

KATERI Number 3

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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA GUILD

The sodalists of the Blessed Virgin of Caughnawaga, Quebec, who are descendants of the earliest Christian Indians in Canada and New York State, have formed themselves into a Guild to spread devotion to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

Our quarterly bulletin KATERI intends, above all, to tell her tale, to foster devotion to her and to record the favors both spiritual and temporal you receive through her intercession. As a result, it is hoped the cause of her Beatification will progress more rapidly.

A one year subscription to KATERI (\$1.00) or any other offering, no matter how modest, will enroll you as a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild for one year, to share in a special Mass offered on the 1st Monday of each month for your intentions in the old Mission church of St. Francis Xavier.

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*An extremely interesting article from Rome
By the Rev. Fr. Charles Miccinelli, S.J., Postulator General of the
Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause*

The cause of the Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha

IN the first place, this noble and exceptional Cause is greatly indebted to our saintly Missionary Fathers who directed this privileged soul and who wrote about her life and virtues.

Then, came those who either as postulators or as witnesses prepared in our own times, the canonical processes which resulted in an excellent documentation of the facts pertaining to the Cause.

When the results of these processes arrived at Rome, the Historical Section of the Sacred Congregation of Rites over which presided the Most Reverend Father Ferdinand Antonelli, O.F.M.⁽¹⁾, worked upon them with veritable love, and was happy to present a scientific and well-illustrated collection of documents to the consideration of the Theological Section. The latter was seized with admiration for the wonderful character of the Indian Maiden, and the regretted Cardinal Salotti, who was the first Proponent (Cardinal Micara, Prefect of the Congregation now acts as Proponent) was enthusiastic about her. His Holiness



1. In October, 1948, Fr. Antonelli with great devotion and satisfaction had the occasion to visit the Shrine at Auriesville and Mission S.-Frs.Xavier.

Pius XII not only was very happy to declare her virtues heroic, but conceded that, given the evidence and the authority of the testimonies, four miracles would not be necessary to proceed to her Beatification as is customarily the case, but that two would be sufficient.

Venerable Kateri is certainly not sparing of favors and of graces—even miraculous—to those who invoke her. In the last few years, in a manner which belongs to the realm of things miraculous, she made herself known in Poland. Whatmore, with regard to some of these favors, there has been a regular canonical process, but wartime conditions prevented the form of these processes and the matter from being quite satisfactory and, as such, from presenting them in all security to the Sacred Congregation.

Therefore, the Venerable's clients must multiply their prayers and organize under the direction of the worthy editors of this Review, a holy offensive to obtain the desired Beatification. From this Beatification would result great joy and edification not only for Canada and the United States and for all the Indians, but for the entire world, which, according to an elegant design of Providence, would be taught with authority in the virtues that it so badly needs, by a young Maiden of the Redskins!

CHARLES MICCINELLI, S.J.

"Kateri" thanks its new friends who have sent in subscriptions and addresses. When writing, always print your own name and address clearly.

LETTERS TO KATERI

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)

Chicago, Ill., March 17, 1949: I am late in acknowledging the receipt of literature and the relics that I requested of you some months ago. I was asking Kateri to obtain a miracle in the cure of my brother, afflicted with cancer. For a time I thought her intercession was working, but on March the 7th he passed to his eternal reward, but I do not feel our prayers were unanswered, for he had a very easy, peaceful death, and we had feared great agony for him . . . Rev. Sister M. P.

Worcester, Mass., February 24, 1949: My daughter, who is a nun, had a festering sore on the back of her neck. I asked Kateri to heal her, as she has never failed me yet. I had my daughter wear a relic of Kateri and put her picture in her prayer-book, where she could find the prayer to Kateri and say it often. I told my daughter that she would get results. Results came. I received communion several times, offering this for the Beatification of the Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha and in thanksgiving for what she did for my daughter. How glad I am to know that she is better! . . . Mrs. C. R. D.

Manchester, N.H., February 16, 1949: I am forwarding \$3.25 (1.00 for my subscription and the rest in thanksgiving to Kateri for a favor). My sister's baby refused to take any substantial nourishment . . . I gave my sister Kateri's picture and suggested that she make a novena to her. The child's appetite immediately became normal. You may well understand how grateful she is to Kateri . . . Mrs. R. A. T.

Winnipeg, Man., March 26, 1949: My novena to Kateri has been answered, my request granted, but to a degree far beyond what I had presumed

to ask. Kateri is more than generous. Every one in our two countries should know of her and pray that she may be raised to our altars . . . Mr. W. J. R. E.

Saint Louis, Mo., February 7, 1949: I want to write and thank Kateri Tekakwitha for a very great temporal favor—in fact, a real 'miracle' that she performed for me. I read an article about her in the *St. Louis Register* by Fr. Lord, and made a novena to her. Today my novena ended, and she has given me a favor so great that I cannot praise her enough. I will pray very earnestly for her Beatification. The favor was a reconciliation. Miss K. G.

Havana, Cuba, April 3, 1949: . . . Enclosed please find a money order for \$5.00 I promised to Kateri. I asked her for help and she helped me; you see I am a sick person. . . Mrs. M. T. M.

Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, February 17, 1949: I was extremely happy to receive "Kateri". You may be sure that little Kateri is very dear to me. I hope to see her honored by the Church as Blessed and as Saint . . . Mr. M. C.

Toronto, Ont., February 9, 1949: One of my requests made at your church has been granted, and another partly so. It is, rather remarkable—so worth your noting. Rev. J. W. F.

Montreal, P.Q., May 15, 1949: . . . I am enclosing a small check (\$5.) for little Kateri. I prayed to her so that my eldest son would find a job. And he did . . . Mr. H. S.

Montreal, P.Q., May 22: Novenas were made by our friends and ourselves to Kateri with the favor of finding a home for our family implored. This favor was granted today and we hereby give thanksgiving to Kateri. Mr. and Mrs. V. O