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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 (\$5.00 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

One of the first steps in the process of canonization of a person is to prove the authenticity of the heroic virtues practiced by the saint to be. Heroic means: magnanimous, valiant, extreme... Rome has accepted that Kateri practiced all virtues in a very special way.

Her love for Jesus on the cross was her most astounding trait. "She loved the cross because of her Lover attached to it." This is why she could forgive so easily. "Forgive them, my Father. They do not know what they are doing." Those who mocked her, because she talked to the "black robes", who jeered her when they saw her going to church, who accused her falsely because of jealousy: all these didn't know what they were doing.

There are a lot of grudges, of criticisms, of hates, brewing in people's hearts to-day. They nurture a spirit of vengeance, of vindictiveness, not even suspecting that their offenders do not know what they are doing. But even if they did, God in His mercy forgives them. As Christians should not we share this love with everybody and accept others as they are. God loves us as we are and will even forget our faults. Why then should we try to find fault with others when we cannot read their intentions, when we don't know their hearts.

Saint Paul says: "While going to pray, if you remember that you have something against your brother, go, forgive your brother first and then make your offering." Sunday Mass, is a unique occasion for reconciliation. "I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters... that I have sinned." Then we can make our offering with a clean heart before we go forward to receive the sacrament of unity, feeling at peace with our brothers and sisters.

"To pray is human, to forgive is divine." Only those who really believe in God can forgive others and accept them as members, with us, of the great family of God.

Kateri knew all this and lived it. But she was a saint, will you say. Aren't we all called to be perfect like our Father in heaven?

Kateri was once seen by a lady nearby, to enter the longhouse where there was a man all by himself. This lady accused her at the rectory but her spiritual director would not believe his ears. When Kateri came to see him, Father Cholenec told her about the accusation. Very serenely she answered that in her whole life she never had such an inclination. Kateri also never asked herself who the false accuser could be.

God knows our hearts to the very bottom, and he understands. Can we read the heart of others? If not, let us try to imitate our Lover on the Cross.

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator



The Frances Gonnannhatenha Roll

In 1692, disowned by her kin, Frances suffered excruciating torments and was finally stoned to death for the Faith. Another Indian martyr whose story is all too little known!

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You, Too, can be Saintly

There is so much goodness in the average person that I'm always tempted to say, "You're a saint and you don't know it." That remark almost always produces embarrassed laughter and a sharp denial. People don't think of themselves as saints, especially those who truly are.

Leon Bloy wrote, "The greatest sadness is not to be a saint," and he was right. But this kind of sadness is not a bad thing. We can live with it and even put it to work for us. Think about it: When you are sad about disappointing God, it's a sure sign that you are deeply in love with Him. This is a holy sadness which can purify your soul. It leads to a passionate desire to be more perfectly united with your Maker.

Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941), an expert in mysticism, wrote: "Quietly dealing with one's own uncontrolled thoughts and desires is infinitely more humbling than any sort of deliberate austerity (like fasting) which only makes one feel one has done something!" Underhill said that most of your transgressions which trigger feelings of sadness are, in her words, "more temperamental sufferings than sins; and because they are a form of suffering you can always accept them and add them to the cross. The root principle is that God is all that matters in religion and because of this, there is never anything to be afraid of, in spite of your illusions to the contrary. A Christian can always do something with suffering. Simply offer it up to God."

The saints offered their sufferings in many ways. They believed that we can ransom someone from danger or misery simply by offering our sufferings to God in their behalf. The highest goal is the cheerful acceptance of suffering as a sign of God's permissive will. Few can attain that level of acquiescence: "If this is my cross, Lord, I shall bear it. Please give me the courage to be brave and not complain."

In times of sadness, it's a good idea to imitate the Arab in a sandstorm - lie down and remain motionless until the storm passes. A storm cannot be resisted, so you are wise to wait.

Patience is the sign of a holiness. It's never easy to be patient. Sometimes, it can be a crucifixion. In either case, God is never absent. The Holy Spirit uses both our agony and our ecstasy to come closer to us. Through it all, he remains unchanging love.

By Rev. John Choir
From July 13, 1995 Evangelist



Amerindian News

The Pope does not forget Blessed Kateri

Last January, Father Walter L'Abbott S.J. from Boston Mass., celebrated Mass with the Pope in his private chapel. After Mass, he introduced himself to His Holiness as well as his two companions, Sr Mary Melgrani and Mrs Elisabeth Parker.

