for three days at St. Paul's Mission on the Swinomish Reservation in LaConner, Wash.

Much of the discussion focused on mutual attempts to encourage and train both Eskimos and Indians for spiritual ministry among their own peoples. The Rocky Mountain Missions has developed the successful Kateri Training Institute; in Alaska, there are native lay ministry and deacon training programs.

But both groups expressed concern over lack of follow-up programs and proper support and guidance for those exercising ministry in native villages and on reservations.

Appreciation for the richness of native spirituality, integrated within sacramental and liturgical contexts, was expressed. During the prayers and liturgies at St. Paul's, members of the Swinomish tribe joined the Jesuits.

1993: the International Year of the Indigenous People

The United Nations, as it did last year for all the Hispanic people, proclaimed 1993, the International Year of the Native Peoples all over the world. What good the Natives will derive from this year-long celebration is hard to foretell. If they come out into the open out of too many guettos non-Indians will get to know them better, understand their claims and rights, respect them and love them. This would be a great step forward.

At the opening of this special year on Dec. 10, all the grand chiefs of the First Nations of Canada were in New York. The new movie "Agaguk" was shown on this occasion and the offering of the Nobel prize for Peace was made to this Guatemalan militant, Rigoberta Menchu.

Concern of the Church

We know the attention that Pope John Paul II has given the Natives on his visit to Canada: first in Saint Anne-de-Beaupré, in Midland, then on a special visit to the Deme Indians in British Columbia. The Bishops of the United States wrote a long pastoral letter in 1991 to show their concern for all the Natives. In 1992, the Canadian Bishops also issued a document on the "First Nations and the Church in Canada... on the occasion of the 500th anniversary." "It is a time, they said," to consider past accomplishments and failures but also look with hope to the future." Then the Bishops supporting the Pope's appeal for a New Evangelization, also called for this. "For Canadians this must necessarily involve sustained international

collaboration, as well as every effort to shape a society which is tolerant, inclusive and just. One major test for evaluating our success in transforming Canadian society will be the extent to which the economic, political and social situation of our native people changes."

It is to be wished that 1993 will bring the realization of the project of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous people and that it will convince the member countries of the UN to endow the UN with an organism representing Natives.

Kateri's Cause

Recently many declarations have been made by the Catholic Church regarding the many contributions of the Natives to the Church, especially giving her a saint: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. It is evident that to-day the church gives importance to the native values and life concepts and in the positive input they bring to the life of our Christian communities.

So would it be presumptuous to hope for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha during the Year of the Natives? It would be like the gift of the Church to the Natives, in gratefulness to them...

Kateri will also continue to be a sign of unity for the Natives, a model for all lay-persons and an example of "innocence and faith", so needed to-day. May we see Bl. Kateri publicly proclaimed saint to the whole world. This is the ardent desire of so many a native as well as all their Catholic brothers and sisters.

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.

BLESSED KATERI in Washington D.C.



**Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
in Washington D.C.**

Dear Friends,

November 16, 1992 is now one of the great historical dates of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. It was on that day, in the evening, that the beautiful Statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, carved out of pure white Vermont marble, was Blessed and dedicated.

At Mass preceding the ceremony, concelebrated by over two hundred members of the hierarchy, Peg Bova, Mohawk, Fred and Florence Reed, Laguna, and Burton and Eleanor Pretty On Top, Crow, carried the gifts to the altar. After Mass a procession went to the Hall of the American Saints where Cardinal James Hickey, Archbishop of Washington and Chairman of the Board of the Basilica, explained the great importance of the event and thanked the members of the Board of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions - Cardinal John O'Connor, President, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua and Archbishop William Keeler, for the gift of the Statue to the Basilica. He then invited Cardinal O'Connor to offer the meaningful prayers of the Church's blessing of Images and of the Saints.

Before the prayers, Cardinal O'Connor expressed the deep gratitude of the Church for the gifts of the Native Americans, and said "we are humble because of your many gifts to us." Participating in the Blessing was a choir of Mohawk singers from Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada, where Kateri is buried. The choir, along with Father Jacques Bruyere, S.J., Vice-Postulator of the Cause of Kateri in Canada, sang several hymns - one a hymn to Kateri Tekakwitha, in the Mohawk language. The important moment arrived and Cardinal O'Connor asked me to assist him in the unveiling of the Statue. I consider that invitation an honor as Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions - and I am grateful to Cardinal O'Connor.

