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AIM

1. Our quarterly bulletin, "Kateri", published by the Rev. Martial Caron, S.J., intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Beatification will thereby be hastened.
2. It aims to increase Kateri's friends and to procure from them at least a daily "Hail Mary" for her Beatification.
3. It seeks also 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.

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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 Indians of America, with special reference to the Caughnawagas and to their friends.

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Your contribution (\$1.00 a year, as long as possible) enrolls you among "Kateri's Friends" for whom

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3. As benefactors of the Society of Jesus, 190,000 Masses are offered annually;
4. The spiritual treasure of the good works of some 31,000 Jesuits is opened;
5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's Beatification.

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The first of a
series of why's ?

Why Pray to Kateri ?

IF you still have them, run through the previous issues of the Kateri bulletin. Since 1949, year in and year out, each one has contained two pages in fine print of favors obtained through her intercession. Little favors and big favors. Cures of ailments baffling doctors, of ailments only too well known to them, of apartments unexpectedly found, of lost articles retrieved, of advantageous sales, of pleasant trips, and of happy deliveries !

A letter among hundreds, from New York illustrates how Kateri works. "While renewing my subscription for 1952", wrote Mrs. C.W., on January 8th of that year, "I think my experience with Kateri worthy of mention. I suffered for several years with bursitis. Last year, I became ill with some pain in both shoulders and arms. I had my arms in a sling for approximately three months. I had X-rays taken and they showed definite calcification in both shoulders. The Doctors advised an operation, X-ray therapy or nerve blocking. I told my cousin who is a yearly visitor to the Mission. He gave me a relic of Kateri and I asked her if it were God's will to relieve me of my suffering so that I might be able to do my house work and care for my children. My pain subsided. It's more than a year now and I haven't had any sign of the pain since that time. The Doctor is astonished that the pain hasn't reoccurred..."

Better still, countless spiritual favors have been granted through Kateri. Return to the sacraments, temperance, sobriety in difficult circumstances, and resignation to God's will. Of course, this should not surprise anyone. As early as 1696, Father Cholenec mentioned her bodily healings and then added: "...but Kateri also brought about the cure of souls, which are of infinitely greater value. I know of more than thirty people she has aided in the reform of their lives, while she has delivered many from violent temptations of the flesh and obtained for them the gift of chastity. It is in this matter that she obtained special grace for souls..."

Why pray to Kateri ? You tell me the answer now !...

NOW, IT'S QUINTS !

WHAT can I do to help Kateri's Cause ?

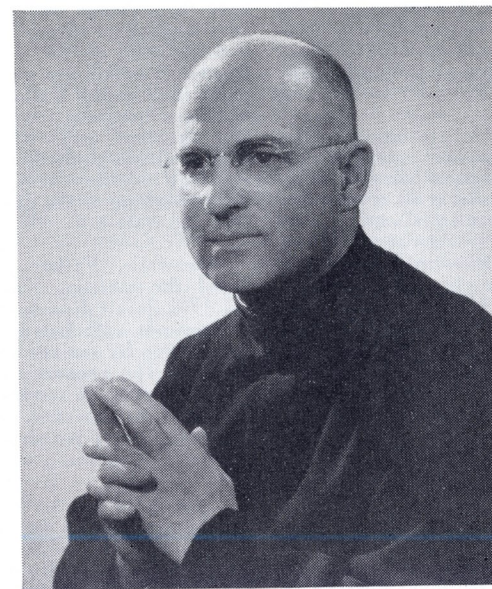
If you are a special friend of Kateri, let me make the following suggestion. During the next months, with your help, I hope to step up Kateri's Cause. But I badly need your help !

If you know four other persons interested or capable of interest in the lovely Lily of the Mohawks, band together as the Kateri Quintuplets to work actively in furthering knowledge of her. Each Quint should promise to say at least one Hail Mary daily to speed Kateri's Beatification. Each one could perhaps be invited to put aside one cent a day for Kateri. Every three months, the Chief Quint would be called upon to collect these savings and forward them to Kateri, Caughnawaga, Que., Canada. To the Chief Quint would go the five copies of the Kateri bulletin for distribution four times a year to the other Quints.

