



(Christmas parcels)

INTERVIEW WITH KATERI

KATERI (*In a voice full of silver undertones*): In a few days, under the gleam and sparkle of the family Christmas tree, parcels galore will be carefully laid in waiting. What, exactly, do they mean to you?

CLIENT (*thoughtfully*): Despite plenty of last-minute shopping and much hard-earned money gone over the counter, to me they imply, above all, the great joy of Christ.

KATERI (*striking home*): And what connection has a gift at this time of year and the joy of Christmas?

CLIENT (*more thoughtfully*): "There is more joy in giving than in receiving (Acts xx, 35)", especially at Christmas when God gave us the greatest gift He could give—His only begotten Son!...

KATERI (*stressing every word*): If you look long enough at the receiver of your gift, at your husband or wife, at your child or your friend, you will see in his or her eyes the smile of the Christ-Child, you will discover in his or her hand the clear outline of the tiny hand of the newborn Savior, you will perceive in his or her "Thank you!" the Heart beat of the Babe of the Manger...

CLIENT (*thoughtfully as before, then quite happily*): But that means, when I receive a gift, that I am taking the place of the Infant Jesus, that my feelings of appreciation, the words I choose to express them, are, in a way, sacerdotal! I am acting as an intermediary, a go-between with Jesus on one side and the giver on the other!

KATERI (*peacefully, joyfully*): Thanks to this deeper understanding of Christmas giving, greater joy will go into every Christmas package you prepare along with the sprig of holly and the bright ribbons, too...

H.B.

*Kateri terra cotta by Mrs B. Worthington,
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THE MOST REVEREND
GÉRARD-MARIE CODERRE.

Sept. 27, 1951.—The Most Reverend Gérard-Marie Coderre, recently consecrated coadjutor-bishop of St. John of Quebec, came to the Mission to confirm 125 Iroquois children and a few adults on the Feast of the Martyrs. During the afternoon, at Côte-Ste-Catherine, the ancient site of Mission Saint-François-Xavier, now occupied by a small French parish, he confirmed 30 white children.

Immediately after dinner and before the ceremony, Bishop Coderre asked to see the relics of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. "For years," he explained, "I have been reciting, each evening, a litany of my own composition, and in this litany I have included the name of Tekakwitha. I also pray daily for her beatification."

The solemn entrance into the church took place at 7.30 P.M. Each

candidate was accompanied by a godfather and a godmother. This encounter was the first between the new Bishop and the faithful of the Mission.

Nov. 15.—Mrs. C.M.F., a convert of two years' standing, wrote from Ohio: "I am a lady barber and this is my mailing list for Christmas greetings (57 names). These are all Catholic names. But I have some Protestant names if you would care to have them. I pray the names and addresses will help you!" (Editor's note: They most certainly shall! Two issues of *Kateri* will be sent free of charge to potential subscribers of any faith.)

FATHER BÉCHARD.

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