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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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1. A weekly Mass is offered;
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.

Summer 2010

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Total pledges to August 28, 2010: 30,725.

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.

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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Extract from the Homily of Mgr Jacques Berthelet
for the Feast of Kateri Tekakwita,
April 17, 2010 Saint Francis Xavier Mission of Kahnawake

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This is the first time for several years that we have the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Kateri Tekakwita by using the foreseen readings for her feast. The reason is that during Holy Week, the first Week of Easter and Sundays of the Easter Season, priority is to be given to these liturgies.

Accordingly, we can reflect today on the readings especially chosen for the feast of the Blessed Kateri Tekakwita. The first reading is taken from the Book of Wisdom. When we make a Christian reading of the book of Wisdom, we can understand that nobody can do the will of God without Jesus Christ who is the Wisdom and without the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit guides us to live the good news of Jesus Christ. And this is what Kateri Tekakwita did.

We know that her relatives did not agree with her desire to be baptized. She asked for baptism nonetheless. And she suffered harsh treatment from her family after her conversion. She was guided by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus Christ. We too are called to live accordingly to our baptism and to our confirmation and to the Eucharist we participate in.

Then we will be recognized by Jesus Christ as being his disciples, as his brothers and sisters. This is the meaning of the gospel of today on the occasion of the feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwita.

When Jesus asks "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" he does not minimize the quality of his relation to his mother and to his family, he just underlines the deepness of his relation to his disciples which is the affirmation of our fundamental identity of children of God, through Him. This is the relation developed by Kateri during her life. This is the Christian vocation we are called to develop.

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, and we pray for the canonization of Blessed Kateri, we are called to be faithful to our baptism, to strengthen our commitments to the Church of Jesus Christ, to live as brothers and sisters in Christ: this is surely the best way to promote the canonization of Kateri.
AMEN

Jacques Berthelet, C.S.V.
Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, Quebec

The Missionary – Part Two

I would like you to know some of my experiences in Timon Maranhao Brazil. The community, as I already said, was very poor; however, people were very kind and friendly. The parish where we worked, "San Francis of Assisi", and following some of the traditions of my country of origin, Guatemala, I invited the congregation to prepare processions. We had chapels, San Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, maybe the most affluent chapel was Baby Jesus where we had several activities; however, in each chapel we organized groups of prayer and other groups besides those existent. All groups collaborated a lot and we organized Processions. In one of the processions we had a painful experience. I urged people to have fireworks; one of these went up the sky and upon falling down, hit the roof of a house, and as I said before, most roofs were made of palm trees, so a fire started. This was a regrettable experience, but it was also instructive, since all people became organized and they promptly repaired the roof. For the day of San Vincent de Paul, they didn't have a statue of the saint, so with the help of my family in Guatemala, I obtained the necessary money to buy an appropriate statue for the purpose and the procession was made this way. I asked people to decorate their houses and they placed flowers as carpets in the path of the procession just as we do in my country, and thanks to the Divine Will, people got the idea and they organized this way for it.

Since weather is extremely hot all year round, I sweated a lot and I used my handkerchief constantly to wipe out my sweat. For this reason, some people gave me the name of "Father Handkerchief" of course this was made with a lot of affection and respect. I had the opportunity to live with people because I was in charge of couples preparing them for marriage. I visited with them at their houses where we had the preparatory meetings. Several couples, who already lived together and had children, decided to receive the Sacrament of Marriage and they prepared for this special occasion very enthusiastically.

Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation was also made in such a way that people felt committed to the Church. I think at this time that something similar happened to our beloved Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, who when meeting the priests, became interested in knowing Our Lord. The same thing happened with many people, mainly the young, their participation in Church activities was very impressive, and some of them became our regular parishioners. We did our best to motivate and help them to finish their schooling. This experience was so enriching that some of them still communicate with us, Missionaries who worked there.

I do not know exactly what has been the impact of my presence in Kahnawake. I pray to God Our Father, to Blessed Virgin Mary, and to our beloved Blessed Kateri that they inspire the people of Kahnawake to feel a need to become closer to God and to their brothers and sisters in the community. To you, who read this message, I beg your prayers for the prompt canonization of Kateri.

