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*A Merry Christmas and
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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 GREAT EXPECTATIONS



All human beings are in wait. The world is in this stage... God also is in waiting... Jesus Christ himself is in a state of expectation... To wait is the essential thing to do.

Let us tell ourselves that expectation is the normal state, necessary, congenital state of human life.

What will happen tomorrow? We don't know, but we're looking forward to something good. Tomorrow will be a better day. Expectation is normal to us. "Be in love and keep expecting... as the man who keeps himself ready - his belt fastened, sandals on his feet. Be like the biblical virgins who wait for the groom, as the servant who, through the night, does not sleep "but wait for his master's return."

One who has waited many a time is Mary. Mary is expectation in person. Before the Annunciation, she was in a state of desire. She knew she would conceive the Messiah she was expecting. What does Mary receive at the Incarnation? A seed, and she has to wait. When her child is born what will happen? Who will be this child? Kateri also lived in expectation. After the lessons of catechism she received from her mother, she had but one great desire: to be baptized. When will this come? Once baptized at the age of 20, she waits for the premonition of the Spirit. She will leave secretly for La Prairie towards the unknown... in a positive expectation.

The Year 2000 is at hand. We have to be in a state of hope, a state of desire. Nothing will change. God, in His generosity, will go on surprising us with His gifts, enriching us in many ways.

Let us live in the expectation of Christmas and the Year 2000. If we are waiting, our hearts empty of satisfaction, we can be sure that the Saviour's love will fill our hearts.

Let us tell ourselves that expectation is the absolutely normal state of our life in time. May it be our state during all of 2000!

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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The only Christmas gift is JESUS

The other gifts have a meaning only if offered in memory of HIM.

A Merry Christmas and a tremendous Year 2000!



Amerindian News

Christmas Traditions amongst the Amerindians

The oldest mention of the celebration of Christmas by the Amerindians goes back to 1641. The Jesuit missionary, Jean de Brébeuf, who lived among the Hurons in the Georgian Bay ever since 1626 composed, in their tongue, a Christmas Carol, narrating the birth of Jesus. Wishing to help their understanding of the great mystery of the Nativity, Father Brébeuf adopted his narrative, written in verse, to the particularities of the Amerindian culture. Thus, the infant was swaddled in hides of hare, rather than in flaxed clothes. He rested in a bark longhouse and not in a manger. Hunters replaced the shepherds and finally, three Indian chiefs were substituted to the three Wise Kings, who instead of gold, incense and myrrh, offered fur skins to the divine Child.

The carol "Jesous Ahatonhia" (Jesus is born) written by Jean de Brébeuf, constitutes the first Cana-

dian carol. Even if Fr. Brébeuf perished in the massacre of the Hurons in 1649, his carol has survived. The survivors of Huronia who settled down Lorette, close to Quebec, transmitted this hymn to their descendants who, a century later, still sang it. The Mohawks also execute it beautifully in their own language. It's Father Villeneuve, another Jesuit, who wrote down the words when he first heard them singing this religious song.

Today yet, the Hurons, like many other Amerindian nations, continue to celebrate the feast of the Nativity, for the same reason as that of Saint Ann (July 26), the grandmother of Jesus who they venerate as their patroness. The Mohawks celebrate it too, observing the custom of the "holy bread" and in the spirit of Blessed Kateri who considered Jesus as her Lover.

EVENTS TO CELEBRATE DURING THE YEAR 2000

February	Week of International Development (1st week)	June 21	National Day of Aboriginal People
March 8	International Day of Women	July 11	World Population Day
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	September 8	World Literacy Day
March 22	World Day of Water	September 21	International Day of Peace
April 7	World Day of Health	October 17	International Day for the Elimination of Poverty
April 22	Earth Day	October 24	United Nations Day
May 15	International Day of Families	December 1	World Day of AIDS
June 4	International Day of Children, Innocent Victims of Aggression	December 3	International Day of Handicapped Persons
		December 10	Day of Human Rights

The Blessing of Saint Catherine Church at Côte Saint Catherine

Since the death of Kateri in April 1680, how many churches were blessed, at Côte Saint Catherine? When the Iroquois mission separated from Laprairie in 1676, and came to the "Côte", there was a chapel, 22 longhouses and the missionaries' house. No documents exist which could tell us if there was the blessing of a new chapel, but it is sure that this spot was often frequented by pilgrims from all over: Montreal, Lachine, Quebec, Laprairie...

