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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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LETTER FOR THE NEW YEAR

My dear Father in Heaven,

When I was a youth, very faithfully did I address a New Year Letter to my earthly father. This letter expressed my thanks and my excuses: "You were so generous to me during the passed year, and what did I offer you in return?"

I speak to you often enough but most of the time in a beggar's way. "Give me this give me that..." 1996 is ending and I wish to thank you for so many gifts, for all you gave me."

Firstly I thank you for having adopted me as Your son (daughter). What a big risk you took. Thank you for continuing to love me, to take care of me, even though I don't show much gratitude and affection. Thank you for still trying to make out of me a being which resembles you. You were kind enough to introduce me in this life which is Yours and which should transform me gradually into you...

I thank you for giving me all the means to become like You: prayer, the communion to Your body, the means of reconciliation, the good inspirations of the Holy Spirit, the help of those who are so faithful to you, like the angels and the saints, the example of Your son who is Truth and Life.

I often think of my Mother Mary who is the canal of all graces, as she bore you in her womb, You the author of all graces. I believe more and more that to find You I must go through Mary, who is the Door of Heaven. "Mary is the immense mold of God, shaped by the Holy Spirit, to form in nature a man God by the hypostatic union, and to form a man God by grace." You wished that everything come to us by the mediation of Mary.

You also offer us, dear Father, holy souls to help us to go to you more easily. How remarkable that the saints find you through Mary. It has been said of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha that her first devotion was to the Blessed Virgin. As a child, she invoked her as mother, saying her beads every day, reciting Mary's litanies by heart, pronouncing a vow of Virginity that she confided to her Mother in heaven, on the Feastday of the Annunciation.

Many thanks also, dear Father, for all your gifts in the natural order: my health, my works, my vacations, for all that I have even for the dreams that you help me realize.

I forget so many things... May I beg You to accept me always as your child, spoiling me, granting me your pardon and love.

Please send your blessings on my 1997!

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator



The Frances Gohnnathenha 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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New Year

RESOLUTIONS

*A little less impatient with those we deem too slow,
A little less arrogance because of what we know,
A little more humility, seeing our worth so slight;
We are such small, dim candles, compared to star-set night;
A little more forgiving and trying to be kind,
A little more often the word of praise to find;
The word of praise to give and make a heart rejoice,
A little more careful to speak in gentle voice,
A little more eagerness to understand the other,
A little more striving to help a shipwrecked brother;
A little more courage to the hard task that must be done,
These our daily resolutions – God help us to keep each one.*



Why Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in the Seminar of Maryknoll, N.Y.

In the Maryknoll seminary in Maryknoll, N.Y. April 16: Dedication of the Formation Community Chapel in R-wing, 3rd. floor, to native American Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, at 4:15 p.m. The seminarians and brother candidates invited everyone to come to the celebration. On this vigil of her death, Fr. Larry Lewis was celebrant of the liturgy of blessings, anointings, and prayers. Fr. Jim Kroeger lead the singing of the hymns, and Fr. Joe Arsenault played some American Indian flute music. Many house residents and many employees; secretaries and the kitchen staff came for the liturgy.

While visiting the birthplace of Kateri Tekakwitha at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville last October, I was moved to suggest that we dedicate our Formation Chapel to her. After a survey of my classmates' opinions, we agreed both quickly and unanimously that it would be a suitable honor for the virtuous "Lily of the Mohawks." Subsequently, all parts of the Maryknoll community – Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and MAAF members – helped us to prepare for the dedication and came together on the vigil of her holy death for the ceremony.

Some points of personal reflection on why Kateri is especially appropriate for our Formation Chapel:

- ◆ Kateri is the first Native American to be beatified by the Catholic Church.
- ◆ Kateri is a representative of indigenous peoples, with whom Maryknoll frequently works.
- ◆ Kateri was young, and at a young age she committed her life to Christ. She died at age 24.

◆ The Native Americans number among the indigenous peoples of the earth who have suffered much. They were dispossessed of their property, stripped of their honor and heritage, and relegated to the status of outcasts in the very land which was their own. Through Kateri we honor these noble people and seek to foster an appreciation of them.

◆ Kateri stands as a shining example of piety, chastity, and devotion to the meaning of human suffering in life.

