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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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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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Prayer Pledges for Kateri's Canonization

Total pledges to December 10, 2010: 30,734.

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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The month of the dead and of life

The history of religions teaches us that religion itself was manifested when, about 90,000 years ago, our ancestors wanted to provide burials for their dead. Burial caused not only the dead but death itself to be seen in a new way. A new relationship was established with them, with the hereafter, with the divine. Our ancestors thus found themselves connected with (the origin of the sense of religion) to the thereafter. But this need of man to connect himself to the hereafter expresses also a dimension of the human person, his religious dimension, in the whole biblical tradition, from Genesis to Revelation, we shall discover therefore, in a manner more and more precise and explicit this faith in the hereafter, this connection with those who have died, this faith in a life beyond death. It is certainly the death and resurrection of Christ that have given full meaning to that which, in the beginning, was only a wish to provide the dead with burial.

In our Christian faith, in our Creed, we declare that we believe in the communion of saints, in the resurrection of the dead, in life everlasting. These are the closing words of the Creed. They are also the meaning of this month of the dead which begins with All Saints, continues in the commemoration of all the faithful dead and develops in each Eucharist where the death and resurrection of Christ, guarantees of our own resurrection, are celebrated.

Our culture today is full of contradictions in the face of death. Attempts to facilitate euthanasia and assisted suicide surface periodically, but never before have so many methods of prolonging life been deployed by every manner of scientific research. People are seeking more and more to overshadow death by minimizing funeral rites as much as possible and, furthermore, the movies and the other media are trivializing death as much as they can through overexposure. Reason and faith offer other paths to us, however, if it is disturbing to hear the talk of some proponents of euthanasia and to discover the percentage of people in Quebec who support them, it is reassuring to listen to the many doctors and nurses who insist on the need to develop palliative care and to render it accessible to everyone. In this respect you can benefit from reading the brief presented by Bishop Bertrand Blanchet to the commission on the question of dying with dignity on the website of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Quebec. (www.eveques.qc.ca)

The month of the dead ends on the First Sunday of Advent when we celebrate the coming of Him who is Life. We shall provide communities with material for the purpose of organizing a period of prayer and celebration allowing all of us to join the whole Church in recognition and support of life, and thanksgiving.

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

Greetings from the Vice-Postulator

I send you greetings from Blessed Kateri's Shrine, happy Thanksgiving and warm wishes and a Blessed Advent and Christmas season to all of your loved ones. I have been busy as usual, ministering to parishes and schools outside of our community, giving retreats and talks to parishioners and students who want to know more about Blessed Kateri and her background. Since Saint Brother Andre's canonization in October, I have had many live radio interviews from the USA and here in Canada on where Blessed Kateri's Cause of canonization is and why is her Cause taking so long. I see this as a blessing in disguise. Many people inside and outside of Kahnawake ask what they can do to help in the Cause. I tell them to pray, pray, and pray some more. I tell them that they could approach their respective bishops asking them to support Blessed Kateri's Cause directly in Rome as each and every bishop, in Canada and in the USA, can individually, petition Rome on behalf of their North American Indian constituents of their respective dioceses. Imagine, if the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Canada and USA could send a unified voice to Rome, what a difference it would make.

I attended the Canadian Catholic Bishops of Canada at their Annual Plenary in Cornwall, Ontario in October as an official observer. I sit on two C.C.C. B.'s Councils; the National Advisory Council on Catechesis, the other is the Catholic Aboriginal Council for Reconciliation. I was amazed at what little information that they have on the life of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha; who she was. I was introduced to the Assembly and during the break periods, I mingled with and got acquainted with many bishops, many who were recently consecrated bishops. I spoke with several bishops whom I have known for years having ministered in their dioceses.

When I conduct healing gatherings, in Canada or in the USA, I always tell people who come with their petitions, requests for healing, or prayers for loved ones, to thank God (Creator) in advance for granting what they are about to ask, for granting their petitions **AND**, to pray for others who suffer from similar ailments or situations. This is how God works. He wants us to put others before ourselves, in the same way Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha always did. This will support Blessed Kateri's canonization by our need to reaching out to others. Through the intercession of Blessed Kateri, **petition** Jesus to call forth from Christian families, much needed religious ordained priests throughout the world, to provide spiritual guidance and leadership.

