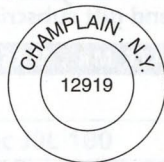


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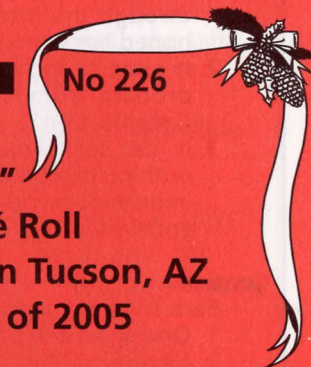


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#### Aim

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 (Canada: \$ 5.00 • International: \$ 10.00 by 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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## A real Christmas



Christmas, in our modern society, begins very early, at the very beginning of autumn, when the medias fill our ears with all those traditional hymns, when our eyes are flooded, with the sight of gifts and solicitations of all kinds of sales for December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas being one of the great events of history, it is worthwhile to celebrate it in its real context.

Christmas is the birth of God made man. And this God-Man stays with us not only till His death, but also till the ends of time. We should take time to recollect ourselves to receive Him in our hearts and spirit; and in our whole life too, because that is Christmas. "Christmas is always reminding us of a life, which gives itself. It is the renewal of this unachieved gesture by which God gives life to the world, rightly so that life may be given to us."

God at Christmas shares with humans His own life. This is the great gift of Christmas: God sharing with us His divine life.

This does not stop parents from giving out gifts to their children. But they must be told that there is gift and gift. The greatest gift is to renew and add in us the life of God himself, and communion to His body will accomplish that. This is the invitation at Christmas to go to a place where the body of Christ is distributed. This should be a priority.

I wish you a Merry Christmas, accepting the gift of God in your heart. That is a real Christmas.

Jacques Bruyère, s.j.





## The Pierre Assendassé Roll

**T**his influential Mohawk chief was on in years when he became a Christian. Ever after, his life was a love song to Jesus and Mary. Rather than deny them, he did not hesitate to offer his life for them.

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## Blessing of a Christmas Tree

God of all creation, we praise You for this tree which brings beauty and memories and the promise of life to our home.

May Your blessings be upon all who gather around this tree, all who keep the Christmas festival by its lights.

We wait for the coming of Christ, the days of everlasting justice and peace.

You are our God, living and reigning, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Blessing for the new year

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless Your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Indian News

# Kateri Circles in Arizona host : National Tekakwitha Conference

Theme: *"Blessed Kateri, Bearer of Spiritual Rain from the Mountains to the Desert of All Nations."*

When the 66<sup>th</sup> National Tekakwitha Conference met in Tucson, AZ in July, the temperature was hot: 43 C to 45.55 C. However, the 900 attendees did not let the heat damped their spirits.

Native Americans from Canada, the U.S. and even Mexico appreciated the events scheduled. At the conference this year the young people played meaningful roles in the scheduled programs: the Grand Entry, Morning Prayers, General Assemblies and Masses celebrated by Bishops from Tucson, Phoenix AZ, Gallup N.M. and Juneau AK, assisted by other priests from various states and Mexico. Also included events held at near-by St. Xavier Mission in the afternoon and evening. The conference closed with the very popular Pow-wow.

Next Year, the National Tekakwitha Conference will be held in Seattle, Washington. This State is known for its many beautiful waters, fresh river salmon, and the mystic and majestic Mt Rainier; this 2.5 miles high mountain south of Seattle can be seen for many miles on a clear day. Welcome!

Anne M. Scheuerman



At the Grand Entry, a large group of Canadian Mohawks from St Regis Reserve proudly displays their banner. Fr Henry Sands newly ordained Indian priest in Detroit, near the Canadian border, joins the Mohawk group. He is proud to witness his Native American heritage.



## I am thankful... at the end of 2005

### I am thankful ...

For the husband who complains when his dinner is not on time because he is home with me, not with someone else.

For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes because that means she is at home and not on the streets.

For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party, because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church that sings off key, because it means that I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I am alive.

