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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

### THE LORD BE WITH YOU

As it has been said, this salutation opens with "The Lord be with you" and expresses the mystery of this astonishing presence. The Lord Jesus, the invisible Living is really present in every one of us.

The apostles who loved Jesus, knew this presence very well. And they really needed it. Let us imagine their disarray after Jesus' death, until this reassuring news came to them: "He has risen as he had announced it."

Jesus "since then" never stopped reassuring them: "Don't be afraid! I'm going but I'll be back! I will send you my Spirit! I'll be with you till the end of time."

Then we see the apostles, Paul leading the way, leave Palestine and embark on ships of fortune to arrive in countries where Christ was ignored and often rejected. Without the help of the Spirit promised by the Lord, they could never have endured the trials like raillery, imprisonment, beating, cruel dismissals... This is how the Church was founded. The apostles firmly believed that the Lord was with them. It is the same today. If the Lord was not with us and in the others by His Spirit, human weakness would prevail and would finally take over.

The Spirit always supports us with its gifts as an answer to all our needs. Gift of piety which nourishes our soul and makes us taste the love of God and Lord. Gift of strength which assures our fidelity to our alliance with Him. Gift of intelligence which helps us to understand what is God and helps us to set our position straight in life!!!

Besides the presence of the Spirit everywhere we have the sacraments which give us Divine life and make us grow continually in Him and by Him. Let us think of the Eucharist, the bread of life, which transforms us in Him and prepares us right now to this perfect union with Him, which we will realise in the House of God.

Besides prayer which keeps us in relation with the Lord there are these devotions to Mary and the Saints who invite us to imitate them, to become more like God.

We must believe them, we count on it. "We must continue to affirm also our hope, because He is faithful, the One who has promised." His second coming is sure no more because of sin, but for the salvation of those expecting Him.

*The Lord be with you.*  
JACQUES BRUYERE S.J.





## Chief Garhio Roll

Garhio was Hot Ashes' wife. They had known and loved each other since the age of eight. During the summer of 1677, the young couple with their children were baptized by Fr. Fremin. She took the name of Wari, Mary, and he, that of Louis Garonhiague (In-Heaven). Their family life was deeply influenced by their new faith and was very happy. Kateri cured the young mother when she was in danger of a miscarriage. Garhio lent effective help to her husband in proselytizing her non-Christian compatriots.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
of Kahnawaké



Fran Berwanger, accepting for  
MADELEINE MURRAY

## AMERINDIAN NEWS

### Young Inuit look for roots

Sandy Tooma remembers well how the police came to kill his father's dog team. It was back in the early 1970s, when Fort Chimo – now called Kuujuaq – was still growing from a tiny Arctic village to the busy home town of 1,800 it is today. "The police said the dogs were too wild for town life," Tooma said. "They were worried somebody could get hurt."

Until then, he and his father traveled for weeks at a time by dogsled across the tundra, hunting and fishing much as their ancestors had for millenia. But then, in a scene repeated across the Ungava and Hudson Bay coasts, the dogs were gunned down and a time-honoured lifestyle began slipping away.

Within a few years, the Inuit signed the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement, paving the way for Hydro Quebec's massive development projects and exposing the northern natives to all the benefits and risks of modern life.

A deep malaise soon overtook the people's sense of their cultural heritage. Many men stopped hunting and started working for regular wages, when they could get them. Women who had once spent time together fashioning outdoor clothing and hunting gear gave up this skilled work, seduced by the overwhelming vogue for store-bought goods.

The science of survival, full of traditional medicine and dietetic habits, was looked down on with disdain as the promises of the South seemed a better mode of life. The old trades were not transmitted from father to son and the endless chain of Inuit culture was just about broken. At present, in this new millenium, after having lived in this great void, the Inuit of Quebec are searching for their soul as well as their dialect. Inuttituit is regarded as the healthiest Indian language in North America. The young Inuit take a new interest in their old modes of living using their two hands organizing meetings with the elders. Last summer 20 young Inuit with 30 elders from different villages gathered in Tipaluk. In such meetings one can learn the culture of traditional remedies, the way to make mattresses adapted to igloos while listening to the stories of the good old times. "We have our culture and and we are not ready to forget that money can't buy everything in life." This meeting with the elders was organized by young people who cling to their roots. Even dog sleighs are making a comeback.

