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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 HIS PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE

**L**ife is a process of discovering and developing the God-given gifts within each one of us. And these gifts are so many: specific talents and qualities that make each one of us unique.

"Receiving life is a blessing; receiving a talent of a rare and unique quality is a privilege granted only by God. He gives each one of us a talent according to our needs and His wisdom. Only He knows what is needed in a given century and when He gives it. He creates it with the talent that the world needs and at that particular time." We are then an indispensable link in that chain of talents that God creates and recreates.

"How encouraging to know that I have special genes which give me an identity and that this is the way to accomplish what God wants me to do.. The talents with which we are born are the means of fulfilling our mission on earth."

To develop our talents and to use our abilities in our society and world is then our way to serve God and to become what He wants us to be. Not to answer this call is to limit ourselves and to feel like a fish out of the water. Trying to become someone that we are not cannot but create discontent and frustration.

So every day we must ask God for guidance. The Holy Spirit is there to illumine us to know the way.

Of course, many discover very naturally the path they should be treading in life. Many also remain too passive to follow it. It takes courage and strength to remain faithful, but then it is so fulfilling and rewarding, just to know that we are doing the will of God.

The search and constance in doing the pleasure of God is a lifetime job. Even after one retires from his normal work, he may ask himself: What do I do now? It is no fun to be doing nothing. So may be you can accomplish now things that you never found time to do during your career. How can I show more care and concern now for my neighbours, for the invalids, for the wheel-chairers? How can I get more involved in the works of my parish? Think of this man, a very busy business man who just yearned for his retirement so he could study some theology and become more acquainted with his church. Today, at 66 years old, he is a priest serving in a parish and doing so well.

"The gifts that God gave us, wrote Paul to the Ephesians, were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

As much as we would like to become what God wants to be, we may well believe that this will never be achieved during our lifetime. It is our joy to think that once in heaven, living with God, we can attain this maturity and fulness that God had in plan for us.

**Jacques Bruyère, S.J.**  
Vice-Postulator





## The Frances Tiouateskon 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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*Kay Zimmerman and Judy Dahl at the blessing of the new Parish Hall at Valencia, Ca.*



## Amerindian News

### Blessed Kateri gets a new Hall in Valencia, CA.

Cardinal Roger Mahoney joined the worshippers of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha mission as they dedicated the new multi-purpose building on July 30. It's here, in Saugus, on a hill overlooking the beautiful Santa Clarita Valley, that the parishioners hope to start constructing their church. The multi-purpose building is part of a larger master plan for the future church community which includes a sanctuary, day-care center and an elementary school.

Two close friends of blessed Kateri from Thousand Oaks, Mrs. Kay Zimmerman and Judith Dahl, wrote: "As we entered the foyer of the multi-purpose building, on the right we saw a beautiful picture of Blessed Kateri. By the foyer too is the Blessed Sacrament chapel. When we arrived for Mass, there were standing room only. There were a few Indians in full garb and Willie De Castillo chanted with the drums at the Offertory. Of course, the virtues of Blessed Kateri were extolled during the homily. "She will see to it that the whole plan will be finished soon..."

"After Mass, His Eminence went around blessing all the Commodities of the building. Then Kay and I prayed at the First-Class Relic of Blessed Kateri and we remembered all the intentions of Father Bruyère and all the people in the Kateri Shrine and Center in Canada."

*P.S. Thanks to Kay and Judith. May Blessed Kateri smile on them always.*

### 8th Annual Pow-wow in the City of Angels

The Kateri Circle of the City of Angels believes that pow-wows play an important role in unifying the American Indian Community and preserving American Indian culture and traditions.

For the 8th time, the Pow-wow was held on the premises of the Loyola-Marymount University. As Father V. Sarrazin, chaplain of the Kateri Circle said: "It's a time to rejoice and praise our Creator with dance and song and the Mass.

First of all it's in honour of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the Patron of American Indian Catholics." On July 13, Bishop Gerald Barnes celebrated an Amerindian Mass in honour of Blessed Kateri.

During the two-day celebration, there were many kinds of dances, one tribe contesting with the other: ground dancing, round dances, exhibition dancing.

At three p.m. the Annual Kateri Honour dance was performed and the Giveaway, and Acoma Pueblo Indian tradition, took place. As it is the custom, the men and boys of the family use a sack to distribute the gifts, while the women and girls use a basket.

