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1. Our quarterly bulletin, "Kateri", published by the Kateri Center, intends to help you obtain favors both temporal and spiritual through the intercession of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. It is hoped her Beatification will thereby be hastened.
2. It aims to increase the number of 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;
1. 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

1. A weekly Mass is offered;
2. The Vice-Postulator prays at the Memento of his daily Mass;
3. As benefactors of the Society of Jesus, 190,000 masses are offered annually;
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5. Extra graces are merited by working for Kateri's Beatification.

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Another Star for Christmas

KATERI HAS BEEN CALLED the "Genevieve of New France". As the French Saint of long ago saved Paris from the onslaught of its invaders, so did Kateri at the close of the seventeenth century save Canada from destruction.

She was also known as "the protectress of the Canadian Colony." In her day and time, her influence extended over a good deal of North America since the colony comprised all Canada, much of northern New England and the entire Mississippi valley down to New Orleans.

But the title that is the most comprehensive was given to her by Father Pierre Cholenec in a letter to the Very Reverend Michael Angelo Tamburini, General of the Society of Jesus, in his letter of September 26, 1715. According

to this author, Kateri is "a new star in the New World" and "a new light in complete darkness."

A star of peace illuminating all of North and South and Central America also, not omitting Cuba.

Before the throne of God, if we insistently beg her to do so, if, as she did, we let the love of the Christ Child wholly spotlight and dazzle our daily lives, Kateri will see to it that the utter darkness of hate to all men will disappear, first among individuals, then, among nations. The destructive use of nuclear fission, too, and, eventually, war itself. Such is my 1962 Christmas wish, out and away the best, to all Kateri's friends!

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. D. J. M.!**

Last April I broke my shoulder and at the time I promised if an operation could be prevented I would send a gift of \$100. for the beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. My shoulder is progressing very slowly, but I trust if it is God's will, that the future month's healing will take place causing me less pain. Now, Father, I have two more requests: that my husband who is in the hospital will have a full recovery . . . and that my sister who is looking for work will find some . . . (Halifax, N. S.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you Miss E. T.!**

Please accept this check for \$50. for Kateri's cause. She has been helping me in my work and I am grateful to her. May we soon pray to her as a "Saint"! (Montreal, Quebec.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. M. A.!**

A serious problem loomed up ahead of us! How to resolve it for the greater glory of God? We placed our trust in the hands of Providence and of Kateri... We are quite willing to accept God's will... We promised along with our daily "Hail Mary" a five-dollar bill for her cause. We are happy to send it on to you... (St. Elzéar, Quebec.)

✧ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. D. F.!**

It has been a long time since you have heard from us and since we have sent anything for Kateri's cause. Please use the enclosed [\$25.] in whatever manner you see fit as it is all for her. It might interest you to know that twenty years ago, a friend who had visited the shrine and had a devotion to Kateri, told me that if I would pray daily to Kateri she would see I was never without money. I have continued the practice to this day and I must say the results have been satisfactory. Whether this is really on Kateri's list, I do not know, but I certainly am willing to give her the credit and my gratitude... (Denver, Colo.)



CHRISTMAS DAY, 1667

Since her baptism in Gandaouagué on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1676, Kateri had wished to make her First Communion. During the autumn of 1677 she reached the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, "which schooled her in Christianity" according to Father Pierre Cholenec.

At the sight of her friends receiving Holy Communion, her desire to follow them to the altar railing increased from day to day. She knew, however, that the converts to the faith must wait several years before this was allowed them. The missionaries did not want their wards to think that the Eucharist was some sort of magic; they took the time and the care to teach them that under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus Christ was truly present.

The Blackrobes soon became aware that Kateri understood this perfectly well. So they granted her the exceptional privilege of making her first Communion after only a year and a half as a Christian.

She was informed of this permission not very long before Christmas, 1677. Doubtless she received Our Lord for the first time at Midnight Mass. Custom did not vary greatly from one mission to the other.

