

Mission Saint-François-Xavier

CAUGHNAWAGA, P. Q.



Le 1er octobre, 1949

M. Claude Mélançon
Le Canadien National
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Cher monsieur Mélançon ,

J'attendais la publication du 4e numéro de notre modeste bulletin KATERI avant de vous écrire. C'est fait! Les photos de Midland que vous m'avez fait parvenir n'ont pas pu aider à rendre plus attrayante cette petite revue. Un gros merci!

Merci aussi de l'envoi de vos deux opuscules sur Percé. Ils nous seront utiles à la nouvelle école. Quelle belle typographie, vraiment digne du texte et des photos!... J'espère qu'un jour, mon imprimeur (Frères Ecoles Chrétiennes) apprendront à ne pas me jouer des tours comme ils me l'ont fait en ce dernier numéro de Kateri --cf. p. 14, en haut...

Le P. Lalonde me prie de vous remercier de l'envoi de "Charmants Voisins" (que j'ai lu avec grand profit)!

Agrérez, cher monsieur Mélançon, l'expression de mes sentiments et les meilleurs.





CATHERINE TAKOVIE

LES SŒURS DE LA
CONGRÉGATION
DE NOTRE-DAME



Standing Sr. M. Carmella

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Kneeling (left to right)

Sr. Laure Therese

Sr. Louis Richard

Sr. Claire Levesque

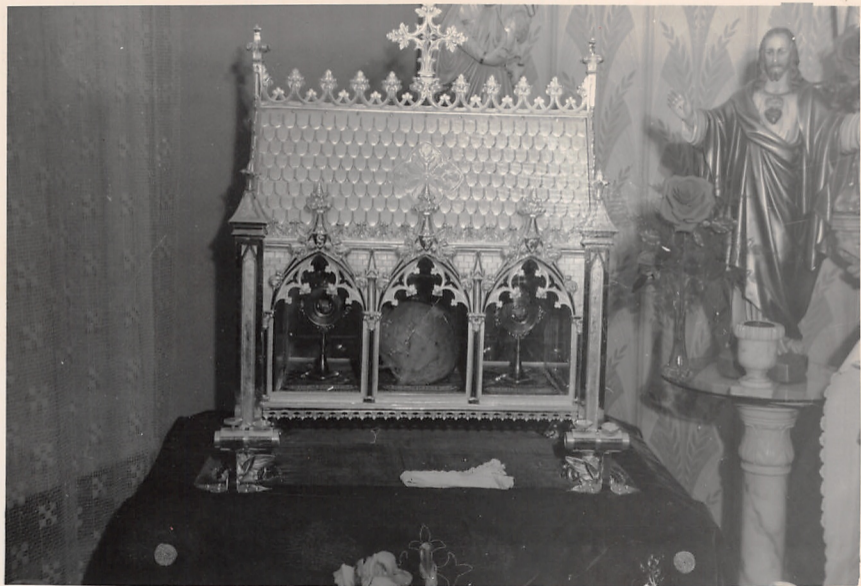
Sr. Anita Marie



Reliques des SS. Martyrs & Cœlestins.

