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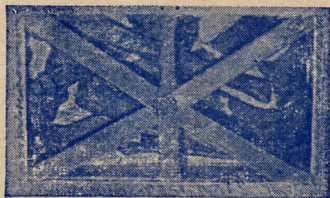


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THE RELICS OF TEKAKWITHA

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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 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 temporal and spiritual you receive through her intercession. As a result, it is hoped that the Cause of her Beatification will progress more rapidly.

A one year subscription to KATERI (\$1.00) will enroll you as a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild for one year to share in the daily memento of the V.-Postulator's mass and in a special mass offered each week for your intentions in the old Mission Church of St-François-Xavier.

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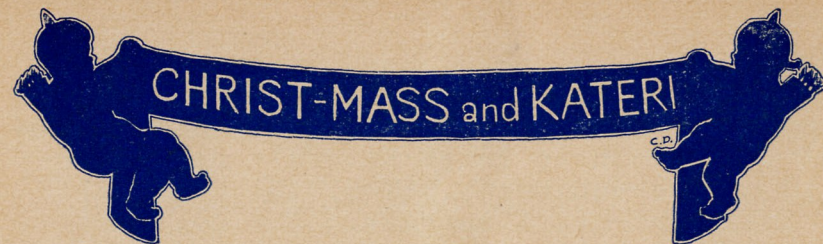
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"It's my BIRTHDAY!"



Dear Friends of Kateri,

This will be the tenth Christmas that the Kateri bulletin goes out to you. In all, 300,000 copies. Its message, perhaps, at times, gauche, but always straight from the heart, concerns the lovely Lily of the Mohawks. Its aim: to make her better known, loved, and prayed to, thereby hastening her beatification. It also carries news about her Mission and her people. For making possible over the years the publication of Kateri, I must thank our readers for opening their hearts and checkbooks to Kateri's Cause.

Spiritually speaking, prayers for her glorification have increased; and I do know by the letters received that through her intercession countless requests have been granted. Financially, however, there remains a debt of about \$1500 -- mainly the residue of the expenses of the archeological excavations at the fourth site of Kateri's Mission. Not a large sum, but for me at Caughnawaga as big as a billion for the Rockfellers at Radio City!

Please: your written promise to say
one Hail Mary a day during 1958
for Kateri's beatification !

"Who steals my purse steals trash", wrote the Bard. What is needed is a little of that trash to renew Kateri's nine-year-old office equipment. Too, this autumn, I underwent heart surgery. The doctors prescribed a less strenuous day. A complicated electronic machine, now a necessity and not a luxury, the Flexowriter, would allow me to do as much work with half the effort. In Canada, a Flexowriter is priced \$3200. Should I be able to relieve your purses of \$1600, from my Provincial Procurator, an understanding Jesuit, but in this domain strictly businesslike, I have the permission to seek a loan for an equal sum at a reasonable rate of interest. If all Kateri's friends sent Kateri a Birthday and Christmas donation wrapped into one, even a very modest one, all these money problems would melt as snow in the spring!

In return, Kateri, whose memory is excellent, will remember her friends at the Manger. Now, to the members of the Kateri Guild, from the bottom of my mending heart: A Merry, Merry Christ-mass! And may every mass of 1958 bring you the same joy it brought to Tekakwitha nearly three hundred years ago! I remain, up to my neck in snow,

Most gratefully yours,

The Vice-Postulator

Kateri Sympathy and Birthday Cards:
Ask for one dozen cards boxed.
Pay for them as you use them!

Over the years . . .

The Mission of St. Francis Xavier from the air, before the St. Lawrence Seaway, which did away with the lower wall. The present church was built in 1845 after the demolishing of the 1717 building. Kateri's relics are preserved in the Kateri Room connecting the church and the presbytery. The latter was erected in 1718; in 1725 were added the walls of Fort St. Louis, quite apparent in this photo. Note the circular powder-magazine near the house, now the smallest museum in Canada.

