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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 WHY GO TO MASS ?



The word Mass, from Latin "missus", means: sent. Before we are sent out., we must know what we are sent out to do.

Mass is a rite so sacred that we must be purified before celebrating it. So at the very beginning we confess our sins and beg for pardon. Then we listen to the scripture in spiritual communion with the Word of God, and become enriched by these readings of the Old and New Testament.

Comes the offertory. As Mass is the renewal of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, we must prepare the offerings for this sacrifice: the bread and wine which will become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change takes place at the consecration. The Spirit of God is asked to bless and sanctify these offerings, then the priest will repeat the words of Christ Himself: This is my Body, this is my Blood. The two species are elevated for the attendants to see and adore. My Lord and My God !

We are now reminded that this transubstantiation of the bread and wine reenacts Christ's death and resurrection. And we want this to be true also for the Church, the assembly and the living.

We are now to perform the all-important gesture of elevating the body and blood of Christ and saying: In Him, through Him with Him, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father. We offer the sublime sacrifice of Christ to His Father in an act of adoration, thanksgiving and atonement.

God, my God, is already coming to me. First on my tongue: "Our Father who art in heaven..." Then in preparation to receive His Body and Blood "I am unworthy, but I beg the Lord: Just say the word and I shall be healed". Finally, in me. What thanksgiving I owe to my God ! Let us pray.

At the end, the blessing on all people present and the whole community. Now go and be witnesses to this great event. I send you ... Take Christ home, to the office, to school. I am now Christopher (Christ bearer), sent to radiate His love and joy.

J. BRUYERE 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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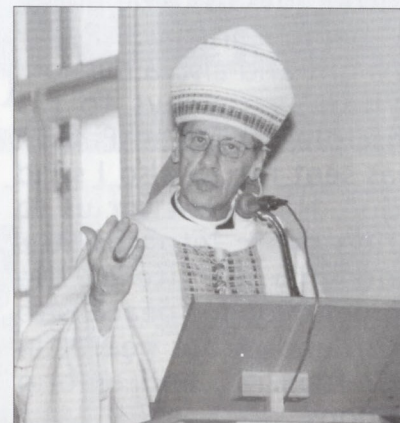
## Amerindian News

### Kateri Tekakwitha's Feastday 2nd Sunday of Easter Annual pilgrimage April 30, 2000

*Dear brothers and sisters*

Year 2000 is a Jubilee Year, a year of mutual forgiveness, a year of peace, a year of thanksgiving. May today's gospel help us to realize this ideal and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha inspire our meditation.

Let us mark Jesus's words, The very first words He says after His resurrection, when He meets His apostles are: "Peace be with you." The same way as you meet another with "Segon". And peace comes from the spirit, which is a gift of the resurrection. Forgiveness also comes from the Spirit: After saying "Peace be with you", Jesus breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins to any, they are



forgiven them..." We need the Spirit, the breath of life of the Risen Lord, in order to be able to forgive one another, to bring peace in our midst. In a sense, the only sin, in which all other sins are rooted, is refusing to believe in the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit sent to us by the risen Lord. Our mission as Christians is to proclaim the love of God for all. Blessed Kateri understood her vocation of proclaiming the love of God. Her life is an



example for us. Her example invites us to live together in profound christian communion and encourages us to be proud of being Christians. Peace is a gift and also a mission. When Jesus says to his disciples: "As the Father has sent me so also I send you", He meant for us to bring peace into our lives and into the life of the community, for peace is to be found in our hearts, in our families, and among nations.

We now turn to the table where Kateri received the strength to live her faith, hope and love. It is the table of communion. At the Eucharistic table we promise to love another, to love our enemies, and pray for them. On this day we take pride in Kateri's celebration of life. When we forgive one another, when we become peace-makers, we celebrate her life. The Eucharist is our commitment to peace-making.

I would like to conclude this meditation with the words of Bishop Bernard Hubert daid here five years ago. "Today, we are in Kahnawaké, the place close to which Kateri lived the four last years of her life. Most of her remains rest in this sanctuary. As pilgrims, you and I come here to ask that the sharing of her Spirit of love may transform us and renew our minds so as to be able to discern what the will of God is today. In achieving this every one of us will become brother, sister or mother of Jesus. We will now celebrate the Eucharist. May our reception of the Body and Blood of Christ make us more aware of our duty to give the Native Peoples of North America what is rightfully theirs and in doing so, build an Indian Church as a testimony of the presence of Christ among the Indians.

