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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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"GO AND BE MY WITNESSES TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH"

Luke has two reports of the Ascension of Jesus and in both he repeats that we are to be His witnesses of His doings all over the world. "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth."

He was launching his church, sending out missionaries of the Good News. He was showing again how He needed men and women to "achieve His redemption". So today also, the Church sends out missionaries to the four corners of the earth to spread His word and example. And we too are called to be missionaries, to be witnesses of the Risen Lord.

Recently, two great synods were held in Rome: the Synod for Americas in December 1997 and the one held in April, the Synod of Asia.

In the final message, "the cry for the poor was heard." The challenges of the Church were also expressed. One of them: a missionary exchange between the haves and the have nots. But the need for "witnesses of the faith" was again stressed upon. "The Church needs witnesses of the faith. The Church needs saints... We invite you, the people of God, to hear the call of God to become evangelizers of the 3rd Millennium, in showing your faith openly and with courage. May you be witnesses of your sanctity of life by your concern for others, by your charity towards those who are in need and your solidarity with those who suffer oppression. "By the love you will show for one another, they will know that you are my disciples (John 13,14).

The Bishops of Asia, during their Synod, first asked the question: "How can we proclaim Christ in Asia? The best witness of Jesus, according to many reports, is "the witnessing by your life". To do so, we must live the experience of God, like Jesus did, before you can really proclaim Him with efficacy. "The saints are the best proclaimers of Jesus. There is a great need of prayer and sanctity."

This invitation to witnessing does not apply only to the apostles and to the Bishops who replace them. It concerns every Christian, EVERY ONE of us who hears the call. "You will be my witnesses to the extremities of the earth." The little Kateri Tekakwitha had heard this call and moved around, from place to place, witnessing by her life her love for Jesus and others. She wanted so much to found a convent for Indian girls so she could go out and bring all of her brothers and sisters to the knowledge of their Creator, the Great Spirit.

We must first witness around us: at home, in the office, on the street... and by the help given to the missionaries who are our delegates all around the world."

Jacques Bruyère, S.J.
Vice-Postulator

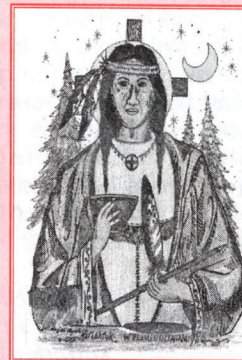


The Frances Tiouateskon Roll

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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"Do this in Memory of me"

A drawing of Christ, the Great Priest,
from the hand of an Indian artist,
Wecimihqitahamiyek,
to celebrate
the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
held in the zone
of Victoria South, in 1997.

Native Priest Anxious to get to Work

After nine years of studying to become a priest, Rev. Randal Morriseau was ordained Wednesday at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Morriseau, 37, is the first native priest to be ordained in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Thunder Bay.

He joins Rev. Milton McWatch who came to Thunder Bay from Sault Ste Marie.

Most Rev. Frederick Henry, Bishop of Calgary and formerly Bishop of Thunder Bay, presided over the ceremony that began with traditional native drumming and purification with a feather and sweet grass.

Morriseau, an Ojibwa originally from Fort Alexander, Man., was working in a Balmertown gold mine 10 years ago when he decided to enter the priesthood.

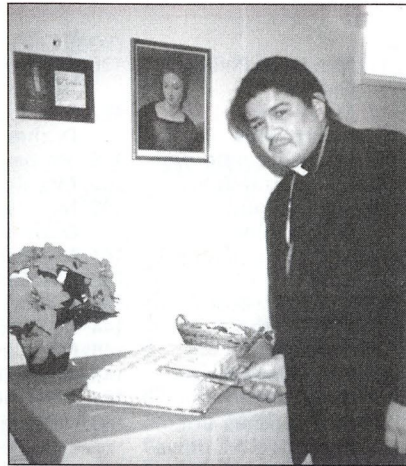
"I want to have that sense of peace within myself," said Morriseau.

"I didn't want to go through life wondering if I could be one, so in the summer of 1989 I decided to become a priest."

After nine years of studying, including a year long internship at St. Joseph's Parish in Dryden and St. Margaret's Parish in Thunder Bay, Morriseau said he's glad he can begin the challenges and what he believes will be the rewarding life of a priest.

Henry told the packed church that Morriseau is ready to be a priest.

"He is another young man full of energy and ready to get going," said Henry.