### What are you thankful for?

*"I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength for my work. I thank him for considering me worthy and appointing me to serve him" (1 Tim. 12)*

Father Charles Filion

## HUMOR... in Church



- ☺ The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.
- ☺ The service will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- ☺ Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.
- ☺ Don't let worry kill you - let the church help.
- ☺ This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- ☺ Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- ☺ Thursday at 5:00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club, All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.
- ☺ At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.



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## To hasten Kateri's Canonization

Kateri passed away in 1680, 325 years ago. We need her as a saint to foster the faith of so many aborigines, all over the world to be a role model of the youngsters and to set an example, to all the inhabitants of our planet. Many Indians and non-Indians want to see her canonized before they leave this world.

So we invite you to join us in a NOVENA with all the friends and admirers of blessed Kateri whose birthday should be celebrated in a special way, on April 17, 2006.

### How to participate

- 1) Request a Novena leaflet from the Kateri Center, in Kahnawaké (\$ 2.00 each, postage included)
- 2) Recite and meditate the novena as often as you can, before April 17.
- 3) You may order more leaflets for your relatives and friends.

*"A Novena for Kateri and for you"*

1656 1680

# Christmas Story



## Grumpy pa, sweet grandpa

Christmas was nearing once more and the pastor of St Jude Parish, was looking for a good old man to play Santa Claus. Short of time and of choice, he invited "grumpy pa" to come and throne in the parish hall to amuse the children. "Grumpy pa" bore his name very well; so much so that the parents and their children hesitated to make the visit to Santa Claus. Nevertheless, he had a nice white beard and a fancy costume so he had a nice appearance. The first child to visit "grumpy pa" found him a little too severe but gradually, influenced by the charming kids, his countenance started to change and he became all smiles and amiable towards the children.

Maybe he had been exposed too rarely to these kids all curious to see Santa Claus and to receive gifts from him.

One has to admit that the past of "Grumpy pa" did not prepare him much to his role of Santa Claus. A bachelor he was seldom visited by his neighbors and he was known as a long face after all. The children of the parish did not respect him much either.

This is why his role as Santa Claus gave him some assurance, so much so that the children did not understand why he was called "grumpy pa".

Since then, we heard his small admirers call him "Sweet grandpa".

It is he who smiled most in the parish and soon the pastor invited him to be sacristan of Saint Jude Church. The kids had converted him on time for Christmas. "Sweet grandpa" had a new heart and had found his smile again. Merry Christmas!

Jacques Bruyère s.j.





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## Three Trees

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Once there were three trees on a hill they were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter," and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest. At the second tree the woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should

be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship. When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one," and he cut it down. When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

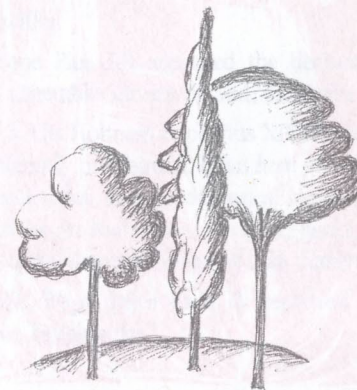
The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark. The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and He stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.