**Amen**

BISHOP JACQUES BERTHELET  
BISHOP OF SAINT-JEAN-LONGUEUIL

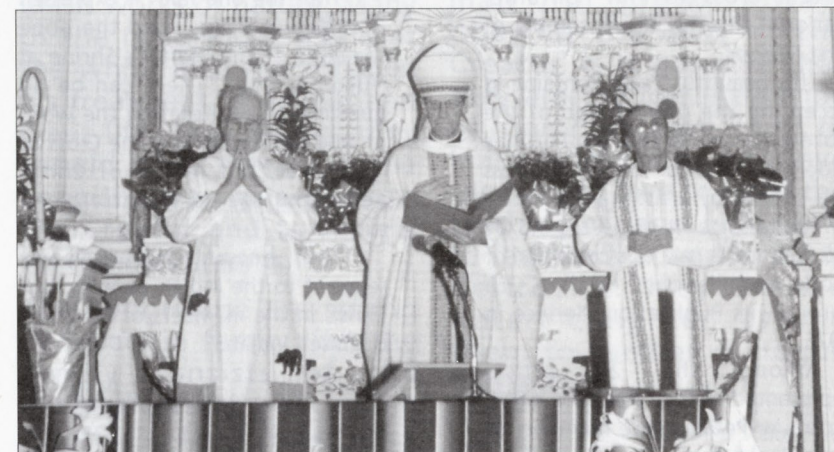
## CELEBRATION OF KATERI'S FEAST



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BISHOP J. BERTHELET DELIVERS A LAST MESSAGE

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## Totem Cross A bridge between Church, natives



**T**he Totem Cross "is a fitting testament to the ancestry and dignity of aboriginal peoples, and a sacred reminder of their accomplishments, rights and prerogatives," said Bishop Gerald Wiesner, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"It marks the ongoing encounter in the journeys of two great spiritual traditions - the aboriginal and the Christian - that come together in reverence and homage before the One who is within all yet surpasses all, who comes before all and whose summons all to come forth."

Wiesner made the comments in presenting a reproduction of the Totem Cross to Phil Fontaine, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

"It's beautiful," said Fontaine in accepting the photograph of the Totem Cross, taken by Thomas Moore of Toronto. The Totem Cross is a carving by artist Stanley Peters of Whitehorse. It measures 9.5 by 6.5 feet and is part of a collection of works commissioned by the CCCB through its Publications Service in 1975.

Among the 20 artists represented in the collection, eight, including Peters, were members of aboriginal nations.

In describing the work, Peters has written: "God's eyes watch from the four directions, from above and below, from both wings, saying that God is all around us at all times."

"All races, black and yellow, red and white, are represented in the four colours taken from nature and found in the earth-circle and all over Thunderbird. Christ-as-Thunderbird, in dying for us, restores happiness and understanding; he fills us with new dignity and great richness."

Wiesner pointed out that during his 1984 visit to Canada, Pope John Paul spoke of the part that native peoples play in the life of Canadian society and Catholic Church.

"Thus the one faith is expressed in different ways," said the pope speaking at the Martyr's Shrine at Huronia, Ont. "There can be no question of adulterating the word of God or of emptying the Cross of its power, but rather of Christ animating the very centre of all culture."

"Thus, not only is Christianity relevant to the Indian peoples, but Christ, in the members of his body, is himself Indian."

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## THE LONGHOUSE PHILOSOPHY

**F**or many years, I was privileged to visit many homes on the Six Nations Reserve, in Southern Ontario. I was deeply impressed with the philosophy of The LongHouse which dates back to ancient times. I attended a wedding and a funeral at the LongHouse. I had many a constructive dialogue with LongHouse believers and found that we shared many common beliefs. I believe there should be a growth in these beliefs.

We share a common belief in the Creator, who made heaven and earth, and who must be obeyed particularly in His works of nature. Many of the LongHouse feel that the white man has erred in his treatment of animal and plant life. They believe they should meet weekly in the LongHouse to give glory to the Creator and to review his commandments.

The LongHouse are strong believers in family life; the family consists of the extended family, including relatives. They never lock

their doors as their home is open to every member of the family. They believe in firm discipline of children with love. They believe in the matriarchal system where the women appoint the leaders who must serve all. The women are mothers of the nation. They believe the land belong to the nation and cannot be given away by individuals.