While introduced, Mrs Parker handed to the Holy Father, a photo of her three children and a prayer-card of Bl. Kateri. The Pope looked at the card and exclaimed: "This is the Indian girl!" "Yes said Mrs Parker. This Mohawk Indian girl is Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha!" The Pope looked at the back and the front of the card then handed it to Msgr S. Dziwisz, his personal secretary who was standing by and said: "We shall keep this". He blessed the photograph of the children and returned it to Mrs Parker.

Later on, Mrs Parker confided to Fr Abbott that she thinks that Bl. Kateri will play an important role in the Holy Father's plans for evangelization in preparation for the new millennium. She told him that in the back of the card, above the printed words "Prayer for the Canonization of Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha, she had written: "North America needs her blessings."

Thunder Bay celebrates its newest Native parish

At the end of a 15-year Journey for Thunder Bay Native Catholics, who gathered as a community in so many places, they finally have their parish. It was blessed by Bishop Frederick Henry, on January 7. All the parishioners sounded so happy. "It's important for us to have a place where to gather, where people know the other people".

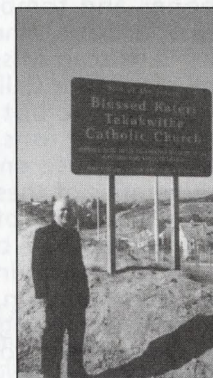
Andrée Perreault-Stenberg, an Objibwa born in the U.S. said her pride of being a Native and her joy of seeing the diocese encouraging native culture.

Bishop Henry himself admits his contentment after seeing an elder purify the church's registry and its sacred pipe with the smoke of sweet grass and tobacco.

The pastor, Fr. Larry Kroker S.J. is also at the head of the parish in Fort William reserve. The Jesuits made a commitment to the diocese to provide clergy for this new Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

A first in CALIFORNIA

A big piece of land has been purchased in Valencia by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in view of building a church dedicated to Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha. The construction will start very soon. The site which dominates a lovely valley is magnificent. For the time being Mass is said in a High School auditorium. As there are 100,000 Indians dispersed on L.A. this new parish may become a shrine to Blessed Kateri.



The Natives in California

It is difficult to estimate them because they are so dispersed, belonging to different tribes and nations. In Canada, Natives live mostly on reserves, even though many choose to live outside this reserved land. In the City of Los Angeles only, there could be 100,000 people, living in all parts of this enormous city. Moreover there are the Mexican Indians who migrated in great number and who are gradually being assimilated by this great hybrid population where two languages are spoken: English and Spanish. Spanish really seems to be a second language and Americans, to live at ease in that area, feel obliged to learn some Spanish because of the large contribution brought by the immigrants of Central America.

The past

Wherever you go, you're bound to find traces of Natives: cemeteries, old houses, monuments, artifacts... Last year only, while excavating an empty lot to build a new MacDonald Restaurant, the workers discovered bones and tombstones dating very far back. When you visit the 21 Franciscan Missions founded all along the Californian Coast, you cannot but imagine the agglomerations of Natives around these enclaves. In the cemeteries of these Missions you find the tombs of missionaries and Natives, side by side.

One morning in January 1996, under a warm sun, while walking in Westlake Village, I discovered a commemorative stone carved with these words: "During thousand



Meeting of the Vice-Postulator with the Los Angeles Kateri Circle.

of years, the Chumash and their forebears lived here in this valley. They have been described as representatives of the Stone age, famous hunters and gatherers resourceful, friendly, fun loving, astute traders, fine craftsmen and expert rock artists." Then the vessels of Juan Rodriguez Carrillo anchored by in Oct. 1548. These Chumash rowing their unique plank canoes, swiftly and with great dexterity, came out to greet them and the confrontation and the exchange of culture began. Later on January 13, 1770 the Spanish expedition of Gaspard de Portola, returning from Monterey, entered the valley near this spot. Fr Fray the Juan Crespi O.F.M. who accompanied them named this village «El Triunfo del dulcissimo nombre del Jesus». The designation Triunfo is preserved in many

places of the vicinity. In his journal, he noted: "It is a plain of considerable extent and much beauty, forested in all parts by oaks (Thousand Oaks) with much pasture and water." Anza added: "This a nice valley where friendly Natives made us welcome. There is little more to be desired for a homeland."

This warm welcome by the Indians "for whom man belongs to the earth and not vice-versa" struck the invaders who often came as domineering conquerors. The Missions protected the Natives for a long time till, the day when the task of education was taken away from them. The missionaries losing contact with them were not able to help them save their culture, language and spirituality.

