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Mrs. Eileen Lazare and Family
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On behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke I would like to take this time to offer my deepest condolences to you and your entire family on the loss of your beloved husband.

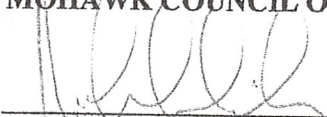
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For many, this would be accomplishment enough but, when one considers that Albert was also a founding member of the Kahnawake Fire Brigade (and an active member for many years), a founding board member of the Kahnawake Youth Center and the Treasurer of the local Knights of Columbus for over forty years, one gets the sense that this was no ordinary man. And yet, in his life, that's exactly who he was – an ordinary man who just happened to do extraordinary things. He certainly didn't do it for the glory, for there are few men who have the true humility that Albert always displayed.

Despite all of the above, Albert was first and foremost a man dedicated to his family. Each and every one will have a lifetime of memories to cherish. There is no doubt that there will be a large void in your lives. But you can rest assured that he leaves you with a legacy of love for his family and community that will be remembered for a long time to come.

In Peace and Friendship,

**ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS
MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KAHNAWÀ:KE**


Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle Jr

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In peace and friendship, on behalf of the Office of the Council of Chiefs
Mohawk Council of Kahnawa:ke, Grand Chief Michael Ahrihron Delisle Jr

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Mme Eileen Lazare et famille;

En ce jour et au nom du Conseil des Mohawks de Kahnawa:ke, je vous présente, à vous et à toute votre famille, mes plus sincères condoléances pour la perte de votre époux Albert. Avoir dédié 61 ans de sa vie au service des autres et en particulier pour la cause de sainte Kateri est une belle réalisation très exigeante qui nécessitait beaucoup de sacrifices et de don de soi. Albert n'a jamais hésité et n'a jamais reculé devant les obstacles pour voir couronné son acharnement laborieux par la canonisation de sainte Kateri. Beaucoup de personnes ont fort apprécié cette persévérance à une cause, loin d'être facile, qui leur échappait au départ mais qui en ce moment porte leur plus haut estime. Quel travail extraordinaire pour un homme simple, modeste, ordinaire. Qu'il ait pu assister à la cérémonie de canonisation au Vatican fut un couronnement pour lui et un fait apprécié par énormément de personnes - chose qu'il ne pouvait guère imaginer. Pour beaucoup, cela serait un accomplissement suffisant, mais, si l'on recule dans le temps, on voit que Albert avait d'autres préoccupations : Il fut également membre fondateur de la Brigade des Pompiers de Kahnawa:ke (et un membre actif pendant de nombreuses années), un des membres fondateurs du Centre de la Jeunesse de Kahnawa:ke et le trésorier des Chevaliers de Colomb pendant plus de quarante ans. Une vie de dévouement dans divers lieux parmi plusieurs générations, voilà en résumé ce qu'il a toujours aimé faire. Travail ordinaire, homme ordinaire? Et pourtant, dans sa vie, c'est exactement ce qu'il était - un homme ordinaire qui a fait des choses extraordinaires. Il n'a certainement pas travaillé pour sa gloire, car il y a peu d'hommes qui ont la vraie humilité qu'Albert a toujours affichée. C'était d'abord et avant tout un homme dévoué à sa famille et à ses proches. Nous aurons, tous, maints souvenirs à chérir avec celui qui laissera un grand vide dans vos vies. Mais nous sommes tous certains qu'il lègue un héritage d'amour pour vos familles, pour la communauté dont on se souviendra encore pendant longtemps.

Dans la paix et l'amitié, au nom du Bureau du Conseil des Chefs

Conseil des Mohawks de Kahnawa:ke ,

Le grand chef Michael Ahrihron Delisle Jr

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