◆ Left pockmarked and half-blind by a childhood smallpox, Kateri, a true "wounded healer," preached and practiced love, peace, and understanding all of her short life.

◆ Kateri reminds us that missionaries have much to learn from the faith lives of the people in the countries in which they work.

◆ Kateri calls us to be respectful of the fact that as missionaries, we are guests in lands which are not our own.

◆ Kateri points us to look to the marginalized, so often women, youth, and the indigenous peoples in the countries where Maryknoll works.

◆ Tekakwitha means "she who stumbles into things." In Formation we frequently bump into things within ourselves and our community. Through Kateri's example, we are mindful that our stumblings can be part of our journey leading us to God, and to our identity as God's beloved children. ■

Sem. André Russo, Trad. J.B.

"Am I supposed to do this?"

Camp Glinondo, a Summer Camp close to Erie PA, is run by the Benedictine nuns and every year tries to promote nature through its "stations of creations" campaign. This 1996 Summer camp was perhaps the most exciting and this is why.

As campers and their parents arrived, a statue of the Blessed Kateri was being carved into the base of a tree that stands across from the main house: "Tekakwitha House".

The tree the statue is being carved from was damaged in a storm last May, and was going to be cut down. Instead of taking all of the trees down, Camp administrators asked that about 12 feet of the tree be left so a statue could be created. Six or seven weeks ago, Sr Carolyn, the Camp administrator, called Bryan Sprague, tree sculptor, to see if he would consider it and he said he didn't know if he could have it done... "We have a real devotion to the spirit of Kateri, said Sr Carolyn". You can sense her presence here." People know that she was the first Native American to be beatified by the Roman Catholic Church and that we expect her to be canonized soon i.e. be declared a saint publicly for the whole world."

Sprague is a well known sculptor, so very busy. "I prayed Kateri that he needed her help to

get this done," Sr Carolyn said. She called Bryan and asked him if he could do it on July 14 and he said no because this day was his birthday.



done and Kateri gives me the initiative to do it."

Kateri Tekakwitha "is the patroness of Peace and Ecology" and that, Sr Carolyn said, is why Camp Glinondo has such a devotion to her. ■

*From the Morning News
Mike Bennett, July 1996*

The woman in Native society



The majority, if not all the Native nations, were matriarcal. That is to say that the woman held a preponderant authority in society. In fact, amongst the Innuits, women held the most important role. Firstly wasn't she the one who gave life? The one who transmitted the culture, spirituality and the values, the one who educated. In short the one who made the nation what it is.

In the Inuit nation, every one occupied a very definite role. Man would provide the big game, would plan out itinerary and organize hunting. He would take care of the transportation of the family (from the village to the territory), of the canoe portages, of heavy loads and installation of the camps at each stop. The woman, on her side, would back up the man.

Her principal tasks consisted in raising the children, educating them in all respects. Moreover during the hunting of big game when the men would leave for a few days, it was normal that she would take care of the daily chores, like getting ready the daily meals, hunting for small game, as rabbits and partridges... fishing and picking wild fruits. It is her also who saw to the treatment of the meat and the

fish, by smoking them. It is her also who took care of the cleaning of the furs so that they could be used for the confection of garments and serve to make different accessories necessary to the hunters.

It's her also who saw to the renewal of their pine in the tent, to the hygiene of the camp, to the health of the family, to sewing, to children's education, to reading and writing for the youngsters and adolescents too. It would also happen that in the families where the elders were girls, that they would go hunting with the father.

• From nomad to sedentary life

With the advent of sedentary life, the woman has lost most of its occupations. Valorized as she was, she became the one to prepare meals, to do the



The woman in Native society (con't)

housework, a kind of a maid what! The school has replaced her as an educator, the dispensary (a CLSC which takes care of the health of all) and the store provides for the food and clothes – all you have to do is to choose and pay.

The transmission of the values and of the culture often runs counter to school teaching; TV offers images more interesting than the legends which made the delight of the children brought up in the forest.

One must not be suprized then if the Natives know social problems. They were transplanted without any preparation in a foreign civilization of which they ignored the language and the rules of the game. Over-night, all what valorized them, all what they liked became absurd, without value, interest put aside.

