

SUMMER PILGRIMAGES TO MISSION SAINT-FRANCOIS-XAVIER
OF CAUGHNAWAGA WHERE THE RELICS OF THE
VEN. KATERI TEKAKWITHA ARE CONSERVED

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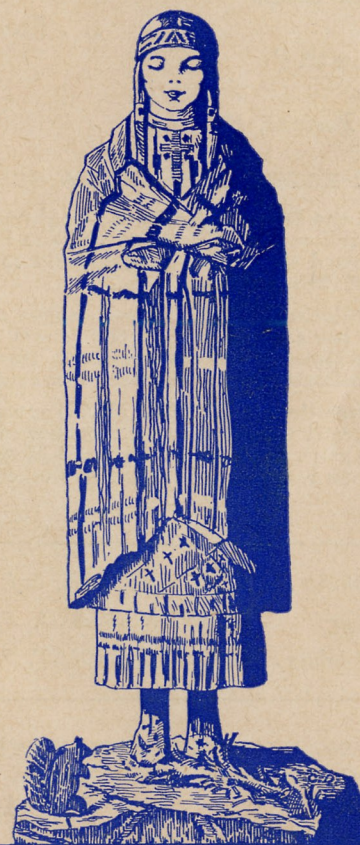
Thanks to their subscriptions and offerings, 33,000 copies of

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Please help us attain 10,000 subscribers during the next twelve-month.

Then we will really begin to make the Lily of the Mohawks
better known and loved throughout the world.

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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA GUILD

The sodalists of the Blessed Virgin of Caughnawaga, Quebec, who are descendants of the earliest Christian Indians in Canada and New York State, have formed themselves into a Guild to spread devotion to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

Our quarterly bulletin KATERI intends, above all, to tell her tale, to foster devotion to her and to record the favors both spiritual and temporal you receive through her intercession. As a result, it is hoped the cause of her Beatification will progress more rapidly.

A one year subscription to KATERI (\$1.00) or any other offering, no matter how modest, will enroll you as a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild for one year, to share in a special Mass offered on the 1st Monday of each month for your intentions in the old Mission church of St. Francis Xavier.

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APOTHEOSIS

The Martyrs Came to Caughnawaga

"Relics of three of the eight Canadian Jesuit martyrs were received at a colorful religious ceremony last night (June 12) at the Indian reservation of Caughnawaga. It was the 300th anniversary of the deaths of St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Charles Garnier and St. Gabriel Lalemant. The relics came from the Martyrs' Shrine in Quebec City..." — *The Montreal Daily Star*.

(That night, under the same roof, the relics of Brébeuf, Garnier and Lalemant reposed but a few feet distant from those of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha...)

Caughnawaga Went to the Martyrs

"Commemorating the memories of the ...Jesuit Fathers who were martyred... 300 years ago, descendants of the (Iroquois) tribe made a special Indian pilgrimage from their Caughnawaga Reserve, near Montreal, to attend services at the Martyrs' Shrine here (Midland, Ont.), making the event historical (July 10).

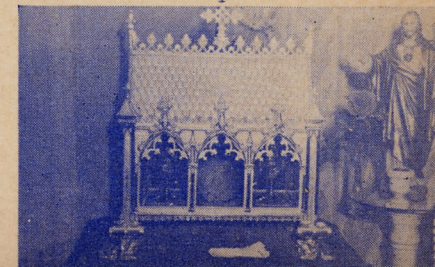
"Headed by Rev. Michael (Karhaienton) Jacobs, Jesuit Priest, a full-blooded Iroquois, and accompanied by the famous Iroquois Choir, they attended a special service at the shrine to pay homage to the ...martyred priests..."

— *The (Montreal) Gazette*.

"With a great voice, Father Michael Jacobs spoke to his people from Caughnawaga in their own Mohawk tongue. The victory of the Church was complete..."