"He is happy, outgoing enjoys people and everywhere he has been, they wanted him to be brought back... That's always a good sign, he'll do well."

In an area with a high population of native people, Henry stressed the importance of having native priests.

"It really does help with the native culture faith.

"It's a tremendous gain for everybody and a real blessing to have two native ministers in the area," said Henry.

Morriseau said native priests help natives to be recognized as a people.

"I see myself as being a great role model," said Morriseau.

He said he will take a three-week holiday before returning to Thunder Bay to learn where he will be placed in the diocese.

"I wouldn't mind having a place where there is good fishing, because I'm just learning fishing," joked Morriseau. ■

Kimberley Hicks
*The Chronicle Journal-
Thunder Bay*

Dancing to a Different Beat

Pressed shoulder to shoulder in the hot July sun, the audience waits on wooden bleachers surrounding a grassy field. They've come from all over North America. Then, like sudden thunder, the drums begin. The high, nasal singing starts. Then, finally, the Indian dancers stream onto the Kahnawake Pow-Wow grounds, and the grassy field becomes a slowly turning wheel of eagle feathers, plaited hair, flashing jingle dresses and hundreds of dancing moccasins. It's the grand entry, and the start of Kahnawake's eighth annual Pow-Wow.

Kahnawake's first Pow-Wow in recent years was held a year after the 1990 Oka crisis. Attended by thousands, the Pow-Wow was held on Mohawk land that only months earlier had been under siege by the Canadian Armed Forces. Then, as now, the Mohawks at Kahnawake hold their annual Pow-Wow as a way for Indians and non-Indians to come together in a spirit of friendship, sharing and thanksgiving.

Thanking the Creator

My first dance was at the New York World's Fair in 1935. They got a big truck and put all our

Indian people in there. We went for the closing ceremony. I was 10 years old at the time. Well, except for me and my brother, there isn't one person alive today that went to that fair! Now, I don't dance as much as I used to because of my age. Now, I've gotta take it easy.

We dance to thank the creator for making everything. This is the way I see it. We say thank you for the sun, and thank you for the trees. We thank the creator for nourishing the Earth with rain. There's different dances for everything, but it always relates to things the creator gave



Howard Deer's first dance was in 1935 at the World's Fair in New York.

us. And when you sit there and watch the dancing, you become a part of it. The drumbeat goes right through you. If you want to go a bit further, then you get up and dance. You follow the beat. And you're by yourself out there. There'll be thousands of people watching, but you dance all by yourself. you just follow the drum.

I just hope the people keep dancing. This is the part of the culture that I wouldn't want to lose. ■

Monique Dykstra
The Gazette, July 11

A special Report from Nicaragua

I have opened a small social services office, located in Muy Muy, Nicaragua. Muy Muy is the center of Nicaragua and is the second poorest part of the country. Besides the main parish we service 26 small missions each with a population from 400 to 1,000 people, depending on the mission.

The Children First



Our main goal is education both academically and religiously in Muy Muy. The people in the area are very poor. We also have a food program. Every child in the program must be going to school. The children bring proof

that they are going to school from their teachers. I visit all of the schools during the year. The program pays for nine teachers in the missions and provides two preschools.

We opened PreSchool San Francisco in February of 1997. This is the first free school in Nicaragua. The children receive their uniforms, school supplies and even shoes. They do not pay to go to the school, as they are too poor. We have refused to pay the tax collected in the regular schools from each of the students every month. So far the government has not given me problems.

My new Colegio Kateri

Without permission, I opened a high school. It is called Col. Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha. Eventually, the two schools will be in one building. I could not get permission immediately because it is a "free school". This school is for young adults and mothers living in the missions who need to complete their high school education.

It is held in seminary form and the students come only on Saturday. I have carefully chosen a team of teachers, all of whom have university education for this project. I was summoned by the Ministry of Education in Managua to explain why I opened the school. The meeting was held on the 11th of March. The Minister of Education spoke perfect English and he told me that he was educated in the US

and worked for the "Bureau of Indian Affairs" before returning to Nicaragua. He gave me permission to open the school – the school which is already open. Kateri was really smiling, I am sure.

All of the children receive religious education. We have 48 catechists that work every Sunday morning. Last year we had an unusual number of children being Baptized, and receiving First Communion and Confirmation.

