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THE FRANCES TIOUATESKON ROLL

CHRISTMAS 1667...

KATERI IS 50!

A CHRISTMAS STORY

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

THE PINE TREE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BLESS THE DAY TO COME

CHRISTMAS AT KAHNAWAKÉ: 1997

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*A Merry Christmas  
and a Happy 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 "Joy"



"Christianity, it's the irruption of joy in history: the Joy of the Incarnation (God becomes our brother), of the Ascension (the lot of the Risen Lord is that of the Christians), of the institution of the Church (Christ is among us to bring to us salvation, of Charity (by loving one another we love God). The smile of the Christians blooms on this joy and is incomparable because it comes from the land of God, characterizing because it transforms life, beneficial because it is a gift of love."

CARDINAL MONTINI, MILAN

"Let us try to make of our whole life a hymn of joy, so that every day may be spent in joy."

MAURICE ZUNDEL

"Joy is like the sun without which we etiolate in life."  
"It's the joy of believing which brings the joy of living."

FRANÇOIS DURILLON

"Your miseries leave them up to the Lord; the others wait for joy."  
"If you don't smile for yourself, smile for others, they need you smile."

74 texts of the Holy Scripture contain the word JOY.  
33 psalms mention the word joy.

"My Lord is my happiness and my joy." Ps. 16,8

"I set the Lord before me; with Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body too, abides in confidence. Ps. 15,8

"I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my Lord while I live. Pleasing to Him be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord. Ps. 104,34

I will meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. In your statues I will delight; I will not forget your words." Ps. 119,14

"Rejoice instead, in the measure that you share Christ's sufferings. When His glory is revealed you will rejoice exultantly." I Pet. 4,13

"You now, are you sad. But I will see you again and your heart will be full of joy, and your joy, no one will be able to take it away from you." Jn 16,24

The JOY of **Christmas**: "Our Saviour is born, the Emmanuel who will stay with us, the Master who will be our Way and our Life."  
A very Merry Christmas and let us remain joyful every day of 1999!

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, 1677...

*(This is page 1 of the 1st issue of Kateri, December 1948)*

*The three bells of the snow-clad chapel of St. Francis Xavier pealed forth in the frosty silence of Christmas Eve. 1677... Noël! Noël! Noël... From the sixty cabins of the Iroquois Mission, the faithful wended their way to the Ononsatokenti, the Holy House... Noël! Noël!...*



*An obscure Indian maiden, Kateri Tekakwitha from Ossernenon (Auriesville, N.Y.), had traveled up into New France and there, at Midnight Mass, achieved her one consuming desire – the privilege of receiving her first Holy Communion.*

*Since 1943, this Iroquois girl is known as the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Our quarterly bulletin intends, above all to tell her tale, to foster devotion to her and to record the favors both spiritual and temporal you receive through her intercession. As a result, it is hoped, the cause of her Beatification will progress more rapidly. It will also introduce you to Kateri's people, the Iroquois, for whom she shines as a beacon and for whom St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and their Companions have lived and died...*

*We have dreamt dreams, and now, we are trying to realize them. Our publication is a homage, we believe, to which Kateri has a right. To send it to you, modest though it is, the Mission of Kahnawake, which is already in debt, has waded into even deeper waters. Kateri is asking you to help. Flatly, if out of your Christmas bounty, you sacrificed a dollar and found us a few new friends, the problem would be solved for the year.*

*Will KATERI live and prosper?... Let your heart answer Kateri will not be ungrateful.*

*With cordial thanks and fervent wishes for a Christmas Day as joyful as Kateri's 271 years ago!...*

THE JESUITS OF THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MISSION

## "Kateri" is 50

The cult of Blessed Kateri has been continuous ever since 1680. The Jesuit missionaries have spread it. The Indians proudly talked about her to other nations and besides the Jesuit Relations and many books have introduced her to the world.

In New France and in the state of New York, Jesuits and other priests have kept the fire burning. Her Cause had been introduced with that of the North American Martyrs, but because she was not a martyr, her name was dropped from the list.

Even during the suppression of the Jesuit Order (from 1773 to 1824) diocesan priests and Oblate Fathers still encouraged pilgrimages to her burial place in Côte Saint Catherine. And when, after 50 years of absence, the Jesuits returned to Laprairie, they were eager to erect a new cross by her tomb. Kateri seemed to belong to the Jesuits as she had been instructed, baptized and advised by them. So much so that it has been said that Kateri had an Ignatian spirituality.