Two years after her death, the Iroquois village first moved to Kahnawaton, then to Kahnakwaré



Kateri's tomb in front of the new church.

in 1697, to finally settle down in Kahnawaké in 1719. Every time, the belongings of the church were taken along, Kateri's relics without fail, and the Jesuits remained the administrators of the Mission till 1793, when the Order was suppressed. It was only in the year 1903 that they would take over the Saint-Francis-Xavier Mission again.

Meanwhile, what was left

behind in Côte Saint Catherine, besides Kateri's tomb? Even the Relations of the Jesuits do not record that... But we know that in 1928, a church was built in front of Kateri's burial place, on a piece of land donated by MM. Aimé et Hilaire Guérin. Its blessing was held in 1929 by Bishop Georges Gauthier. The church was named Saint Catherine of Alexandria, since Kateri was not declared a blessed yet. How many churches were built on this site since the Indians moved away? For sure in every fort there was longhouse used as a chapel. The Jesuits wanted to protect the

Indians and make them independent of the Whites, who too often would bring them to practice drunkenness and debauchery. What made the Indians move so often, first of all, is the bad example exhibited by the Whites and also the clearing of land on the manors which would infringe on the land of the Indians. They had to

withdraw and keep away from the Whites even if they were deprived of the mill and other commodities supplied by the missionaries.

Kateri's tomb

After her death at the Saint Francis-Xavier Mission, Kateri was buried there but it didn't take long for the Indians to put her remains in a safe place and her relics



followed moving out to a new emplacement. The burial site was always kept so the pilgrims could come over to visit and pay homage to their holy sister. There could have been a small cemetery at the same spot, right where the church stands today.

Blessing

Sunday September 19 was the date chosen by Bishop Jacques Berthelet for the official blessing. He was assisted by his episcopal vicar and Father Pierre Limousin, the parish priest. The Bishop of St-Jean-Longueuil went around the church with incense and holy water. He praised the parishioners for their collaboration and their solidarity. It's not easy to build a church today. As the saying goes: "No pain, no gain". "You must feel united with the other parishes of the diocese", did he say. And if every parishioner is "a living stone of the church", then we can foresee a bright future".

Blessed Kateri must rejoice in this new sanctuary, so close to her tomb. After her canonization, who knows, the Church might be named Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.



Jacques Bruyère, s.j.

Photos: George F. Dauphinais

Sister loved the Cree

Fifteen years after her death and thanks to a University of Alberta professor, a Cree nun from Hobbema has realized one of her dearest dreams - the publication of an authoritative Cree dictionary.

Earle Waugh, a professor of religious studies at the U of A, made Sister Nancy LeClaire's dream come true January 29 when he released the Alberta Elder's Cree Dictionary - a 577- page dictionary which includes extensive Cree-English and English-Cree sections.

The dictionary project began in the mid-1970s through the initiative of LeClaire, a Samson Cree from Hobbema who had a great personal love for the Cree language.

"Her concern at the time was the Cree language was taking a beating under the overpowering dominance of English as a cultural language and the movement of the Cree people into the cities," noted Waugh, who teaches aboriginal religious traditions as well as Islamic traditions at the U of A.

LeClaire, a Sister of Assumption, believed an authoritative Cree dictionary would not only aid Cree youth in becoming more fluent in her beloved language, but would provide a bridge for other Albertans to appreciate its beauty.

She spent more than eight years working on the dictionary, using the insights of many elders and Cree consultants in the process.

She used Father Albert Lacombe's Cree dictionary as a basis for her work which she revised and completed to the letter N.

Before her death in 1984, LeClaire pleaded with Waugh to complete the dictionary. "I was presented with an incredible task because I don't speak Cree," commented Waugh. "I'm not a linguist."

Waugh also used Father Roger Vandersteene's 500-page manuscript on learning Cree to finish the second part of the book from the letter O to Z.

The Cree people constitute the largest aboriginal language group in Alberta and many other Cree-speakers live across Canada. The Alberta Elder's Cree Dictionary is based upon both the Northern Cree (the "TH" dialect) and the Plains Cree (the "Y" dialect).

One of Waugh's biggest challenges was collecting Cree words in both dialects as Cree communities, sometimes 15 km apart, may use a completely different word to describe the same thing.

"There is no guarantee that we have captured the richness of the Cree language here," he admitted. "I'm absolutely positive that there are hundreds or perhaps even thousands of words out there that we have not included in the dictionary."



However, Waugh is convinced the dictionary will go a long way in helping preserve, present and expand the Cree language.

