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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.

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Your contribution (Canada: \$ 5.00 • International: \$ 10.00 by year), or more, if possible, enrolls you among "Kateri's Friends" for whom:

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2. A weekly High Mass for deceased friends is offered;
3. The Vice-Postulator prays at the liturgy of the hours;
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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Articles Found	2	Properties Bought or Sold	4
Better Health	16	Safe Pregnancies	2
Cures	3	Safe Trips	3
Employment Found or Kept	6	Successful Studies	1
Lodgings	1	Successful or Averted Operations	7
Peace in the family	1	Temporal Favors	5

### Prayer Pledges for Kateri's Canonization

Total pledges to March 4, 2009: 30,693.

### Pilgrimage to Kateri's Shrine

Choose a lovely day in the summer. Notify the rectory of your coming, tel. (450) 632-6030 for a guide to lead you.

### Help Spread Devotion to Blessed Kateri

Send in the names and addresses of relatives and friends and we will send them information on Blessed Kateri.

### 2009 - Liturgical Year - 2009

January	1: New Year's Day - Mary, Mother of God 3: Holy Name Of Jesus 6: Epiphany
February	2: Presentation of Jesus 24: Mardi-Gras 25: Ash Wednesday
April	5: Palm Sunday 10: Good Friday 12: Easter 17: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
May	10: Mother's Day 21: Ascension 31: Pentecost
June	21: Father's Day
July	1: Canada Day 4: United States Day 31: St Ignatius of Loyola
August	15: Assumption of Mary
September	10: Grandfather's Day 26: North American Martyrs
October	12: Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
November	1: All Saints Day 2: All souls Day 26: Christ, King of the Univers
December	8: Immaculate Conception 25: Christmas 31: Holy Family

Please send yours to: **The Kateri Center, Box 70,  
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#### 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.

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## Greetings from the Vice-Postulator

Greetings from Blessed Kateri's Shrine here in beautiful Kahnawake on this beautiful winter day. This issue is about 'healing' and is the final of three recorded letters of Fr. Remy on healing received through the intercession of Blessed Kateri in the 17<sup>th</sup> century shortly after her death. I have re-written these accounts for the benefit of those who are in need of healings and blessings in these times of uncertainty.

The year 2008-2009 is the **Jubilee Year** of celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Diocese of St-Jean-Longueuil where our Shrine and Sanctuary of Blessed Kateri is located. I also re-wrote an article on a miraculous healing experienced by an American marine who credits his escape from sure death, to Blessed Kateri, when everyone in his platoon were killed.

I have been a little late in getting out this edition of KATERI as I spent two and a half months under doctor's care due to infection from mould in my office caused by books that had been absorbing dampness from a leak in the plumbing in our office. I tried cleaning the black substance from some of the books hoping to salvage them, not knowing that I was playing with mould. Now after my illness, I have been coming in to the office only part-time until we can find funds to make the necessary reparations (our building is of stone from the 1800's). We are awaiting contractor's estimates for reparations.

This, like all our other needs we put in the care of our Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Dear friends, continue to pray for Blessed Kateri's canonization and please let us know of any favors or healings you are seeking for yourself or for your loved ones. We have a special candle burning near Kateri's tomb 365 days of the year for special favors and requests that you would like her to petition to our Lord Jesus on your behalf. Many healings and cures have been granted through her intercession and continue to this day. Good things are happening and, Kateri's canonization cannot be too far away for those who believe. Amen? Amen! May God bless you abundantly!

**Ronald Boyer, Deacon**

Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri's Cause



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## A Word

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Dear Brothers and Sisters: In this New Year, we await the one **'WORD'**, if **APPROVED**, would see Blessed Kateri become a Saint in the altars of our Church. Since her death, Kateri has been the intercessor to God for many people, and countless miracles have been granted to them. Several of our brothers and sisters, though they have received favors from God through Blessed Kateri, prefer to keep silent, unaware that with only one **WORD**, the process of canonization might have been completed.