Then His Eminence blessed the sweet grass that burned over charcoal and Mohawk ladies, Pat Wyland, Julie Daniels, Emily Garrow and Anna Dyer, went through the group of bishops and people brushing the cleansing smoke upon them. At the same time Peg Bova, the lector for the Mass before, read Scripture again as part of the ceremony of

blessing. Mary George, Mohawk, went to the lecturn and prayed while Art Bova, Mohawk, also prayed in the four directions with the traditional Indian pipe. The entire blessing ceremony was very impressive and kept the rapt attention of the huge gathering. After again thanking the Native peoples for their many contributions to the Church, especially giving Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, and for their many gifts to us all, Cardinal O'Connor invited the bishops to join him in the final blessing of the beautiful Statue.

So Blessed Kateri now has a very prominent place in the largest Catholic Church in the United States and thousands of people who visit the Basilica annually will be aware of her. It was evident that those who came by chartered bus from St. Regis Reservation and Syracuse, New York and many Indians from around the country, were deeply moved and were pleased.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Monseigneur Paul Lenz
Executive Director
of the Catholic Indian Missions
Washington, D.C.



The singers at Kahnawake in front of the new statue.

PHOTO: Anne Scheurman

Fr. Joveneau

Oblate missionary, will live on...

In the town of La Romaine, on the Lower North Coast of the Saint-Lawrence River, died of a heart attack, just before Christmas, at the age of 66, Fr Alexis Joveneau O.M.I. It's a big piece of the soul of the Lower North Coast which disappears with him. By his stature, by his history, Fr Joveneau had everything of the ancient pioneers, exiled in our era.

All the travellers who ventured in this region, as if in the confines of the world, 1000 km, from Montreal between Natashquan and Blanc Sablon, where time seems to be at a still would find themselves highly welcomed by this extremely colorful personage, with a proverbial verve and generosity, pastor and mentor of Montagnais community for about 40 years.

Alexis Joveneau of Belgian origin, was born in Tournai, ordained priest at 27 years old and begged to be "shipped to the Natives of Canada." In the years 50, La Romaine did not exist. It is Father Joveneau who contributed in regrouping many Montagnais nomads, encouraging them to settle down. He first lived with them under the tent, then he accompanied them in their Winter hunting trips. La Romaine was and still is in a way, the Summer quarters of a community of semi-nomads.

The strong personality of Fr. Joveneau did not bring him only friends. Some qualified him as a tyrant, some have contested his paternalism towards his community, especially in the first years of his ministry, but no one can ever question the devotion and the fiery energy of this man of action with an extraordinary charism. His commitment to the native culture of which he was a champion made no doubt. As a missionary he struggled all his life for the survival of the Montagnais language. This dialect which at the beginning was an oral one, he translated with the help of the Ministry of Education, published dictionaries, school books, biographies, creating at La Romaine, a small industry of the book. This scholarly man had quite a library in his isolated rectory, where people badly in need of reading could always supply themselves.

It's difficult for a person with an urban frame of mind to imagine the particular world where lived Fr Joveneau, as much as he lived counter current to the realities of Montrealers. La Romaine hardly comprised a thousand souls, two-thirds being Montagnais and one-third white people. No road linked them with the Trans-Canada highway (which stops at Havre St-Pierre). It is literally cut off from the rest of the universe, in winter especially when the boats stop to supply the coast, and when only seaplanes, if the weather permits, make the shuttle. Fr. Joveneau, Montagnais by adoption, made of this "land of Cain", a homeland that he would not leave on any account.