More recently, many Fathers have sponsored her Cause, to an extent that she was declared Venerable by Pope Pius XII in 1943. Father Antonio Poulin, S.J. was her Vice-Postulator in Montreal from 1937 to 1950. When Fr Henri Béchard was assigned to Caughnawaga, he became director of the Kateri School and through his writings on the Mission rediscovered Kateri. He was named Vice-Postulator in 1950.

It is in December 1948 that he issued the first KATERI for the English-speaking people. Nine



**Rev. Henri Béchard, .S.J.**

years later he also catered to the French population. Albert Lazare, the actual accountant and manager of the Kateri Center, who replaced his brother, Thomas, recalls how the first office was on the main floor of the rectory, right beside the Mission procuration which had to fill many financial gaps. In no time the subscriptions flooded in and Father Béchard had to borrow help from the girl Sodalists, the school children and many parishioners. Mrs. Rita McComber wrote this little known fact: "In the later 1930's four young ladies from Kahnawake were busy helping to spread devotion to Kateri. Meeting in the rectory, every Saturday afternoon, they addressed and stuffed envelopes to be mailed to people across Canada and the United States. This was done under the guidance of the late Flora MacDonald who had a great devotion to Kateri. She absorbed much of the cost of this endeavor. Still, in Kahnawake today, and still devoted to Kateri are these young ladies: Josie (Moon) Delisle and Eileen (Jacco)



Lefebvre, members of the Kahnawake Choir, Inez (Saylor) Morris and Violet (Snow) Delisle, retired school teachers. I feel they deserve to be acknowledged for a job well done."

Fr Béchard had first invited Fr Camille Drolet to do the illustrations for the magazine. But very soon, in 1956, Mrs. Andrée de Groot came to his rescue. She was mainly an accomplished painter, but Fr Béchard talked her into making drawings and even cartoons for the magazine. The Cause owes her so much gratitude.

All the while, many people came along as promoters or financial aides. Just to name a few: Tom Constantino, Joseph O'Brien, Solomon Cook, Chet Adams, Pierre Hébert, Gordon Deer, Marlene McCauley, Anne Scheuerman, Sarah Hassenplug, Armour Landry and Fr Paul Hamel, as photographers, the Kahnawake Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella.

In the year 1959, Fr Béchard and the Kateri Center moved to Rachel St. in Montreal. Miss Flora MacDonald and Albert Lazare followed and were joined by Mrs. Juliette Charlebois and gave Fr Béchard a very much appreciated help. Fr Béchard went on writing books about the Mission, Bl. Kateri and Indians. He even crossed the ocean to do research in France about the missionaries whom he called "The Seven Fools," who had known Kateri, written about her or served as spiritual directors.

Fr Béchard was never idle. Even as Superior of the Antoine Daniel residence in Montreal, he would find names for the new chapters of his books, preach retreats, worked for Kateri's Beatification, even if his heart was becoming weaker. All the while, Albert Lazare, his right-hand man, travelled across the river distributing work to the many volunteers, nuns and lay people who had at heart Kateri's Cause, to name a few: Srs. E. Binette, M. Bergeron, L. Camden, Mrs. M. Huet and Mrs. L. St. Germain. In the background, at the Municipal Library, Miss Marie Baboyant was making intense research for the Kateri Center.

Then, in 1980, came the big news: "Kateri would be beautified!" What a joy and what a busy preparation. A few years later the banking account of the Center hit a new low. Tom Constantino from Amsterdam, NY came to the rescue by launching a fund-raising campaign. It paid off. Fr Béchard, before he passed away in 1990, had time to finish his best book yet: a compendium of all he knew about Kateri: "Kaiatanoron Kateri Tekakwitha." The Kateri Center is now back in Kahnawake and is still publishing the KATERI magazine. Albert Lazare, his wife Eileen and Alice Marion are working under Fr J. Bruyère's guidance.

Many thanks to all those who support Kateri's Cause and the Center. May it live to see Kateri's canonization soon. ■

*Jacques Bruyère, S.J.*

## Unexpected visitors

Simeon, the old shoemaker, lives all by himself, deep in the Rockies. His two children, gone to the States, did not write to him too often. His wife, since a long time, left him for a sky more serene. The frank and hearty hospitality of the old Simeon had won him the esteem of all the people around.

It thus happened that the night before Christmas, Christ Jesus appears to him in a dream: "Simeon! Simeon! Tonight is Christmas. I'll come to your home."

