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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.

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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.

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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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AN EXPERIENCE OF LIFE

Six days spent in a hospital emergency room and two days on an observation ward, what a human experience! The behaviour of the doctors and nurses, the variety of nationalities among the patients and the atmosphere around with all kinds of sounds and expressions which distract your ears, especially when you cannot sleep.

Rare are those who accept these trials. "Why me so often? Why do I have to leave home? What have I done?" So many complaints in the emergency room... So many show rebellion, so many show despair. At the cry of a mother who can't understand it: "I want to go home to be with my children... it breaks your heart. The rolling of the mobile beds puzzles you. Where are they going to: to the operating room, to a private room, to the intensive care unit for the last ordeal, or...

So rare are times when you hear: "My Jesus, help me! My Jesus heal me! Many sure are praying in their heart. When someone is crushed by suffering he should spontaneously ask one who is strong. "Lord You are my rock. My only support. You who have suffered and accepted all troubles to help others, come to our rescue now!"

It is not easy to have these spiritual flights when in the tumult of an emergency room when the lights irritate your eyes all night long. Thanks to heaven if these prayers come to your mind in these moments of distress. "I proclaim your death, o Lord, I celebrate your resurrection and I wait for your coming".

What goes in the heart of these poor souls, at this time, we cannot really tell. But it is to be hoped that faith gives them hope, strength and consolation.

Sickness is time to reflect on the meaning of life - it is not a punishment - time to cling to the absolute and to pray for yourself and for others who cannot bear it any more.

"May your will be done, o Lord, on earth as it is in heaven."

JACQUES 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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LENT
A Time for
Special Vigilance
like the "Wise Virgins"
lived it.

Why Do We Sing "Alleluia?"

All of a sudden, at Eastertime, the Alleluia plays a prominent role in our liturgies. What is its significance?

The word "Alleluia" is derived from hallelu (imperative of hillel, to praise) and Jah (abbreviation of Jahweh, God). The liturgical call to praise in the Bible, it means "all praise to the God who is."

There seemed to be no need to translate the word so the early Church used alleluia in its liturgy in its Hebrew form and preserved its melismatic character, that is a prolonged singing of one syllable over a number of notes. Cassian (d. 435) and St. Benedict (d. 450) indicate the frequent addition of Alleluia to the psalm verses in reciting the Office.

Although there is some difference of opinion, it is generally accepted that the Alleluia became part of the Mass by order of Pope Damasus (d. 384) at the request of St. Jerome (d. 420) and in imitation of the Church of Jerusalem.

Later, it was restricted to Easter. But in the fifth century, it was expanded to the whole Easter season. Pope Gregory the Great (d. 604) extended its use to the whole year with the exception of the penitential season of Lent.

An acclamation, it is added before and/or after the antiphon between the Epistle and Gospel readings. At Easter time, it replaces the antiphon and two or even three alleluias are sung. The chant of the alleluia, especially at Easter, is usually elaborate and full of jubilation.

Why the importance attached to this single word especially in the Easter season? It is an expression of pure and unadulterated joy, above any earthly pain or sorrow. In Lent, our spirit of joy and celebration are tinged with the sorrow inherent to a sinful human race and meditation on the mysteries of Jesus' passion and death.

But at Easter, we are a different people. We are a resurrection people, a hope-filled people, a people who view life in the light of Jesus triumphant over sin and evil.

The disciples of Jesus knew that because of the resurrection nothing could be the same. Their lives would have to be lived on a different plane because of their profound experience. They did not know how but having cast their lot with Jesus, they could not deny the love that blows open tombs and Upper Rooms and people's hearts and minds.

And us? Knowing that Jesus has risen is one thing but experiencing the risen Christ is another. In the first instance, something special happened to Jesus; in the second, something special is going on today in and around us.

Jesus did not rise and leave us to go to the Father. Jesus is risen; Jesus is alive now.

Jesus is sharing his new life with us. The light of the resurrected Christ shines through us when we smile at another, extend a helping hand, give an encouraging word; when we risk our privacy to help those in need, when we work for peace and injustice in our world.