• The Native Woman Today

Nevertheless, even though she was plunged in confusion, incomprehension, revolt and despair, the woman has recovered her balance. She adapted herself to the new situation where man is the "chief" of the family, according to the new rules of the leaders. She went to work, she studied and has invaded the labor market.

Today, you find the woman in all spheres of life. Of all the young Natives studying in post-



secondary schools and universities, the majority are women. Amongst those who obtain diplomas, they are the most numerous.

On the labor market, in the communities, the employees hired are those with longer studies, not necessarily the most talented.

But the women earn their position. Today they are more combative and have recovered confidence in their possibilities, in their values.

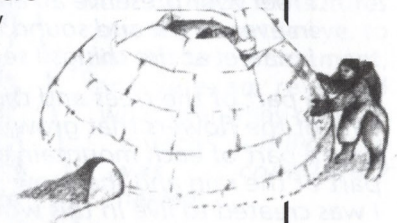
The woman is under way regaining her place that she occupied in the Native society, quietly, but in a sure way. It won't be easy, but she has the capacity to do it, as soon as the will will be behind it. Through her the whole population of the nation will rediscover its roots, pride and identity. ■

by **Marcelline Picard-Kanapé**
Chief of the Betsiamites Band
from "Apostolat", July 1996

A WHITE BEAR IN THE MOONLIGHT

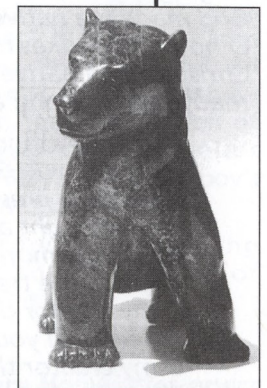
Being an adult, I hunted by myself, even when I pursued a ferocious animal. I had heard that the white bear could be a very violent agressor, but I had never met one until that night.

I had settled myself for the night in a small igloo, accompanied by my son only. All of a sudden, while we were sleeping, a bear struck the top part of the igloo and half of it crumbled in. He was standing right by, facing us. Our guns out of reach were buried inside under blocks of snow that the bear had pushed inside. It was night and our only guide mark was the rays of the moon.



The bear was preparing for the attack and would have jumped on me if I hadn't started screaming. I cried out at the top of my voice - it was the only way to curb his dash. I couldn't even interrupt my yelling to tell my son what to do. And there I was without a weapon, facing a big bear. Without stopping my cry, I succeeded in grabbing my knife and I drove it into the bear hoping that this would at least scare him away, but this did not scare him a bit. During this confrontation, my son slipped out of the igloo through the hole the bear had made. Neither I, neither the bear had seen nothing. Suddenly, the sound of a gun exploded. I then realized that my son had seized the firearm and had shot the bear.

I thought I was the only one able to master such a situation, my son being so young. But surprisingly it is he who saved my life, because without his intervention the bear would have torn me to pieces. It was the first bear that my son shot dead that night in the moonlight. He was then but a child but still he defied a bear to save my life. This is why I'm still alive today.



Relation of Lazarusie Epoo (1981)
Adapted from Tumivut,
Cultural review of the Inuits of Nunavik.

God made me Native

Breezes blow gently through all of the leaves
They seem to whisper to me
Flowers and fragrances grow through the earth
They are perfection to see
Rivers and lakes fill the valleys with blue
See how they sparkle and shine
High overhead fly the sun and the moon
O what a brilliant design

And every morning as I rise I pray
I thank you, God for this – another day
I feel your presence all around
in every sight and sound
I marvel at the things I see

I am a part of the trees and the wind
One of the flowers that grow
I am a part of each mountain and lake
part of the rain and the snow
I was created to live in this world
Why was I made to belong
I'll do my best to spread kindness and peace
That is how I will be strong

And every morning I will rise and pray
To thank you, God for this – another day
I feel your presence all around in every sight and sound
I marvel at the things I see

Sometimes a vision I have in my dreams
Millions of people are there
All different races and cultures are joined
Singing the faith which they share
God made me native and that I will be
O how that makes me so proud
Christian and native is what I will be
ready to say strong and loud

That every morning as I rise I pray
To thank you God for this – another day
I feel your presence all around
in every sight and sound I marvel at the things I see
and every morning I feel your embrace
You are the trees – the sunlight on my face
O my creator thank you for this world that I adore
I cherish all you give to me
O my creator thank you for this life that I adore
This miracle you give to me.