His heart full of a holy joy, the likeable shoemaker cleans his shop, prepares a meal, shovels the last snowfall, decorates his humble hut. Everything is ready to welcome worthily the divine visitor.

Sure enough, at the ringing of the clock, Simeon hears someone knocking at the window. He springs up and opens the door. It's a child, all in tears looking for his mother. Quickly the old Simeon reassures the child and brings him back to his parents.

The old shoemaker still waits with great eagerness the visit of his distinguished guest, when again a knock at the door. In comes an old grandmother, her figure bowed with age and shivering. "Give me hospitality, sir, for the love of Hod." The guest room is ready, but it will not be for the divine visitor. Taking pity on her, Simeon offered the grandmother a cup of hot tea and a few cookies.

The clock still gongs the hours, when, for a third time, the old



Simeon identifies the steps of a visitor. "It's Him!" Swiftly, her opens the door wide open. It's a passerby, hungry, with old shoes and a wornout coat on his shoulders. Distressed, the old Simeon, gives him his own shoes and a few pieces of clothers much warmer.

The twelve strokes of midnight, since quite a while, have died in the night. Disappointed and tired, the old shoemaker, falls in a very deep sleep. Suddenly he jumps up, his eyes can hardly stand the brightness of the light, which bathes his house. A very soft voice calls the old Simeon. He recognizes the voice; it's the divine visitor!

"Simeon! Simeon!"

Is it you, Jesus?

"Yes Simeon!"

"Lord, why didn't you come? All night long, I waited in vain. For you, I had prepared everything, cleaned up, decorated. I wished to see you so much."

"But Simeon, hold up your head. I kept my promise! Three times, you received me: the child in tears, the shivering grandmother, the hungry beggar, that's Me!" ■

A poem by **Helen Steiner**  
(Trad. J.B.)



## **The CHRISTMAS TREE, a religious tradition to rediscover**

**W**hen the tradition took root in Alsace - during the Middle Ages - it symbolized the earthly paradise and original sin. The pine tree was to illustrate the Eden, since it is the only tree which remains green all year round.

The pine tree of long ago was decorated with delicious red apples, commemorating the time when supposedly our first parents bit with gusto the forbidden fruit. Later on, hosts were added to symbolized Christ, the new Adam. Jesus is the one who brings a new morning to the world.

As time went on, paper roses of all colours and lit candles were added. The first symbol called to mind the tree of Jesse and the other, Jesus light of the world.

The red fruits of the orchard were replaced with bells of blown glass. This original idea came from a glass-maker of Maisenthal who lived in the last century. It was to replace the real apple which had become rare due to a drought.

### **Far away origins**

It is difficult to retrace the history of the Christmas tree. During the Middle Ages, the books were rare and costly. A popular means of transmitting the heritage of the faith was through theatrical performances. These were known as "miraculous plays," because it served as a school for biblical formation and stories of the saints. The performances were held in the church.

One of the most popular plays narrated the temptation of Adam and Eve in paradise. The simple

setting was made of a pine tree with red apples hanging from the branches. It was in no time called "the tree of paradise."

As the little drama was presented during the time of advent, the conclusion of the sketch announced the coming of Jesus.

Unfortunately, because of certain abuses, the Church had to put an end to these scenic plays during the 15th C. However, during these years, the feast of Adam and Eve was celebrated on Dec. 24, nearly all through Europe and the pine tree was associated to the feast, even though Rome never approved of this liturgical practice and it never considered canonizing these two personages.

This celebration finally disappeared but the pine tree remained an important symbol of the Advent period. During the 16th C., the Germans gave a new meaning to the green tree that we must recover. Wish that the pine tree became for the believers of the world who are preparing to celebrate the Jubilee of the Year 2000, a pressing reminder of our interior conversion, so as to become authentic witnesses of the Will of God. The "tree of paradise" would thus invite the society of today to enter deeply into this "new Advent" for the whole world. ■

**Benoît Voyer**  
(Trad. J.B.)

## **The Pine Tree**

*The Christmas tree is a tradition very much alive in the whole world. This custom which originated in Alsace, spreaded rapidly all over the world.*

*Besides the history of the pine tree, what meaning can we give to the presence of this tree in our homes? In Nordic countries, during winter while the whole countryside is sleeping, it symbolizes the life that never ceases for good.*

*Isn't it the image of our God who comes in the midst of our winters to signify that He is a God in union with us? A God in solidarity with us, since He wishes to live the same joys and sufferings of everyone of us. A God who shares with us, since He wishes simply to be born, grow, get to know human life...*

*To symbolize life is to reflect joy and life. When you decorate a pine tree with small lights, shiny balls, stars, tiny personages, it becomes alive and communicates its life and light all around.*

*The life of a man finds its whole meaning when he becomes light for his neighbor. We are called to put on light and stars in our lives. We are called to proclaim the joy and hope which dwells in us.*



Christmas! Christmas! Christmas!