Only God knows why people do not express favors they received through Blessed Kateri's intercession. There are people who, with one **Word**, are capable of destroying the work we try to do for the propagation of God's Kingdom. Consequently, with only one **Word** we can either help or destroy a person, regardless of how good a life that person may have lived. In God nothing is hidden, He knows our deeds, both good and bad.

In Blessed Kateri's time there was one who, out of envy or selfishness, with intrigues and lies, tried to destroy her closeness to God. That same attitude continues today. However, in faith when we pray asking those who are closer to God to intercede, truth will always triumph and prevail.

When someone attempted to destroy Kateri's reputation with her spiritual director, God's **WORD** became known, and Kateri's virtues became evident. Among our readers, are people I think who after receiving favors from God through Blessed Kateri intercession, become silent, rather than tell that they have received a miracle. This happens when people do not have faith in God's Divine Will through the intercession of Saints, in this case of Blessed Kateri. I do not know why people wait to let it be known how God's Power acts in simple people who trust and love those whom God has chosen to be closer to Him, in this case, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Dear brothers and sisters, in this New Year, for those who read this article and have received a favor from God through Blessed Kateri's intercession, to not hesitate to communicate this **MIRACLE**, thus, finally having the **WORD** approved in Blessed Kateri's Cause of Canonization, and her becoming a **SAINT** for all mankind, although we do know Kateri already has a very special place in God's Kingdom.

May God Our Father bless each and everyone, especially those who have been blessed by receiving a special favor from God through the intercession of Blessed Kateri. May God give these persons the courage to say **YES**. Again, joy to all! God is with all of you.

By Fr. Alvaro Salazar, *Pastor*, ST. FRANCIS MISSION

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## The last hour of the life of Kateri Tekakwitha

(Wednesday St, April 17, 1680)

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**"At three o'clock in the afternoon**, the bell rang to gather the people who had desired passionately to witness the death of this great servant of God."

**Sometime after three o'clock in the afternoon**, having waited until everyone had entered the lodge, which I had seen this marvel with my own eyes, when the last one had arrived, is when she went into her agony while everyone had knelt around her." **"At three hours after noon**, Kateri entered into the most gentle agony conceivable."

**Sometime after half past three o'clock in the afternoon**, a short half hour after her agony, she pronounced the Holy Names, Iesos! Wari! **"Then a slight contraction of the nerve had come about at the side of her mouth**, which she had entirely lost the vigor of speech, but her hearing was still very good and fully conscious until her last breath." **"She died peacefully and she was falling asleep**, which we for a long time were in doubt of her death."

**"Sometime after three quarters of an hour after three o'clock**, her face suddenly changed which appeared such smiling and devout that everyone was extremely astonished (her face had changed gradually in less than a quarter of an hour)," **"Because of smallpox**, her face had been ruined from the age of four and her infirmities and mortifications had contributed to ruin her even more." **"The face of Kateri was such marked and having a darken complexion**, which her face had suddenly changed about a quarter of an hour after her death and became in a moment such beautiful, smiling and bright." Her face had assumed an appearance of a rosy color, which she never had and her features were not the same."

**"I will admit openly**, of the first thought that came to me, 'Kateri has entered into Heaven at that moment.'" **"Then having reflected on her chaste body**, a small ray of glory, which her soul had before taken possession." **"This blessed soul had left her virgin body to go with her beloved Spouse**. **"This was to celebrate in Heaven with Him the triumphs of the Cross** which she had much loved and attached to her heart, affections, chaste and virgin body through this life of mortification." **"Kateri Tekakwitha had died as she had lived**, that is to say, a Saint." It was to be expected that such Holy a Life, would be followed with a most Holy Death."

