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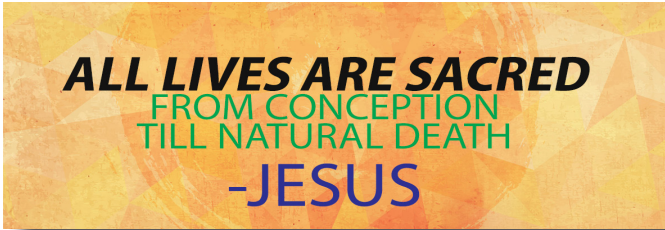
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My God;  
 by the merits of the wounds of Your Son  
 Jesus,  
 forgive me a poor sinner!

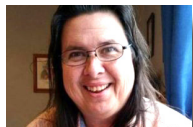


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## GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Readers,  
Greetings faithful readers,

I wish you and your families are enjoying a restful and enjoyable summer season. If you have upcoming vacation time to take, good for you. Everyone needs time to recharge their batteries. And if your vacation time has ended, I hope that you and your families enjoyed yourself and created some happy memories in your travels.

This worker has been kept busy with church-related issues in the last several months. The future of the Kateri Center, its budget and operations and relationship to the Mission has been the subject of on-going discussions.

The cost of producing issues is increasing, subscriptions are down, rent is a constant expense. The one positive is that the Kateri Center holds a lot of inventory of medals, books, media, 3rd-class relics, prayer cards and Kateri memorabilia, which could be applied to the transfer of the Guild to the Shrine along with the rental fee of our premises (300 sq feet) that we pay to the Shrine if the Mission finds this acceptable. More details are found on page 12.

A positive development has taken place where the Mission has been granted money by the Quebec department for Heritage to make necessary upgrades to the Church, windows and stone work. The total estimate for repairs is around \$ 250,000. There will be a need to fundraise a portion of money which is broken down by percentage. We are to raise 30% of funds, and Quebec to chip in 70 % to cover the balance. This worker as part of the Finance and Administration committee can provide further updates in the future.

Another part of the Mission that is getting a facelift is our Gift Shop that is continually receiving visitors from all over the world. Some of these visitors arrive by tour bus from Montreal. This is another way to spread the name of St. Kateri.

This worker will have updates about the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention held in Quebec City. This is of interest as Indigenous leaders across Canada and the United States were invited to the event to be honored for their work. I could not attend due to work commitments.

In September, I will attend the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Assembly in Quebec City. The invitation is to come observe and listen to the discussion and updates in the area of healing and reconciliation and interactions with Indigenous communities.

In summary, there is necessary work to cut costs, improve and enhance the office space and solidify the Church building and rectory of St. Francis Xavier Mission.

Let us all continue to pray to St. Kateri for Her intercession on these matters mentioned here and all our worries and concerns as She brings these to Jesus for His gentle touch. After all, these practical matters are for the community of faith in Kahnawake, and all who have peace and love in their heart and want to share this love with others. What a beautiful mission we have.

May St. Kateri continue to be our role model.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Tom Dearhouse - Director/Editor

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### WHAT DOES SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA TEACH US?

After being baptized, Kateri was forced to take refuge among the Mohawks in the Jesuit mission near the city of Montreal. Her spiritual practices impressed everyone at the Mission; they recognized in Kateri a holiness that was appealing because it stemmed from her deep love for God. At the same time, she taught the children of the Mission to pray; and through the constant fulfilment of her responsibilities, including caring for the sick and elderly, she offered an example of humble and loving service to God and neighbor. Faith is always expressed through service. Faith is not about putting on make-up, putting make-up on the soul; no, it is to serve.

Dear brothers and sisters, Kateri's life is further proof that apostolic zeal implies both union with Jesus, nourished by prayer and the sacraments, and the desire to spread the beauty of the Christian message through fidelity to one's particular vocation. Kateri's last words are very beautiful. Before she died, she said, "Jesus, I love you." lesos, konoron:kwa. May we too, like Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, draw strength from the Lord and learn to do ordinary things in extraordinary ways, growing daily in faith, charity and zealous witness for Christ." - Pope Francis (August 30th, 2023)

### A REFLECTION BY SAINT JOHN PAUL II

"Your ancestors knew by instinct that the Gospel, far from destroying their authentic values and customs, had the power to purify and uplift the cultural heritage which they had received. Thus, not only is Christianity relevant to Indigenous peoples, but Christ, in the members of his Body, is himself Indigenous." (Address at Shrine Field, Huronia, Ontario, 15 September 1984, no. 5).