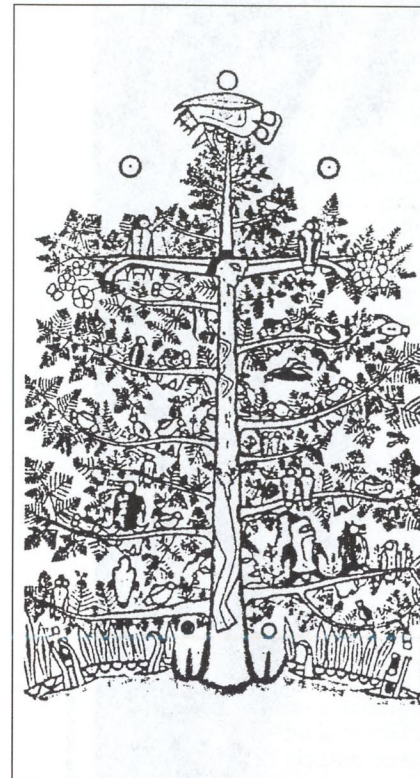
10 years ago, when I was myself employed in the Attikamed-Montagnais Council, a centre of documentation, I stayed at La Romaine. I remember how, one day, Fr. Joveneau, with much pomp came to invite me to "a mass of the drowned alcoholics". La Romaine was a dry village (without permit for alcoholic sales) and many Montagnais took off with a motored-canoe to go and make supplies, not far away at Kegaska. On their way back, all soaked with beer, they were drowned.

This said mass, was celebrated for the repose of their souls. In a church all decorated with hides of beavers and caribous, a large choir of Montagnais were chanting the hymns. La Romaine is the only Montagnais reservation where the ladies have kept their native costumes, with a colored beret, hair tresses on both sides of the head, wearing long skirts and a cross on the chest. To see Fr. Joveneau in the midst of all that, resounding with his stentor voice in Montagnais (with a strong Belgian accent), a sermon on the misdeeds of alcohol was a sight of exotism one will never forget.

But I will remember most of all his warmth, his enthusiasm and his generosity. Alexis Joveneau had one of these fiery personalities, that once encountered one would never forget.

Odile Tremblay
(Trad. J.B.)

Tree of Life



Atohnhéhtshera

This painting is a celebration of life. It reflects a vision of life as seen through the story of the native community.

The stylized owl, which is set atop the tree, reminds us that people are mortal. Death is part of our living.

There are two representations of the Holy Trinity: Three birds sitting on the tree-top and three circles above them.

Birds are considered the medium by which the soul travels. So each bird represents the people who have died, but whose presence is still felt around us. The various faces within the tree represent the people living today, at various ages. When you count all the faces they add up to 12.

Three figures on the lowermost branches: the animal-like form, the human form and the cocoon-shaped figure to the right represent the ancient culture and way of life of the people. They do not figure strongly in the mural but they are still present. Some of the

ancient traditions and the language still remain, but there is much lost.

The naked Christ is depicted as an Indian Christ, for the native peoples adopted him generations ago. He holds wild roses in his hands recalling the practice of giving flowers when a person dies.

Two serpents appear as if through cracks and crevices in the earth with only the heads and tails visible. They represent temptation and the spirit of evil which exists in the world. Each one is grasping at small white butterflies but unable to secure them within their grasp. This is the reward for the dark side: futility.

The tree itself is a Cedar, known for its medicinal purposes and respected by the people. It is well rooted, firmly founded and strong.