THE GAZETTE, SEPT. 98



## Homily for the Mass of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Francis Xavier Parish  
Kahnawaké  
April 21, 2001



*Brothers and Sisters,*

It is in the prolongation of the Feast of Easter that we celebrate, again this year, the Feast of Kateri Tekakwitha. Today on this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the divine mercy made possible by the gift that the risen Jesus made of His Spirit. Today we also celebrate Earth Day -that earth which you recognize as your mother in the Mohawk tradition. The risen Jesus is He who fulfilled the alliance between heaven and earth. It permits us to be linked to God, the Father, by our faith in the resurrection.

In order to believe that Jesus had risen, the apostle Thomas wished to have proof "If I do not see the marks of the nails in His hands ...I will not believe." In Jesus risen, Thomas truly saw the signs of the crucifixion, but he must surely have noted Jesus' remark "Blessed are those who have not seen but who believe". When Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God" he was acknowledging his faith and his recognition of the Man-God, of God made man. That is at the heart of our faith - the faith of our church. That is the faith that Kateri Tekakwitha expressed at her baptism 325 years ago this year.

Kateri never separated the crucifix from the Resurrection. In a sense, she even showed a partiality for the crucifix. She was proud of the cross of Jesus and it is by her love for that cross that she was led to discover the risen Savior.

I was astonished to see how many of the young people who met in Rome for the World Youth Day gave such importance to the Way of the Cross. Astounded, too, by the number of young people in our diocese who joined in the Way of the Cross on Good Friday. These young men and young women were able, through the cross of Jesus, to find the courage to carry their own crosses.



My desire is that they will all find in Kateri Tekakwitha a model and an inspiration for them to bear witness to their faith in a largely secularized world

I invite all of you to renew your ardor in prayers that we will soon see the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. If God so wishes and if our faith is strong enough, that day will soon come.

In this celebration, a realization for us, here and now of the death and the resurrection of Jesus, let us give thanks to God for the gift of faith which he has made us and for the witnesses to that faith that he has placed in our way, such as Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.





## INTRODUCTION

For a subject worked and reworked so often in novels, motion pictures, and television, American Indians remain probably the least understood and most misunderstood Americans of us all.

American Indians defy any single description. They were and are far too individualistic. They shared no common language and few common customs. But collectively their history is our history and should be part of our shared and remembered heritage. Yet even their heroes are largely unknown to other Americans, particularly in the eastern states, except perhaps for such figures as Chief Joseph and his Nez Perce warriors of the 1870s, Osceola and his magnificent, betrayed Seminoles of the 1830s, and possibly Sacagawea, the Shoshoni "bird woman" who guided the lost Lewis and Clark expedition through the mountain passes of Montana.

When we forget great contributors to our American history—when we neglect the heroic past of the American Indian—we thereby weaken our own heritage. We need to remember the contributions our forefathers found here and from which they borrowed liberally.

When the Indians controlled the balance of power, the settlers from Europe were forced to consider their views, and to deal with them by treaties and other instruments. The pioneers found that Indians in the Southeast had developed a high civilization with safeguards for ensuring the peace. A northern extension of that civilization, the League of the Iroquois, inspired Benjamin Franklin to copy it in planning the federation of States.

But when the American Indians lost their power, they were placed on reservations, frequently lands which were strange to them, and the rest of the nation turned its attention to other matters. Our treatment of Indians during that period still affects the national conscience. We have been hampered—by the history of our relationship with the Indians—in our efforts to develop a fair national policy governing present and future treatment of Indians under their special relationship with the Federal government.

Before we can set out on the road to success, we have to know where we are going, and before we can know that we must determine where we have been in the past. It seems a basic requirement to study the history of our Indian people. America has much to learn about the heritage of our American Indians. Only through this study can we as a nation do what must be done if our treatment of the American Indian is not to be marked down for all time as a national disgrace.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES 1961-1963

## The Creator's Game

In our history, it is said that lacrosse was a gift to us from the Creator. It was given to us as a medicine and to entertain the Creator: A participant in lacrosse believed that his ability to play was a gift itself and that the enjoyment of playing rested in freely giving his best effort.

Today, lacrosse is a sport and a business. The Iroquois Lacrosse Association has made great progress in bringing our game back to the stature it once had in our communities. Oren Lyons, an Onondaga Faithkeeper, is quoted as saying that lacrosse is the vehicle that will bring the Confederacy back together. Unfortunately, the association may have lost a chance to do just that.