It took over 100 people and \$200,000 to complete the project, with money coming from government and private sources.

The dictionary is designed for schools, families, businesses, governments, media as well as speakers, students and teachers of Cree. There are about 20,000 Cree people across Canada, 4,000 of them in Alberta.

Ramon Gonzalez

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR 2000

January 1	World Day of Peace
February 2	Jubilee of the Consecrated Life
February 11	Jubilee of the sick and their attendants
February 18	Jubilee of the artists
February 20	Jubilee of the permanent deacons
February 22	Jubilee of the Curia Romana
March 20	Jubilee of the artisans
March 23	Day for the dignity of woman
April 10	Jubilee of the migrants, refugees and expatriated
May 1	Jubilee of the working people
May 6	Ecumenical commemoration of the "new martyrs"
May 14	World Day of Prayer for vocations
May 18	Jubilee of the clergy
May 26	Jubilee of the scientists
May 28	Jubilee of the diocese of Rome
June 4	Jubilee of the journalists
June 17	Prayer Day for the collaboration between divers religions
June 18	International Eucharistic Congress
July 9	Celebrations of the Jubilee in prisons
August 19	Jubilee of the Youth
September 10	Jubilee of the University teachers
September 17	Jubilee of the Third Age
October 8	Jubilee of the Bishops
October 15	Jubilee of families
October 29	Jubilee of the sportsmen
November 5	Jubilee for the responsible of public affairs
November 12	Jubilee of world farmers
November 19	Jubilee of the military and police
November 24	World Congress of Lay Apostolate (in Rome)
December 17	Jubilee of the world of entertainment

Why don't we prolong Christmas?

Easter, the Paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, was of utmost significance to the early Church and therefore, was celebrated very early in our Christian history. The birth of Jesus was simply part of the overall celebration of Christ.

Easter has remained the greatest feast in the Church's liturgical year followed by the 50-day celebration right to Pentecost.

But we do prolong the celebration of Christmas too. That's what the popular Christmas song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* is about, although one would have a hard time recognizing it. This song is based on our celebration of Christmas right to the feast of the Epiphany on January 6 which makes it 12 days.

In Canada, Epiphany is now celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and 8.

Interesting isn't it, how at the root of so much in our society are Christian elements, though we hardly realize it.

Actually, we used to celebrate the octave of the feast of the Epiphany as well and not dismantle the Christmas crib nor take down the decorations until seven days after Epiphany which was the feast of the Baptism of Jesus on January 13 (now the Sunday following Epiphany Sunday).

That would make 19 days of Christmas celebration.

The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means a "showing, appearance or revelation." It was used to describe the appearance of a god among the people or a visit from a civil dignitary. So, it was natural for the Eastern Church to use this word for the coming of Jesus, God made flesh.

January 6 was used by some of the churches to celebrate the birth of Jesus while others celebrated the Baptism and the Cana miracle, eventually combining them. It made sense to combine the celebration of these events for each of these was an Epiphany, a revelation of Jesus to the people.

By the end of the fourth century, Eastern and Western churches took each other's feasts and both Christmas and Epiphany were celebrated in both churches. This led to the evolution of a separate theme for each feast.

In the Western Church, the Epiphany evolved into a celebration of the coming of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), that is, Jesus' "showing" to the Gentiles. This feast, therefore, amplifies the feast of Christmas, the Incarnation. It becomes a further revelation of Jesus: the Messiah has come to all the people, not just the Jews.

Actually, I believe, we used to continue Christmas, by keeping the crib and decorations right up to February 2, the feast of the Presentation of Jesus (traditionally called Candlemas). It could be considered the closing of the Christmas season of lights.

The Gospel for this feast proclaims the words of Simeon that Jesus is to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people, Israel" (Luke 2:32) and on this day, candles are blessed.

Therefore, this prolongs our celebration of Christmas to 40 days, still not quite the glorious 50 days of Easter.

Sr. Louise Zdunich



The Jubilee Year

Starts on Christmas night and ends with the Epiphany, January 6, 2001

"I hereby decree that the grand Jubilee Year will start on Christmas night, 1999, with the opening of the Holy door of Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican preceding by a few hours the scheduled inauguration celebration in Jerusalem and Bethlehem... Let Christmas of 1999 be for all a feast shining with light, the prelude to an especially deep experience of grace and divine mercy, lasting till the close of the Jubilee Year, the day of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ on January 6 of the Year 2001."

John Paul II

**Silent night,
Holy night,
All is calm
All is bright!**



**A Happy and Holy
2000!**

Born in our hearts...