Close to Thousand Oaks, in the Mountains of Santa Monica, one will find the ruins of an old Chumash village, called Sitwiwa (Bluffs). Tourists will see there a traditional Chumash habitation circular, with two doors and a skylight in the center, as well as a museum full of cultural souvenirs and artifacts.

The future

Today the Natives are exerting an effort to go back to their roots, with difficulty though because of their dispersion, mixture and smaller numbers. In the neighboring States of Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado, the Natives are better established, so enjoy more stability. Just to mention a few nations: there are the Jicarilla Apache in New Mexico who number about 2800 people; the Navajos who live on a 17.5 million acres in Arizona, total 210,000 members; 2 bands of Paiute regroup in two reserves touching the borders of Utah and Arizona; the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico whose traditional occupations are farming and raising livestock. They knew a great civilization having built the great stone cities of the 4 Corners Region. Today tourists come along just to admire the ruins. Unfortunately many Natives face an integration of their centenary old traditions in the development of the 20th Century. ■

J. B, s.j.



Chumash Indians Habitation.

Miraculous return of the statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to Mission Dolores

In late April of this year the cemetery at Mission Dolores was vandalized with graves desecrated and the statue of the saintly Indian woman, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, stolen. Blessed Kateri was a Mohawk Indian, who converted to Catholicism, and became known for her great personal holiness. It is only a matter of time until the Church declares her a saint. The attack on Mission Dolores seemed to be just one more of the attacks made on the California missions by those who have attempted to portray the missions as oppressive institutions that sought nothing more than to enslave the Indians. The miraculous return of the statue of Blessed Kateri suggests a different reality.

The Archives role in the return of the statue began on September 1 when Dr. Burns received a call from Corpus Christi, Texas from a Mary Ellen Gomez, who inquired as to whether there had been an apparition of our Blessed Mother dubbed "Our Lady of the Mohawks." Mrs. Gomez is deeply involved in the Marian Movement and was quite excited. Her brother, John Rodrigues, an employee of the Golden Gate Bridge District who paints the Golden Gate Bridge for a living, had discovered a very dirty cement statue, which he took to be our Blessed Mother, while he was searching for a tool he had



Mrs. Betty Bilay and the Vice-Postulator by the reinstated statue of Kateri.

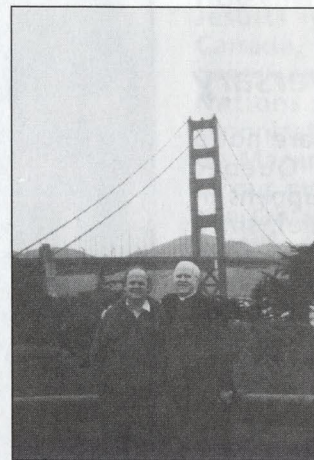
dropped amidst the rocks beneath the Golden Gate Bridge.

When John Rodrigues dropped his tool from atop the Golden Gate Bridge, he felt a strong "urging" to retrieve it immediately. This was unusual, as on previous occasions he would not bother until the work was finished - if it was an important tool - as you can imagine the inconvenience and time involved in making that long and cautious descent to the base of the bridge where the tool was believed to have dropped.

Mrs. Gomez said that all they could make out was an inscription that read "Lily of the Mohawks." Dr. Burns immediately re-

cognized the appellation as being one of Blessed Kateri's, and suspected that the statue Mr. Rodrigues has found was the statue stolen from Mission Dolores. Dr. Burns contacted Mike Romo at Mission Dolores, who called Mr. Rodrigues and determined that the statue that he had found was indeed the statue that had been stolen. On Sep-

tember 23 the statue was returned to Mission Dolores. A special prayer service conducted by Monsignor John O'Connor, pastor of Mission Dolores, and Andres Rosales Galvan, an Ohlone Indian, welcomed Blessed Kateri home. Her return may seem the result of an odd series of coincidences to the non-believer, but to the believer it rightly seems miraculous. Three other notes make the story all the more unbelievable. First, Mrs. Gomez had called two other dioceses before contacting Dr. Burns. Had either diocese provided her with the information she had sought she would not have contacted San Francisco. Second, Dr. Burns was not supposed to have been at the Archives that day, but had come in to finish a project he was working on. Had he not been there, Mrs. Gomez



Dr. Jeffrey Burns and Fr. J. Bruyère by the Golden Gate Bridge.