*Narrations of Pères Claude Chauchetière, S.J. and Pierre Cholenec, S.J.*  
*Published in 'Kateri', Lys des Angiers; No.178 – Autumn 2004*



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## Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha

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**1884** - The Third Plenary Council of Baltimore addressed the Sovereign Pontiff, Leo X111, by the Bishop of the United States of America, to institute the process for the beatification of SERVANTS OF GOD, Isaac Jogues and Rene Goupil, of the Society of Jesus, also of the Virgin, Katherine Tekakwitha.

**1885** - Letters submitted by various Indian tribes, petitioning the introduction of the Cause of the Servant of God, Katherine Tekakwitha – to the Sovereign Pontiff Leo X111.

**1931** - 1931 After years of preparation the Cause was instituted by the Most Reverend Bishop of Albany, Edmund F. Gibbons, on May 22. Sessions for the Informative Process opened on June 2, 1931. Report and Review were concluded May 1, 1932, and the process finished on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**1932** - 1932 The process de non culta public veneration, was instituted June 29, 1932, and the visit to Tekakwitha's tomb in Canada was made with all solemnity July 21, 1932.

**1938** - 1938 During June, the Historical Section of the Congregation of Rites in Rome declared that the documents of the case of Tekakwitha were completely genuine and trustworthy, that they established Tekakwitha's renown for holiness, and a solid basis for final judgment that her virtues were historic.

**1939** - May 1939, sanctioned by Pope Pius X11, the recommendation of The Cause for the Beatification of Catherine Tekakwitha, "In The Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha Indian Virgin."

**1940** - November 26, 1940 was set, with the Holy Father's approval, as the date for the first discussion of the virtues of the Servant of God, Kateri Tekakwitha.

**1942** - 1942 June 12, 1942 Pope Pius X11 approved the decision of the Congregation that the Venerable Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha, was heroic.

**1943** - 1943 January 3, 1943 Pope Pius X11 signed the Decree in which CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA was "VENERABLE".

**1980** - 1980 June 22, 1980, Pope John Paul 11 beatified Catherine Tekakwitha "Blessed Catherine Tekakwitha".

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Letter of Pierre Rémy to Pierre Cholenec

### March 30, 1696

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In 1688, only a few people inhabited the upper part of the Island of Montreal. When it was almost harvest time, the Iroquois attacked killing seven men. Madeleine Bougerey with her eldest daughter Marie Bosne, wife and widow of Pierre Monpetit, made a vow that if through the intercession of Catherine Tekakwitha, the house and the rows of peas of her son-in-law and daughter be spared the fires of the Iroquois, she would have a Mass said in her honor. A wonderful thing! Nearly all the houses nearby were burned except the one in which I said Mass when I went there on my mission. All the harvests were burned except those two rows of peas. Though the Iroquois set fire to them, only the top surface was burned. Bougerey's husband Jacques Charles who helped harvest the two rows of peas, testified this to me.

On November 28, 1694, a stable door fell on the back of Marguerite Picard, thirty-three years of age, and seven months pregnant. Fearing premature birth, she sent for Anne Matteau, a good parishioner. When Anne visited her, she realized that the baby was displaced and had fallen into the lower part of the womb. Seeing that Marguerite was in danger of losing her child in premature childbirth, Anne advised her to consecrate herself to Catherine Tekakwitha. She did and promised to have a Mass said, and make a novena of nine Hail Mary a day for nine days, taking water in which was soaked with the earth of Tekakwitha's grave and ashes from her clothing. Two days later the child resumed its proper place in the womb and she gave birth two months later on time. The mother and Anne Matteau testified this miracle to me.

In 1693, André Merlot, fifty-three years of age, suffered from inflammation of the eyes, and in danger of losing his eyesight. In fact, he could no longer recognize things. I told him to make a novena to Catherine Tekakwitha, and to pray nine Hail Mary a day for nine days, while I offered Mass on these nine days through the merits and intercession of Catherine Tekakwitha. I told him to rub his eyes each day of the novena with water in which I had soaked some earth from Catherine's grave and some ashes from her clothing. At the end of the novena, he had entirely recovered his health. The inflammation ceased and since that time, he has felt no harm from it, which I saw as witness.