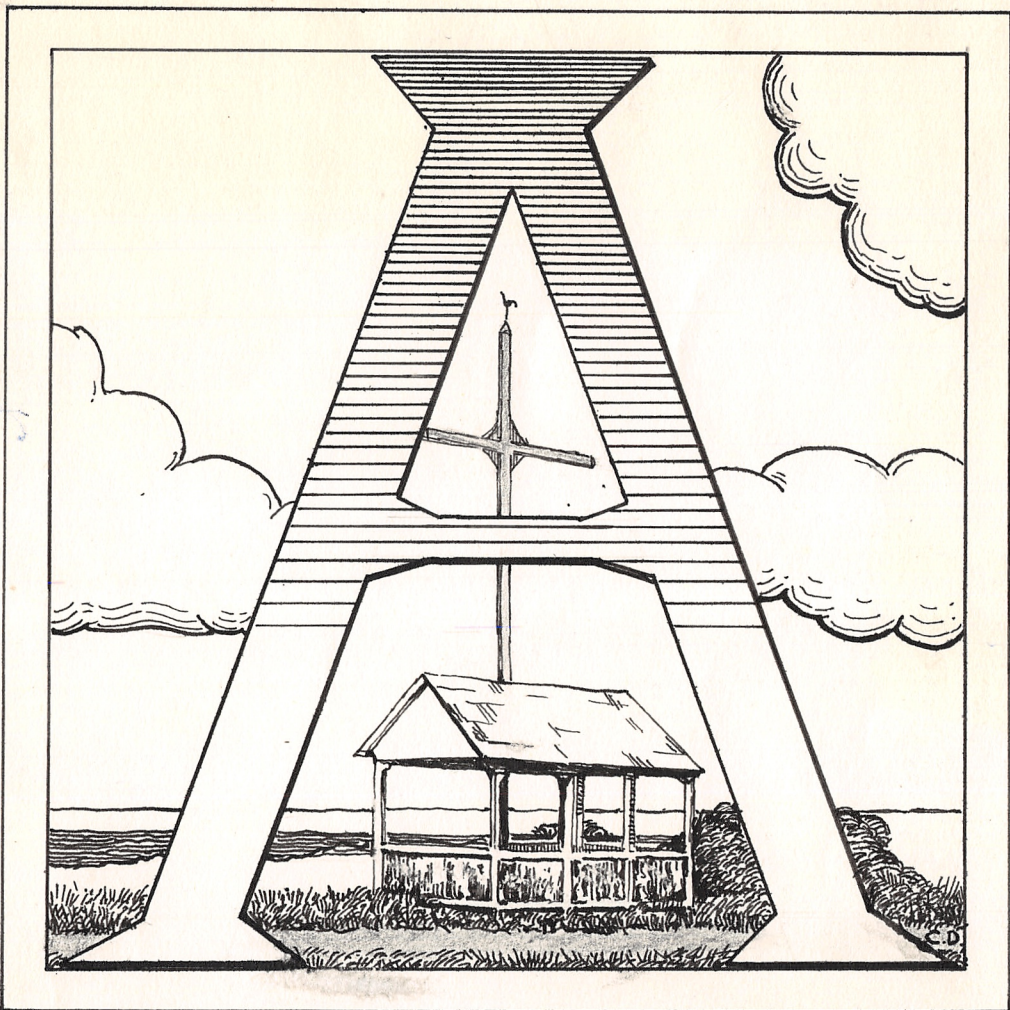
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KATERI TEKAKWITHA
CENTRE KATERI
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Kateri et Dr. M. Bourgeois
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My devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha extends back to childhood and thro her intercession 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

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enlarge, redder 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 skin specialist on the staff of the General Hospital. 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 Coughnawaga and beg her intercession. I asked the doctor to delay the operation

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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
sorrow of my face was the
fear now, that some one at
my place of employment

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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.
In the course of conversation
I mentioned to Fr. Xavier
the purpose of my visit.
He brought out a little relic

of Kateri and applied it ^{Page 6} 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

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gratefully I saw all trace
of the trouble gradually disappear.
The little Lily of the Mohawke
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 come. "Have confidence in Kateri" as Fr. Xavier so wisely advised.

I, Mary Margaret Gallagher, of the City of Toronto in the County of York, Teacher, make oath and say

1. That the Article contained on this and the preceding seven pages hereof was written by me, is in my handwriting and is true to my personal knowledge.

Sworn before me at
 the City of Toronto in
 the County of York
 this 26th day of August
 AD 1949

} Mary M. Gallagher

[Signature]
 A Notary Public etc

WB I am not sure if I confused the name of the priest with that of the Mission - he died suddenly about a year ago. *[initials]*
 check: mine