"It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. In giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we are born to eternal life." These inspiring words of St. Francis are words that can bring healing to all of the world beginning within our own families. Children are imitators of their parents and peers. We must provide children with a holistic, loving, and caring environment for them to develop into loving and caring children to take on the leadership roles within their communities as they are our only hope for a brighter future. Jesus will say; **"It is here that I will build my church."** It is in reaching out to others that healing will come to our families and loved ones. Caring for the less fortunate sisters and brothers is our Christian duty. God bless!

Ronald Boyer, *deacon*

Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause

Benedict XVI Encourages Choosing a Special Saint Recommends Namesake as a Model

Benedict XVI is recommending that everyone have devotion to a particular saint -- he suggested, for example, a namesake -- so that the saint can offer closeness through intercession but also be a model to imitate. The Pope said this today when he reflected during the general audience on the saints. He gave the audience address from Castel Gandolfo, where he is staying at the papal summer residence through next month.

The Holy Father said that it is important "to have 'travel companions' on the journey of our Christian life: I am thinking of a spiritual director, a confessor, persons with whom we can share the experience of faith, but I am also thinking of the Virgin Mary and of the saints." "Each one," he said, "should have a saint that is familiar to him, to whom he feels close with prayer and intercession, but also to imitate him or her. Hence, I would like to invite you to know the saints better, beginning with the one whose name you bear, by reading his life, his writings. You can be certain that they will become good guides to love the Lord ever more and valid aids for your human and Christian growth." The Pontiff noted his own closeness to St. Joseph and St. Benedict, as his namesakes, but also reflected on a saint who has "become a good 'travel companion' in my life and my ministry": St. Augustine."

Benedict XVI said that St. Augustine's teaching is particularly relevant today, since "relativism is, paradoxically, the 'truth' that must guide thought, decisions and behavior." Augustine was a great seeker of truth, the Pope noted -- not "pseudo-truths" incapable of giving lasting peace of heart, but that Truth that gives meaning to existence and that is the 'dwelling' in which the heart finds serenity and joy." "St. Augustine understood that it was not he who had found Truth, but that Truth itself, which is God, pursued and found him," the Pontiff reflected. Referring to a passage from Augustine's "Confessions," in which the saint is with his mother and both "for a moment touch the heart of God in the silence of creatures," the Holy Father said: "Creatures must be silent so that there will be a silence in which God can speak. This is also true in our time: Sometimes there is a sort of fear of silence, of recollection, of reflecting on one's acts, on the profound meaning of one's life. [...] [T]here is fear of seeking the Truth, or perhaps there is fear that the Truth will find us, will grip us and change our life, as happened to St. Augustine."

"Dear brothers and sisters," the Pope concluded, "I would like to say to all, also to those in a difficult moment in their faith journey, those who do not participate much in the life of the Church, or those who live 'as if God did not exist' that they not be afraid of the Truth, that they never interrupt their journey toward it, that they never cease to seek the profound truth about themselves and about things with the internal eyes of the heart." "God will not fail to give Light so that one can see," he said, "and Warmth to feel the heart that loves us and that wants to be loved."

Castel Gandolfo, Italy, August 25, 2010

Enshrining Kateri

Shrines are wonderful places. They gather the faithful who desire to pray and honor God in peaceful and determined ways. They are the quiet places that allow a person to sit and meditate on the wonders in the lives of the saint they celebrate. They also invite an insight into personal lives that may be filled with pain and sorrow.

Shrines offer a haven of peace that we all need in our life but they offer a better peace when it is of Jesus. This is the peace and good that forms a real shrine not found in buildings but in the inner spirit of each human being. This peace is truly of God and it can be found enshrined in our hearts and celebrated in our pilgrimage of life.

Kateri Tekakwitha was a young woman who was introduced to Jesus and began to find an inner peace and good. She longed for the love that she began to understand was the story of good that Jesus taught. In that story she began to find her own story coming to life. It was not an easy story for her in a time when the First Nations people were afraid of Christianity. Coupled with this hardship Kateri had to bear a weakness that began with an illness in her younger days.