They believe in treating their neighbors with kindness and justice. There should be no stealing, no bearing false witness and not coveting the goods of others. They believe the Creator made the world for man to grow, always obeying the laws of the Creator. Is it possible that they are the lost little tribe of Israel? We have much to learn from them. I believe they would love to learn the teaching of Jesus who came to redeem the world, not to destroy it. May Blessed Kateri enlighten us and them to further dialogue and prayer.

GERARD V. SULLIVAN



## *Beatitudes*

*Blessed are those who laugh at themselves  
For they shall not stop laughing.*

*Blessed are those who need no excuse for rest and sleep  
For they shall be wise.*

*Blessed are those who keep quiet and listen  
For they shall acquire knowledge.*

*Blessed are those who take themselves lightly  
For they shall be liked.*

*Blessed are those who take small things seriously and  
momentous things peacefully  
For they shall go far in life.*

*Blessed are those who love a smile and ignore a grimace  
For they shall bathe in sunlight.*

*Blessed are those who think before doing and laugh  
before thinking  
For they shall avoid many errors.*

*Blessed are those who smile when interrupted or  
contradicted or when their toes are stepped on  
For the Gospel is making its way into their  
hearts.*

*Blessed above all are those who see the Lord in all they  
meet  
For they have found the true light  
They have found true wisdom.*

*(Adapted from Joseph Folliet)*

## *KATERI 2000 "Walking through the Heartland"*

American Indians from more than 20 states, plus Canada and even a group from Australia, paraded across the Lied Center stage in Lincoln, Thursday, to the sounds of traditional drumbeats and songs.

They were celebrating their American Indian heritage, but also praising Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the first American Indian to be a candidate for sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church.

The grand entry march was the highlight of the five-day Tekakwitha Conference, which brought more than 1,000 American Indian Roman Catholics together to pray that Blessed Kateri will someday become a saint.

In his keynote address to the conference, Frank LaMere, a member of the Winnebago tribe urged American Indians to follow Kateri's example of sacrifice "to make the world better."

The conference is a time for American Indians to share spirituality and fellowship, said Lillian Owen, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton tribe from South Dakota. She was there with other members of the Blue Dog Lake Kateri Circle.

Sister Irene DeMarrais, 82, an American Indian nun from the Sisseton reservation, was attending her 59th Kateri conference. "I love Kateri, I love my culture and I love my Catholic faith," she said. "These conferences enhance all of those things, especially our faith."

She has a niece she believes was cured of rheumatoid arthritis through the intercession of Blessed Kateri. That's just one of the "little miracles" attributed to Kateri.

It's the 61st annual conference of the organization, which blends American Indian and Christian spiritual traditions. The conference is hosted by the St. Augustine Indian Mission, which serves the Winnebago and Omaha reservations.

The grand entry march featured dancers in colorful shawls and other native dress carrying banners created by Kateri Circles around the country. A large wooden cross, decorated with lilies against a background of an eight-point star quilt, dominated the Lied Center.





*This star quilt with 8 points was the logo of the 61st Takakwitha Conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Like a star, Kateri shines in all directions, having the cross and her lover Jesus nailed to it, always in her vision. The lilies symbolise the purity of her life which led her to make a vow of virginity.*

The conference includes worship, prayers and workshops focusing on American Indians and their relationship to the Catholic Church.

Participants will also review reported miracles and hearings attributed to Blessed Kateri, which could help move her toward sainthood.

Kateri was scarred and weakened by smallpox, but remained spiritually strong and worked to help her people, LaMere said in address. "This young lady, this young relative we come to celebrate is so powerful that her message transcends the ages."

"All of us as native peoples are scarred," he said. "All of us are carrying a great burden within ourselves. But we emulate her sacrifice by forgetting our scars and moving on to make ourselves spiritually strong."

BOB REEVES  
LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR



Grandfather  
help us to see  
that  
what we see  
that  
what we touch  
is sacred  
is holy  
that the ground  
upon  
which we walk  
is holy

help us to  
imitate  
the sun in  
warming  
our sisters  
and brothers  
the birds  
and  
the trees  
whose secret  
is peace

help us to  
be like the spring  
wind  
which does  
not destroy  
what it touches

JAMES JANDA



Theresa Steele, Mohawk, with Jacques Bruyere, the Canadian Vice-Postulator, after giving her monologue on Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha's life at the conference.



## FOREMAN OF THE SAINT FACTORY

If the Vatican has become a saint factory, as some have complained, then Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari is foreman of the crew that prepares the raw material for processing.