Photo: A. Landry





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▲ During 1949, was celebrated the tercentenary of the martyrdom of St. John de Brébeuf, St. Charles Garnier, St. Noel Chabanel, and St. Gabriel Lalemant. On July 8, the Caughnawaga Iroquois Mixed Choir left for two days at Midland, Ont., Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs. Here are most of the choir members at the canal of Sainte-Marie-among-the-Hurons, discovered by Dr. Wilfrid Jury in 1948, undoubtedly the first artificial waterway with locks to be built in the New World.

◀ On Sept. 10, 1950, His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant blessed Catholic Federal Indian Tekak-witha School.

► His Eminence was afterwards inducted into the Iroquois nation and given an Indian name: Cherished-Light-of-the-Orient. Among those present were the Most Rev. C. Chaumont, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, the Very Rev. L. Pouliot, then Jesuit Provincial, and Mother Leopoldine, General of the Sisters of St. Ann, who have been teaching at Caughnawaga since 1914.

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▲ Thanks to the generosity of Kateri's friends, on August 8, 1954, a \$6000, bronze statue of her, cast in Paris by Canadian Sculptor Emile Brunet, was unveiled and blessed by the Most Reverend Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

► A truly worthy and enduring monument to lovely Kateri!

The Kateri Novena
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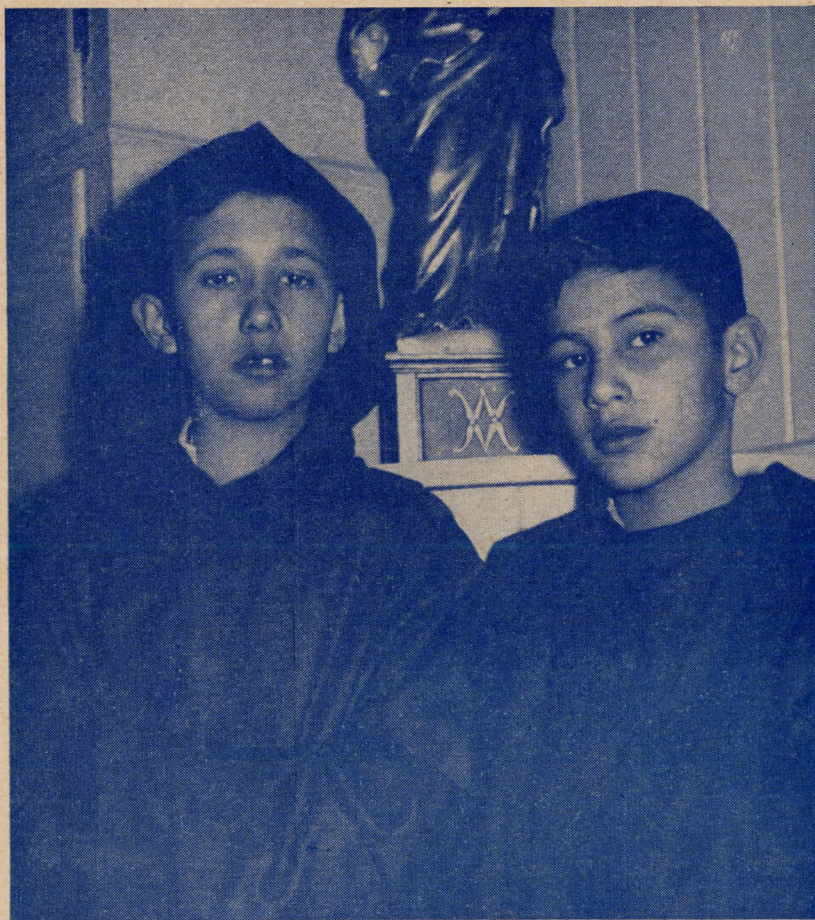


Photo: H. B., S.J.

