



(Kateri teaches her client how to write a letter.)

INTERVIEW WITH KATERI

— No. 4 —

CLIENT: In a recent issue of *The Ensign*, John Sinclair, M.P., and assistant to Finance Minister Abbott stated that "Canada is losing information by not having a diplomatic representative at the Vatican." In these parlous times, Canada (and the U.S.A.) should overlook no source capable of lightening up the road in its dealings with foreign nations. Kateri, couldn't you do something about this?

KATERI: I could mention your petition to Our Lord. But frankly, I hesitate to do so... You seem surprised. But what have *you* done to help send an ambassador to the Vatican?

CLIENT: Tekakwitha! Tekakwitha! I am a "nobody" I have no influence, no "pull"!

KATERI: (*Slightly indignant*) If the Honorable Minister of External Affairs were to receive a hundred letters a day for several months, from every corner of this country, from the Catholics of this country who, after all, add up to a good 43% of the population, and from patriotic non-Catholic Canadians, I believe that a Canadian embassy at the Vatican would be a not too distant realization.

CLIENT: What would you suggest writing in these letters?

KATERI: A firm, polite request as a Canadian citizen to the effect that for its greater good, Canada, as well as Great Britain and Eire, have an embassy at the Vatican. A sign of the coming-of-age of Canada!...

CLIENT: Only that?

KATERI: Ask your relatives and friends to do the same. Don't put it off. And don't let them put you off.

CLIENT: (*Somewhat abashed*) Kateri, never have I seen you so... (*very politely*) ...so positive!...

KATERI: That is because you know little about me... Above all, don't forget to wrap that letter up in prayer. Whatever you do to help, I shall consider an act of special homage to myself!...

H. B.

Please!

• Fill in the blank we are sending you and return it to us if you are not a *bona fide* subscriber (See p. 6.). Include your petitions also, which will be placed upon the relics of Ven. Kateri.

CALENDAR TIDBITS

(In the first issue of *KATERI* a promise was made to the friends of the Lily of the Mohawks. Beside telling the story of Tekakwitha and fostering devotion to her, it was planned to "introduce them to Kateri's people, the Iroquois." In the present issue, it is with satisfaction that we call to our reader's attention the recent scholastic achievements of several of our Iroquois boys.)



June, 1950.—Away back in 1756, a group of Caughnawagas left their town to found St. Regis. (They brought along with them the skull of Tekakwitha and other relics; unhappily, they were destroyed in a fire that left the church in ashes over a hundred years ago.) Today this Mission consists of the neighboring segments of the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and of the State of New York. At the beginning of June, a doctor's degree in agriculture was conferred upon Solomon Cook, an Iroquois from the American side of the St. Regis Mission (See p. 10). Dr. Cook is a devout Catholic.



These last few years, Fordham College of New York, saw within its wall a young Mohawk from Caughnawaga, Clarence Saylor. After completing his service in the American Navy, he resumed his studies interrupted by the war. His perseverance was rewarded this month when he obtained his B.A. degree. Clarence is now enrolled in the Faculty of Dentistry of McGill University (Montreal). The new bachelor is the brother of Norman Saylor, K.C., a graduate of the Université de Montréal, and of Earl, now in his fourth year at the McGill Law School.



Another Caughnawaga boy, Andrew Delisle, has just completed successfully his High School at Loyola (Montreal), where he will begin his College Course this autumn. Fr. K. Scott, S.J., Prefect of Studies at Loyola High School, is confident that Andrew will achieve marked success during the next four years. Before coming to Loyola, young Delisle spent three years at the Sacred Heart College in Victoriaville, Que.



William TwoRivers is the first boy to graduate from Tekakwitha School at Caughnawaga. This new Catholic school, comprises the grammar grades and the first two years of the secondary course. This September, TwoRivers is entering into his third year of High School at Loyola. Four girls graduated at the same time and will continue their course at St. Angela's in Montreal under the direction of the Sisters of St. Ann. They are

Vera Kawennieson Beauvais, Jean Jacobs, Pauline Katsitsenhawi Montour and Suzanne Brisebois, daughter of the Indian Agent at Caughnawaga.

FATHER BURNS.