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THE FRANCES TIOUATESKON ROLL
A VISIT TO OUR ABENAKI BROTHERS AND SISTERS
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AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR
NEWS OF THE CENTER
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LITTLE SISTER WANTS TO KNOW
YOUR INTENTIONS

*A Merry Christmas and
a Holy New Year!*



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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 OPTIMISM

Our century seems to hold everything to satisfy us. All kinds of enjoyments for all the senses are offered to us. Those who look for strong emotions just have to attend Formula 1 car races. Those who are fond of music have the greatest choice of CD's which reproduce melodies with exquisite purity. Are you hungry? Proceed to the Super Market where you will find a display of local and imported products which solicit you and dazzle you: wines, fruits, cereals, meats, cheese, etc. etc. And what about our means of communication: T.V. cars, jets, the Internet...

Nevertheless people are lonely, worried and despaired. What will happen to me? What does the future hold for me? Young people commit suicide because they cannot face a society in a rapidly changing world. The elders also take their lives because they feel abandoned lonely, hopeless, but mainly because they forget all about the House of God. Young mothers refuse to give birth for fear of exposing their child to a cruel and violent society or to a nuclear war. Young people prefer cohabitation without a legal union for fear of their responsibilities.

Many people lose hope in the future of the Church. On the surface, it seems to be crumbling down. Sects of all kinds proliferate, many churches are empty, our schools with a Catholic name do not teach Christian morality. A young man confessed that Kateri's Cause had no interest for him because he didn't have any belief. "When I went to school, said he, I never heard any teacher talk about Jesus and my mother whose parents were very good Catholics only goes to church twice a year."

Woe to the desperate, when we can always assert with a firm assurance that God is still the "big Boss". He who has endowed the universe with so much richness how can He leave up alone after creating beings to His own likeness, like His own children? He has the power of putting everything back in order "He who made a beautiful big tree out of the smallest mustard seed." His spirit is always at work and alive in the universe. "I'll be with you till the end of times."

Would it be that God allows this despair, planning to bring us back to Him and to help us to detach ourselves from this dying nature, so we can cling to what is spiritual and eternal.

Let us open our eyes and our hearts. This Father in Heaven who creates life in such a diversity has not shortened the power of His arm for all that.

Everything is in His hands, well possessed, in His infinite power which will never fail.

I believe in You, my God, and I reach for your hand.

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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Christmas Crib in Kateri's shrine at Kahnawaké.

Amerindian News

A visit to our Abenaki brothers and sisters in Odanak

Installed at the mouth of the St. Francis River (close to the St. Lawrence River) the small reserve of Odanak brings you back to 1700, when this Indian outpost was like a sentinel for the French, so strategic was the site. One must know that the Abenakis were the most faithful allies of the French.

Times have changed

Under the French regime, the territory held by the Abenakis was as vast as the one occupied by the six Iroquois nations: from Iroquois River (Richelieu) to the rivers of Etchemins. From 5000, the population in Odanak has dwindled down to 350, living on a 4 km. square reserve. Nicole O'Bomsawin, anthropologist, herself an Abenaki, has written: "The Abenakis were not as good tradesmen as the Iroquois. They were nomads. But the Abenakis were everywhere. If you make excavations, you will find vestiges dissiminated. No village was built for more than 5 years. but you could find Abenakis at Ile Vertu and Cacouna Island. We were more ecological than the Iroquois, dispersed as we were in nature." It is said that the Abenakis despatched 1000 warriors to Quebec besides the French and Huron troops, on the Plains of Abraham. They even told Montcalm how he should face the enemy.

Today the Abenakis are to be found all over the Northern United States. "There are 500 in Swanton, Vermont, there are some also in New York State, in Troy and Albany, at Athens, Indian Island

and Old Town in Massachusetts in Waterburg, Connecticut..."