Too often, we underestimate our strength. We have the power to put each other in a box or remove the walls encasing people and free them. Because of us, someone comes alive or dies in some way. We can be like the Pharisees, aloof to those in need. Or we can be like Jesus, helping, healing, loving.

We share in this love-power of Jesus as, during Lent, we have followed him on the way of the cross and have died to our selfish nature by prayer, fasting and good works.

Do we experience the resurrection as something real as the disciples did? Will we leave this Easter season knowing that we can never be the same and cannot live as before? Are we willing to open ourselves to the new life to which we are being called?

Will the Alleluias ring out that pure joy of knowing we are loved and blessed by God and called to love and bless others? Or will we simply put away the joyous alleluias until next Easter, not having experienced that power of God in us?

SR. LOUISE ZDUNICH, NDC

Recognize the Risen Christ

Saint Augustine said, referring to the disciples of Emmaus: "Hospitality gave them back what doubt had taken from them." Maybe it happened that we were like the disciples of Emmaus like Saint Augustine saw them: that the reception of a stranger started the coming out of their being closed in, of their retirement within themselves, of their sadness. But maybe, knowing it or not have we been towards such and such a person, sick, handicapped, the face of the risen Christ. If we went in the house of this ill person when he told us that night was falling, maybe he would have allowed us a little joy and hope. Hospitalized or hospitable, it is given to us any way here at Lourdes, but also at home to recognize then the risen Christ at the breaking of the bread and we know that "the mystery of the shared bread makes us sharing persons."

MGR BILLÉ, ARCH. OF LYON
PRESIDENT OF THE 125TH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE AT LOURDES

BISHOPS WORK FOR KATERI'S SAINTHOOD

They would like young native woman to be canonized at World Youth Day

BY BENEDICTA CIPOLLA
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In conjunction with World Youth Day 2002, Canadian bishops are hoping for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

"She would be a model of inspiration, of encouragement for young people," the president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Gerald Wiesner of Prince George, said in a Nov. 3 interview.



"She was a very young person who's a symbol of living faith," he said of Blessed Kateri, the first aboriginal person to be beatified.

The July 18-28, 2002, World Youth Day celebrations will be centered in Toronto.

In a meeting with Pope John Paul during the CCCB's officers' annual visit to the Vatican Oct. 26-Nov. 3, Wiesner said he brought up Blessed Kateri's sainthood cause.

"The Holy Father was quite enthusiastic," he said, "and he told us to take that" to the Congregation for Sainthood Causes.

Discussions with congregation officials were "encouraging and supportive," said Wiesner, "but they indicated what the norms are for sanctity."

As the conference's vice president, Bishop Jacques Berthelet of Saint Jean-Longueuil, pointed out, Blessed Kateri's cause still "needs a miracle."

Beatified in 1980, Blessed Kateri was born to a Christian Algonquin mother and a Mohawk father in 1656 in what is now the state of New York.

She fled to Canada at the age of 20 for fear of retribution from neighbours hostile to her faith.

In what is now Kahnawake, Que., she devoted herself to serving needy native people. Blessed Kateri died in 1680.

In recent years, the Canadian Church has worked on developing ways to evangelize more aboriginal people as well as to make native Catholics feel more at home. The bishops said they are in contact with the Great Falls, Mont.-based Tekakwitha Conference to see how Canada can produce catechetical materials aimed at native people.

"Initiatives have been made and are being made on the local level," said Wiesner.

For example, he said the dioceses of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, N.W.T., and Prince George had developed materials that are "more pertinent to the aboriginal people."

But incorporating native culture into the life of the Church is a relatively new phenomenon, said Wiesner.

Previous ideas regarding native people tended toward "total integration," he said—a policy that has been criticized in recent times.

Such policies are also at the centre of lawsuits currently pending against government-established schools run by the Catholic and other churches.

Thousands of aboriginal people claim they were abused at the schools, which were founded at the turn of the century and phased out in the 1970s and 1980s, and bankruptcy scares have flared up in churches across Canada as they face mounting legal fees.

