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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

Faithfulness

Faithfulness, an ideal that we admire, that we even envy, but we consider impossible to live nowadays.

The other day, the postman brought me a very nice pink envelope in which I found an invitation for a Golden Jubilee celebration. My roommate exclaimed: A Golden Jubilee Celebration, is this possible? This is old fashioned today, so much so that we don't even mention it. 50 years of fidelity in married life - this was celebrated 50 years ago!

Fidelity: Latin: fidelis, fides. These words suggest a lot of faith which creates an attachment to a person or a calling which becomes stronger with time.

Kateri, blessed Kateri Tekakwitha sets us an example. Even though she was mocked as a Christian and made fun of, she remained strongly the lover of Christ crucified. And the fidelity to her cause of all her friends ever since 1680 comes from a mysterious sentiment which makes us fall in love with this young Indian girl. The more we know her, the more we tend "to tie our cart to her star". If we only believe in her power in heaven we tend to invoke her to obtain, by her intercession, all kinds of favors spiritual and material.

Today, future tends to scare everyone away. However we have the best of Fathers, most powerful, most forgiving. Calling us to be His children, He commits Himself to watch over us, to make us grow in His knowledge and love, to guide us to our eternal home.

"I will sing of that steadfast love, O Lord for ever with my mouth I will proclaim thy faithfulness to all generations. For thy steadfast love was established for ever, thy faithfulness is firm as the heavens." ps. 88

Why be scared of tomorrow? Every day makes us grow, makes us stronger, confirms our resolution to walk steadily towards our God, making us proud of being loyal to our master, to our profession, to a calling which makes us experts and specialists in the making.

But after all, it's the Lord who calls us to such a vocation and keeps us there whatever the obstacles and the tiredness. We cannot always rely on human beings, but we can always rely on Him who is the most generous.

Jacques Bruyère, s.j.



Chief Joseph Rontagarha Roll

In 1677, Joseph Rontagarha, then twenty years of age, came to live at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. He had already been to France and had showed himself a fairly good Christian after his return. Following a hunting expedition with Tiouasteskon, a Mohawk brave, member of the Holy Family Association, he became a devout church-goer. The conversations with his friend led him to a personal love of Christ. He often collected the children of the neighborhood in his longhouse and taught them the Creed and other prayers which were sung at church, much to the satisfaction of the Blackrobes.

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Mr. Bernardin Houle - 80 years
53 years organist of the Paroisse
St-François-Xavier of Kahnawaké

Look to native people for pure spirituality

A PRESSING REALITY affecting the Catholic Church's mission in the modern world is its interaction with people of different cultures, says Father Lawrence O'Keefe, J.C.D., president of the Canon Law Society of America (CLSA).



Fr. Lawrence O'Keefe

O'Keefe, who has been a priest in the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico for 33 years, related some of his experiences as judicial vicar in the Gallup diocese, which encompasses at least seven native-American tribes including a large Navajo population.

They included dealing with a marriage annulment petition from a native-American couple he called "Ralph" and "Pearl" which, he said, "had to be evaluated from a native cultural mindset."

From the church's perspective, the "shot-gun" marriage appeared to be invalid because the man was forced to marry the woman in the face of threats from the woman's parents. But a strong case was made that it was a valid marriage nevertheless because it was rooted within the couple's native culture.

"One of the things I've learned from this interaction is a real sense of humility," he said. "Don't be so cocksure you've got the truth by the

tail and that you perfectly understand something when you really don't understand it at all."

O'Keefe's voice also trembled as he spoke of one of the most moving moments of his life, which occurred at a meeting in Gallup of bishops and priests from Arizona and

New Mexico. One of the bishops asked a Navajo man, who had been invited to the meeting, what the Church could do to be more effective in its evangelization of native peoples. The native-American looked at all the dignitaries and said, "You know, we Navajo are a very simple people and we believe that God is very simple. We believe that Jesus is very simple. So when you talk to us about Jesus, talk to us in simple words because when you speak to us of him simply, it touches our hearts — he touches our hearts."