"All the Indians . . ." wrote Father Jean Enjalran, then stationed at Missilimakinac, "profess to have a special esteem for the all-endearing mystery of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . Our good Christians made some more serious preparations, for they all confessed; and those to whom permission was given to receive Communion, did so very devoutly at Midnight Mass."

At St. Francis Xavier, the previous year, on Christmas Eve, Paul Honoguengag, the *dogique* or prayer-chief had

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been advised he was to preach the next day. He gave a "very long and very good sermon." (Such was lay participation in the liturgy at the time. But how a very long sermon could be very good remains a moot point.) He "explained in full, everything connected with the mystery of the day — the journey of the pregnant Virgin and of St. Joseph, her spouse; their entry into Bethlehem; the refusal to admit them into any of the houses; respecting their lodging, and their taking refuge in the stable; how the Blessed Virgin was delivered there, and everything else regarding the angels, the shepherds, etc." Perhaps Paul Honoguenhog preached again at Midnight Mass, 1677.

From all quarters, with the exception of two or three small bands, the converts of the Mission had come back from the hunt to celebrate together the birth of Christ. The Great Mohawk was present, and Anastasia, and Hot Powder and his wife Garhio. Never before in its ten year history had so many Indians been to mass together in the pine-scented chapel! Even pagans, who knew of Christmas only by name, and quite a few Frenchmen packed the little church.

Kateri was not concerned about the crowd. All her thoughts, her every heart-beat were for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Today, Kateri's friends are fortunate, very fortunate to have an account of her first Communion by an eye-witness. Here it is as it stands: "... Because she led such a fervent and exemplary life, she ... was promised some time before the feast that she might receive Him on Christmas after she had been instructed in the mystery.

"She received the good news with all imaginable joy, and prepared herself for the great event with an increase of devotion suitable to the exalted idea she had of it. It must be admitted, however, that it was at this First Communion that all her fervor was renewed. The ground was so well prepared that only the approach of this divine fire was necessary, to receive all its warmth. She approached or rather surrendered herself to this furnace of sacred love that burns on our altars, and she came out of it so glowing with its divine fire that only Our Lord knew what passed between Himself and His dear spouse during her First Communion. All that we can say is that from that day forward she appeared different to us, because she remained so full of God and of love of Him ..."

The remainder of Christmas Day, 1677, Kateri joined the others for Vespers, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the rest of the usual devotions. No mention anywhere of Christmas presents. This is to be expected, since the French custom postponed the exchange of gifts until New Year's Day. But if we look closely at the details that have come to us regarding Kateri's first Christmas at St. Francis Xavier's, we do see a wonderful exchange. The Son of God gave Himself to this humble Iroquois maiden and she, in return, gave herself up completely to Him. That is what the Christ gives and what He asks of us all.

Please make the Kateri quarterly known to your friends.
If you have any suggestions to help us better it, won't you
let us know? ...

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The First Engraving

One of the missionaries intimately acquainted with the Lily of the Mohawks, Father Pierre Cholenec, tells us that "a person of virtue and worthy of belief" was praying at four o'clock in the morning, when Kateri appeared to him surrounded by glory, with majestic bearing and shining face lifted toward heaven as if in ecstasy . . . The vision lasted for two whole hours during which this person could contemplate her at leisure and did so with a joy and pleasure difficult to express, Kateri wishing by so marked a favor to acknowledge the great service she had received from him during her lifetime." This occurred on Easter Monday, six days after her saintly death in 1680. The "person of virtue" to whom the writer refers was his fellow missionary, Father Claude Chauchetière, S. J.

The three visions

Kateri, radiantly beautiful, seemed to him "as a rising sun", and he heard these words in Latin: *Adhuc veni in dies: I am rising again*. On the first of September of the following year, Father Chauchetière had a similar vision, and still another on the twenty-first of April, 1682. The only difference was that the priest then saw Kateri not as the rising sun, but as the sun in mid-heaven with these words: *Inspice et fac secundum exemplar: Look and do according to the model* (Exod. 25: 20). She was so brilliant with surrounding light that his eyes could hardly bear it.

