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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

In the *Divine Comedy*, Dante tells us about the deep influence exercised on his life by Beatrice. Even though he had seen her at a distance only, her beauty and radiating purity of a youth had impressed his soul forever. This ravishing beauty commended admiration and especially respect, without which his heart would have been in disarray. This unique vision never left his soul. The great poet Virgil assigned to Dante to guide him through, Hell, Purgatory, till Beatrice joined them again in Heaven. Dante had always kept for Beatrice a spiritual, mystical love. Beatrice in the *Divine Comedy* represents divine love, theology, the Church and Mary...

When about to leave on his journey, Dante met a formidable lion. Three holy ladies, amongst whom Beatrice, delivered him from it. Then Dante deeply moved by this compassion and radiant eyes, "like a flower which opens to the morning kisses of the rays of the sun, felt an ardor still benign inside his heart." He could at last take up his journey in company of Virgil, his guide.

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Blessed Kateri warmed up by the rays of divine Love, lavished her kindness, her charity and her inspiration on all those who came in her presence. She was of a surprising gaiety, writes Father Cholenec, amidst her sufferings, and her joyful face revealed the tranquillity of her soul and the pleasure she felt enduring her pains. One must not be astonished at that. This young girl being nailed to the Cross with her Savior took joy in dying on the cross following His example. Even after her death her body laid out in a long house, her face appeared prettier then during her life. It gave joy and fortified every one in his faith that he had accepted; it was a new argument of credibility that God gratified the Indians with, so that they could appreciate their faith better."

Kateri's power of attraction was due mainly to her innocence. She but lived by the Spirit. After pronouncing her vow of virginity, all her being was resplendent with purity, of a unique beauty which enthralled her brothers and sisters.

What a model for the youth of today who weaken their faith through negligence and lose their innocence so early. The face of the Blessed Mother and of all the saints have the power of attraction and inspiration which will help us to follow their footsteps "as flowers opening to the rays of the sun and whose petals are spellbound by the light which guides us."

Paul Claudel once wrote, as a poem: O Lord, spiritualize my flesh, so that all my being may live by the Spirit.

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.  
Vice-Postulator

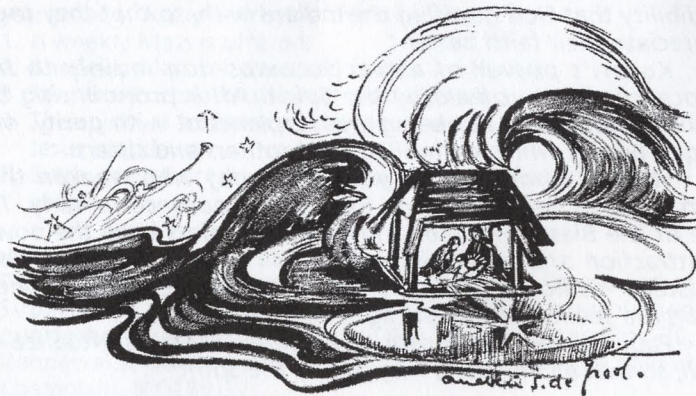




## The Garakontie Roll

**G**ARAKONTIE was the missionaries helper in Onondaga. After his baptism, he never committed a wilful fault, and in spite of the clamors of a faithful but scolding wife, showed in the woods of America a character worthy of the primitive Church, by the wondrous union of magnanimous virtues, and those "little virtues" which give peace and confidence to all around.

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May the Hope of Christmas pierce through in spite of the tempest raging all over the world.

## 2 New Stars in Heaven

### Mrs Cecilia Beauvais-Ouimet (1902-1994)

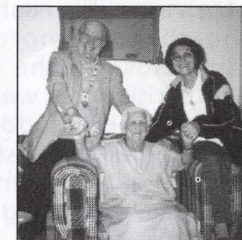
**M**rs Cecilia Ouimet expected her Saint Cecilia to greet her in heaven when she passed away so peacefully on Oct. 9. She exhaled her last breath after having uttered to her son and his wife; "God bless you all!" Then not only Cecilia, but her dear Mother Mary and blessed Kateri were there to present her to the Lord. Some angles too, for she planned to join one of their choirs as an alto - she had sung long enough with the Iroquois Mixed Choir.