A precious document

If you happen to visit the reserve of Odanak, you must go around the museum where they have a lot of artifacts and interesting documents. One of these is an Abenaki dictionary elaborated by Fr Joseph Aubery, a Jesuit, in 1715. This precious text allows the Abenakis reconstruct the ancient Abenaki. It is the only document rescued from the massacre of the Jesuit Mission fort in 1759. Luckily Fr Aubery happen to be at the rectory in Yamaska. In 1884, Chief Jos Laurent published an English-Abenaki dictionary to help with business. His son, always using Fr Aubery's work extracted some 7000 terms from it, after 35 years of labor.

If you visit Odanak today, you will notice that most of the Abenakis speak French and English, a few elders speak the mother tongue. Like the Mohawks many became bilingual because they worked and lived in the United States.

The two churches of Odanak, the Anglican and the Catholic, have a special air. The St. Francis-de-Sales Church in the Abenaki Mission was founded in 1700. It burnt down twice but was beautifully restored. It is worth while entering the Church, opened to all visitors, to see, all around the interior, sculptures illustrating the way of life of the Abenakis. In the church too is a life-size statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. A unique statue. Kateri seems so mature. Kateri is also the pride of the Abenakis. ■

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.



In memory of *Mother Theresa...*

***How can I
forget the
visit I made
to Calcutta,
in January
1983?***

The sacred cows, so indolent, jamming the streets, first struck my eyes, then the mess of the traffic, the vultures plunging in the back yards for garbage... But the highlight was my visit to the Novitiate opened by Mother Theresa, and she happened to be there. As the chaplain of the Sisters was a Jesuit, the doors opened very easily for me. I was invited to say Mass there, at 5:15 a.m. To get there I had to walk in the dusty streets because the sidewalks were congested with cardboard boxes, sheets of plastic and canvas, the bedrooms of entire families. An improvised dormitory, what not?

I rang the bell given address and a tiny nun opened the door and brought me up to the sacristy on the second floor. The doors opened on a huge hall. I couldn't help glancing inside where a hundred novices, stooping on the floor, made their meditation, their Indian Bible in hand. "This is the chapel, I was told, where you'll be saying Mass and delivering the homily." Luckily, I remembered that we were still in the Octave of Prayers for the Unity of the Churches (Jan. 18-25). How to make the unity of the churches: that would be the theme of my homily.

Entering the chapel. I observed very plainly that Mother Theresa was present, and she, herself was putting the lights on. During the readings, I looked furtively at Mother Theresa, seemingly lost in contemplation. Then I had to stand in front of all these holy Sisters to share with them the Word of God. "My dear Sisters, we are now praying for the unity of the Churches. May I ask you how we can accomplish such

a unity? I just came from the Philippines where there are a lots of Christians but also many Moslems. Passing through Hong Kong, I realized that it is made up mostly of Buddhists and Taoists. In Singapore, the same thing. In Thailand, Buddhists. In Malaysia, more Moslems. And here, in your country a predominance of Hindus. How can we create unity between all these religions? You, you have the answer. When you pick up dying persons on the street you don't ask first: What's your religion? Are you Hindu, Moslim or Christian? You only think of giving the best care to this person, to give him or her back his dignity and to testify of God's love to every body". Charity, love for all. Here is the means of creating this unity."

When the time to receive Holy Communion came, Mother Theresa came forward, received first from my hand, then helped distribute Communion to all.

After Mass, I breathed with more ease. Here comes Mother Theresa who wished to greet me and all the young visitors from afar. "Where do you come from, Father? she asked me. And her eyes lit up with great interest." From Canada, originally, Mother. "Ah! the Canadians, they are so generous towards our ministries. I just received a huge donation from Bishop Raymond Roy of Saint Paul, Alberta." "But he's my college classmate..." "Let us remain united always, dear friends", said she, on leaving us. "The love of Christ is pressing us."

Going down the stairs, I noticed the young Sisters, so joyously, washing, in the open, their second dress for tomorrow, before taking off for the streets.

And I thought to myself: "If only every Christian, like these Sisters, would radiate the love of Christ!" ■

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.