All of the children in the program receive food, clothing, medical and dental attention. This project has it's own doctor. The children receive annual checkups. They receive their vaccination shots and medicine free. Much of the medicine is donated by the Rotarians in the US and a foundation called Nicaraguan Foundation out of Miami, Florida.

Most of these children have mothers who are under-educated and unemployed.

We are opening two new programs in June. One is to teach the mothers how to sew and the other is to teach them small gardening techniques. We will give small incentives to the mothers who participate in these programs.

The aged receive food, clothing and medical attention. We have a small chicken project going. Each aged person who is well enough to care for a few chickens was given 12 chickens. What really surprised us the most is that these people seem to get healthier and visited our doctor less often. We hope to continue with this program and expand by offering a program of container gardening. With a small garden in eight or ten containers, the aged person can actually sit on a chair and attend to their little garden. They can supplement their own kitchens or sell part of the produce.

We have built a small kitchen on the parish grounds with the



help of Rotary International—US. Twice a week the aged come. The women who are able help in the kitchen. They cook warm breakfasts for the children in the school. Then they cook a community meal for the aged in the program. The men usually

A special Report from Nicaragua... (con't)

come and help pick up the play ground and keep it looking nice. Most of these people live alone and really enjoy this time with their friends. Most of these people live in shacks with no water of latrines.

Mategue is located some 24 km from our main offices. This is a second phase of our program. Basically, the poor children who do not have the money and live in Mategue go to the Col. San Francisco. We pay their tuition, and give them school supplies and uniforms. The school is very poor. This year we were able to buy them new chairs and tables as many of the children were sitting on the floor. We are giving them a small chemistry lab for their high school and new black boards.

The third part of the project is Matagalpa. All of the children in the program here live in the barrios made of plastic houses. These children cannot go to school as they do not have the money for tuition, much less food or clothing. These children are receiving tuition, clothing food, medical and dental assistance.

Typical Farmer's House

It is my hope this year to open a program for the mothers to learn sewing. We have solicited Polo Dessarrollo, a program run

by the government here. They will give us sewing machines and the program will only have to pay a teacher. We will have 12 sewing machines. We will also have a container gardening project in Matagalpa.

This total project has been one of those impossible dreams that comes true because God wants it to happen through the intercession of Blessed Kateri. ■

Missionary Sisters of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Sr Sandy Mashtate Atha
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Matagalpa, Nicaragua
Central America



The new high school - Sr. Sandy, Director, is with Ing. G. Gutierrez, a teacher, and Lic. Gloria Gutierrez, Sub Director

'Indian Cars never Die'

You are not an Indian if you have never owned an Indian car!

Everybody knows what I'm talking about - one snow tire on the front, a radial on the other front tire and two different tires on the back.

The lights only work on dim, your antenna broke off, so you replaced it with a coat hanger. It never came with a set of keys so you touch two wires together to start. A flat tipped screw driver will open the trunk and you can only get in on the right side of the car.

The hood has some fancy dents in to testify to the forty-nine that nobody brought a drum to.

Some plastic and duct tape will cover the window that would cost more to replace than the whole car is worth. The gas gauge don't work, so be sure and carry a bleach bottle of gas just in case.

Don't forget to buy all the discount Kmart oil you can, because it takes a half a quart a mile. Never mind buying plates, the title is about six owners behind you. Just making it look like a title receipt in the window will do for awhile.

Everyone cringes when they see you because they know you'll either need a jump or push. If you're late for work, or an appointment, you can always say, "I had car trouble," and the boss or whomever will understand because you drive an Indian car!

Don't fret about the front windshield being broken with all the spider web lines in it. We all had to have worn tape on broken-up eye glasses at one time or another.

Last, but not least, let's not forget the bumper stickers! 'Indian pride on the move,' 'My car is a Cadillac,' 'This car stops at all Indian bingos,' 'Don't laugh, it's paid for,' 'You toucha my car, I breaka you face,' 'Custer wore Arrow shirts' and 'Don't laugh, I'm ahead of you ain't I!'

When it finally gives up the ghost, you grace your front yard with it. When someone approaches you to buy the car or some parts off it, you say, 'I'm gonna get it going again, it just needs a different motor!'

The truth of it is, that old beast is pretty hard to part with because it took you halfway across the state last time you were out for a few drinks at the local bar... You bothered all the shadetree mechanics from one end of the rez to the other... to fix it, but soon as the one thing is fixed, something else goes wrong, but never enough to keep it off the road very long.