Aboriginal leaders have said the churches that ran the schools helped the government carry out its policy of "cultural genocide" against native people by setting up schools designed to assimilate natives into white society.

Laughter is serious



People agree that laughter has real powers. Here are some of them:

1) Laughter contributes to the production of endorphines in the brain, which helps to relieve pain.

2) It also helps digestion. When we laugh, our stomach shakes in a kind of gymnastics resulting in improved digestion.

3) Laughter fights constipation, for in laughter the intestines perform the same gymnastics as the stomach.

4) Laughter also works against insomnia. It causes a relaxation of muscles that relieves our tension, which in turn is required in order for us to fall asleep quickly.

5) For the same reasons, laughter is a perfect remedy against stress. Stressed people, as we know, laugh very little, but would gain much in laughing more often.

6) Laughter is very beneficial to the heart, by steadying its rhythm, which results in lowering blood pressure and reducing the work imposed upon the heart.

7) It also helps breathing better. The kind of breathing it causes allows the lungs to empty themselves more thoroughly, for in laughing we breathe four times more deeply than normal. It's a powerful means of respiratory reeducation.

8) Laughter can also relieve an asthmatic fit. It helps to relax the sleek bronchial muscles and expand the conduits.

Laughing is an efficient means of enjoying better health.

Ideally we should all laugh at least 15 minutes a day.

Laughter also chases worries away and brings peace of heart.

The day of the Indian during the 17th century

I- Childhood among the Indians : Birth

Obstetrics, for the Indian woman, was a very simple science, since the mother had to be the patient and the mid-wife, at the same time. Moreover the absence of all therapeutic methods of asepsis, plus a record time for the operation and the cure—and we have summarized the ordinary circumstances of the birth of an Indian.

"The delivering, says Fr Biard, lasts but two hours; often en route they deliver and not long after take over the usual work." "If they happen to be alone coming back from the fields, wrote Fr Lafiteau, they help themselves, wash the child in cold water, go back to their cabin as if nothing had happened and on the first day, they seem to be able to perform their daily chores.

The testimony of Br. Lejeune confirms that of his confreres; his wife, he wrote, "delivered all by herself without the help of anyone; she delivered in the morning and at noontime I saw her working. She had taken shelter under a wild branch which did not stop the wind; two days later she carried the child herself to have him baptized."

And the woman was from Sillery!

"They helped themselves for this task with innumerable plants of the country; to quote one only we mention *caulophylus false pigamon* favored the delivery."

The Indian women were exempt of grave accident caused by pregnancy because "one of them having fallen on the ice, as she was carrying a load of wood, killed the fruit of her womb and got rid of it with the ordinary pains and contractions".

After much research, were unable to trace one death caused by eclampsia and deprived of asepsis, no disease attributed to puerperal fever.

The Relations of 1656-1657 relate, we believe, a birth in most painful circumstances. We were en route for Iroquois: "On June 25, we baptized, after saying Mass a child that the spouse of one of our guides Onnonoeronmons delivered on the way, that did not stop her from proceeding with the others, under a heavy rain which accompanied us all day and all night long".

Father Leclercq relates a similar case: "They deliver with much facility and carry very heavy loads during their pregnancy. An Indian woman riding in a canoe one day, felt the pains accompanying delivery, begged those who were carrying her to bring her to the woods and wait for a while. She entered alone in an opening where she gave birth to a boy that she brought to the canoe and rowed the rest of the way...Many also being surprised by these pains while fetching wood, leaving the group, deliver their baby then coming back bringing the child in their arms and a load of wood on their back, as if nothing had happened. Then they make them drink bear or sea-wolf oil".

(to be continued)

Feastday of Kateri

April 17

Celebration

In Canada : April 22 • In U.S.A. : July 8

Celebration in Kahnawake

Special Mass at 10:30

Brunch following at K. of C. Hall



Icon by Robert Lenz

"The symbols of the Iroquois remind us that differences in culture are not threats to Church unity, but gifts of the Holy Spirit. Every people and culture brings to the Church new insights for understanding the Gospel. After three centuries, Kateri's people are beginning to return to the wisdom of their own culture. They may have first received the Gospel from the French, but they remain Iroquois Christians."