Native prayer to the 4 directions

GREAT SPIRIT OF LOVE,

*come to me with the power of the North (White).
Make me courageous when the cold winds fall upon me.
Give me strength and endurance for everything that is
harsh, everything that hurts, everything that makes
me squint.
Let me move through life
ready to take what comes from the north.*

SPIRIT OF LIGHT, COME TO ME OUT OF THE EAST (Yellow)

*with the power of the rising sun.
Let there be light in my words,
let there be light on the path that I walk.
Let me remember always
that you give the gift of a new day.
And never let me be burdened with sorrow
by not starting over again.*

GREAT SPIRIT OF CREATION, SEND ME

*the warm and soothing winds from the South (red).
Comfort me and caress me when I am tired and cold.
Unfold me like the gentle breezes
that unfold the leaves on the trees.
As you give to all the earth your warm, moving wind,
give to me, so that I may grow close to you in warmth.*

GREAT LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT, I FACE THE WEST (Black)

*the direction of sundown.
Let me remember every day that the moment will come
when my sun will go down.
Never let me forget that I must fade into you.
Give me a beautiful color,
give me a great sky for setting,
so that when it is time to meet you,
I can come with glory.*

Amen!



The peace spirit will come again

Long ago the Great Spirit called all the animals together and told them "You must all live together and work together as friends." "Peace will come and dwell with you in your hearts if you will be friends."

Soon all animals became angry and began to quarrel and fight with each other. Thus, the Peace Spirit flew away.

The animals became sad and disappointed. They began to ask "How can we find peace again." Hummingbird said "Let me find peace."

But the other animals told her "You will never find peace, you are too flighty." "You will see the flowers and forget your mission."

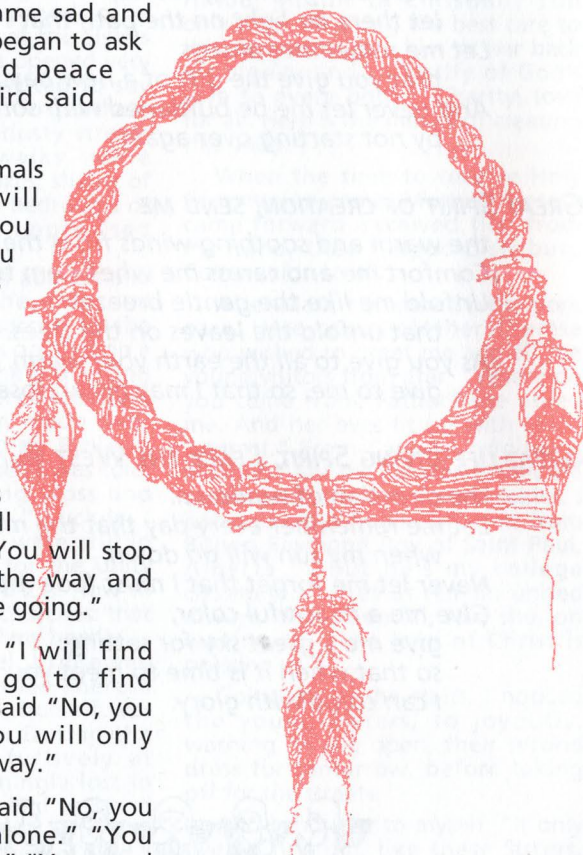
Crane and Herron said "We will go together to find peace." "Let us go." But the animals told them "You will never find peace." "You will stop and eat fish along the way and forget where you are going."

Then crow said "I will find peace." "Let me go to find peace." All animals said "No, you are too noisy." "You will only frighten peace far away."

The Great Spirit said "No, you cannot find peace alone." "You must all go together." "You need

bear who is strong." "You need thrush whose songs will soothe you."

"When you learn to work together and help each other then the Peace Spirit will come again and dwell in your hearts." ■



A Deep Need of Saints

***Man is called to share in the divine life
... sharing in the very glory of God.***

Dear brothers and sisters,

Man is called to holiness, to be the artisan of a *humanity renewed by divine glory...*

"All Christians, in any state or walk of life, are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of love" (*Lumen gentium*, n. 40). By their own holy life, Christians are asked to become light for others on the paths of the world.

Our age seems more a time of amazing scientific and technological discoveries than an era of saints. But, if man is not spiritually fulfilled through interior conformity to Christ, all his achievements remain ultimately insignificant and could even become dangerous.