probably would have called elsewhere, and the statue sent to Corpus Christi, Texas. Third, in doing some research on the Mohawks, Monsignor O'Connor discovered that they were called "The People of the High Bridges!" All these factors suggest the return of the statue was no ordinary event. Perhaps Blessed Kateri was looking out for her people and pro-

vided the return of her statue as a special blessing. ■

Mrs. Betty Bilay
Oakland, California



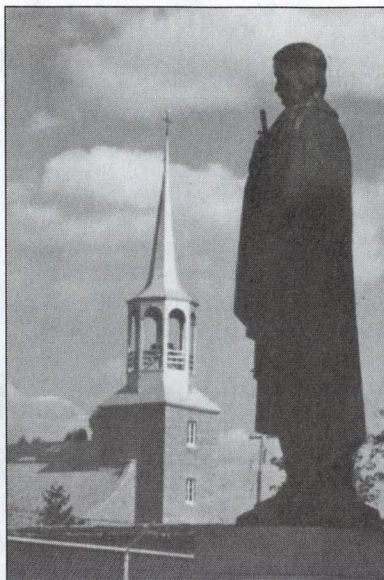
Statue of Kateri at the Mission Dolores.

The church of St. Francis Xavier Mission celebrates its *150th Anniversary*

These anniversaries are not a rare occasion in Quebec today, but when it happens in Kahnawaké, it's special, since the Mission dates back to 1717. The first church was erected around 1717. Fr Marcoux has served as pastor from 1819 to 1855, found it too small. In 1845, he has just finished the building of the new, on the very site of the old one. The tower, the steeple and the sacristy were simply integrated to the new cruciform construction. Its first patron-saint was Saint Francis Xavier. In 1983 after the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, Kateri was named second patron of the church and this last one was proclaimed Kateri's Shrine.

On December 3rd, the Bishop of Longueuil was invited to preside the big anniversary celebration. But surprise, who comes in to celebrate the Eucharist but his episcopal vicar, John Walsh. (Bishop Hubert was already hit by a sickness which was to take him away at the beginning of February.) As a snowstorm was raging outside that morning, the parishioners first thought of a delay...

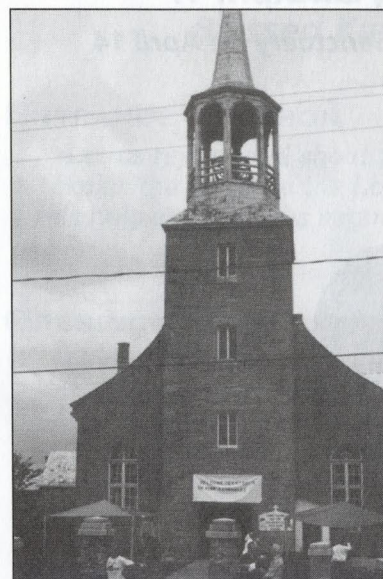
Several Knights of Columbus in full regalia took part in the entry procession along with Fr Louis Cyr, the Pastor, Fr Jean Bellefeuille, the Jesuit Provincial, and the Deacon Ron



The church of Saint Francis Xavier Mission celebrates 150 years.

Boyer. Meanwhile the mixed choir was hushing in very harmoniously the time of Advent, on the Dec. 3. A very important date for the parish this feastday of Saint Francis Xavier, since it recalls the zeal of the first Jesuits who founded the Mission in 1667, have served it to this day, except during their absence between 1783 till 1903, due to the suppression of the Jesuits.

In his homily, Fr John Walsh made an appeal to this "collective memory that we need to rely on the past, to remember our origins, our culture, our traditions on which our faith stands. The Mohawks like other Natives call this collective memory a "consensus" which allows every last



The Saint Francis-Xavier Church and Kateri's Shrine.

person in the Nation to relate and recount the same story the same way of seeing things, the same way of understanding the past of be one in the present and of looking forward together in the future. Our collective memory enables us to recall together how the modern Jesuit Missionaries, in the footsteps of their patron of the Missions, Saint Francis Xavier, were here at Kahnawaké for most of the years there has been here a Catholic com-

munity. We are indebted to the Jesuits in Lower and Upper Canada, for their continuing great services to the First Nations. Today on the canonization of Bishop Charles de Mazenod in Rome, we add to our memory the presence of the Oblates (1855-1892) who contributed to the conservation of the Mohawk language, by composing a lexicon and a grammar as well as to the liturgy by apposing vernacular language to the Church hymns.