Mrs Ouimet was a joyful person. Positive. She would never take things too seriously. As she was 92 years old, she would call "spring chickens" those who died before her... She said she was too hardheaded to let the Lord call her back to heaven. So she passed away unexpectedly. Death came as a thief, but she was ready.

She desired to received Holy Communion as often as possible. This gave her moral strength and charity, she said. She was united with the whole Church, praying for the Pope and for all the priest and sisters. But she loved in a special way her church of Kahnawaké. From her window, she would watch all what was going on there. The lights of the church going on and off would be her time-clock. She would also pray for her friends dispersed all over the world. Father Bruyère used to bring her friends from China, the Philippines, the United States... and she remembered them all.

She is now in excellent company, interceding in a special way for her church and the community of Kahnawaké.

Father  
Bruyère,  
Mrs.  
C. Ouimet  
and  
Mae Cheng  
of  
Hong Kong.



### Dominic Eshkekogan (1932-1994)

**D**eacon Joseph Dominic of Sagamok Anishinabek passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, Oct. 9, 1994, in his 63rd year.

After an inspired dream in a hotel room, in the Summer of 1977, Dominic took for the road: he had been called to ministry.

He them met Richard Sayers and very soon their music ministry dedicated to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, began in earnest. For the next 13 years, Dominic, Richard and Murray Sayers with their wives, travelled all over organizing prayer and healing services.

Their ministry was called the Katerian Way.

Dominic was an education counsellor at Sagamok. He served as deacon with the St. Raphael's Spiritual Center for 13 years.

The Anishinabe Native Center of Spirituality at Anderson Lake, Ont. owes him a lot - he had been their programme director.

Dominic was always ready to help anyone. He had dedicated himself to healing of body, heart and soul.

So we thank you, dear Brother, for your kindness and universal love. Your reward must be great in Heaven.

The Pope  
and Dominic  
at  
Midland,  
Ont.





## A Christmas Story

**M**ark was a good kid. Even before he went to school he would be really observing, curious about everything, noticing what bigger boys didn't even see.

Christmas would make him even more inquisitive. He would ask his mom: How can Santa Claus come down the chimney with a bag of toys on his back? Is he throwing the bag down first?

And then how is it that Santa does not dirty his lovely red and white suit...

His mother would tear off a page of the calendar at the end of each month. He knew this calendar by heart, especially the months announcing Easter and the Summer vacations...

September was a bad month for him: nobody around to play with and to explain him so many things. But there was no month like December.

On the last day of November he would eagerly watch his mother's hand pushing a new month ahead: his dear month of December!

He noticed a drawing of Jesus's birth on the opposite page... He already knew about Jesus. What struck him this time is the presence of the ox and donkey, and Jesus' father not even minding them.

He had seen an ox with big horns on his uncle's farm and he had been told not to tease this big ox, not even get close to it or... the seat of his pants could really be torn! He had also learned that donkeys fling up their hing legs...

Dangerous animals! How could they be there so close to baby Jesus. So he said to himself: If nobody protects Jesus from these two brutes, he would do it.

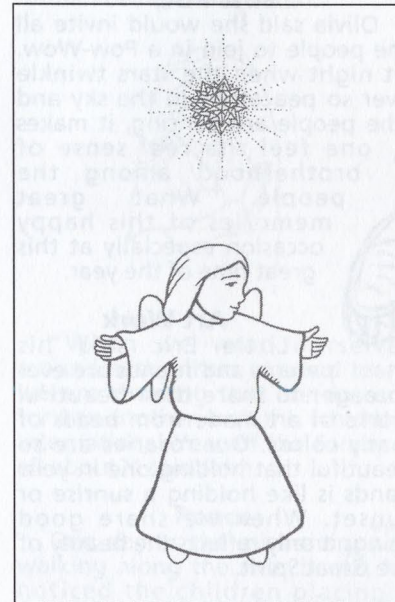
He kept on thinking until December 24, how he would act to take care of Jesus. Should he glue these two animals to the floor, or tie them good and strong...