"...Bishop R.H. Dignan of Sault Ste. Marie diocese sang Solemn Mass to mark that portion of the Martyrs' Tercentenary devoted to the Indian nations of old Huronia. Side by side with the Mohawks were men and women of the Objibways, the Pottawatamis and the Petuns... With them were missionary members in the Society of Jesus who carry on the work begun by de Brébeuf and his fellow martyrs."

— *The (Toronto) Globe and Mail*.



LETTERS TO KATERI

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)

Caughnawaga, P.Q., Aug. 12, 1949 : I want to write and thank Kateri Tekakwitha for four very great favors granted to me. The last favor was granted after promising to give 12 of her pictures away. I do hope that the people who need favors or cures will turn to her. I am sending \$1.00 for a subscription for my Brother... Mrs. J. K. L.

Saint John, N.B., June 13 : I have obtained a very special favor through prayers to Katerine Tekakwitha and St. Raphael and I had promised two High Masses in honor of Kateri. I am not sure that I sent the subscription for your nice magazine ; if I have not please advise me... Miss E. M.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 4 : Inclosed is a small offering in thanksgiving for favors received through the intercession of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha... Miss M.F.F.

Kitchener, Ont., July 27 : I received my issue of "Kateri" just a few weeks ago and have already obtained a favor through her intercession... We shall continue to pray to "Kateri" and spread word of her good works... Mrs. H.A.L., Jr.

Bangor, Me., Aug. 10 : Enclosed you will please find a humble offering to Kateri which I wish to perpetuate as long as I am able to work and wish it to be monthly. I am much better... Thanks a million for those dear little relics you sent me... Mr. M. C. R.

Sudbury, Ont., June 21 : I enclose a small sum in appreciation for a great favor received after praying to Kateri and also for her Beatification. A favor so great, which at the time I thought impossible concerning health. Mrs. M.J.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 27 : Enclosed is small offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving for favor received and hope you will pray for my special intentions. Mrs. J.A.B.

Hartford, Conn., July 18 : ...We pray for Kateri and hope she will pray for us too. I am already grateful to her because on the way to see your church, my wife fell off the automobile while in motion, and only by the help of God and Kateri, was saved from being badly hurt or probably killed... Mr. and Mrs. A. Sa C.

Nanton, Alberta, July 20 : I have had one copy of Kateri. I enjoyed it very much. I am enclosing \$1.00 for which please send me a one year subscription and also enroll me as a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild for one year... I have already received a favor from Kateri and I am very, very grateful, as our marriage is now to be blessed with a child... Mr. and Mrs. F. C.

Darlington, Wis., June 6 : Some time ago, I read an article by Father Lord concerning Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks. I started a novena to her, asking to be cured of a pain in my leg, that I have had for about five years. I could only be on my feet for about twenty minutes, when I had to sit or lie down. The pain was very severe. I took bushels of medicine but it did not help. Before my novena was ended that pain was gone. It's about a month now and it has not returned. I promised to have it published if it was cured. Thank God, it is. My leg is still stiff, but I don't mind that when I don't have the pain. Thank God and Venerable Kateri ! Mrs. A. B.

New York, N.Y., Aug. 10 : A lady I got acquainted with made a visit to Montreal and gave me some literature about Kateri. ... The good God always sent me His dear Cross... For ten years I prayed to get well, then resigned myself to His holy Will. For the last twelve I have been totally deaf. Last week I had four X-Rays for gastric gall bladder... I don't care to get well as I have given myself to God's designs over me. My one desire is to love and die a holy and happy death, patience in sufferings, final perseverance... I am going to pray to Kateri for these intentions. A priest is trying to get me in a home as I live alone — and have been alone the greatest part of my life. Please remember me in your prayers for these intentions... Miss C. L.

North Bay, Ont., July 25 : Enclosed please find \$1.00 for subscription to Kateri in thanksgiving for a favor received from her. Mrs. F. D.

Calgary, Alberta, June 18 : Please accept this offering toward the cause of Kateri, in very small part payment for favors received. Mr. A.G. W.