Rémy, Pastor of Sts Anges de Lachine

*"If I were to write of the many miracles that have been done and are still coming to us from all sides about Catherine Tekakwitha, who died in odour of sanctity, I would go on endlessly and many volumes would be necessary."*

- Pierre Cholenec, S.J. (1696)



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## Kateri in VIETNAM

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"It was in 1973, near the end. Our team was in Cambodia on a reconnaissance mission. We weren't supposed to be there according to rules, but it was necessary in a war that had no rules. Intelligence had reported a buildup of North Vietnamese Regulars that had come down the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and our mission was to observe them and report back.

Everything was going fine until we interdicted a patrol. Confrontation was unavoidable, and although we came through without a scratch, the whole of the enemy camp was alerted due to our close proximity at the time. There were on us in no time. There must have been a battalion of them. The first to get it was the operations sergeant. Two more fell, and then the captain.

We fought our way out with a modified pincher offensive. Half of us made it, half were dead. We couldn't carry them out. The radio was destroyed, as well as our operator, so we were completely on our own. No way to call in for a lift out.

They hounded us all night. They must have had our scent, so to speak. And of course, there so many, that all they had to do was to spread out, which they did. They caught up with us again before daybreak. Luckily it was a small patrol, I thought. But they had a 50 caliber machine gun, one of ours, one of ours captured from a previous encounter. How they moved with it so fast I'll never know.

When they opened up with that thing, all hell broke loose. At the end of the fight, only two of us were left. For a while, a very short while, I thought the two of us would make it out. Of all the fellows on the team, I was closest to him. I really felt bad about losing everyone else, but the fact that my best buddy of my whole life was with me made me feel good. My friend got hit in the legs. It was a long shot but his legs were nearly separated from the rest of him. The main artery in his right leg had a hole in it and he was going fast, but not fast enough.

I dropped all my gear except the Swedish K and my ammo belt and canteen, and took off in a dead run. In a matter of seconds, the sky cracked open. Whatever scent they had of me was diffused by the downpour. It was like heaven was crying with me, and I tasted the salt.

With numbness through my body, I just kept up the pace for what seemed like an eternity.

I sat down on a fallen trunk. There were fifty miles of jungle between me and safety. I had no idea where I was. That's when I saw her. Just a bit ahead of me, an Indian maiden, with a glow about her. Now I would call her a Native princess, but back then I just recognized that she was of one of the North American tribes.

She signaled for me to come, which I did. She moved through the jungle with such grace and purpose that I have never seen before or since. And I felt such a sense of peace and security in her presence that I found renewed strength to keep on going. She always stayed ahead of me, but not too far. All I could do was to follow. My mind was inquisitive and I felt like a child, yet I felt the strength in me of ten men.

She zigzagged here and there, but always went forward. My legs should have been getting heavy, but I felt like I was walking on water. I followed her all day. Whenever I said something, she just turned and smiled.

I was getting tired by nightfall, and my vision was getting fuzzy. But the Angel in Deerskin touched me, somehow, and I received new strength. My legs felt like water but now I did not stop. I just had to catch up with that beautiful maiden with a glow about her.

The next thing I knew I caught sight of the compound. When I got in and was questioned, I asked, "Since when are we using WACs in Indian clothes as guides?" The officer called in the sergeant to show me a bunk I could sleep in, as I surely needed it.

I never forgot her face, or her beautiful, graceful body for that matter. It wasn't until I saw her picture on the leaflet for the Catholic Charities appeal that I found out who she was. There were some differences. She was the one that I had followed through fifty miles of jungle.