Once again the pow-wow was a great success with many new participants and a very enthusiastic attendance.

Congratulations to Eva Walters, president of the Kateri Circle, and all Members of the Circle. ■



## Milwaukee Hosts National Tekakwitha Conference

**A**s the time of the Annual Tekakwitha conference approaches, native Americans from all 4 corners of the U.S. and Canada are drawn to be present. Marquette University at Milwaukee Wisconsin welcomed some 2,000 participants for this 5-day event in August. The Congregation of the local Great Spirit Catholic Church planned many of the special events. Deacon Merlin Williams of Coon Rapids, Minnesota served as Program Chairman-at-large.

### Eastcoast Mohawks Participate



*Sr Kateri Mitchell and her audience.*

Sr. Kateri Mitchell, born at the St-Regis Reserve, and now stationed in Manitoba attracted many to her workshop on sharing native culture within liturgy and prayer services.

A bus load of Mohawks from St-Regis came, along with their pastor Fr. Belgarde. Others drove, using their private cars. From St.-Lucy's Kateri Circle in Syracuse, N.Y. came several people. Everyone shared their songs and stories of Kateri in the large assembly gatherings. Deacon Ron Boyer of Kahnawaké participated in the liturgies,

wearing his Kateri stole, which he treasures.

### Building Unity Bridges

Bishop Richard J. Skiba of the diocese of Milwaukee was a popular figure present. His warm words of welcome at the opening ceremonies

and his practice and inclusion of native culture in his liturgy was greatly appreciated.

"Building Bridges : All Nations United Through Faith" was the theme of this year's conference. Carrying out this theme to a further extent was done by a large contingent of Indians, who were invited to Medjugorje in Yugoslavia for a 4-day retreat. Members of the group related messages of unity and peace for the people that they heard at the retreat in the village, where Our Lady had called them.

### Bishop Chaput in Attendance

The newly installed Indian Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver, Colorado was present and attended many of the events. He had stopped over on his way to accompany youths travelling to the world youth conference being held in Paris, France under the leadership of Pope John Paul II.



*Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, C.D.*

### Youth in charge

The young people had workshops addressing their special needs and interest.



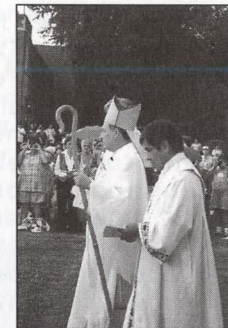
**T**hey managed to practice their social dance skills, preference for pizza, and dips in the pool.

The highlight of their activity was planning and taking part in the Youth Liturgy at Grant Park on the shores of Lake Michigan.

The entire conference membership was bused to the awe-inspiring Mass.

### Cleansing' Through Showers

Through intermittent rain down-pours, Bishop Donald E. Pelotte from Gallup, N.M. celebrated the Saturday outdoor Liturgy at the Indian Community School. Eventually the sun came out and dried up the waters. Many laughingly said, "We just got an extra spiritual cleansing."



*Bishop Pelotte*

It was announced that the next Tekakwitha conference would be held in Nashville, Tennessee. It is believed that the new site will attract a great many native Americans and the attendance figure will be very high. ■

**Anne Scheurman (J.B.)**



## Pope Names First Native American Archbishop in Denver



Archbishop C. Chaput and Fr Belgarde  
pastor of Akwesasne.

**B**ishop Charles J. Chaput of Rapid City, S.D., has been named archbishop of Denver by Pope John Paul II. The appointment, announced in Washington on Feb. 18, makes Archbishop Chaput the first Native American archbishop in U.S. history.

In addition to being the U.S. church's first Native American archbishop, at age 52, Archbishop Chaput is also the youngest U.S. archbishop.

A member of the prairie Band Powatomi tribe, Archbishop Chaput was the second American Indian to be named a bishop, after Bishop Donald E. Pelotte of Gallup, N.M. But Bishop Chaput became the first to head a diocese when we was named to Rapid City in 1988.

Native American Catholic leaders in the Los Angeles

Archdiocese were jubilant at the news of Archbishop Chaput's appointment.

Eva Walters, president of the City of Angels Kateri Circle, said it was "wonderful to have a (Native American) representative as an archbishop."

Walters also said that Bishop Chaput is under consideration as

a possible candidate to lead the Native American liturgy at next year's archdiocesan Religious Education Congress.

