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Aim

- 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.
- It aims to increase the number of Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least one daily Hail Mary for her Canonization.
- 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.

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;
- 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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Child of God

I'm born, who am I? A being coming out of the hands of the Creator, not to say from the heart of the Creator. It is also an act of love of our parents that they become procreators.

But how is it that we become "children of God?" At the time of the Annunciation can we say when the Virgin accepted to give birth to God as a human, when she became pregnant by the operation of the "Holy Spirit".

But it is truly at Christmas when we saw the Emmanuel that we had the proof that God became man. Becoming a man, Jesus assumed the whole of humanity which became a divine family, the family of God.

And this is how I truly became a "child of God," a title which was sealed by my baptism when the Holy Trinity took hold of my whole being.

This is why Christmas must be such a rejoicing for me and all the other children of God.

Mary offered us a "brother", a "Father" and we are henceforth participant of His divine life. I became a "child of God."

The whole universe must celebrate this most outstanding event. The angels sing in heaven, the wise kings come from far to recognize the Messiah, the pastors, humbly rush to see the One who made them also "children of God".

"Happy news: a new infant is born for us It's in a stable that He is given us. In this night, a Son is born. It's for us that He became flesh. Come pastors, open your hearts Seeing this adorable Infant. Happy news!..."

Jacques Bruyère, s.j.



Chief Joseph Rontagarha Roll

In 1677, Joseph Rontagarha, then twenty-five 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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Blessed is Kateri: A woman of the Beatitudes



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

We often think of the Mohawks as fierce, warlike people, and they could be when they were threatened. But the fact remains that it was because of a desire for peace that the Iroquois confederacy was established between the five tribes. In their myth and symbolism, an evergreen tree represents peace between the tribes, which they considered a gift from the Great Spirit. Kateri did not negotiate any peace treaties between tribes. But her openness to the Spirit of God, whose fruits include 'love, joy and peace" (Gal. 5:22), was such that these qualities emanated from her. Her very presence brought a sense of wholeness to others. For example, after

receiving Holy Communion, she would radiate such a peace that others wanted to be near her in the hopes that she might bless them.

Do I understand that the gift of peace is part of the wholeness that God wants for me?

Do I ask the Holy Spirit for peace in my heart?

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

For theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you.

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Kateri was reviled for her faith by others, especially for her refusal to marry. No matter what pressures were brought to bear on her, she remained firm in her commitment to celibacy.

For honoring the Lord's Day and for refraining from work, she was denied food by her own family. She did not complain, but rejoiced that she could suffer for the Kingdom. Likewise, when rocks were thrown at her by village children, we can trust that she counted this as joy.

Do I conform to what others think and do, or is the Gospel the only standard by which I measure my attitudes and my actions?

Blessed Kateri, consoler of the Heart of Jesus, pray for us!

Blessed Kateri, steadfast in all prayer, pray for us!

Blessed Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks, pray for us!

Blessed Kateri, Woman of the Beatitudes, pray for us!

Glenn Smith

Opening of the New Indian Museum in Washington D.C.

After 15 years of research in all Indian centres of the two Americas, the doors of the Smithsonian Indian Museum were finally opened in Washington D.C., on Sept. 2nd. A beautiful piece of Architecture, attributed to an Indian from Alberta. By contrast with the others museums in the capital, this one is in modern style and really fits the spirit of the Indians of today.

On Tuesday morning, a crowd of about 9000 Indians from everywhere in the western hemisphere, even from New Zealand, paraded in their colorful head gears and costumes. 44 chiefs accompanied them. Many Indians wore a Kateri button given out by Sr. Kateri Mitchell SSA; others had just received a holy picture of Kateri, gift of Mgr P. Lenz. After a few speeches which gave the fashion of the ceremony, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution gave the key of the "cathedral" to the Museum director, Chief Richard West, from Oklahoma. He then invited all those present, brothers and sisters Indians to "enter their home." This monument erected on the National Mall in front of the Capitol thus belongs to the Indians who will welcome in their turn all the Americans and visitors of the world. They expect to receive up to 4 millions visitors a year.