On Christmas eve in the afternoon he rushed to the church and unpretendingly came close to the crib where two parishioners were working. The ox and the donkey were already there and sure enough too close to the manger. He would sneak in again during



dinner time and fasten them well to some board behind.

Little Mark, in a manly manner, arrived at 6 p.m. with two ropes he had taken from the barn and very minutely he tied the hind legs of the two animals to make sure they



would not move forward where the Infant-Jesus would be... He ran back home rubbing his hands with satisfaction; Jesus would be safe after all...

Mark was still too young to attend the midnight Mass, but he told his big sister. Martha, to keep an eye on the crib during all the ceremony.

She wondered why he asked to do that. Mark didn't sleep too well that night. Would the two animals really behave all the while Jesus, Joseph and Mary remained in the stable.

His first words in the morning were to ask Martha if anything abnormal had happened in the church.

Before Mass, she said, while someone was putting the finishing touch to the crib, a small earthquake shook the whole crib when they tried to move the ox forward, as if the whole creation was in labour at the coming of Jesus.

"I knew it! I knew it!" exclaimed the triumphant Mark. I saved the Saviour! ■

*Jacques Bruyère, S.J.*





## Dream of Peace

### Illustrations by:

Marie, age 10  
Nathan, age 8  
Gregory, age 5

### Writer:

Mrs. Helen Suire  
Cicero, Illinois

**I**ntroduction: Jean asked her parents to visit an Indian Reservation on their vacation. She was so fascinated by the stories her teacher told about the Native Americans.

When school started Jean was asked to talk about the vacation and her special dream she had last night. "Since the dream is all about the International Year of the Family, why not share it with all the children here at St. Frances of Rome School?" asked her teacher.

### Dream

A missionary on an Indian Reservation asked the children and their families how would they like to celebrate the International Year of the Family.

Father was impressed by the children's remarks because they included all the families of the world that he decided to share their remarks with everyone.

### Fishing

The boys got so excited as they related how they would invite people from all over the universe to visit, and go fishing in the great rivers of their ancestors. While enjoying a delicious fish dinner, they would relate stories of their people handed down to them. We would be sure to thank the Great

Spirit for all the nourishment He provides for us.

### Pow-Pow

Olivia said she would invite all the people to join in a Pow-Wow. At night when the stars twinkle ever so peacefully in the sky and the people are dancing, it makes one feel the real sense of brotherhood among the people. What great memories of this happy occasion especially at this great time of the year.

### Art Work

Little Eric said his parents and friends are ever so eager to share their beautiful works of art made from beads of many colors. Our rosaries are so beautiful that holding one in your hands is like holding a sunrise or sunset. When we share good things it only reflects the beauty of the Great Spirit.

### Family

John and his sister Kateri said they would carve totem poles and then place a picture of each family member on them. Kateri said, "We would then carry the totem poles to midnight mass and place them around the manger. So many of our family members have moved away and we miss them. This would be our way of remembering them."

At mass when the missionary blessed the Child Jesus in the crib, he will also bless the pictures of the family. As we receive the Holy Eucharist we will remember to



pray for all of God's people. We would also thank God for our dear Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and all the angels and Saints who intercede in our behalf. "Aren't we blessed to have both spiritual and earthly families?" said Kateri. "We are always reminded to have respect and compassion for one another and to remember that this planet earth belongs to every human being," said Kateri.



"When we wrap ourselves around each others joys and tears, we are showing that we do care for one another. Isn't this what the International Year of the Family is all about?" said John.

### Peace

One day as the missionary was walking along the river banks, he noticed the children placing a bottle in the river with these words written on it: **PEACE** - The International year of the Family, 1994.

The missionary smiled as the girls told him there were messages inside the bottle for the Holy Father. They then watched as the bottle flowed down stream and would eventually go into the ocean.

"Let's keep our fingers crossed that someone will find the bottle and give it to the Pope," said Eric.