Music & Lyrics by Kevin John Saylor

The Power of Prayer

"I want to share with you a special story of hope and healing. It happened in the mountains of North Carolina, where Glenmary's Father Tom Field serves two small parishes."

Two young brothers, summer residents of our Saint Joseph parish in Bryson City, were "horsing around" one day when Don threw a jeweler's screwdriver at his brother Billy. Tragically, the screwdriver hit Billy squarely in the eye, piercing the cornea and damaging the retina.

Billy's parents raced him to the emergency room, praying that his eye would be all right. But after examinations and surgery, the doctors broke the sad news:

"He'll definitely lose vision in that eye," the surgeon said. "We left the eye in for cosmetic reasons, but I'm certain he will be blind."

Billy went home to heal and to adjust to this new reality. In a few weeks, he had progressed from an eye-patch to sunglasses, which he was required to wear at all times.

When Billy went to Mass with his family one Sunday morning, Father Tom asked him why he was wearing sunglasses in church.

"Are you a movie star?" Father Tom joked.

Billy and his mother told Father Field the whole story, and the Glenmarians suggested, "Let's pray for healing." Invoking Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha – the first Native American recommended for canonization – Father Tom asked the Lord to heal the boy's eye.

One month later, Billy went to have the sutures removed from the eye. to the doctors' amazement, an eye exam revealed what even they called a "miracle" – **Billy's eye was completely healed!**

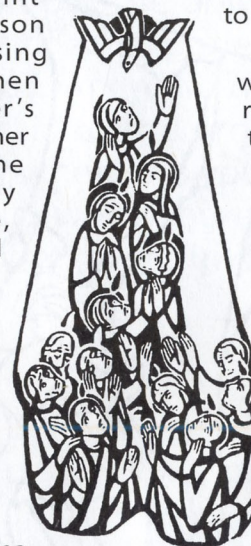
Not only could the youngster see, but his vision was 20/20, absolutely perfect – totally restored!

If you ask Father Tom about Billy's healing, he'll credit Blessed Kateri for "giving God a nudge on Billy's behalf."

The doctors said it was "impossible," but Father Tom remembered that "for God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). With the intervention of Blessed Kateri, Father Field's prayer and Billy's faith, the boy's eyesight was restored.

Billy's story is an inspiring testimony to the power of prayer, isn't it? ■

Glenmary Home Missioners
Trad.: F.B.





*May the Infant Jesus, his divine Mother
and the Blessed Kateri
shower on you Peace
Love and Joy
during the Christmas Season
and every day of 1997!*

The Kateri Center and its personnel

A little Child

is given us...

Before you came into this world,
Lord,
your love was hidden from us.
Your mercy was but the object of a promise
not of an experience.
This is why many men did not believe in it
and said to the prophets:
"Till when will you say:
peace, peace, when there is no peace.
And your prophets were in deep desolation.

But now,
May men believe in what they see!
Today peace is not promised
but sent
not postponed for later, but given,
not prophetized any more but proposed.

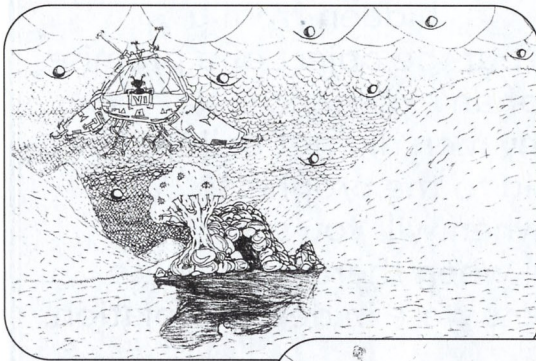
A little child is given us.
In Him lies the plenitude of divinity.
What great proof of your love
you are giving us,
adding to your humanity the name of God.