## UPDATED DVDROM1 PRODUCT CONTENTS

THANK YOU for purchasing this DVD-ROM (DVDROM1) for \$175 (\$0.60 per issue). It is also available in French as item DVDROM2. Both versions are available for a reduced price (\$300) as item DVDROM3.

This DVD-ROM contains over 3,700 entries categorized/listed in several ways.

This media is actually a DVD formatted for computer usage accessible in Microsoft Windows or Apple's Macintosh. (Its contents are not erasable, therefore read-only).

*\*This disk is also available on USB storage media (which is erasable!) for an additional \$25.*

Special thanks are due to Deacon Ronald Boyer, former Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Kateri and Director of the Kateri Center for initiating and supporting this massive archival effort with our consultant and which served as the basis for this product and for the realization of the Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Interpretive Center and the production of 202 video clips on youTube.

THE INDEXED CONTENTS OF THE 209 KATERI MAGAZINE ISSUES ARE DATED FROM 1948 - 2012 ONLY (64 YEARS)

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE '**CAUSE OF KATERI**'...LEADING TO THE CANONIZATION OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA IN 2012...

### - 4 POPES :

- PIUS XII,
- JOHN-PAUL II
- BENEDICT XVI
- FRANCIS

### - 2 POSTULATORS (ROME):

- FR CHARLES MICCINELLI, S.J.
- FR PAOLO MOLINARI, S.J.

#### - 4 CANADIAN VICE-POSTULATORS :

- FR ANTONIO POULIN, S.J. -PRIOR TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE KATERI MAGAZINE
- FR HENRI BECHARD, S.J. - FROM WINTER 1948
- FR JACQUES BRUYÈRE, S.J. - FROM WINTER 1990
- DEACON RONALD BOYER, NATIVE OJIBWAY - FROM SUMMER 2007

Where known, 'author codes' (ARCODE) are assigned to an article. The author code can also be a reference to a particular person or an institution and not necessarily the actual author who may not be known. From its beginnings in 1948, the KATERI magazine had only three editors who were also the Canadian Vice-Postulators for the Cause of Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. Most of the articles are from the late Fr Henri Béchard, S.J. who was the longest serving Canadian Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Kateri and Editor of the 'Kateri' magazine (42 years!)

Since 2015, the magazine and the Kateri Center are now under the direction of Thomas Dearhouse (Native Ojibway). They all served at the Saint Francis-Xavier Mission in Kahnawake. They did not necessarily write each and every article, but they have selected articles from various sources and events (native and non-native) based on their religious experience and knowledge and on the mandate of the magazine which was to promote the CAUSE OF KATERI: Her canonization!

#### Abbreviations used:

**SJ** - Jesuits of Canada/USA

**Relations** - The yearly Jesuit Periodicals

**(PIR)** - An 'author' of an article which can be a person, an institution or a reference to an institution or person.

Multiple PIRs can be assigned to a given article. Each article may also be grouped in more than one way. When encountering an author code that contains an "." it generally means that it has been written by the Editor/Director of the magazine.

#### Lists available:

0 - Authors on file (brief description and classification - up to and including 2024) (PIR)

1 - Indigenous Nations on file

2 - Alphabetical list of articles by authors - entities - references (PIR)

- 3 - Alphabetical list of articles by authors relative to a native subject (PIR)
- 4 - Chronological list of issues published (1948 - 2012) - article highlights
- 5 - Alphabetical list by subject / title - reference (PIR)
- 6 - Chronological list of articles (native, relics, photos, Cause of Kateri stages: canonization, beatification, venerability)
- 7 - Alphabetical list of languages utilized

Alphabetical list of articles related to:

- A - Papal involvements
- B - The Venerability decree
- C - The Beatification
- D - The Canonization
- E - The Saint Francis-Xavier Mission (bell, choir, museum, religious art, burials)
- F - Miracles - Healings
- G - Martyrdom
- H - Archeological studies - Seaway
- I - Tekakwitha Conferences
- J - Mythology - Legend - Tradition
- K - The Wampum belt and bird
- L - Native Culture
- M - Archives and news: Amerindian & Kateri Center
- N - Kateri's Cenotaph
- O - Apparitions of Kateri
- P - Kateri's predictions
- Q - Kateri's mother (Kahenta)
- R - Kateri's relics
- S - Multi-media: film and music, commemorative stamps, media, theatre/plays, books & art: statues, paintings, drawings, carvings, stained glass etc...
- T - Media articles (religious & secular)
- U - Abortion - Genocide - Pro-Life
- V - Kateri Feast Day
- W - The People of Kahnawake
- X - Prayers - Spirituality - Litanies - Devotions - Poems - Hymns - Novenas - Rosary
- Y - Alphabetical list of articles by Native authors
- Z - Youth and teens