Both missionaries understood that God wanted pictures to be made of the Iroquois Virgin. "For a long time," remarked Father Cholenec, "we had refrained from doing so, but when they were painted later on they contributed a great deal toward making Kateri known, for, being placed on the heads of the sick, they brought about marvelous cures."

The first painting

Who did the first painting of Kateri? In 1684, after General de la Barre's expedition to Famine Cove, Hot Powder, then head chief of the praying Indians, made his way to the vicinity of Cataracouy, with the intention of converting as many pagan

Indians as he could. He carried along paintings depicting the lives of the most edifying Christian Indians of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, and among them, at least one of Kateri to whom he was intensely devoted. He had helped her in 1677 to escape from Gandaouagué on the Mohawk and she in turn had cured his wife during the summer of 1682. Who was responsible for this painting? None other than Father Claude Chauchetière.

After the command, "Do according to the model", the priest set to work. He was no great artist, and we are told "he made the painting as best he could."



Others, badly done

Other pictures were also prepared, "and though these were badly done," wrote Father Cholenec, "the Canadians value them so highly that there are hardly enough to supply the requests for them."

They were indeed badly engraved and struck off. During 1951, I received, at the Indian Mission, Dom Pierre Minard,



O. S. B., then Master of Novices at the Benedictine Priory of St. Benoît du Lac (Quebec). He later forwarded me an engraving of the Lily of the Mohawks, probably a copy of one the first prints.

A patrolman's opinion

After the engraving was reproduced in *Kateri**, a good friend, Patrolman Walter Byrnes of Union City, N. J., wrote me a few lines of comment:

"... No kidding, Father, if my Domin'can Aunt ever got one look at that picture, the convent would let out a squeal of terror and go running to the protection of St. Catherine of Siena... One thing, Father, you certainly picked the right time of year to print it. Hallowe'en, season of ghosts, goblins and Jesuit art!..."

Indubitably, Father Cholenec was right: "these pictures were badly done." The demand for them, however, grew constantly. The prints even found their way across the sea. Who had these humble portraits of Kateri engraved and printed?

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The Intendant

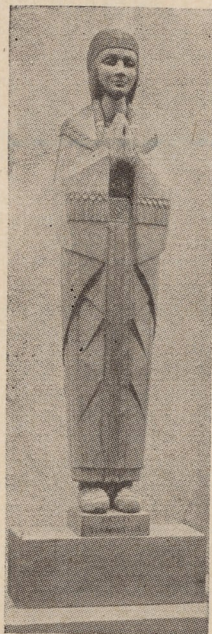
Monsieur Jean Bochart Chevalier de Champigny was appointed intendant of New France—the administrative officer next to the governor general—on April 24, 1686, six years after the death of the Lily of the Mohawks. His ship dropped anchor in Quebec during July of the same year. With him was his wife, Madeleine de Chaspoux.

Father Cholenec reports

Madam de Champigny became an ardent votary of Kateri. Of course, Father Cholenec told her about Father Chau-chetière's vision, without naming him. The outcome is set forth in Father Cholenec's *Life of Kateri Tekakwitha, First Iroquois Virgin*, completed in 1696. After reporting the cures and favors obtained through Kateri's intercession from 1681 to 1695, he wrote:

"1695.—We have come to the year 1695... I could not make a more fitting beginning to this recital than with the story of M. de Champigny, our Commandant. For more than two years he had been suffering from a severe cold which finally became so serious that he almost lost his voice, as his wife wrote us in the letter we had the honor to receive at the Sault asking us to make a novena to Kateri. With all Canada, we were too much interested in his health to fail to do our utmost.