Precisely because people today seek personal fulfillment, there is a greater need of saints. Our time calls for mature persons who, having understood the value of holiness, seek to achieve it in daily life.

Looking at it closely, present-day society reveals a

deep need of saints, of people, that is, who, through their closer contact with God, can



somehow make His presence felt and mediate His answers...

Saints are an accessible and sure reference point. They can indicate, with the fascinating force of their example, the way

A Deep Need of Saints (con't)

to follow in order to advance in the right direction.

I am not only speaking of canonized saints... Today, as in the past, holiness must be incarnated in a living, joyful way. *Holiness is the true force that can change the world...*

Christians are called to make their presence felt with the incisive efficacy of living and active faith.

The life of Christians must increasingly offer a credible witness to Christ and His Gospel: in associations and apostolates, in parishes, and in every social context. Seek holiness in daily life...

A permanent and inexhaustible source of holiness, which can help overcome religious indifferentism, is found in participation in the *liturgy* and in the celebration of the *sacraments*, in which God acts with the power of His grace.

May the *Eucharist* always be "the summit and source" of your daily efforts. Go regularly to Sunday Mass: this really is a sacred legacy which your fathers in the faith have left you.

In the sacrament of *Penance*, God's mercy visibly reaches man: have frequent recourse to this sacrament of forgiveness and reconciliation.

You, young people, who have received the sacrament of *Confirmation* or are preparing to receive it, let yourselves be attracted by Christ and welcome the grace of the Holy Spirit, who, through you, wishes to give a new and vital energy to the local Church.

Then, when you decide to start a family, base it on the firm rock of the sacrament of *Matrimony*, so that your mutual self-giving for the whole of life may be blessed by God and become a new source of life and grace.

And you, married couples, who have long been living this fundamental experience of communion in love, revive the grace of the sacrament, drawing from this source the necessary spiritual help to achieve God's plan fully for you and your family. ■

A. M.H.

Autumn 1996



When Kateri enters into your life...

Then, she becomes your moral and your physical support, she obtains for you the courage and hope of healing, she keeps you in her company, she is a recourse for you and the others, she is your model of faith and love...

"My sister fell sick: cancer of the pancreas. She the "turned towards the good Kateri, begging her to help her pull through this major operation. After spending a week at the hospital, she left as the doctor proclaimed the operation a great success. My sister told me: "I'm sure that Blessed Kateri looked into it and became the right hand of the doctor."

"I entered the hospital for an intolerable bellyache. Queer coincidence: the previous night I experienced a short paralysis of the tongue, with a numbness in the right corner of the mouth." Kateri, please, I prayed her, preserve me the use of my tongue so I can continue to promote your Cause." "During my seven day stay in the Intensive Care Unit, in a half coma or semi consciousness, I had hallucinations and wild imaginations. How could I put under control the "fool of my mind"? I gradually installed Kateri's picture in my mind. Then I obtained control of my imagination. Since then I feel

that Kateri is vividly present in my life."

After a variety of scannings and echograms and X-rays, which exhausted me, I was finally assigned to room 122. I was in the A bed and an old lady of 87 years of age afflicted by a vicious bronchitis was in bed B. the first night, she couldn't stop coughing, coughing to give up her soul... Close to midnight, as I couldn't sleep, I asked myself how I could help her out so she could rest a little. "Blessed Kateri, please obtain a respite for this poor old lady, mother of four sons." Then her cough seemed to slow down. An hour later, a nurse came along to check with her. "But you look so much better, my dear lady". She answered her that she already felt very much relieved. "Let me sleep peacefully now." "I'm sure that Blessed Kateri said a good word for her."

"Lying down three weeks on your back, all hooked up on both arms, takes a lot of patience. I invited the good Kateri to keep me company every day. I felt a little selfish to put her entirely at my service. She stood besides me all the time."