The 75-year-old Jesuit is president of the Vatican's College of Postulators, the chief postulator for Jesuit causes and the main promoter of dozens of other causes, including those of Pope Pius XII, the Fatima children, Blessed Katherine Drexel and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Molinari described potential saints as "ordinary people living in a way that ordinary people don't; doing good beyond what good people do."

The Jesuit finds their stories moving; he loves Francisco and Jacinta Marto, the youngest of the three children who saw the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima in 1917.

He cannot wait for the day when they will be proclaimed blessed and "all the children of the world can look to them for inspiration."

"They were real children," Molinari said. For example, they promised to pray the rosary everyday, but they also wanted more time to play. At one point, they decided that if they just recited the first line of all the prayers, it would still count.

### THE POSTULATOR'S JOB

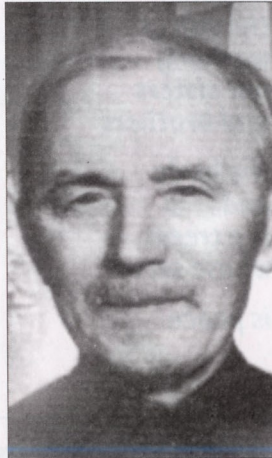
Molinari said a postulator's job is to recognize God's attempts to communicate through the lives and actions of good and holy people, then to work to make that message known by offering them as models for all believers.

The practical tasks include years of gathering information, evidence, documents and eyewitness testimony where possible. Everything must be investigated, evaluated and collected into bound reports.

Since being appointed a postulator by the Jesuits in 1957, Molinari's work has helped lead to the beatification of 106 people and the canonization of 50 others, including the Martyrs of England and Wales and St. Philippine Duchesne.

Although the Congregation for Sainthood Causes officially recognizes some 200 postulators, the causes promoted by Molinari account for one-eighth of the 820 record-breaking number of people beatified by Pope John Paul.

Molinari said he does not know exactly how many causes he has altogether. But he and Jesuit Father Peter Gumpel, who has an adjoining office at the Jesuit headquarters near the Vatican, have 12 to 15 causes "that are really moving."



One of those is the cause for canonization of Blessed Katherine Drexel, the Philadelphia heiress who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to educate and assist blacks and native people.

A clarification requested by the medical board studying a healing attributed to Drexel has been received, and the physicians' finding that there is no natural explanation for the healing is ready to be studied by a Vatican theological board.

Molinari also recently received a letter "saying something unusual had happened" to someone who prayed for the intercession of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, a Native American.

The priest said he doesn't like to use the word "miracle." Rather he speaks of "extraordinary facts which cannot be explained by natural sciences."

More study will be necessary before Molinari decides whether the April letter holds promise as the miracle needed for Blessed Kateri to be proclaimed a saint.

Molinari said he respects the concern of people who fear Pope John Paul may be watering down the importance of canonization and beatification by doing so many, but he doesn't agree with them.

The Jesuit does think, though, that there should be greater attention to "the principle at the heart of this activity of the Church," which is that a canonization or beatification is an official recognition of holiness already recognized by a large portion of the faithful.

"If the simple people are drawn to someone, this is a sign of God for us," he said. The saints "are attractive because God is working in them and telling us something through them."

Molinari said he also thinks the Church should "re-think" its criteria for the miracles needed for beatification, except in the case of martyrs.

The Church now requires proof of unusual physical events for which natural science cannot provide an explanation. The events are almost always hearings, which can be documented and investigated by physicians.

But Molinari said non-physical extraordinary events also should be considered. As an example, he said, what about cases where a large number of people involved in crime, violence and other immoral activity would testify to a complete conversion after reading about the life of a holy person?

The Jesuit said he mentioned the possibility to Pope John Paul, but the pope responded that he needed a concrete confirmation of the candidate's power to intercede with God.

Molinari is still working on his idea. He said it "would be more in keeping with the purpose of canonization, recognizing people as models of holiness for others."

He recognizes, however, that "it would be a lot more difficult to prove."

CINDY WOODEN  
CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE - VATICAN CITY



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## Pope urges respect for the environment

**"Our discovery of God's transcendent presence in the created world should lead us to take greater care of our natural environment."**

POPE JOHN PAUL

Pope John Paul called for respect for the environment, reminding Christians of the presence of the transcendent in God's creation.

"Nature becomes a Gospel that speaks to us about God," he said at his Jan. 26 general audience.

Continuing with the theme of the Blessed Trinity, the pope said that while the act of creation is most associated with God the Father, all three persons of the Trinity are present in nature.