*From a Sermon of
Saint Bernard for Epiphany*

A Christmas Story *Eli X, Elia VI and Christmas*

Eli X and Elia VI are manifestations which shake the whole universe. At the time of creation the unbelievable commotion resulted in the

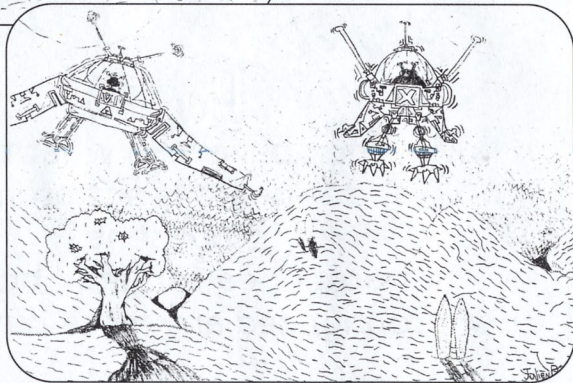
formation of continents, seas, lakes, mountains and our planet Earth. Where there are ETs then? God knows, He who put so much richness and power there for men to discover and exploit. But I need ETs for my story.



sky on a chariot of fire and he must come back before the end of the world. You are free to believe or not in the ETs. Isn't it conceivable? The Creator of all things could have placed live beings outside our planet earth.

The Native believe in elves that we must not harm because they are bearers of good luck...

On the Saviour's birth, 2000 years ago, when the universe was perturbed by this great light in heaven, choirs of angels singing, a bright star leading three Wise Kings, Eli and Elia were attracted to a grotto in the hills close to Bethlehem. It is noticeable that every great event in the Bible brings about special



The flying saucer which carried Eli and Elia was first attracted by this light in the sky, so bright that it lit up all the countryside of Bethlehem.

They saw here and there shepherds walking towards this grotto all wrapped up in mystery. Eli was driving his saucer in a camouflaged way, whilst Elia was observing the focus point of the angels and shepherds.

A Christmas Story *Eli X, Elia VI and Christmas (con't)*

If this event was so important how is it that the great of the Earth were not summoned there? Elia VI finally discovered two animals in the grotto: a huge ox and a tiny donkey. This place served as a shelter for beasts of burden, maybe for sheep. But what did the shepherds come to see in this stable? Another about turn of the saucer and Elia finally saw a very tiny figure in a manger, so tiny, so tiny... Was it possible that such an important personage become so tiny in such a miserable place?

If the angels sang his praise in the sky and announce Him to men of good will, is it not that this newly born came to accomplish something great. Another glimpse under the roof and our ETs were off to the angels in order to penetrate the mystery. Their presence and songs heralded the birth of the Messiah, the Saviour long expected. The Messiah that their ancestor the prophet had spoken about and predicted the coming.

Everything became clear in the minds of Eli and Elia except that such a sight in the earth, in such a humble hamlet remained enigmatic. If only the great Elia would come back to help them decipher this mystery...

It came about that Eli and Elia became envious of the parents of this Child and of the shepherds who came so close to

Him. Why didn't the Messiah come to our place? Why is it that He revealed himself to them and not to us? So Eli and Elia rushed back to their home to relate their experience with their brothers and sisters. "But you have to go back, they told them, to see what kind of welcome He may get from these people."

A few days later, by a bright moonlight, they saw from afar a fair lady with her child on the back of a donkey, dashing away secretly with her husband, in the direction of Egypt.

If He's really a Saviour, why don't they organize a big welcome, they thought to themselves. They ignored what was written in the big book: "He came to His own and His own would not accept Him...!"

Today again, saucers are seen flying here and there in the sky. Do the ETs come to see if the humans have changed their attitude towards Him. Have they changed their opinion about this child, burning with love, who wishes to transform them into Gods?

The ETs may be true or false, but they would envy us and wouldn't mind trading place with us. ■

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.

The 12 days of Christmas

From the year 1558 to 1829, the Roman Catholic church in England was forbidden to openly practice the faith. Members of the Church developed ways to communicate the gift of faith in a coded song known as The Twelve Days of Christmas. Listed below are the various explanations of the symbols.

The 12 days were from December 25 (Christmas) until January 6 (Epiphany). The 'true love' referred to God. The repetition of the melody signified God's continual renewal of His gifts.

A PARTRIDGE

is a symbol of Christ. the partridge will feign injury to protect nestlings who are defenseless, just as we are before Satan without Christ.

A PEAR TREE

is the symbol of the salvation of man, just as the apple tree signified his downfall.

2 TURTLE DOVES

symbolize the Old Testament sacrifice, offered by even the poorest of people.