Bishop Chaput's installation for Denver took place on April 7 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

"I've tried to live my life simply," Archbishop Chaput said in remarks prepared for delivery at a Feb. 18 press conference in Denver. "So I don't have any elaborate words or big plans to share with you this morning.

In fact, I have no plans at all, other than to tell you about the love Jesus Christ has for each of you - and to ask for your love and support in return."

He added, "A bishop should love his people with every ounce of his energy and life, just as Christ loved the church. That's

the only baggage I bring with me. That's the only gift I have to offer. But I offer it freely and completely, with my whole heart."

Charles Joseph Chaput was born in Concordia, Kan., on Sept. 26, 1944. He did not live on the reservation or grow up within the American Indian culture, but in a 1988 interview he said, "I have a great love and respect for my native roots."

At the time of his appointment to Rapid City, whose population is 45 percent American Indian, Archbishop Chaput said American Indians "have become vitally aware in the last several years that they can be wholly Catholic and wholly Native American."

He was educated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Concordia, St. Francis Seminary High School in Victoria, Kan. St. Fidelis College in Herman, Pa.,

Capuchin College in Washington, the University of San Francisco, and The Catholic University of America in Washington.

Archbishop Chaput took his final vows as a Capuchin friar in 1968 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970. He held several posts in Capuchin provinces, including executive secretary, director of communications, vicar provincial, provincial secretary, treasurer, director of postulants and vocations director.

He has been president of the North American Capuchin conference, co-chairman of the National member of the board of directors of the Denver Indian Health Board and of the Tekakwitha Conference, and episcopal moderator of the national Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. ■

(Trad. J.B.)

### A NATIVE PRAYER

*O great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to the universe, listen to me! I am tiny and weak: I need your strength and wisdom.*

*Help me to walk in the paths of beauty and grant that our eyes may always see the setting of the sun, red and purple.*

*Grant that my hands respect your creation and my ears open to listen to your voice.*

*Make me wise so I can understand the lovely things you thought my people.*

*Make me learn the lessons hidden under every leaf and rock.*

*I look for strength not to surpass that of my brother, but ready to go back to You with clean hands and a frank look.*

*Then when life dies out like the setting sun, may my spirit come to you, free and easy. Amen.*

Unknown Author



## The Land of Adoption of *Blessed Kateri*

The 60th anniversary of the Municipality of Côte Saint-Catherine has just been celebrated. There is nevertheless three centuries of history of some establishment "by the rapids" (Kahnawake). It is in 1676 that the Mission St-François-Xavier-du-Sault was founded on the banks of the Saint Lawrence River: it was the Mission of the Iroquois.

### Name of the City

This name goes back to the 17th Century when the Jesuits, landlords of Laprairie, decided to open up the new hills (côte) to colonization. A "hill" has nothing to do with the difference in level of the land. It is simply a row of lots which face the back of a hill (côte) like that of the Saint Lawrence or of the Portage River, for example.

The hill of St.-Catherine's row was opened towards the time of the 18th Century. A first establishment though had preceded this opening in the shape of an Iroquois mission, the very one where Kateri (Catherine) Tekakwitha lived during the last years of her life. After her death, in 1680, she was buried on the side of the Portage River. Even if her remains are not there, a commemorative tomb still attracts many pilgrims. It's in her honour that the Jesuits baptized this new hill by the name of Saint Catherine. As Kateri was not yet baptized, it was necessary consequently, to place this new parish under the patronage of a saint officially recognized by the Church. It is St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr by

the end of the Roman Church, who was finally chosen as patron saint of the parish, even though the patron saint of Blessed Kateri, at her baptism, seemingly was St. Catherine of Sienna.

### The Territory of St. Catherine

The limits of the first five hills of Laprairie were defined in 1671. The first attempt to colonize the "Côte Saint-François-Xavier" was undertaken in 1673 to be abandoned a few years later. Finally, the moving of the Iroquois mission to Kahnawake, on the south bank at the mouth of the Portage River, was realized in 1676.

The bringing into cultivation since three centuries, the territory of Saint-Catherine, was always held to it's farming vocation, as the missionaries applied themselves to teach the Indians the culture and exploitation of the land.