- 60 - Iroquois mixed choir
- 61 - Political personalities - Native Chiefs
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- 7A - Sacraments - Family - Beatitudes
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- 7C - Grace - Faith - Penance
- 7D - Death - R.I.P. - Tributes to clergy - benefactors & supporters
- 7E - Archives - Vocation - Jubilee - Morality - Sects
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The SPECIAL EDITION dedicated to the SAINT  
KATERI TEKAKWITHA INTERPRETIVE CENTER (2017)

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produced in 2012 (which includes canonization events at the  
Shrine and at the Vatican)

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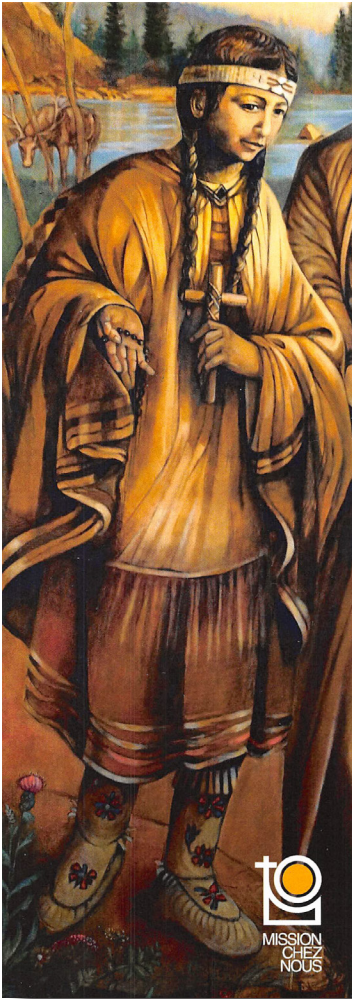
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## Lovely Kateri,

Our beloved elder sister,  
our soul sister,  
guide our steps  
in these difficult times,  
and hear our prayer.

Ease a mother's suffering  
when she loses her child;  
take this pain with you,  
and bless those mothers  
whose weeping endures.

Gentle you are,  
like rose petals:  
intercede for us with Kice Manito  
for all Indigenous Peoples,  
our nation and our families.  
And pray Jesus for us.

O Saint Kateri,  
help us follow in your footsteps,  
to live in tenderness, love and joy.  
Make us instruments of peace,  
that we may live in harmony  
with our neighbours  
and all humans.

Great lady of the Nation,  
pray for us. You are our model.  
Hear our calls for healing  
and pass on our prayers  
to Kice Manito, our Creator.

Thank you, Kateri,  
for choosing Jesus in your life.  
We give thanks for your intercession!

**Amen.**

Prayer written by Nanette Ottawa  
and Sabrina Quitich inspired by short  
petitions expressed by some  
Atikamekw women.



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## FAVORS OBTAINED, LETTERS....

SAINT KATERI DIED ON APRIL 17, 1680 AT SAINT FRANCIS-XAVIER MISSION NEAR MONTREAL. FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER HER PASSING, TWO JESUIT BLACKROBES WITNESSED THE CHANGE OF SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA'S COMPLEXION AS IT BECAME CLEAR AND WITHOUT BLEMISH, AS WAS HER SOUL. PRAY FOR HER HELP WHEN YOU ARE RIDICULED OR SICK OR SHOULD YOU SUFFER THE LOSS OF YOUR PARENTS OR FRIENDS. PRAY ALSO FOR HER INTERCESSION IF YOU ARE IN EXILE FROM YOUR HOME. SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA WILL ASK JESUS TO CONSOLE AND HELP YOU.