At Christmas, Jesus comes to us  
in the tender features of a child,  
in order to instill in us  
a boundless trust,  
in His mild innocence;  
and reawken in us  
the child we were once,  
and may become again,  
in His presence

*Paul VI*

1999 BLESS THE DAYS TO COME 1999

*Bless, O Lord, this New Year  
All these days facing me  
Which will fly by like lightning  
Days of joy, days of pain.*

*Every day is a gift from you  
Yes, Lord, every day  
is the beginning of your Kingdom  
Bless, O Lord, this New Year.*

*Bless those who strive  
In the midst of wars and violence  
to build a more fraternal world.  
Bless all the nations of this world  
So they can live in peace.*

*Bless all those who suffer from sickness, injustice and hate,  
Bless all those who this year will go back to You.  
Bless all those who recognize you,  
as the only Lord,  
Bless your Church suffering and divided,  
Reassemble her in unity.  
Bless all those who make up your people.*

*Bless, O Lord, this New Year  
Help us to live day after day  
In joy and serenity  
Tenderness and fidelity. Amen.*

*(J.P. Dubois-Dumée)*



## Christmas '97 at Kahnawake: bread, mass and sharing

The occasion to pray in the church of the Christian Community of Kahnawake was offered to me. A friend of Kateri Tekakwitha invited me to go and attend the Midnight Mass and I accepted. This filled me with joy. This is why I must witness and share my joy with those who still hesitate to answer to such an invitation.

It was the first time that I came in contact with this Christian Community of Kahnawake and visited their church. It was night. I came from Montreal. I would have prayed as well in Montreal where I've been living for a while. But since I said yes to the invitation, I threw myself in this night of adventure with people I didn't know or rather did not know well enough and for whom I was a stranger. This adventure produced another adventure even less expected, an interior adventure of meeting God in a place of cult like a church.

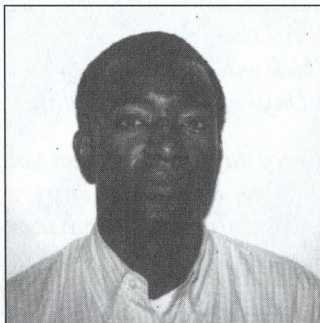
In fact it didn't take long to make me feel a Christian amongst other Christians in this church where everything was ready for the midnight Mass. All the signs and symbols which can interpellate a person accustomed to the Christian liturgy, played their role perfectly. The church was clean and well decorated for the occasion. The two cribs gave their message and invited everyone to

meditate on this grand event of the history of humanity. Then the president of the assembly clad in festive vestments and his attendant in alb, the incense, the holy water, and the altar: all had their meaning. Besides the two cribs in the sanctuary, there were

small cribs all along the walls, made by the school children. This church of Saint Francis Xavier has this in particular: it is the place where the remains of Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha are kept in a marble mausoleum, this young lay virgin called the "Lily of the Mohawks."

On this special night, a special message: God thought it was a good idea to come and visit His people. Thus He was sealing a new alliance with His people. Having come and seeing the abundance of work to be done in their favor, He decided to sojourn here. His stay was rather brief even shortened to a human life in its prime. But the history of love between God and His people was so eventful, so passionating and so wonderful that God decided to stay with His people for good.

He is called Emmanuel: God among us. He kept this name and He wishes that this history of love and friendship that He initiated at a given time spreads all over in such a way that all create or leave a place in their heart and in their midst to a visitor, a stranger or any person. The symbolic



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presence, three centuries old of the remains of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in the church of "her people", cannot but make us think of the presence, eloquent and discreet, of God among "His people", that is amongst "all".

For those who have received the Son of God, God made man, there are no good or bad people; there is no distinction between foreigner and child of the country. There are but children of God, the one and only people. Thus the greeting, the hospitality, the communion of heart and spirit are no more hollow words. They take a coloration, a meaning.