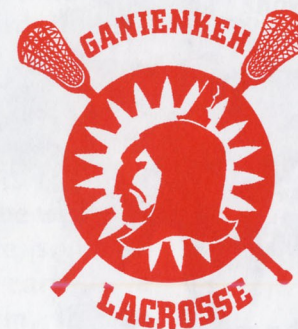
The application from the community of Ganienkeh was recently turned down by the league. There may be some blame on both sides for the failure to come to some agreement, but the bottom line here is that more people could have been playing lacrosse if a compromise was reached.

The object of sport encourage individuals to strive to the best of their abilities in competition with other individuals. Along the way, players learn teamwork, leadership, responsibility, build character and sportsmanship or respect for their teammates and their adversaries.

When we were a small community, it took all of our best men to form a lacrosse team. As our community grew, we developed a surplus of

players and some played elsewhere.

Today, with only a 25 man roster, Kahnawake can easily sustain two lacrosse teams with the number of players we have. The more people that play the game, the better the chances of the game surviving and ultimately improving. The community of Ganienkeh offers the opportunity for more of our players to play and that can only help the sport.



One of the most disappointing arguments against the Ganienkeh team was the criticism for their logo. Two crossed lacrosse sticks behind an Indian head and sun burst similar to what is on the "Warrior" flag seemed too political

for some teams in the Confederacy. So much for the idea that lacrosse will bring unity.

Long before the "Warrior" flag became popular, the same flag was known as the Ganienkeh flag. That flag and emblem symbolized unity and strength for the people of Ganienkeh. If anybody can use that symbol in a team logo, it is Ganienkeh and justifiably so.

It is unfortunate that politics, business and personalities would get in the way of a Ganienkeh team this year. People have forgotten why the game was given to us in the first place. The use of the game as a medicine has been lost and we don't know if the Creator is entertained any longer.

Eastern Door – Kahnawake



# The day of the Indian during the 17th century

## II – Infanthood

The best description of the Indian youth was written by N. P. Willis, I guess and here it is: "The care of the children is planned in a way that he will give less trouble possible to his parents, moreover in respect for to the one hired to feed him..., the child tied with strings to a board lined with moss is place on the floor



this independence which is the right of every member of the tribe; and what ever foolish things they do, the parents never do anything to hold them back or to correct them. The mother only, at times makes light reproaches to her daughter or throw at their faces, sorts of punishment which has, it is

said, a very efficient effect. As to the young boys, they do not need lessons from their parents to penetrate themselves with the sentiments which animate them: each happening they witness or hear someone narrate inspires them to become fearless hunters and bold warriors. Their first study, their favorite game, is to bend a bow, handle an axe, and finally to give themselves the exercises which help them to obtain glory.

or hung up to the branch of a tree, so as to be rocked like in a cradle : it is seldom that this procedure will cause accidents. "As soon as the young creatures can crawl on their hands or on their feet, they are left roaming all over the place and in the neighborhood Their favorite place is by a river or a lake, close to which ordinarily Indian villages; there and all summer long, the children play all day long as fishes. Growing up in age they enjoy, in the whole meaning of the word,

These quotations from Willis seem to recapitulate what we have already seen previously. Fr. LeClercq imposes on what Willis has said: " Their occupation (that of the children) are to make bows and arrows to shoot the birds along with itching lines and hooks to go fishing they are so skillful in these exercises that they shoot all kinds of birds in their flight.

Fr. LeJeune completes this telling us about the games of young Indians: " As the bow and arrow seem to be weapons invented by Nature, since all the Nations of the earth have made use of them, so you might say there are certain little games that children find out for themselves without being taught. The little Savages play hide-and-seek as well as the French children. They have a number of childish sports that I have noticed in our Europe; among others, I have seen the little Parisians throw a musket ball into the air and catch it with a little bat scooped out; the little montagnard Savages do the same, using a little bunch of pine sticks, which they receive

or throw into the air on the end of a pointed stick. The little Iroquois have the same pastime, throwing a bone with another little bone. I was told this by a young man of that nation as we were watching the montagnard children play.

How surprising this may appear, the Relations of 1670-1671 show us that "the children of the Indians ordinarily have a more open mind then that of the French kids."

As for the little Indians playing in the water like fishes, you should been present at the Pointe Bleue on Lake St. Jean. After many efforts to surrender and seize a weetouche... they devoured it without having recourse to any form of cooking.

*Le jour de l'Indien*

*(To be continued)*



## *Month of May Month of Mary*



### *The Mother of Mothers Our Mother*

## *A Mother's Prayer*

My God, is it already the evening of my life?  
How swift the stream of life flows!  
In truth I did not accomplish great things.

