

LOVE AND CONFIDENCE

MANY kinds of monuments exist. Monuments built as an act of admiration, of love and gratitude to great people. Monuments of stone and bronze similar to the one that Kateri's friends intend to erect to her memory in her own parish!... Written monuments also, which go down the centuries, telling in detail the story of greatness desired and achieved.

A TRULY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

On the next page of this issue of **KATERI**, we present the introduction of a truly important document, written over two hundred years ago by one of the Venerable Kateri's spiritual advisers, by her very first biographer, Rev. Claude Chauchetière, S.J. This document is the yearly account of the birth and progress of Mission Saint-François-Xavier from 1667 to 1685.

The author gleaned his information from the Indian founders of the Mission, from the Jesuits who

helped them or from their immediate successors, and, finally, from his personal recollections. Surely, a great monument to the Lily of the Mohawks for it furnishes us with greater insight into the environment that was hers. (Rev. Camille de Rochemonteix, S.J., after discovering these annals in the City Library of Bordeaux, published them in 1896, in his remarkable work: "The Jesuits of New France.")

NO PROCRASTINATION!

Fr. Chauchetière candidly admits that he delayed five years before writing his account, but he also adds that he spent these years "in much uneasiness..."

My point is this: Don't repeat his mistake. If you have not already done so, send in your offering to the Kateri Statue Fund. Your sacrifice is a fine Lenten penance, that Our Savior will bless. Your contribution, no matter how small, will be your smile to Kateri, your hand lifted up to her in a gesture of love and confidence...

— THE EDITORS.

MEMO

- ☞ Send in the names of your friends who may be interested in the Lily of the Mohawks! ☞
- ☞ Check off the names of Catholic families in a last year's directory and send them in! 4000 new names of Catholic families are needed at every issue! ☞
- ☞ The V.-Postulator may be making a pest of himself, but names of possible friends of Kateri are his big worry just now! ☞

THERE KATERI BELONGED!

(A yearly account of the foundation of the Mission of the Sault up to 1685¹)

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INTRODUCTION



AFTER five years of delay passed in much uneasiness (the like of which could happen to those spoken of by St. Paul, who "*veritatem in injustitiam detinent*"²), I feel obliged, at last, to give in and to express as little badly as possible on paper, what has taken place during the last twenty years and what the Faith has produced in this country. The oblivion into

which most all this could fall, may some day be imputed and reproached to me by God. I could also deprive myself, through my own fault, of the prayers of the first apostles of Canada, in whom I have great confidence, for not having wanted to help make their memory better known, and to follow the inspiration I often had of taking my pen in hand and of gathering the treasures they themselves found and of which they have made us the depositaries.

These thoughts, which seem so just to me, troubled me more five years ago, after I had received certain letters from France in which I was informed that one of my letters had publicly been read, although I had asked the one to whom I had written it (one of my brothers), to read it in private and to send it on to its addressee. I was told that what had happened was well, and, besides, that I was not acting properly in hiding edifying facts such as those I had written. Compared with what one then read

(1) *Mission of Sault St. Louis of St. Francis Xavier.*

(2) "*...whose wrong-doing denies his truth its full scope*" (Rom. I, xviii).