Wildwood, N.J., Aug. 19 : I am enclosing Postal Money Order for \$5.00. Please enroll me as a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild for one year, with my sincere thanks to Kateri for her help in a financial matter, where I not only salvaged money from poor investments but actually made a profit from these investments... Mr. D. F. D.

Seattle, Wash., July 13 : Inclosed find \$1.00 as a thanksgiving for favor obtained through the intercession of Kateri... Miss G.W.

Penelanguishene, Ont., Aug. 27 : I shall always be grateful to Kateri's intercession for a temporal favor received, which at the time, I thought impossible. Mrs. L.D.V.

Toronto, Ont., June 3 : I am enclosing \$1.00 for subscription to Kateri, which I promised in thanksgiving. After praying to Venerable Kateri my husband has been cured of drinking. Mrs. G.

Manchester, N.H., June 27 : I am enclosing the \$2.00 promised if I obtained the following favor. My baby had sore ears and the doctor told us that there was danger of abscesses. After having prayed to Kateri, the pain disappeared without any ensuing abscesses. Once again, thanks to Kateri !... Mrs. L.P.

Hazleton, Pa., July 26 : Enclosed a five dollar offering for your Mission, which I promised Ven. Tekakwitha if I was cured of an allergy condition. Since the favor has been granted me I hasten to keep my promise to little Tekakwitha. Kindly include us in your prayers... Mrs. G. I. P.

Saginaw Bay, Mich., July 19 : I was happy to receive the copy of "Kateri" and am enclosing one dollar for a year's subscription. We are spending the summer at our cottage named "Tekakwitha" on Saginaw Bay... We show the magazine to every one and make her better known. I wish to express my thanks for many favors received thru Kateri, especially for the return of good health which I am enjoying this summer... Mrs. K. I. A.

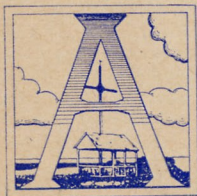
Montreal, P.Q., June 11, 1949 : Shortly before Easter I phoned to the Shrine asking you to make a novena to the Lily of the Mohawks for a dear friend of mine... Just a few days later this suffering person did receive relief. Then, after you commenced a second novena at my request, the doctors seemed suddenly to take new interest in Mrs. M.'s case. They advised an operation which has almost completely done away with the agonizing pain she had been afflicted with for some weeks. I do attribute this happy result to the Lily of the Mohawks... Mrs. M. has been paralysed for about five years and is still a complete invalid. We asked for her cure but, while relief from the unbearable pain has been granted, I feel God does not wish her complete cure. She is indeed a victim for the sins of the world and is so brave and resigned... Miss M.K.

OUR HEROINE

The Life of Kateri Tekakwitha

Chapter I.

HER EARLY YEARS.



S the eyes of Canada are focused on Midland, Ont., where the Tercentenary of the Martyrdom of the eight

Canadian Martyrs is being commemorated we realize more fully that "the blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the Church." Contemplating on the heroic lives of these saints our thoughts turn to the saintly little Iroquois maiden, Kateri Tekakwitha, to whom this bulletin is dedicated, and who was one of the first fruits of their glorious sacrifices.

Kateri (or Katherine) was born in the year 1656 in a little Mohawk village, Ossernenon, near Fort Orange (now Albany, N.Y.). It was the same village where three of the eight Jesuit martyrs, Isaac Jogues, John de la Lalande and Rene Goupil,

had been barbarously put to death about ten years previously.

Kateri's mother was a member of the Algonquin tribe, a Christian, instructed and baptized at Three Rivers. Algonquins and Iroquois were not on friendly terms in those days so they waged war on each other. One day Kateri's mother found herself carried off to Ossernenon as a captive of the Iroquois. She was fortunate enough to win the affections of one of the Chiefs of the Mohawk tribe, a pagan who married her. Two children were born to the Chieftain and his captive bride, Kateri and a younger brother.