Fr. Alvaro Salazar, f.m.m., Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Mission

Greetings from the Vice-Postulator

I apologize for the late issues of KATERI. We have been very busy with legal issues. First: When the previous vice-postulator retired due to his medical condition, the transfer of names of our Kateri Cause Center had not yet been recorded with both the Federal and Provincial Governments. This created a situation where much time was spent communicating and meeting with Government officials. Needless to say, this was not an easy task but a long drawn out one. With great difficulty and help through the intercession of Blessed Kateri we succeeded in straightening out most of this mess. It was good that when I took over as vice-postulator, we formed a Kateri Advisory Council to help give us advice and to assist us in our Cause of Blessed Kateri endeavors.

Following this situation another problem arose where the Provincial Government through auditing, levied back taxes (plus interest) on \$5,000.00 the government is claiming for the years 2002 – 2008 even though taxes do not apply, as we publish only religious materials and the fact that we are located on Federal Indian land, which is exempt from taxes. This again, has taken many hours and many meetings, meeting with Government officials to have these charges on our operation removed due to our exemption from taxes. We are obliged to employ professional mailing experts to package, parcel and then mail our Kateri Quarterlies thus the Government says that the booklets become taxable. It is a no-win situation.

Adding to all of these expenses, many of our benefactors who have passed on, or have moved to new locations without advising their local Postal Branches, we are charged for all uncollected mail, plus interest. We ask you dear subscribers of Kateri, who are no longer interested in being on our mailing list, to please advise us as this creates additional expenses for our operation. This has taken a great deal of effort on our behalf and has taken valuable time away from concentrating on the work at hand, which is promoting Blessed Kateri's Cause. Maybe, at the end of the tunnel there will be good news on Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's canonization. Amen?

Please keep us in your prayers that we may find a solution to all this. If you can, or if you know of anyone who can assist us in translating, it would be much appreciated as we publish KATERI in both French and English, and most of our subscribers in Canada and the USA are Francophone. Have you received a physical or spiritual healing through the intercession of Blessed Kateri and would like to share it with our KATERI subscribers, please inform us and we will gladly print it. Through the intercession of Blessed Kateri, may God bless you and watch over you and all your loved ones.

Ronald Boyer, deacon
Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause

Blessed Kateri's Feast Day

April 17th 2010

This year we celebrated Blessed Kateri's Feast on Saturday, April 17th. We generally celebrate Blessed Kateri's Feast Day on the Sunday closest to April 17th. Our Bishop, Jacques Berthelet chose this day as this may be the last year we will celebrate her Feast Day in April. Bishop Berthelet is awaiting news from the Holy See granting permission to celebrate Blessed Kateri's Feast Day on June 22 as put forth by the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops. It is possible that Rome will grant the change of date for next year's celebration that will likely be in June.

It was a beautiful celebration, the weather being very cooperative. Several clergy from our diocese concelebrated including our Pastor Fr. Alvaro Salazar. Many attendees came from Akwesasne and from our diocese and the USA. In his homily, Bishop Berthelet, called on all the faithful to pray daily and make regular novenas to Blessed Kateri that through her intercession she be credited for favors received through her intercession.

Three persons received Blessed Kateri Awards for their dedication and promotion of the Cause of Blessed Kateri. **Mrs. Louise Major** of our diocese who served on our Kateri Advisory Council and promoting Blessed Kateri throughout the diocese. **Mrs. Kateri Deer** of Kahnawake, President of the Daughters of Isabella, a full-time prayer-partner to those calling on her from near and far. **Richard Coache** of Ludlow, Mass. for his generous donation of time and monies and for his commitment to promoting Blessed Kateri giving workshops on Blessed Kateri's life in schools and adult group gatherings in several Massachusetts communities.

Following the Liturgy, everyone came up to venerate the relic of Blessed Kateri and many brought their sick and infirmed to have hands laid upon them around Blessed Kateri's tomb. These are moving testimonies of faith of family members, parents and their supporting relatives trusting that through Blessed Kateri's intercession, our Lord Jesus will smile upon them and grant their prayer requests.

The Confirmation and First Communion candidates took an active part in the liturgy and the Readings. This is good! Children are our future so we must give them all the support and guidance they will need to mature into spiritual leaders that we are dearly in need of. Children are imitators of what parents and teachers teach and practice. Our day concluded with a splendid meal through the generosity of our local K. of C. Many thanks to all you volunteers!