The choir which sang at the midnight mass 1997 in Mohawk language, was made up of 15 adults men and women of a certain age already very respectable: a group of persons faithful to the customs acquired in their youth. Younger persons were not numerous in the church, as is the case in many churches of today. They seem to be busy elsewhere.

On account of their concern more present than ever, two questions came to me quite often. The first question is: what is there thrilling enough, precious and passionating enough to occupy the mind and the time of many a youth to make them forget their Creator? Unfortunately I have no precise answer to this question. It seems to me only "that what I want without having it, it's you my Lord" as the song goes. It seems to me also that most of the persons especially the youth and all who have no time or the

occasion of thinking of God, thirst for an inner peace, this peace that only God can give. The second question is: What customs are the youth of today acquiring that they can evoke in a near future when their turn will come to look at their past instead of their future? The answer to this question I don't have either. Nothing else but a hope and confidence when I consider that Blessed Kateri decided very young to follow a way of life and to acquire habits which are the object of a certain admiration today. Nowadays yet, and all over the world, young people are able to choose by themselves.

During the Eucharistic celebration, a great quantity of bread - not eucharistic - was blessed. Big loaves with raisins and made of barley. It was not consecrated though, as eucharistic bread. It was distributed to all in the church. A few naive questions went through my mind as I saw no one eating the bread in the church. May we bring the blessed bread not consecrated outside the church? Can we eat it in the church itself? May we share it with those left behind? Would it be a profanation? How does this bread differ from the eucharistic bread?

The answer given to me could be thus formulated. Yes, it would be much desired that this blessed bread be brought outside the church where it is given out. Besides extra bread was given to me for those who live with me and who could not attend this celebration. For me it was an



## Christmas '97 at Kahnawake: bread, mass and sharing (con't)

invitation more interior like and more pressing so different from the first invitation I tried to answer out of friendship or mere courtesy.

This time, on account of this gesture and gift, it was about an invitation to share with all those who live with me the joy of Christmas. I left the Church with



something very ordinary and yet heavy: there is nothing as ordinary as bread its market value is negligible in this country where food is not so expensive. But this bread weighed in my hands questioning me and full of meaning because of the circumstances in which it was given to me, of the intention of the donor and of the religious significance. It is not simply to consume but to share. If eucharistic bread itself contains its richness, it should have something in this kind of gift. God offers Himself to you with such gratuity, do I have the right to keep to

myself risking it to go mouldy in my home, without satisfying those who were hungry around me? Maybe it is worthwhile to try to give freely what we have received freely?

Life, with its daily troubles and anguishes risk to trouble us and plunge us in anxiety. The peace of God and interior tranquillity are nevertheless proposed to me and offered freely. Young and less young, dare you go and taste what goes on in a place of prayer like a church and dare think to make a real encounter.

The church is a privileged place for a rendez-vous with the inner host among a community of persons who are here and who are ready to share something of value or at least meaningful with you. And the eucharistic celebration - and such was the one I celebrated on Christmas '97 in the church of Saint Francis Xavier of Kahnawake is a table all set to give you the taste of the possibility of meeting this interior friend. Why not try to say yes to such an invitation? Only God knows if... ■

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(Trad. J.B.)



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### Dozens of new saints probable for A.D. 2000 Jubilee

The new saints whose holiness will be proclaimed 16 months

from now will probably be numerous, probably at last 80 in all, quite possibly hundreds and hundreds if there are large group of martyrs.

Though no names have been yet released, talks with persons in Rome, suggest that among these canonized or beatified will probably be most of the following:

The first on the list is Queen Isabella of Spain, the patroness of Columbus. Then we have Blessed Catherine Dixel who established an order of devout nuns committed to the adoration of the Eucharist and to charitable works on behalf of American Blacks and Indians.

The names of Venerable Matt Talbot, Frank Duff and Ethel Quinn are also often mentioned, the Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

Blessed André Bessette (Brother André), the celebrated miracle-wonder in Canada, an apostle of Saint Joseph.

The Blessed Juan Diego, the visionary of Guadalupe.

The Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, so popular amongst everybody in North America, one of the founders of the Church of Canada. Names often heard are that of three Jesuits: the Blessed Miguel Pro, the Blessed Rupert Mayer, the Blessed Alberto Heritaz, a Chilean Jesuit. Let us pray the Spirit to inspire the members of the commission of Canonization of Saints. Let us pray in particular for Blessed Kateri's canonization. ■

**Farley Clinton**



## Testimonies of favors obtained

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

My Mother was in the hospital with pneumonia. We were worried about her recovering. She is home and doing better than we ever expected. Thanks to Blessed Kateri's intercession for this and many other favors. She never lets me down! Please remember our family in your prayers...