When Kateri enters into your life... ■

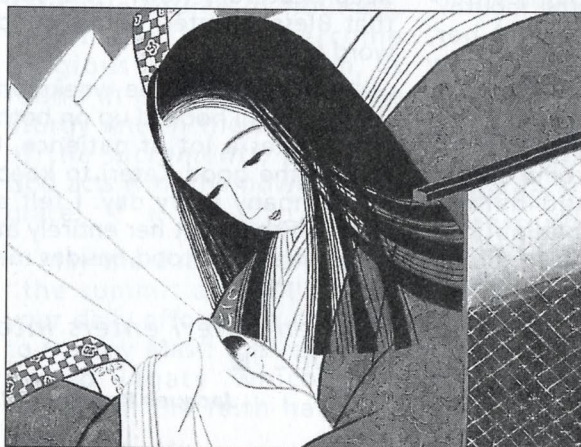
Jacques Bruyère, S.J.



**On this great day
of
Christmas...**



... The EAST meets the West!...



*"The Lord is born for all.
Let us receive Him in our hearts so
we can share him with all
our brothers & sisters of the world."*

Mary's Dream

I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about.

The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house.

They'd decorated the tree also. the branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy.

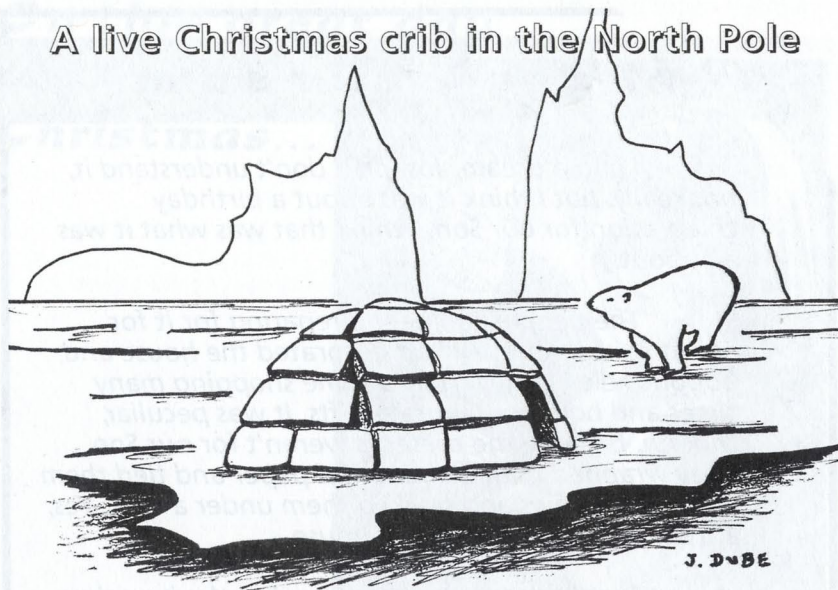
They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him.

I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so gay, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus - not to be wanted at His own birthday party.

I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible. Joseph, if it had been real.

Author Unknown

A live Christmas crib in the North Pole



“Come in!” cried out Father Druiz. To his surprise, who was standing there but Paul wrapped up in his parka, his wife Mina all muffled up in a seal fur carrying a bundle of bear fur. In this bundle their little Inuk was sleeping. “I can guess what brings you here, said the missionary. You wish to have your child baptized, to become a child of God?” “Exactly said Paul. My son is already two months old. So when can you baptize him?”

Father Druiz knew the difficulty of his parishioner to come from afar in a dog sleigh, so it was with hesitation that he tried to let them know what he had in mind. “In two months time it will be Christmas, as you know. Would it not be the best time to make him share the life of Jesus? He could even be called Noël. Moreover I’m looking for a newborn baby to perform in a “live crib”. I’d be so happy if you would accept to play the role of the Holy Family...” Paul stared at his spouse

and didn’t know what answer to give. “And what is a live crib, Father?” The missionary explained to them briefly and Mina, eager to go back, said: “Well, we’ll be here, on time for the Christmas Mass, that is if our huskies don’t fall sick or if the visibility is nil...”

They went back to their sleigh with the dogs quivering, ready to go home. Instinctively, they took the right direction heading for their home. It was 10 p.m. when finally the train stopped at the door of the igloo. Paul, instead of thinking where he would go hunting tomorrow, had only one thought: the live crib. His wife also. Their son was already sleeping like an angel, while his parents worried only about one thing: the live crib.

