



(Kateri ends the recitation of the rosary by kissing the Cross...)

INTERVIEW WITH KATERI

— No. 3 —

CLIENT: Even at the end of the Joyful Mysteries, you kiss the Cross, little Kateri !...

KATERI: The Cross is the cause of our joy !

CLIENT: That 's a lesson you never forgot : the walk you took barefoot, through the fields of the Mission, with snow up to your knees !... The birchings you inflicted upon yourself... The iron-spiked girdle you wore... The unheated hut you lived in when the trees outside cracked like pistols from the cold !...

KATERI: But Jesus said: "He is not worthy of me, that does not take up his cross and follow me." (Matt. X, 38.)

CLIENT: Nowadays, Tekakwitha, people are forgetting that lesson. Supposedly learned men never learned it. A New Hampshire doctor recently injected 40 cubic centimeters of air into the arm of a cancer patient—to end her suffering !

KATERI: (Softly) "...There is no excuse for them ; although they had the knowledge of God, they did not honor him... ; they became fantastic in their notions, and their senseless hearts grew benighted ; they who claimed to be so wise turned fools..." (Rom. I, 21).

CLIENT: What do you think about Hooton of Harvard ?... He endorsed this doctor's injection. "It merits," he claimed, "universal commendation !"

KATERI: "And as they scorned to keep God in their view, so God has abandoned them to a frame of mind worthy of scorn..." (Rom. I, 31.)

CLIENT: Kateri, you never went to Harvard ; I doubt if you could write your own name, but you certainly knew better than Dr. Sanders and Anthropologist Hooton, the value of suffering !

KATERI: Through suffering did "I help to pay off the debt which the afflictions of Christ leave still to be paid, for the sake of his body, the Church." (Col. I, 24.) Suffering is of more value to the sufferer and to society in general than anything else when, in a spirit of love, it is offered to the Father in union with the sufferings of a King crowned with thorns... H. B.

✠ To carry on our work for the Cause of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, we need your prayers! Your communions! Your sacrifices! Two miracles are required for the Beatification of Kateri. Why are so many Italian Saints canonized so rapidly? Could not one of the reasons be that the Italian people pray with the faith that moves mountains? Why not make the Novena for the Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha? ✠

CALENDAR TIDBITS

March 26, 1949. —Mrs. Claire Bordeleau and her family of Swanton, Vt., U.S.A., were here to thank Kateri for a cure from phlebitis, that she received through her intercession. She had come in Oct. 1948 to pray at the Mission here, and was cured overnight while going back home.

April 7.—The ceremonies of Holy Week prepared our parishioners for the great celebration of Easter. A capacity attendance filled the church, beautifully decorated with flowers offered by the faithful, on Easter Sunday morning. The traditional ceremony of the Blessing of the Holy Bread was performed at the beginning of Mass. The loaves were offered this year, by the storekeepers and souvenir-stand owners of Caughnawaga. Rev. Fr. Alfred Bernier, S.J., who has been directing the Choir for over 15 years, was at the podium. The singing, all in Indian, was outstanding. The expression 'outstanding' may appear trite, but here, it corresponds to reality.

April 16.—Forty Hour Devotions. (270th anniversary of the death of Tekakwitha.) Jesus, really present in the Sacred Host, looked down from the altar in the same monstrance that had witnessed the fervent prayers and acts of adoration of the Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha. This monstrance tells us its own tale: "Claude Prevost", one can read on the pedestal, "Ex-Alderman of Paris and Elizabeth Legendre, his wife, gave me to the Rev. Jesuit Fathers to honor God in their first church of the Iroquois. 1668."

April 18.—This red-letter day marks the Centenary of the Foundation of the Sisters of St-Ann who teach at Tekakwitha School. The Most Reverend C.A. Chaumont, Administrator of the

Montreal Diocese, officiated at the opening ceremony held at their former Motherhouse in Lachine. On the 23rd, another Pontifical Mass was sung by His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate to Canada. To commemorate this great event, the pupils of Marie Ann College and St. Ann's Boarding School, Lachine, interpreted on the various occasions a Floral Pageant representing the saintly life of the Foundress, Mother Mary Ann, popularly known as the "Violet of Canada." The Sisters who, incidentally have taught in Caughnawaga since 1915, will hold their Alumni gathering on May 21.

His Excellency, Archbishop Antoniutti, whom the Vice Postulator met on this occasion, had words of great encouragement for the advancement of the Cause of Kateri.

April 21.—Among our distinguished visitors this month, we note the presence in the Mission of Mr. William S. Flynn, formerly Governor of Rhode Island, accompanied by Dr. Augustine W. McGarry of Boston. Mr. Flynn never comes to Montreal without coming to the Mission.

April 23.—About 100 persons came on pilgrimage today from St. John, Que. to pray for the Beatification of Kateri. This is the 1st pilgrimage of the season.

April 24.—A very dear and faithful friend of Tekakwitha, Rev. Fr. J.J. Elias of Kingsville, Ohio, said mass this morning here at the Mission. ✠

The Recreation Committee, recently organized by the Federal Government to foster sports in the Mission, visited our School today. Popular hockey player, Billy Reay of the Canadians, accompanied them.

FATHER BURNS.

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