

Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J., added a few words in English. Fr. Stanislaus Bouvrette, S.J., in spite of his 86 years, was happy to officiate at the Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the evening the pageant in honor of Tekakwitha took place before a small but choice gathering. The guest of honor was Lady Roddick, an old and dear friend of the Mission. The pageant consisted in a simple but effective contrast between the pagan life of the early Iroquois and the fervent Christian existence many of them led after the coming of the first Jesuit Missionaries. The closing scenes depicted Kateri's arrival at Kahnawake, her death and the influence she is called upon to wield nowadays.

August 24. — The last Confraternity pilgrimage of the season came in this morning.

September 2. — Madam Soboska de Groot, Professor Jan de Groot of the Université de Montréal and their two children, spent the afternoon with us. They carried back home with them a new painting of Kateri in glory, which Madam de Groot painted at the Mission a few weeks ago. Madam de Groot studied art at the Ateliers de l'Art Sacré of Paris under Maurice Denis and Georges Desvallières, as well as at the Académie des Beaux-Arts.

September 9. — A group of 90 pilgrims under the direction of Br. Aloysius, C.Ss.R., prayed for the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha. It was particularly pleasant to have Br. Aloy-

sus with us. We had not seen him since the war.

September 15. — This evening, Fr. Antonelli, O.F.M., General Relator for the Cause of Kateri's beatification at the Sacred Congregation of Rites visited for the first time the St. Francis Xavier Mission and prayed before Kateri's relics.

September 26. — The Iroquois Mixed Choir with Fr. Superior and Fr. Alfred Bernier, S.J., S.M.D., sang at the ceremonies in honor of the North American Martyrs in Quebec and broadcasted at Station C.K.C.V.

October 3. — At 7:30 P.M., more than 400 parishoners participated in the torchlight procession through the streets of the Mission in honor of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary.

October 4. — The Mission acquired a beautiful statue of Kateri. (See P. 10.)

October 9. — The Indian sodalists completed their annual closed retreat at the St. Bernadette Retreat House for women and girls at St. John's P.Q. The retreat master was Fr. Béchar, S.J. For several, it was their third or fourth consecutive, annual, closed retreat.

Death visited the Fathers and Brothers of the Mission for the third time in the last six months. Br. Eugène Bourbonnière, S.J., who had faithfully served the Mission for the last six years, suddenly died from a heart attack late this evening.

Father Angus



PRAYER

for the Beatification of Catherine Tekakwitha

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O GOD, Who, among the manifold marvels of Thy Grace in the New World, didst cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Catherine Tekakwitha, grant, we beseech Thee, the favor we beg through her intercession — that this Little Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be raised to the honors of the altar by Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary, once, and Glory, be to the Father, three times.

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