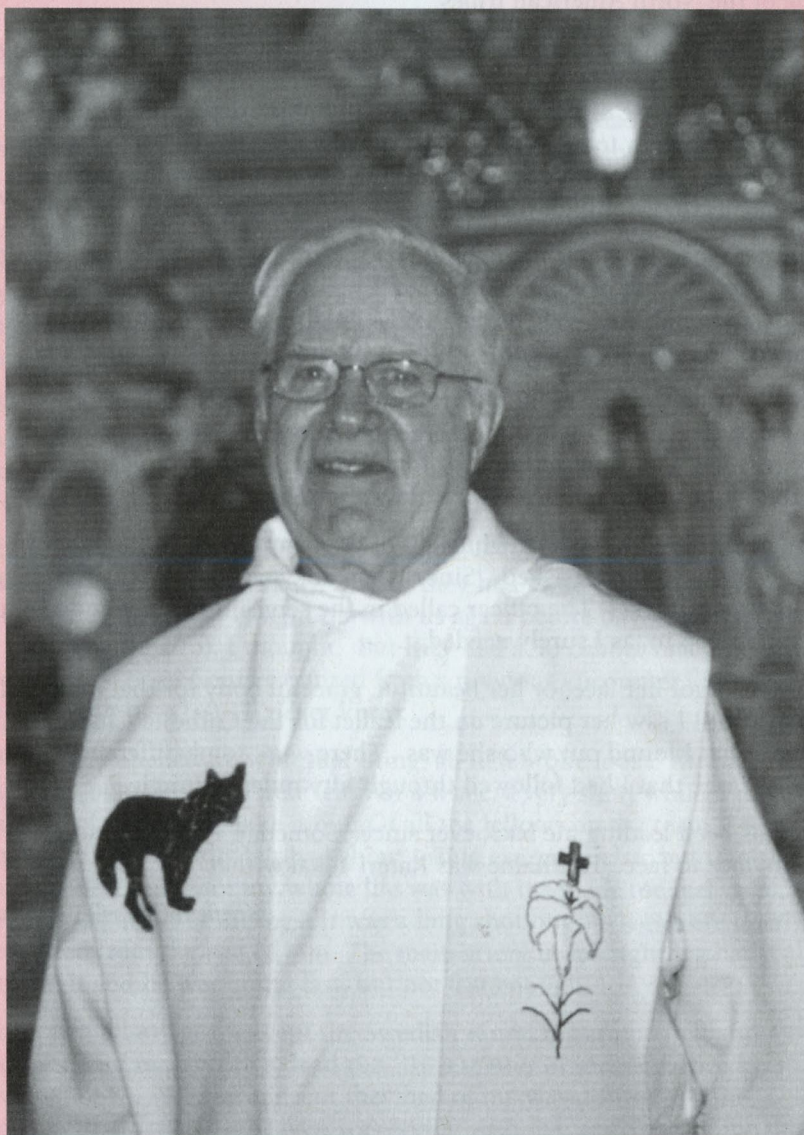
She has been leading me back ever since. Someday, I hope to meet her again, face to face. Her name was Kateri Tekakwitha!

*Kenneth Coppola, 1st lieut.*



## Fr. Jacques Bruyère...

By Anne Scheuerman



*Fr. Jacques Bruyère, S.J.  
1922 – 2009*

## Fr. Jacques Bruyère, S.J. 1922-2009

Father Jacques Bruyère passed away at the Jesuit Residence in St. Jérôme on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. He was eighty-six years of age, and Jesuit priest for sixty-six years. He was born in Letellier, Manitoba in March of 1922. He studied at the Collège Saint-Boniface and entered the Jesuit Order in 1942 and ordained a priest in 1953. Fr. Jacques worked in Taiwan and the Philippines from 1955 to 1982. On every furlough from China and the Philippines, Fr. Jacques would stay at the St. Francis Xavier Mission here in Kahnawake, where he directed the Mohawk Mixed Choir.

In 1983 he was appointed Procurator for the Jesuit Foreign Missions and Superior of the Garnier Residence in Quebec City. Later, he was attached to the Mission Bureau in Montreal. Fr. Jacques was appointed Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri's Cause in June 1990 replacing the first and former Vice-Postulator, Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J. who died in March of 1990. Due to ill health, Fr. Jacques retired in September of 2006.