Today, Jesus,
You are not born in a stable;
but you wish to be born, to come and tell us the secret
of God
in all the world, in all the hearts
You wish to lay the kiss of God on all faces.
You wish million of cribs
to be appear on earth.
You wish million of hearts.
to spread peace on earth.
You wish million of faces
to give the peace of God.
You wish million of Christmas
to show your Christmas.
Open the homes closed
by scare or by wealth.
Open the hearts closed
by sorrow or selfishness.
Open the closed faces
by wrath or lack of love.

Jesus, come an open our smiles and our lips,
come and open our homes and our hearts
to say with You:
Glory to God, our Father !

Elie Maréchal

Jubilee of Year 2000: Reconciliation Time Time to Forgive

I was flying high in the sky in an airplane, and as I looked out onto the land below we call Canada - this part was Saskatchewan, I think - I kept noticing deep veins of color that ran through the earth. The higher we went, the more pronounced the veins became. Then I realized I was seeing the land of my ancestors in a way none of them could ever have seen it. I also saw that these dark-colored veins lie under the patchwork of sections and cross sections, roads and fields, much as the aboriginal people are pressed beneath mainstream Canadian society.

There is still a huge gap in understanding between aboriginal people and the rest of Canada. Frustration, hurt and anger dominate the discourse on both sides. I see aboriginal people still struggling with the social ills that have plagued our communities for generations. This is not to say there aren't success stories, but they are still the exception, not the rule. And the rules that govern aboriginal lives need changing. They aren't written down anywhere, but if they were, they would be read in the voice many native people hear when they dream fruitlessly of better lives: "You will not have what other Canadians

have"; "Justice is different for you"; and so on.

So then, what's to be done? Perhaps we can agree to disagree. Or perhaps we can leave the answers up to our children. But these choices seem irresponsible. It has been argued that the problems facing aboriginals today are self-made and therefore self-correcting. Of course it isn't that simple, but I do believe the people who can bring about any change are Native Canadians - ourselves.

The potential for this change was shown me by theater. Theater changed my life in many ways. It kept me off welfare. It led me to my wife. And it has taught me many invaluable lessons.

I learned one of these in Toronto, in October 1994. A group of medieval and Renaissance players produced a play called *A Yorkshire Tragedie*, originally attributed to Shakespeare but now more often considered of obscure authorship. It tells the story of a man who loses everything. In despair he kills his child and stabs his wife. After committing these horrible acts, he tries to escape, but his horse falls. As he's led to his death, the tumbril passes his house. His wife emerges, still alive. A climatic

moment: we in the audience could hardly wait for her to deliver a beautiful soliloquy of anger, betrayal and revenge. Instead she forgave him.

It was in this moment that I discovered a force more powerful than love. Forgiveness is also wherein lies, I hope, the first step in a better future for aboriginal peoples. It starts with forgiving all the wrongs, pain, injustice and sorrow we've endured, that we may heal ourselves and reclaim our past and our place in this country. Some may say that this forgiveness must be asked for first. But forgiveness doesn't work that way. There are no

deals or treaties. Rather, there is acknowledgment of what has occurred, then moving on and the beginning of a true healing.

Canada received its name from a misunderstanding, the belief that the Iroquoian word for village was the name of the entire land. Cultural misinterpretation continues today. When I think of Canada, what's in my heart is hope that these misunderstandings will be resolved in ways that are mutually respectful. And hope that things will be better.

Ian Ross
Times, May 1999

**Let us, then, proclaim the Year of the Jubilee
a time of reconciliation and reconstruction!**

**A creative wind blows over the waters of our
floods,**

drives vigorously darkness from our lands.

It is a Pentecostal time,

the sacred breath bursts

into the hearts of the poor;

into the lives of women and men,

into the dreams of youth and the visions of old age.

**The Mountain of gold, humiliated, will melt under
the Sun of Justice.**

**Yes, at last, the poor will eat and the great feast
will last forever!**

Christmas Story

The green ball

It's a clear day in mid-december. Daddy passes by the tree nursery and it clicks inside he must get a Christmas tree to make his children and grandchildren happy once more. He stops, buys a lovely pine tree and drives back home humming a Christmas carol.

The first to greet him is the tiny dog, Brownie, who sniffs all around, like asking many questions. The three children, in no time get acquainted with the lovely tree, which stands straight like an arrow. But decorations must be found.

Mom, on her first errand to the store, makes haste to buy garlands and a variety of balls, including an angel which will throne at the top of the tree.

