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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

**"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"**

**G**od wills to need men and women, to achieve his redemption and extend his kingdom.

In Bethlehem, inside a grotto of the hills was born Jesus "light of the world." "Light from light" (Nicene creed). Christmas is the feast of the Light and all are illuminated, walking away from darkness.

When we were baptised, we all became "children of Light". When the pascal candle was handed to our parents, the celebrant said: "It's to you, parents, godparents that this light is entrusted. See that you maintain it. May these children illumined by Christ go forward in life as children of the light and remaining faithful to the faith of their baptism." By our faith and charity (spirit of sharing) we are light for people around us. And at a given place, one bright light will suffice to transform all those who dwell there. The little Kateri Tekakwitha was a light, a beacon, so much so that at mission in 1677, the whole mission was transformed and the Indian village was called "the village of prayer". Kateri showed them the way to God.

The pastor of Ars in France, was not an intellectual light but a spiritual light shining in the corrupt town of Ars. His parishioners, lukewarm at the beginning, became so fervent that they glowed all over France. As we are called to be "the light of the world", what are we to do? By our presence of faith and charity, we influence those around us. We become prophets of the world to come. We remind other Christians and even non-believers, the meaning of life, of suffering and of love. In our lives everything becomes light.

"Blessed you be, God our Father for this astonishing road of light. You divided it from darkness so that the eyes of men may see the marvels of your creation.

...You made it shine on the face of Christ so that all may recognize in it the Messenger of Your lover. You diffused it on all human beings by Your Spirit so that the world may be transformed by it. You confided it to the Church so that we may render you glory and may be led towards your splendor.

And so we pray you do not allow the darkness to smother in us its flame.

Make us prophets of the world to come. Make us live in the clarity of Christ so that we trace a road of light which will lead every human to your glory. We beg you this through Christ, life of the world, who renders you glory forever.

**Jacques Bruyère, S.J.**





## Chief Tiouateskon Roll

In 1677, when Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha came to live among the Praying Indians on the St. Lawrence, Tiouateskon was the chief of the Mohawks, an active member of the Holy Family Association, and head of a longhouse noted for its fervor.

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### May you have...

Enough good fortune to keep you kind  
 Enough troubles to keep you strong  
 Enough cares to keep you human  
 Enough hope to keep you happy  
 Enough failures to keep you humble  
 Enough friends to bring you comfort  
 Enough success to nourish your ambition  
 Enough richness to fill your needs  
 Enough enthusiasm to keep going  
 Enough faith to drive out depression  
 Enough determination to render  
 every day better than yesterday

## Amerindian News

### Self esteem and Indian pride

Self esteem is the measure of how much we like and approve of ourselves.

The level of how much we like ourselves affects every part of our lives: how we think, what we say, what we do. It affects how we see the world and our place in it. It affects how others treat us. It affects the choices that we make - choices about what we will do with our lives. It affects our ability to love ourselves and others. IT AFFECTS OUR ABILITY TO TAKE ACTION TO CHANGE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE CHANGED.

We are not born without liking ourselves. As babies, we count on our families for love and protection. As we grow up, we learn more about who we are from two things: how people treat us and what they tell us about ourselves. If people treat us with love and tell us we were good, we feel good about ourselves. If people treat us badly and tell us we are no good, we believe that we are bad people.

Native Americans have so much to be proud of: the respect of nature and the privilege of living in harmony with all things created

by The Great Spirit. We have a beautiful culture full of rites, unique languages and ceremonies. We have the knowledge of being at one with the Great Universe. We have a religion and spirituality that is mystical and wondrous. WE ARE A SPECIAL PEOPLE.

Many people are afraid of those who are proud and at peace with themselves. Many people do not have the timeless culture and sense of family that we have. Out of fear, these people choose to make fun of us, because they do not understand. When someone is different, people try to make them feel bad and try to change them. Many people are jealous of us because we have something that they can never have: A PROUD CULTURE!!!

It is important for us to realize that we are SPECIAL PEOPLE! When people treat us like we are different, acknowledge them, and be proud of your heritage. Let us learn to see ourselves for who we are, and not be what others tell us we are.