C.P. Enclosed \$116 covering my renewal and a donation. Good continuation! (Montreal, Qc)

P.S. Enclosed \$20 for a favor obtained and the renewal of my subscription. I have a tremendous trust in St Kateri. I pray to Her every night, and I thank Her very much. (Fatima, Qc)

P.C. Enclosed \$100 as thanksgiving. (Miramichi, NB)

C.D. Enclosed \$25 covering my renewal and a small donation. I pray to Her asking Her intervention in eliminating a disease so that I may enjoy a good summer. (Rimouski, Qc)

M.D.H. I am sending you \$20 for prayers for my only daughter who is very sick. She is the one looking after her old mother of 86 years. She does everything she can to help me. We love St Kateri and we pray to Her every night. (New Minas, NS)

Anon. Dear Sister Kateri; I saw your picture in the magazine. I said a prayer for your cousin Johnny Lahache's soul. Please say a prayer for my son as he needs a prayer for his health. You were part of the 3rd miracle for elevating Blessed Kateri to sainthood. Thank you very much.

P.L. Saint Kateri : Please pray for my grandson who has an eating disorder. Thank you and praise the Lord. (Chilliwack, BC)

K.K. Hi Gabriel, I hope all is well with you. Thank you for mailing me the latest issue of Kateri magazine. What a nice surprise to see one of my paintings on the cover again and featured inside the magazine as well!! I just got back a few days ago from an amazing 2-week trip deep into the Amazon rain forest in Brazil. I would like to renew my subscription and have 2 copies of the Spring 2024 issue mailed to me if possible ...

possible -just let me know how much that would cost including shipping and I will send you a check. Attached is another painting I did of St. Kateri last year (I don't remember if I already sent it to you). It's titled "Lily in the Snow". It was raffled off last year the Saint Kateri National Shrine and Historic Site in Fonda NY. Many Blessings.

G.D. Enclosed is a cheque of \$60 towards my renewal and a bottle of St Kateri's oil while the balance is a donation. (Oakville, On)

V.S. The enclosed cheque is for a thanksgiving for all the favors I have asked from St Kateri. She has never let me down and has been my favorite Saint from the mid-sixties. (St. Catharines, On)

C.B. Dear Tom Dearhouse: I am enclosing a cheque for \$300 to aid and support the Kateri Center. I always have St Kateri's relic with me. Recently I had severe dizziness and then waves of nausea. I had to hold the walls to walk to my couch. I prayed for Her intercession and with the help of some medication and resting quietly, the dizzy spell passed which could be part of a migraine headache which I have very often. I am very grateful to Her who holds me steady and comes to my aid. My thanks again for the Kateri magazine and its interesting articles. (St. Catharines, On)



## PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES BLASPHEMY

The Vatican said it was saddened by certain scenes at the opening ceremony that gave offence to Christians, after controversy over a segment that mocked Jesus' Last Supper which included a scene featuring dancers and drag queens that was reminiscent of depictions of Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper, the final meal Jesus Christ shared with His apostles. The Holy See can only join the voices that have been raised in recent days to deplore the offence given to the world's worldwide Christians (2.38 billion) and believers of other religions. In a prestigious event where the whole world comes together around common values there should not be allusions ridiculing the religious beliefs of many people, and that "freedom of expression... finds its limit in respect for others."

If this is not blasphemy, which is the ultimate offense to God Himself, what is? The depiction has also found criticism from Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (Orthodox), former US president Donald Trump, Bishop Robert Barron (USA) who also criticized the ceremony, calling it "**a disgusting, arrogant mockery**", some US Republican lawmakers, Italy, Hungary, Malta, UK's media icon Piers Morgan saying 'could this have been made against Islam?' Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and a group of French bishops, who cited a "mockery of Christianity". Egypt's Al-Azhar, the highest seat of Sunni Muslim learning also condemned this obscenity. Turkey's Erdogan's conversation with Pope Francis underscored the gravity of this event's affront to sacred values. The Middle East Council of Churches also condemned this mockery of Jesus Christ. Not surprisingly, Canada's PM stayed mute! (this is only a partial list).

WHAT ARE YOUR REACTIONS TO THIS BLASPHEMY?

## HOMELESSNESS



SAINT MATTHEW 25:35-40 - IGNATIUS BIBLE VERSION

FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,  
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK,  
I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME,  
I WAS NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME,  
I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME,  
I WAS IN PRISON AND AND YOU CAME TO ME.  
THEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL ANSWER HIM,  
'LORD, WHEN DID DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY AND FED YOU,  
OR THIRSTY AND GIVE YOU DRINK?  
AND WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER AND WELCOMED YOU,  
OR NAKED AND CLOTHED YOU?  
AND WHEN DID WE SEE YOU SICK OR IN PRISON AND VISIT YOU?'  
AND THE KING WILL ANSWER THEM,  
'TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST  
OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YOU DID IT TO ME'.