### Message

Yes, someone did find the bottle washed up on the shore and it was given to the Holy Father. A message inside the bottle read as follows:

Dear Holy Father,

We wish you a Happy 16th Anniversary on your ordination as Vicar of Christ. The world has given us many false heroes, but you are our true hero because you are doing the will of God to bless families all over the world. We need to live in peace, and to remember that God is in charge of our world. We need to live in peace, and to remember that God is in charge of our world. Thanks for defending the right for all people to live and also for defending the Sacred Name of Jesus.

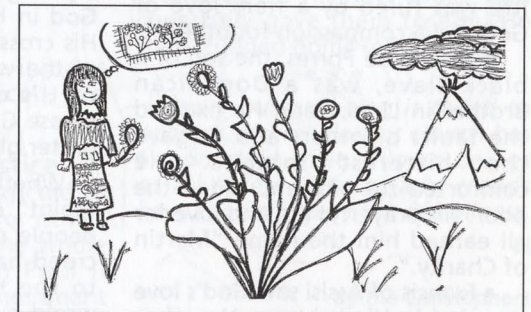
May God bless you and everyone in this International year of the Family.

We love you,

The Children of the World.

### International year of the Family: 1994

The Holy Father smiled as he then took out a totem pole from the bottle with his picture on it. Still smiling, he noticed an angel sleeping on his shoulder. "I guess the angel got tired from the bumpy ride in the ocean and fell asleep," chuckled the Holy Father. ■





## Saints of the past, Present & Future

### Who are saints?

**A**ll the faithful of Christ, whatever their rank and status, are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity," says the Catholic Church's constitution.

Throughout its history, the Church has publicly declared that some people have led heroic lives in the service of God. These are the canonized saints. Because each person is a unique creation and lives in unique circumstances, holiness is expressed in a multitude of ways. That's why there is such a range of saints: beggars and royalty, scholars and soldiers, single and married women and men, popes, artists, and religious.

They give their lives over to God, but that does not mean they are unable to appreciate good things in this world. Joan of Arc loved horses; Charles Borromeo was a great chess player; John of the Cross enjoyed music. What saints have in common is an ardent love of God and commitment to his people.

- Elizabeth of Hungray was a married woman, a mother and princess. She emptied the palace cupboards to feed the poor and started a hospital-hospice where she cared for patients herself. Her life was ruled by a fiery love of God and a compassion for others.

- Martin de Porres, the son of a black slave, was a Dominican Brother in Lima, Peru. He excused the faults of others and forgave the bitterest injuries. He comforted the sick and aided the poor. His prayerful life and love for all earned him the name "Martin of Charity."

- Francis of Assisi saw God's love revealed in His universe. He offers

an example of genuine respect for the integrity of all life, all creation. What he taught centuries ago has the same importance today: everyone has dignity, because everyone is a child of God.

- Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini came to the United States from Italy to serve the growing population of immigrants through her schools, hospitals and orphanages. On the day of her canonization in 1946, Cardinal Samuel Stritch of Chicago said: "She is telling us that if we love Christ with all our soul, in the very conditions of our lives, we shall be holy and pleasing to Him."

- Brother André Bessette was a form boy and became a religious of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, where he worked as a door-keeper. It is then that he discovered Saint Joseph, patron-saint of the labours, who inspired him in his works. He planned to erect a shrine in his honour where the laborers as well as the white-collar workers could honour him and try to imitate him. Because of Brother André the city of Montreal can pride itself of Saint Joseph's Oratory on the Mount-Royal, a citadel of prayer and devotion.

- Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was a young Indian girl who discovered God in His creation and Jesus on His cross. She became "the mystic of the wilderness" and "the lover of His cross. She only tried to please God in all things. All to the grater glory of God."

Whether recognized by the title "saint" or not, through the ages, people of every race, culture and creed have dedicated themselves to the task of making a better world by promoting God's justice,

mercy and peace. In our own times, saints are all around us.

### What are Signs of Holiness?

A holy person is prayerful, loving, forgiving, just, faithful to commitments, full of peace and joy, and above all, compassionate.

