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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:

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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The Cross leading... to the Resurrection

It could be said: from Christmas to Easter, since the Lord started to carry His cross as soon as he came into this world. No hotel to receive Him and His parents and as soon as Herod heard of His presence on his territory, he ordered the massacre of all the babies, two years and under. The Holy Innocents remind us that suffering and the cross go along with the salvation that He brought for all mankind.

During His entire life He carried His cross while announcing the Good News. But His compatriots wanted to get rid of Him. How many times did the Galileans tried to throw Him down the cliff, close to Nazareth. As soon as He declared that He was the Messiah He was under attack: "How can He say that He is the King of the Jews?"

Amongst His disciples, there was one quite venal who took care of the money of the apostles. He is the one who gave the sign to arrest Him, what lead Him to Pilate who was too weak to release Him, stop the flagellation and finally the carrying of the cross of wood. As soon as he embraced it, it was done for the weight of the moral cross, "Father, why did you abandon Me?" was already too much for Him. So He carried the cross to the summit where He gave up His soul to the Father.

Everyone has to carry his cross if he wishes, to be saved as the Saviour promised us. And this cross is never too heavy to carry.

While living, Kateri Tekakwitha embraced the cross and Jesus nailed to it became her lover. After her death, during one of her apparitions, she told Anastasia that she loved the cross more than ever. Moreover, she was carrying one which always seemed to her as lovely, and radiated so much light and brightness that I have never seen anything so delightful and charming."

Per ardua, ad astra: "Through difficulties to heaven" May we carry our cross generously to go back to our Creator.

"Every human who believes in Him will not perish but will win eternal life."

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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The Lord of Ossernenon

There is the Lord of the Rings. There is the Lord of Ossernenon. With the big difference that on that planturous hill of Ossernenon, there is but the

force of light. The mystery hovers always on this luxurious hill. in the middle of the Mohawk Valley and Fr. John Parets: whom we celebrate on April 17. lives on this sacred land, so rich in history, old and new. Firstly it is there that Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was born and spent her childhood. It is there that disappeared Fr Isaac Joques, Rene

Goupil and Lalande. They still search for their relics in the ravine adjoining the village.

Since 15 years already, Fr John Parets lives in this mysterious place, on this sacred land where he incarnates the force of light.

Before coming to Auriesville (the modern name of Ossernon) he served as pastor in a parish of Brooklyn during 12 years, then 6 years in Manhattan and finally 11 years in Puerto Rico. He was then called to learn Spanish an French (Haitians).

As Vice Postulator of the Cause of Kateri in the U.S., he has to inquire, on the spot very often about supposed to be miracles attributed to Kateri. To

see clear in all that is not easy, at times very disappointing and Rome is so exacting.

Ossernenon is first of all a place of pilgrimages where Father Parets is at ease.

Pilgrims of all ethnics are invited and do come, and Father Parets must share his light.

Fortunately he has a wonderful secretary, Marie, which minds

the Kateri Bureau and helps Fr Parets publish the bulletin "Lily of the Mohawks".

It is then very normal that this year the Kateri Center of Kahnawake unites with National Center in Auriesville and with all the friends and benefactors to acknowledge his devotion to the Cause and his diligence in promoting Kateri's canonization.

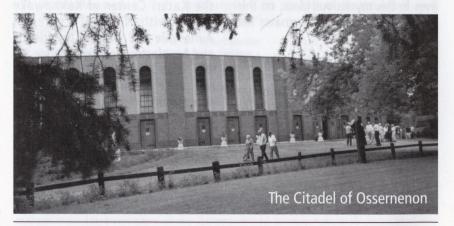
Congratulations Fr. John Parets s.j., Lord of Ossernenon!

1.B. s.j.

Father John Parets always in action, spreading the light.







The Only ONE

The Pope explained that the Year of the Eucharist will begin with the International Eucharistic Congress, Oct. 10-17, in Guadalajara, Mexico. The year will end with the next ordinary assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will be held in the Vatican from October 2-29, 2005, and whose theme will be: The Eucharistic, Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church, the Holy Father added.

Pastoral focus

John Paul II, who reminded the faithful that the "Church lives from the Eucharist." has made this sacrament the focus of his pastoral concern, as reflected in his 2003 encyclical, "Ecclesia de Eucharistia.'