Indian cars never die they just park! You can let the dog sleep in it or store all extra commods or put your favorite junk in it for future use.

When your next Indian car starts giving you trouble, you can look over in your yard and say 'Jeez that car was really a good car!' ■

Indian Cars never Die! They just Park!

*Taken from Indian Country Today,
June 29, 1995*



An Icon of the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha by Denise Gosselin Gravel

*The **ROCK** represents God: 'My God, my Rock!'*

It also represents the Church, the Cornerstone; the Word of God on which Kateri built her life. This is why her feet rest on solid rock, not on sand.

*The **water** flowing from the rock: the Living Water, grace.*

*The **trees** are the vegetation, this earth which aspires towards God.*

*The **Golden** leaf is God, uncreated Light, the Glory of God by which Kateri is impregnated by color – but Gold is not a color. It is light.*

At Kateri's feet, a fort, a small church and a big Iroquois longhouse.

A birch canoe also with a fish, the symbol of Christ.

*The devotion of Kateri: **her love of the cross** and of **her lover** crucified.*

She used to carve crosses on the trees, at places where she often passed: halts of prayer. The Rosary in her right hand with the Lily of Virginity, recalling her vow.

*Her **left hand** is a leading hand which takes us to the cross, suggesting us to contemplate it, as she did.*

*She wore a **small cross** in her neck, the sign of a Christian, a sign of witnessing amongst persecutions.*

*Her **dress** is green, symbolizing the friendship the fecundity of her witnessing. The red shawl tells of her charity, her passion of the love of Christ...*

This is a typical Quebec icon, because of the subject and the Indian elements used in it. It was painted by an iconographer from Quebec, even though the technique used is traditionally Russian.

The colors used to depict Kateri could have been different, truer to reality. But the colors of the icon represent the charismas of the personages. The colors used here show that God clothed Blessed Kateri with a spiritual robe. He made her LOVE in her virginity and charity.

The first Pastor of the Iroquois

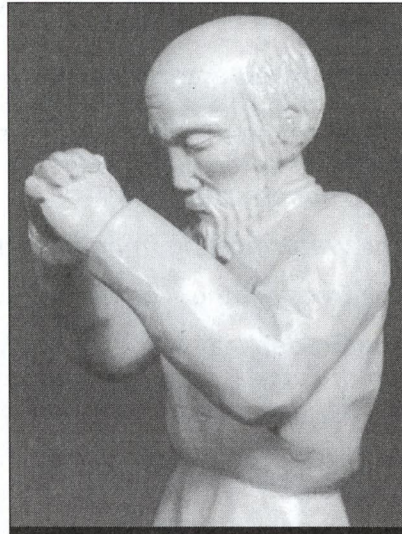
More and more is being said of the great missionary who was Father Pierre Chaumonot, a Jesuit. He is even mentioned as a candidate for beatification.

He was also the protector and the eminent pastor of the Hurons. It can be said that he contributed a lot to save the Huron native from extermination. After the ravages of wars and plague, there was hardly 10,000 Hurons left. He forced them back to Quebec, installed them on Orleans Island, tempted: to organize "Reductions" for them in Sillery, was instrumental in building the Huron Village close to Ancienne Lorette, where he had built a church.

But how did Fr Chaumonot intimately link with the Huron nation manage to land in Gannentaha, the first Iroquois Mission founded in 1652? How could he leave his beloved Hurons to go and minister to the Iroquois who seemed to be at times vowed enemies of the Hurons.

One must remember that the Iroquois and Hurons belonged to the same nation. They had much in common, even their language was quite similar. That conflicts and quarrels could happen is quite natural, when we think of the encroachments to hunting and fishing territories, of the provocations by a few individuals which did not implicate the whole tribe, to the manipulations of French and Dutch merchants who stirred up rivalries to realize greater profits – without denying however war or sportive engagements had become like a way of life for these Indians, proud of their bravery and their exploits.

According to history, the Iroquois had been masters of these skirmishes or guerilla attacks and their cohesion in these conflicts made them redoubtable. "However, wrote a missionary in



*Carving of Fr. Chaumonot
by F. Bourgault*

1652, it is true to say that the Iroquois were more helpful to New France than harmful. They were unwillingly the cause of the conversion and sanctification of as great number of Indians, mainly Hurons.