In this Mission, there was a chapel, a cabin for the missionaries and 32 longhouses, the dwelling place of the Hurons and Iroquois. A fortress was built there in 1676, since the invasions by the Mohawks of Ossernenon (Auriesville, NY) were always possible; the Mohawk chiefs looked unfavourably upon their own who stole away to Laprairie or Côte Ste-Catherine. A mill, then a second one, were part of the Mission; the missionaries' wished to make the Indians free from the Whites who would often lure them into drunkenness and debauchery.

The Turtle River on the south shore of the river, adjacent to the Seigneurie, formed part of the scenery. What is the origin of this name "the Turtle?" Either a reference to the tortuous aspect of its flow, or more seemingly an assumed name of one of the clans of the Iroquois nation, the very clan to which Kateri belonged.

### Kateri's presence in Côte-Saint-Catherine

When Kateri left the Valley of the Mohawks, her real home, Father de Lamberville introduced her to Father Cholenec, saying: "I am sending you a real pearl. Take good care of her."

On arriving at the Côte, Kateri immediately recognized Christians from Kahnawake

without incurring a culture shock. Within this kind of earthly paradise, she thanked the Lord every day for transporting her into the land of light." (Béchar).

Good Kateri, as she was called, knew very soon all the nooks and corners of the Mission: every longhouse where she visited the sick and the aged, or to instruct them further in the Faith, the best spots for hunting and fishing, since as a genuine Mohawk girl she liked to accompany the men in these expeditions, and mainly the small chapel, made of bark, where she would go to collect herself as often as possible. Planning in her dreams to found an order of Indian nuns to go and conquer all the souls of her nation, she would often contemplate Heron Island, the coveted place for her convent, right across from the Mission.

So to-day, we cannot visit Saint-Catherine without seeing Kateri everywhere: the woods where she gambolled and set up little oratories, in the village itself where her friends liked to accompany her, see her pray to let themselves be filled by her goodness, impregnated by the faith and love in her only lover, Jesus, nailed to the Cross! ■

**Jacques Bruyère, S.J.**

(Inspired by the late book of Jean Martin: "Three centuries of History at the fort of the rapids.")

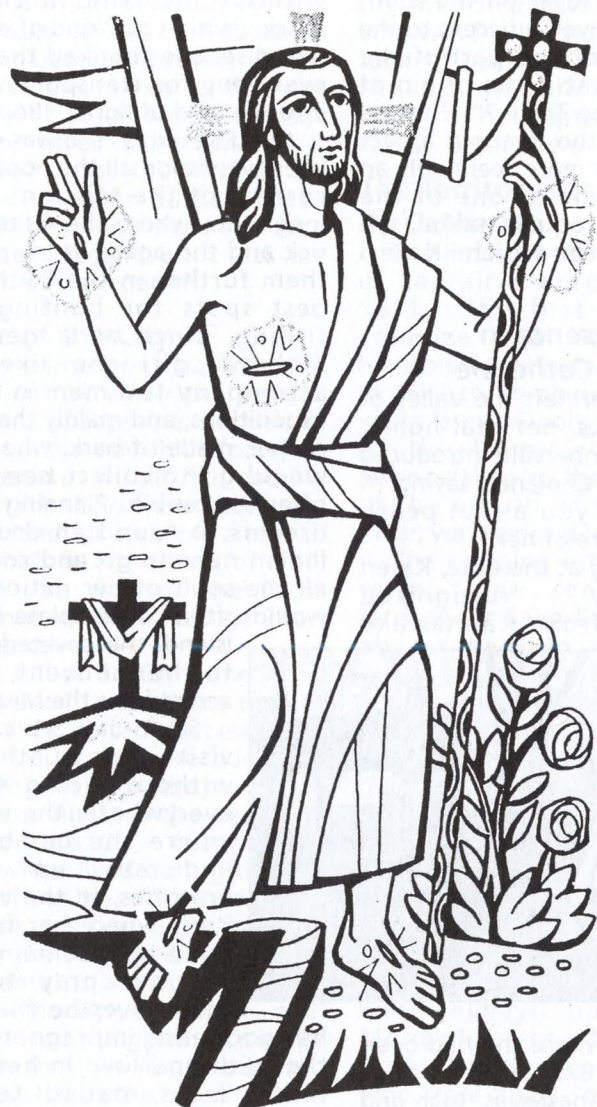


(Fonda, NY) where she had been baptized in 1676, and friends of her mother: Anastasias; Joan and Ann, spouse of the Great Mowahk, and Marie-Therese. In the village of prayer "Kateri finally found what she had long been looking for without knowing it: to be a Christian



## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 23rd



*Jesus Christ, Divine King and saviour  
of the world is calling all men under the banner  
of his glorious cross.*

## Thy kingdom come!

The kingdom of God does not come according to calculation, and men may not say: "Here it is" or "There it is!", for the kingdom of God is within us. Undoubtedly, then, he who prays that God's kingdom might come must pray that kingdom may come to be and bear fruit and grow to perfection in himself. In every saint God rules, and every saint obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-governed city. The Father is present in him, and Christ rules with the Father in the perfect soul: "We will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

If we continually advance, therefore, the kingdom of God will reach its full form in us, to the point at which the Apostle's words are verified and Christ, having subjected all his enemies, "hands over the kingdom to God the Father so that he may be all in all." Let us pray constantly, with affections concentrated on God through his Word, and say to our heavenly Father: "Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come."

If we want God to rule in us, then "let sin not reign in our mortal bodies", Instead, let us mortify "our earthly members" and bear the fruit of the Spirit. Then God will walk in us as in a spiritual paradise and be sole Ruler together with his Christ, who sits within us at the right hand of that spiritual power which we desire to receive into ourselves. He is seated there until all his enemies who lurk in us become his footstool, and all the principalities and powers are driven from us.

All this can take place in us; even "the last enemy, death," can be destroyed. Then Christ will say in us: "Death! Where is your sting? Death! Where is your victory?" Let our corruptible bodies put on holiness; our mortal bodies, the Father's immortality. Then indeed God will be ruling in us, and we shall be reborn and risen.

**"ON PRAYER"**  
by Origen the priest



## Iroquois and Huron Catholics Martyred in the Syracuse Diocese in the 17th Century

In 1994, Unity Kitchen Base Community (a discerning group within Unity Kitchen Community) discovered, quite spontaneously and unexpectedly, knowledge of the 17th century Catholic Huron and Iroquois martyrs in this diocese. It is information we unburied from libraries, archives and other sources from Vermont to Ohio, Canada to Florida. They were unknown to bishops, priests or laity in the Syracuse diocese, or the local Jesuit Community, with the exception of a few Indian Catholic devotees of Kateri Tekakwitha and the owner of the property in Jamesville where some of the martyrs died. UK Base Community has, to date, discovered and documented 23 such Catholic martyrs in this area. We have names and passios of at least 10 martyrs, plus many nameless companions.

There are two locations for these martyrdoms, both Onondaga Indian villages between 1650 and 1720: one in Jamesville, NY and the other in Manlius, NY, suburbs of Syracuse. During those years there were three Jesuit missions to the Onondagas at these villages. The time line is:

### Onondaga Indian Villages in the Syracuse Area

1650 - 1680 in Manlius which moved to Jamesville 1680 - 1720

### Jesuit Missions to these Villages

1655 - 1658 first mission 1667 - 1686 second mission 1701 - 1709 third mission

The "French Fort", now called St. Marie Among the Iroquois, on Onondaga Lake, was not a mission location. It was a French colony.

At the Manlius site, the first Mass in New York state was celebrated on Nov. 14, 1655 by Fr. Joseph M. Chaumonot, SJ, a missionary to the Onondagas. This site is now a county park with a monument indicating this event and indicating it to be the location of an Onondaga village, but with no mention of the martyrs. It is two miles south of Manlius on Indian Hill Road. It would seem that this sacred ground should belong to the Church.

It was there, in 1657, that six Huron Catholics, approximately three women and three children, were tortuously martyred. The only one whose name we know is Dorothee. She and her companions were part of a group of fifty Catholic Hurons who were led from Quebec by the Onondagas toward the Manlius village with false promises of safety, and then betrayed. At least eight of them were martyred along the way, including a virtuous young woman who refused to surrender her chastity to one of her captors and seven men who tried to protect her—most likely husbands of Dorothee and her women companions. Dorothee and five companions were brutally martyred upon arrival at the Manlius village encouraging one another and with Jesus' name of their lips. (*The Jesuit Relations* vol.43. *Voyages of Peter Esprit Radison* 1971). Thirteen other Catholic Huron captives were wantonly killed there between Sept. 1657 and Mar. 1658, their names unknown.