Was it that they would be called to play the role of some shepherd or a peasant, or... According to them, only one would be worthy of playing the role of baby Jesus: their son Noël, newly baptized. Their eyes were

closed but their minds wide awake. So many questions came to their minds...

The next day, Paul went hunting, without much concentration. He thought of the Bible story when shepherds coming to adore Jesus, all brought a gift. It was also a custom of the Inuks. “Find some food and share it. “But what could they offer to Mary and Joseph?” Since their visit to the mission, time flew much too fast and the windy and snowy winter settled down on the land. Some days, heaven and earth, all white, could not be distinguished. Paul and Mina tried to think only of their little Noël, but the same question came to bother them: “What would they be doing in this live crib?” They’d rather be lost among the angels in heaven singing “Gloria”...

On December 15, one of the female huskies gave birth to a few pups. All tiny, all cute - “here’s my gift to the parents of Jesus,” thought Paul: “a lovely little puppy which would keep them company.”

Close to Christmas, the huskies had to be well fed for the trip and the sleigh readied and a cage made to bring the precious little gift. It was 7:00 p.m. when the sleigh stopped by the Mission church and the celebration was scheduled for 9. Paul and Mina were hushed to the sacristy with other angels and shepherds just in time to hear Fr Druiz say: “I will call you by name when time comes to compose the live crib. Then you’ll know what to do. but first of all, I shall baptize the little Noël.

The parents were glowing with happiness so proud of offering their first son to the Creator, so

He could become like Him. Their emotions overflowed when the missionary announced to the community: “I introduce to you, dear brothers and sisters, your little brother Noël, son of Paul and Mina. He comes to enrich our community. Thanks to God!”

The great moment finally came. The well-winged angels entered the sanctuary. while a stuffed bear and moose were deposited in the igloo with its entrance wide opened. Suddenly an angel showed up carrying a new-born baby. Who was he? The onlookers as well as the actors listened to Father Druiz calling the participants, with great anticipation.

Paul was diverting his mind by trying to calm down the little pup in the cage. The shepherds appeared and who was left but Paul and Mina “Here is Joseph and Mary”, proclaimed Father Druiz and he lead them to the igloo where they would receive their own little Noël from the hands of an angel. “Was this possible?” Paul and Mina did not dare face their brothers and sisters all in admiration. The remainder of the mass seemed so long, while the puppy cried in his cage. Paul presented the pup to the missionary saying: “Here’s our little gift for so great an honour. Now we’ll have to try to be the Holy Family at home, all year round.”

This was the best Christmas they ever had. Back to the igloo “the Holy Family” radiated in their little paradise. It is as if the dog sleigh had flown them in the star-lit sky... ■

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.

At the beginning of this year

*My God,
I offer You this year which is just beginning.
It's a fragment of time which is so precious
that You gave me to serve You.
I place it under the sign of fidelity.
May it be a long ascension towards You
and that every day finds me
richer in faith and love.*

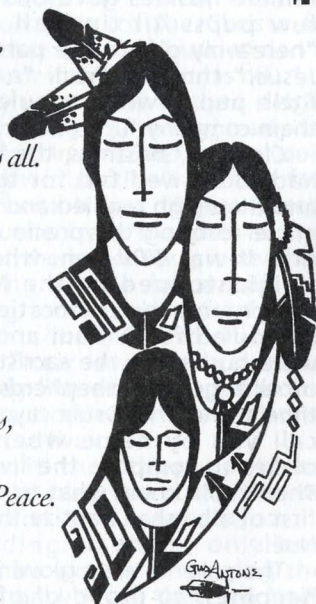
*My God, I offer You all those I love.
Don't allow me to fail them
but rather may I be for them
the invisible canal of your grace,
and may my life show them Your love.*

*My God, I offer you also
The immense pain of the world
that you have created and redeemed,
the sufferings of the innocent children,
the long a waiting of the exiled,
the anguish of the leaders
and this load which weighs so heavily on us all.*

*My God,
may a spark of your charity
glitter in our darkness
and may the dawn of peace
rise up during this new year.*

*I beg You this in union with the saints,
with Your Church,
with Your Son, Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace.*

by Madeleine Daniélou



KATERI CENTRE NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from August 22 to October 31, 1997.