I was like many others, a mother who tried to do things right.

I love the children you gave me;  
often I went to bed late when I had to put them to sleep first;  
often to clothe them, I fell asleep  
on the sweater I had begun to knit the night before.



I was the doctor who cured them.  
I devoted myself so they could learn how to give.  
I deprived myself so that some day they would sacrifice themselves.

I knelt to teach them how to pray.

I accepted pain  
to teach them resignation.  
I refused earthly glory  
to shape their souls as temples.

My God, I love them  
to teach them what love is.

When I leave for the long journey  
for which no one can obtain a return ticket  
O Lord, don't forget to remind me  
to leave them my new address.



## Trees represent central elements of Native spirituality



by Maurice Switzer

**T**rees are the buffalo of woodlands Indian tribes. In the same way as the Blackfoot and Lakota found a use for every part of the thundering bison of the great plains – even using its droppings to fuel campfires and shed light – other Indian nations made the most of the trees that grew on their traditional territories. Trees became Haida dugouts and Seneca longhouses. Their barks were used for canoes and medicines. Boughs carpeted lodge floors, and boiled sap was the

sweetener of choice for Native cooks. Branches could be fashioned into poles, spears, arrows, or clubs.

Trees are also central elements of Native spirituality. Members of the Iroquois Confederacy believe that they are guarded by an eagle perched atop a great tree of peace, much like totem-pole thunderbirds stood sentinel over Coast Salish villages. Pipestems are made of wood, through which flows the tobacco smoke that takes prayers and messages to the Creator.

Anishinabek Elders teach that, along with sweetgrass, a deer, and a stone, a tree was one of four original gifts from the Creator to the first man, Anishinabe. Sweetgrass represented respect or kindness, the deer signified sharing, the stone stood for strength, and the tree, growing straight and tall, symbolized honesty or truth. In addition to representing four fundamental human values, these gifts have significant material worth, when one considers that plants include the world's grain harvests, deer are part of vast livestock and wildlife populations, stone contains the planet's mineral wealth, and a good percentage of Canada's landscape is covered with forests and trees.

This teaching also says that the Creator instructed Anishinabe that he was free to share the four gifts as he saw fit, but that they were not his to give away. Although Indians generously shared their gifts with the settlers who began washing up on their shores 500 years ago they now find themselves beggars in their own lands, forced to resort to protests or court battles to gain even a tiny part of the great wealth that the settler populations have taken from the natural resources of Canada's fields, mines, and forests.

Frank Williams intently whittles shavings off a little block of yellow cedar tightly clutched in his left hand. Most days he travels down to the same spot on the west side of Victoria Harbour to hawk his miniature totems and masks to tourists who run a veritable gantlet of singers, jugglers, bracelet-makers, and bagpipers.

An Ahousaht from just up Vancouver Island's west coast, Frank will carve and paint a three-inch-tall totem figure for \$25. It takes him about two hours. Similar items in Victoria's pricey downtown boutiques and galleries sell for as much as \$700. Frank, a 28-year-old with experience as both a substance abuser and addictions counsellor, won't carve for any of these stores; he says he has seen them take advantage of too many Native artisans.

Frank is unaware of it, but on this very day a logging deal has been announced between International Forest Products and his home community, the 800-member Ahousaht First Nation located in scenic Clayoquot Sound. There has been a moratorium on logging in the area, but, subject to Interfor meeting environmental and First Nation concerns, they will be granted a licence to harvest 40,000 cubic metres of wood this year. The agreement guarantees the Ahousaht logging jobs and training in forest engineering, and spinoff benefits are expected for the band's water-taxi business, bed and breakfast operations, and general store.

Also on this day, a Nova Scotia judge has ruled that 35 Mi'kmaq loggers broke the law by cutting timber on Crown land and selling it, rejecting their argument that they had an Aboriginal right to do so.

"All we want is a piece of the pie—the right to earn a decent living," said Stephen Marshall, a member of the Millbrook First Nation and father of one of the defendants, who now face the prospect of years of costly appeals through higher courts.

Frank Williams has finished today's masterpiece and proudly holds it up for my inspection. It is a small turtle – the first one he has ever carved. Most west coast Native artists work with images of eagles, ravens, frogs, or killer whales, traditional totems in the land of the giant cedars.

I smell the pungent yellow cedar – it has a "spicier" scent than its popular red cousin – thank Frank for his skill and time, and tell him that my Mohawk ancestors regarded the turtle as a symbol of life, that they believe North America–Turtle Island–was created on the back of a giant turtle.