"The novena was made by the Sisters of Kateri [Marie-Therese and her friends], who fortunately were all present at the village, and during it M. de Champigny was cured of his cold at Quebec. I do not doubt that on this occasion Kateri wished to reward the great obligations that all our missions in general, and that of the Sault in particular, had to M. and Mme. de Champigny for the marked favors we had received and still receive from them. Everybody in Canada also knows Mme. de Champigny's devotion to Kateri and her zeal that brought about the drawing of Kateri's first picture. Moreover, not being satisfied with distributing copies of it in Canada, she sent some to France to the important people at court. In this way God used the piety of so prominent a person to make a poor Indian known in the first court of the world. God blessed this action, for we received information from Paris that Kateri cured a dying person that year..."



Kateri at the Manger

Kateri prays at the Manger:

She sees the persons, that is to say,
our Lady and St. Joseph and the maidservant,
and the Infant Jesus after He is born.

She behaves herself as a poor and unworthy
little servant,
looking at them, contemplating them,
and ministering to them in their needs,
with all possible respect and reverence;
and then reflects on herself in order to
derive some profit.

She beholds,
observes
and contemplates
what they are saying;
and reflects on herself
to gather some profit.

She beholds and considers
what they are doing;
as for example, the journey
and the toils they undergo
in order that our Lord may be born
in extreme poverty,
and after so many labors,
after hunger and thirst,
heat and cold,
insults and injuries,
may die at last on the Cross,
and this for her (and us all).
Then she reflects to gather
some spiritual fruit.

**The Apostolic Postulation
for the Cause of Canonization
of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha
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of the Sacred Congregation of Rites:**

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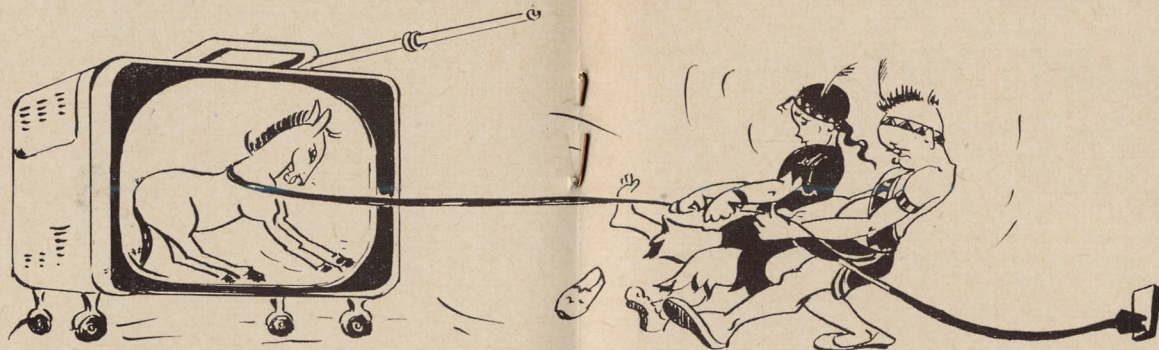
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FIREBRAND: Nobody, knowing Kateri, . . .
HOT ASHES: . . . balks at helping her Cause!

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. H. D.!**

Enclosed you will find a money order (\$5) for the Kateri fund! (Montreal, Quebec.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. A.!**

Inclosed is our check for ten dollars in thanksgiving for a safe summer. Hardly ever does one go out on the road without being frightened by some other driver. Kateri and the guardian angels were really by the side of our daughter-in-law while she was driving from Cleveland to Caseville with three children in the car. It went out of control on a wet rough spot in the road onto the shoulder and up against a tree. No one was injured except Matthew age four, who had a cut on his forehead. Thanks again to Kateri! (Detroit, Mich.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Senorita A. Y.!**

You never can know how happy you made me when you said that you remembered to pray for my country, Cuba. In that way, I know we are not alone with our Cross. Today I'm sending you a check because I want you to offer two masses for Sr . . . and for Sr . . . , prisoners of the Invasion . . . (Atlanta, Ga.)

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

Last week my son had major surgery for thyroid—part of the thyroid gland was removed. I prayed to Kateri that it wouldn't be malignant and the report came back that it wasn't. I'm sending a small donation to aid her cause. Many thanks to Kateri for her intercession! (Springfield, Tenn.)