Blessed Kateri Request for Miracle

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ hear us.

Kateri, lily of purity, consoler of the heart of Jesus,
bright light for all Indians, pray for us.

Kateri, courage of the afflicted, lover of the cross of Jesus,
flower of fortitude for the persecuted, pray for us.

Kateri, unshakeable in temptations, full of patience in suffering,
keeper of your virginity in persecutions, pray for us.

Kateri, leader of many Indians to the true faith through your love
for Mary, pray for us.

In lands both here and far, female children are raised in ignorance to be sold into drudgery when barely women. Fleeing often avails them not, as prostitution can be their only employment. Those that marry face little better, being useful for little more than kitchen slaves and so turning their husbands into slavemasters. For these children, we beseech thee, Blessed Kateri, for intercession: to turn a culture of hateful wolves into lands of peaceful flocks, we beseech thy intercession. That all men and women everywhere see the miracle of your intercession and the majesty of our Lord's power, we plead for thy intercession.

Kateri, who loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us.

Kateri, who traveled many miles to learn the faith, pray for us.

Kateri, who loved to pray the rosary for all people, pray for us.

Kateri, example to your people in all virtues, pray for us.

Kateri, humble servant to the sick, pray for us.

Kateri, whose scarred face in life became beautiful after death, pray for us.

Mary, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us,
O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

LET US PRAY

O Jesus, who gave Kateri to the Indians as an example of purity, grant her the ability to cause all men to love purity.

O Mary, who raised a Savior, grant Kateri the ability to make these repressed children true mothers as you were.

(PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BL. KATERI TEKAKWITA.)

How the Great Law of Peace was established

The Iroquois Great Law of Peace is one of the most remarkable and prophetic of all documents in the Americas.

This work, which chartered the confederation known as Haud ena-saunee, the League of the Iroquois, ushered in an era of peace and power for the member nations that was unparalleled in Native American annals. The Great Law of Peace, the first constitution to appear in the New World, was hailed by American founding father Benjamin Franklin as a masterpiece of political and social theory and, in fact, the Great Law influenced the work which would emerge in 1787 as the United States Constitution. Whereas the Great Law was definitely historical, myths and legends surround the popular version of how the League was founded. This is the story of Deganawidah and Hiawatha.

Deganawidah was said to have been born amid amazing portents and circumstances at



an Algonquin village on the north shore of Lake Ontario. At the time of his youth, the peoples of the area were in a constant state of warfare, which impeded any real social progress or prosperity. Deganawidah believed that he could defuse rivalries and encourage peace by establishing a system in which disputes could be resolved in a cooperative way. The building blocks of his peace plan were to be "Gaiwah", "Skennon" and "Gashasdenshaa" (peace and health, righteousness and

power). The story goes that Deganawidah crossed over to Iroquois territory in a canoe made of white rock and immediately began preaching his plan upon arriving. One of his early converts was a feared and wretched cannibal named Hiawatha (who is vaguely related in history to the figure of the same name appearing in Longfellow's stories). Deganawidah, "the Peacemaker" as he is known, pacified the ornery cannibal, reformed him, and commissioned him to partake in a perilous task in which he was to convert the evil wizard-chief of the Onondaga, Atotarho, into being a "believer of the New Mind". Atotarho was envisioned as having a web of snakes for hair, which Hiawatha was to "comb out." Atotarho resisted all of Hiawatha's overtures and almost discouraged him from continuing to preach the Great Law. Deganawidah picked up the morale of his dispondent associate just in time. They continued to canvass the region, eloquently presenting the values of such a plan of peace to be based on peace and power. The two proceeded to win over the Mohawks, the Oneida, the Seneca and Cayuga. Finally, backed by an impressive flotilla of the chiefs of those nations already committed to the confederacy, Deganawidah wooed Atotarho to agree to the principles of the

League by offering him the post of Head Chief of the League. Atotarho and his Onondaga joined the union and completed the League of Five Nations of the Iroquois. To this day, the presiding officer of the League's council is called the atotarho.