"Finally as we share the meal at Jesus table, we will again be reminded: Do this in memory of me. We renew the part we are to play in building a new and modern "common and collective memory."

After Mass, the people present were all invited to the Kateri Hall to share another meal so well prepared by these devoted ladies so faithful and experts in culinary art.

To prepare the next visit of Bishop B. Hubert every one was asked to remain in the hall so they could ask Fr Walsh all the questions pertaining to the parish.

Thanks to all those who helped us to celebrate so beautifully. ■

J.B., s.j.



Kateri's Feastday on April 17
will be celebrated at the Sanctuary on April 14



*"Blessed Kateri has a lover of the cross,
because her lover was nailed to it,
gout of love for all."*

*Dear friends of Kateri:
May the cross lead you
to resurrection.*

Happy Easter!

The Kateri Center Personnel

Mass in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**[April 17: "on the feast of"]*

Let us rejoice and shout for joy in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, because the Lord of all things has favored this holy and glorious virgin with his love.*

[Alleluia!]

OPENING PRAYER

God of all peoples, Great Spirit of Life, you made Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, a sign of your presence among her people.

Through her example and prayer, gather into your Church all peoples of every race and nation, to proclaim your greatness in a single hymn of praise.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: [Wisdom 9,13-18]

Second reading: [Romans 12,1-2]

Gospel: [Matthew 12,46-50]

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God, most Holy One, we place before you these gifts of the land in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

As our praise rises from the earth, send down your love to cleanse and heal us. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ever watchful and faithful, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha has chosen the better part; it will not be taken from her.

[Alleluia!] [s. Luke 10,42]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**[April 17: "on the feast of"]*

Great Spirit, our God, listen to our prayer in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Bring us light in time of darkness, health in time of sickness, joy in time of sorrow. Teach us to live in your ways, and to be brothers and sisters to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Adieu, Bishop Hubert!

You were present with us every Kateri Feast Day since 1979, except last year, when ill health delayed your visit until our Tekakwitha Conference celebration last August 4th. You were with us in Rome in June 1980 when Kateri was beatified. You were here in 1981 when a special 17¢ commemorative stamp was unveiled in her honour; in 1983 you came here to declare her our second patron and this, our church, her shrine. You were here in 1988 to preside over the Sunday Eucharist in her honour which was televised nationwide in both French and English. Truly, you always had a soft spot in your heart for her... and for us too...

You personally confirmed closed to 200 students from our community. You ordained Jacques Nicole S.J. (Dec. 1984) and our permanent deacon Ronald Boyer (Oct. 1988) in our church. You stood by us as we mourned the passing of Fr. Beaudoin (1985) and Fr. Béchar (1990). As an active member of both Canadian and Quebec Bishops' Conferences, you were a staunch and vocal advocate of aboriginal rights - as president of the former your signature adorns the historic and ecumenical "New Covenant" (Febr. 1987) that is hanging at the back of our church. Behind the scenes you were an effective support for our community in time of crisis (1990) and came here that same autumn to induct our present pastor.

You borrowed Fr. John Walsh from Montreal to be our episcopal vicar since 1989, and as such he made what every bishop can only dream of: a 3-day pastoral visit among us in May 1993.



Really, how many parishes in our diocese can boast of a smuch presence and involvement with us?

Four days before your own scheduled pastoral visit last Dec. 3rd, you fell ill once again. From your hospital bed you later phoned me to apologize for having missed us, promising you would make up for it. Last Jan. 23rd I was able to remind you in person at the Diocesan Center that Kateri Day, next April 14th, would be an ideal

occasion to make good on your promise. You felt much better, or so you said, and with your usual big smile immediately took note of it in your diary, delighted that you were to be free that Sunday. But again, it was not meant to be, this time for good...

Last Wed, evening, Jan 31st, you were in Candiac, making yet another pastoral visit. Somebody asked you publicly how you envisioned death. You answered (I'm quoting freely Bishop Berthelet in yesterday's homily) that, for you, death was merely a further step towards Life; and that for some time now, every word you said, every gesture and task you accomplished every day, was done as if it was the last one of your life here below... Somehow you knew, and you were ready...

We miss you already. But surely, from your vintage point, you will continue to watch over us, to guide us, to help us continue to grow, and see to it that your successor will make the rest of your vision of us come true.

Niawenhko:wa for the friend you were and always will remain for us. A-Dieu! ■

*Fr. Louis Cyr and your friends
in Kahnawake*

Toponymy

When you ask Quebecers to enumerate names of Amerindian origin, most of the time, they hardly know how to answer. Yet, the soft consonances resound constantly in their conversations, without their knowledge.