Tragedy was soon to strike the little family. When Kateri was not yet four years old a smallpox epidemic struck the little village, her father, mother and little brother perished leaving the little orphan in the care of an uncle, another Chief of the tribe, a pagan strongly opposed to Christianity and to the missionaries. In fact at that time missionaries were pre-

vented from making any approach among the Iroquois. However in 1666 a treaty was signed which had as one of the conditions of peace the admittance of missionaries to the Iroquois country.

Under the new treaty three Jesuit Fathers returned with the Iroquois delegates to their village. Thus, at the age of eleven, Kateri had her first glimpse of the Missionaries. Her uncle, being of the village chieftains, received them in his hut and Kateri was assigned to look after their needs. From the records of her life we find that this first contact left a deep impression on her young mind. Three years later, in 1670, a permanent mission was established in the same village, Kateri being then 14 years old.

Although Kateri's mother was a good Christian she had been unable to have her children baptized, which was of great anxiety to her, and she remained faithful to Christ until death. At the same time of the parents' death it was believed that Kateri would also die as she was a victim of the disease which proved fatal to her parents and younger brother. However, God had other plans for the Lily of the Mohawks and she recovered from the dread disease, which left her pretty face disfigured and her

eyesight gravely impaired. In later years she often thanked God for this favor, considering it as a great blessing, as if she had been pretty she would have been more sought after and might have abandoned herself to sin as did the other girls in the country of the Iroquois.

Upon the establishment of a permanent mission we would expect Kateri to be one of the first to seek instruction, however, it is only five years later that we find her coming in contact with the missionaries and beginning preparation for Baptism.

It would seem that this was due in a great measure to the family atmosphere which was contrary to Christianity. It was during this period also that the young girl's relatives made repeated attempts to induce her to marry. These efforts were to no avail as Kateri steadfastly refused to listen to their pleas and suffered great persecution by her relatives, who could not understand how a young girl could make such a refusal. Kateri's love of virginity which is one of her most marked characteristics was in complete reverse to the habits and traditions of her people, the only possible explanation being attributed to a special grace of the Holy Ghost.

LORRAINE FITZGERALD.

(To be continued.)



How many know that Kateri
smiles from a beautiful
stained-glass window in
historical Notre Dame of
Montreal?...

(Photo by A. Topp.)

Kateri, Hear

*For all your care and supervision,
Kind virgin of the Mohawk vale,
For all your pleas and inspirations,
When life was rough and spirit stale,
For all that slips my comprehension,
Let thou my gratitude not fail.*

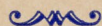
*You know how frail are human notions,
How selfishness for self prevails,
How flesh is weak, how strong emotions
When satan's pride the will assails ;
And soul dares not bespeak devotions,
That grateful sense in sorrow hails.*

*As you lived well without advantage,
I fumble gifts that Love bestows ;
For trifles you were faintly grateful
And found the humble joy that grows ;
Let me now learn that patent lesson
That joy from thankful action flows.*

*Merrill, Wisconsin,
April 29th, 1949.*

REV. T. F. KRAMER, C.P.P.S.

"MALIGNANT GROWTH"



Y devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha extends back to childhood and thru her intercession I have received many favours, both spiritual and temporal. The most remarkable temporal favour I received in August 1946.

During the autumn of 1945, I noticed a small scaly eruption upon my right cheek just below my eye. This I more or less disregarded until it began to enlarge, redden and grow quite painful. Hot sharp tendril-like pains began to shoot out from it.

Vaguely worried by that time, I still hesitated to do anything about it fearing to face the possible truth. In May 1946, the eruption suddenly began to enlarge very rapidly; the pain became almost continuous, and I was unable to rest much.