▲ Brothers Nasturtium (Allan Stacey) and Geranium (Michael Walker) step out of the second act of Leo Brady's "Brother Orchid". Fr. Albert Burns, S.J., directed the play which was a great success from its first showing on April 20, 1953.

► The discovery of the fourth site of the Mission on Nov. 1, 1955: Dr. Jury, Mrs. James Delorimier, Mr. H. H. Chapman of the Dept. of Indian Affairs, and the Vice-Postulator.

Kateri now has its French counterpart.
Subscription rates: \$1.00 per six issues;
25c a copy !

Excavation at the fourth site

The autumn of 1955, with the aid of Archeologist Wilfrid Jury of the University of Western Ontario, the fourth site of the Mission, Kanatakwenke to the Iroquois, was definitely located at the junction of the Suzanne Creek and the St. Lawrence River. A year elapsed and in the 1956 September issue of *Kateri*, an article entitled *Urgent!* called for financial help: "By next year this site will be inaccessible", the reader was told, "because of the Seaway . . . Soon it will be too late: the bulldozers will be doing their work, the area will be flooded." During September and October a tremendous job was done under the joint leadership of the Vice-Postulator and Dr. Wilfrid Jury, who was officially in charge of the excavating. Approximately two-thirds of the village was uncovered and a map was prepared. Wrote Dr. Jury: "I am ready to say that we have a very fine display of relics. This year my wife accompanied me and catalogued over 3643 relics . . ."

In September 1957, Mr. J. H. Gest, President of the Gest Equipment Co., Ltd., enthusiastically consented to assist in the work by furnishing the necessary men and machinery. Dr. and Mrs. Jury arrived from Windsor on August 30. That very day, Fr. Béchar and Dr. Jury went out for a preliminary examination of the old town. Of the site which had been visited some time before, nothing remained. The bulldozers had torn it to pieces. It was indeed too late.

Despite this disappointment, Kateri's friends must not forget the results achieved in 1955-1956. Kanatakwenke was rediscovered, and thousands of artifacts remain to tell us about hitherto unknown aspects of life in Kateri's times. A debt of \$1500 also remains. But that has already been mentioned.

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A worker, carefully scraping an ash-pit.