Hundreds of lakes, rivers, mountains, cities and towns owe their name to the First Nations who dwelt here. Quebec, Chicoutimi, Shawanigan, Megantic, Saguenay. These names not noticed by the Quebecers, since they are so well integrated in the vocabulary, agreeably surprise the visitors of the "Old Country".

And with good reason. The Amerindian names not only sound well but they also prove to be rich in description. As the Natives changed place a lot and that they not have any maps for guidance, then the names of places would evoke the configuration, the essence itself of the spot.

Many toponyms put an accent on the physical particularity of

the spot: for ex. Gaspé, a Micmac name, signifies "the end of the extremity and Tadoussac "the breasts of a woman", referring to the two round hills limiting the place. Other appellations keep a direct link with water: Chicoutimi (Montagnais) means the "end of the deep waters..."; Magog (Abenaki) expanse of water"; Mattawa (Algonquin) "a confluence of rivers." As the Natives depended just about totally on nature for their survival, the names of places signaling the abundance of food, are also numerous. Megantic, (Abenaki) signifies host of many fishes", Anticosti "bear hunting", and Cacouna (Cri) "land of the porcupine". Certain names also point out the presence of resources used for the fabrication of tools and objects necessary to live in the woods. Manicouagan (Cri) signifies "where there is bark for canoes"; Etchemin (Abenaki) "where there is hide to make snowshoes", and Rimouski (Micmac) "Land of the moose".■



Examples could be multiplied infinitely. The Indian toponyms are so numerous that hundreds of them are not inscribed on the maps. This phenomenon is not restricted to Quebec but to the three Americas. By way of example, let us mention that in Canada - also a word of Indian origin - four Provinces out of ten owe their names to Amerindians: Saskatchewan, from Cri "kisiskatchewan", signifies "river with a rapid flow"; Manitoba, for sure from the Assiniboine mini-tobow, "Lake in the Prairies"; Quebec from the Algonquin "kebec" "where the river narrows"; Ontario, from Huron "outario"; "nice and sparkling water"; and the Yukon, from Athabaskan diuke-on, which signifies "clear water".

Louis Tardinel in "l'Indien Généreux"



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Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

A Sister of Marie-Réparatrice,
Montreal, QC, 50.

Kateri's Feastday on Sunday April 14 at the Shrine

The celebration will be preceded
by the Novena, April 5 to 14, at the
Shrine. You are invited to join Kateri's
friends who will be praying by her
tomb. If you wish, you may provide
yourself with a Novena booklet,
written by Fr Henri Bécharde S.J. (\$2 a
unit).

To celebrate Kateri's feastday,
you may also:

- 1) pay a visit to her Shrine at
Kahnawake - Mass at 11 p.m.
- 2) take the pledge of praying each
day for Kateri's canonization.
- 3) renew your subscription to the
Kateri magazine or join the Kateri
Band Club.

Suggestion for sympathy enrollment

The Center receives many
enrollments to obtain prayers for the
deceased ones \$2 a year. Since the \$2
has been coined in Canada, how to
send this coin by mail? You may
always send a cheque or better yet
send \$5 for two years. Someone has

suggested this way to solve the
problem, what amounts to .50 more
for a yearly enrollment. Do what you
wish, the way you want it. Thank
you.

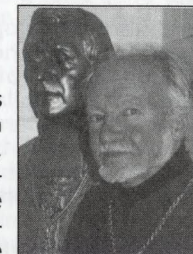
The Founder of the Oblates is canonized

Bishop Charles
de Mazenod, born
in France in 1782,
founded the Con-
gregation of the
Oblate Mis-
sionaries of the
Immaculate Heart
of Mary to
evangelize the
abandoned and
the poor, and to announce the Good
News: "Dare all to spread the reign
of Christ." He said: "Charity
embraces everything. For new needs,
you must invent new means." Thus
in 1996, Oblates are present in 68
countries and number 5000.

At the very beginning of its
foundation, at the request of Bishop
Ignace Bourget of Montreal, Bishop
de Mazenod sent 6 missionaries to
Canada. In 1845, a few were sent to
Bytown and to Western Canada. This
was the start of the missionary epic
of the Oblates in a most difficult
territory: the Northern missions with
the Natives. Pope Pius XI recognized
their merits when he said: "Because
of the isolation, the cold, the
distances, the dialects and ways of
life, the Oblates of the frozen North,
work in the most difficult missions of
the world."