Kateri's Closest Friend

Marie Therese Tagaiaguenta, Kateri's closest friend, came from Oneida. The headquarters of the Canton was then at the site described by Father Jacques Bruyas in 1666-68 as "on an eminence whence a great portion of the surrounding country could be seen." It was probably somewhere in the upper valley of Oneida creek, not very far from Oriskany creek. More than half the population was composed of Algonquins and Hurons, many of whom were Christians.

In the course of 1669, Father Bruyas received into the Church about thirty persons. He baptized Marie Therese, when, we do not know. We do know, however, that she was married to a pagan and that, later on she fell into the habit of drunkenness.

She eventually moved to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier on the St. Lawrence in the vicinity of Montreal. Even among the fervent converts of the little village, Marie Therese was a mediocre Christian. But the Hound of Heaven was following her and He would not be thrown off the scent of this woman destined to become Tekakwitha's bosom friend.

During the winter of 1675-76, she went hunting with her husband and a nephew in the direction of the Ottawa River. Others soon joined them, until they were eleven in all: four men, four women and three youngsters. Marie Therese was the only Christian.

As the days skittered by, the wine red and canary yellow crown of the maples and the birches fell under the chilly blasts from the Arctic. No snow, however, not even a few flakes. And snow was needed for a successful hunt. Hunger began to gnaw at the little band's vitals. Through the stark branches of the trees the gale keened for their countless ancestors, dead from famine in the tundras of northern Asia and America. And still, no snow.

In their sacks their provisions were quite depleted. The skins they had carried along to make into winter moccasins, were

chewed and swallowed. Then they ate their moccasins. When these were gone, their menu was limited for a while to herbs and bark and probable lichen. Worse was to come.

Marie Therese's husband fell desperately ill and the group halted. Two of them, a Mohawk and a Seneca forged on ahead in the hopes of bringing under cover a deer or an elk. They would come back, they promised, within ten days. The Mohawk appeared ten days later as he had said, but alone. He claimed the Seneca had perished from hunger and misery. When questioned he admitted he had seen no game of any sort. Strange to say, he seemed well fed and in good health. The suspicions of the nine were aroused: the man obviously had eaten his companion, but whether he had killed him was never known.

Shortly after, the sick man, who regretted he had not been baptized, breathed his last. The rest of the Indians along with Marie Therese made their way down the river in the direction of the French settlement. Two or three days later, they all were so weak from lack of food they could proceed no further. In desperation, they hit a weird plan to procure nourishment: they would kill and eat the most debilitated of them to sustain the others. Before strangling the first victim, the men questioned Marie Therese, since she was the only Christian, concerning the teaching of the Church on this point. She did not dare to answer nor did she consent to the homicide, fearing she would be the next one to go. These poor folk reasoned with her that those who had little chance of survival should die to save the others.

So they dispatched the wife of the dead Seneca and her two children, one after the other, and partook of them. Marie Therese was terrified. The thought of death made her regret her many transgressions. How she wished she had gone to confession before leaving the mission! From the bottom of her heart, she asked God to pardon her sins and promised, should she get home alive, to go to confession and to make amends for her disorderly life. Her prayers were heard. What the good example of the devout Christians at St. Francis Xavier had not done, the nearness of death and of a horrible death, achieved.

After much hardship, four in all,—animated skeletons—including Marie Therese Tegaiguenta, dragged themselves into their village on the St. Lawrence. Faithful to her promise, the



FIREBRAND: The Vice-Postulator is doing things for Kateri!
HOT ASHES: Won't you? . . .

unhappy woman went to confession. It took Kateri Tekakwitha's helping hand, however, to lead her into the path of a fervent Christian life.

In the spring of 1678, a new chapel was built at the second site of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier where, in 1929, another church was to be erected and dedicated to St. Catherine of Alexandria (Laprairie, Quebec). Then and there it was that Marie Therese Tegagiaguenta spoke to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha for the first time. The latter's sweetness and humility completely won over Marie Therese.