(Chalmette, LA)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. M.K.!

...It is only with prayers to Blessed Kateri and so many other dear saints and our faith in Jesus that it was possible for us to sell our home and bring our two handicapped children and have a place for them. We are now living close to our other children. It's a miracle! Please keep on sending us Kateri. We love her so.

(Victoria, BC)

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

Enclosed is a ten dollars donation for Kateri's Cause. My M.R.I. for my eye problem was clear. Thank you Kateri.

(Cheshire, CT)

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

I thank Blessed Kateri for helping me, day after day, during a recent sorrowful divorce. My request to her was that she help me financially so that I could live modestly, and at peace in order to do God's will and work. My health would not allow me to work full-time, as I had hypertension, duodenal ulcer and migraine headache problems. I was without a car, or a place to live near my three daughters. My brother and his family moved from Ohio to Massachusetts just in time to house me. I sold a house on July 1st, moved into a condo the following day, July 2nd. The closings fell into place perfectly due to a lawyer friend, who helped with the Real Estate. July 5th, I began part-time work as a hospital lay chaplain. My brothers unselfishly paid for the divorce. Through a business investment, inherited from the "Court" during the divorce. I was able to paint and carpet the condo. I know that through this humble Indian Maiden's intercession to God, my prayers were heard and still are on a daily basis. Thank you Holy Kateri and may your canonization come to fruition soon. Enclosed is a check for your Cause.

(Ludlow, MA)

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

I feel compelled to write and make public a great favor I received from Blessed Kateri for which I can offer no explanation other than fervent prayer for her help. I reinjured a recent surgery by returning to work too soon. The pain was very intense, increasing daily, and medication provided little relief. I dreaded the thought of returning to the hospital. By the third night I invoked the aid of Blessed Kateri. The next morning the pain was *entirely gone*. I have made a complete recovery and am working every day now. I am enclosing a donation for her cause and for a subscription to your publication "Kateri". Thank you again, Blessed Kateri.

(Massena, NY)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. B.H.!

Enclosed please find a check in "Thanksgiving" to Blessed Kateri for favours received. I asked and prayed to Blessed Kateri for a special favour for two of my daughters and she answered both the same day. I have great faith in Kateri and ask her to pray for all my children that they will have an increase in faith and always do the right thing. Please pray for their protection. I will continue to pray each day for Blessed Kateri's canonization. Thank you Blessed Kateri for always being there for me.

(Hamilton, ON)

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

...I always want to get some money off to a religious cause when I feel I was saved or spared from something! Yesterday I wanted to cross across traffic in my car. A young fellow waved me through. However I felt I was spared because a car came speeding by from the second lane of traffic. So thanks to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, I was not in a car crash...

(Edmonton, AB)

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

I am sending you a check for a Mass to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. This is a promise I made for my son's job. Thanks to her her received more than I was hoping for.

(Stratford, QC)

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

Enclosed is a check for one hundred dollars in thanksgiving for several favors I have received through Blessed Kateri. An item I thought would not sell was sold on the very day I prayed to Kateri, and our insurance covered a large damage claim which looked hopeless. Thanks to Blessed Kateri my life is going smoothly once again! I pray to her daily and hope that she is recognized as a saint soon. She really deserves it.

(Kersey, PS)

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

Enclosed please find a donation of ten dollars. My prayers were answered once again. My son did pass an important test.

(Flushing, NY)

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

...About a year ago my father almost died in a house fire. He was hospitalized for almost four months with third degree burns all over his body. During his recovery, we prayed everyday that soon he would be back to himself again. Well guess what? A year later, my father is still in the recovery stage, but has made tremendous improvement. With your assistance and my donation of twenty dollars, a prayer will be greatly appreciated.

(Trenton, NS)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. P.L.!

Enclosed is a small donation for Blessed Kateri. My dear little dog was seriously sick and would not eat. Thanks to Kateri, he is recovering.

(Albany, NY)

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**Jesus,**

*your veins are blue, like mine, the blood in them is warm and red,  
like mine.*

**Jesus,**

*your lips were born to talk and kiss, like mine. Your eyes learned to  
see. They like to smile and are used to try like mine.*

**Jesus,**

*I heart the beat of your heart which kept time during 9 months in the  
heart of your mother.*

**Jesus,**

*You resemble us. I also wish to resemble you.*

*Sik Sandor*

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