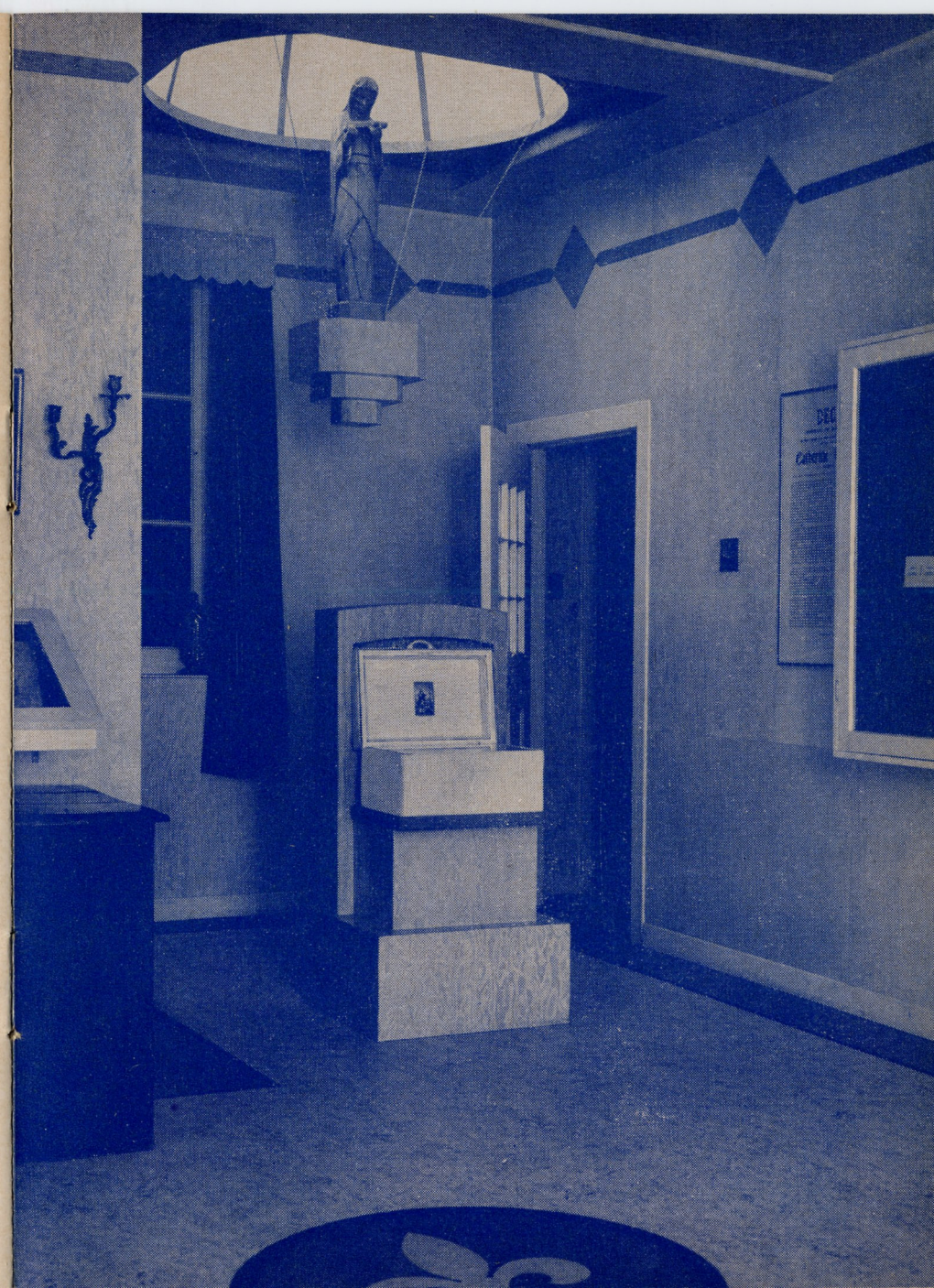


Unearthing artifacts.

▼ *Foundation stones of the Church, facing the St. Lawrence.*



► *The Kateri Room, planned and executed by the Very Rev. Martial Caron, S.J., for 1956, tercentenary of Kateri's birth.*



Her Life and Her Love Were Marian

(Conclusion)

Imitation of Mary

Sacrifice

Hard work, fasting and vigil keeping she practiced; the lash and pointed metal cincture she applied to her body regularly, since, according to St. Paul, all the pain by them begotten helps to complete Our Redeemer's sufferings. One evening, her heart pierced with sorrow for what she called her sins, she burned herself from toe to knee with firebrands. After a meditation on the Passion of Christ, she lined the bark that served as her mat with sharp thorns. Her confessor, who had not been consulted, while approving of the spirit that animated these castigations, instantly corrected them.

Identification with Mary

Vow of Perpetual Virginity

In natural sequence to Kateri's intimacy with Mary, in natural sequence to her imitation of Mary, next took place what may be called her identification with Mary. This occurred on March 25, Feast of the Annunciation, 1679, when at eight o'clock in the morning, after having received Her Savior into her heart, she gave herself to Him in a vow of perpetual virginity. At the same time she consecrated herself to His Mother, asking Her to be her Mother and to accept her as Her child.

Dies natalis

Her heart and mind were continually occupied with Jesus and Mary. On her deathbed, Wednesday of Holy Weeks, April 17, 1680, Kateri's last words were:
"Jesus, Mary, I love you"
.....
Then face to face, she saw Them.

Please: twenty or more addresses of
would-be friends of Kateri!