Christmas 1676  
**The baptism of Kateri**



**Beatification of KATERI Tekakwitha**  
**25 years ago**

- 1884** - The Third Plenary Council of Baltimore addressed the Sovereign Pontiff, Leo XIII, by the Bishops of the United States of America, to institute the process for the beatification of the Servants of God, Isaac Jogues and Rene Goupil, of the Society of Jesus, and also of the VIRGIN CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA.
- 1885** - Letters submitted by various Indian tribes, petitioning the Introduction of the Cause of the SERVANT OF GOD, CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA – to the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII.
- 1931** - After years of preparation the cause was instituted by the Most Reverend Bishop of Albany, Edmund Francis Gibbons, on Friday May 22, 1931. Sessions for the Informative Process opened Tuesday June 2, 1931, and testimony had all been taken by Monday February 23, 1931. Report and review were concluded Sunday May 1, 1932, and the process finished on Saturday June 4, 1932.
- 1932** - The process de non culta public veneration, was instituted Wednesday June 29, 1932, and the visit to Tekakwitha's tomb in Canada was made with all solemnity Thursday July 21, 1932.
- 1938** - During June, the Historical Section of the Congregation of Rites at Rome declared that the documents of the case of Tekakwitha were complete, genuine and trustworthy, that they established Tekakwitha's renown for holiness, and a solid basis for final judgement that her virtues were heroic.
- 1939** - Friday, May 19. Sanctioned by Pope Pius XII, the recommendation of the introduction of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA INDIAN VIRGIN."
- 1940** - Tuesday, November 26 of this year was set, with the Holy Father's approval, as the date for the first discussion of the virtues of the Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha.
- 1942** - Friday, June 12. Pope Pius XII approved the decision of the Congregation that the virtues of the venerable Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha, were heroic.
- 1943** - Sunday, January 3. His Holiness Pope Pius XII offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Then he solemnly proclaimed: *It has been proved in this instance and for the purpose under consideration, that the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, Love of God and Neighbour, and the cardinal virtues, Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude and subordinate virtues of the Venerable Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha, were heroic.*
- 1980** - Sunday, June 22. Pope John Paul II beatified Catherine Tekakwitha "Blessed Catherine Tekakwitha."



## The Blessed Kateri Tékakwitha - 1656-1680

by P. Henri Béchard s.j.

### The Blackrobes

As late as 1663, the Mohawks had the fur trade monopoly. The men traded their pelts with their neighbors at Oranje, today Albany, the capital of New York State. They were greatly displeased when they learned that the Onondagas had invited the French Jesuit missionaries to sojourn in their Canton, where the capital of the Five Nations was established. The Mohawks were aware that their confederates were not very much interested in Christianity and that they wanted to have dealings with the French merchants. They did their best to have the Jesuits expelled from Onondaga and subsequently succeeded. Peace no longer existed between the Iroquois and the French. For many years, the Iroquois set the French Colony ablaze.



In 1663, in Canada, a new regime was inaugurated on its becoming a province of France. The royal government took over the country from the One Hundred Associates, an association of traders that had administered the country inefficiently. In 1665, the new governor, Monsieur de Courcelles, Intendant Talon, and Marquis de Tracy lieutenant general of the king's armies and commander of the Carignan-Salieres crack regime! made up of twelve to thirteen hundred soldiers, disembarked at Quebec. Their first task consisted in checkmating the Iroquois.

In January 1666, Monsieur de Courcelles, who had not experienced the rigors of the Canadian winter, tried to attack the enemy in his own quarters. At that time of year, it was a serious blunder. After long marches in bitter cold weather, he returned to Quebec without even having seen the palisades of the Mohawk castles. During the autumn of the same year, Marquis de Tracy left for the south at the head of six hundred men of the Carignan regiment. After nearly four weeks of marching, he reached the foremost village of the Iroquois canton. It was no longer Ossernenon, which had been abandoned after the smallpox epidemic and relocated a mile higher on the Mohawk River. The name of the new village was Gandaouague (At-the-rapids). Its inhabitants had fled. To claim the land in the name of the king of France, Tracy had a cross-erected, a Mass offered, and the Te Deum chanted. He then burned the three Iroquois villages and destroyed the provisions of maize and of other vegetables which the Mohawks had harvested for the long winter.

Tekakwitha was then ten years old. She followed her people into the wildwood where they had taken refuge. All the population suffered, especially the elderly, the ill, and particularly the little girl with the damaged eyes.

From the point of view of the French and their Indian allies, the expedition was a success. Even the Iroquois did not take exception to Marquis de Tracy's methods. They had used the same ones, for instance when, ten years before, they beat the Eries in 1656. So they sued for peace, and as proof of their good will, asked for missionaries. They thus wanted, as they said, to bury the war ax. This peace was to last for eighteen years.