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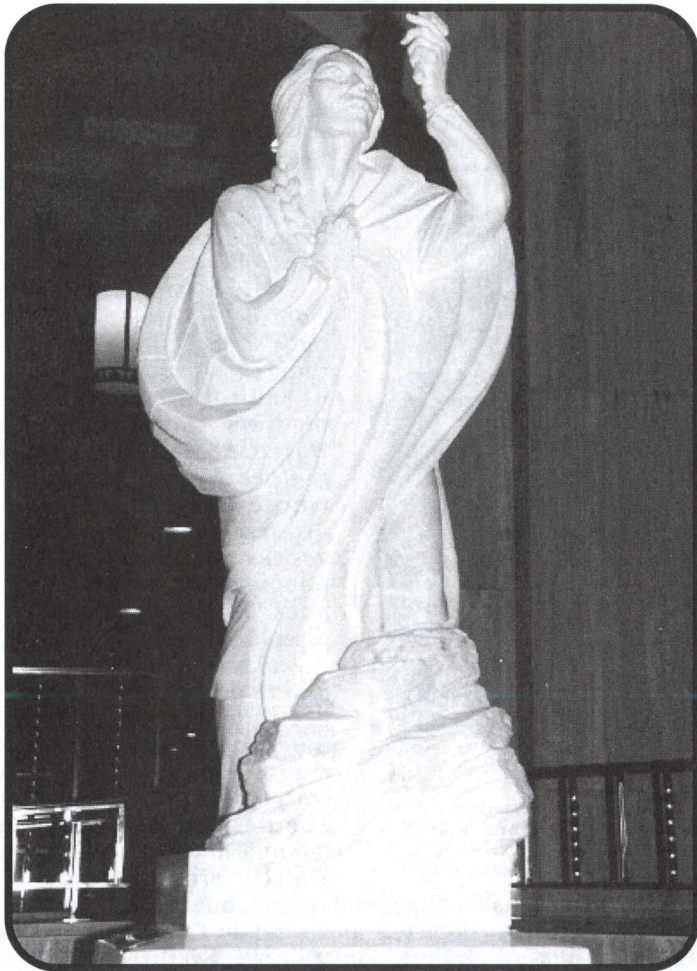


PHOTO: Anne Scheurman

*The Cross is the true tree of life.
By dying on this tree, Christ destroyed death,
by rising, He restored our life,
He deserved for us eternal life.
Let us pass from death to life, with the Lord...*

A VERY HAPPY EASTER!

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

HYMN

Hail, O faithful Cross of Jesus,
Nobler than all other trees;
On your branches hung the Savior,
God's own justice to appease.

You, O Cross, became the balance
On which Jesus' body lay:
All man's sins amassed together
Jesus' death did far outweigh.

Hail, O Cross, our only comfort,
Teach us patience, mercy, love;
Be a fount of inspiration
And of grace from God above. Amen.



HYMN

Faithful Cross, by far the noblest
Of all trees that every grew,
No vast forest ever yielded
Tree so honored as were you.

Planted on Mount Calvary's summit,
Holding Jesus crucified,
Thorns and nails his body tortured,
Gall his thirsty lips denied.

You alone embraced the Savior
As he bowed his head and died;
From his side gushed blood and water,
Whereby we are sanctified. Amen.

Ant. 1. By suffering upon that sacred Cross,
Christ crushed the power of hell; but clothed
with power, he rose again on the third day.

2. That blessed Cross now shines with
splendor upon which the Lord hung in the flesh
and washed our wounds with his blood.

3. Shine resplendently, beloved Cross,
through which the world's salvation was
restored! The Cross has triumphed, the Cross
reigns on high, the Cross vanquishes all evil,



"Kaitanoron Kateri Tekakwitha"

**Tribute to Fr Henri Béchard, S.J.
who died on March 19, 1991**

On November 26, Fr Béchard's posthumous book, "Kaitanoron Kateri Tekakwitha", was officially launched, at Bellarmine House in Montreal. Bishop Hubert was present, as well as Mrs Andrée de Groot, whose paintings and drawings illustrate the book. This publication is a compendium of all that Fr Béchard knew about Kateri, with new findings and additions - the work of his lifetime.

Mrs Madeleine Huet, secretary of Fr Béchard during eight years, who became an expert on Kateri's life herself and helped to finish the book, was the one most qualified to introduce the book and its author to the assembly. Following is a part of her presentation.



Mrs Andrée de Groot
and her painting.

Dear friends of Kateri and Fr Béchard,

I thank Fr Bruyère most sincerely for allowing me to say a few words. This honors me and touches me deeply.

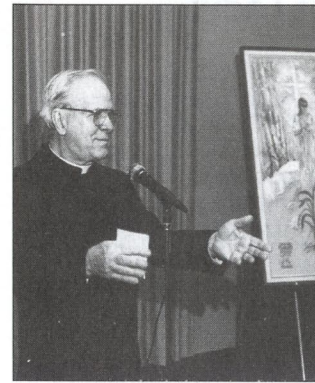
I had the pleasure of collaborating in the making of this book. I worked with Fr Béchard at it for three years. Three hours before his death, I was still discussing it with him...