O'Keefe said he felt very small after the man's answer and that he felt then — "as I do now" — like crying. "The words were so humbling. There is so much that I personally have learned from these people. And with the well-springs of spirituality that these people have, they can teach us so much."

Please Help Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha become a Saint!

As you probably already know, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is just one step away from sainthood. One step for her to be formally canonized. In the meantime, why not help her Cause?

Share her story! The more people who know, love and invoke her aid, the better. So tell your family about her in your local newspaper or parish bulletin. Pass out Kateri prayer cards at your church or Catholic school.

Join the Tekakwitha League...it's a great resource for people who want to promote Kateri's sainthood. Light a candle, offer up a Rosary or have a Mass said for her canonization.

Write to the Pope and explain to him how you feel about her canonization... encourage others to write

His Holiness Pope John Paul II
Apostolic Palace
00120 Vatican City State - Europe

MOST OF ALL, PRAY! Say the prayer for her canonization every day! Ask Our Lord to grant a miracle through her, so we may call her Saint Kateri Tekakwitha at long last.

How To Report A Miracle

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American woman and first American lay-woman considered declared venerable in 1943 by Pope Pius XII and beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

For her to be finally declared a saint, one more miracle must be attributed to her and authenticated.

- Only Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is to be invoked for the miracle.
- A physical cure is more easily proven than any other type of miracle.
- The cure must be total and instantaneous.
- An official investigation must be completed.

If you feel that you or someone you know has received a miracle through the intercession of the Lily reported at once to one of the Vice-Postulators

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Explain GOD

(This was written by an 8 year-old, Danny DUTTON for his third-grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God.)



One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers. God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your Mom and Dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have. Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and people finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind, like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said "O.K." His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God, Like a secretary, only more important. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But, you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. And... that's why I believe in God.

KEEP THESE THOUGHTS WITH YOU throughout the coming years!

- 1) If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.
- 2) If He had a wallet your photo would be in it.
- 3) He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.
- 4) Whenever you want to talk. He'll listen.
- 5) He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.
- 6) What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem; not to mention that Friday at Calvary
FACE IT. HE'S CRAZY ABOUT YOU.

A letter from an Irish Mother

Dear Son,

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still alive. I'm writing this letter slowly because I know you can't read fast. You won't know the house when you get home - we have moved.

About your father - he has a lovely new job. He has 500 men under him - he cuts grass at the cemetery. There was a washing machine at the new house when we moved in but it hasn't been working too good. Last week I put in 14 shirts, pulled the chain, and haven't seen the shirts since.

Your sister Mary had a baby this morning but I haven't found out whether it's a boy or a girl, so I don't know if you are an aunt or an uncle.

Your uncle Patrick drowned last week in a vat of whisky in the Dublin Brewery. Some of his workmates tried to save him but he fought them off bravely. They creinated him and it took three day to put out the fire.

I went to the doctor on Thursday and your father went with me. The doctor put a small tube in my mouth and told me not to talk for ten minutes. Your father offered to buy it from him.

It only rained twice this week, first for three days and then for four days. Monday was so windy one of the chickens laid the same egg four times. We had a letter from the undertaker. He said if the last payment on your Grandmother's plot wasn't paid in seven days, up she comes.

Your loving Mother, XX

P.S. I was going to send you ten pounds but I had already sealed the envelope.

Prayer of the month

Illumine my day

Lord, here's again a few hours of my life
which have passed away.
A day more: you know, You, what it has been.
As for me, I don't know it too well;
But, I beg you, enlighten me with your light.
I wish to turn towards you.
To-day, you were calling me.
You asked me to do your will.
Did I pay attention to it?
Did I answer according to your love?
Lord, forgive me:
I live like a machine, I remember nothing.
Give me the strength to remember
so that my days will not vanish
like smoke.
Help me to live fully, Lord,
since you give me life.
Grant me to live so I can love you.
See that my sentiments be not fugitive
like clouds and dust.
that are slaves of the wind...
See that my life be not consumed
on a passing way, vainly, for nothing
but that it may be inscribed day after day
in the eternity of your love.