During this time, what was happening to Tekakwitha? At the end of the trying winter in the woods, it was decided to rebuild the village on the north shore of the Mohawk River somewhat more to the west, at the junction of the Mohawk and of the Cayadutta Creek. Towards 1933, Father Thomas Grassman, O.F.M. Conv., discovered the foundations of this

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Mohawk village, erected a chapel on the spot, to which he added an Iroquois museum, officially recognized by the Department of Education of the State of New York.

Three Jesuit missionaries, Fathers Pierre Cholenec, Jacques Bruyas and Jean Pierron with the Mohawk delegates who had gone to Quebec to treat for peace, reached the village during the summer of 1667. They were not immediately led to Tionnontonguen the chief town of the Mohawks. Its people had got a good store of gin from the Dutch at Oranje, and nearly all the adults as well as many children were lost in a heavy alcoholic fog. It was deemed prudent to retain the Fathers at Kahnawake for a few days.

They lodged in Tekakwitha's long house, a loving forethought of divine Providence. Better still, the child was entrusted with the care of the Raguennis. Years later Father Cholenec wrote: "The modesty and sweetness with which she acquitted herself of this duty touched her new guests, while on her part she was struck with their affable manners, their regularity in prayer, and the other exercises into which they divided the day. God even then disposed her to the grace of Baptism, for which she would have asked, if the missionaries had remained longer in her village."

After three days, when the three Fathers set out for Tionnontoguen, they unknowingly left in the heart of Tekakwitha the desire to become a Christian as her mother had been.

Meanwhile Tekakwitha was growing into a smallish, delicate teenager. Because of her poor eyesight, she spent most of her time apart from the other girls. She busied herself with the family chores, ground the maize between two stones to make sagamite, which was very much appreciated by her tribesmen, prepared soup, and served the only daily meal in the morning. She then placed the leftovers in a kettle near the fire, where the members of the family could serve themselves during the afternoon or evening according to their fancy.

The orphan girl soon drew attention to herself by her skill in beadwork, favored by Iroquois women. She did needlework better than the white ladies of Oranje, knew how to daintily adorn shirts and moccasins with the quills of porcupines or elk's hair, succeeded marvelously in preparing ribbons of eel skin, made tumplines or pack straps and mastered the art of dyeing cloth a deep red with sturgeon glue.

Of course, when the sun was not too bright, Tekakwitha worked outside. She helped her aunts sow corn and was always willing to clean or weed the crops. During September, she took part in gathering acorns, sweet chestnuts, and hazelnuts as well as in harvesting Indian corn.

Her aunts rejoiced as they discovered her many talents. They were sure she would make a very fine wife. Among the Iroquois the mistresses of the long houses chose their daughters' husbands, not Mr. Cupid.

On the other hand, as she labored in silence, the Almighty was at work in the depths of her soul. Like a small number of Iroquois women before her, she felt attracted to celibacy. "If the good Lord truly wanted me to get married," she said several years later, "I would do so." When she was of age, she felt very strongly that she should not marry. Because of her attitude, she violently clashed with her family. For some time, she was even thrown out of her long house, and expelled from the others through fear of her uncle, the chief. The agitation abated, probably when one of her aunts became a Christian.

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# Amerindian Prayer

## To those I love... and those who love me

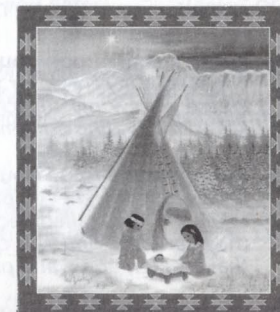
When I won't be there,  
do not hold me, let me go  
I have so many things to do and to see  
Don't you cry thinking of me  
Be grateful for the lovely years  
I gave you my love and my friendship,  
you may guess  
The happiness that you brought me  
I thank you for all the love you showed me.  
Now, it is time to walk alone  
For a short time you may have grief  
Confidence will bring you comfort and consolation  
we'll be separated for a while  
Let the souvenirs appease your pain,  
I am not far away and life goes on.  
If you need me, just call me and I'll come  
Even if you can't see me and touch me, I'll be there  
And if you listen to your heart,  
you will feel clearly the softness of the love  
that I will bring.  
And when it's time for you to leave  
I'll be there to greet you,  
Absent from my body, present with God.  
Don't go to weep on my tomb  
I'm not there, I'm not sleeping,  
I am the thousand winds that blow  
I'm the twinkling of the crystals of snow,  
I'm the light, which goes through the fields of wheat,  
I'm the soft rain of autumn;  
I'm the awakening of the birds in the calm of morn,  
I'm the star shining in the night,  
Don't go to weep on my tomb  
I'm not there. I'm not dead.