What a full life Fr Béchard spent on this planet! What a relentless worker he was and how much zeal he showed when it came to make Kateri better known and loved, and to be at the service of the Native people.

The treasure that you will soon hold in your hands, he caressed it, contemplated it, cuddled it. It was his last off-spring, the "thing" which had become the most important for him at the close dawn of his life - at harvest time. His first duties accomplished - duties he never neglected - he gave all his time and energy to this task. All is in this book: the richness of a documentation accumulated during all his career, the depth of his meditation, his ardor at the service of this Mohawk virgin, the ultimate message that he wished to convey to us.

Once he confided to me: "Since a long time, Fr Paul Molinari - the Postulator General in Rome for all Causes of Saints in the Society of Jesus - since a long time had asked me to do this work on the life of Kateri, i.e. a life document with references to the sources, presenting Kateri in her familial social, cultural and historical milieu. Today MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, Fr Béchard: your work is being flown to the Eternal City.

To work with Fr Béchard was at the same time demanding and passionating. "20 times put it back on the loom repeatedly, polish it and



The Vice-Postulator at the
launching of the book.

perfect it relentlessly." Sometimes he would say: "I'm always astonished by the abundance of documents that we have on the life of Kateri", and he always discovered new ones, on Kateri, on her contemporaries and on her era.

So on March 19, 1990, Fr Béchard suddenly took off for heaven, and wham! left us his work, his treasure, not quite finished, in our hands if not to say on our back... oh! the resumption of the work was long and painful. The departure of the Vice-Postulator had left a big empty space in the basement on Rachel St. and the nomination of Fr. Bruyère was slow in coming. In brief, the writing was shelved and we wandered a whole year searching for the Ariadne's clew of Fr Béchard's meanders.

When, all of a sudden, a northern light appeared above the last abode of Fr Béchard. Facing the four winds of St-Jerome heights, lodged in an inspiring suite, the famous Jesuit historian, Fr Lucien Campeau, who welcomed us as a father, helped me tremendously to finish honorably the text of Fr Béchard, supporting me and bringing to the work the super-professional touch which it deserved. I thank him with all my heart and I'd like you to thank him with me.

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This is how at the time of the great move of the Kateri Center to Kahnawake on June 26th, I could hand back the completed work of Fr Béchard to Fr Bruyère. There stops my contribution. For the rest of the work, hats off to the Vice-Postulator.

Madeleine Huet
(Trad. J.B.)

Albert Lazare,
Madeleine Huet,
Mgr Bernard Hubert,
Jacques Bruyère,
Pierre Hébert,
Mrs Andrée de Groot.



Hommage to a Great Lady:

(A Friend of Kateri)

Good works go unnoticed. This is how Alma spent her days on this planet earth. The cross and suffering moulded in her an incomparable soul. All her life, she knew how to forget herself, give herself, love, forgive against the whole world. She consecrated herself entirely to the service of others arms widely stretched out, welcoming one and all, helping the others, whoever they were, to go to the limits of themselves.

A woman of *FAITH, HOPE and COURAGE*.

Even downed by sickness, her faith never failed, clinging to life against all hope. Cured of "a huge mass" on the pancreas by Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in 1988, very grateful, she missed no occasion to make this Blessed better known and spread her devotion. The more she was sick the more she would fight to live very fully every minute that she had to live. On the advice of a priest, she started to ask for a total cure, confiding in the will of God. *FAITH, HOPE and COURAGE* were her apanage. This she showed till her last breath.

A woman of *TRUTH, of PERSPICACITY and FAITH*. Who ever came to her, she gave to one and all a chance, trusting and helping others. She knew how to valorize others bringing the best out of them, forcing to come out all that boils within, as so many buds

cracking with vitality. She was a lady of *DUTY*, a lady with one word, She loved good and beauty, inspiring goodness, meekness and the joy of living to those who came close to her. Her personality was attractive. Moreover she had something which made her really interesting and captivating, always smiling and radiating goodness.