The Onondagas moved their village from Manlius to Jamesville in 1680. Four Iroquois Catholics were martyred there whose names and passios we know. They were

all captives from Caughnawaga, a Christian Indian village at Sault St.-Louis on the St.-Lawrence River. The first was Stephen Tegannokoa, in his fifties, who had lived a very pious life after becoming a Catholic. In 1690, after enduring terrible tortures his soul to Christ and implored Him to pardon his executioners. Frances Gonannhatenah was a holy widow who edified all with her piety, modesty and, especially, charity towards the poorest. In 1692, she was burned, scalped, then stoned to death, forgiving her torturers and urging her kinsmen to accept Christianity. She endured her passio for four days before she died. Margaret Garangouas, 24, was martyred in the fall of 1693. The daughter of an Onondaga Chief, she became a holocaust, burned slowly to death while continually invoking the names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and forgiving her kindred and countrymen, now executioners. Her infant was also slaughtered (Cholenec, 1819 - Béchard, 1994)

Many more courageous catholic Indians endured brutal tortures and death with Jesus' name on their lips. An eighty year old Iroquois named, Thomas, who was instructed in the Faith and baptized at Onondaga on St.-Thomas' day by Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, SJ, was captured by the French in 1696, who burned him slowly at the stake and then clubbed him to death. Before he was to be tortured and killed, "he prayed to God for a considerable time," and the Jesuit confessed him and encouraged him to suffer bravely as a Christian (*The Jesuit Relations*) A grievous scandal, this, of Catholics (the French) torturing and killing Catholics (the Iroquois).

We also have an account of many instances of Catholic Indians with such courage and peace in union with Jesus that their example led others to seek out the Jesuits to know more about what gave these victims such strength. Fr. Xavier Sheridan, OMC, wrote that Frs. Pierre Millet, SJ and Jean de Lamberville, SJ (brother of Jacques) instructed and baptized many captives of the Onondagas at the time of the second mission who were then taken to be tortured, burned and eaten. These, in turn, also died edifying deaths trusting in God's mercy and everlasting life with him. (Sheridan, 1936).

In becoming Christians, the Indians knew it would disrupt their whole lives, set them apart from their own people, and even lead them to death. They were disliked because of their virtue and piety, and even seen as a threat; just as true Christians in any pagan society are aliens because of their faith and behaviour. They were often resented because they no longer entered into the tribal debauchery and religious rites and beliefs. Iroquois Christians lost their place at the Council.

The Iroquois took many Huron captives into their villages to either Iroquoize them in order to build up their tribes depleted by their wars, or to make them slaves, or to kill them. Captive Huron Christians in the Onondaga villages became exemplary lay evangelizers by their example and quiet witness to those around them. For many years at a stretch, when they saw no priest or missionary, lay catholics kept the Faith alive and strong. When the Jesuits came to



## Iroquois and Huron Catholics Martyred in the Syracuse Diocese in the 17th Century (con't)

the villages, they were mightily impressed at the strength of the Faith and piety there.

Eventually though, the Jesuits concerned about the pressure to conform on the Christians in the hostile villages, and the spiritual danger which that imposed on them, developed Christian villages in Canada along the St.-Lawrence River in which the Catholic Indians could live and practice their Faith unhindered. The Jesuits also hoped, by this, to protect the Christian Indians from exploitation and corruption of white settlers and officials. The Iroquois declared any Iroquois in these villages as "enemies of their nation" and "their rage won for many the crown of martyrdom." (Charlevoix, 1900). It is from these villages that Huron and Iroquois Catholics were kidnapped by the Iroquois to be brought back to Onondaga to be enslaved or killed. Our martyrs of Onondaga were such captives.

"Many Huron, Algonquin, even Iroquois were martyred by the Iroquois out of hatred for Christianity." (Nevins, 1987) Characteristic of the Martyrs of Onondaga, like all witnesses to the Faith unto blood, was their love for Jesus and trust in His promise of eternal happiness with Him; and their forgiveness of their persecutors. This diocese is gifted with many martyrs and confessors; as well as, "passion bearers,".