**Brett Locklear**  
**North Carolina Native**  
**American Youth Organization**



## Kahnawaké celebrates Kateri, on April 18

The weather forecast for April 18 was rain. But in the early morning, the sky was clearing up to make place for a bright radiant sun. A favor of Blessed Kateri evidently...

As early as 9:30, the Shrine was filling up with a busload of pilgrims from Toronto. People came from all around, so much so that the local people found their pews already occupied by 10:30.

Then the Daughters of Isabella and the Knights of Columbus from Kahnawake, Saint-Regis, Champlain, Dorval and Lachine appeared in procession. What a dignified presence of colorful people adding to the already well decorated sanctuary. When Msgr Desourdy, the celebrant representing Bishop Berthelet, accompanied by the two Vice-postulators, Frs J. Paret and J. Bruyere, entered the church, the grand organ resounded and the choir a first grandiose hymn of Blessed Kateri.

The Mass began with the Indian style rite of purification: the sweet grass ceremony. Beacon Ron Boyer, using his eagle father spread the smoke on everyone who in turn received it very ceremoniously.



Meanwhile the mixed choir; 15 members strong, under the guidance of Mr B. Houle, filled the church with harmonious chords which moved everyone to prayer. Some of these harmonized



hymns with Mohawk wording go back to 160 years. The choir of Kahnawaké might have been one of the first missions to sign in the vernacular. The organist himself, Mr Houle, has been 50 years with the choir.

During the Mass the participants seemed very attentive to all what was going on, from the rite of purification, to the readings and the inspiring homily by Msgr Desourdy. "Blessed Kateri will make the perfect role-model for the youth of the new Millenium, as she had a deep faith and lived an innocent life, praising the Creator in all His creation."

At the end of the Mass, Pr Bruyère said a few words of thanks to all those present, especially to the local Mohawk community who has supported Kateri's Cause for so long. "Many friends of Kateri would have like

to come. Thanks to all those who sent in their intentions. Let us hope that next year we'll be able to hail Saint Kateri."

After the Mass, the Knights of Columbus invited every one to a buffet in their hall. Thanks for their contribution in so many ways.

All day long, devotees of Blessed Kateri knelt before her relics in the

tomb. A busy day for Kateri also. Thanks to her for being so patient with all of us.





## Kateri honored at Garabandal, Spain

**A**pril 17 is the day that many friends of Kateri Tekakwitha choose to remember her in a special way. It was on this day in 1680 that the Lily of the Mohawks

NEVER condemned, as has been rumored. As a matter of fact, the present Bishop Del Vel reaffirms that the Bl. Mother's messages as reported are theologically cor-



died and entered heaven. And so it was on this 319th year of Kateri's death, that a Mass in her honor was celebrated for the first time ever in a small village in Spain.

Marlene McCauley of Phoenix, AZ and Anne Scheuerman of Rochester, NY had traveled together to Garabandal in northern Spain on a pilgrimage. (Many people believe that the Bl. Mother appeared to four young girls from 1961-1965 in this place. Briefly, her message was that people need to amend their lives, pray, and sacrifice more, and visit the Blessed Sacrament often. The Garabandal apparitions were

rect.) We know how very much Kateri loved the Bl. Virgin Mary and placed herself under this Mother's protection in her lifetime. How fitting it was to introduce Kateri to Garabandal!

Marlene McCauley had come prepared to honor Kateri. It is her

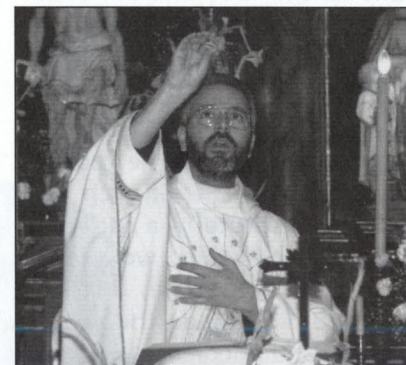


custom to bring a large banner featuring Kateri when she travels. This, she placed prominently in the sanctuary of the Church.