"Christ, the living bread which came down from heaven, is the only one who can satisfy humanity's hunger at all times and in all parts of the earth," he said.

In the Eucharist, "Christ gives his Body and Blood for the life of humanity, And all those who nourish themselves worthily at his table, become living instruments of his presence of love, mercy and peace." the Pope explained.

Starting afresh

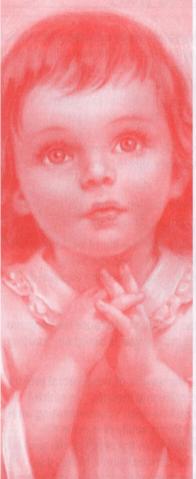
John Paul II said he convoked the "Year of the Eucharist" because the program he presented to the Church at the start of the millennium is based on "starting afresh from Christ."

"The Year of the Eucharist takes place in the framework of the pastoral project that I presented in the apostolic letter 'Novo Millennio Ineunte," in which I invited the faithful to "start afresh from Christ," he said. "Contemplating more assiduously the countenance of the Incarnate Word, really present in the Sacrament, they will be able to exercise themselves in the art of prayer and commit themselves in that 'high degree' of the Christian life, which is the indispensable condition to develop in an effective manner the new evangelization, the Holy Father continued.

At the center

"The Eucharist is at the center of the life of the Church. In it. Christ offers himself to the Father for us, making us participants of his sacrifice itself, and he gives himself to us as bread of life for our journey on the paths of the world," the Pontiff said. The Holy Father also said that this Year of the Eucharist seeks to "make every community grow in faith and love toward the mystery of the Body and Blood of the Lord."

Jesus School Bulletin



Jesus, a student, at the school of Nazareth, goes home with his school bulletin. Frankly, it is not too good. His mother has already seen bad bulletins and she said nothing, meditating these things in her heart, but today, the most difficult part has to be done: she must show it to Joseph.

Sender: the Simeon School of Nazareth Recipients: Joseph and Mary David Object: the Bulletin of Jesus Mathematics: doesn't know much, except multiplying bread and fishes.

Sense of addition: not yet acquired; he affirms that he and his Father make one.

Writing: never has his pencils and writing pad; is obliged to write in the sand.

Geography: has no sense of orientation; he confirms that there is one way and that it leads to his Father.

Chemistry: doesn't execute the required exercises; as soon as we turn our back, he would transform water into wine to make his schoolmates laugh.

Physical exercise: Instead of learning to swim like all the others, he walks on water. Oral expression: big difficulty to speak clearly, he speaks in parables.

Tidiness: he has lost all his things in school and still he declares that he doesn't have a stone as a pillow.

Conduct: he has a regrettable tendency to associate with strangers, poor people, the scabbier and even the prostitutes.

Joseph says that he cannot go on like this that he must take severe measures: "Well, Jesus, since it's that way, you can cross out your Easter vacations."

Research: Edith Roy Member of Quebec East

Vatican may abolish miracles for saint-making

POPE JOHN PAUL II is reported to be considering a proposal to abolish miracles as requirements for sainthood. The claim comes from a highly credible source, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone of Genoa, who, until two years ago, was secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, from where the proposal originated.

Cardinal Bertone told the Genoa newspaper Il Secolo XIX there is a growing feeling that the key requirement for sainthood is a life of "heroic virtue" and that miracles are "anachronistic".

An official of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints refused to discuss the issue, but indicated that doing away with the miracle requirement would be little short of revolutionary. Asked for how long miracles have been required for sainthood, he replied: "Always!"

There have been only two major reforms in saint-making over the centuries. Pope Sixtus V centralised the process at the Vatican in 1588, and John Paul II streamlined it in 1983 by cutting the number of miracles required from four to only one for martyrs and two for other candidates. John Paul II strongly believes in the importance of offering saints as exemplary figures in an increasingly secular world.

In 26 years, he has proclaimed 483 saints and 1,345 blessed, more than all his predecessors combined over the past five centuries.



At present, the three steps leading to sainthood are determination that the candidate has lived a life of heroic virtue and is therefore venerable, followed by beatification and canonisation. Those who do not qualify for beatification through martyrdom must be shown to have performed a miracle. Another miracle is required of all candidates after they have been declared blessed in order to qualify for consideration for sainthood.