## KATERI CENTER NEWS

### Favors

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### WISHES

A lovely Christmas and a fruitful Year to our beloved Pastor, Reverend Alvaro Salazar and to his qualified staff. Best wishes too to Albert and Eileen Lazere, the pillars of the Kateri Centre, to Jos Two-Rivers our faithful commissioner, to Mrs Anne-M. Scheuerman the official photographer of Kateri events, to Mrs Marlene MacCauley, the pen of Kateri, to Diego, researcher also Liliane and Diane graphists.

The Vice Postulator goes to Wash. D.C. to assure himself that the name of Kateri was really engraved on the Honour Wall in the Indian Museum, the V.P., on a business trip, took off to the third level in the Museum to finger touch the Wall and Kateri's name.



### 2006 - Liturgical Year - 2006

<b>January</b>	1 : New Year's Day - Mary, Mother of God 3 : Holy Name Of Jesus 6 : Epiphany
<b>February</b>	2 : Presentation of Jesus
<b>March</b>	1 : Ash Wednesday
<b>April</b>	9 : Palm Sunday 16 : Easter 17 : Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
<b>May</b>	14 : Mother's Day 28 : Ascension
<b>June</b>	14 : Pentecost 18 : Fathers' Day
<b>July</b>	1 : Canada Day 4 : United States Day 31 : St Ignatius of Loyola
<b>August</b>	15 : Assumption of Mary
<b>September</b>	10 : Grandfather's Day 26 : North American Martyrs
<b>October</b>	9 : Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
<b>November</b>	1 : All Saints Day 2 : All souls Day 26 : Christ, King of the Univers
<b>December</b>	8 : Immaculate Conception 25 : Christmas 31 : Holy Family

### PILGRIMAGES:

You are always welcome to the KATERI Shrine, in Summer or Winter, to pay her a visit, to take a lesson of history in the Museum, to admire the Shrine, all renewed by Fr Salazar.

A very Merry Christmas and  
a miracle during 2006!



## Testimonies of favors obtained

### ✿ Kateri's smile upon you, J.O. & G.M.O.!

We would like to thank Blessed Kateri for answering our prayers. Our granddaughter had to have an operation to remove a lump on her back. The operation was a success. The lump was benign and all went well. She is doing great.  
(Kahnawake, QC)

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

Enclosed is my check for ten dollars to Kateri's Cause - which I pray for every day. Please renew my subscription for another year. Sending love and thanks to Kateri for finding an item lost.  
(Huntington Beach, CA)

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

Enclosed is the check I promised Kateri for another favor. I had a mammogram taken and was called back for a biopsy. When I got to the hospital for the biopsy they couldn't find the cyst. I attributed this to Blessed Kateri's intercession. I thank Kateri again and pray to her every day.  
(Folsom, PA)

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

I came across a small magazine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and started reading a part of her life story. I was touched by the notes and letters of thanks from readers who prayed for their intentions through her. Since there was not enough time to send my intentions, I started praying to Blessed Kateri for the safe delivery of my grand-child in Arizona within a week's time. I could not be in Arizona to help her but I asked Blessed Kateri to be with her and her husband at the time of her delivery. I thank Blessed Kateri for having a healthy grandson born by Caesarian Section.  
(Sparke, MD)

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

Find enclosed is a fifty dollar donation as promised to the Cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in thanksgiving. My sister is now in remission of a small cell cancer of the lung after successful chemotherapy. I thank you for your personal note and special blessing in January 2005 in response to a previous different favor that was answered...  
(Saint Marys, PA)