Fr. Jacques is survived by his sisters Marie-Marthe, Gabrielle, Françoise (Tony Berwanger), and his brothers Dollard (Clemence Maurice), Jean-Léon (Colette Chaput), Yves-Marie (Rita Deremiens). He had numerous nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends.

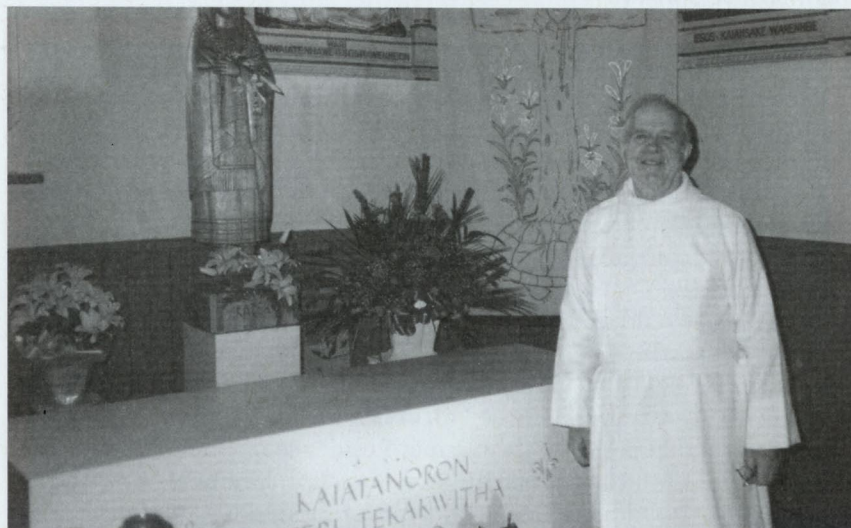
Funeral service was at the Maison des Jésuits in St. Jérôme on Monday, March 2nd at 10.30 a.m. Many parishioners from Kahnawake attended the funeral including Kateri Center office manager, Albert Lazare and Deacon Ron Boyer, the new Vice-Postulator.

Fr. Jacques will be dearly missed by the community of Kahnawake, particularly the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella of whom he was their Chaplain for 16 years, and also by his many Oriental friends across the country.



# Pictures of Fr. Bruyère

By Anne Scheuerman



*Fr. Jacques Bruyère in front of Kateri's Tomb*



*Fr. Jacques Bruyère receives the Kateri Award from Fr. John Paret*

# Pictures of Fr. Bruyère

By Anne Scheuerman



*Fr. Jacques Bruyère with Archbishop Charles Chaput*



*Fr. Jacques Bruyère with his sister, Françoise*



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## *I Ask You Forgiveness*

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You may have asked someone that you may have hurt or offended for forgiveness. Asking for forgiveness is an experience that requires humility, courage and love. It is more demanding and profound than saying that you are sorry. When I say to someone I do not know, "I am sorry," or to someone close to me because of an error, and not necessarily wanted to do. Instead, I ask forgiveness because of the love or friendship of the one I have hurt. With all my heart I hope that person will say; "I forgive you." If he does, the bonds of friendship are reestablished, reinforced and renewed. We can say we are sorry and make another error and again we say we are sorry. Asking forgiveness supposes that we will do everything that is possible not to hurt the beloved person or friend again. Asking for forgiveness and being forgiven implies this intention.

Our relationship with God is like this. God loves us. He includes us in the Word he addresses to his Son: "You are my beloved Son. In you I have put all my love." Through baptism, we become sons and daughters of the Father. We are members of the Body of Christ. Our bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit. All that we do – or don't do - to those in need who are brothers of Christ, it is to Him that we do – or do not. We can hurt God, by ignoring Him by severing or loosening the bond of personal love that unites us to Him. This is where sin resides. We recognize when our relationship to God has been troubled, weakened, even broken by our actions, omissions and attitudes. This is because we are concerned or have been lost or were far away from the God's Love. We need to say: "Father I ask for your forgiveness." convinced that that he will answer us.