It is important to remember that the cause for the three Iroquois martyred at Jamesville between 1690 and 1693 is at this moment in Rome waiting for

consideration. In 1939, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC, commissioned Archbishop John Gannon of Erie, PA to collect information on American martyrs beginning with 1542. Guided by the efforts of Commission secretary Mgr. James Powers, the Commission documented 116 martyrs from across America, including our three Iroquois martyrs, Frances, Stephen and Margaret who where reported to be in the Albany diocese, which, until 1996, included Syracuse. The manuscript, as was the intent, was forwarded to Rome in 1941 under the title, The Commission for the Cause of Canonization of Martyrs of the United States. In 1957, it was published in a hard-bound edition under the title, *The Martyrs of the United States: Manuscript of Preliminary Studies Prepared by the Commission for the Cause for Canonization and Related Essays*. A copy was sent that year to every bishop in the U.S., but it is not to be found in any local diocesan office or archives, although there is a copy in the Lemoyne College Library. And so the cause of Margaret, Stephen and Frances languish in Rome in need of someone to further promote it; such as, a bishop or religious order. Pope Pius XII told Archbishop Gannon in 1948, during an audience: "It is a beautiful cause." The commission's book was the basis for Fr. Albert Nevins' book *American martyrs From 1542* (1987). ■

**Peter King & Ann O'Connor**  
(Trad. J.B.)

## KATERI CENTRE NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from May 20 to August 21, 1997.

Alcoholic Problem Solved	1
Articles Found	4
Better Health	9
Cures	5
Employment Found or Kept	26
Financial Aid	7
Happy Death	1
Peace in the Family	1
Peace at Work	1
Properties Bought or Sold	7
Safe Pregnancies	2
Safe Trips	4
Successful or Averted Operations	5
Successful Studies	5
Temporal Favors	15

### The Vice-Postulator flat on his back...

This all started with a paralysis of the tongue. So how will the V.P. be able to give his update of Kateri's Cause at the Kateri Tekakwitha conference in Milwaukee? (This trip had be cancelled). Once the speech was restored a severe belly-ache took over. These two knock-outs were due to blood clots, according to the M.Ds. As the V.P. has a heart condition, they kept on treating him for his heart...

After spending three long weeks in the hospital and three more weeks convalescing in Saint Jerome, the V.P. is up his two feet again and feels obliged to thank all those who visited him, sent "Get Well" cards and especially those who prayed for his recovery. Blessed Kateri was at his bedside constantly and still stays close to him...

The close friends of Kateri Center have realized that the office was closed from August 1st to the 17th. Now it's business as usual. The personnel and the V.P. will answer all your calls and letters. And thanks for your faithfulness to the Cause.

### "Echoes of a proud Nation" Pow-wow

The Pow-wow Committee of Kahnawaké was established 7 years ago to bring people together to share in a native spiritual celebration of life, the entrepreneurial endeavours of aboriginal peoples, cultural expression through dances, peace and harmony amongst all people and the growth and development of the community of Kahnawaké.

So on July 12 and 13, dancers, drummers, vendors, a crowd of visitors gathered on Tekakwitha Island "to renew their spirits through the power of the drum". The unreliable weather did not stop anyone. "Even if it rains, said someone, we don't even think of getting wet, so much are we taken up by the pow-wow."

Both mornings, a sunrise ceremony preceded the days events. Then the dancers from all over registered while the elders welcomed all participants and visitors ( four times the population of Kahnawaké). In the afternoon, inter tribal dancing competitions took place with the awarding of prizes and honoraria at 5 p.m.

Visitors were really impressed by the Victory dance when all colors seemed to be dancing on the floor.

Of Course, during these two days, many Indians and visitors took this occasion to visit Kateri's Shrine at the church of Kahnawaké. Blessed Kateri is like the soul of Kahnawaké. ■





## Testimonies of favors obtained

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

I promised Kateri I would send five dollars of my son found work. Please pray with me that he will keep his job.

(Val D'Amour, NB)

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

Enclosed is a small donation of twenty dollars for Kateri's Cause. I want to thank her for helping my daughter during her operation.... Please pray for her too.

(Baltimore, MD)

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

Enclosed is twenty dollars in Thanksgiving to Kateri for helping with the sale of a house...

(Victoria, Australia)

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

Enclosed is thirty dollars for countless favors granted by Blessed Kateri. She is always there for us. We pray daily for her canonisation and hope it will be soon. Ten dollars is from my daughter. Blessed Kateri helped her sell something and made her happy.