Finally, I became so alarmed and miserable that I visited a prominent Jewish specialist on the staff of the General Hospital (Toronto, Ont.). When he examined my face, he candidly said he would remove the growth at once as it was malignant. In the first moment of the shock of realization, I made an instant decision to visit the shrine of Kateri at Caughnawaga and beg her intercession. I asked the doctor to delay the operation for three weeks. He gave me a prescription directing that it be applied three times daily and advising me to come to him immediately upon my return from Montreal. I applied the ointment only three or four times as it seemed to increase the irritation rather than relieve it. Added to the worry of my face was the fear now, that some one at my place of employment might recognize the symptoms and thereby cause me to be eased out of my position.

When I went to Caughnawaga I asked to have the Mass offered twice for the cause of Kateri as she has never failed to respond to my petitions when presented in this way (1). In the course of conversation, I mentioned to Fr. Menard the purpose of my visit. He brought out a little relic of Kateri and applied it to my face. Then he gave me his blessing and said: "Have confidence in Kateri." Suddenly I no longer felt dispirited. I came away confident that all would be well with me.

During the following week the pain became less severe and less frequent. I was now able to rest. Soon the irritation began to pale; the pain ceased altogether, and gratefully I saw all trace of the trouble gradually disappear. The little Lily of the Mohawks had not failed me! When I returned home, all in the space of three weeks, there was absolutely no mark, no discoloration, no pain. *I never did go back to the doctor.*

It is now three years since I made that trip to Caughnawaga. This year I returned to offer my thanks. I write this account in the hope that others may be encouraged to come to her as confidently as I came (2). "Have confidence in Kateri" as Fr. Menard so wisely advised.

(Seal of Notary Public)

(Signature of Client).

(1) Only a limited number of Masses for outsiders may be said at the Mission.

(2) For personal reasons, the Author requested that her name be withheld.

REPARATION

"Accept the enclosed mite (\$5.00) to aid the cause of the Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha. *May it be a slight reparation for all the grievous harms White men have inflicted upon the Red men through the centuries.* A recent 1000 mile auto trip was placed under her protection and every mile of the way was successfully completed. Thanks to her and God."

— REV. T.F.K., C.P.P.S.

CALENDAR TIDBITS

June 12, 1949. — This year is the Tercentenary of the martyrdom of St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Charles Garnier, St. Gabriel Lalemant and St. Noel Chabanel. On this occasion, the relics of the martyrs have been traveling throughout the country. Mission St. François-Xavier was the first parish of the diocese of St-Jean-de-Québec to receive them. As *The Montreal Daily Star* expressed it: "Caughnawaga Ceremony Is Colorful Event..."

"The relics were met at the entrance to the reservation by the chief Poking Fire and his men. They were in charge of Rev. Noel Germain, and were carried into the old St. François Xavier Mission by four prominent men in the community: Mayor Harry Beauvais; Norman Saylor, St. François Choir president; Angus Albany, St. John the Baptist Society president; and Peter Taylor, president of the Holy Name Society.

"The heavy silver reliquary was received by Rev. Réal Lalonde, pastor of St. François Xavier Mission, Rev. C. Drolet and Rev. H. Béchard, deacons.

"A sermon was given in French by Father Germain and one in Iroquois by Rev. Michael Jacobs of St. Regis."

July 3. — An intimate friend of Kateri's, Miss Sophia Nowosielski (Detroit, Mich.), headed the Polish American pilgrimage to the Mission. This is Miss Nowosielski's 25th (yes, twenty-fifth) annual visit to Kateri.

(Thousands living nearby have yet to find their way to the Mission.) Best wishes, Miss Nowosielski, from the staff, on this, your Silver Jubilee visit to Caughnawaga!



July 8. — The Iroquois Mixed Choir (See next page, also page 3), left for two days at Midland, Ont., where the Tercentenary of the Canadian Martyrs is being celebrated.

July 31. — Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola. Fr. Omer Pélouquin was named Minister and Procurator of the Mission; Fr. Béchard, principal of the new school; Fr. Albert Burns, is to teach the first two years of High School and Br. Charles E. Dion, a carpenter and joiner, has been added to the Mission personnel.