Later on, when a hundred Quint groups become active, a special quarterly or even monthly letter will be sent to the members for discussion of Kateri's spirituality, of her possible impact on modern life, of ways and means to make her known, loved and prayed to. Naturally, the Quintuplets must be well aware of Kateri's message to the world of today: holiness, simply by living in the state of grace and by loving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and His Blessed Mother !

Won't you follow my suggestion and thus help beatify "the future Saint of the Laity" ? You will be the first one to profit by your efforts. Since you are a special friend of Kateri, you doubtless already know how tender-hearted she is. But when you catch a glimpse of the very depths of her heart, and the place there is in it for you, you will completely lose your heart to the Lily of the Mohawks !

Then I will lose mine to the Quints !



The Reverend Réal Lalonde, S.J.

A SOWER WENT FORTH TO SOW ...

The pilgrims to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier from 1937 to 1951 will always remember Father Réal Lalonde's ready smile. On April 8, 1959, at Chicoutimi, P.Q., a loving Providence called him to his reward. He was 58 years old. During the previous year Father Lalonde had suffered from heart trouble — a warning which he heeded simply and quietly. When the final summons came, he was well prepared, as the Sister who took care of him wrote a few days later.

Father Réal was the second of thirteen children, four of whom were Jesuits, and two, Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. His brother, Father Armand, a missionary, was killed in China by the Japanese. In 1910, the entire family had moved to Saskatchewan.

A few years later, young Réal began his classical studies at the Jesuit College of Edmonton. On September 7, 1921, he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus at Sault-au-Récollet near Montreal. Seven years later, he returned to Edmonton for his three years' regency. During his theology course at Montreal, through one of his confrères, an Iroquois scholastic, Mr. Michael Jacobs, S.J., he became interested in the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. Each Thursday, found him at Caughnawaga, teaching catechism to the little ones in the Catholic Federal Schools of the reserve. This initial contact helped him understand the importance of the Indian Missions, which, sad to say, not many grasp. Of course, there is no glamor attached to it. No

heart-rending departure ceremony. No boat or plane trip to exotic lands. Simply a bus ticket and the souls of Kateri's people awaiting at the end of the line!...

After Father Réal's ordination and tertianship, he was accepted as a missionary for the Iroquois Mission across the St. Lawrence River from Lachine, P.Q. There he was to labor for fourteen years. In 1951, when he was transferred to another Mission, I wrote that his efforts at Caughnawaga and the results obtained, had classified his pastorate as one of the most important since the return of the Jesuits to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in 1903. I am of the same opinion today.

For years now, at the Mission, High Mass has been sung in Iroquois by the Indian Choir. Organized by the late Fr. Conrad Hanser, S.J., the choir gradually evolved under Fr. Lalonde's direction, aided by Fr. Alfred Bernier, into a good small-town choir. Good enough, indeed, to give recitals in Montreal and in the vicinity. In 1945, the centennial of the present Mission Church, the celebrations were ably prepared by its active Pastor. Three years after, he obtained from the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa a modern twelve-room Catholic School, complete with an air-conditioning unit. (Four class-rooms have been added since.) He convinced Father Provincial that Father Albert Burns and I should be assigned to Tekakwitha School along with the Sisters and lay-teachers already at work there. Who would have thought that well-intentioned friends would get the impression this innovation was simply a means of bringing grist to the mill — financial aid to the Mission?...

To give you a better picture of his work, I must add that the new central school provided him with more than one heartbreak. Several of the small schools dotting the Mission were closed. Quite a few parishioners imagined

that their Pastor was acting in collusion with the Federal Government to deprive them of their legitimate privileges. A small group withdrew their children from the Catholic school. At the same time, the Jehovah Witnesses, an organized sect, which illogically enough claims that all organized government, whether civil or religious, is the working of the devil, agitated in troubled waters.

Meanwhile, Father Lalonde renovated the sacristy, Kateri Hall, the old 1719 Jesuit Residence, and tidied the grounds, although the Sunday collection was by far the smallest in the diocese. The necessary funds he gathered by means of weekly bingos, old-fashioned lawn-parties, movies for the youngsters, and parish dinners. Not always a sinecure.