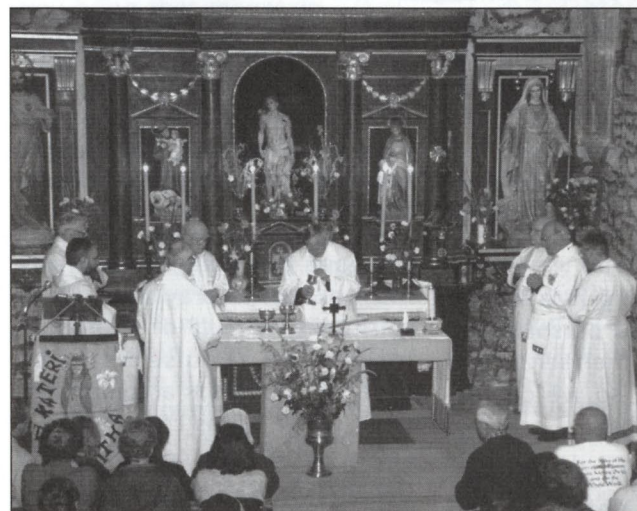
The mass was planned to be a simple mass for the 100 American pilgrims. As has happened many times, the Lily of the Mohawks embellished the plans. At mass time, other pilgrims in the town, seeming to come out of nowhere, entered St. Sebastian church and sat in the pews. Soon, the small church was filled to capacity with standing room only remaining. Most of these people were from Ireland and, being good Irish Catholics, were not leaving on their departing bus before attending mass. With them, were four Irish priests. Added to the American four priests, the eight priests crowded the sanctuary while concelebrating the mass in honor of Kateri Tekakwitha. A well-rehear-

sed choir of 16 singers sang from the choir loft.

At the end of mass, Marlene spoke of Kateri's life and led the Kateri prayer. Mass closed with all the pilgrims being blessed by the Kateri relic (which Marlene had brought), administered by Fr. Jay Finelli. He is assigned to St. Francis Xavier Church in East Providence, Rhode Island! How appropriate!



After mass, it was learned that many of the Irish pilgrims know Kateri and spread devotion to her. Also, many of the American pilgrims present found a new friend in Kateri



**Text and  
Photos by  
Ann M.  
Scheuerman**



## A new religious institute for the handicapped

**W**e have nothing against those who have no physical handicap" says Louise Principe. This is how she explains that the MISSIONARY FRANCISCANS OF JESUS CRUCIFIED", a community she founded in 1987 as a way to religious life for persons afflicted with physical handicaps.

In a short while, the young community has received more than 40 members: 8 men, 32 women. It hopes to be recognized soon by the Church as a "secular institute" - a society of people who live and work in the world as lay people, but who have publicly made the vow of poverty and obedience.

Louise Principe is a former nun who now goes about in a wheel chair; she had to leave her congregation in order to help her parents and also because of her handicap. She says that many handicapped persons were forced to leave their religious communities or are not accepted as candidates.

"As for us, being in a secular institute, we need persons who can take care of themselves and be independent, so we can accept such candidates.

The patron saint of this institute is Blessed Kateri Tekak-

witha, who was here in the diocese of Albany. As a child, her face was pocked and her eyes became half-blind because of small-pox. She was never authorized to become a nun, even though she made a vow of chastity and lived a life dedicated to God in a lay society.

Louise Principe also mentions that aged persons and those who are alone are welcomed in the community, remembering that at the beginning of Christianity, widowhood, in the Orient as well as in the Occident, was a venerated way of life."

"You will find in this group persons who have difficulty in learning, who suffer from mental illness, cancer, blindness, deafness or who have malformations. It's because of them and through them that we have come to form an institute which shares the cross of Christ and which knows how to reach for those who carry their cross.

Those who join the institute must expect to pray a lot. Their spirituality is truly of Franciscan inspiration. Louise Principe observes that Jesus accomplished most while He was crucified to a cross, when He could hardly move His head."

## Iroquois Legend Sagoianawasai, Our Grandfather

**A**fter Satkonseriio, the Good Spirit, had created the creatures of the earth, he decided to inspect his work. As he walked over the earth, he saw a stranger who was a giant with a very large ugly face. Good Spirit asked the strange being who he was. The creature answered with a roaring voice, "I am master of the earth and all things on it."