The miracles are often cures of terminally ill patients, who prayed to the candidate to intercede for them. A panel of five medical experts, drawn from a pool of 100, must certify the cure was "sudden, complete and permanent" and has no medical explanation.

Abolishing the miracle requirement could open the door to sainthood for candidates whose cause is stalled because they lack the kind of charisma that attracts prayer.

Peggy Oolk, ROME

A Glass of Milk

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door.

Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk.

He drank it slowly, and then asked,
How much do I owe you?

You don't owe me anything, she replied.

"Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness."
He said... "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many year's later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled! They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room.

Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case.

After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all.

next... A Glass of Milk

Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words...

"Paid in full with one glass of milk" (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands."

There's a saying which goes something like this:

Bread cast on the waters comes back to you. The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again at least you will have made the world a better place - And, after all, isn't that what life is all about?

An Indian Prayer



O' Great Spirit,

Whose voice I hear in the winds; And whose breath gives life to all the 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 my people.

Let Me Learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

I Seek Strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy – myself.

Make Me Always Ready to come to you with clean hands and sraight eyes.

So When Life Fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

Our Lady of the Arctic snows...

(how it came to be)



For well over one hundred years, the Jesuit Fathers—aided by other Orders, Congregations of priests, Brothers, and Sisters have devoted themselves to the missions of Alaska. In their work and teachings, they often spoke of Mary, the Mother of God, fostering love for and devotion to her. Pictures of Mary and rosaries given to the people have become treasured possessions.

The pictures of Mary, of course, portrayed her as a beautiful woman according to the concepts of the various artists, generally Caucasian, peaches and cream complexion, long dark hair, and occidental features with a slender, graceful body.

One Father in particular, Edmund A. Anable, S.J., became interested in obtaining a picture of Mary that the Native women of the North could identify with. As he was not an artist, it remained, for a time only a wish.

By accident, in 1953, the Father met an artist from Belgium, Robert Van Hove, then living in Seattle. He was impressed

Our Lady of the Arctic snows

by his paintings and the two had several conversations concerning an Eskimo Madonna. Mr. Van Hove had never been to Alaska, nor had he seen an Eskimo woman. Fortunately, the Father had many color slides of Alaska, the people, their houses. These also showed how the wind drives the snow, a dog team, and the manner of caring for kayaks, the beauty of Eskimo clothing with fur ruffs framing the face, and many other details.

Three years later, in 1957, after many corrections and changes were made; the picture was completed to the satisfaction of both the artist and Father Edmund A. Amable, s.i.

One of the titles of Mary in use for many years was Our Lady of the Snows. The title was chosen for the painting.

Upon distribution of copies of the painting to our friends across the nation, a problem arose. We soon learned that the Oblates of Mary Immaculate maintained a Shrine to Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois. The pictures are completely different, but to avoid confusion we changed our title to "Our Lady of Arctic Snows."

Van Hove's original painting hangs in the lobby of the Diocesan Chancery building in Fairbanks, Alaska.





That's God!

Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for?

THAT'S GOD talking to you through the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to talk to?

THAT'S GOD wanting you to talk to Him.

Have you ever been thinking about somebody that you haven't seen in a long time and then next thing you know you see them or receive a phone call from them?

THAT'S GOD. There is no such thing as coincidence.

Have you ever received something wonderful that you didn't even ask for, like money in the mail, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, or a coupon to a department store where you had just seen something you needed, but couldn't afford?

THAT'S GOD knowing the desires of your heart.

Have you ever been in a situation and you had no clue how it was going to get better, how the hurting would stop, how the pain would ease, but now you look back on it?

THAT'S GOD passing us through tribulation to see a brighter day.

Do you think that this e-mail was accidentally sent to you?

NO! I was thinking of you!

Please pass this along and share the Power of God. In all that we do, we should totally give thanks and our blessings will continue to multiply.

How to be Happy

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered anyway, it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw.

With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up.

Shake it off and take a step up!

Remember the 5 simple rules to be happy:

- 1) Free your heart from hatred
- 4) Give more
- 2) Free your mind from worries
- 5) Expect less.

3) Live simply

149. Mr. Horace Brosseau

(Trad. J.B.s.j.)