Deacon Ron Boyer, Vice Postulator

Blessed Kateri' Feast

April 17, 2010

Photos by Ann K. Maloney



Grand Entrance



Opening Prayer by Bishop Berthelet

Blessed Kateri' Feast

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Recipients of the Kateri Awards



Pilgrims at Kateri' Tomb

Blessed Kateri' Feast

April 17, 2010

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Bishop Berthelet and Deacon Boyer with recipients of Kateri Award



Meal prepared by the Knights of Columbus

A Catechesis Towards a catechesis of the whole community

In the minds of many, the word catechesis suggests the instruction of children in the Christian life, the short catechism in fact. Yet, if we refer to the General Directory for Catechesis, it is clear that catechesis addresses itself first to adults. It is on the basis of the catechesis for adults that we normally develop that of children and adolescents. At first sight, we would have begun at the other end, since we first offered catechesis in the parishes to children aged 11 to 13. We must understand, however, that this offer of catechesis to children aged 8 to 13 would not have been possible unless many members of the pastoral staff and a large number of volunteers had themselves received catechesis and unless parents themselves had been put into the catechetical mode.

It appears necessary to us therefore that every Christian community be engaged systematically in catechesis if we wish not only to accompany the young people in the process but to help all members of the Christian community to be able to give account of their faith and to hear witness to it with pride.

Perhaps it is good to remember that catechesis is not just instruction. Beyond that it is also an apprenticeship on the basis of the Word of God in living according to the Gospel, in prayer, in the community, in the liturgical celebration, in commitment to the Christian mission in the world. This is why we can speak of a permanent catechesis, addressing all ages of life and all circumstances of life.

In a lay state and a secularized society, it is clear that Christian values do not determine the political calendar and do not guide the media agenda. But how do we support the faithful who, day after day, see themselves confronting situations, choices or conditions of life and of work where their faith is challenged, if not by offering them places and means to deepen their faith so that they may live it and testify to it. It is in this perspective that we wish to go further in this project, and to develop a catechesis of the whole community that may be adapted to different situations. A community more fully catechized renews itself and becomes more apt to spread the gospel. It is also in this perspective that we wish to develop the adult catechumenate more extensively and to open catechumenal paths in those who have been baptized but have not completed their Christian initiation.

Pilot projects are in progress in the parishes, initiatives such as the Week of the Word are being developed and joyful experiences like that of the adult catechumenate are especially encouraging. They lead to the discovery of the profound identity of the hearts made for God and to hearing the call to meet his Son, our brother. The future of our Church lies along these new paths. May the Spirit of Pentecost guide us on these paths.

Bishop Jacques Berthelet, *Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil*

Being Christian

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You' better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, 'Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.' When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change.' The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?' 'Yes' he replied. 'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.' When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.'

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

- Watch your thoughts; they become words.
- Watch your words; they become actions.
- Watch your actions; they become habits.
- Watch your habits; they become character.
- Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not PROTECT you...

"Stay FAITHFUL and Be GRATEFUL!"

"To love a person is to learn the song that is in their heart, and to sing it to them when they have forgotten."

'Anonymous'

Katerigram

THE JESUIT CURIA (HEADQUARTERS) IN Rome is close to the Vatican, so close indeed that it begins a few hundred meters from the left wing of Bernini's colonnade. From my window, as I look out at the magnificent façade of St. Peter's, radiant in the warm sunshine, I cannot help but marvel at the ways of God.

Tomorrow morning, His Holiness Pope John Paul 11 will beatify five of the Lord's chosen ones, who somehow were so interested in the Amerindians, that they dedicated their lives to them out of pure love: Blessed François de Laval, Kateri's bishop and first Bishop of North America, north of the Rio Grande; Blessed Marie of the Incarnation, O.S.U., one of the first distaff missionaries, if not the first one in the history of the Church, who after devoting her life to the Indians, died as she offered it up for them; Blessed Joseph de Anchietta, S.J., who among other things, cared enough for the Brazilian aboriginals in the late fifteen hundreds to compile a dictionary of the Turpi-Guarani language; Blessed John St. Joseph de Betancur, a Franciscan third order layman, who dedicated himself to the poor of his country, especially the Indians, during the seventeenth century. And, of course, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the Mohawk maiden, who led a life of penitential love to draw her compatriots to the Lord, the Heart of her heart.