### A Prayerful Spirit

"Prayer," said Teresa of Avila, "is a heart-to-heart conversation with God whom we know loves us." Prayer is the root of the strength and wisdom needed for fruitful action. Saints are people of prayer through Scripture reading, meditation, liturgy, words and deeds. Responding to God's loving presence and radiating it to others is an integral part of the daily life of holy people. The story goes that someone ran through a city shouting, "We must put God in our lives!" Hearing this, an old monk said, "You are wrong. God is already in our lives. Our task is simply to recognize that."

### A Spirit of Love

In his First Epistle, John the Apostle wrote: "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18) Such love accepts each person as equally loved by God and makes a commitment to the welfare of others.

### Readiness to Forgive

The ability to forgive injuries and hurts, however difficult, is a sure sign of holiness.

### A Strong Sense of Justice

Religion cannot be restricted to private concerns. Caring for others includes the welfare of the whole community. Pope John Paul II called for "a decisive commitment

to justice, respect for human rights, morality and honesty in private life, denouncing all that harms the common good and peaceful coexistence."

### Fidelity to Commitment

Therese of Lisieux explained through her "Little Way" how holiness can be found in the commonplace. Life should be lived with selflessness and generosity "always doing the tiniest thing right, and doing it for love."

Many are faithful to commitments at great sacrifice. Priests, other members of the clergy and religious serve their people. Mothers and fathers care for their children. Spouses and single people all struggle to live Gospel values in their own ways.

### A Spirit of Peace and Joy

"Joy is the echo of God's life in us" wrote Dom Joseph Marmion. "A saint who is said in a sad saint."

### A Spirit of Compassion

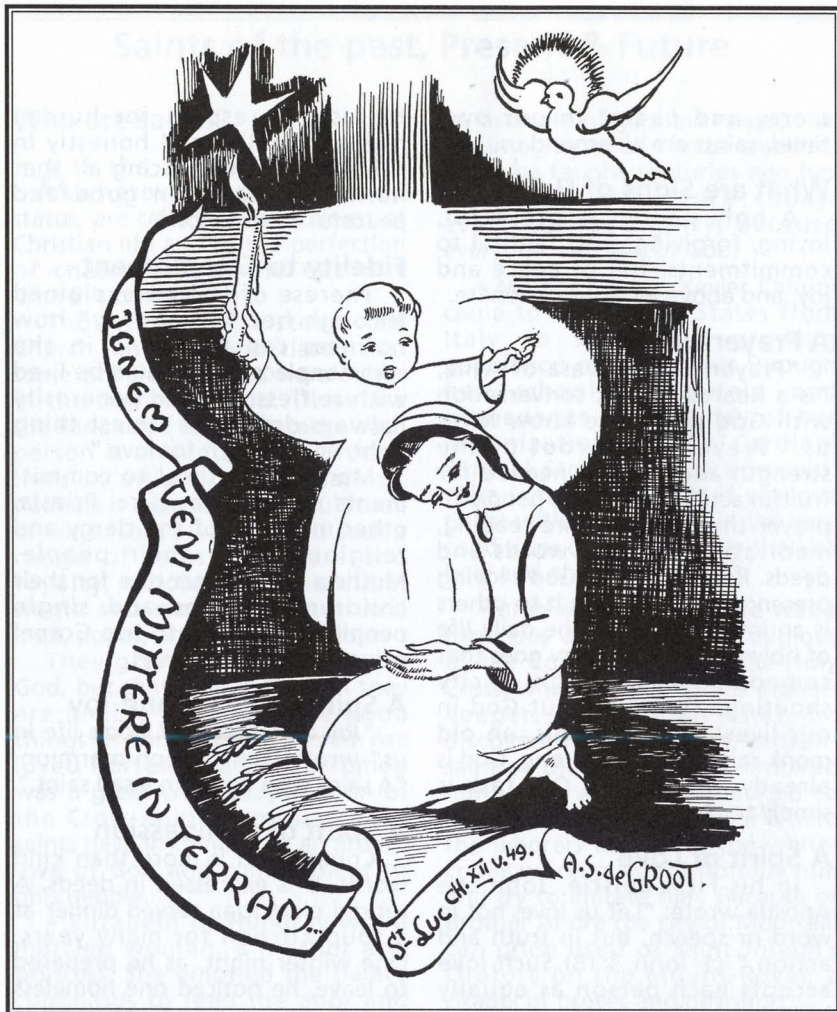
Compassion is more than kind words. It is expressed in deeds. A retired electrician served dinner at a soup kitchen for many years. One winter night, as he prepared to leave, he noticed one homeless guest wrapping plastic bags around torn sneakers. The volunteer took off his new shoes, and cheerfully gave them to him. He then trudged home in his socks.