Through it all, he carried all his parishioners in his heart, those who strayed from the fold, and, of course, the rest, the majority who remained fine, worthy Christians! He founded a branch of the Holy Name Society, stirred up interest in the Sodality among the older girls, was instrumental with the Sisters of St. Ann's in sending each year a group of pupils to a closed retreat in St. John's, and accompanied his people in their pilgrimages to Auriesville, to St. Anne de Beaupré, to St. Joseph's Oratory, and to the Reparation Shrine in Montreal. Week after week, I saw him struggle to prepare the Sunday Gospel and the announcements in the beautiful but difficult Iroquois language. Father was not a linguist, and with the tremendous job he had to do and the continual demands upon his time, it is amazing that he was able to minister to the wants of his Indians in their tongue!

He always had great devotion to Kateri. Even after he left the Mission, he never forgot her. Once or twice a year, he forwarded a generous check to her Cause with a friendly letter of encouragement. During his years at

Caughnawaga, he welcomed thousands of pilgrims and visitors. He founded the Kateri Guild, and with the help of several Indian girls and Miss Flora Macdonald of St. Lambert, P.Q., mailed hundred and hundreds of letters to the Lily of the Mohawks' devotees throughout the world! No other than Father Lalonde made possible the publication of the first issue of the Kateri bulletin in December 1948.

After fourteen years sowing the good seed at Caughnawaga, Father Réal Lalonde was named Superior of the Mission of St. Francis Regis on the shore of Lake St. Francis, a broadening of the St. Lawrence River near Cornwall, Ont., and Massena, N.Y. This Iroquois Mission was founded in 1756 by a band of Caughnawagas. In 1954 he was transferred to Chicoutimi on the Saguenay River, where, for the first time since his tertianship, he did not labor among the Indians. Here, too, he was soon respected and loved by all who came into contact with him — the laborer and the business man, the farmer and the attorney, who instinctively sensed in this perfect gentleman a true priest according to the Lord's own heart!

But his time was running out. A serious heart condition made him acutely aware of this in June 1955. He recuperated sufficiently to be up and about, his own smiling self. Then again in September 1957, another attack. He rallied anew, but from September 1958 to the beginning of April he was rushed to the hospital and anointed every two months. All the first week of April 1959, many times a day, he commended his soul to the Sacred Heart and to Mary. On April 8, 1959, he quietly closed his eyes.

In Caughnawaga as soon as the news reached his old parishioners, they besieged the presbytery, requesting

that Father Lalonde's body be brought back for the service. The Jesuit Provincial consented and, Saturday evening, his mortal remains were placed in the church he had so well known. A delegation of forty Knights of Columbus from the Mission said the beads in Iroquois. Later on the church echoed to hymns in the Mohawk dialect. Old and young filed up to his bier and looked down with emotion at the man who had loved them so.

The next morning, Sunday, many more came to pray. His brothers, Father Henri, of Montreal, and Father Emile, who had flown in from Manitoba, were present. After the Sunday masses, relatives and friends of days gone by knelt beside his body. The official wake took place Sunday evening. According to the custom of the Mission, the choir, his choir, sang the funeral mass of the next day. Hymns he had loved too, among them the hymn to St. Cecilia, patroness of musicians.

Monday morning, an exception for a Jesuit, a Solemn Mass was sung for the repose of Father Réal's soul. Father Henri offered the Holy Sacrifice, with Father Emile as deacon and Father Labrosse, a cousin, as subdeacon. The Reverend Gerard Goulet, Provincial, and the Reverend Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., assisted His Excellency, Bishop Coderre at the throne. Indian friends, ex-parishioners also, from St. Regis, seventy-five miles distant, had remained away from work to come to the funeral Mass. Following the beautiful Indian custom at funerals, many received Holy Communion for their beloved Pastor.

Doubtless, Kateri and the long line of Jesuit Superiors who had charge of the Mission since 1667 welcomed him into Paradise. Some day, we hope, he in turn will welcome us all in, this sower who, in the Savior's name went forth to sow...



BLESSED MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE

(1701 — 1771)

Blessed Marguerite d'Youville and Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha

ON May 3, the Catholics of Canada and their friends of the United States rejoiced when the Church officially declared "Blessed" the foundress of the Grey Nuns, Mother Marguerite d'Youville! The story of her life and that of Venerable Kateri tell of countless trials, particularly of slander. Both, however, walked sturdily down what the "Following of Christ" calls the royal way of the Cross. In heaven, Kateri certainly was delighted by this admirable Canadian's beatification. It is now up to Blessed Marguerite's devotees (to Kateri's, also) to procure her the joy of calling this little lay friend of hers "Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha"!