A lady of *GENEROSITY*. Everyone received from her, acquaintances or strangers, rich or poor, to all without exception, she gave and gave without prejudice. All received a gift of herself. The most miser-

able, the less loved, the rejected, the most in need had a special place in her heart, never hesitating to share her coat, her roof, her gifts, her possessions. She consumed herself up, body and soul during 10 years on the Lower North Shore. She even sacrificed her health there. She preached all her life by example. Delicate, sensitive, "a glutton for work", Alma was an *EDUCATOR* in its full meaning, with all the strength of her soul. She added life to her years. As she received a lot she gave a lot, without counting, passing by silently, sowing good around her, not expecting any return.

**Alma was this
MISSIONARY APOSTLE.**



Dr Alma Tchernoff Ph.D.

KATERI CENTER NEWS

FAVORS registred at the Kateri Center from November 4, 1992 to February 2, 1993.

Articles Found	5
Better Health	14
Cures	14
Employment Found or Kept	12
Financial Aid	6
Lodgings	1
Peace in Families	1
Properties Bought or Sold	3
Safe Pregnancies	3
Successful Studies	1
Successful or Averted Operations	6
Temporal Favors	5

Novena to Kateri

Her feast-day will be celebrated at her Shrine in Kahnawaké on April 18. The novena will then start on April 10th at the Mission, Easter being on the second day. Please send us your intentions in advance and order your novena book (\$2 plus postage).

Are you changing address?

After the Xmas Season, there were many returns of the Kateri magazine or letters to the Centre, on account of changed addresses. If you foresee moving soon, please let us know. You will help us to save postage stamps and assure a better delivery. Thanks for helping us to help you.

Kateri at the Gesu in Montreal

The Gesu Church is the oldest Jesuit church in Montreal, Quebec. During

the last resoration an altar was set aside for the founders of the Church of Canada and Blessed Kateri is consi-

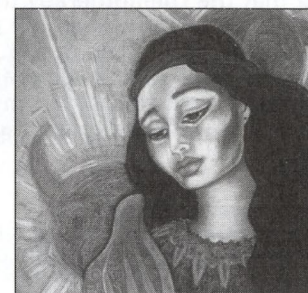


dered one of them. Bishop Saint-Vallier who had made a pilgrimage to her tomb had said: "Kateri was the protectress of the Church of Canada". There are first-class relics attached to every picture. This historical monument of the Gesu is always opened to your veneration.

New Kateri hymn on Cassette

Mrs Marlene Élias of Newbury Park California, made a special recording of a hymn to Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks. The lyrics are hers. As for Maria on Side B, the Music and lyrics are attributed to another friend of Kateri and to Marlene. They were kind enough to dedicate the hymn to the Vice-Postulator working on Blessed Kateri's canonization "whose love an devotion to her helped inspire this song ". Thanks to Marlene and Bill. The cassette is limited in number. It may be obtained at the Center for **\$5.00** U.S. plus postage.

Painting of David Ciampichini,
Chatham, New Jersey.
He wished to reproduce
the serenity and interior
beauty of Kateri,
on a real Indian background.



Testimonies of favors obtained

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

I am enclosing a cheque in the amount of fifty dollars for the many times that Kateri has come to my aid and that of my family. We prayed to Kateri when we were in deep financial trouble and as usual she came through for us. My husband had an accident at work and broke his two ankles. His work compensation was cut off and he was not capable of going back to work. The doctors working for the construction insurance company studied his case and decided he was not ready for work and sent us a big cheque and a weekly pay until he was well enough to return. Of course Kateri definitely played a part in this. Every time any of us at home has any kind of problem we immediately think of Kateri and pray and she hasn't let us down yet.

(St. Catherine, QC)

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

Enclosed is a hundred dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri, for two favors received. My husband and daughter both quit smoking and the sale of our business. I will continue to pray for Kateri's canonization.

(High Level, AB)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss V. E. S.!