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*Every human being is called to holiness. No religion or church has a monopoly on it. Human beings of all races, cultures and creeds have shown great signs of holiness.*

by the Christophers





## **A Merry Christmas**

May we know the SAVIOR and accept Him!

## **A Happy New Year**

in company of Our Savior and Blessed Kateri!

**The Staff of Kateri Center**

## *"The Little Babe"*

by **Marlene McCauley**

December 1958

Thank you God for  
Our precious baby dear,  
A small and helpless creature,  
A sleep on a straw bed here.

A lamb to keep you warm,  
Bright star to light the way.  
Angels fill the air,  
On this joyful day.

Tenderly we hold you,  
Softly kiss your cheek,  
Whisper that we love you,  
Happily we weep.

Your cry is sweet music,  
Your smile a golden beam,  
A little babe in a manger,  
Sent by God to redeem.



Thank you God for,  
Our precious baby dear,  
A small and helpless creature,  
A King and Saviour here.



## How we can help one another (The communion of Saints)

**A**ccording to God's plan, human beings are not just individuals but are social beings, not only in the natural order but also in the supernatural order. In the natural order we are members of a family, of a larger number of organizations, formal or informal, and of political communities. And in the supernatural order we are intended by God to be united to Him and to one another by sharing divine life and by living not just for ourselves but for others.

### We are a Body

St. Paul compares us to a human body. As the parts of the body work together for the benefit of all, so should we. Christ is pictured as the head of this body, we are pictured as its different parts: "There is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share in its happiness. All of you, then, are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it" (1 Cor. 12:25-7).

### We are to be Saints

All human beings are called to be members of Christ's "body" by belonging to the Catholic Church, and to be living, not dead, members, that is, to be in the state of grace and live with the life of Christ Himself. The word "saint" means "a holy one," that is, someone pleasing to God. The expression "Communion of Saints" indicates the unity belonging to those who live with divine life and are pleasing to God.

Now, members of the Communion of Saints are found (1) in heaven, (2) in Purgatory, or (3) on earth. Together they constitute the Church, the Kingdom of God. Members of the Communion of Saints share faith, hope, and love with one another. (Of course those in heaven have faith replaced by the vision of God, and hope replaced by possession of God.) Members of the Communion of Saints on earth, who are still on their pilgrim way, share with one another also the Church's sacraments. They are also called to share their God-given talents with one another: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts... There are different ways of serving... There are different abilities to perform service... Each one is given some proof of the Spirit's presence for the good of all" (1 Cor. 12:4-7). And it is not just spiritual goods that they are asked to share. They are called upon to share temporal goods as well. For example, parents are to share with their children, and the well-off with the less fortunate.

### We Can Help One Another

Indeed, we are so closely united to one another in the supernatural order that every good deed we do helps the whole Church, and every sin harms it: "The least of our acts done out of charity redounds to the profit of all, in this solidarity with all persons, living or dead, the solidarity founded on the Communion of Saints. And every sin harms this Communion" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #953).

The three parts of the Communion of Saints can be of help to one another, but in

different ways. The members of the Church in heaven are not able to be helped by us or by the Souls in purgatory since, once they have attained their heavenly glory, their share of it is determined eternally. They can, however, receive honour, though it does not increase their happiness.

The Souls in Purgatory can be helped by the Blessed and by us on earth through prayer for them. And we on earth can also gain indulgences for them, and make sacrifices for them, so that their purification is hastened or made less painful.