A few minutes later, she found herself confiding her most hidden thoughts to the pock-marked girl. Her conscience reproached her with not having wholly fulfilled her promises made to God during the ill-fated hunt. This girl with whom she was conversing was perhaps heaven-sent. With her advice and example, she would resolutely undertake to live as a true Christian should!

On the high bank of the St. Lawrence, a few minutes' walk from the little church, a cross had been erected. They made their way to it and sat in its shadow and looked down at the mighty waters and, to their hearts' content talked about their respective ideals. Marie Therese and Kateri discovered they had much in common. Both wished to serve God perfectly. Neither more nor less. Thus the two young women became friends and their friendship begun under the sign of the Cross and, approved of by Father Cholenec, was to last until death and into eternity.

From that day forth, the two were inseparable. Together they went to church, to the forest to gather firewood, to the cornfields to plant and to reap. Joys and sorrows were held in common. Charitably they corrected each other's faults. "They encouraged each other," wrote Father Cholenec, "to the practice of austere virtues and were thus mutually of infinite service in advancing more and more in the ways of perfection."

Marie Therese was about ten years older than Kateri. Her experience and common sense and her well balanced appraisal of life made her useful to her friends and, in particular, to Kateri. Towards the end of her life, the Lily of the Mohawks, much impressed by the story of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, imitated him in his mortifications, without suspecting she should have consulted her spiritual guide. As a result, after several days of excessive pen-

ance, she appeared drawn and worn out. The missionaries, knowing her health was frail, simply thought she was not as well as usual. But Marie Therese was not taken in. After some probing, Marie Therese had Kateri admit that she had been inflicting severe punishment upon herself and that she intended to do so until death.

"Yes," answered her friend, "but do you know that you offend God by undertaking this out of excess without the permission of your confessor?"

Kateri Tekakwitha immediately ceased her Aloysian asceticism. Father Cholenec to whom she hurried to accuse herself of her penances, though he admired her in his heart, "pretended to be displeased and reprimanded her for her imprudence." She straightway discarded the instruments of her self-inflicted sufferings, preferring, above all, God's will as manifested to her in her confessor.

During Holy Week of April, 1680, Kateri was close to death. Her faithful companion and a few other women, members of the Holy Family Association, who had with Kateri, for a year at least, formed a circle to strive even more effectively for the greater glory of God, wished to be present at her death. On the other hand, because of the coming Good Friday and Easter, they were obliged to replenish their stock of firewood. So Marie Therese and the others requested Father Cholenec to speak to Kateri about it. The dying girl told the priest to inform her friends that she would have them called from work when her hour had come. And this she did. At three o'clock they began to come in and no sooner had the last one let the skin which served as the door of the long house fall behind her than Kateri entered into agony. Marie Therese and her friends had the consolation of seeing the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha die.

As one of "Kateri's Sisters", Marie Therese Tegaiguenta certainly carried on in the spirit the Lily of the Mohawks had taught her, far more by deed than by word. Marie Therese was still alive in 1696. As she was robust, she probably lived to a ripe old age. The records of the time unfortunately were burnt at St. Regis Quebec over a hundred years ago. They alone could have enlightened us with regard to the last years of the Oneida woman who from less than a good Christian became a source of edification to all who knew her.

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss. E. S.!**

I want to become a Perpetual member of the Kateri Guild. I am sending a money order for \$100. . . . I pray to Kateri and, also, for her beatification . . . enclosed is a list of names that I hope will help Kateri's cause . . . (South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. and Mrs. A. B.!**

I am very grateful to Kateri. I am asking her to help me live and pray for the sanctification of all the youth of today . . . (Johnston, R. I.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J.-L. L.!**

In thanksgiving for success in business, I am sending a little offering. (Montreal, Quebec.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss. S. McC.!**

I am enclosing herewith \$5. which I promised Kateri should employment be obtained for someone who is very dear to me. We didn't have to wait very long. I would ask you to please add your prayers that she may continue to watch over the young man for whom she obtained this favor. (Montreal, Quebec.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. H. D. M.!**

The response to my request for help has been such that I feel I should contribute to aid in the extension of your work and efforts. The gift enclosed is small [\$5.], however, it marks the beginning of a joint venture. With your continued help the future will take care of itself . . . (Outremont, Quebec.)