As Vice-Postulator for the cause of beatification and of canonization of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, I have long desired to work more effectively for the Lily of the Mohawks. Perhaps it is through Blessed Mother d'Youville's intervention that Kateri now has her own office in Montreal. Should you wish to phone me or call upon me with regard to Kateri, dial LAfontaine 5-3611 in Montreal from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Week ends I generally am at Kateri's Mission, St. Francis Xavier of Caughnawaga, P.Q.)

Meanwhile, Kateri obtains countless favors for those who implore her help. Why not for you? From a to z, the entire alphabet of your needs, big and little, Lilliputian and colossal, the temporal ones intermingling with the spiritual, place them all at the feet of "the future saint of the laity!" She will understand. She will help. If you have the means to do so, send in your offering, no matter how humble it may be, to Kateri's Cause, without forgetting to add your written promise of at least one daily "Hail Mary" throughout the next twelvemonth to hasten her beatification. And Blessed Marguerite d'Youville will smile approvingly, for such is the love binding the members of the Church Triumphant in heaven!

Kateri was living at
the Mission in 1679.

THERE KATERI BELONGED!

A yearly account of the foundation of the Mission of the
Sault up to 1685

by CLAUDE CHAUCHETIÈRE, S.J.

Spiritual Adviser of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha

A.D. 1679 (*Cont'd.*)

DURING the long voyage that Rev. Fr. Fremin made to France, the devil redoubled his efforts, hoping to profit by the affliction in which the priest had left his good children. He departed at the autumn of the present year and immediately after his departure people said that the Iroquois had killed the captain of the Wolves and that the assault had taken place in the vicinity of Fort Chambly. The Iroquois of the Mission of the Sault were immediately blamed without anyone reflecting that this same year a Christian Indian of the Mission named James had saved a Wolf from burning by the Iroquois. The Wolf Indian was one of the important men of his nation and the Iroquois risked his life for him, loosed his fetters, and brought him into his cabin. He alone stood at the door of the cabin, while the captive was sitting quietly within, and the Iroquois said that no one would enter to take him captive before he himself was killed, that he would die for the defence of the peace made between the French and the Iroquois which the death of the Wolf could end. This slander which was bandied about concerning the Mission of the Sault soon vanished, since God took in hand the part of the guiltless. The one called the great Mohawk having purposely come from his hunting, which he abandoned to go in search of the truth and to come to an agreement concerning the affair in case there had been some fault on the part of someone of the Sault, having commended the affair to God and asked the French to pray for this intention at High Mass, he went to the spot where he discovered the truth and restored quiet in all the cabins.

This accident was followed by a truly dangerous disorder: a Frenchman had won the confidence of the Indians by offering to repair their guns. They had given him a little corner in a cabin where he had made fast a vice. He was building up a small store and preparing things to later run a shop and sell liquor in the middle of the village. He spent the winter there, and this terrified



His life is made up of unimportant little things!
But couldn't I take Kateri's IMPOR-
TANT Cause to heart?

the two missionaries remaining at the Mission, but the aid which was given to them, and Monsieur Duchesneau's order to this man not to stay longer in the village drove the devil from his stronghold with such dishonor that he has not returned since.

1680

God, who takes pleasure in blending joy and affliction in men's lives, banished all tribulations this year from the Mission: the assaults made against it during three years thereupon ceased, but Father Fremin's absence constantly kept all in suspense. A great loss and a great profit was also incurred this year. The earth lost and heaven gained. The Mission gave to paradise a treasure which had been sent to it two years before, to wit, the blessed soul of Kateri Tekakwitha, who died on the seventeenth of April. The esteem in which she was held during her life, the help which many received from her after her death, the honors which are still being rendered to her and many other qualities of her life have made her well enough known throughout the country. She served the Mission by her good example, but we can say that she has served it more after her death, for her lifeless body serves here as proof for the Indians that the faith is worthy of belief, and her prayers continually aid this Mission. We may say that she now participates in all the good deeds which occur here and which have occurred since her death. At the hour of her decease, the Holy Viaticum was hurried to her in her cabin, this was not customary; the sick were carried to the church on a bark litter when giving them the Holy Viaticum, so as to inspire the Indians with the respect which is due to the Blessed Sacrament. The Indians do not account themselves worthy that Our Lord should Himself take the trouble to go to them, however sick they may be. — (*To be continued.*)

KATERI'S SMILE UPON YOU!