Both of these difficulties were a kind of cross for her but at the same time that cross became a delight for she really felt that her suffering was an inner light that allowed her to understand the person of Jesus. With this insight the two stories began to merge. For all of us who strive to know Jesus better and allow his goodness into who we are the story is important. As we grow and become more aware of who we are our story becomes more of a mystery and yet more of a marvel. The story of Jesus cannot remain just a story in a book but has to become a way of living the story in a better way.



Enshrining Kateri... *continued*

As we become more knowledgeable of the God within, we can become a real presence of that God without. Our daily encounter with Christ in prayer and good works brings us closer to God as God wants to be closer to us. This was the spirit of Kateri and it can be ours as well.

The shrines of Kateri Tekakwitha that invite people from all over the globe are places where her story is held sacred. They are places where others have found peace and a renewed spirit in their story.

These places where Kateri rests in spirit invite others to rest with her and come to know her as the person of a deep love of Jesus. Visiting these shrines can offer us a moment of rest and a moment of truth. Being on the same ground that Kateri traveled can in fact lift us up to the creator in new and personal ways.

For some, it is a spot where they can walk and talk with God. For others, it is a place where they feel their personal holiness and are lifted in spirit to be better and more giving of the good they have received. Listening to our story as we listen to Kateri's story, can bring us to hear the Jesus story with better ears. Hearing his story once more can bring us to appreciate our gift of Christianity. When this happens we will know God better and our story will be a mystery of holy good and our world will become a shrine of beauty.

Friar Mark Steed, OFM Cap, Director of the National Kateri Shrine, Fonda NY



Photo by Deacon Ron Boyer

Fr. Mark Steed, Director of the Kateri National Shrine in Fonda, NY and Deacon Ron Boyer, Vice-Postulator of Kateri's Cause during the past Thanksgiving Healing Weekend October 8-10th in Fonda NY

Friar Mark Steed is a Canadian Franciscan priest from Toronto and is very attached to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and a strong promote of her Cause. The Franciscan did us well with his appointment to Kateri National Shrine in Fonda NY. God bless you, Friar Mark and you can be assured of our Kateri Advisory's full collaboration supporting your work at your Shrine.

Sincerely, Deacon Ron Boyer

Miracles do happen

To Deacon Ron Boyer, Vice-Postulator of the Cause of Blessed Kateri

I have some good news for you about Blessed Kateri. About one year ago, the Most Reverend Timothy A. McDonnell, Bishop of Springfield Mass. Diocese, sent out letters to 17 parishes in his diocese notifying them that they would be closing. The Immaculate Conception Parish in Indian Orchard, (part of Springfield Diocese) was one of the churches to be closed. The parishioners formed a committee and went to the Bishop requesting that he reconsider the closing. He stated even though they had no debts, and the church financial records were in the black, the committee decided that it was in the best interest to close it. The committee was aware of the Miracle we had at our church here in Ludlow. The committee called me to come to one of their meetings. I spoke to about 300 people about Blessed Kateri and how she helped us.

About six years we wanted to build a Pastoral Center for our parish. The Bishop gave us 3 years to raise funds to build the center. After Two and half years we did not have enough money collected, so our Pastor called a meeting of the Parish Council and explained that we did not have enough money to build and we would have to return all the money to the people. I asked if we could put the building in the hands of Blessed Kateri and maybe she could help us. He agreed, he put a statue of Blessed Kateri in church and prayer cards at each entrance of the church. Father told the congregation to each take a card and pray every day to Blessed Kateri for her help. Prayer cards were also given to our school children, grade K to 8th grade (about 600 children). Before the three years were up the money came in and we were able to build our center. We have a yearly fund drive each November. We sell French meat pies, which we bake at the center. This year we sold 35,000 pies. This covers all the expenses and labor to run the center for one year. The Center is self-sufficient and no cost to our parish.