What is this place? "It's a building on the Mall with a lot of cool things to see. But it's also a \$219 million clubhouse, a Cathedral, a memorial, a political statement, a poke in the eye to science and, oh yes, a food court and a garden with a message. It's Indian country with it's own rules."

At the centre of the atrium, is an immense white marble circle, which symbolizes the circle of life. Leaving the atrium, we face a very large disc of red cedar painted by Suzan Point, from Vancouver B.C. It's a gift of the Canadian government. It's on the third and fourth levels that we find booths depicting a few tribes, namely the inhabitants of Kahnawake. The art of the steel workers is very well exposed as well as the excellence of the athletes in the world of sports.

You cannot expect to see the history of the Indian tribes in this museum. It is not a museum of anthropology. It's a museum of living cultures.

A kind of Indian modernism. What are the Indians of today. We see them making kayaks, canoes, totems poles and cooking today.

At every level, and there are five of them, there are theatres where you can visualize the cultures and traditions of the Indians. They still have to decide what names of famous Indians will be inscribed on the Honour Wall. We have received the assurance that the name of Kateri Tekakwitha will be carved with that of grand Chiefs and Indian heroes.

J. Bruyère s.j.

Two special promoters

Mrs. Marlene McCauley and. Mrs. Anne Scheuerman are those two zealous promoters of Kateri's Cause, though Blessed Kateri is also present in the daily life of many other devotees.

Early this year, Marlene organized the "Mary's Crown Pilgrimage". 41 pilgrims participated and visited together the Shrines of Fatima, Lourdes, Loyola, Santiago de Compostello, Mediugorie. Not only this pilgrimage was under the Patronage of Blessed Kateri Tekawitha, but the Kateri banner was a part of each mass and procession. Kateri's holy cards were left everywhere. Many a time did the pilgrims along with Allan and Marlene recited the special prayer to obtain Kateri's canonization. Marlene was also in Washington D.C. with her painting of Kateri and the children of the world to join in the parade at the opening of the new, Indian Museum. Thank you, Marlene and Allan!

Ann Scheuerman, the official photographer of Kateri's Cause, was in Washington also with Sr Kateri Mitchell SSA to join in the opening parade of the New Indian Museum.

So was Mgr Paul Lenz, the director of the U.S. Indian Catholic Missions. Together they passed out 3000 prayer cards and 2000 Kateri badges. Watching the parade was at least 50,000 visitors from all over, this unique parade being so colorful and meaningful. Mrs. Scheuerman mingling with crowd took the loveliest photos of this greatest event of the year!

Thanks to Mrs. Scheuerman for assuring all of Kateri's friends that her name would be engraved like many other famous Indians, on the Honour wall.

J.B.





PRAYER TO

"Mary who unties knots"

Virgin Mary, Mother of beautiful Love, Mother who has never abandoned a child who cries for help, Mother whose hands work incessantly for her beloved children, because they are urged by His divine love and the infinite mercy which flows from your heart, turn your eye full of compassion towards me. See the bundles of knots which choke my life.

You know my despair and my pain. You know how these "knots" paralyze me.

Mary, Mother of God, entrusted by Him to until the "knots" of the life of your children, I depose the ribbon of my life in your hands.

Nobody, not even the Evil one can subtract himself from your merciful help.

In you hands there is not a single "knot" which cannot he untied.

Mother almighty, by your grace and power of intercession with your Son Jesus, My liberator, receive today this "knot" (name it if possible). For the glory of God, I beg you to undo it, and to undo it for good. I hope in You.

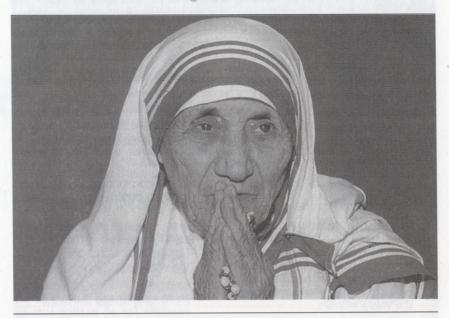
You are the only Consolatory that God gave me, you are the fortress of my weak strength, the richness of my miseries, the deliverance of all that stops me to be with Christ.