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

HOLYOKE, MASS., Feb. 19, 1959: Please accept this two dollars for a promise I made if I got a better job. Thank you very much Kateri! Miss E. C.

MONTREAL, P.Q., Feb. 11: I am now carrying out the promise which I had made to the little Indian Maiden during December. I promised that if my husband satisfactorily passed a throat examination, that I would send her a dollar. My husband had undergone a goitre operation during September. After his stay at the hospital, he had received X-Ray treatments, three times a week. At the end of the eighth treatment, he began to choke three times a day. The doctor decided to send him to the hospital again for another examination. I then prayed to Kateri and asked her that it would not be necessary for my husband to stay at the hospital and that the examination would be successful. So it was. He passed only one day at the hospital and returned home the same evening. Let me tell you that I was happy. Hearty thanks to Kateri! I am doing my best to make her known. Would you be kind enough to send me three packets of earth from her tomb and a few silver-plated medals? Mrs. G. F.

MONTREAL, P.Q., Jan. 5: While reading your article in "Ma Paroisse", Father, I thought that I would send a dollar for a subscription to the Kateri Bulletin. We are passing through difficult circumstances, since my husband was without work for more than two months. This very humble offering has already been profitable for this week my husband made a good salary. I thank God for His great kindness. He has listened to Kateri and to us. I promise to say a Hail Mary a day for Kateri's beatification. Mrs. V. D.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 1: Thank you for the novenas of Kateri that you sent me. We have been having trouble renting our property for several years. Our commercial property was vacant for months. My husband and I made a novena to Kateri and our prayers were answered within two weeks. All our property is now rented with long-term leases. I am enclosing a check (\$17.00) for the first month and will send a small offering each month for the Cause of Kateri. Will you please send me a few more prayers with her picture so that I can pass them on? Mrs. N. P. T.

MONTREAL, P.Q., April 23: We are forwarding you a check for five dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri who helped us find a house at a very good rate. The necessary steps and the moving went through like a charm. We are very happy and now our children have a yard and plenty of space to play in. I promise to say a Hail

Mary daily during the year and once again thanks, many thanks to Kateri! Mrs. L. H.

DAYTON, OHIO, April 11: Enclosed are two dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri. My husband has been working overtime and we are very grateful for this extra income. Many thanks for your kind prayers for our family! Mrs. R. J. W.

MONTREAL, P.Q., March 30: I am here to settle a debt with Kateri. The first time I heard speak about Kateri was in "Ma Paroisse". I immediately began reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary for her Cause each day. I was then chosen for a television program in which I was to draw an envelope containing a certain sum of money. I prayed to Kateri that she would implore the Holy Ghost for me so that He would guide me in my choice with the promise to recite during one year a Hail Mary for her Cause. I now believe that my promise will last for more than one year for I was lucky beyond all expectations. That is why I am now sending you a check for five dollars to help Kateri's Cause. Mrs. J. G. P.

MONTMORENCY, P.Q., April 17: I am sending you three dollars to Kateri's Cause in thanksgiving for a favor granted through her intercession. I had a sore foot and the doctor wanted to remove the nail. I am very well now thanks to Kateri. Miss L. J.

MONTREAL, P.Q., April 11: Herein you will find one dollar. My son Giles, age seventeen, who is making his liberal arts course is now coming through with success. I made my novena each evening and placed all my confidence in Kateri. The last two reports of my son show a marked improvement and he again enjoys his studies. I do not know how to thank her and I will not stop praying to her. To Kateri I am entrusting my four children, my husband and the sick members of my family. Mrs. P.A.D.

MONTREAL, P.Q., April 14: Many thanks to Kateri for her protection during a trip! Miss S. V.

MONTREAL, P.Q., April 2: Three months ago I was very sick and depressed. I ordered your novena to Kateri. As soon as I received it, I made the novena and promised to send one dollar to hasten Kateri's beatification. As you see, my prayers have been heard. I am teaching my little boy of four years how to say his Hail Mary—this for Kateri who heard my prayers! Mrs. A. C.