Articles Found	1
Better Health	5
Cures	5
Employment Found or Kept	11
Financial Aid	1
Peace in the Family	1
Properties Bought or Sold	5
Safe Pregnancies	1
Safe Trips	5
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Let's prepare for Christmas!

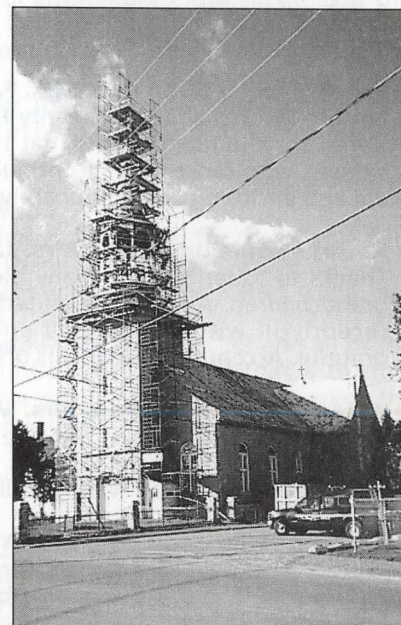
- * Let's prepare our hearts first, so it can be enriched by the gifts of the Saviour.
- * let us wish a Merry Christmas to Kateri and beg the Infant-Jesus to hasten the day of her canonization.
- * Make a gift to Kateri by sending an offering to the Kateri Centre.
- * Let us renew our subscription to the "Kateri" magazine, if not already done.
- * We may send a gift to our friends by giving them a subscription to "Kateri".
- * Let us make ourselves a spiritual gift by joining the Band of Kateri Club (\$100).

Kateri is on the Internet

"The Holy Father sees evangelization as something that can be carried out on the Internet." If you explore the Internet you will already find at CATHOLIC ONLINE, many religious topics which can enrich you. The word "Jesus" is found there over a thousand times. If you navigate on it and stop at CATHOLIC @CATHOLIC ORG,"

you will discover there CATHOLIC ONLINE SAINTS and that's where is a short biography of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, patroness of the environment and ecology.

The Shrine of Kateri in Kahnawaké has a new roof



If you come to Kahnawaké on a pilgrimage, you will notice the new shiny roof of the Church. Since the month of August they have been repairing it before it damages the lovely frescoes on the ceiling.

These repairs have been made possible, thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of Kahnawaké, to the offerings of many Natives and friends of Kateri all over North America.

Nia-wen kowa! Many thanks! ■

Testimonies of favors obtained

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

Thanks to all that prayed for me while having two hip replacements. I shall always be most grateful to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha for her prayers, Our Blessed Lady and Her Divine Son. All went so very well. It's hard to believe one can feel so good once again with no pain and no cane. Thank you! I am 76 years old and now look like 50 years.

(Guelph, ONT)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W.J.H.!**

I promised Kateri I would publish the favor in thanksgiving for a safe 2,000 mile vacation. Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars in fulfillment of that pledge.

(Bredenton, FL)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F.D.!**

Enclosed is a cheque for twenty-five dollars. I want to thank Blessed Kateri for the many favors that I have received from her during my sickness with cancer. I will continue to pray to her for a full recovery. I am also enclosing an additional five dollars to renew my subscription.

(Roseneath, ONT)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.S.!**

Thanks to Kateri for the many blessings on my family - children and grandchildren. All have benefited by her blessings. My husband was recently ill with pneumonia and has recovered and we are very grateful. Accept this ten dollars offering for her Cause.

(Erie, PA)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.K.!**

Am enclosing a cheque for twenty-five dollars. We pray daily to Blessed Kateri. I prayed so much to her to help me pass my driver's license and I did... God willing I will visit her Shrine some day.

(Douglastown, QC)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss Y.B. and Miss A.G.!**

We are enclosing five dollars for Kateri's Cause in thanksgiving for helping us in our moving. We both pray to her often. She is our beloved little Kateri.