In prosperity, they would make fun of the Gospel and they menaced with death those who evangelized their country.

They accused them of being sorcerers, of secretly causing their death, of ruining their harvests by bad weather and of betraying them trying to sell their land to their enemies. But when disaster was imminent, they turned their eyes towards the missionaries and threw themselves in their arms. It is sure that most of them who in the midst of affliction, asked for baptism would never have done so in prosperity. The Iroquois made them saints, believing that they would render them miserable."

Invitation from Gannentaha

Fr Chaumonot was far from thinking that he would have to leave his "beloved". In his autobiography, he himself says: "While I was with my Hurons on the Island of Orleans, the Iroquois came from Onnontaga and arrived in Quebec for peace talks with us and to ask the missionaries to instruct them in the faith. I was called from the Island where I stayed and was introduced as interpreter. (Fr Chaumonot was known to have the gift of tongues). As I answered to the words and presents of the Onontaguas, I showed my great desire to give them a few Fathers. Mister de Lauzon, governor of Canada, set his eyes on me for this mission and he spoke of that so favorably to our Fathers that they preferred me to Fr Ménard, already assigned to this post by our Superiors. Fr Claude Dablon was given to me as an assistant.

It was like a heavenly intervention: at last we could enjoy a moment of peace. The colony would establish itself without alarms of incursions and costly disasters. And Frs Chaumonot and Dablon would go to the Iroquois to prepare the ways for a French establishment that the Indians had solicited and that had been promised.

Towards Gannentaha

The 18 ambassadors who came for these negotiations with the two missionaries and few Christians, left again on September 19, 1655. Fr Dablon kept the diary of the journey and recalls the main incidents. If he had days of consolation, he had more days of pain, fatigue and danger. According to their customs, the Indians had not taken with them any provisions. They relied on the catch of the hunting and fishing. "They lacked those from the beginning" says the diary. "On

October 14, our provisions being so low and our teeth lengthened by our hunger, we feasted on one caribou, a kind of wild cow. It had drowned and then was rejected on the shore. The meat smelled awful, but appetite makes a good cook. In our dish, no salt, nor pepper, nor clover, but after all the taste was still good. Let us say rather that the zeal and ardour to win these poor souls to God spread so sweet a sugar on all the difficulties that we meet, that truly we found sweetness in bitterness."

"The very next morning, God made us pass from scarcity to abundance. Our hunters killed eight bears. On the spot, all our people became butchers and cooks. On all sides we could see flesh, fat and hides. Four pails boiled immediately and every one ate his full.

Welcome to Gannentaha

On October 29, 1655, on reaching the territory of Gannentaha, Father Chaumonot was greatly consoled by an unexpected meeting. He found, busy fishing, 30 Christian Hurons, captives of the Iroquois since quite a while and who were finally incorporated to that nation. During their captivity, they had kept their faith alive, even if deprived of the help of their religion for so many years.

When the Hurons recognized Fr Chaumonot, some of them threw their arms around his neck, others invited him to a banquet while others offered him gifts. "We must, said one of them make our prayers in public: the longhouse is too small and then we are not ashamed of our faith! Father heard their confessions, reminded them of the main mysteries.

Finally, on Nov. 5, Fr Chaumonot arrived at Gannentaha with his group. He met, a kilometre way from the village, a strong delegation to welcome him and to

The first Pastor of the Iroquois... (con't)

make an escort of honor on his entering the village. A captain led the march. The streets of the village had been well cleaned and the roofs of the longhouses were laid with children, so eager to contemplate the Black Robes.

Exchange of Gifts

Following an Indian custom, the Jesuit Fathers, on their arrival, proceeded to a gift exchange. "There were many meetings with such an exchange. The one of Nov. 15 was the most solemn. As always, Fr Chaumonot, before starting, bent down on his knees to address a prayer to God and the Iroquois watched him doing this in a most profound silence.

Fr Chaumonot then showed his first gift. He had to stop all the cries coming from all sides, because of the warriors they had lost. He offered a second gift to cure their spirit where their pains came from. He showed them a crown of porcelain which he applied to the forehead of the main captain.

The fourth gift was most pleasant to them. Father Chaumonot held his handkerchief by the four corners and he showed them inside the ashes of one of their captains, buried in Three-Rivers and alongside those of the Frenchmen. He mixed them together and declared that they and the Frenchmen made only one, before and after death. They applauded with enthusiasm.