DEARBORN, MICH., March 11: Enclosed please find five dollars for Kateri's Cause. I am sending this in thanksgiving for a safe trip to Florida and back. Mrs. H. R.

ST. JEROME, P.Q., Feb. 10: Enclosed you will find a sum of five dollars promised to Kateri for having my health back. I often pray for her beatification... Mrs. M. V.

QUEBEC, P.Q., Feb. 27: I promised Kateri to do everything possible to advance her beatification if I obtained the grace that my dear ones stop drinking. One has joined a temperance society and I am very hopeful for the other. I am enclosing five dollars to begin to acquit my promise. I am quite confident that all my prayers will be answered. Mrs. E. C.

CHICOPPEE, MASS., Feb. 20: Some time ago I wrote to you and told you my plea to Kateri. At the time my uncle was admitted to the hospital with a gangrenous toe. He was found to be diabetic and his chances for further amputation were very great. Thanks to Kateri, today he is in very good health with only the loss of the toe and the diabetes under control. I promised Kateri if this was the extent of his surgery, I would publish my thanksgiving. Mrs. A. P.

MONTREAL, P.Q., March 8: I am now paying what I owe to Kateri for a favor which I received. I had promised her five dollars if she got me out of the hospital after a hemorrhage which I had in February 1958. I was not operated upon... And I only had to follow some treatments which seem to be over. It's already seven months now and I have not hemorrhaged since... Mrs. C. L.

LAPRAIRIE, P.Q., March 19: I am sending you five dollars which I had promised Kateri for the favor she granted me. My brother was a candidate for city councillor of the city of LaPrairie. On February 2 he had a touch of the gripe and I promised five dollars to Kateri if she obtained him the health to complete his campaign and if he won: this was granted without any difficulty. Many thanks to Kateri! I will continue asking her to intercede for me. Miss L. D.

MONTREAL, P.Q., April 16: I wish to join Kateri's friends for her anniversary on April 17. I have great confidence in her and count upon her protection. I am enclosing a check of one hundred dollars in thanksgiving for past favors and also... for future ones, and to help you in your work for the Cause of her beatification... I receive the Kateri Bulletin which greatly interests me. May I request a few medals of Kateri?... Mrs. L. L.

SHERBROOKE, P.Q., April 24: I wish to thank good little Kateri who helped my husband find work. He had not been to work since August 5, 1958. I am enclosing five dollars for a High Mass... Mrs. C. F. S.

OUTREMONT, P.Q., April 20: May I inquire to whom I should write to forward an offering, for I am indebted to Kateri? This offering will be in thanksgiving for the cure of a sore thumb. My thumb was

quite bad and the doctor told me that it would have to be operated upon within a week. At the end of the week my thumb was cured. The doctor was nonplussed. Thanks once again to Kateri! One of my cousins advised me to pray to her... Miss M. L.

STE-MARTINE, P.Q., Feb. 10: I wish to inform you of a favor received through Kateri. I made a novena to her for the success of an operation: my mother, aged 69, whose heart was not too good had a tumorous cancer of the intestines. The doctors decided to risk an operation although they feared that she might pass away on the operating table. My novena ended the day of the operation, which was a success. They took away the cancer, touching nothing vital. Just now my mother is convalescing thanks to Kateri. I have great gratitude to Kateri... Miss R. D.

MONTREAL, P.Q., Feb. 10: You will find in this envelope the sum of fifty dollars which I am forwarding you for a favor obtained. As my health is quite bad, and as I wish to obtain a marked change for the better, I have promised a generous donation. May I request that you ask this favor of Kateri with me so that she will intercede with the Sacred Heart and Our Blessed Mother?... Miss B. B.

VERDUN, P.Q., May 4: In January my husband according to the doctor was suffering from calculi of the liver. I heard about it Monday evening and Tuesday morning I promised this humble offering to Kateri if my husband returned from work feeling better. The same evening he told me that he was better and has been very well ever since thanks to Kateri. Kindly send me a few pictures of Kateri to give to a sick niece. We will continue having confidence in her! Mrs. H. F.