It is calculated that the Great Peace was historically promulgated in the mid-fifteenth century, though the Iroquois will say that it has existed "from all antiquity". Whatever the case, the Law successfully united the Iroquois and launched their reign as the most powerful nation of the Northeast Woodlands. The plan refined Iroquois society and politics. The League and its constitution conceived of a representative government, regularly assembled with checks and balances, an executive branch, two legislative bodies, an impeachment process of leadership, an enhanced political role for women, implied civil liberties and the presumption of the equality of all people. The Great Law of Peace stressed that justice and peace should be interlaced as a prerequisite for any real peace being established (this is similar to the theme of the Fifth annual World Day for Peace, 1972: "If you want peace, work for justice." The white pine became the symbol for the Great Law, as the Iroquois envisioned the roots of the pine

to spread out to embrace all. The League of the Iroquois prospered under the Great Law, being able to succeed, assured of peace and stability. This peace lasted until the end of the eighteenth century, when the Iroquois were cursed by disunity after the American Revolution, and shortly afterward met with subjugation by both the American government and their Algonquin neighbors, who took advantage of the disunity.

Deganawidah, for his part, goes down in history as an apocryphal and charismatic figure, who, like a Don Quixote of native America, promoted an idealistic world view in the face of nearly impossible odds. He assembled disciples and placed in key leadership positions persons who had formerly been on the fringe of society (e.g. Hiawatha and Atotarho)—a methodology reminiscent of the missionary style of Jesus, who called sinners and tax collectors to be disciples and even apostles' Deganawidah preached from a premise of non-violence and that people were basically good. Although the Iroquois were the "chosen people" of the Great Law, the confederation would accept any nation as members; the Tuscarora became full members, the Tuteloes were incorporated through diplomacy, the Hurons were subjugated into an acecord through warfare. Even the

French Colonial government in Canada was invited to take part. War could be and was waged when necessary to ensure Justice, as was the case when Iroquois warred against the Huron to break the back of their monopoly on the fur trade of the region.

The end of Iroquois supremacy came at the end of the eighteenth century; however, to this day, the Great Law exists and remains the basis of the Iroquois people's governing themselves. Despite the legends and the improbable occurrences that revolve around the stories of Hiawatha and Deganawidah, these figures loom impressively in the corporate consciousness of the Iroquois. Those persons responsible for writing the Great Law, the founding of the League of the Iroquois, and for the symbolic planting of the Great Pine's White Roots of Peace were indeed of a prophetic character. In an environment and time different from the Palestine of two thousand years ago, their content and style demonstrate the movement of the same God who planted the roots of peace and stirred the sense of mission in the hearts of the founders of Christian communities.

(Taken from 7:the Circle and the Four Winds by Francis X. McQuade. For supplemental reading on the Great Law of Peace, see Paul A. Wallace, The White Roots of Peace, Philadelphia University of Pennsylvania Press, 1946)

KATERI CENTER NEWS

FAVORS

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Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or more
A Sister of Mary Reparatrix

AWARDEES OF THE KATERI CENTER

This year again, the Center wishes to underline the devotion and generosity of two persons to the Cause of Bl. Kateri. Many names came to our minds—Americans, foreigners, Canadians, men and women, but the limit is two persons:

Mrs Madeleine Murray of Montreal, even in the time of Fr Bechard had great interest in the Cause. She often came to the Shrine, bringing people along. She also promoted the Cause; neighbors and relatives subscribe to the Kateri magazine. Her offerings for the Cause came in just too often. She would recommend us her friends and other people's intentions. Even though she likes to help here and there, no one will ever replace her little holy sister, Blessed Kateri.