With deep emotion, I jot down these lines. Tomorrow afternoon after Pope John Paul 11 has formally declared Kateri "Blessed," I may be too emotionally drained to be able to do any writing. As of now, I am convinced Blessed Kateri's beatification will be of deep significance to the Indians of Canada and of the United States; indeed, to those of all three Americas. Also, to the poor and downtrodden everywhere, in particular to the ethnical minorities scattered throughout the world. Finally, to the middle classes and wealthy who are poor in spirit. Since Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, in the face of illness, hardships, and motley of suffering, did correspond so generously each day to God's saving grace, should we not be ready to admire her, to imitate her and ask her as a close friend to intercede for all of us.

Rome, June 22, 1980.

Vice-Postulator,
HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.

A Child's View... of a Thunderstorm

A little girl walked to and from school daily.

Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming as she made her daily trek to elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up along with lightening. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that their daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she feared the electric storm would harm her child. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw the little girl walking along. At each flash of lightening followed quickly and each stroke of lightening the girl would smile.

When the mother's car drew up alongside she lowered the window and called to her - "What are you doing." The child answered; "I am trying to look good and pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

Contributed by Kateri Deer, President of "The Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Daughters of Isabella Circle of Kahnawake."

Don't worry and say 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' The people who don't know God keep trying to get these things and your Father in heaven knows you need them. When you come before God, He wants you to approach Him childlike and not cling to your worries.

God's word's are; "Come to Me all who are weary and lonely, and I will give you rest. Your Father in heaven knows what you need. The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things will be given to you. So don't worry about tomorrow because tomorrow will have its own worries. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

(Math 6 :31-34)

Thought it too good not to share

I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door, not by the beauty of it all, nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp-- the thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice. Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell, was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal? I would love to hear your take. How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet, so somber - give me a clue.' 'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock. No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

JUDGE NOT!!

Remember...Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

Every saint has a PAST... Every sinner has a FUTURE!

Now, it's your turn... share this poem.

400 Year Anniversary of Chief Membertou's Baptism

This ceremony took place on June 24th, 2010 in almost the exact location of the baptism of Chief Membertou in Port Royal. This began a five-day celebration marking the great chief's life. There were songs and dance and drums, a Catholic mass that included three languages — Mi'kmaq, French and English — and a re-enactment of the former Mi'kmaq grand chief's historic baptism by the shores of the Annapolis Basin 400 years ago. There were approximately five hundred people in attendance Mi'kmaq, English, and French. Peace and harmony was the message, a philosophy of the famous Chief Membertou.

He and his family members were the first aboriginals to be baptized in what would later become Canada, signaling a desire to live in peace with the European settlers and setting the stage for Canada to become a multicultural country. Mi'kmaq current chief Chief Ben Sylliboy spoke eloquently and in his address to the audience after Mass. He said, "You forgive, but you don't forget. This event is special because we are celebrating 400 years of our historic Mi'kmaq alliance with the French and Membertou's joining the Catholic Church followed by his baptism and that of his immediate family and relatives." "It is good and an honor to see all my Mi'maq and members of other reserves gathering here for this special occasion". remarked Sylliboy. Referring to the bitterness with the Church, he said, "There are things that you want to forget." "WE want to forgive but we cannot forget; some memories still linger." He said "there is quite a bit of healing now going on, even with the Residential Schools." "This gathering is simply a commemoration of the decision Grand Chief Membertou made and the partnership that was started with the French." Membertou welcomed the French and, in many cases, helped them to survive the harsh winters.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper sent a greeting that was read before the enactment, "The baptism of Grand Chief Membertou on June 24, 1610, was a pivotal moment in Canadian history." "It heralded the beginning of peaceful relations between the Mi'maq nation and European settlers." The Prime Minister said, four centuries later, Membertou remains a symbol of faith and goodwill that has shaped Canadian values.

The Catholic Mass, held in a large tent, was presided by Archbishop Martin Currie, with the Pope's representative, Apostolic Nuncio Pedro Quintana, Bishop Brian Dunn of Antigonish Diocese and other Catholic Bishops.

Deacon Ron Boyer, Vice-Postulator
for Kateri's Cause

400 Year Anniversary of Chief Membertou's Baptism

Photos by Ann K. Maloney



Procession of Clergy to Mass Celebration



Reenactment of Chief Membertou's Baptism

Testimonies of favors obtained

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.G.!