Receive my demands.

Guard me, guide me, protect me. You are my assured refuge.

Mary, you untie the knots, pray for me.

JOY



Joy is prayer,
Joy is strength,
Joy is love.
God loves those who give with joy.
The best way to show our gratitude
towards God and everybody else,
is to accept all with joy.

To be happy with Him now, this means: love like He loves, help like He helps give like He gives serve as He serves, save as He saves.

To be with Him twenty-four hours a day, touch Him with His disguise of misery, in the poor and those who suffer.

 A joyous heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love.
 It's the gift of the Spirit a participation in the joy of Jesus living in the soul.

Let us keep in our hearts the joy of the love of God and let us share this joy of loving one another as He loves each one of us. May God bless you. Amen

Mère Teresa

WHY I think we should canonized

Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha



- 1) She lived a saintly and edifying life. She practiced all virtues in a heroic way.
- A few minutes after her death, a miracle happened: her face was transfigured. She appeared three times to her spiritual Fathers. She cured the Pastor of Lachine who at first would not believe in the power of this little Indian girl.
- Devotion to her has been continuous, all over North America and in many other countries.
- When the North American Martyrs (8 French missionaries) were beatified, her name was on the list. But the Bishop of Albany finally took it off because she was not a martyr and moreover she was a woman
- 5) At the end of the I7th C., Kateri saved the Catholic missions in Montreal and in Ouebec. She is so considered as one of the founders of the Church of Canada.
- From the very beginning, pilgrimages, have been organized to her tomb in Côte Sainte-Catherine and since 1721 in Kahnawake where her remains are kept.
- 7) She has not only obtained physical favor, but also moral ones. Many fallen away Catholics have recovered faith after praying her; many youngsters have come back to the practice of the faith because of her.
- Reports of extraordinary favors obtained through her come in every day at the Kateri Center in Montreal and in Auriesville, N.Y.

- Her canonization would have a strong apostolic effect on the Natives and Christians, all over the world
- 10) Last year's WYD in Toronto, showed blessed Kateri as an example for all participants to follow.
- 11) Many Indians do not want to die before they have seen her canonized.
- 12) Her canonization would bring a great spiritual help to all nations. "Saint" Kateri could be a rolemodel for all the youth of the world.
- 13) In the Eucharistic celebration she is invoked on the same footing as the apostles and other saints. Isn't she already recognized as a saint?

Jacques Bruvère, s.i. Vice-Postulator

Little Sioux calendar

Moon of the Blizzard Winds -	in January
Moon of the Heavy Snow -	in February
Moon of the Falling Rains -	in March
Moon when the Ducks Come Back -	in April
Moon of the Budding Trees and Flowers -	in May
Moon when the Berries are Good -	in June
Moon when the Choke Cherries are Ripe -	in July
The Harvest Moon -	in August
Moon of the Drying Meat -	in September
Moon when the Winds Shake Off The Leaves	- in October
Moon when the Hair Grows Long -	in November
The Midwinter Moon -	in December



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A very Merry Christmas



Almighty God, let the gracious spirit of the little Child, as it knocks at the hearts of all this Christmas, enter my life and bless it. Let duty become touched with beauty and justice be forgotten in love. Let my obligations be changed to opportunities.

Let my ears hear the cry of the needy and my heart feel the love of the unlovely. Give me strength, not to do great things, but small things graciously.

Heal the wounds of misunderstanding, jealousy or regret that scar my heart and let the gentle air of the dear Christmas spirit touch my life.

Grant me peace with the world and peace in my own heart that those I love and those I may help, may have sweet joy and loving trust.

Amen

Christmas

There was a child

There was a child
There was an emperor...
There was a child...
The emperor spent his time
Counting and recounting
the men, the animals, the things
The child took time
to smile to the pastors,
to the lambs, to the angels.