But how does he?

God answers our pleas for forgiveness in many ways as described in the Message to the People of God from the Synod on the Word of God. God has a Word that has a voice (described by the Revelation, in the Holy Scriptures), a face (Christ), a house the (Church), a road (the mission in the world, in our lives, in our relationships). The Word of God becomes forgiveness through the Son by the spreading of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven Jn 20:22).

The Risen Lord wants that his benevolent voice to echo in the house of the Church, that his merciful face appears, that that forgiveness be given in a way that it reflects his love and personal love of the Father.

In each of the sacraments, Acts of Christ, there is a personal meeting, between divine Word and Act on one side, and on the other, human word and action. It is like this with the sacrament of penance and reconciliation. In this way that it presents itself as a personal meeting where we can say to God, through the priest who represents Him: "I ask you for forgiveness." Then we can hear the Lord say to us, through the minister's voice; "I forgive your sins." We then hear one voice, see a face, voice that we hear and face that we see in the house of the Church. It is now possible for us to take together the road of the Gospel that is mission in the heart of our personal history, our relationships with ourselves, with others and with God. Lent will begin soon and invites us to the same life experience.

+Bishop Jacques Berthelet, C.S.V.

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## **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin**

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We will soon be celebrating Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Feast Day which is April 17<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of her death. Once again, because this day coincides with Easter week, we will not be able to celebrate the liturgy that is anticipated for Blessed Kateri's Feast Day. As April 17<sup>th</sup> coincides once every three years with Holy Week, or in the octave of Easter, the Conference of Canadian Catholic Bishops, after consultation with the Bishops of Canada and the Committee for Reconciliation, Solidarity and Communion with Native People, has proposed that the Feast Day of Kateri Tekakwitha be celebrated on June 22<sup>nd</sup> the anniversary of Kateri's Beatification. This proposal will be sent, shortly, to the Holy See (to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints). We hope, that in 2010, 330<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kateri's death, we will celebrate the liturgy for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Canada, and in the United States, Blessed Kateri's Feast Day is celebrated on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

It is certainly possible, on certain occasions, and when permitted by the Church calendar, to celebrate a votive mass in honor of Blessed Kateri. We can always pray through the intercession of Kateri, as the Patroness of Ecology and Environment, the Patroness of Consecrated Virgins. Blessed Kateri reminds us that we are all brothers and sisters in humanity, brothers and sisters in Christ by our baptism. Finally, we are invited to pray to the Lord, that soon, Kateri Tekakwitha will be recognized as a Saint, in all the Church, through her canonization.

+ Jacques Berthelet,  
C.S.V. Bishop of St-Jean-Longueuil



## Testimonies of favors obtained

### ❁ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.M.!

*Enclosed is a twenty-five dollar cheque as promised to Kateri's Cause. My daughter was looking to buy a home for sometime and was not able to find same for a reasonable price. Therefore I promised Blessed Kateri if she would please help. That was three weeks ago. Well today she called me and gave me the good news that she had found a house to suit her purpose. So thank you Blessed Kateri. I pray for her canonization every day. I also promised to publish this favor. Thank you again.*

(Cornwall, ON)

### ❁ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.B.!

*Once again Kateri has interceded. My daughter had a confusing health problem. After my prayers she is recovering nicely. Kateri always helps me when I ask her. I will continue to ask for her help.*

(Biddeford, ME)

### ❁ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. E.D.!

*I am writing to report that my mother-in-law recovered her eyesight after having lost it a month back on undergoing three surgeries. I attribute this to Blessed Kateri. Enclosed is a check of twenty-five dollars.*

(Walnut Creek, CA)