The other candidate we chose is a group i.e. the **Knights of Columbus of Kahnawake**. Since many years, the Knights have supported Kateri's Cause. Fr Bechard knew whom to turn to when he needed help. They first helped him to publish the KATERI magazine, along with the Daughters of Isabella. They contributed much to the

erection of the mausoleum of Kateri in the sanctuary. Every year they participate actively on the feastday of Bl. Kateri by their significant and colorful presence. After the Eucharistic meal they offer a lavish brunch to all the guests and parishioners in the K. of C. Hall.

Many thanks to Mrs Murray and to the Knights of Columbus.

THE V.P. IS VERY MUCH ALIVE

To make sure just call the Kateri Center or read the actual issue (207) of KATERI and you will know that he is still the editor. Here's the truth. In the beginning of November, the V.P. started to have Transitory Cerebral Attacks (T.C.A.) which caused temporary numbness on the left side of his body. So he was sent to rest at the Jesuit infirmary in Saint Jerome. He spent over two months there to be sent back to his former residence in Montreal, at the beginning of February. Soon he'll manage to go to the Kateri Center regularly in Kahnawake, to do his share in Kateri's Cause. Thanks to all those who prayed for his recovery. He desires so much to see Blessed Kateri declared Saint Kateri soon.

KATERI'S FEASTDAY

This year again, it will be celebrated on the Sunday closest to April 17, that is Sunday April 22. We expect as usual many friends of Kateri at the Shrine. The Kahnawake Mixed Choir, with a long famous history, will be signing in Mohawk. After the Mass, The K. of C. are inviting all the guests to a special luncheon at the Kateri Hall. But we must first prepare Kateri's Feastday.

- Make the Novena at home or in the Shrine.
- Send your special intentions to the Kateri Center
- Pay a visit to Kateri's tomb. Who knows if next year she will not be proclaimed a saint?
- Send an offering to the Center to help Kateri's Cause.

Testimonies of favors obtained

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J.K.!

I am writing this to describe our petition through Blessed Kateri for my wife's health. In March 1995, my wife had surgery to remove a breast cancer. The pathology found that this aggressive tumor had spread to four lymph nodes resulting in her having to undergo extensive chemotherapy, which required several hospitalizations over the next eight months. This was followed by six weeks of radiation therapy. During her chemotherapy treatments we visited Auriesville in July 1995 where she was blessed with Kateri's relic. We then went on to visit her national shrine in Fonda and her place of burial in the church of St. Francis Xavier in Kahnawake, Quebec. Since this time I have attended a weekday Mass each week and prayed for the canonization of Kateri in thanksgiving for her intercession for my wife. It has been five years since our 1995 pilgrimage and my wife has been checked regularly by her onocologist and surgeon for a recurrence. She continues free of this disease.
(New York State)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. M.G.!

I had promised twenty dollars if my snowmobile would be sold and it was. Thank you Kateri.
(St. John, NB)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J.G.!

Enclosed is an offering to Blessed Kateri for the sale of my son's house in California. It took a long time but Kateri came through. I pray to her all the time and pray that she will soon be canonized a Saint.
(Cambridge, MA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. P.M.!

Please find enclosed a cheque for thirty dollars. I thank Blessed Kateri for her intercession for a successful operation and also being able to find precious jewellery lost many weeks ago. May the Lord bless you and the work of the Kateri Center.
(Cornwall, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.W.!

I'm sending a five dollar check in thanksgiving for a safe and nice trip. Please pray for my health.
(Greenfield, MA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.O.!

I am enclosing my cheque in the amount of twenty-five dollars. I promised Kateri if my prayers were answered I would give this money to help her Shrine. My prayers were answered in this very special financial help which I needed at the time...
(Chomedey, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. N.P.!

...My husband had heart surgery on December 19 and he is coming along fine and I know dear Kateri heard my prayers. She is in my prayers every day. I offer my one Our Father, one Hail Mary and three Glories twice daily.
(Hamilton, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. V.B.!

Please accept this donation in thanks of another successful year at school for my children.
(Flushing, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.B.!

I'm enclosing ten dollars for a promise that I made when I went for surgery on my right hand. The operation was a success and I'm glad its over...
(Berlin, NH)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. M.S.!