"The glory of the Trinity - we can say with the Christian tradition - is resplendent in creation," said the pope.

Quoting from the Old and New Testaments, the pope emphasized the roles of Son and Spirit in the act of creation and called on all people to marvel at the final result.

"Faced with the glory of the Trinity in the creation, mankind must contemplate, sing, rediscover awe," he said.

Contemplation also signifies listening, said the pope, and the faithful must heed the message that the creation bears.

"Our discovery of God's transcendent presence in the created world should lead us to take greater care of our natural environment and inspire us to work to establish the harmony which God intended from the beginning," he said.

The Jewish people understood this fundamental bond between humans and nature, said the pope, referring to their tradition of letting fields lie fallow during jubilee years.

"If nature is not violated or humiliated, it returns as the sister of mankind," he said.

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### You can read Kateri's life in Chinese

Fr Edmund Ryder s.j. professor of philosophy, goes out to the mountains on weekends. He was inspired to introduce Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to the numerous aborigines of 5 different groups. To spread the devotion he had a short biography of Blessed Kateri translated into Chinese. It is available at every mission post of the island.

### 6th edition of "Kateri Tekakwitha" by Fr. X. Weiser, s.j.

The first edition in English was published in 1971 and was so well received by the public that the Kateri Centre ordered 5 more editions. Being of Austrian origin, Fr Weiser also had a German edition made. Sr Emilia Schug also translated his book into Spanish. The book can be purchased at the Kateri Center: Hard cover: \$10.; paperback: \$8.

### Thanks to Alice!

Mrs Alice Marion served as receptionist at Kateri Center during 8 years. Friends of the Center liked to hear her warm and charitable voice on the phone. She had to leave the Center to take care of her husband Garry who is still convalescing after an eye operation. One can still hear her voice at the 10.30 Mass at the shrine, on Sunday morning. Alice is a member of the Iroquois Mixed Choir of Kahnawaké.

## Awardees of the Kateri Center Prize

Sr Rollande Lachapelle smr of Montreal and Mr Gordon Deer of Kahnawaké



## The Lily of the Mohawks website.

Yes, once more, Kateri is on the internet.

**<http://www.lily-of-the-mohawks.com>**



## Testimonies of favors obtained

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

I am enclosing a check for ten dollars which I promised for successful surgery. Kateri has come to my aid so many times. When will she be canonized?  
(Ashburnham, MA)

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

Enclosed is twenty dollars I promised Kateri if my daughters had a safe trip. They arrived home safely on a direct flight from Germany. Many thanks to Kateri. God bless you in your work for Kateri.  
(Kahnawake, QC)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D.R.I.!

Enclosed please find a small donation for Kateri's Cause ... Although I am only forty years old, I have had poor health for many years. I have been diagnosed with Chron's disease, which is a debilitating disease of the small bowel. Each and every day over the past few years I have prayed to Kateri to intercede for me on my behalf to recover my health. I am happy to report that I have been in excellent health over the past few years and am doing better than I ever thought possible. I attribute this in large part to Kateri. She has been for reasons that are not really clear to me, "my health helper."  
(Lakeport, CA)

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

I was worried about my health a while ago and I promised Kateri that I would make a donation if everything was O.K. Well I had a full medical and everything was great.  
(Kirkland, QC)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss V.S.!

Enclosed is a twenty-five dollar check for Kateri. She's always been a help and a comfort to me. I keep passing out her prayer cards and medals to many friend, encouraging them to turn to her for favors. God's blessing be with you.  
(Catonsville, MD)

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

Kateri has been a good friend of mine for nearly twenty years. Enclosed find a check for one hundred dollars in total thanksgiving for Kateri's intercessory prayers. In the summer of '98 my husband was in a terrible fix and needed two spinal operations. He came through both just fine, Praise be to God! Now my husband is starting a new business and I ask Kateri to pray for its success...  
(St. Marys, PA)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, W.M.!