The emperor possessed, all bringing men in order of war "I wish to see but one head Count yourselves" And he sent out edicts and the people went back to their city of origin, as we rejoin the barracks or the regiment. The child instead had nothing. he had nothing in common with the land of the emperor. Not even a place in the common house. But around him the men of good will came to put peace in their hearts.

The emperor wanted to count the child for all men, but the child would not be counted, not more than he would be talked about.

His country was that of the animals and his home a manger.

The smiling child gave himself as food to all those starving for peace, to all the shining eyes thirsting for love, to all those empty with joy.

The emperor was never hungry satiated with power his stomach heavy of all the submitted people of all the conquered lands, he slept on numbers.

The child opened the eyes on a brand new world where the pour became rich with life where the prisoners the walled in became free. Where the blind started to see and the deaf to hear And the emperor fainted in the eternal darkness. And a star rose to guide the beggars of truth Towards an endless sunrise.

There was no more emperor.

There was a child For all men For all times.

It's Christmas

Leave a place...

During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Betty hauls out box after box of treasured Christmas decorations, transforming her modest home into a holiday wonderland. Charlie, her late husband, enjoyed telling holiday visitors that he had to keep in perpetual motion afterThanksgiving or his loving wife would hang tinsel from his nose! Charlie was right. There was hardly a surface in the home that didn't sport a sprig of holly — if not an entire snowman village.

But Betty did leave one spot, one special place, empty each Christmas. For her, this was the Christmas centerpiece. Each year, with special devotion, Betty set an empty place at her festive Christmas table for the unexpected guest. Betty was introduced to the custom of the unexpected guest more than 40 years ago while dating Charlie.

Their first Christmas Eve together, the young couple stopped at Charlie's Grandma, Francie's cramped apartment. Although space was at a premium, Grandma had a special place reserved for an unexpected guest. Grandma Francie explained that the empty place extended the welcome that the Holy Family never deceived from Sinkeepers that first Christmas Eve. So that no one ever again was turned away, especially on Christmas Eve, a place at the table was always ready.

In heavily accented English, Grandma Francie explained, "That chair there is for baby Jesus and his mama." Then with a twinkle in her eye, she added, "Or maybe somebody special, like you."

After hearing the story and being lavished with hospitality, Betty promised herself in that cramped flat to keep the custom of the empty chair and the unexpected guest as part of Christmas in her own home someday. This year she would again keep her promise.

One Christmas Eve, Betty sat at the head of the table, making sure that everyone's plate was piled high with holiday delicacies.

for Baby Jesus

They chatted and laughed at stories of holidays past and jokes from her sons-in-law about how Betty's Christmas decorations rival the displays at the largest shopping malls.

It was a great evening until Betty's newest son-in-law Bob decided to be helpful. He noticed that the children sat in close quarters at the end of the table. "Here, let's make some room for you. Grandma Betty set one too many places. I'll get this plate and chair out of your way," Bob said in the tone of an accommodating new uncle.

All conversation stopped as 4-year-old Chuckie cried out: "You can't take Jesus' chair. It's my turn to sit next to baby Jesus!"

"Oh Bob, I'm sorry. Chuckie is right, but I should explain," Betty quickly added. "We keep the custom of reserving an empty chair and place setting at our Christmas Eve table," she said. "That place reminds us all how there was no room for the Holy Family in the Bethlehem inn, and it challenges us to make room for Christ even in the midst of the hectic holidays.

"For me, it has come to be an almost sacred space which always makes a place for our passed loved ones like my Charlie and Grandma Francie, who taught me this tradition. And it helps keep us aware of those who do not have much of a holiday this evening.

"So, Bob, thanks for your thoughtfulness, but the kids will be all right. I think they may have the most fun with that empty chair, my Christmas centerpiece," Betty said.

"And I am so glad to have 'somebody special like you' to share this beautiful custom with us this year."

Stanley Konieczny (Catholic News service)

TO YOU ALL... Thank!

For my life born from your love for your patience which taught me perseverance, for your goodness always served, for your fidelity which revealed me the length of links tied up and word given, for your humility, for your faith which leads me to astonishment before God: Thanks to you, my brothers and sisters.