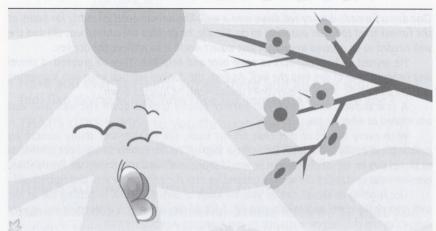
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Litanies of old age



My God, good and merciful, have mercy on us. Holy Virgin Mary, our Lady of Consolation, have mercy on us Our Holy Patron Saints, have mercy on us. Our Holy Guardian Angels, watch over us.... Saint Joseph, Saint Anne, Saint John, have pity on us. Of a patient and resigned old age, grant us the grace, O Lord. Of a Christian and mending old age, grant us O Lord. Of a humble and grateful old age, grant us the grace O Lord. Of a peaceful and good old age, grant us the grace O Lord. Of a salutary fear of the judgment, grant us the grace, O Lord, From a mean and irascible old age, preserve us, O Lord. From useless regrets, preserve us, O Lord. From troubling memories, preserve us, O Lord. From the anguish of doubt, preserve us, O Lord. From a sudden and unforeseen death, preserve us, O Lord, From the misfortune of dying without receiving the Sacraments in full consciousness, preserve us, O Lord, Of physical and moral trials, accept the offering, O Lord.

My God who has granted me to attain old age, grant me the grace of supporting patiently the trials of my state, so that my existence be not a

With the splendors of faith, illumine our old age, O Lord

For the great awakening, prepare us, O Lord.

test, but a subject of edification. Amen.

("Semaine de Québec", March 21, 1963).

KATERI CENTER NEWS



Favors

registered at the Kateri Center from October 29, 2004 to January 28, 2005.

| Better Health | 9 | Properties Bought or Sold | 4 |
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| Cures | 1 | Safe Trips | 6 |
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April 17: Feast day of Blessed Kateri At 10.30, a solemn celebration of the Eucharist by Bishop J.Berthelet Offering a Kateri Award to Fr. John Parets s.j. Light lunch at the K.of C.Hall.

How to prepare the feast day

- Make the novena
- Pay a visit to the Shrine of Kateri
- Pray for her canonization

Pilgrimage to the Shrine

Choose a lovely day in Summertime. Notify the rectory of your coming so a guide will lead you. Tel.: 450-632-6030 Visit the old rectory (1721) which has been renovated. Welcome!

Pledge to Kateri

Total of the pledges to this day: 30,425. Thanks!

International Year decreated by O.N.U. International year of Microcredit

ted her help for the releipt a house self-out.

The role of Microcredit is to eliminate poverty.

Some programs of microcredit have permitted to many persons in many countries of the world, living in poverty, to escape their condition. These programs have benefited especially to the women and have allowed them to become autonomous. It also contributes to the social and human development. The instruments as the credit services, savings and other commercial services give access to the capitals to persons who live in poverty.

So 2005 is a special occasion to give a strong impulse to the programs of microcredit throughout the world.

Happy Easter to all!

March 27, 2005

Testimonies of favors obtained

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

Enclosed is a check to Blessed Kateri's Cause for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to God and Blessed Kateri. I was told that previous skin cancers on my nose may have to be biopsied and possible plastic surgery needed. A second opinion from another doctor told me the cancers had not come back. A biopsy was done on a mole on my side, it came back benign. Thank you again! I pray to Blessed Kateri daily, she has helped me time and time again in many needs. I believe that she is a SAINT and continue to pray (one Our Father, one Hail Mary and three Glories daily) for her canonization. (Kansas City, KS)

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

Thank you Kateri for the sale of an ATC and trailer....

(St. John, NB)

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

Enclosed is a fifty-dollar donation in honor of Blessed Kateri for all the favors she has granted me. I've prayed to her practically my whole life and she's "taken over" as I underwent nine serious operations and under many other circumstances... (Lafayette, LA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. I.T.!

Please find enclosed a check for fifty dollars in thanksgiving; not only for favors already received, but for her intercession to resolve a new problem. Favors received: successful high risk cardiac surgery on my brother-in-law (2 bypasses, a valve replacement and a valve repair.) My husband's heel wound of 17 months finally healed! Other temporal benefits, including health issues, extended to me, family members and friends. My faith! And, the many 'small' ongoing favors that are promptly received! (St. Marys, PA)

Kateri's smile upon you, Miss V.H.!