The family working together to decorate a Christmas tree is a real joy. Even Brownie, lively, takes part in the game. The garlands are soon encircling the tree from top to bottom and their bright colors really stand out of the green. Now the balls have to be hanged. Of course the children choose the bright ones, big and small. Only one has been set aside: the lustreless green ball, which would be lost in the greenness. Joan, out of pity, grabs the little orphan and hangs it to a solitary branch at the bottom of the tree. Poor green ball... Not so poor, after all. Here comes grandma who with an experience eye suggests to add a Christmas crib at the bottom of the tree which is bare of decorations. All the personages are found in the dollarama store and once put in place, give the tree a personality.

Who rejoices most at the sight? The children, of course, are glad they gave a good hand, but are especially eager to see the boxes of gifts placed by the tree on Christmas Eve. Dad and mom seeing everyone happy smile with satisfaction.

The green ball, in no time, realizes that she's right above the crib. It's where it fits her best. Like a ball of hope. Hope for the whole planet. The hope that the Saviour brings along.

This is what Christmas is all about. To be close to the Infant Jesus, the Saviour, to help Him to fill all the hearts with great Hope.

Jacques Bruyère, s.j.

KATERI CENTER NEWS

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Thousand thanks!

In China, they say: 10,000 thanks I would say a million thanks to all those, who in a way or other, support Kateri's Centre in such a generous way. Thanks firstly to Albert Lazare and his wife Eileen, as well as to Alice Marion who help me so much at the Kateri Center.

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\$5 per year

Not so long ago, the fee for a subscriber to our little Kateri magazine was \$3. With the cost of living going up (the cost of paper and labor), we had to impose on you \$5 per year.

Here is in detail what we have to pay: postage: 32¢, envelope: 08¢, cost of the magazine and delivery, the manutention and secretaries labor. If in the U.S and in Canada, the total cost: \$3.99, abroad: \$4.44.

Gifts for Christmas

Please send gift subscription to parent or friend: \$5 a year only or \$20 for 5 subscriptions.

SPECIAL: the last book of Fr Henri Béchar, specialist on Kateri: "Kaatanonon Kateri Tekakwitha". Special price: \$10, postage included.

Other suggestions: Pay your subscription now in case you forget.

INTERRELIGIOUS EVENT ORA 2000

The 12th and 19th of December, at 4 p.m.

On the Eve of the Year 2000, on the 12th and 19th of December, at 4 p.m., will be held in the Basilica of the Oratory, a great gathering, interreligious, intercultural, interethnic, a real "happening".

Intervening Aborigines, Muslims, Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, Hindu, Buddhist and others will express their respective faith, some by their dances, others by their singing, music, word in the language of their choice.

This manifestation will reveal the deep values in the heart of the human being, the need and search of interiority. "The 3rd Millenium will be spiritual or will not be"! (André Malraux)

Testimonies of favors obtained

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mr. R.M.!

Enclosed is my small help for Blessed Kateri's Cause. My family and I moved from Vancouver to Ontario and our daily schedule became quite hectic because aside from handling family obligations and responsibilities we had to deal with lots of adjustments that goes with moving to a new place. But through the grace of Our Lord and my constant prayers to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha we were able to get through a lot of obstacles in settling in a new and big city like Toronto. Please update me with the recent development of the Kateri League as I was not able to give you my new address before leaving Vancouver.

(North York, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. B.H.!

Please find enclosed a cheque as a thanksgiving offering for a special favor received through Blessed Kateri. I prayed to Blessed Kateri for a favourable eye examination which I received today. Blessed Kateri is always there for me. Thank you Blessed Kateri.

(Hamilton, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.H.!

Enclosed please find a cheque for two hundred dollars in thanksgiving for favors received including a safe trip. We hope the money will help to further Kateri's Cause and that she will soon be Saint Kateri.

(Etobicoke, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss V.S.!

Once again Kateri has answered my prayers. My mammogram showed something in my left breast and I was sent back to have another mammogram. The second mammogram showed that it was just a mass of tissue. What a relief. The enclosed check is in thanksgiving to Kateri. I pray to her everyday.

(Catonsville, MD)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss J.H.!

Please find enclosed a cheque for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for helping with a difficult situation.

(Orleans, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. E.S.!

I am sending you one hundred and five dollars. One hundred is to enroll my grandson in the Kateri Guild for life. This is a promise I made because he was having problems in college. The other five I promised if he would find an apartment. My prayers were answered. Many thanks to Blessed Kateri. I pray to her every night.