And the Blessed, and the Souls in Purgatory, can help us by their prayers. One of the most comforting doctrines of our faith is that the Blessed can help us by their prayers. And we know that this help can be a very important factor in our lives if we pray constantly for the intercession of the saints (and, we might add, of the angels also). In the Hail Mary we ask the Blessed Virgin to pray for us "now and at the hour of our death." And the Church encourages us to pray to St. Joseph, to our patron saint, and to our Guardian Angel. Indeed, it encourages us to pray to many of the saints. There is a Litany of the saints, which is part of the Church's liturgy on holy Saturday evening and at the ordination of priests. St. Theresa of Lisieux said: "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth."

### The Church on Earth

It has already been stated that the members of the Communion of Saints on earth can help one another in both spiritual and

temporal matters. We might mention four ways in which we can help others spiritually:

1) We can instruct others, encourage them, and especially, give them good example;

2) We can try to lead sinners away from evil;

3) We can pray for others;

4) We can atone for others, that is, do penance for their sins. As concerns these last two ways in which we can help others, we might note that in 1993 the Pope beautified Blessed Dina Belanger, who died still quite young in the 1920s in the province of Quebec. In her writings she tells us that Christ appeared to her from the age of seven and asked her to pray and suffer for sinners. She was a "victim soul," and suffered for sinners, but tells us that in her suffering there was great joy because Christ even showed her the persons she was saving from hell.

Unfortunately we cannot only help others but also harm them, by our neglect, by our bad example, and even by our secret sins.

Like it or not, we are good or evil not only for ourselves but for others. And the reason for this is that human beings are, of their very nature, social, and, since grace builds on nature and does not take it away, human beings are social also in their supernature. This should be for us an even greater incentive to live as Christ wants us to.. ■

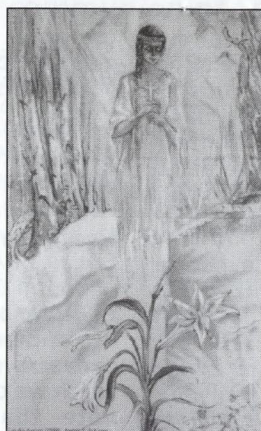
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### **Going up... going up!**

Too often has the Vice-Postulator been accused of being a poor administrator. 3 dollars hardly covers the price of stamps... not counting the composition of the magazine, the printing, the handling... We are really in the red! So strating January 1st, 1995, the subscription fee to the Kateri magazine will go up \$2 i.e. \$5 annually.

Thanks to all those who sent us \$5 anyway. God knows their generosity.

From now on, too, you may send us names and addresses of new subscribers: 5 for \$20! And you may renew your subscription anytime, the more often the better-even if we don't remind you...

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### **New Centre Opens for City Natives**

The Native Catholic Community of the city of Thunder Bay gathered the first weekend in September for the Diocesan Native Prayer Weekend and to celebrate the blessing and official opening of the Kitchitwa Kateri Nimayagamik Church Centre.

The Native Prayer Weekend celebrated two themes this year, "Blessed kateri" - our patroness, and the "Family of God" - in response to the call to mark the International Year of the Family.

Prayers during the weekend took both Native and Catholic Traditional forms. The Native traditions included the use of the eagle feather, pipe and medicines in the Gathering Circle room, while the Rosary, Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Mary Prayer room represented Catholic Traditions. The Kateri Church Centre was established to serve the pastoral needs of the Native community of Thunder Bay. The Centre's pastoral team includes Fr. Larry Kroger, S.J., Fr. Gordon Bazinet, S.J., Br. Gerry Forest, S.J., Rev. Mr. Steve Hanson, and the receptionist is Ruth Ibler, a retired teacher and Apostolate Volunteer from Toronto.

The Centre is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and promises to be rather busy with a ministry office and library available for those interested in ministry.. The Centre's hall is used as a drop-in for soup, bannock and coffee. The Legion of Mary gathers on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for their weekly meeting and Rosary, and on Wednesdays there are Prayer Gatherings at 7:30 p.m. Sunday Mass is scheduled for 12 Noon with Baptisms on the third Sunday of the month. The first Sundays of the month are dedicated to Native Cultural expression. Ministry teams are starting to form this Fall for every ministry from Baptism and Marriage Preparation to Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Hospital Visitation.