The committee asked if Blessed Kateri would help them. I told them that they all prayed to Blessed Kateri every day that she might help them as she helped us. We distributed Blessed Kateri Prayer cards to the entire congregation as well as their school children. Two weeks ago, the Immaculate Conception Parish received a letter from Bishop McDonnell stating that after considering their request that he has given them permission to remain open.. The committee has hung a sign on the front of the church **"MIRACLES DO HAPPEN"**. Thank you Blessed Kateri.

We have had numerous healings and favors received. We know that Blessed Kateri is working very hard for those who pray to her. We are hoping that she will be placed into Sainthood soon. Enclosed you will find a check to help her Cause.

Richard J. Coache, 44 Napoleon Ave, Ludlow, Ma 01056-1335

Welcome Fr. Sands!

(Announcement posted on the USCCB Media Relations Blog)

Father Maurice Henry Sands joins the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops September 1, as a "consultant" on Native American Affairs. Father Sands will provide consultation to the U.S. Catholic bishops and staff, diocesan staff and pastoral ministers on issues concerning Native Americans. He will also assist in the development of web-based resources and workshops for bishops and others on ministry to Native Americans.

The appointment responds to requests by Native American Catholics to have representation in the Cultural Diversity Secretariat created in January of 2008. The Bishops' Subcommittee on Native Americans has been operational since then but it will be the first time the subcommittee is staffed by a Native American. Father Sands is a full-blooded Native American belonging to the Ojibway, Ottawa and Potawatomi tribes. He grew up on Walpole Island (Bkejwanong First Nation), which is an Indian reservation located in the St. Clair River between Michigan and Ontario. An accountant by training, he holds an MBA from the University of Toronto, Ontario, and a BBA from Eastern Michigan University. He worked in corporate banking before joining the diocesan priesthood.

Father Sands was ordained a priest on May 14, 2005 for the Archdiocese of Detroit. He currently is pastor of St. Alfred Parish in Taylor, Michigan. While still in the seminary, he worked for the Archdiocese's Department of Parish Life and Services in the area of Native American and Hispanic Ministries. He continues to be heavily involved in Hispanic Ministry as a priest and pastor. From 2006 to 2009, Father Sands served as a board member of the Tekakwitha Conference, a national Native American Catholic organization. He also has served as a consultant to the Bishops' Sub-Committee on Native American Affairs since 2008. Father Sands will continue to be based in Michigan while providing consulting services to the U.S. Bishops. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver, chairman of the subcommittee and a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe, welcomed Fr. Sands' incorporation to the U.S. bishops' Cultural Diversity team. "The Native American Catholic Community in the United States rejoices in the appointment of our brother, Father Henry Sands, as a consultant on Native American concerns for the USCCB. Father Sands is extraordinarily prepared for this service and will represent well the views and needs of the Native American people of the Church. Our prayers and support will accompany him in his service," Archbishop Chaput said. There are approximately 2,383,500 Native Americans Catholics in the United States, representing roughly 3.5% of all Catholics in the U.S. Approximately 20% of all Native Americans residing in the United States consider themselves Roman Catholics.

At the recent Catholic Cultural Diversity Network Convocation, celebrated last May at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, Native American Catholic representatives noted that "a face was still missing in the picture of the Cultural Diversity Secretariat. Beginning September 1, that picture is now even more inclusive, especially if one looks at the diversity of native peoples Father Sands represents. Welcome on board, Father Sands.

A New Kateri Book is available

Giovanna Paponetti has a new book available called

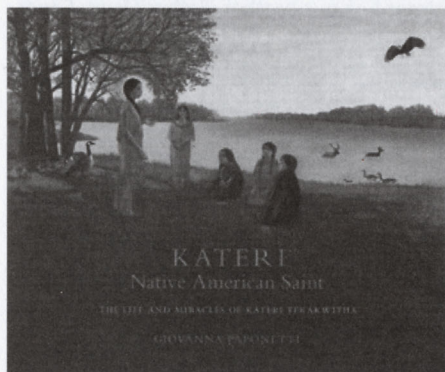
"Kateri: Native American Saint. The Life and Miracles of Kateri Tekakwitha."