Cardinal Lustiger
Paris

DUSTING

*"A house becomes a home when you can write
"I love you" on the furniture."*

I can't tell you how many countless hours that I have spent CLEANING! ! I used to spend at least 8 hours every weekend making sure things were just perfect - "in case someone came over". Then I realized one day that no one came over; they were all out living life and having fun!

Now, when people visit, I find no need to explain the "condition" of my home. They are more interested in hearing about the things I've been doing while I was away living life and having fun. If you haven't figured this out yet, please heed this advice. Life is short. Enjoy it! Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better to paint a picture or write a letter, bake a cake or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want and need?

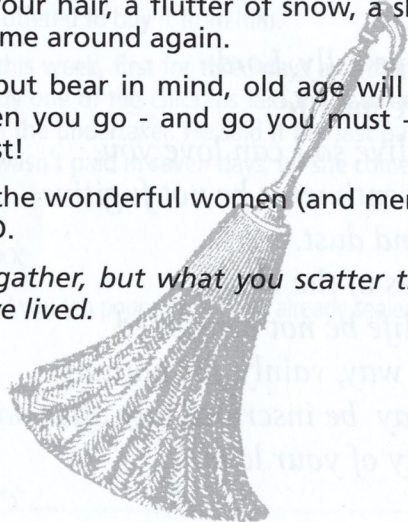
Dust if you must, but there's not much time, with rivers to swim and mountains to climb, music to hear and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, a flutter of snow, a shower of rain. This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go - and go you must - you, yourself will make more dust!

Share this with all the wonderful women (and men who dust) in your life! I JUST DID.

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.



Small beatitudes

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves
They will have fun for a long time.

Blessed are those who can distinguish a mountain from a mole hill
It will spare them a lot of concerns.

Blessed are those who know how to rest and
to sleep without finding excuses
They will become wise.

Blessed are those who know when to stop talking and listen to others;
They will learn more things.

Blessed are those who are intelligent enough
not to take themselves seriously
They will be appreciated by their entourage.

Blessed are you if you know to look at small things seriously
and peacefully at serious things
You will go far in life.

Blessed are you if you are always able to interpret
that attitude of others, even if appearances are contrary
You will be judged naïve, but this is the price of charity.

Blessed are those who think before they act and pray before they think;
they will avoid asking many follies. Blessed are you if you can keep
silent and smile, even when they interrupt you, contradict you
or step on your toes.

The Gospel is starting to penetrate in your heart.

Blessed especially are you when you can recognize the Lord
in all you meet:

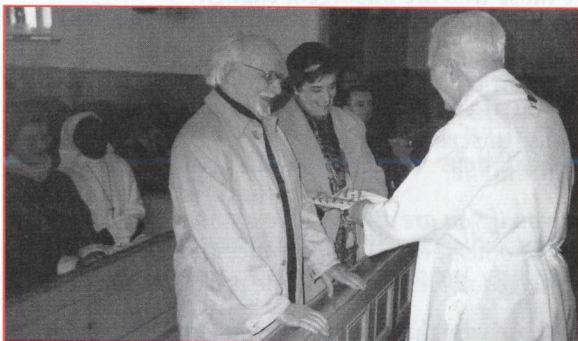
You have found the true Light
You have found the true Wisdom.

Joseph Folliet
Reported by Roger Leray

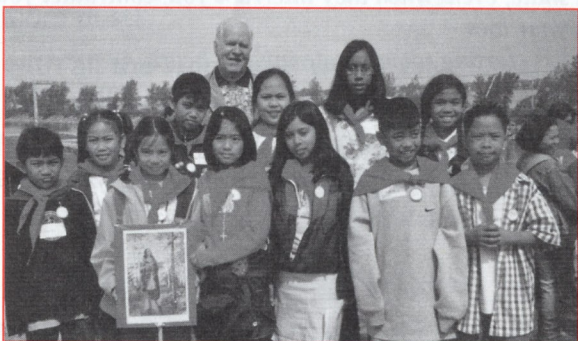
HERE and...