### UNITY IN PERSONAL IDEAL & SIGN

*UNITY IN PERSONAL IDEAL* among Native Americans will perhaps become more prevalent through the example of Kateri Tekakwitha. Not only is her lineage a combination of two great North American stocks, the Iroquois and the Algonquian, but her example of courage and unselfishness serves as model for all North American Indians, and, in fact, for Christians of good will everywhere.

*UNITY IN SIGN* was a mandate from Jesus Christ to his Apostles, when He instructed them at the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel: "Go, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:" (Matt; 28:19). Thus, the Sign of the Cross has been a source of unity for thousands who had tried to Christianize the nations of the world, including the Indian peoples of North America. It is hoped that the Mohawk Valley, which has been the scene of heroic labors by Christian missionaries and Indians, will be the site of an impressive outdoor cross. Perhaps the combined efforts and talents of Indians and Whites alike will someday produce a majestic reminder not only of the great acts of Christian love and accomplishment of the past, but also tell how these have enriched the Christian life of North America into the present, and, hopefully, for many decades into the future as well.

## URGENT - FINANCIAL ISSUES

Dear faithful subscribers of the KATERI magazine:

The KATERI magazine has been in continuous print since 1948 and we would like to celebrate with you its 100th anniversary in 2048 but our revenues have declined significantly, our expenses have increased, and we have had operating losses for the past 3 years. Our bank position has accordingly been steadily decreasing, and we currently forecast our bank balance to be in a deficit position by 2025 at the latest; **A DEFICIT BANK POSITION THAT WILL FORCE THE KATERI CENTER TO CEASE ITS OPERATIONS.**

### A Brief Retrospective

Thanks to the massive archival work (digital, website and microfilm) approved and supported by former Editor/Director Ronald Boyer since 2011, we were also able to contribute to a very large extent the development of the **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Interpretive Center** in 2017 and were able to develop a website in 22 languages (variable content) and have a presence on YouTube.

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### Our Call for Help

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## Our Gratitude

We invoke Saint Kateri's help and thank you in advance for your generous donations in order to continue promoting Her life, virtues and intercession with Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary, as well as Her impact on the whole world, this as the First Native American Saint, and this in Her 334th birthday in Heaven !

ONLY YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND PRAYERS WILL HELP US OVERCOME OUR OBSTACLES.

May God reward you a hundredfold !  
Thanks very much  
-Tom Dearhouse (Director)



### **PRAY FOR A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA**

"Many innocent people have died—among them also children, and this is terrible and unacceptable. Their death is a sign that there is not the will to build the future but the [will] to destroy it," the pope said.

"Every day, in my heart, I carry the pain and suffering of the populations in Palestine and Israel due to the ongoing hostilities," said Pope Francis on Sunday in yet another heartfelt appeal for a ceasefire in Gaza. And expressing grief for "the thousands of dead, the wounded, the displaced, the immense destruction that wreaks pain and suffering on the small and defenceless who see their future compromised." Pope Francis called on all men and women of goodwill to raise their cry for peace. Speaking during the Angelus in St. Peter's Square he asked: "Do we really think we are building a better world in this way?" "Enough, please. Let us all say: Enough, please!" he repeated: "Stop the war." The Pope continued with an appeal to continue negotiations for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and throughout the region, "so that the hostages may be freed and return to their anxiously awaiting loved ones, and so that the civilian population may have safe access to necessary and urgent humanitarian aid."

Meanwhile, mediators in the Gaza conflict are meeting to try to reach an agreement on a temporary ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Israel has been waging a war on Gaza after Hamas sprang a deadly surprise attack on Israel in October. Since then, the war has killed 30,320 Palestinians and injured 71,533 in Gaza, most of them children and women.

-Pope Francis (March 2024)

## SAINT FRANCIS-XAVIER MASS CARDS

From now on, individual Mass intentions are to be directed to the Mission at the cost of \$20 **per** deceased person. The Mission will contact you and make the necessary arrangements as to date and time of the Mass.

Please note that the St Kateri Tekakwitha Guild will be maintained this year (\$5 **per** deceased person for 1 year) but arrangements will be made to transfer this responsibility fully to the Mission in January 2025.