VERDUN, P.Q., April 26: I am deeply indebted to our dear Kateri. She has just helped us settle a case out of the courts, ending with a very satisfactory solution despite its seriousness. Enclosed is thirty dollars, as I promised, from myself and my son. Messrs. L. and A. L.

MONTREAL, P.Q., April 26: Enclosed is the sum of two dollars, the price of two subscriptions to Kateri. She helped me with my examinations and in return I want to find her five subscribers. Here are the first two... I hope that Kateri will not be angry with me for having made her wait, and that she will help me again. You who know her well, ask her to protect my vocation and those of my classmates. Mrs. M. M. C.

VILLE D'ANJOU, P.Q., March 19: I am writing in my sister's name. She commended herself to little Kateri. It's rather queer that she also had to have teeth extracted and the Lord knows how worried she was about it. Everything went well and in gratitude she is sending an offering of five dollars to Kateri. Mrs. R. R.

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THE SIMCOE

Definitely times have changed. The St. Lawrence Seaway was open to traffic on April 25th 1959. The 36 year old SIMCOE was the first west-bound commercial vessel to steam through Caughnawaga. The above photo was taken by Miss Antoinette Cormier in front of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, founded in 1667, facing Lachine and Ville Lasalle on the Island of Montreal.

Times have changed. On April 17th, 279th anniversary of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's saintly death at the Mission, the new Kateri office in Montreal was formally opened and blessed by the Reverend Yvan Forest, S.J., Socius to Father Provincial. Other friends present were the Rev. Paul Mayer, S.J., Pastor of the Immaculée-Conception Parish in which the office is located, the Rev. Henri Lalonde, S.J., the Rev. Réal Lebel, Editor of the French language monthly "Ma Paroisse", Rev. Brother Wilfrid Venne, S.J. of the *Messenger Canadien du Sacré-Cœur*. The staff was happy to welcome Mr. Edgar Courchesne, the architect who, out of the kindness of his heart, drew up the plans for the new office. Our artist, Mme Andrée S. de Groot, the owner of the building, Mlle Hermine Guay, Mme Odilon Manseau, our new secretary, Mme C. A. Charlebois, and Mr. Albert Lazare with a 7 year record as Kateri's secretary, also signed the first page of the new Kateri guest book.

A recent issue of the *Readers' Digest* related the story of the Caughnawagas living in Brooklyn, N.Y. and working on high steel. At the invitation of a group of them, I spent from May 2 to Ascension Thursday, May 10th, in Brooklyn. I was welcomed at Idlewild Saturday morning after a seventy-minute flight from Montreal. There was sufficient time to say a little prayer at the International Chapel, *Our Lady of the Skies*.

The Rev. Raymond J. Neufeld, Pastor of St. Boniface's made me feel at home at once. After a short visit to St. Augustine's Parish, where one of our Indians has been head usher for several years, the round of visits began. On Sunday morning after the High Mass served by an ex-altar boy from Caughnawaga, I met over forty old and new Indian friends in St. Boniface's parish hall. It was of course impossible in five days, to visit all the homes, but I tried to go to as many as I could.

An interesting and profitable visit with the Reverend Father Thomas Coffey, S.J., American Vice-Postulator for Kateri, at Tekakwitha League, 30 West 16th St., New York 11, N.Y. More about this visit later.

Father Marian, President of the *Marian Films Inc.*, whom I met later in the week, enthusiastically spoke of his film project on Kateri.

You will understand how grateful I am to my Indian friends who made my trip to Brooklyn possible. I am not naming anybody for fear of omitting even one name. But to all, my heartfelt thanks and wishes that Kateri's smile will always rest upon them!

On May 10th it was my privilege to be the guest speaker at a father and daughter Communion breakfast of the dynamic Holy Name Society of St. Thomas More Parish in Verdun, P.Q. Subject? What do you think?...

KATERI OFFICE BILLS

Won't you help us meet them? Even part of one?

Moving Van (files, etc.)	\$ 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grey chair for secretary	38.70	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Arm tilter chair	44.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chair cushion	5.55	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linoleum for floor	20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Material for office divisions ..	128.56	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plumbing	42.91	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows, weather strips, etc. 69 hours (labor). What an opportunity for 69 of Kateri's friends!	102.74	<input type="checkbox"/>
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