3 FRENCH HENS

valued for their beauty and rarity, symbolize the gifts of the three Wise Men and the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love.

4 CALLING BIRDS

represent the four major prophets and the four evangelists, the former announcing His coming and the latter proclaiming His message.

5 GOLDEN RINGS

represent the perfect circle of faith: God's love for us, our love for God and our love for each other. The number five refers to the five obligatory sacraments and the five books of the Bible which make up the Pentateuch, also known as the Law.

6 GESE A-LAYING

represents the six days of creation .

7 SWANS A-SWIMMING

are the seven gifts of the Holy spirit and the seven works of mercy. The number seven is the number of perfection.

8 MAIDS A-MILKING

are the eight beatitudes as well as the eight times during the year that were prescribed at that time for the reception of the Eucharist.

9 LADIES DANCING

are the nine ranks of angel choirs and the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

11 PIPERS

are the eleven apostles proclaiming the Resurrection of Jesus.

12 DRUMMERS

are the twelve minor prophets of the Old Testament and the Twelve points of the Apostles Creed. Referring to the Twelve tribes of Israel and the Apostles, 12 represents completion and fullness.

KATERI NEWS

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Thanks to Bishop Jean-Guy Couture of Chicoutimi

Thanks to Bishop Couture for having enriched the Kateri Shrine with a relic of Blessed Kateri which he graciously authenticated. It is enclosed in a golden reliquary, richly ornated by an artist, Sr. Rita Fortin, a religious nun of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The Kateri magazine has already an article about the gift that Fr N.V. Burtin o.m.i., then pastor at Kahnawake, made to Bishop Dominique Racine of Chicoutimi, around the year 1875.

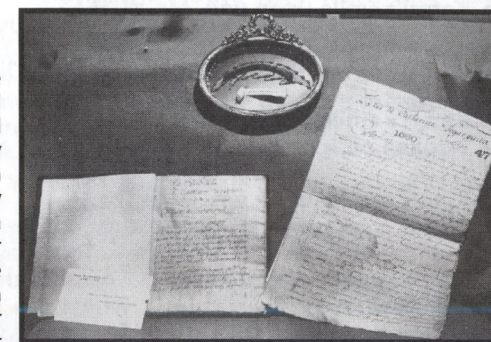
The relic deposited in the bishopric of Chicoutimi, was discovered by Fr. Jean-Philippe Blackburn in a section of the archives where old and recent relics had been placed for a long time. A fragment of the relic (the sternum of Blessed Kateri) was offered as a gift to the church of Mashtieuiastsh (Pointe Bleue) on the occasion of its blessing and dedication to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, in 1987.

The relic arrived in Kahnawake on All Saints Day, a foreboding of Kateri's canonization maybe, who knows? It will be used for individual veneration by so many pilgrims coming to the Sanctuary, as it can be held by the hand.

Thank you also to Fr Jean-Philippe Blackburn, archivist of the diocese

who confided it to Fr Jacques bouchard to be brought to Montreal in security, before it reached Kahnawake.

Fr Henri Béchard s.j., vice-postulator for 47 years must be rejoicing in heaven on the translation of the relic to Saint Francis-Xavier Mission where it originated from. The Natives think it so normal that the bones should be kept together. Father Bruyère is dancing with joy.



Wanted for the Kateri Center

Our photocopy machine goes back to the year of grace 1985 and it has served very well. Like any old car, it's knowing its sores. We would like to put it in retirement, without hoping for a Federal pension, but the Center cannot afford a replacement.

If anyone would have such a machine in surplus, not so old or worn out, and would like to get rid of it, he or she can keep in mind the Kateri Center and make us a Christmas gift. This machine is to print the Kateri Center and make us a Christmas gift. This machine is to print regular formats, colorless.

Please call the Kateri Center (638-1546) and our secretary-treasurer, Albert Lazare will gladly pick it up in your attic or cellar. I thank you! ■

Testimonies of favors obtained

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D. R.!

Enclosed is an offering of ten dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for a great favor granted me on July 15th, the day after my 18 day novena to her. I asked her to intercede for two wonderful friends, who I consider family, in their financial difficulties. Our loving heavenly Father through Blessed Kateri blessed me with financial help on July 15th, the day after her feast day to help these two wonderful adopted family members with financial help. I can never thank you enough for your remembering my family, relatives friends and myself in your daily Masses and prayers to Blessed Kateri. In my heart, soul and mind I feel that soon we will be calling her Saint Kateri. I know this is going to happen soon...