"If you are master of the earth, then the things of this earth should obey you. Let me see you show your power. Prove to me that you are what you claim to be," said Satkonseriio.

The monster said, "What shall be our test?" Good Spirit pointed to a distant mountain. "Can you bring that mountain to you?" he asked.

Good Spirit and the stranger turned their backs to the mountain so that they would not see it until it was near. "Mountain come here!" roared the stranger. After waiting a moment, they turned and looked at the mountain. It had not moved.

"Now it is my turn," said Good Spirit. Again they turned their backs to the mountain. Good Spirit said, "Mountain, come here!" There was a roaring sound as if of a strong wind. Before the roaring sound had died away,

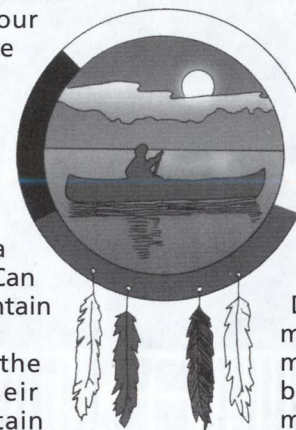
the creature turned to look. As he did so, the onrushing mountain brushed his face. It bent his nose and twisted his mouth, and it has remained so to this very day.

The creature then said, "I now know you to be master. Command me and your wishes shall be my law."

Good Spirit said, "Because you love to wander about, it shall be your duty to travel over the earth to help mankind whom I am about to create. You will cease your evil ways and henceforth do only good."

"I will do this thing you command," said the creature who was Sagoianawasai (He Defends). "Mankind must carve a likeness of my face from living basswood trees. They must sing a song that pleases me. My spirit will enter this face. From time to time they must give me tobacco of which I am very fond. If they follow my directions, I will be of great service to them for my spirit and face have the power to drive away evil forces," continued Sagoianawasai.

Such is the story of Sagoianawasai, our Grandfather, He Who Defends Us. This happened long ago when the world was young.





# Blessed Kateri's Tomb



*This cenotaph erected at Côte-Saint-Catherine of LaPrairie,  
was blessed on July 30, 1870, close to the spot  
where Kateri died.*

Photo by D. Lelièvre, s.j.

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## Litany of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

*Creator of heaven and earth:  
help us to be open to Your Word.  
Redeemer of all: take our hands in Yours.  
Spirit of love: show us the way.  
Lord of mercy: hear us and be good to us.*

*Kateri, lily of the Mohawks, flower of Native Americans:  
you knew that ravens need not be eagles;  
all are good in God's eyes.  
Pray for us and show us the way.*

*Kateri, delicate wood rose, model of simplicity:  
you delighted in the small things in life.  
Pray for us and show us the way.*

*Kateri, ever-green cedar, joyful in hope:  
you looked to the promise of dawn, the calm between storms,  
the call during silence, the spring after winter.  
Pray for us and show us the way.*

*Kateri, shy summer thrush, a new song for the Lord:  
you showed us that each of us has a song,  
and it is good if we sing it.  
Pray for us and show us the way.*

*Kateri, singing brook, immersed in the circle of life:  
you faced rough waters with faith and courage  
on your journey to God.  
Pray for us and show us the way.*

*Kateri, persistent berry picker, thankful for fruit amid the thorns:  
you taught us that work and an attitude of gratitude  
are the rich harvests of life.  
Pray for us and show us the way.*

*Kateri, precious gemstone, treasure of all Christians:  
you were filled with wonder at the mystery of life.  
Pray for us and show us the way.*

*Lord, Your Word gives us hope: guide us in Your way.  
Lord, Your Word consoles us: have mercy on us.  
Lord, Your Word gives us joy: grant us peace.*

*Michael et Ann-Kateri Vogl*



## Joseph Chiwatenhwa

### The Hurons

The Hurons, were a First Nations people who lived in what is now Ontario. They were a tall and handsome race who lived by hunting and farming. They were also talented traders who bartered for goods with neighboring tribes.

While kind to friends and strangers, they were fierce in war against their foes. Captives were often tortured to death in cruel ways. The Iroquois were their sworn enemies and danger was never far away.