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

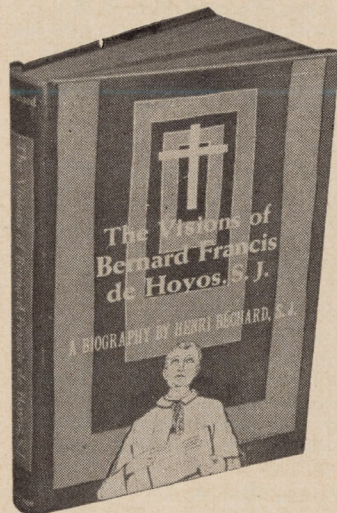
May I thank Kateri for having helped me recover some money? I am asking her to continue favoring a young man who is to be operated for the second time in the jaw . . . (St. Jerome, Quebec.)

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

I wish to fulfill my obligation to Kateri. Through her intercession, I was able to sell all our flowers. Twice we have commended ourselves to her care and we have undergone no loss. I am enclosing my check for \$12. (St. Jerome, Quebec.)

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Do you recall, Father, that I sent you a letter about March 10th and asked Kateri to look after my X-Rays and cardiograph? She did. The X-Ray of my lungs was perfect although I had coughed for four nights, all because I had a virus. The cardiograph showed the coughing left a weakness in my heart. I asked Kateri if she would cure my heart all up and make me feel a lot stronger. As she did, I am sending in thanksgiving another offering of \$10. . . . (Toronto, Ont.)

✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Father E. G.!**

I am enclosing my check for \$5, for one year's subscription to Kateri. You seem to be having such trouble financially that I decided to add my little mite. It will help at least that much more . . . (Verchères, Quebec.)

✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. A. D.!**

. . . In thanksgiving to Kateri for her protection [\$10.]! (Montreal, Quebec.)

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

Please find enclosed, the widow's mite. I am asking Our Lord to give me a love for him like Kateri's! (Ottawa, Ont.)

✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss. T. G.!**

. . . I love your little magazine. I find it very interesting and, also, at times, very humorous. Another thing I like about it is its size. It is so easily carried and fits into one's pocket or purse. I have been forwarding my used copies to a Catholic Center in Pakistan, with other literature which has been requested by a Franciscan priest there . . . (Chicago, Ill.)

✻ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C. P. H.!**

May I thank Kateri for a favorable report my daughter received when she went to checked for Hodgins' disease which she has. Thanks to Kateri, she was "normal" in every way . . . (Spokane, Wash.)



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I received your letter yesterday. Some time ago, I wrote to you about my husband's health and also, that he was drinking too much. His health is much better now and he does not drink any more thanks to Kateri... (Madison, Me.)

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. L. P. L.!

Enclosed you will find my check for \$7. for Kateri's cause. Part of this is in thanksgiving to Kateri for favors obtained... (Granby, Quebec.)

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. C. L.!

Kindly accept the enclosed check for \$20. to thank Kateri for the successful examinations of my sons and for all her protection for all my family during the summer months. Use the offering as you see fit... (Lachine, Quebec.)

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J. M.!

... About three years ago, I was without work and felt rather low in spirits. As I visited the work going on at the St. Lawrence Seaway with a friend of mine, and looked for employment, we stopped at the Kateri Museum where her relics are kept. We entered the little church and I was struck by the quiet and peacefulness. I asked Kateri to help me, bought a little medal her and left the place. I was quite confident she would help me. Two days later, without my looking for it, I was called for a job. Of course, I knew Kateri was behind it all. I now wear her medal. This may seem a little thing to you, but to me it means a great deal!... (Montreal, Quebec.)

✧ Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M. A. D.!

Enclosed is check for \$5. to thank Kateri for a five year old retarded boy being able to walk after the healing of a fractured leg... (New York, N. Y.)