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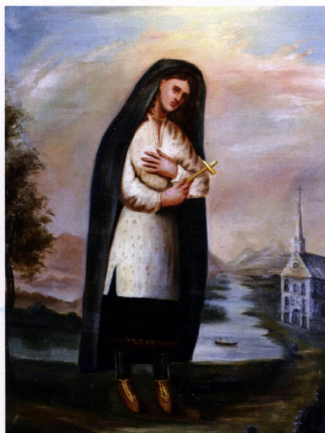
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*Mass Card*



*At the request of*

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will be offered for the repose of  
the Soul of*

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*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Hour:* \_\_\_\_\_

*At*

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## ST KATERI FEAST DAY - HOMILY

**Homily by Bishop Claude Hamelin – April 21st , 2024**

The first reading that we just heard is from the book of Wisdom which is taken from the collection of celebrations marking the Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

Sometimes we say about someone: ‘that person is wise’; but what exactly do we mean by that?

We are talking about a person who is:

- Having a great deal of experience;
- Providing good advice;
- Possessing an excellent discernment;
- Filled with humanity;
- Exercising prudence;
- Brimming with a heart full of love

For the sacred writers in the Bible, wisdom does not exclude the human approach, but goes beyond it.

For Solomon and the Psalmist, true wisdom cannot be conceived without a gift from God, without the presence of His Spirit.

It is indeed the Holy Spirit who reveals to us the profound meaning of our existence.

The Holy Spirit is the One who centers our lives on love, the love we receive from God and the love we give one another, then our ‘paths become straight’ and we discover what pleases the Lord.

For Jesus, the truly wise person is someone who commits his whole life to acquiring the Kingdom of Heaven thus does his utmost to “walk in Jesus’ footsteps”.

Jesus teaches us that the wisdom He wants for us refers to a scale of values/preferences, and among those preferences, Jesus would be the first and foremost preference.

If we want to be wise Christ’s way, then we should develop an art of living that reflects our Christianity.

We are invited to follow Him every day through the various circumstances of our lives. That is the choice St Kateri made... She gave her life out of love for the Lord... She was a ‘wise person’ in the eyes of the Lord.

In today’s Gospel which happens to be ‘the World Day of Prayer for Vocations’, Jesus is presenting Himself to us as one of the oldest trades, of the oldest jobs: That of a Shepherd / Pastor!

The task of a shepherd is a most demanding one as it means walking long distances through fields and to be familiar with its paths and pastures while also looking out for the weakest sheep and keeping watch at night while caring and protecting his flock.



In today's Gospel, Jesus told us that He is the true Shepherd, that He is the good Pastor.

Jesus challenges us and invites us to become true shepherds for one another:

...like parents with their children  
...like teachers with their pupils  
...like pastors for their Christian communities  
...like elected officials for their constituents

Yes, we are all called to be shepherds caring for one another.

We are also called to love the people entrusted to our care with the same free, selfless, and passionate love that Jesus had for His own.

St Kateri clearly understood this call from the Lord...

She was a good shepherd for her people, caring for everyone in Her path by embracing them with tenderness, love and mercy.

She also devoted Her whole life to the service of the Lord and is a model for us all to follow through Her simplicity, Her unconditional welcome, Her love of nature, Her life of prayer and unshakable faith.

While She died on Holy Wednesday 1680 at age 24 (344 years ago!), She should and could be considered a source of inspiration for us all.

Since She answered the Lord's call, let us then walk with Her and become closer to the Lord.

Amen

-Bishop Claude Hamelin (Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil)



Saint Kateri's joy...

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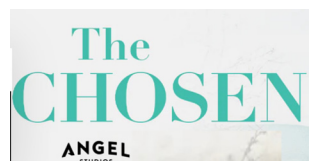
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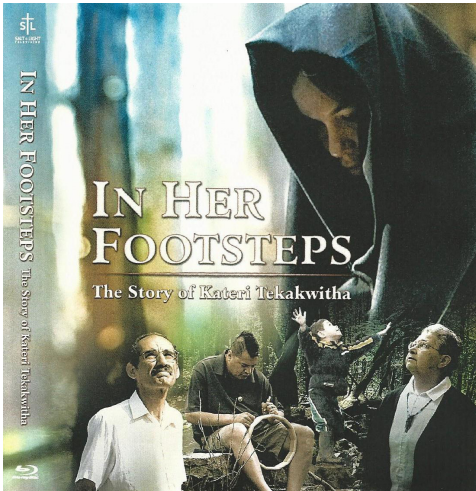
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