(St. Marys, PA)

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

Enclosed is a cheque for five hundred and twenty-five dollars including stipends for five masses which may be sent to the Missions. My cancer specialist has again confirmed that my prostate cancer is in full remission. Without doubt to me this is a miracle due to the intercession of Blessed Kateri. I'm especially grateful for her everyday intercession on our behalf. Thank God for our Faith....

(Brantford, ONT)

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

Enclosed please find a check for ten dollars in Thanksgiving for prayers answered concerning final grades which my children received. Please continue to pray for them...

(Flushing, NY)

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

Enclosed is a check for ten dollars to Blessed Kateri for helping me sell my home. In return I will send a small donation each month...

(Fishkill, NY)

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

Enclosed is a fifteen dollar donation in gratitude to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha for all her help in resolving a difficult situation with great success. Many, many thanks. God bless you and your continued work at the Center.

(Winnipeg, MAN)

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

Sending thirty-five dollars to Kateri for keeping us both in good health. I pray to her every day. Thanks again for your prayers.

Bristol, CT)

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

Enclosed is a donation of twenty-five dollars for favors received, the return of stolen vehicle.

(Hagerstown, MD)

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

Enclosed please find a small donation in Thanksgiving to Kateri for the following: 1. My son's admission to the university he longed to enter, he is doing excellently. 2. My loan "paid off", 3. My daughter's summer job. 4. My mortgage renewal at an affordable bank rate I can afford...

(Willowdale, ONT)

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

Enclosed ten dollars for Kateri's Cause in Thanksgiving for "health" favors received and "anticipated." Hopefully, her power of intercession will continue to make itself a special reason for my confidence and trust in her along with the assurance of your "blessing".

(Marlboro, MA)

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

I am grateful for prayers answered. I asked for employment very much needed in the home. Kateri interceded and in short time I was working. I pray to her every day.

(Las Vegas, NV)

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

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars in Thanksgiving for comfort and help Kateri has given me....

(Hagerstown, MD)

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

I prayed to Kateri and she helped my son who had surgery on his right hand...

(West Allis, WI)

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

A small token to thank Kateri for always being there when I need her. I have asked her for several favors and she has granted them all. Thank you Kateri for helping my family be a family again.

(Somerville, MA)

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

I'm enclosing five dollars for a subscription to the Kateri magazine for one of my friends. She had cancer and she's been in remission for about six years. Three weeks ago she went for an exam and they found a lump on her breast. I started praying to Kateri as soon as she told me about it. I gave her a prayer card of Kateri. She had a biopsy last Wednesday and got the results last Friday - no cancer! She's very pleased and so am I we want to thank Kateri....

(Biddeford, ME)

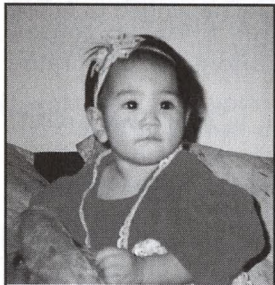
✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B.A.!**

Enclosed please find a cheque for five dollars in Thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri. I prayed to her that my test would be good and they were. At 85 years of age, I worry a lot about my health....

(Niagara Falls, ONT)



## Little Sister who has aged wants to know...



**Katherine (Kateri) De La Cruz**

Born February 26, 1990

Baptized in Saint Francis-Xavier Mission April 29, 1990

Parents: Jennifer and Fe Esseralda De La Cruz

...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 28,718 pledges have come in  
after ten years' effort.

Please send yours to: The Kateri Center  
Box 70  
Kahnawake, Québec 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Good Shepherd  
Psalm,  
Psalm 23**

**An Eskimo  
Version.**

*The Lord is my master: I am his dog  
He makes me lie down in soft snow;  
He leads me across firm ice:  
He calls to me encouragingly.  
He drives on good trails because I belong to Him.  
Through storms and troubles, I'll not be afraid  
because He is with me,  
My harness is securely fastened  
And his hand is on the sled.  
He guards me while I eat, though enemies lurk near.  
He doctors my hurts.  
My heart overflows with gratitude.  
Only kindness and gentle care will be mine from the  
hands of this master  
And I will be on his team forever*

**(Author Unknown) From Making the Psalms Your Prayer**

## 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!

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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. 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 (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.

T-shirt: Small and Big: \$8

### 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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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 Frances Tiouateskon 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.