The next necklace was the main and most beautiful of all. While he explained it, Fr Chaumonot said that he had brought but a small remedy and a week alleviation of their ills and that he could not stop them from suffering and dying. But, he added, I have an almighty remedy against all kinds of ills and this is what draws me to your country. You gave proof of such wisdom in going as far as Quebec to fetch us and invite us. This remedy is faith, that we have come to announce to you."

An Iroquois captain then began to speak, offering 5000 beads of porcelain. He wished, he said, to wipe up the eyes of the missionaries, which appeared full of tears because of the murders committed in the French colony during the years your throat, to render your voice real. The Indians replied the next day to Fr Chaumonot's presents. Following their customs, they accompanied their gifts with a variety of songs and dances.

"Their best gift was also that of faith. It was made up of 7000 beads of porcelain. Here is the gift of faith, said the orator. This is to tell you right of that I am a Christian. It is to tell you not to tire in instructing us. Go on running among the longhouses, and take patience in realizing our poor intelligences in learning the prayers. We have to drive it well ahead in our minds and our hearts. "Then wanting to show his ardour by an extraordinary ceremony, he took the Father by the hand, made him rise up and walk around the whole assistance, and then hang to his neck and embraced him. With his lovely bead necklace he made him a wampum (bead belt), protesting to the face of the sky and the earth that he intended to embrace the faith, as he embraced the Father, and that the belt would be the sign of their intimate union with the believers. This eloquent demonstration had the most salutary effects."

Afterwards, all the longhouses opened up by themselves to the missionaries. They hoped for their visit and their words were well received. Fr Chaumonot took advantage of this great freedom to look for sick people, especially drying children. In the very first days, he was happy to baptize quite a few. ■

Jacques Bruyère S.J.
"Le Brigand", December 1986.

KATERI CENTER NEWS

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Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

A Sister of Mary Reparatrix, Montreal, QC, 50.

9.9.9 9.9.9 9.9.9

The Canadian Vice-Postulator was admitted at the St Mary's Hospital for a minor operation last August. Things were not going fast enough for him, so he got up by himself, went to the nurses station to hasten all check-out procedures. He was standing there at the counter facing his nurse Gloria, as if he would need her help, when she saw his face turn pale. She then rushed behind him to protect his head, grabbed him just in time. The V.P. was gone and as they knew he had a cardiac condition, all the loud-speakers uttered the special call **9.9.9**, to his rescue.

When the V.P. opened his eyes, all he could see were nurses, technicians, doctors and a crowd of onlookers, so eager to help. Still ready to go, the V.P. was sent back to his room with a new green robe on. He had to undergo an electrociogramme of quality. The

beats of his heart only revealed his great desire to go home right away. He had to rest till 6 p.m. though. But one thing had changed the V.P. had become one of the most popular man in the hospital. Prince for a day! Everyone seemed to recognize him all over the hospital. It's nice to be that popular but the V.P. realized too late that he had missed the best occasion to promote Kateri's Cause, inviting all these good people to learn about the good Kateri and subscribe to KATERI's magazine.

KATERI in Spanish

Biographies of Blessed Kateri can be found in many languages, ever since the writings about her in the Relations and testimonies of two of her spiritual directors; Frs Chauchetière and Cholenec.

To help out many Spanish-speaking Americans and Spanish abroad, Sr Emila Schug CSA has advantageously taken in hand the translation of the classical work of Fr. F.X. Weiser S.J. about Kateri, published in English by Fr Henri Bécharde in 1972.

146 pages - US\$ 6 per unit. It is consigned at the Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawaké, P.Q. J0L 1B0 ■

Testimonies of favors obtained

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

...My husband was operated on March 16th for a triple heart by-pass and is doing just fine. We praise God for his recovery along with dear Kateri. Please remember our family in your prayers.

(Cicero, IL)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you Mr. D.M.!**

Enclosed is a cheque for the Kateri Band Club. My prayers are offered daily for the Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. I give thanks to her for my good health and good fortune.

(Windsor, ON)

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

I've been praying Kateri for my Son and Daughter-in-Law, who had been separated for a long time. Thanks to Kateri, my prayers were answered. Enclosed is twenty dollars for her Cause...

(Laverton, Australia)

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

Some time ago I asked for prayers and now I am feeling better but do need more prayers. I need prayers for better health and peace in the family. I'm thankful for some relief of health. Keep praying for me and my family.