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Msgr. Géraud and Dr. Snider.

Coming and Going

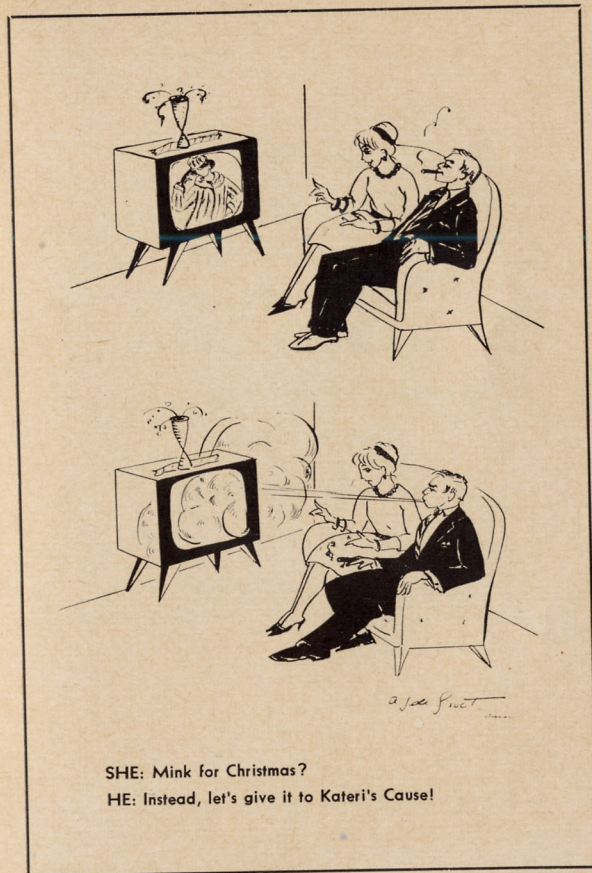
On September 28, the Kateri Center in Montreal and later the Mission of St. Francis Xavier received two distinguished visitors from Rome: the Right Reverend Msgr. Joseph Géraud, P. D., P. S. S., Postulator General for the cause of canonization of the Blessed Margaret Bourgeoys, and Advocate Charles Snider of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. ✻ Monsignor, also a Doctor of Medicine, is the only priest among the nine highly specialized doctors who decide if the cures submitted to the Congregation of Rites are beyond the laws of nature or not. He is, furthermore, the Procurator General of the Sulpicians in Rome. ✻ Dr. Snider has long been interested in Kateri's cause. From 1938 to 1942, he collaborated in editing the official documents known as the *Positio* which served in having Kateri's virtues officially declared heroic by the Holy See. Dr. Snider, incidentally, holds a doctorate *utriusque juris* (i. e. of canon and of civil law) from the *Université de Fribourg*; he is also a Knight Commander of Malta, and a counselor at the International Institute for the unification of private law. Such is the caliber of the many clerics and laymen, busy in the Eternal City with the many causes of beatification and, in particular, that of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. ✻ In the last issue of "Kateri", mention was made of a gift of \$1000. to the cause, by Mr. Alexis K. Beauvais, a Caughnawaga Indian. To our sorrow, Mr. Beauvais died on October 24 from a heart attack. He was 78 years old. He is believed to be the last survivor of the two Quebec Bridge disasters at the turn of the century. The bridge, destined to take more than 10 years to complete, sent 100 men to their deaths in the St. Lawrence River when its south span collapsed. The suspended span of the cantilever bridge near Quebec City fell into the river in 1916 before completion in 1917. An employee of the Dominion Bridge Company since 1908, Mr. Beauvais retired in 1949 with the position of field supervisor. He was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and one of the founders of the Caughnawaga Knights of Columbus. Mr. Beauvais was very generous to the sister missions of St. Francis Xavier and of St. Francis Regis as well as to Kateri's Cause. To his wife, née Josephine Jacobs, our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for the repose of her husband's soul and for strength and comfort in her bereavement.

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