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

Find enclosed a check for fifty dollars in thanksgiving to Blessed Kateri for a clean bill of health from an eye exam and three other routine exams. A million thanks to Kateri for every favor both big and small that she has granted for my family and myself.  
(Kersey, PA)

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

Please accept my cheque for twenty-five dollars. I'm a truck driver who drives at night and thanks to Kateri I was able to avoid an accident and avoid being late for my delivery time...  
(St. Catharines, ON)

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

I'm sending you a hundred dollars to fulfill my promise to Kateri having answered my demands for favors and cures. My family and I continue to pray Kateri always and to have confidence. I hope with all my heart the canonization of Kateri. I always thank her.  
(Natashquan, QC)

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

Enclosed is a cheque of twenty-five dollars. Five dollars for my subscription and twenty dollars for good results for an examination; (no cancer). I hope that Kateri will help me. I have great faith in her. I pray to her every day. (Levis, QC)

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

Here enclosed is a donation often dollars for Kateri's cause. I had an apartment to let and I had difficulty in finding the right person who met my conditions. I did not want to bother Kateri with this. Becoming stressful I had no other choice than to ask her once more to come to my aid. At the time when two people came to visit the apartment, I promised Kateri the amount often dollars if they rented the said apartment and it was done. In the future I will not deprive myself of asking her intercession in difficult times. Thank you Kateri.  
(Anjou, QC)

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

I am writing to you to thank good Kateri of having cured me. I had sore and swollen knees. I had difficulty walking. I prayed Kateri to cure me. I pray to her every day. She cured me and I'm sending her ten dollars.  
(Montreal, QC)

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

I ask Kateri once more to watch over my family and to keep me healthy to be able to listen to their needs. I thank her specially for the permanent job that my eldest son has obtained. I enclose a check of twenty-five dollars.  
(Quebec, QC)

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

Here enclosed, is a donation often dollars for the cause of Kateri. This gift represents the success of a nice trip. I never forget her during these getaways. She is the guardian of the route. Thanks, Kateri.  
(Anjou, QC)

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

Thank you blessed Kateri for a favor obtained. I received my rights and I hope the following will finish quickly in my favor. I'm sending fifty-dollars for this favor and thank you again for being in my heart all the time.  
(St. Lin, QC)

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

Thank you Kateri. My granddaughter has passed her French exam. Now I'm praying that she will work hard to pass her year in mathematics, English and French. Thanks for praying and having others pray.  
(Lemieux, QC)

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

Enclosed is a check often dollars for a favor obtained, better health; Thank you Kateri.  
(St. Elie, QC)

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

Thanks for a favor obtained - the sale of a house. Five dollars for my subscription and fifteen dollars as a donation.  
(Richibecto, NB)

Please send yours to: **The Kateri Center, Box 70,  
Kahnawake, Québec J0L 1B0**

MY PLEDGE TO KATERI

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, pledge to offer up each day one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and three Glories until the miracle needed for Blessed Kateri's canonization is obtained and approved.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Province or State \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



Joy is prayer  
 Joy is strength  
 Joy is love  
 God loves those who give joyfully.  
 The best way to show your gratitude  
 towards God and towards the others  
 Is to accept all with joy.  
 To be happy with Him, now,  
 this means: love as He loves  
 help as He helps  
 serve as He serves  
 save as He saves  
 to be with Him 24 hours a day  
 to touch Him in 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 a 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 show this joy  
 and share this joy of loving one another  
 as He loves every one of us.  
 May this love bless you. Amen



Mère Teresa



## A Christmas Prayer

### Seek the One Within

Lord, our God, in his old age,  
 Simeon recognized his God in a child,  
 for you had prepared his heart in advance.  
 Prepare our hearts, Lord, that we may acknowledge that  
 your gift to us – your birth among us – and the gift of each  
 other, are the greatest gifts of Christmas.