I want to share a recent healing that I believe happened a few months ago due to the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha. A friend of mine's son had had several episodes of his lungs collapsing, from a hole in the wall of the lung, due to some kind of abnormal pocket forming in the wall and then breaking which allowed the air to escape. I am not sure of the medical terms. He had, I believe, two surgeries prior of this to close the holes and reinflate the lungs. On this occasion the surgery failed and the doctors were unable to get the lung to reinflate. My understanding is since the surgery failed that there was nothing they could do, and the prognosis for recovery was not good. After hearing this, on the same Friday, I prayed very hard to Kateri, to heal my friend's son. The next Monday when I saw my friend at work, he told me that his son's lung had recovered on its own on Friday night. There was no apparent medical explanation. His healing, the best I can tell, was at the exact same time I was praying. Even though the boy is not Catholic and has probably never heard of Kateri, I believe, it was her intercession that healed him. He has had no medical problems since. I believe she has given many true blessings as in this case.
(Lexington, KY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B.H.!

Please find enclosed a cheque in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for answering my prayers for a positive health report for my daughter. Please pray for continued health and strength for all my family members. Thanks you Blessed Kateri. I pray for your canonization every day.
(Hamilton, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.H.!

The enclosed is in thanksgiving for a special favor. It was discovered that I had a detached retina, which if not treated, could have had serious consequences. We prayed fervently to Kateri, as we always do, and the procedure used was very successful. We hope Kateri's Cause will soon be answered. (Etobicoke, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.S.!

...I want to thank Kateri for my daughter who is in real estate and is finally starting to make some progress. Without Kateri and prayers to her I am sure we would have given up many times. She has been and will always be in our hearts. May sainthood be with her soon.
(Erie, PA)

Our prayers will obtain Bl. Kateri's canonization. During the last 25 years, the Centre has collected 29,671 promises. Is yours in yet?

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 _____

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Born in Paradise

Father Leon Lajoie S.J. (1921-1999, May 17) : 2nd anniversary

Soon it will be two years since Fr. Lajoie returned to His Creator, after spending a few years in the Jesuit Infirmary of Saint-Jerome. The "Capitaine" and his ship were not lost in the fog. The Capitaine was used to high seas and to the width of the Maritime Way of the Saint-Lawrence. He would have sunk with the ship, if necessary. He is now resting among his beloved – being buried in the garden of the rectory. His crew is still close to him and remembers the wisdom of his good advice. He had a lot of common sense and eager to help everybody. He would keep track of his prisoners even during their period of rehabilitation. He never refused help to a beggar, but he knew how to discern real beggars.

Thank you "Capitaine" for having showed us the visage of the Grand Capitaine of the world, who is the Way, Truth and Life. Your time was to serve the Indians and your clock adjusted to their clock. May you enjoy forever the Love of your God who welcomed you for sure in His heaven.

Father Gerard Lavigne s.j. (1913-2001, January 30)

Seeing the number of Mohawks from Akwesasne and Kahnawake attending his funeral, one knew their affection towards him. Many a time in Saint Jerome, he had parishioners of Saint-Regis Mission to visit him. He considered some of them as "saints" and he mentioned often that we should write the biographies of a few. He really had his heart in Akwesasne, an Iroquois Mission. Born in Beloeil, he studied at St Mary's College and also at Brebeuf College, before he went out to many places to preach the Good News: Montreal, Chicoutimi, Rimouski, Akwesasne, Grand Turks, James Bay. To meet more people, he even offered himself to serve as Chaplain at Dorval Airport. He was known all over as a devoted pastor who didn't lose touch with humanity. He liked to tease but expected a good reply.

He is now resting in the cemetery of the Jesuits but his real reward is in heaven where he can see His God and Saviour that He introduced to people whoever they were and where ever they lived.

Eternal rest to you, Father Lavigne!

JACQUES BRUYERE S.J.

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- ☐ Love in God
- ☐ Conversions
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- ☐ Vocations
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- ☐ 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:

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4. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$5.00

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