LETTERS TO KATERI

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

CRANBERRY PORTAGE, MAN., Aug. 30, 1957: I am enclosing one dollar for Kateri's Cause in thanksgiving for a favor obtained through her intercession.
Mme M.P.

MONTREAL, P.Q., Oct. 31: After having read in the French review, MA PAROISSE, about Kateri, I made a novena to her. I obtained a cure of my kidneys after having been ill for nearly six months. I am sixty-four years and my personal income does not permit me to consult the doctors. I am beginning another novena in thanksgiving also. I promise to say each day a Hail Mary and I am sending you a small offering. Mme B.B.

MONTREAL, P.Q., June 20: I wish to inform you what I obtained through Kateri. I am thirty years old and since the age of sixteen, I have been subject to lumbago attacks. Over the years these attacks have become more frequent. They last several days and I must take to bed for my back gets twisted and I have much difficulty in moving my limbs because of the pain I feel. These attacks come without any warning. Yesterday one of these attacks began and I could hardly walk. The pain gradually increased and I thought that I was to be in bed for a few days. I have four little children who have great need of me. I prayed to Kateri and this morning on arising the pain had disappeared although I still felt a great fatigue. I will continue to pray to Kateri so that I will be completely delivered of this sickness. I am also praying to her for three favors concerning my three children. Mme M.G.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 5: Please fulfill my promise to publish a favor received through Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession in behalf of my nephew, who although not completely cured of a serious illness, has gotten satisfying relief for which we are very grateful. Sr. T.V.K.

ST. HUBERT, P.Q., August 15: This is a favor which I obtained at the beginning of July, from Kateri to whom I had promised to publish it: my eight-year-old son fell from the top of a tree. He fell on the cement walk, his head and his nose were swollen. I placed him in the hands of Kateri, and after several medical examinations there was nothing wrong with him, nothing broken, and he got better without any complications. Thanks once again to Kateri for have protected him! Mme T.L.

COLBORNE, ONT., Oct. 22: Please accept this check (\$25.00). Once again we offer this donation that my school teacher husband would get summer employment. He had two jobs and also our fourth child Ann Theresa was born healthy and easily, Sept. 3rd. We also had Kateri pray for our seventeen-month old son who was in the hospital for sick children in Toronto at that time. He is well again but we continue to ask Kateri's aid, as we have to take him back for X-rays in February. We are also happy to order your book (The Visions of Bernard de Hoyos). I hope the check is made out correctly. I did not make it out to you personally in case you were away from the Mission. We hope to visit Caughnawaga some time soon. My first fifteen years were lived in St. Lambert and we often cycled to Caughnawaga and said a prayer at Kateri's shrine. Please remember us in your prayers... Mr. & Mrs. J.C.

MONTREAL, P.Q., August 26: Kateri Tekakwitha, protectress of Canada, come to my aid! I am coming to ask you a favor, the adjustment outside of court for an accident I had 13½ months ago. My lawyer demanded \$800, and the insurance lawyer did not want to pay. We will have to go to court. My heart is not very strong, and I fear all the trouble. I read MA PAROISSE, August issue, and I have faith that Kateri will come to my assistance. I promise her a novena of 9 Hail Marys daily and one Our Father, one Hail Mary's and one Glory Be each day for a year plus \$25. for the Cause of beatification of this Iroquois virgin. I trust the adjustment will be made during September of this year. Mme M. A. C.

MONTREAL, P.Q., Nov. 6: I wish to thank Kateri Tekakwitha for a favor received. Enclosed you will find the amount of \$25. as promised to help hasten Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification.
Mme M. A. C.

DETROIT, MICH., Oct. 21: We are again sending Kateri ten dollars in thanksgiving for a safe summer. We say the prayer with one Our Father, one Hail Mary and three Glories as it is written on the prayercard for her canonization every day. Thank you for remembering our intentions at mass. Mr. & Mrs. J.A.