And I tell Frank Williams that the Anishinabek believe the turtle to be a symbol of knowledge or truth, the same value they ascribe to the block of wood from which he carved his first one.

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## MESSAGE of the DALAI-LAMA for the new millenium

1. Take into consideration that great love and great accomplishments demand great risks.
2. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
3. Concentrate on the 3 Rs:  
- Respect of self  
- Respect for others and  
- Responsibility for all your actions
4. Remember that not to obtain all that you desire is at times a formidable stroke of luck.
5. Don't let a small dispute destroy a deep friendship.
6. When you realize that you have made an error, try to correct it immediately.
7. Everyday – spend some time by yourself.
8. Open your arms to change but do not let your values go away.
9. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
10. Live a good and honorable life. Thus as you grow older and look back, you can enjoy it a second time.
11. A feeling of love in you is the basis of your life.
12. In disagreements with people you love, settle first the actual situation. Don't bring back the past.
13. Share your knowledge. It's a way to attain immortality.
14. Once a year go to a place you never went to before.
15. Remember that the best relationship is the one in which love for one another surpasses the need for one another.
16. Evaluate your success by what you were forced to abandon in order to attain it.

## KATERI CENTER NEWS

### FAVORS

registered at the Kateri Center from February 13 to May 10, 2001.

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| Successful or Averted Operations | 11 |
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**Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or more**  
A Sister of Mary Reparatrix, Montreal, QC.

### SUMMER VACATIONS!

The Kateri Centre wishes you a good summer holiday. If you happen to come to Montreal, please cross the Mercier Bridge and make sure to visit Kateri's Shrine in Kahnawaké. The Kateri Center personnel will also take a break. So from August 1 to August 15, don't expect any service (letter or phone).

### PLANNING TO MOVE?

Are you planning to move to a new home? If you do, don't fail please, to let us know. Unfortunately, too many Kateri subscribers

have not received their magazine because the address was changed or the street received a new name... Sorry if you were frustrated. Please help us to help you.

### GONE TO HEAVEN

Two close friends of Blessed Kateri have left us and for sure they must have been greeted at the doors of heaven by gentle Kateri. They are Mrs Irene Poll and Mr James Davis.

Mrs Poll was born in Hungary, moved around in Europe till she settled in Montreal in her later life. She was fond of travelling. Before she left on a trip she would come to the Centre to bring a few leaflets and medals along. On her return she had pledges in many European languages and new subscribers.

*Many thanks, Irene, you really were our right hand.*

James Davis hailed from Fairfield, Ca. Kateri must remember that he produced a musical "The Lily", in April 2000. He had two strokes since he gave many presentations of the play. He wanted so much to see our Kateri canonized. A year after the production, April 31st, he went back to his Creator to enjoy forever the company of Saint Cecilia, Bl. Kateri and Bl. Mother Drexel.

*People are so grateful to you, Jim!*



## TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE 2001

at the Nazareth University  
in San Diego  
July 18-22

*"Coast to Coast we gather under the cross  
with Blessed Kateri"*



## Testimonies of favors obtained

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

Please find enclosed a cheque for twenty-five dollars for answering my prayers. I prayed to Kateri to sell my house and my prayers were answered.

Thank you Kateri... (Tignish, PEI)

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

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri and the Blessed Mother for wonderful news regarding a dear friend. My friend was diagnosed with colon cancer in February. She was operated on on April 12. The pathology report indicated that the doctor had removed all of the cancer and she doesn't require any follow-up with radiation or chemotherapy treatments. She will have to wear a bag the rest of her life but at least she has a life. I prayed hard to both the Blessed Mother and Kateri. As usual, I feel Kateri is in my corner whenever I need her.

I pray to her everyday. Many blessings. (Catonsville, MD)

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

We took down a big damaged tree near our house and I prayed to Kateri that it would drop straight and true and it was done safely. Thank you Kateri and I'm sending a donation. (Trenton, ON)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Rev. G.W.!