Like Simeon, may we keep our hearts open to recognize  
 the One within. Like Simeon, may we find peace by seeing  
 you in a child, a sibling, a parent, a friend, an elder.

Then will Christmas until its grandeur.

Amen.

## Send in your Intentions now

### Spiritual

- ☐ Love in God
- ☐ Conversions
- ☐ Peace of Soul
- ☐ Resignation in Trials
- ☐ Vocations
- ☐ Faithful Departed
- ☐ Happy Death
- ☐ Obedience to the Holy Father

### Temporal

- ☐ Positions
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Lodgings
- ☐ Financial Aid
- ☐ Happy Marriages
- ☐ Good Friends
- ☐ Success in Studies
- ☐ Peace in the World

Other Requests \_\_\_\_\_

### Would you like to help Kateri's Cause?

When making out your last will and **testament**, why not reserve a share for the Cause in view of Kateri's Canonization and for the upkeep of her sanctuary. Simply make your request to:

Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Mission St. Francis Xavier

P.O. Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0

Kateri will then take good care of you and your beloved ones on earth as in heaven.

## The Kateri Sympathy Cards!

The departed one is enrolled in the Kateri guild, for whom, On the occasion of the death of a relative or friend, all you have to do is sign a card and send it to the bereaved family.

1. A weekly High Mass is offered at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier;
2. An intention is included daily in the Memento of the Vice-Postulator's Mass;
3. The Treasury of the many Masses read each month for the benefactors of the Society of Jesus is opened;
4. A Share in the good works of the Jesuits throughout the world is assured;
5. Participation in the merits gained in helping the Cause of the Lily of the Mohawks is guaranteed.

Write to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0 for a free sample card.

One dozen cards boxed: \$5.00 (Postage included). Each yearly enrollment in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild: \$2.00



## Katerina



obtainable from the  
The Kateri Center  
Box 70  
Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0  
Tel.: (450) 638-1546 or 632-6030  
Fax: (450) 632-6031

### Medals

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

### Kateri Prayer Cards and Pictures

1. Sepia (brown), by sculptor E. Brunet (5" x 2 1/2"): 10¢
2. Colored, by Mother Nealis (5 3/4" x 2 3/4"): 50¢
3. Colored, by Mother Nealis (9" x 13 1/2"): \$ 1.50
4. Colored, by John Steele (24 1/2" x 18 1/2"): \$ 5.00
5. Colored, by McCauley (18 1/2" x 15 1/2"): \$ 4.00

### 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

PLEASE ADD A LITTLE EXTRA FOR POSTAGE AND HANDLING.

### Statues (Postpaid)

1. In hydrocal, ivory or bronze finish (6 1/2"): \$ 12.00
2. Colored (6 1/2"): \$ 15.00
3. In hydrocal, ivory or bronze finish (8 1/2"): \$ 15.00
4. Colored (8 1/2"): \$ 18.00
5. Kateri key chain: \$ 1.25
6. One inch statuette in plastic case: \$ 1.00

### Books (Postpaid)

In English - *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Henri Béchar, S.J., 20 pp., \$ 2.50  
In English - *Kateri Tekakwitha*, With a Prefatory Note of John Cardinal Wright, by Francis X. Weiser, S.J., hardcover: \$ 10.00; paperback \$ 8.00  
In Spanish - *Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Fr. F.X. Weiser, translated by Sr Emilia Schug C.S.A.: \$ 10.00  
In French - *L'Astre dans la Nuit, Kateri Tekakwitha*, by Rachel Jodoin (Fictionalized biography): \$ 15.00  
SPECIAL: In English and French - *Kaïatanoron Kateri Tekakwitha* by Henri Béchar, S.J.: \$ 15.00  
SPECIAL: *Witey from Heaven the Wondrous Cat* by Marlene McCauley: \$ 18.00  
In English - *Song of Kateri: Princess of the Eucharist*, by Marlene MacCauley (at the Kateri Center): \$ 14.95

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FROM: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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.
- If no name is submitted for the Roll, "A Suffering Soul of Purgatory" shall be inscribed instead.