The book takes the reader into the world of 17th Century Native Americans and Catholic missionaries and contains twenty-one full color images from an altar screen that Giovanna painted for the Church of St. John the Baptist at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo in New Mexico. These extraordinary paintings feature significant chapters from Kateri's early years, her life as a Christian, and miracles following her death at age twenty-four.

The hardcover book can be ordered from Clear Light Publishers in Santa Fe, New Mexico: (505) 989-9590 or on line at <http://www.clearlightbooks.com/kateri>

Customer review (California):

Giovanna Paponetti has created an extraordinary book with KATERI: Native American Saint. The Life and Miracles of Kateri Tekakwitha. Giovanna is a gifted artist and writer. This timely book has generated excitement within faith, Native American and historical communities that await the last step in the process of Sainthood for a magical Native American woman. This amazing story comes to life with vivid portraits modeled by actual persons from Kateri's church in Canada. Here in New Mexico her story is as fresh today as it was 400 years ago. Appropriate for ages 12 and up. Highly recommended.



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Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), "The Lily of the Mohawks", was a Native American woman born near the Canadian border in present-day Auriesville, NY. She was Beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 22, 1980. If canonized, she will be the first Native American woman to achieve saintly status.

Authored and illustrated by Taos, NM artist Giovanna Paponetti, the book contains twenty-one full-color images commissioned by the Church of St. John the Baptist at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo in New Mexico, the oldest Parish in the United States. The paintings feature Kateri's early years, her life as a Christian, and miracles following her death at age twenty-four, making this book a must-have collector's item.

Greetings from the Vatican

Att'n: Deacon Ron Boyer, Vice Postulator of Blessed Kateri's Cause

In October, 2010 my sister, Geri Tacinelli, along with her husband, traveled to Italy from North Carolina. I sent her with two copies of my book KATERI Native American Saint/The Life and Miracles of Kateri Tekakwitha, published in August 2010 by Clear Light Publishers in Santa Fe. I asked Geri to give these copies to my cousin Palmerina in Rome. One of the packages was for my cousin and her family, and the other one was a signed copy for His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. I had addressed that package to a Priest who was known to have direct contact with His Holiness.

Palmerina mailed the package to the Vatican and notified me when she received a notice that the package had been received. To my great surprise on November 23rd, I received a letter from the Vatican, from the Secretariat of State, First Section - General Affairs:

"His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI was pleased to receive the kind gift sent for his acceptance. He appreciates the devoted sentiments which prompted this thoughtful presentation. The Holy Father gives the assurance of a remembrance in his prayers and sends his blessing." It was signed by Monsignor Peter B. Wells, Assessor

This has made the efforts of my five-year-long project painting Kateri's life most rewarding. These twenty-one paintings have been a labor of love. Close friends and family believed in me and encouraged me to keep going.

I felt like I was being guided by Kateri through a rock that I found at Fonda, NY near the spring where she would gather her water. I see a face in the rock with eyes, nose a mouth and scar-like marks on the cheeks. I kept it by my side while I was painting.

Also inspiring was the turkey feather that flew up in the face of one of our group members as we walked on the trail to the spring in Fonda and the white dove that stayed in front of my house for five days. One day fly catcher nestlings emerged from their eggs in a nest on a beam in my porch. The dove was sitting directly beneath the nest. The feather and the dove are incorporated in my paintings.

I am grateful that my book has found its way to the Vatican as this is the place where Kateri's Sainthood will be decided, hopefully soon.

Giovanna Paponetti, author, Kateri Native Saint

QUEEN OF ANGELS Academy

Retreat at Kateri's Shrine, Kahnawake

On Wednesday October 20th, 2010, 84 students and 5 teachers participated in an all-day retreat held at St. Francis Xavier Mission in Kahnawake. Secondary III Retreat held at Kateri Shrine, Kahnawake Wednesday, October 20th, 2010. The retreat theme was: **"If You Really Knew Me"**.

Deacon Ron Boyer welcomed the students and staff to Kateri's Shrine and began the day with an opening blessing. This blessing set the tone for what turned out to be a very profound and spirit-filled day.