The Hurons were clever in both trade and politics. With the coming of the Europeans, they soon made treaties with the French which gave them control of the fur trade.

### The Missionaries

The first missionary to live among them was a giant of a man named Jean de Brebeuf. He lived in their lodges and shared their work and food. Yet his unusual manner of life and strange ceremonies puzzled them. The Hurons came to respect and fear him as a powerful French sorcerer.

Father Brebeuf did his best to understand the customs and beliefs of the people, and to learn their language. He felt that only by becoming a 'Huron among the Hurons,' could he effectively preach the Gospel of Christ.

### Misunderstandings

It was a long and painful struggle. The cultural barrier was great. When he baptised the dying, people said baptism had killed them, and they regarded it as the kiss of death.

For eight years Brebeuf labored among the Hurons. He cared for the sick and the dying. He tried to explain the Catholic faith in ways the people would understand. He had little success. Not until 1637 did he baptise his first real convert, a man named Tsiouendaentaha.

### Chiwatenhwa

That year, when Brebeuf opened a mission in his village of Ossossane, Chiwatenhwa listened closely as the priest spoke about Jesus and the Christian religion. He was greatly moved by this strange man and his talk of a God of love.

Chiwatenhwa seems to have been a naturally good and upright man. He was gifted with a very quick mind and a remarkable memory. Aonetta was his only wife and he was faithful to her. At the time he was about thirty five years old, and highly respected by the Bear clan.

That summer Chiwatenhwa became ill and was thought to be dying. The priest asked him if he would like to be baptised. He gladly consented and received the sacrament on August 16, 1637. He took the name Joseph.

After Joseph's recovery he gave a feast and invited his relatives and the leading men of the village. There he announced publicly his decision to become a Christian. The news was not well received.

### A Time of Trails

Almost immediately his family was hard hit by the epidemic. He refused to let the shaman enter the longhouse. His niece and his son died, and his relatives accused

him of causing their deaths by becoming a Christian. Still he stood firm.

His children were baptised and after some time his wife also joined him in his new faith. People mocked them, calling them, "the family of believers". For ten months they were the only Christians in Ossossane. Joseph was forced to depend only on God, He said:

"How little the support of people means. Those who loved me most in the world, my father and mother, are dead. God alone, in His goodness, has served me as father and mother. When I was in no way thinking of Him, He thought always of me... This great God has called from the end of the world, men who have come for me, and for me almost alone. 'How great, my God is your love. How shall I lean on anyone but you'."

He and his wife Aonetta had their marriage blessed, the first Christian wedding in Canada.

### A Man of Prayer

Chiwatenhwa dedicated himself to learning all he could about the Christian way. He learned to write, and also developed a deep life of prayer. He asked the Holy Spirit to help him understand, and prayed on his knees for long periods.

People noticed the special union he seemed to have with God. He prayed always for the Huron nation, that God might give them the grace of the true faith.

### A Huron Apostle

During the cold winter months, the Hurons would gather in their lodges to tell stories and hold dis-

cussions and debates. Brebeuf, with the help of Chiwatenhwa, so impressed the assembly by his teaching that they gave him the status of a chief. He could now host his own gatherings.

His meetings quickly turned into a lively debating society, the Hurons loved it. Brebeuf would begin by chanting a prayer in Huron. Then a lesson would be presented in the form of a discussion between Joseph and another of the priests.

Joseph was amazing. By turns he would play the objector, or the fool, or the teacher. He would bring out the meaning so the people could understand what was being taught.

Chiwatenhwa preached Christ boldly and everywhere, not only to the Hurons, but also among the Tobacco people. His preaching and instructions were marked by what Brebeuf called, "Flashes of the spirit of God" - deep insights along with wonderful explanations. Some young men now began to take an interest in this new religion and asked to be instructed.

### A Growing Opposition

Joseph's conversion caused alarm among the traditional Hurons. This new religion would mean the end of their ancient way of life. Rumours spread that he was a traitor who wanted to destroy the nation.

Joseph told his brother not to be surprised to hear that, "the resolution to kill me is adopted, or even that they have split my head." He remained fearless and firm, saying:

"I no longer fear death at all. I would thank God if I saw myself



at the end of my life, in the strong hope that I am going to heaven. In the same way I no longer worry about the death of any of my relatives, as long as they die in the grace of God."