1) Mrs Anne Sheuerman receiving the Kateri Center Award on April 27.



2) Mr. and Mrs Charles Labelle receiving the Kateri Center Award on April 27, in Kateri's Shrine.

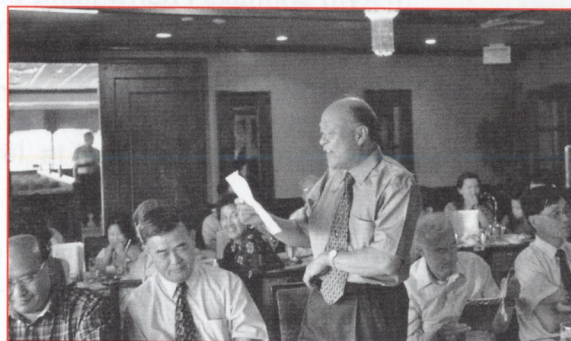


3) Filipino students from St-Denis Church making a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Blessed Kateri.

THERE



4) Chinese and Filiupino friends celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Priesthood of Fr. J. Bruyère s.j. in Kahnawaké, June 29.



5) "Wine, good food and song" after the Mass in Kahnawaké.



6) The Bruyère family celebration in Longueuil, P.Q. Bruyères from Manitoba, Ontario and Québec.

PRAYER with and for the sick



Lord,
You love me.
You always sided
with the weak, with the sick,
with those who suffer.
And this does me good
to know it.

During my sickness
you showered your eyes of goodness on me
and you put on my shoulders
the great cloak of tenderness.
You love me,
and it reassures me
to feel it.

You are there
present to all what happens to me
You take interest in me,
to all the details of my life.
You listen to me like a faithful friend
and when I need you,
you are always free for me.
You love me,
and this suffices me
To believe it.

Reflections on the last miles of my life

I come to you the God of my infancy,
And on my knees I implore from you a look of goodness,
Like the prodigal son after a long absence,
I come back to the home I had deserted.

When I make the assessment of my poor existence
I experience a sentiment of guilt,
I have nothing to offer alas! to defend myself,
coming to the brink of my eternity.

Some day my journey will have top end.
I feel so small when I examine myself.
You, in your heaven, seems to me so high.

But I hope that in your mercy,
If you cannot toss to me a rope,
you will, at least hand me a pair of steps.

When the call will ring, at my last hour,
I "don't want to leave without knowing where I'm going,
I will call Mary, my mother to my bedside.

I will beg her to be my advisor,
to indicate me the way till the last stretch,
to give me her hand to pass the frontier
and to say, with me, a last rosary.

When we have reached the wicket of Saint Peter,
I will ask him to guide to the Father,
and to present me to the Infant Jesus.

If she can spare that time, I would like her to stay
to help me find, in the celestial space,
my parents, my friends, all those I have known
And to make me fall in the arms of my Creator.

"Walk within You"

If I be the first of us to die,
 Let grief not blacken long your sky.
 Be bold yet modest in your grieving.
 There is a change but not a leaving.
 For just as death is part of life,
 The dead live on forever in the living.
 And all the gathered riches of our journey,
 The moments shared, the mysteries explored,
 The steady layering of intimacy stored,
 The things that made us laugh or weep or sing,
 The joy of sunlit snow or first unfurling of the spring,
 The wordless language of look and touch,
 The knowing,
 Each giving and each taking,
 These are not flowers that fade,
 Nor trees that fall and crumble,
 Nor are they stone,
 For even stone cannot the wind and rain withstand
 And mighty mountain peaks in time reduce to sand.
 What we were, we are.
 What we had we have.
 A conjoined past imperishably present.
 So when you walk the woods where once we walked together
 And scan in vain the dappled bank beside you for my shadow,
 Or pause where we always did upon the hill to gaze across the land,
 And spotting something, reach by habit for my hand,
 And finding none, feel sorrow start to steal upon you,
 Be still.
 Close your eyes.
 Breathe.
 Listen for my footfall in your heart,
 I am not gone but merely walk within you.