This evening, Fr. Albert Burns was inducted into the Iroquois nation; his Indian name Sakonikohrenhawitha means "He-who-persuades". Fr. Henri Béchard was also honored in the same manner; his Iroquois name, Tekaronhioken, "Between-two-skies", was that of the late Fr. Gras, S.J., who served at the Mission from 1913 to 1922.

Aug. 10. — Eminent visitors came to pray before the relics of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha today, the Most Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, D.C., the Most Reverend Henry T. Klonowski, Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, Pa., and the Reverend Fr. Walter J. Schmitz, S.S., Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

Aug. 11. — Bishop Klonowski and Fr. Schmitz said Mass at the Mission Church and prayed for the Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

FATHER ANGUS.

A few members of the Iroquois Choir at the Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, Ont.

Chief Feather, Chief Bright Moon, Chief Two Feathers and Fr. Karhaienton Jacobs, S.J., at Midland.

— (C.N.R. Photos.)





(Kateri, seated under a dais covered with lily motives, and dressed in white doe-skin, with a golden rosary in his right hand, smiles at her Client.)

INTERVIEW WITH KATERI

— No. 1 —

CLIENT : Kateri ! Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha !...

KATERI : I always come to help you, even though unseen, whenever you ask me a favor !...

CLIENT : Today, Venerable Kateri, I ask no favor, but I do wish to ask you a question... Why is it, Venerable Kateri, that you are not as yet, beatified ?...

KATERI : Divine Providence always reserves the Beatification and Canonization of the Blessed and Saints for the period that most needs the incentive of their holy lives and good example.

CLIENT : But never, more than at present, o Tekakwitha, did mankind need you, never !...

KATERI : Then, you must obtain from God the miracles that the Church requires to elevate a Servant of God to the honors of the altar.

CLIENT : Kateri beloved, is not that precisely what we are asking ... of you ?

KATERI : Even so, God wills that with every Servant of His that is beatified, the world become a better place to live in. That is why sacrifices and prayers must arise to heaven.

CLIENT : And these prayers and sacrifices woven together with your merits, will obtain the miracles necessary for your Beatification.

KATERI : That is true.

CLIENT : And how many miracles are needed ?

KATERI : Four miracles are ordinarily required if no eyewitnesses are still alive to testify in favor of the candidate for Beatification. Nevertheless the Vicar of Jesus Christ, His Holiness Pius XII, has most graciously promised that, given two first-class miracles, he would beatify me.

CLIENT : That promise should encourage us all to pray for your Beatification.

KATERI : Prayers ! Thousands of prayers !... A tidal-wave of prayers !... Prayers from every Canadian Province, from every one of the forty-eight states of the U.S.A., and, above all, from the heart of every Indian of both North and South America !... But prayers are not enough.

CLIENT : I know what you mean. Sacrifices of all sorts must be thrown in... good humor when one feels like flaring up. Fasting... ; alms... ; in short, applied self-denial !

KATERI : Above all, the state of grace in the hearts of my friends... A soul inhabited by the Blessed Trinity is very powerful on the Heart of God...

CLIENT : Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, I promise that I shall do my very best to work for your Beatification. And I shall teach others to do the same...

(At these words, two angels come in, two little Indian angels who kneel down beside Kateri, facing the Client. Kateri always seated, kisses her rosary and makes the Sign of the Cross : Rasennakon Roniha, nok Rosenha, nok Rotkon Roiatatokenti, ethonaiawen....
H. B.

PRAYER

for the Beatification of Catherine Tekakwitha.

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O GOD, who, among the manifold marvels of Thy Grace in the New World, didst cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Catherine Tekakwitha, grant, we beseech Thee, the favor we beg through her intercession—that this Little Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be raised to the honors of the altar by Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary, once, and Glory be to the Father, three times.

Imprimatur :

† Em.-Alph. DESCHAMPS, V.G.,
Bishop of Thennesis
Auxiliary of Montreal.

April 1st 1927.