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars for Kateri. As usual, she has helped me over some very rough spots this past month. My dear friend's husband had a heart problem and was told that if he didn't have a by-pass operation, it was just a matter of time before he expired and his chances with the operation were 20-30%. He had his operation about three weeks ago and he is doing just fine. He went home but then his lungs filled up and he had to go back to the hospital for a few days. He's doing so well that he's expected to come home for Christmas. I prayed hard to Kateri to pull him through. I had a mammogram taken on December 5 and there were two small lumps in the left breast that weren't on the previous one. Again I prayed hard to Kateri that it not be cancer. I took a sonogram this morning and was told that they were benign cysts. Kateri has always been there for me when I needed her.

(Catonsville, MD)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W. E. T.!

Enclosed is a cheque for Kateri's Cause. I was diagnosed one year ago as to having primary low grade lymphoma and was told that it is the one which is most readily cured. I prayed daily to the Blessed Virgin and to Kateri that the chemotherapy treatment would be successful. I had four sessions of taking chemo pill treatment and this month was told that there is no sign of the cancer. I had requested all my family, relatives and friends to pray for me and have told them thankfully how their prayers have supported my wife and myself through a stressful time. We pray every day for Kateri's canonization and hope it see it come about soon.

(Etobicoke, ONT)

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

The enclosed fifteen dollars is for Blessed Kateri for helping my daughter to have a normal and easy delivery and for having a normal and healthy baby.

(Chicopee, MA)

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

Enclosed please find a cheque in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for a favor received. Blessed Kateri protected us on our holiday and school re-union last year when travelling was very congested.

(Armstrong, B.C.)

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

Enclosed is a gift of thanksgiving for a successful operation. My prayers are always said to Blessed Kateri and for her sainthood.

(Baltimore, MD)

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

Enclosed is a cheque for twenty-five dollars. I promised this to Kateri if we found our car keys, licenses, registration and house keys lost at a local hotel. Two days later the hotel called us to say they had found the keys. Many thanks to Kateri for so many favour received. I pray every day for her canonization and that she will continue to watch over my family and me.

(Ste.Rose. QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. M. G. G.!

Once again Kateri came to my rescue. On May 19, 1992, I had a heart attack which was followed by emergency by-pass surgery. I put myself in Kateri's hands and she did not fail me. She has answered many prayers and I continue to pray for her canonization. Thank you Kateri. Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars.

(Chestnut Hill, MA)

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

Enclosed is a check in the amount of twenty dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri in assisting my grandson to obtain employment, after searching for three and a half years, since graduating from College. He is now working in a bank as he majored in finance. I will continue to pray for Kateri's canonization. Many thanks!

(Cornswall Island, ON)

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

The check enclosed is for Kateri's canonization expenses. Kateri and the Blessed Virgin have come to my aid once again. My prayers to help a little boy in an abusive situation were answered. Please pray that the little boy will get the help to overcome his problems. Thank you.

(Valley City, OH)

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

Enclosed you will find my cheque for twenty dollars. I pray daily for Blessed Kateri's Canonization. Over the past weeks, she has helped me with a troublesome stomach complaint. I am now back to eating a regular diet again. Thank you Blessed Kateri...

(Chemainuis, B.C.)

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

Little Sister wants to know...



...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 25,308 pledges have come in after ten years' effort.

Kateri Tekakwitha Bellefleur

Born April 1989

Montagnais of the Lower North Shore

Kateri Bellefleur, daughter of Gilles and Aline Bellefleur, Montagnais of the Lower North Shore, born April 8, 1989 with a difformed heart, baptized in emergency on the same day, under the name of Kateri, operated on the next day in Quebec City. Since then, she's healthy as a beaver, as the photo shows.

Photo sent by Fr A. Joveneau on Dec 22, 1992, from La Romaine

Please send yours to: The Kateri Center
Box 70

Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0

My pledge to KATERI

Date _____

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

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- ☐ Obedience to the Holy Father

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

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2. Gilded: \$3.00
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2. Colored, by Mother Nealis (4 1/2" x 2 3/4"): 15¢
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7. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$5.00
8. Colored by Joseph Izzillo (4" x 3"): \$10.00

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1. Small Kateri pictures with silk applied to relics: 50¢

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1. Plaque, plastic case with prayer (2 1/2" x 1 1/2"): \$2.50 - with relic: \$3.00

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