(Campbellton, NB)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. B.M.!

Enclosed you will find a cheque for fifty dollars. This is a thank you to Blessed Kateri in answer to prayers for my health concerns over the

past summer. All tests turned out normal. Thank you Blessed Kateri! God bless you always and may Blessed Kateri's Canonization happen soon.

(Chemainus, BC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. A.M.!

This is a long overdue letter but I'm writing to ask you if you would publish this in the Kateri magazine. Two years ago I had problems so I had a pap smear taken. I was very worried and kept praying and praying to Blessed Kateri that the results would be fine. It was a long time since I had last had a pap smear. The pap smear came back negative... I'm enclosing a cheque for twenty dollars. Fifteen is in thanksgiving and five dollars for religious articles... Please keep me in your prayers.

(Dawson Creek, BC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. M.C.!

Today Kateri smiled on us as my son received aid from the Aid to Education Program. He had been turned down several times. Yesterday Kateri smiled on us as we sold our unneeded mobile home...

(El Paso, TX)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. R.L.!

Enclosed please find a cheque for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving for favors received as our hay crop got done well in spite of bad rainy weather. Please continue to pray for our family... May God bless your good work and I hope Blessed Kateri will soon be Saint Kateri...

(Armstrong, BC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Mrs. L.B.!

Enclosed please find a twenty-five dollar check in thanksgiving for many favors. A successful closing, safe trip and solving of problems are but a few of the favors received.

(Biddeford, ME)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you Sr. K.G.!

Enclosed is a cheque for seventy dollars. Ten dollars to renew my subscription to the magazine, ten dollars for two Kateri Tekakwitha Guild enrollments, and the remaining fifty dollars in thanksgiving for the fifty years I have been in religious life bearing proudly the name Kateri. I am asking God, as a special Jubilee gift, for some significant progress in the canonization process during this special year.

(London, ON)

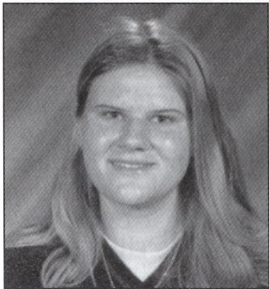
✿ Kateri's smile upon you Ms. T.H.!

Enclosed please find a check for fifty dollars as I promised if I sold my house. Sincere thanks.

(Baltimore, MD)

Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More
A Sister of Mary Reparatrix, Montreal, QC, 50.

Little Sister 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 29,361 pledges have come in
after ten years' effort.*

Brandy Kateri Bush

Confirmed in St Joseph Church on April 11, 1999, in Johnstown, PA
Sponsor: Sue Spiher; Parents: June and Tom Bush; Grandparents: Ruth and Arthur Wasson

Please send yours to: The Kateri Center
Box 70
Kahnawake, Québec J0L 1B0

My pledge to KATERI _____ Date _____

I, the undersigned, pledge to offer up each day one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and three Glories until the miracle needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization is obtained and approved.

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International Year of Culture and Peace

The United Nations have proposed for the Year 2000, a Year of Culture and Peace. The last 100 years have not well served these two precious assets of humanity. So many wars, even genocides have affected us in all parts of the world, which helped us to discover the geography of the world. Without peace, no normal eclosion of culture. Since 1949, in China, communism has imposed its hegemony so as to stifle the culture of the Thibetans, the Mongols and many other tribal groups and by inculcating it's communist spirituality in all sectors of society. The Aborigines who are looking for their identity, like many other races, would like to find their ancestral culture, while avoiding all internal divisions menacing them...

May the Year 2000 make us all agents of Peace and bring us to respect all the races with their culture, the richness of the world.

Send in your Intentions now

Spiritual

- ☐ Love in God
- ☐ Conversions
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- ☐ Obedience to the Holy Father

Temporal

- ☐ Positions
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
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- ☐ Peace in the World

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Would you like to help Kateri's Cause?

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Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Mission St. Francis Xavier

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1. Plaque, plastic case with prayer (2 1/2" x 1 1/2"): \$2.50 - with relic: \$3.00

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As I am sending **the names of FIVE new subscribers** and their addresses to the Kateri Center (\$20.00), I now inscribe free of charge, the name of one deceased person dear to me on the Frances Tiouateskon Roll.

Mr. ☐, Mrs. ☐, Miss ☐ _____

- When the Roll is complete with the names of 200 deceased, 100 Masses shall be offered for the repose of their souls.
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