**Kateri Center  
of Thunder Bay.**



## Testimonies of favors obtained

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss C. B.!

Here is my cheque for one hundred dollars for my 1994 renewal in the "Kateri Band" Club. I am sure her intercession has brought many blessing to myself and my family. Just the other day I had to come home from work feeling very ill. After a few hours I prayed to Kateri for help and within a short time I started to feel better. I promised that I would renew my Band Membership in thanksgiving. Please continue to pray for me and may God bless you in your continued work towards Kateri's Cause.

(St. Catharines, ONT)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty dollars in thanksgiving for answering my plea for help. As it happened I had lost an expensive hearing aid. After retracing my travels through the house, I promised that if I found it soon I would send a donation for her cause. Going down to check the laundry, I thought "perhaps I may even step on it as I'm going down the stairs." No sooner had the thought entered my head than I looked down and immediately saw the earphone lying on the floor very close to the last step. I fell to my knees and thanked God, Mother Mary and Kateri, promising to fulfill my vow as soon as possible. Somehow she always seems to help me in a desperate situation.

(Webster, NY)

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

Enclosed is a cheque for fifty dollars, in thanksgiving for favors received, including a safe trip. The money is to be used to further Kateri's Cause, for which we pray daily.

(Etobicoke, ONT)

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

I have been praying to Blessed Kateri for at least two years for H.H., who has only found temporary employment from time to time. He has now found permanent employment. We need to be patient in prayer, and through Kateri's intercession. God's will, will be done. H.H.'s wife was also praying to Kateri for him. Enclosed is a check for ten dollars... Wish it could be more.

(Newbury Park, CA)

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

Enclosed you will find a cheque in the amount of ten dollars which I promised Kateri if she would see me through an examination. I was very unesay not knowing what the results would be. Well the results proved to be O.K. with no complications. So Kateri has come through for me once more. I pray everyday for her to become a Saint as I also ask you Father to please pray for me and my family. Thanks once again.

(Alexandria, ONT)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss J. O.!

Enclosed is a donation of thirty dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for prayers answered, especially in being assured of job security. I am now praying to her for family members. Please remember them in your prayers.

(Randolph, MA)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving for favors received through the intercession of Kateri. My husband who was seriously ill with leukemia is now able to lead a normal life and our grandson, two months old, was hospitalized for a virus which caused spitting up and dehydration. We prayed to Kateri for their recovery and our prayers were answered. Every day we pray that Kateri will soon be elevated to sainthood.

(Canandaigua, NY)

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

I am enclosing a donation of ten dollars for the Kateri Center. I recently had eye surgery and thanks to Kateri everything went well. I also want you to pray for my grand-children who are away at school, that she will watch over them and help them in their studies and keep them safe. With Kateri's help I am sure everything will be fine...

(Erie, PA)

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

This check is in thanksgiving. I had a problem with my legs and I prayed to Kateri and followed the doctors orders and the pain has been relieved. I pray to Kateri for my son. He needs full-time employment. Three dollars is for my subscription. Thank God and Kateri.

(Beaver, PA)

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

Enclosed you will find twenty dollars that I promised to send Kateri as soon as I heard that my children were safe. One went to Queensland, driving for three days, and he arrived safe and the other one went with her husband and children for a holiday and they got back safe. Thank you Kateri...

(Melbourne, AUSTRALIA)

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

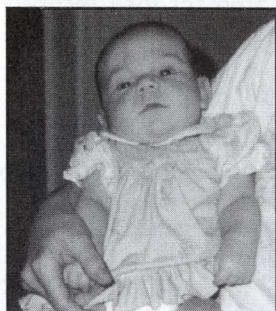
Enclosed please find a cheque for twenty-five dollars. Three is for my yearly subscription and one is for two Touch Relics. The rest is in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for favors received. I prayed to Blessed that my son would still have his job and my prayers were answered. I'm now asking Blessed Kateri to cure my son's bleeding ulcers...

(Windsor, ONT)

*(When acknowledging favors to Kateri,  
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*We need them to obtain from the  
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