I am grateful to be able to write you again and offer this small donation towards Kateri's cause. I pray to her often and she always helps in times of need. I feel blessed to have her in my life. My in-laws who are both now deceased were made aware of her over 60 years ago while on their honeymoon. They visited her shrine and came to learn about her. About 10 years ago my mother-in-law was in the hospital after having suffered a severe stroke. She could not talk, move or eat. The doctors informed us they would have to put a feeding tube in her or she would die. She had been in a coma for several days at this point and we didn't have much hope for recovery. We arrived at the hospital that day very reluctant since we didn't know what would happen from day to day. When we arrived, my mother-in-law, although still very weak, was sitting up in bed, alert, and being fed applesauce by a nurse! She had come out of the coma and was able to eat soft foods! This was amazing! The nurse told us that she was at the other end of the corridor helping another patient when she all of a sudden felt this overwhelming urge to check on my mother-in-law. When she entered my mother-in-law's room she said my mother-in-law was sitting up and talking softly to someone. The nurse said she immediately went to find something for her to eat and when she came back she began slowly feeding her. The nurse said she was shocked because she was scheduled that day to get the feeding tube. I asked my mother-in-law who she had been talking to and she told me there was a small Indian girl here feeding her. Well, we knew it was Blessed Kateri. Kateri has also helped my mom after having a stroke and my aunt after being in the hospital several times. Blessed Kateri always is there for us to bring comfort. I love her. May she soon be canonized.

(Cinnaminson, NJ)

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W.H.!

Please accept my twenty dollar donation for a favor from Blessed Kateri. We asked Blessed Kateri to pray and help us during our trip to visit our son in Colorado. We visited him for 19 days and had a great trip and stay. Coming home we had a scary flight. Something went wrong with the engine of the plane. We prayed to Blessed Kateri to help us. We landed safely and now I want to keep my promise made to Blessed Kateri.

(New Minas, NS)

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B.K.!

We so enjoy your magazine and feel so close to Kateri. We have a grand-daughter with her beautiful name. Thanks to Kateri for helping us sell our home. We still can't believe it.

(Vancouver, WA)

Testimonies of favors obtained (...following)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J.B.!

Many thanks to Blessed Kateri's intercession. My son finally passed the Law Bar exams after six years and five attempts... (East Syracuse, NY)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.H.!

Enclosed is a cheque in thanksgiving for favors received. We pray daily that there will soon be results about Kateri's canonization. It was nice to hear that Blessed Brother André will attain sainthood next October. Now hopefully, it will be Blessed Kateri's turn in the near future. We still ask for Kateri's help, and most times she answers us, for which we are truly grateful. (Etobicoke, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M.M.!

The enclosed check for twenty-five dollars is sent in honor of Blessed Kateri. It is sent in thanksgiving and for many special intentions, particularly good health and increased mobility for myself and my sister. We are still praying for Kateri's Canonization. (Jamaica Plain, MA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.G.!

Find enclosed a check for a favor received. My husband of 26 years lost his gold wedding band on January 3 outside at a downtown location during a snow storm. We figured that the plow probably took it that night as it had gone by several times. We did continue to search for it in between snow storms and even used a metal detector to no avail. My mother and I prayed to 'Blessed Kateri to find it but had just about given up hope figuring that either the snowplow or someone had picked it up. Yesterday (March 7), my husband's father brought the wedding band to us. It was lying in the street, beside his car when he parked. He is elderly and it is a miracle that he saw it, that no one else had found it and kept it and that it wasn't plowed away or damaged. THANK YOU SO VERYMUCH KATERI for returning this very sentimental piece of jewelry to us. (Brockway, PA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E.M.!

Dear Kateri, I am writing today to thank you for obtaining many favors for me. My arthritis, etc. I am sending you a twenty dollar donation for your cause with a promise to publish. I am still asking for your prayers as I have many more problems. I have great confidence in you and am still praying for your Sainthood. (Alexandria, ON)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. R.C.!

Enclosed please find a check for two hundred dollars for the Cause of Blessed Kateri for favors and healings received. We all hope that she will be canonized soon. From her little cousin, R. (Ludlow, MA)



The 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 Touastreskon, 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 that were sung at church, much to the satisfaction of the Blackrobes.

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