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

*Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri who keeps an eye on our family.*

(Champlain, NY)

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

*Please accept my donation of twenty dollars for Blessed Kateri as promised. We pray to her and ask many favors of her. Our youngest son went to visit our oldest son in Denver. We asked Blessed Kateri to keep him safe on his journey.*

(New Minas, NS)

### ❁ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.O.!

*Enclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for her help and prayers. I recently had to have cataract surgery on both eyes and was anxious about the procedure. But Kateri was with me and all went well. Twenty dollars is in thanksgiving and five dollars to renew my subscription to Kateri. I pray each day that soon we will be able to say our thanks to "Saint Kateri."*

(Randolph, MA)

## Testimonies of favors obtained (follow)

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

*Find enclosed a check for one hundred dollars promised to Blessed Kateri for answering my prayer to obtain a winning ticket. It truly was a miracle. No sooner had I prayed and there was the ticket in my hand. Kateri always has been and will continue to be a large part of my everyday life. I can't imagine life without her. She smiles on my family and myself daily. Thank you Blessed Kateri.*

(Kersey, PQA)

### ❁ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss C.B.!

*I am writing to thank you for your letter of September. That day I arrived home after a breast biopsy to find the letter waiting. The words "Kateri is certainly interested in you..." meant so much to me. I had prayed for Kateri's intercession and was very calm during the procedure. On September 8 the results were back negative for any malignancy. I will have a follow-up test in December. Your letter was such a blessing. It was like Kateri was speaking to me! Please find enclosed a cheque for twenty dollars as a thanksgiving offering and six dollars for two deceased enrollments. Pray for me and my loved ones that God will guide us over the next few months. Family members have had loss of employment and work cutbacks due to the economic situation. God bless you as you work for Kateri and I can hardly wait for your next letter, and from her too.*

(St. Catharines, ON)

### ❁ Kateri's smile upon you, J.F.!

*Enclosed is a gift of one hundred dollars in thanksgiving for the sale of our son's house and recovering from blood clots. We remain confident in good Kateri.*

(Lafayette, LA)

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

*Again, and happily, I am acknowledging the powerful intercession of Blessed Kateri. I have entrusted many petitions to Kateri and the Lord has blessed me and my family with favorable results. Most of my petitions were health related. Enclosed find a check of gratitude in hopes of helping the cause of her Sainthood. I am currently saying a novena through Kateri for another health issue. Please pray for me.*

(Saint Marys, PA)





## The Catherine Ganneaktena Roll

Catherine Ganneaktena, an Erie Indian, was the co-founder of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. Captured and inducted into the Oneida nation in 1656, she later married a Christian Huron, Francis Xavier Tonsahoten. In 1667, she and her husband were invited to settle down at la Prairie, an invitation that they gratefully accepted. On November 6, 1673, Catherine died, and her spiritual director, Fr. Frémin, affirmed that she had always preserved her baptismal innocence.

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## Sous l' gide de Catherine Ganneaktena

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| 106. A Soul in Purgatory            | 136. Mrs. Madeleine Basque Richardson | 166. Mrs. Th r se Morin           |
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| 108. Miss Marie Anne Albert         | 138. Mr. Roland Levesque              | 168. Mr. Andr  Vigneux            |
| 109. Mr. Emile Cormier              | 139. Mrs. Lena Th riault              | 169. Mr. Gilles Simard            |
| 110. Mrs. Marie-A. Labrie Bernaquez | 140. Mr. Jean Yves Cotton             | 170. A Soul in Purgatory          |
| 111. Mrs. Muriel M. Thompson        | 141. Mrs. Rosaire Langelier           | 171. Miss Gabrielle Boislard      |
| 112. Mr. Dominic Craith             | 142. Mr. Raymond Bernaquez            | 172. Mr. Guy Bettez               |
| 113. Mrs. Dominic Craith            | 143. Mr. Roger Desaulniers            | 173. M. G rald Martin             |
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