(Augusta, ME)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. V.F.!**

I am sending a money order of twenty-five dollars. Twenty dollars for Kateri's Cause and five dollars for my 1997 subscription. I know in my heart that Kateri helped me get well after seven days in the hospital. I felt she was around me helping me as I came home to rest in two days. I am very happy praying for her and I hope she will soon be a Saint for all of us.

(Baltimore, MD)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.G.!**

I am sending you an offering of sixty dollars for Kateri's Cause. By this, I wish to thank her for all the favors obtained for me, especially for the cure of my daughter who had a very serious illness. It's not all gone yet, but I'm sure that she will finish the "job". She protected us this Summer during many trips. Thank you, dear Kateri.

(Montreal, QC)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G.V.!**

Please accept this offering of forty dollars to thank for obtained favors, especially for the wedding of my daughter who with my son-in-law entertained fears...

(Montreal, QC)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. E.L.!**

You will be glad to hear that Blessed Kateri has been helping us through some healing problems again. She comes through every time - God willing. I wrote about the Benedictine Camp in Erie, PA, where the Kateri statue was carved from a tree stump. The nuns there credit Kateri with the success of their endeavors - the latest is a big swimming pool on their grounds. Our son took us there in July. It was like a pilgrimage for me - so reverent. Their main meeting-recreation room is "Kateri House." We carry a medallion of Blessed Kateri in our car and know she watches over us. We hope soon for Kateri's canonization and trust your work in her Cause is going well. God bless you all.

(Orland Park, IL)

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

The enclosed fifty dollars is an offering for masses for the people who died in that terrible bus crash on Thanksgiving Day. I realize it is not a sufficient donation to enroll all the victims in the Kateri Guild, but perhaps you could (or one of the Jesuits) offer up some prayers and masses for the deceased and especially for their families and all of the parishioners of St. Bernard de la Beauce Church. What a terrible tragedy, especially when people are out on a joyous trip to enjoy the autumn foliage. I have asked Blessed Kateri to take them into her special care and to pray for them all. I hope that you health continues to improve and that you will be with us for a long time yet.

(Powassan, ON)

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

Enclosed is my check for fifty dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri. My daughter purchased a house and has had a bad experience with the roof and some other things. I've prayed to Kateri and she has helped us with the problems.

(Baltimore, MD)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.E.L.!**

After praying with much faith to Blessed Kateri, my son finally found a job. He has been working since I beg you to pray for him and for my other children too.

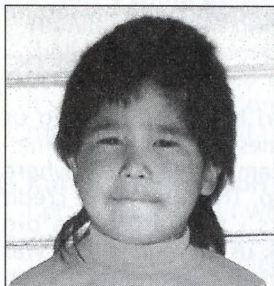
(Iles-de-la-Madeline, QC)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss D.A.!**

I asked Blessed Kateri to help me avoid a difficulty which could have cost me a lot and she heard my prayer. I had promised her to have printed in the Kateri red book, as a sign of my gratefulness. Thanks to Blessed Kateri, this adorable little Kateri.

(St. Jerome, QC)

Little Sister who has aged 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 28,747 pledges have come in
after ten years' effort.*

Dolly-Ann Tekakwitha Gunn
Algonquin from Lake Simon, Abitibi-East
Sent by Mrs. Janette Brazeau
Papatie, Lake Simon, Quebec

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 _____

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City or Town _____

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*Dear friends and benefactors!
Many thanks for your kind and generous support
of Blessed Kateri's Cause during 1997!
To the Great Spirit, this prayer for you, at Christmas:
"That we may touch the earth with kind and gentle hands,
that freedom will be found in this and other lands,
and joyous Peace shall reign throughout the world."
Peace, Goodwill and Blessings
to you and your beloved ones!*

The Personnel of the Kateri Center

Send in your Intentions now

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- ☐ Love in God
- ☐ Conversions
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- ☐ 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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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.

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4. A Share in the good works of the Jesuits throughout the world is assured;
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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 (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 Béchard, 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 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.