The missionaries feared for his life. They invited him to make an eight day retreat at St Marie to strengthen him. He received instruction in the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. He left there afterwards full of joy, like an apostle on the morning of Pentecost. He was prepared for all that would come his way. He didn't have long to wait.

### The Death of Chiwatenhwa

On the morning of August 2nd, 1640, Joseph went out to the fields with his nieces to get some melons. Perhaps he sensed trouble, for about noon he sent them home. He stayed behind to cut cedar branches for his canoe.

When the hour grew late, his family went in search of him and discovered his body. He had been run through with a spear, and then killed with two blows from a hatchet. His scalp had been taken as a trophy.

The village elders decided it was the work of the Iroquois. But many suspected he had been killed with Huron approval, out of hatred for his faith in Christ. This would make him the first of many martyrs for the faith among the First Nations. But, there were no witnesses, and we will not know

until the time when all is revealed.

### The Vision of Brebeuf

The tiny Christian community was stunned and saddened by his death. One missionary spoke for many when he lamented, "It was in this Christian that we had our hope, after God." None was more grieved than Father Brebeuf.

After burying his friend, he was consoled that night by a vision. He wrote:

"... it was as though I saw a tent descend from heaven and rest on the grave of our Christian. Then it seemed that someone picked up the two ends of the tent, drawing it upwards, as if to take it to heaven. I could not see how it was lifted or the persons doing so. The vision continued a very long time. I felt

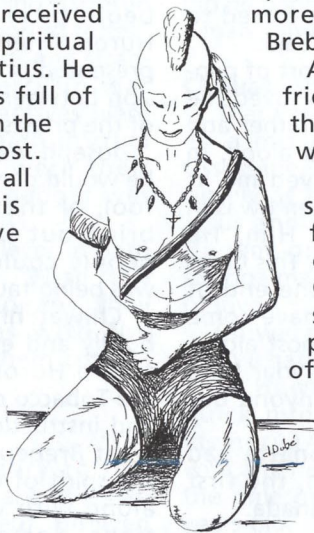
that God wanted me to understand the state of the soul of that good Christian."

Joseph Chiwatenhwa, first of the Native American apostles of Christ, was home.

### A Rich Harvest

In heaven Joseph's prayers would be even more powerful on behalf of his people. And indeed, in the years after his death, Ossosane came to be called, "the Christian village." His people would become the seed, from which would rise the Church among the First Nations.

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### Let us celebrate "Our Father" - Fathers' Day

The Saint-Joseph Oratory of the Mount-Royal offers all Christians the exceptional occasion to think over the passage of one millennium to another. These celebrations, under the theme "God, Our Father", will be held by renown preachers.

In English: at 8 p.m. on June 14, 15, 16.

In French: on Saturday at 17 and 18.

Father's Day preachings will focus on Divine and Human Paternity. Saturday at 4 and 5 p.m. Sunday at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m., at 12:30 and 5 p.m. Welcome to all!

### NDG Parish honors Blessed Kateri

The Parish Council of Our Lady of Grace parish in Montreal, invited the community of Kahnawaké and its Mixed Choir to an intercultural exchange on Saturday, at the 5 p.m. Mass. It gave the occa-

sion to Fr Bruyère to present Blessed Kateri and to join in with the French group of the Parish to honor her. The Pastor, Fernand Patry, o.p. wished a hearty welcome to all the participants and introduced the Choir singing in Mohawk, the dancers performing a thanksgiving dance after communion.

The celebration ended by a most intimate fraternization around copious tables prepared by the parishioners themselves. Thank you NDG for giving us such and occasion.

### 60th Annual Tekakwitha Conference 1999

The 1999 60th National Kateri Tekakwitha Conference is to be held at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. August 4-8, 1999. The theme is Many Pathways to Our Creator - One Love. 1999 is the year of our father: Creator. Plans are underway to strengthen and focus our Christian and native traditional beliefs. We hope to present different tribal spiritual ways and their convergence with Catholicism, the common quest for the Creator. Plans are to provide time for open dialogue between Catholic Bishops and representatives of tribal ways. The goal is to provide ways to establish love and unity between tribal affiliations, promote healing with the Church we love asking our Creator to bless our diversity and show us better ways to walk our unique pathway to God. ■



## Testimonies of favors obtained

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. E.C.!