I have been praying for the canonization of Kateri approximately two years now with my wife. Recently, my wife attended a luncheon on April 6 at a restaurant in Pompano Beach. Upon coming home, she realized that she had lost a couple of her religious medals from off her blouse. The medals were pinned together on a connecting sculptured piece of metal. She wore them every day. She was very upset and tried to retrace her journey. She contacted the lady who drove her and they both searched throughout the car, but no trace of these pins. She asked me if I would drive her to Pompano Beach so she could look through the parking lot. I was not the most supportive person at the time. I told her would waste her time and mine. The pins had no monetary value, but great spiritual meaning to her. In my mind there was little or no chance of finding her medals. So more as an appeasement, I suggested she call the restaurant and asked if anyone had found and turned in her medals. She was told that nothing that she described had been turned in. A couple of days passed by, and she still was upset over losing her religious medals. Although she had left our telephone number, no one called from the restaurant. She decided to call the restaurant again; a day later, and spoke with a woman who asked her to wait while she looked in the office to see if the medals were there. A few minutes passed and to my surprise, she said to my wife, she wasn't sure but she thought she may have what she was looking for. All during this time she was praying to Kateri, hoping she would help her find her medals. I took her to the restaurant, and waited outside, and to and behold she came out with her religious medals. I believe a small miracle occurred. You see they had come apart, and were in four pieces. I put everything together, and my wife is very aware of the medals she wears daily. Thank you, Kateri.

(Fort Lauderdale, FL)

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

Please find enclosed a cheque for twenty dollars. I want to thank Blessed Kateri for some tests I had that turned out O.K. (St. John's, NF)

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

I promised Kateri I would send a donation to her shrine if my prayers were answered - which they were. My daughter's surgery was a success and my son's cancer is apparently in remission. Please continue to pray for the health and well-being of my family members and myself. I wanted to send this sooner but had misplaced the address. I prayed to Kateri and yesterday I received your pamphlet in the mail. (Neopit, WI)

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

...I talked to my son today and he's really happy on his new job. I prayed to Kateri so that he would make the right decision. (Berlin, NH)

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.T.!

I'm sending ten dollars. Five is for a lost article found. The other five is for Kateri to help me find a suitable and affordable lodging. I hope my prayers will be answered soon. (Hamilton, ON)

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

I'm a ninety eight year old woman who is devoted to little Kateri. I was operated on a couple of months ago and had three tumors removed from my bladder and as a result developed a hole in my bladder. I had to wear a catheter. I asked my friend Kateri to get me through this whole ordeal and as always she brought me through and am feeling much better. Enclosed please find fifty dollars that I'm sending in thanksgiving. Please continue to pray for me and my family. (Roseville, MI)

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

Enclosed please find a twenty-five dollar check for Kateri's Cause. Again she has interceded and helped me. My eye surgery was successful and some business deals and financial situations were solved. I continue to pray for her Cause and for favors. (Biddeford, ME)

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

Thanks to Blessed Kateri for clearing up visual problems... (Walkerton, ON)

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

Thank you for healing and answering my prayers. Enclosed please find a small token of my appreciation. I ask Blessed Kateri to continue praying for the needs of my family and myself. Thank you Blessed Kateri. (Irvine, CA)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## Little Sister wants to know...



...if you won't help us to 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 29 761 pledges have come in after  
ten years' effort.

Kateri R. Hade, 10 days old, born December 27, 2000.  
Daughter of Katherine and Nicholas Hade, Milwaukee, Wi.

## Cherokee Wedding Vows

*Cherokee weddings take three days long,  
during this time you are tested to see if your love for him is strong.*

*On the next days your vows are taken,  
blessed by the great Spirit your love shall never be forsaken*

*As we walk hand in hand through the woods on this night,  
looking at the full moon and the stars which were shining so bright,  
The sound of the river could be heard in the background,  
the noise of the night as we listened to every sound.*

*My vision of past came into sight,  
as I see us take our wedding vows on this very night.  
We are walking hand in hand as all lovers do,  
because we have become one, yes me and you*

*We lay our blanket by the river side,  
no guilt, no shame, we have nothing to hide.  
We share our blanket to become one,  
making love and holding each other gently when we are done.  
We will sleep on this blanket for the rest of our life,  
because this Cherokee man asked me to be his wife.*

Tonya M. Redwing, Hillsboro, Missouri

## 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!

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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.

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## Katerina



obtainable from the  
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Box 70  
Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0  
Tel.: (450) 638-1546 or 632-6030  
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### Medals

1. Mat silver-plated: 50¢
2. Souvenir Spoons: \$4.00

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1. Sepia (brown), by sculptor E. Brunet (5" x 2 1/2"): 10¢
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3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$1.50
4. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$5.00

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1. Small Kateri pictures with silk applied to relics: 50¢

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In the form of a short biography: \$2.00

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Mr. ☐ , Mrs. ☐ , Miss ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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