(Hanover, ON)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you Mr. and Mrs. D.S.!**

In thanksgiving for the safe delivery of our grand-daughter born on January 26, 1998... God bless you all in your work for Blessed Kateri.

(House Springs, MO)

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

I'm sending a check for fifty-five dollars. Five dollars is for my subscription, and the rest is for Kateri. She has come to our help in the past year. My husband had a four by-pass operation and is doing very well thanks to Kateri. Also our daughter had trouble with her pregnancy, but is now doing marvellous. Kateri has been a very good part of our life...

(Bristol, CT)

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

I wish to keep my promise I made to Blessed Kateri, so I am enclosing a check for twenty-five dollars toward her canonization. My son has been suffering, fearing stomach cancer, a tumor or other illness because he felt that something was there. He saw his doctor and twice had X-Rays and other tests done at one hospital. Then he was advised to have a second opinion. We all prayed. The results, we were assured, shall be corrected without surgery and there is no tumor or cancer. Thanks be to God and to dearest Kateri who must have been with him through all the tests. I do know that she will keep her word...

(Cleveland, OH)

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D.M.!**

I am writing to you to let you know that I have been helped by Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I had prayed and still do to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to help me with my drinking problem. With her help and intercession to God I have had my last drink on August 9, 1992. It is

now five years since I last took a drink. My life has changed for the better and I have no desire to drink again. I was also having financial problems but that has also been taken care of... I am enclosing a small donation of twenty dollars in thanksgiving for favors received.

(Birch Island, ON)

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

Enclosed please find a check for one hundred dollars. A promise my brother and I made to Kateri after he submitted to an operation. Thank God he come out of it very well thanks to Kateri. Also I had to go for a follow-up after six months, so far the reports are good. I am also asking for continued prayers for both my brother and myself. We pray to her daily...

(Chicopee, MA)

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

Well, I did finally make to Kahnawake in November. It was the day of the first snow there. We also had a great adventure trying to get back to Lake George to get away from it. We had a four hour delay due to an accident, which was just ahead of us. Kateri was watching over us, because it was dark, the road was slick, and a man flagged us down to tell us a tractor trailer had overturned ahead. We did not find out till it was cleared out that it was only about 300 yards ahead. We could have plowed right into it. Also, we left the next morning with the sun shining to learn later that they had 11 inches of snow, starting that afternoon. God bless Kateri... I still have one more visit to make, and that is to get my daughter, the one who has recovered splendidly, with only minor difficulties, from her cerebral hemorrhage. I want to take her to Kateri to personally thank her. This will take some doing, but I know Kateri is patient and will help get her there in the future...

(Pennsauken, NJ)

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

Enclosed find a check for fifty dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri. My money and credit card was found in less than a minute after I had lost them. No sooner did I pray to Blessed Kateri when an honest person found them. I depend on Kateri constantly and I pray to her daily. She is my best friend. I don't know what I would do without her! Thanks, Kateri.

(Kersey, PA)

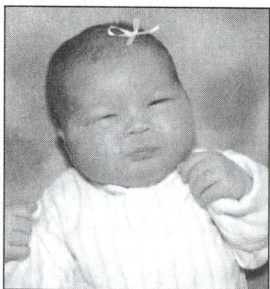
✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. K.I.B.!**

...I offer Kateri thanks for the job I got on May 13th and the return of vision for my husband. God bless you!

(Vandergrift, PA)

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

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 28,979 pledges have come in
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Mary Kateri, born January 2, 1998

Baptized May 2, 1998

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Please send yours to: The Kateri Center

Box 70

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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.

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*God of all ages, Lord of all time, you are the Alpha and the Omega,
the origin and goal of everything that lives, yet you are ever close to those
who call on you in faith.*

*We look with expectant joy to the Jubilee of your Son's coming among us,
two thousand years ago.*

We thank you for the years of favour with which you blessed your people.

*Teach us to share justly the good things which come from your loving hand;
to bring peace and reconciliation where strife and disorder reign; to speak
out as advocates for those who have no voice; and to rejoice in a bond of
prayer and praise with our sisters and brothers throughout the world.*

*When Christ comes again in glory may he find us alive and active in faith,
and so call us to that Kingdom where, with you and the Holy Spirit,
he is God, to be praised, worshiped and glorified, both now
and for ages to come.*

Amen.



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