« The Smoke Jumper » Nicholas Evans

KATERI CENTER NEWS

Favors

registered at the Kateri Center from May 6 to August 1, 2003

Alcoholic Problem Solved	2	Peace in the Family	1
Articles Found	4	Properties Bought or Sold	10
Better Health	22	Safe Pregnancies	3
Cures	5	Safe Trips	3
Employment Found or Kept	17	Successful Studies	5
Happy Death	1	Successful or Averted Operations	10
Lodgings	1	Temporal Favors	11

Thanks to my Lord !

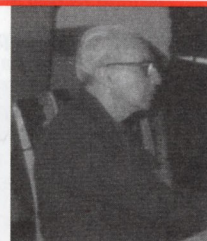
"It is your Vice-Postulator announcing you that on June 21st, 1953, he was ordained priest by Cardinal Léger in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in Montreal. His first High Mass was celebrated in Kahnawake on the following Sunday. So much to remember. So much to thank God for. 50 years at His service in China, in the Philippines, in Quebec City and in Kahnawaké. Please help me to thank the Lord for all the people He made me encounter and for all the graces bestowed upon me without any merit on my part."



The Jesuits have to leave the parish in Kahnawaké but not the Kateri Center. After 100 years of service, the Jesuits for lack of recruits in the French-Canadian Province have to cede the parish to the diocesan priests of Longueuil-St-Jean. A new era will start on August 1st. The Kateri Shrine will always be opened to pilgrims and Father Bruyère and his staff will continue to promote Kateri's Cause at the Kateri Center.

Bernardin Houle: a devotion record

He served as organist in Kahnawaké since 1960 till today. He is so well known by the villagers that we seldom see him arriving at the church on foot. Good souls with fine limousines see to it that he comes to church on time for the high masses and funerals. He has known the Kahnawaké Mixed Choir in all its splendor. Mr. Houle, to you our admiration and gratitude! The Choir always relies on you.



Blessed Kateri, role-model

Mr. John Patrick Hanley niece might have suddenly been cured of cancer through the intercession, has launching a movement of abstinence for the young to counter AIDS. He is distributing a large poster with the picture of Blessed Kateri on it. She is to be their role-model.

Testimonies of favors obtained

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss B.B.!

My niece teaches French and Spanish in a high school here. Her principal was transferred to another high school and then during the week a teacher at another school phoned my niece to ask if she had applied for a job posted in the same high school my niece's principal was going to. The next day after she had applied she was offered the job. I felt Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was guiding her and also Divine Providence. The enclosed offering is to renew my subscription and as a thanksgiving offering...

(Edmonton, AL)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W.H.!

Dear Kateri, thank you for finding my lost credit card.

(Rochester, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.P.!

I'm writing to thank Kateri for favors received at my work - a very important legal issue that could have happened - didn't. Thank you. I'm also requesting that she will help at my work.

(Huntington Beach, CA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.G.!

I am enclosing a cheque of ten dollars. An offering I made for my daughter, she was very ill with nerve trouble. Please remember her in your prayers. She is doing better since I prayed to Kateri and made this small offering.

(Benjamin River, NB)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J.G., Jr.!

The enclosed donation is for the Kateri Band Club. I've been through a lot this year. A serious operation. Blessed Kateri was with me. God bless.

(Cambridge, MA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.G.!

Enclosed is twenty dollars I promised to Kateri. I prayed that my grandson's blood test would be O.K. He's still going for another blood test and, with Kateri, he will be O.K.

(Laverton, Australia)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.P.!

Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri. I don't drive and my husband has not been able to drive for a long time. We decided to sell our car and I prayed to Kateri to please help us sell it. We placed an ad in the paper for two weeks but had no luck. Then one of my neighbor's daughter said she was interested. After she and her husband came to look at the car and drive it, they decided to buy it. Thanks to my prayers to Kateri, we sold the car.