The students were encouraged to consider that though we all come through life with our own religious, cultural and social experiences we are still nonetheless all unique in our own humanity. Each of us has a need to love and be loved – to give and receive – to laugh and to cry – to trust and be trusted. We were reminded that every human being is created in perfection and that no one was created to be less than another.

At the very beginning of the day we spent some time speaking about the 'Iceberg Image' and how even among our most beloved ones, most of us only let others see and know about 10% of who we really are resulting in the fact that 90% of our true selves remains hidden from others. In an attempt to open ourselves up even a little bit more to our peers, small groups were formed and students were asked to complete this sentence, "If you really knew me you would know that....." They were encouraged to be truthful about a fact that they do not/have not shared with their peers before. They were encouraged to trust, break down certain barriers and to allow themselves to be received and loved by their peers.

What ensued was amazing! The students really opened their hearts to their peers and shared some very private, intimate and at times painful parts of themselves. The small groups listened to each other, supported one another, cried together, laughed together and bonded in a very special way. And though we had to bring this activity to a close, we could have allowed for so much more time as the students really appreciated this moment of intimacy and truth. It truly was a very sacred space!

The culmination of the day ended with a healing circle animated by Deacon Ron. The girls were totally taken by this experience. As they shared their thoughts and feelings, they also shared their hopes and dreams that as student peers they might return to their homes, families, school environment as well as their circle of friends with a desire to be more REAL with their peers and those they loved.

They desire to make a difference in their own school milieu and to break down the walls of prejudice and judgment that we easily get trapped into. They felt grateful to have had the experience of this day hoping they could experience this again in the future.

Deacon Ron Boyer's presence with the students, his gentleness and his humor made a difference in their experience. Students appreciated his teachings and the quiet wisdom offered them and being able to leave their school premises and partake in this retreat day in Kahnawake, a place many of them had never visited. The welcome and hospitality of Deacon Ron made this retreat one the Secondary III students will not soon forget.

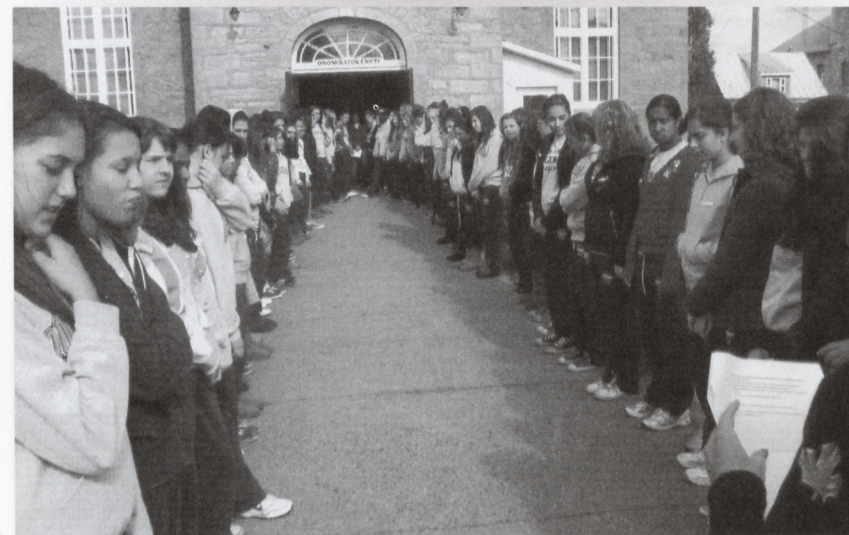
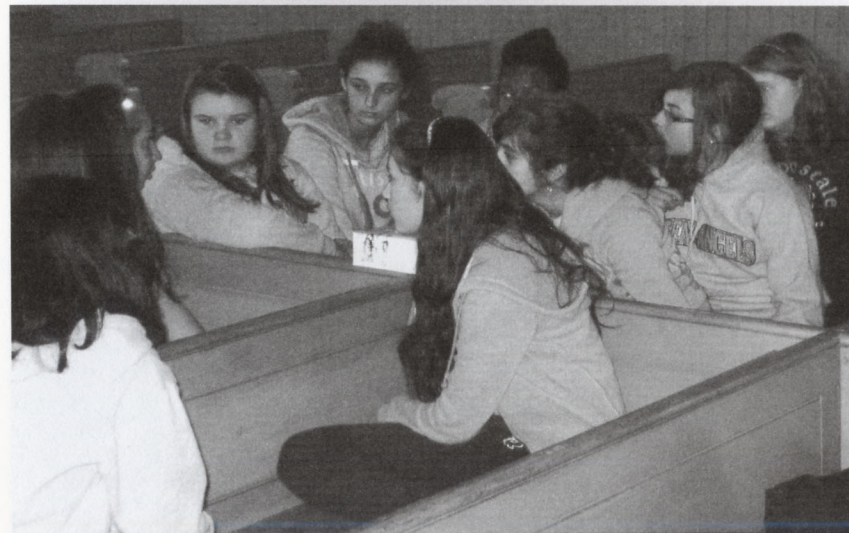
With gratitude we keep you all in our hearts and prayers,