The Church of Canada rejoiced on
the December 3rd canonization. May
it give a new impetus to the
missionary zeal of the Oblates who
have shared so much with the
Natives of our country. ■

J.B., s.j.



*Jean-Bernard
Duhamel proud
to be an Oblate.*

Testimonies of favors obtained

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

Enclosed is a money order for twenty dollars for the following: five dollars for renewal of my membership to the Kateri magazine and fifteen dollars in thanksgiving for a favor received from Blessed Kateri. That my tests showed I didn't have cancer. I pray every day that Blessed Kateri may be raised to Sainthood soon...

(Windsor, ONT)

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

Enclosed is a check for five dollars. I went on a bus trip last week and our luggage got off the bus but didn't make it to our room. I promised Kateri five dollars if she would please find our luggage. After the show at the hotel, around 11 p.m., we returned to our room and our luggage was sitting outside of our door. They had changed our room number and the original room number was written on the luggage tag. Everything worked out well thereafter. This is thanks to Kateri.

(Catonsville, MD)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms M. G.!

Enclosed is fifty dollars for Kateri's Cause. Again she helped me get through some very stressful medical tests which turned out fine. Kateri and Our Blessed Mother Mary are always there to intercede for me during difficult times. Please take five dollars of this money to renew my membership to the Kateri magazine. I hope that some day soon we may call her "Saint Kateri." Thank you.

(Cinnaminson, NJ)

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

Enclosed please find a check for ten dollars. I prayed to Kateri for my husband to find work and he just did. I pray to Kateri for her guidance in all I do.

(Fairview, PA)

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

Here I am again with my ten dollars donation to Kateri's Cause as promised. I was to pass a driver's test last week, which was making me nervous. So I promised Kateri I would send ten dollars if she would help me to pass this test. I did pass it and during the test I was not one bit nervous. So please accept this cheque and thank you for your prayers. Thanks to Kateri once more and also to Our Lady and Our Lord for looking after me...

(Alexandria, ONT)

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

I just got a call from my son to tell me that he finally found a steady job after almost three years. He sounded so happy. I had promised Kateri I would send twenty-five dollars, so I'm enclosing it. I pray her every day.

(Berlin, NH)

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

I am sending a check for sixty dollars to thank Kateri for the cure of a long illness.

(Shawinigan, QC)

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

I am enclosed a check for twenty dollars to thank Kateri for favors received. My mother had intestinal problems and, after praying to Kateri, the problems were resolved. She asked me to send this check to you as she is visiting with me for the winter months. Thank You!

(Cambridge, MA)

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

For the second time I lost my car keys. As before, I prayed to Kateri to help me find them and I did, so I promised to send a little something for the Center and to renew my subscription for another year... Enclosed is a cheque for ten dollars.

(Sudbury, ONT)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving for a good test result for our son. Doctors first said he had a tumor in his kidney – it is only a cyst. Another miracle for Kateri...

(Springfield, PA)

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

You are a very lucky man was the words of my cancer specialist as he informed me that my blood and other tests indicated that my prostate cancer was in full remission. I had already told him that, thanks to Blessed Kateri, a miracle had occurred in regards to my cancer. This visit to my doctor was in sharp contrast to my visit to him in the hospital emergency six years ago. The fruit of that visit was learning that I had prostate cancer that was spreading and I had only a few years to live. I'm including my specialist's name and address if you wish to contact him. I'm enclosing a check for three hundred and twenty-five dollars including stipends for five masses...

(Brantford, ONT)

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

Enclosed please find a cheque for fifty dollars in thanksgiving for all the blessings our family has received for the past year. Our prayers were answered, when my daughter was pregnant with twins. With Kateri's help she had two healthy babies. Also thank you for my son's happy marriage... Thanking Kateri for all blessings received.

(Eskasoni, NS)

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

I am sending a check for twenty-five dollars for Kateri's Cause. My son continues to be sober and I'm asking you to pray that he will remain so... Thank you in advance for your prayers.

(Rosemont, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss P. M.!

Enclosed is fifteen dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for having made a safe trip last autumn and that she continue to watch over me and my family.

(Boucherville, QC)

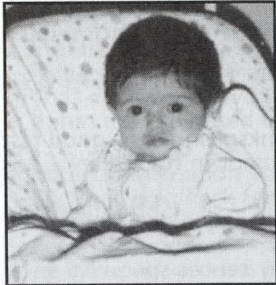
✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. T. D.!