(Baltimore, MD)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.H.!

Enclosed is my payment for my order of ninety dollars. I am sending one hundred. The rest is for my contribution. I am very happy to inform friends of Kateri that she came through again for my family. I had a triple by-pass surgery nine months ago. I am back to work and I am doing well now. My oldest daughter told me that she dreamed that Kateri was helping me during my surgery and I am positive she was there for me. I will always be grateful to Kateri.

(St. Theresa Point, MB)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. W.H.!

Thanks to Kateri for helping me find my lost cat.

(Rochester, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.B.!

Enclosed is twenty-five dollars for the health of my grandson. Thanks to Blessed Kateri.

(Cheshire, CT)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you. Miss M.W.!

Several weeks ago, I sent a request that my niece finds a suitable home by June 20th. The following day she called me and told me she bought a nice home the day

before! Talk about quick results! Thanks to Blessed Kateri, and for all her other favors...

(Walkerton, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.B.!

I just got a call from my son and the tumor they removed had no cancer. I'm enclosing five dollars for Kateri's Cause.

(Berlin, NH)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. D.P.!

Testimony of a favor obtained from Kateri Tekakwitha. I had wanted to rid myself of a habit, which I had a slight difficulty to get rid of. Then I asked Kateri Tekakwitha for a sign, but soon after I had felt not right to want. I have always continued saying to her three times that I love her for having me see it some time later.

(Montreal, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.S.!

I am enclosing a check for twenty dollars for Kateri's Cause. She has granted me many favors in the past and I know she will continue to do so. My grandchildren graduated from high school and college with her help and now I hope she will help my grandson get a job he has applied for. Also my husband is in a nursing home and has been for over a year. He has dementia among other things and I hope she will continue to give me the grace to do right by him and hope he will settle down. Thank you for your many prayers and I hope she will be soon canonized.

(Erie, PA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.H.!

Enclosed is a cheque in thanksgiving for a successful operation and a safe trip. She always answers our prayers. We pray daily that Kateri will soon attain Sainthood.

(Montreal, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Ms. V.H.!

Please accept my donation to the center for a favor granted by Blessed Kateri. I thank her for safeguarding my health and looking after me and listening to my prayers...

(Toronto, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.J.!

As promised, enclosed is a cheque for twenty-five dollars to publish a favor received. I was to be operated on my left eye for a cataract. On July 16th the operation took place and before I knew it all was over (30 minutes) and all was OK. On the operating table I kept praying to Kateri, asking her to make everything go well. So I guess she heard me. I keep praying to her for other favors...

(Alexandria, ON)

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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KATERI DÉCARY

(born October 8, 1980)



KATERI DÉCARY, born October 8, 1980, baptized in the Parish of Saint-Basile-le-Grand.
Parents: Normand, Madeleine • Godmother: Suzanne Fortier • Godfather: Marcel Décary

An Indian Prayer

Ô Great Spirit
whose voice I hear in the wind, and whose breath
gives life to the entire world... Hear me!
I am small and weak; I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold
the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise so that I may understand the things
you have taught to my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and cover.
I seek strength, not to be greater than my sister or brother,
but to fight my greatest enemy... myself.
Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands
and straight eyes.
So when life fades, as the fading sunset,
my spirit may come to you without shame.

Big Sister wants to know...

...if you won't help us
get at least 50,000
promises of a daily Our
Father, Hail Mary and
three Glories!

We need them to
obtain from the loving
Heart of Jesus the
speedy canonization of
Blessed Kateri
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Some 30 244 pledges
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- ☐ 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

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The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

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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¢
2. Colored, by Mother Nealis (4 1/4" x 2 1/2"): 25¢
3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (5 3/4" x 2 3/4"): 50¢
4. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$1.50
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Touch Relics

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

Kateri Plaques

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

Novena

In the form of a short biography: \$2.00

Kateri Seals

A sheet of 36 seals: \$1.00

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

Mr. ☐ , Mrs. ☐ , Miss ☐ _____

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