For your warm presence, for the complicity which unites us since we are born from the same love: thanks to you my brothers and sisters.

For you, always at my side, for your tenderness always like the sun, for the music of your voice which sings on my way, for the gift always offered of your body; and heart. Thanks to you my wife and to you my spouse.

For you laughter like bells and your hands which open up Same as a world in its beginning for your newness which binds me with respect. and educates me into tolerance: Thanks to you my children.

For your humour, for our conflicts which show me our differences. for your constant friendship while cracks my house: Thanks to you my friends!

To you my beloved, my daily companions, you give me life, since every day you give me the courage to go forward, you give me the joy to love, you give me the desire to search again you give me the liking to believe.

To you all who give me birth to my daily life: Thank you!

Charles SINGER

KATERI CENTER NEWS



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registered at the Kateri Center from July 26 to October 28, 2004

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thanks to all, around the world, who have helped the Kateri Centre, spiritually or materially. Special thanks to those who have helped the Vice-Postulator in a special way, namely Albert and Eileen Lazare. Thank you also to Mrs. Anne Scheuerman our official photographer.

A Christmas gift to Kateri:

- Renewal of your subscription
- offer a subscription to a relative, a friend
- S.O.S. S.O.S. S.O.S An offering to, the Kateri Centre, to help promote the Cause of Kateri.
- Make the novena to Kateri to obtain a
- Make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Kateri.

Letter from the Postural-General in Rome:

"... the authorities of the Vatican know that the Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha is of a great personal and apostolic importance, but the conditions have not been met yet. So all we can do is to keep on praying so we can obtain the prescribed miracle".

A very Merry Christmas and a miracle during 2005!

Fr. Peter Grumpel s.j. (Rome)

2005 - CALENDRIER - 2005

- Janvier 1: New Year's Day Mary, Mother of God 3: Holy Name Of Jesus
 - 6: Epiphany
- Février 2: Presentation of Jesus
 - 9: Ash Wednesday
 - 17: Saint Patrick
- Mars 19: Saint Joseph
 - 20: Palm Sunday 27: Easter
- Avril: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
- Mai 8: Mother's Day
 - 15: Pentecost
- 22: Trinity Sunday
- 29: Holy Sacrement
- Juin 3: Feast of the Sacred Heart
 - 19: Fathers' Day
- Juillet 1: Canada Day
 - 4: United States Day
 - 31: St Ignatius of Loyola
- Août 6: Transfiguration
 - 15: Assumption of Mary 22: Mary the Queen
- Septembre 5: Labor Day (U.S.)
 - 26: North American Martyrs
 - Octobre 1: St Theresa of the Infant Jesus
 - 10: Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
 - 23: Mission Sunday
- Novembre 1: All Saints Day 2: All souls Day
- Décembre 3: Saint Francis Xavier
 - 8: Immaculate Conception
 - 25: Christmas

Testimonies of favors obtained

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.G.!

I am enclosing a ten-dollar cheque which I promised to Kateri. My daughter witnessed the hurricane that struck in Port Charlotte. Thank God she was saved. She had some damage to her home and was very afraid during the time of the hurricane. Thanks for the prayers to Kateri. (Benjamin River, NB)

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

Enclosed is ten dollars for Kateri's Cause. Again she answered my prayers. My eye surgery was successful. I continue praying for her intercession and I know my prayers will be answered.

(Biddeford, ME)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.B.!

A note to say thank you to Kateri for her protection from all three storms. We had well over twenty inches of rain plus the high winds. The lack of electricity which also includes water, as we all have wells, made living difficult. However we had ice, food and water given out each day. This and the "small town people" let us all survive. Enclosed is a copy of the small thank you I put in the local paper. Please continue to pray for us as it will take time to get back to normal and I know "Kateri Helps". Thank you!

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.B.H.!

Enclosed is a cheque in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for favours received. I asked for Kateri's intercession for my granddaughter that she would be able to play her favourite sport and Kateri has answered my prayers. I pray daily for her canonization.

(Burlington, ON)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.L.F.!