Thanks for your prayers and your kindness. We enjoy reading the "Kateri" magazine. I want to offer thanksgiving to Kateri for always coming to my aid and special thanks for a favorable outcome for financial help. May you continue your good work and may Our Lord give you strength.  
(Chalmette, LA)

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

Please find enclosed a cheque to cover the two enrollments attached as well as a thanksgiving offering to Blessed Kateri for the favour of my son-in-law's new and challenging employment opportunity. I ask Blessed Kateri to continue praying for the needs of all my children and grandchildren. Thank you Blessed Kateri.  
(Hamilton, ON)

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

Two years ago I prayed at the tomb of Blessed Kateri for the sake of my husband. He suffered from depression, at times severe, for the length of 23 years. As he would not admit to having a problem, I prayed specifically to Kateri that he would seek professional help and take medicine if necessary. I only prayed to Kateri, "assigning" this problem to her. Within six months, he was seeing a psychologist and after that began to take medicine. He is happier than ever and the whole family is grateful to God through her intercession.  
(Dover, DE)

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

Enclosed is twenty dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for keeping the children safe. Thanks again.  
(Laverton, Australia)

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

I am making this donation to the Kateri Center as I promised Blessed Kateri for a tremendous favor received. What would we do in this world without her in our lives. I'd also like to thank everyone at the center for all the hard work that you do. I pray everyday that Blessed Kateri will be canonized in the very near future.  
(Nepean, ON)

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

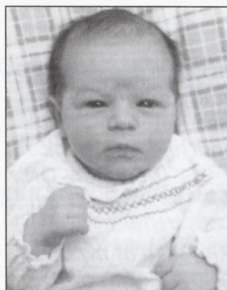
Just a little note to thank you for promoting Blessed Kateri's Cause. She has helped us greatly, although not in startling ways that you would need for her Cause. Just thing like helping us with our glasses. Something that seems quite small, but if you can't see properly, it's really very big. We are still praying for something that is so big and will be a healing that can be submitted for the advancement of her Cause. And that is the healing of my granddaughter's eye. She was born blind in that eye. We pray that she will be healed before she starts school. Thank you Blessed Kateri.  
(House Springs, MO)

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

Enclosed please find a small donation. My prayers to Kateri for a good job and a good car have been answered. Please remember my family in your prayers.  
(Ottawa, ON)



## Little Sister wants to know...



**Kateri Tremblay**

Born on January 24, 2000  
Daughter of Michel and Christine Tremblay  
L'Ange-Gardien, QC

*...if you want to help us get at least  
50,000 promises of a daily Our Father,  
Hail Mary and three Glorias!*

*We need them to obtain from the loving  
Heart of Jesus the speedy canonization of  
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.*

*Some 29,571 pledges have come in  
after ten years' effort.*

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

### My pledge to KATERI

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street or Box \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_

Province or State \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### *Kateri Bio-Poem*

*Kateri  
Brave, loyal, loving, generous  
Lily of the Mohawks  
Cares deeply about Jesus  
Who feels happy  
Who needs good health  
Who gives friendship  
Who fears nothing  
Who would like to see God  
Resident of Gandaouage*



### *Prayer to Kateri Tekakwitha*

*Dear Kateri,  
Please let us be brave for God like you. Bless the environmentalists,  
the ecologists, the orphans and the sick. Amen.*

*by Carmela Mendoza, 12 years old*

## Send in your Intentions now

### **Spiritual**

- ☐ Love in God
- ☐ Conversions
- ☐ Peace of Soul
- ☐ Resignation in Trials
- ☐ Vocations
- ☐ Faithful Departed
- ☐ Happy Death
- ☐ Obedience to the Holy Father

### **Temporal**

- ☐ Positions
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
- ☐ Financial Aid
- ☐ Happy Marriages
- ☐ Good Friends
- ☐ Success in Studies
- ☐ Peace in the World

Other Requests \_\_\_\_\_

### *Would you like to help Kateri's Cause?*

When making out your last will and **testament**, why not reserve a share for the Cause in view of Kateri's Canonization and for the upkeep of her sanctuary. Simply make your request to:

*Kateri Tekakwitha Center*

*Mission St. Francis Xavier*

*P.O. Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0*

Kateri will then take good care of you and your beloved ones on earth as in heaven.

## The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

**5** good reasons  
for having  
a box  
on hand  
all the time:

On the occasion of the death of a relative or friend, all you have to do is sign a card and send it to the bereaved family.

The departed one is enrolled in the Kateri guild, for whom,

1. A weekly High Mass is offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;
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4. A Share in the good works of the Jesuits throughout the world is assured;
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Write to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0 for a free sample card.

One dozen cards boxed: \$5.00 (Postage included). Each yearly enrollment in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild: \$2.00



## Katerina



obtainable from the  
**The Kateri Center**  
**Box 70**  
**Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0**  
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**Fax: (450) 632-6031**

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1. Mat silver-plated: 50¢
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3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$1.50
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### Kateri Plaques

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

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In the form of a short biography: \$2.00

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Mr. ☐, Mrs. ☐, Miss ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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