



INTERVIEW WITH KATERI

KATERI (*With eyes raised on the distant countryside*): Corn fields bright with the gleam of fresh green stalks!... Wide acres of them, rich with the promise of the harvest to come!...

CLIENT (*Trying to focus, but without much success*): I remember, Tekakwitha, how, days and days on end, you worked in the cornfields of Ossernenon. I believe a good moiety of the food supply of the Iroquois, your people, came from the cultivation of corn...

KATERI (*Softly but clearly*): I still have vast corn fields, and in them, I would see my friends at work...

Two wonderful fields to reap in: Canada with its strong Catholic population and the United States.

CLIENT (*Suddenly understanding*): ... Approximately 30% of the entire American population and exactly 43.3% of the Canadian according to last year's census report. In Canada alone, 6,069,496 Catholics — who should all be your friends!...

KATERI (*With serenity*): That is your work: tell the message of my life — the same as that of Fatima, a double message of prayer and penance — to each and every one of them!

CLIENT (*Energetically*): Not only that, but from each Catholic on the continent, ardent prayers for your prompt beatification, dear Tekakwitha! Into every Catholic home, school and hospital in North America, the story of your life, the Kateri Novena, the habit of having recourse to your intercession, and thus, for 1956, your tricentennial, the two miracles necessary for your beatification!...

KATERI (*With eyes filled with the joy of the far-off fields, filled with reapers*): ...“ Into every Catholic home, school and hospital!...”

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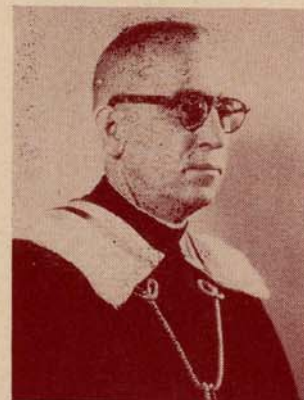
CALENDAR TIDBITS

Feb. 27, 1952. — His Excellency the Most Rev. John C. Cody, D.D., National Director of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, in a letter to the Vice-Postulator assured him of his wholehearted support to the Cause of the Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha.

March 16. — In Biddeford, Me., Mrs. Charles A. Benoit passed away in her sleep. Mrs. Benoit was a benefactress of the Cause of the Ven. Tekakwitha. She also was the Mother of the Vice-Postulator, who recommends her soul to the prayers of Kateri's many friends.

April 11. — Good Friday ceremonies at Caughnawaga are eloquent in expressions of compassion for Our Lord. These ceremonies are climaxed by the singing at night, by the Iroquois Mixed Choir, of the Seven Last Words of Christ, done into music by Dubois. This year after the final *Kwasennaiens O Iesos (Adoremus Te Christe)*, the Rev. Dr. Alfred Bernier, S.J., Dean of the Faculty of Music of the Université de Montréal, and Guest Conductor, showed real contentment, because it meant 20 years of achievement for most members of the choir. The performance was one of the best since they first sang the Oratorio in 1932. Tribute must be paid again to its worthy founder, the Rev. C. Hauser, S.J., and to his successors, the Rev. R. Lalonde, S.J., and especially to the Rev. A. Bernier, S.J., who devoted much of his time to the choir. (The Iroquois Mixed Choir sings at High Mass every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.).

April 14. — Miss Ishbel Hutton, the National President of the C.W.L., has



THE REV. DR. A. BERNIER, S.J.

promised to work for the beatification of Tekakwitha: “Be assured, Reverend Father,” she wrote to the Vice-Postulator, “that I shall deem it a great privilege to draw the attention of our Provincial Presidents to the cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. I shall also, personally, sponsor a resolution at the next National Convention of the Catholic Women's League, asking for the co-operation of our membership in the Cause of Kateri, by procuring prayers and seeking favours through her intercession.”

May 10. — The names of two other Indian priests have been added to those mentioned in the March Tidbits: the Rev. P. Mercredi, O.M.I., of Fort MacMurray, Alta., and the Rev. G. White, O.M.I., from St. Regis, Fr. White, however, is stationed at Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he is working among the whites, though he is at present back on a few months' leave.

FATHER BRUYÈRE.