(Erie, PA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W. H.!

The enclosed check is in thanksgiving for having made a safe trip, with no disturbing incidents while moving from New York State to Florida.

(Bradenton, FL)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. P. M.!

A token of appreciation for helping find a job.

(Pointe Claire, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss L. L.!

About a month ago, my brother entered the hospital for a one day stay to undergo a colonoscopy. That day I promised blessed Kateri I would send a donation for her cause if the diagnosis was not bad. We were told it is diverticulosis, which can be treated with medication. Enclosed please find a check for fifty dollars. Thank you again good and Blessed Kateri. Please pray for my brother and myself.

(Chicopee, MA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J. J.!

Enclosed please find a cheque for one hundred dollars. It comes in gratitude for Kateri's intercession. three years ago our eldest daughter left her husband, taking their two children wither. He had developed severe paranoias and life became unbearable for the children and herself. We had always considered him part of our family, and so we did not abandon him. He remained part of our family and continued to be involved in all family affairs, get-togethers and celebrations. We prayed that the Lord would heal him and provide him with work so he might regain his sense of personal dignity. As we did so, we doubted, for he did not seem to be doing what he had been advised to do. But, praise to the Lord. This week he was offered employment, and, miracle of miracles in these economically difficult times, at a salary higher than when he quit his last job four years ago.

(Malvern, ONT)

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

A year ago I had a hip replacement. Through the prayers of Blessed Kateri and you, my friends, all went very well. Now I am going to have my left hip done. Asking your prayers once again... God, I know, will hear your prayers... Please pray for me as I am nervous once again.

(Guelph, ONT)

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

Enclosed please find my check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving for Tekakwitha's help in finding a buyer for my son's shop. It had been on the market for two years and we were becoming despondent. Thanks to Kateri and may she become a saint soon.

(Saint Peters, MO)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Fr. L.!

Just a little over a year ago I was in a particularly difficult situation. I had come back to Canada to visit relatives in need, and to cover the cost of my trip I had written in advance to arrange for summer replacement ministry in a parish. The reply had been positive and definite: – yet when I arrived, everything had fallen through. In the situation I found myself in, this was more than bothersome: I had no funds at my disposition, no ministry, and nowhere to stay. I could not even stay very long with relatives, because they were very busy looking after someone quite ill in their home. In this need, I made a novena to Blessed Kateri. On the 9th day, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I was unexpectedly invited to a gathering of priests, and found ministry for 2 months! This "answer" meant a great deal to me, and much blessing Kateri to send twenty-five dollars to her center in thanksgiving... because I am firmly convinced she helped me! Unfortunately, I did not send off the amount promised, and kept putting it off, because of numerous duties. So... today I am sending you the sum of sixty dollars with very grateful thanks to Blessed Kateri and to you for your work...

(Bancouver, BC)

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

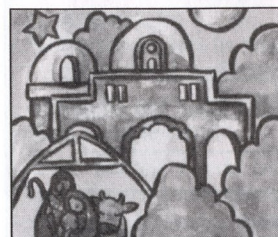
Again I write to thank Kateri for answers to my prayers. My daughter-in-law was diagnosed with possible Crohn's Disease and possible cancer of the liver. But after several tests results came back good. Thanks to Blessed Kateri. How I prayed. Enclosed you will find a money order for twenty-five dollars, the promise I made to Kateri. May she soon be proclaimed a Saint. Thank you so much for Blessings received.

(Winnipeg, MB)

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

I have no sight in my left eye and I have trouble with my other eye. I find it hard to put drops in my eyes, as I am alone. A Carmelite Sister told me to pray to Blessed Kateri, which I did, and I have no more trouble getting the drops in my eyes. They are healing very nicely but very slowly thanks to Blessed Kateri.

(Bronx, NY)



*(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 28,333 pledges have come in
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Kateri Mari Morris

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6th child of Maria Morris

Picture taken when 5 years old

Send by grandmother

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with us...**



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Box 70
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My pledge to KATERI

Date _____

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