I am a devotee of Blessed Kateri, I had promised twenty-five dollars if my husband and I made a safe trip to Europe. It was marvellous, without any problems and all was wonderful, health included. There is also ten dollars in thanksgiving for a job that my daughter obtained...

(Montreal, QC)

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

Little Sister wants to know...



Kateri Rose Bilay

Born on June 6, 1995.

Child of Angela and Paul Bilay at Salt Lake City, Utah.

*...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 28,879 pledges have come in
after ten years' effort.*

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.

Name _____

Street or Box _____

City or Town _____

Province or State _____ Code _____

Country _____ Telephone _____

Poem: Dedicated to Kateri Lily of the Mohawks "Eternal Harmony"

*I hear the splashing
of the water on the rocks
the singing of the birds in the air
And I see
the sunlight glittering on the top of the
wave.
A soft summer breeze touches me
I shiver from the freshness of the cool wind.
The sun's warmth comforts me like the warm
embrace of my love.*

*Remember
you are the Lord's child.
Nothing and nothing can separate you
from the Light.
You alone and only you can break
the bondage with the Eternal Harmony.
Harmony with the Highest with the ALL
brings forward the Peace
Then without Peace in yourself cannot be*

Peace on Earth
by Ursula Baghi

*The sound of the church bell rings over the
Saint Lawrence River
It is time
to say your prayer if you have not said it yet.*

Send in your Intentions now

Spiritual

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

Temporal

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

Other Requests _____

Would you like to help Kateri's Cause?

When making out your last will and **testament**, why not reserve a share for the Cause in view of Kateri's Canonization and for the upkeep of her sanctuary. Simply make your request to:

Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Mission St. Francis Xavier

P.O. Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0

Kateri will then take good care of you and your beloved ones on earth as in heaven.

The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

5 good reasons
for having
a box
on hand
all the time:

On the occasion of the death of a relative or friend, all you have to do is sign a card and send it to the bereaved family.

The departed one is enrolled in the Kateri guild, for whom,

1. A weekly High Mass is offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;
2. An intention is included daily in the Memento of the Vice-Postulator's Mass;
3. The Treasury of the many Masses read each month for the benefactors of the Society of Jesus is opened;
4. A Share in the good works of the Jesuits throughout the world is assured;
5. Participation in the merits gained in helping the Cause of the Lily of the Mohawks is guaranteed.

Write to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0 for a free sample card.

One dozen cards boxed: \$5.00 (Postage included). Each yearly enrollment in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild: \$2.00

Katerina



obtainable from the
The Kateri Center
Box 70
Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0
Tel.: (514) 638-1546 or 632-6030

Medals

1. Aluminium 15¢; Mat silver-plated: 50¢
2. Gilded: \$3.00
3. Souvenir Spoons: \$4.00

Kateri Prayer Cards and Pictures

1. Sepia (brown), by sculptor E. Brunet (5" x 2 1/2"): 10¢
2. Colored, by Mother Nealis (4 1/2" x 2 3/4"): 15¢
3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$1.50
4. Colored, by John Steele (4" x 3"): 10¢
5. Colored, by John Steele (6 1/2" x 5") for framing: 50¢
6. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$5.00

Touch Relics

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

Kateri Plaques

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

Novena

In the form of a short biography: \$2.00

Kateri Seals

A sheet of 36 seals: \$1.00

PLEASE ADD A LITTLE EXTRA FOR POSTAGE AND HANDLING.

Statues (Postpaid)

1. In hydrocal, ivory or bronze finish (6 1/2"): \$12.00
2. Colored (6 1/2"): \$15.00
3. In hydrocal, ivory or bronze finish (8 1/2"): \$15.00
4. Colored (8 1/2"): \$18.00
5. Kateri key chain: \$1.25
6. One inch statuette in plastic case: \$1.00

Books (Postpaid)

- In English - *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Henri Béchar, S.J., 20 pp., \$2.50
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FROM: Name _____
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As I am sending **the names of FIVE new subscribers** and their addresses to the Kateri Center (\$20.00), I now inscribe free of charge, the name of one deceased person dear to me on the Gohannatenha Roll.

Mr. ☐ , Mrs. ☐ , Miss ☐ _____

- When the Roll is complete with the names of 200 deceased, 100 Masses shall be offered for the repose of their souls.
- If no name is submitted for the Roll, "A Suffering Soul of Purgatory" shall be inscribed instead.