Enclosed is a check for thirty dollars to the Kateri Center for Kateri's help in getting my mother through her throat problems. Thanks. (New Orleans, LA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.H.!

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri. My grand daughter was taking her State Board anxiety and high hopes to become an R.N. and I begged Blessed Kateri to watch over and guide her. She passed!... My grand daughter's mother (my daughter) is named Kateri so, you see, I have tremendous faith that Blessed Kateri will be constantly watching over us. We need her so much. (Hagerstown, MD)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. P.M.!

Please find enclosed a check to Kateri for prayers that were answered I prayed that my daughter would find a teaching job. I pray that Kateri will continue to take care of my family.

(Fairview, PA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.G.!

I am sending a donation. My son had lost two hundred dollars and I prayed to Kateri that he would find it which he did. (Benjamin River, NB)

Kateri's smile upon you, Ms N.M.!

Please find enclosed a cheque in thanksgiving for many favors received. My brother got a good report. All his tests came out good. I am now praying for favors. I am confident that my prayers will be answered. Thank you Blessed Kateri. (Sweet Bay, NL)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D.G.!

I'm sending you an amount of fifty dollars for favors obtained through Blessed Kateri. A successful operation, work for myself, my husband, for our two daughters as well as a safe trip. Of this amount five dollars is for my subscription. Thanks to Kateri for her intercession. I pray to her every day. (L'Etang du Nord, QC)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.G.!

Many thanks to Kateri, once more she helped me. I made a novena and obtained the cure of my son. (Laprairie, QC)

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

As promised I'm sending ten dollars to Kateri for the success of my operations for cataracts. Followed by a laser operation. I was so frightened, I prayed to her every day to help me decide to have it and I went on July 13. Everything went very well. Thanks to Kateri. (St. Leonard, QC)

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

My son was unemployed and I promised Kateri that I would send fifty dollars if he found a job. (Campbellton, NB)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.L.!

Thanks to Kateri for a favor obtained for my son who was ill. I continue to pray for Kateri's canonization and for the whole world. (LaSarre, QC)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.D.!

Having lost an object which I needed, I promised to send a twenty dollar-check to Kateri if she found it. I pray Kateri every night since a few years because she helped me in the past. This is why I'm sending my prayer pledge to help her canonization. Thanks a lot.

(Tide Head. NB)

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

I'm including twenty dollars as a gift to thank God and also Kateri for the successful operation of my husband. May God continue to watch over him. And good Kateri, pray for him, for me and for my family.

(Lachute, QC)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G.M.!

I'm sending you a check of twenty dollars for Kateri's Cause to thank her for her help when I invoke her. For my health there is progress since a few weeks. I pray Kateri every day; I have so much faith in her. (Levis, QC)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.G.!

I'm sending you a check of twenty dollars following a promise made to Kateri to cure my persistent ailing back For me this was miraculous. I thank Kateri.

(St. Michel des Saints, OC)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.O.!

I'm sending you ten dollars of which two dollars is for a sympathy enrollment and the rest for protection of my family and also to thank Kateri, because my grand daughter obtained a position as a permanent teacher. (Edmundston, NB)

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Marie-Ève Kateri Côté
5 months
Born on November 9, 2003

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

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Parents: Louise Blais • Mario Côté

Prayer of a little old man

Gratitude to you, my Lord, from the bottom of my heart, because you made me know the only earthly hapiness. Sun, all through my window and love, filling my heart.

This light which shines, spread it around lavishly Grant it to my family as an everyday gift.

In every eye may the fire sparkle, made of sun and love.

If, like a sad face, heaven changes color, Revealing to me the passage of joy and of pain, Darken by a cloud the sun only, not my heart.

I commit my whole life in your hand which holds me My days to pass on this earth? Only you knows how many. Because, in this matter it's your secret, not mine.

Give me the real courage to be content with my fate Facilitate the sharing of my goods after my death. May I leave in heritage more love than gold.

A heartful thank goes up to you my Lord, For you made me know the only worldly happiness: Sun, all through my window and love filling my heart.

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