Mrs. Odette Quenneville
Queen of Angels Academy
Pastoral Animator

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Children in Church

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service, "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No ma'am," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."



Testimonies of favors obtained

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. P.B.!**

I'm sending you a check in thanksgiving for a favor that was granted. My daughter found a house. She seems happy and I would like that happiness to last. She has suffered so much in the past. So thank you and I hope she is happy for a long time.
(Terrebonne, QC)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G.G.!**

I'm sending you 20 dollars for a promise made to Kateri for a healing. Thank you.
(Sept-Îles, QC)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.P.!**

Inclosed is a check for twenty-five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for a favor I obtained: a serious operation that was successful. Thank you again Kateri.
(Montréal, QC)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. R.R.!**

Here is fifty dollars for a favor granted. I pray for my grandson who has passed his welding course...
(Tracadie-Sheila, NB)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.T.!**

As promised, here is twenty-five dollars for my daughter-in-law's childbirth. An beautiful baby boy in good health. A huge thank you to Kateri....
(Rouyn-Noranda, QC)

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

I'm sending you sixty-five dollars for the cause. She has granted me the favors I sought, a successful childbirth, a healthy baby, and employment for my daughter's friend, beautiful holidays without incident or accident. I ask her to keep watch over my family et to guide my two grand-sons in their life, to keep them and us healthy. Thank you Kateri for these favors that you have granted me.
(Étang-du-Nord, QC)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. W.G.!**

Inclosed is fifty dollars for a favor granted, employment for my son. Thank you Kateri.
(Delhi, ON)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D.P.!**

I'm sending you fifty dollars for a favor granted by Kateri. Every time I ask her for favors, she grants them. I pray to her regularly. Thank you Kateri.
(Cap Chat, QC)

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

I had promised an amount of twenty-five dollars for a good trimester at the university for my son and a favor obtained. Thank you good Kateri.
(Val D'Amour, NB)

Testimonies of favors obtained (...following)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G.C.!

It is with great joy that I acknowledge the favor granted by the blessed Kateri. She healed my grand-daughter from her hyperactivity which overwhelmed all our lives. Sincere thanksgiving to our dear Kateri. We will soon celebrate her canonisation.
(Québec, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.T.!

A small amount promised for a solution to a little problem. Thank you Kateri.
(Saint-Jean, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. B.L.!

Inclosed is a twenty dollar check in thansksgiving to Kateri for the healing of a health issue (ear infection). I am much better now. Thank you good Kateri.
(Bouctouche, NB)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. G.R.!

I am sending you twenty dollars. My son had a drinking problem and made the decision to quit drinking alcohol. I prayed Kateri and promised twenty dollars.
(Pont La France, NB)

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

I am sending twenty dollars for the canonisation of Kateri and to thank her for a favor obtained for my health. I ask her to keep praying for me as I am really in need of prayer. Thank you.
(Sherbrooke, QC)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss N.F.!

I asked Kateri to help me as I had an important exam to pass for my work. Passing that exam was a condition for a progression in my professional career. Once again, Kateri helped me and I received the news this week that I had passed the exam. Thank you Kateri.
(Québec, QC)



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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