Enclosed is twenty dollars to Kateri's Cause. I just had an eye operation and I'm doing good. Thank you Kateri.

(Lavereton, Australia)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. D.H.!

Please accept this little gift of twenty dollars in thanksgiving for my prayers being answered. Our son could not find a job and decided to go back to computer college for one year. He did very well and is now on a work-term with a large company and hopefully he will be kept on at the end of his work-term. I pray to Blessed Kateri every day, everywhere I go she's always there to help me and my family...

(New Minas, NS)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss S.L.!

Enclosed you will find a Money Order for twenty-five dollars for Kateri. It is to be used in anyway most needed. I was praying and making a novena to Kateri for two favors which I was granted. I just knew that she would help me and she did. Kateri is a very beautiful lady. I had my hand operated on for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. Everything came out fine. Also the State Inspectors came to my work place to check everything over. They arrived on Tuesday and departed on the following Friday. They found four minor errors but not in my department. I thank Kateri for everything she has done for me...

(Lyon Mountain, NY)

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

... I had asked for prayers for an important final exam in Ottawa in November 1998. Thanks to the help of Kateri and her wonderful companions, the other saints in heaven, I have successfully completed this last exam...

(Southey, SK)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs D.M.!

... Kateri is my dearest friend. I'm always losing things and with her glorified vision, she finds them for me. I pray to her and her little brother to be with me in pain and sufferings. They come and we walk through the woods of the Mohawk Valley. Years ago I visited her shrine at Fonda and Kahnawake. The memory remains with me as a time of blessing...

(Chicago, IL)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. F.G.!

Thank you Blessed Kateri for a petition granted through your intercession. The past two years I had a legal dispute in the business that I'm in. With her help and intercession everything is resolved justly. Thank you Blessed Kateri, may your canonization come soon.

(Fairport, NY)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. J.S.!

... Recently I prayed for my granddaughter to pass her teaching test and she did. All my grandchildren pray to her and I hope she helps my grandson find employment in his field...

(Erie, PA)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. L.P.!

Enclosed please find a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri. My daughter made a big move from the East Coast to the West Coast and I prayed to Kateri so that everything would go well in the move. It has, and she seems very content there...

(Baltimore, MD)

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

Enclosed is a small donation in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady and Kateri for many favours received through their intercession. My daughter now has an excellent position where she is very happy and I recovered from a virus infection which seemed to last an extra long time. Thanks again for all their help on our behalf

(Sainte Rose, QC)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. C.W.!

... I hope that our Holy Father will canonize Kateri this year. I am enclosing twenty-five dollars for countless favors. Recently, my grandson could have been killed when an elk smashed all the windows in his car and he had several bad cuts, glass in his clothes, face and hair. She always answered our prayers. Kateri is in our prayers every day. I love her.

(Saint Marys, PA)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. M.C.!

Here enclosed is a ten dollars bill for Kateri's works. This is a promise I made while my husband was in the hospital. He is much better now. We were able to sell a little house very easily, thanks to Kateri's intercession. I have great faith in her.

(St-Honoré, PQ)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. B.L.!

Thanks Kateri for I have obtained a permanent job and many other favors. Please continue to watch over us all.

(Boutouche, NB)

### ✱ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. A.F.!

You will find herein a cheque worth fifty dollars for a favor obtained. My husband was lucky enough to find two new lodgers for his two appartments. Thanks to Kateri.

(Saint-Laurent, QC)

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

I'm sending you fifty dollars in thanksgiving for a favor obtained: work for my son-in-law. I'd like to receive your magazine. Thanks in advance for your prayers.

(Laval, QC)

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



## Little Sister wants to know...



**Kateri Morin**

Born December 17, 1956, Sutton QC. Mother: Mercèdes II Morin

*...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 29,175 pledges have come in  
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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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- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
- ☐ Financial Aid
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- ☐ Success in Studies
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### 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:

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