Please find enclosed my donation of thirty dollars in thanks for Kateri's support of my finance and answering my prayers that he would be assisted in his work and find the opportunity he was looking for. (Toronto, ON)

Kateri's smile upon you, Miss Y.B.!

Kindly find enclosed a check in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha for guiding me through rough times, and hope she will continue to help me. (Augusta, ME)

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

I am enclosing an offering of thanksgiving for a favor received. I prayed to Blessed Kateri so that my grandson would obtain a position. He is now working and has a permanent favorable position. (Glen Arm, MD)

Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. A.K.!

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars. I asked Kateri for help with a tooth problem my wife was having. Things seemed to go well, my wife was pleased with the outcome. A tooth doesn't seem important, but my wife has had multiple heart attacks, also almost died on the last heart attack. Major dental surgery and possible infection would be a bad thing. Kateri did not let that happen.

(Amsterdam, NY)

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

It is almost a year to the day that I told you about my son's aneurism, how he quickly recovered. My husband and I always pray to Blessed Kateri for him. Now the second blessing. He just had heart surgery, four bypasses. He is home and doing OK. He can walk around freely. Wonders, yes again. I am thanking Blessed Kateri again. She knows that my son's children and grandchildren need him...

(Wikwemikong, ON)

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

Enclosed is the check I promised Kateri for another favor. I had a mammogram taken in November and was called back for another and a sonogram. Everything is fine and I don't have to go back for a year. I say a prayer to her every day. Many Blessings. (Catonsville, MD)

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

I am sending a small donation which I promised to Blessed Kateri if my husband got better after being so sick and in the hospital. He came home for Christmas and now he is all better. Please, Blessed Kateri, keep us well and we will keep on praying for you, we love you.

(New Minas, NS)

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

Please pray that I get a good report from a biopsy. If I do, I will attribute it to Blessed Kateri's intercession. She has helped me several times before.

P.S. I opened this letter after the doctor's office called just now. I had a negative bening reading! Thank you Blessed Mother, Kateri and St. Anthony. (Rockton, EL)

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

Many thanks to Kateri who settled a difficult financial affair for my son. He is now debt free. (Lac Megantic, QC)

★ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. R.S.!

As poor as we are we needed the support of this great Saint. Four of us have solicited her help for the sale of a house without any complications. Favor answered. Moreover during more than a year she has supported a lady during her sickness of lung cancer. She had time before she died last week to pray the Immaculate Conception and to develop towards Mary a great confidence. All this thanks to Kateri who accompanied her in her moral and spiritual sufferings. Thanks to this great Saint. (Ville d'Anjou, QC)

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

I am sending you a check of twenty dollars promised to Kateri. I had asked Kateri to help my son find an apartment, he needed it immediately. My wish was granted, he found one right away. I thank Kateri again and pray to her every day.

(Chicoutimi, QC)

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

I promised Kateri fifty dollars if I passed a good eye examination. Everything is fine for the moment. So I am sending you a check of fifty dollars. It pleases me to help Kateri who is so good to us. I continue to pray to her every day. (La Marte, QC)

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

I am sending you sixty dollars in thanksgiving. We made a very good trip and I keep confidence in Kateri. Especially because she obtains for me health; also for my children. I am renewing my subscription for 2005. (Laval, QC)

A Mother's Prayer

Help me, Lord, to accept the limitations that plague us as human beings.

I can't foresee the future, I can't totally remedy the past.

Grant that I may do my best in the present and not expect total recognition of my effort.

Guide my children, O Lord;

Let them see beyond their shortcomings to the love that I have for each of them.

Give me a healthy respect for their independence and for this precarious stage of their growth and development.

Assist me as I try to keep in focus my mission as a very human and limited mother who can give only what first I posses.

Fill me with the humility I need to admit my mistakes and to learn from them.

Give me the strength I need to forgive, and grant me a sense of humor so that I can laugh at my blunders and share my life In that joy that comes from recognizing that only You are perfect, only You can fully satisfy my expectations.

Thank You, Lord for making me a mother and for giving me children to help me realize how much I too need to grow.

Jeanie Gibson

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

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